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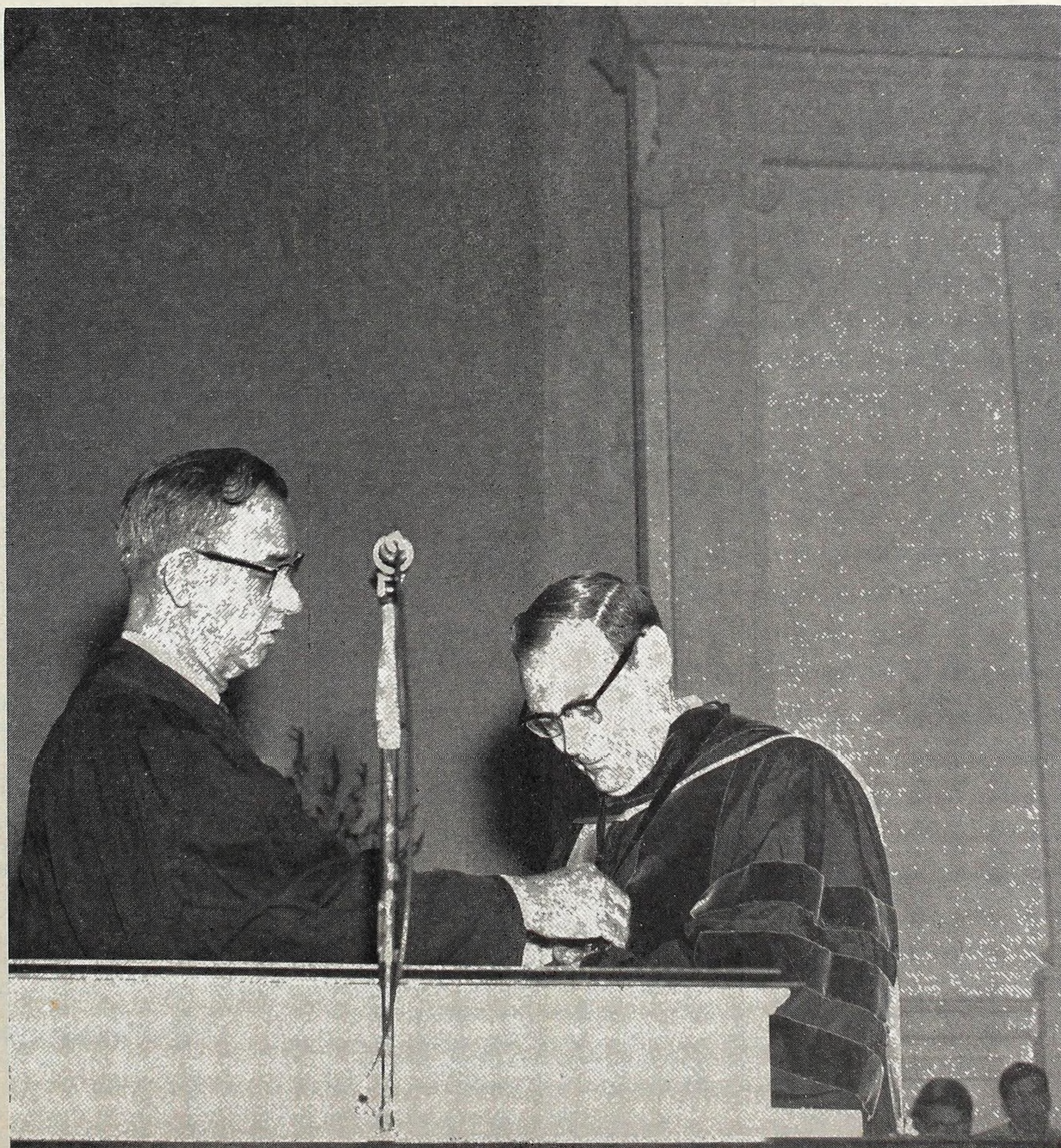
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Dr. John Albert Fincher (right) is given medallion of office as president of Carson-Newman college by trustee chairman Floyd C. Delaney.

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Sight Restored

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Lord, that I may receive my sight"—Luke 18:41.

Jesus was on His last journey to Jerusalem. Between old and new Jericho a blind man sat by the road begging. It was just prior to the Passover, and many caravans were passing that way. And as the blind beggar heard them passing, he cried out for alms. At such a season the pilgrims would be unusually generous.

When this particular caravan was passing the beggar asked someone whose caravan it was. He was told that "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by" (v.37). Perhaps the beggar was aware that He had healed other blind men. This was his only chance for such healing. So he made the most of it.

"Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me" (v.38). This title shows that he regarded Jesus as the Messiah. The people about Jesus sought to silence him. But he only cried out the more. He "kept crying" (v.39; imperfect tense). The word for "cry" in verse 38 is different from the one in verse 39. In the former he only sought to gain attention. The latter connotes an uncontrollable emotion. It was a scream. "Thou son of David, have mercy on me."

Jesus caused the man to be brought to

Him. Then He asked what specific mercy he wished. Jesus knew, but He wanted the man to say so that when it happened he would believe on Him.

He replied, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." In the Greek text this is more pathetic. "Lord, that I may see again." He had not been born blind. At one time he had had his sight, but lost it. Now he wanted to **see again**. With sight he would not need to beg. Furthermore, life would once again be filled with beauty—sunrise and sunset, flowers and green grass, the faces of loved ones.

Jesus told him to "see again." It was a verb tense denoting immediate action. A miracle (v.43). "Thy faith hath saved thee" (v.42). "Saved" is a perfect tense of completeness. It may mean to be healed and/or to be saved from sin. Both probably apply here.

The man saw again. And the first thing that he saw was the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ! It is no wonder that "he kept on following him" (imperfect tense, v.43).



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The observance of Christian Home Week reminds us of the startling contrast in the parent-child relationship of today and that of some 25 years ago.

In the early 1940's, if you asked your father for the car, he'd say: "You drove the car only last week—you're going to keep driving until you drive us to the poorhouse—gasoline is 20 cents a gallon!"

Now, in 1969, this little drama takes place in many homes: The son comes in and says, "Dad, I've got to have the car. After all, Dad, I don't say 'no' to you—I let you drive the car to work every other day.

"And Dad, there's another thing, you'll be glad to learn that I got myself a job after school. When the new swimming pool in the backyard is finished, Mother says I can be the life-guard."

One second later: "Don't yell at me, Dad. You'll make me neurotic."

Times and people have changed.

Devotional

Your Job and Christianity

By Truman Graves, Pastor

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For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them (Matt. 18:20).



Graves

John Calvin enunciated a principle of Christian conduct which he called the doctrine of vocation. Every person, he said, is put by God into his given vocation. It is therefore every man's duty to do his work to the Glory of God.

What more telling testimony could we present to the world than to supply the principles of Christian honesty, faithfulness, and fervor to our daily work?

To most people, however, it simply means a change of attitude toward the present vocation; the taking of a secular vocation and making it a Christian vocation. That is to say, the Christian must no longer be a farmer, he must be a Christian farmer; he must no longer be a merchant, he must be a Christian merchant; no longer a doctor, but a Christian doctor. "Not slothful in business," Paul exhorted the Romans, "(but) fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

To some it means the abandoning of their former work; this would apply principally to those whose employment calls for dishonest practices, violation of the law, or desecration of the Lord's Day. To others it means leaving a so-called secular vocation for a divine one. God still calls fishermen to become fishers of men and tax gatherers to gather jewels for His Crown.

There is a vital connection between one's vocation and his Christian experience—so vital, in fact, that every newborn Christian must examine his life's work in the light in his new-found faith.

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GODLIKENESS

By T. B. Maston

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God wants his people to be like him. This is stated specifically in many ways and places in the Old Testament. One frequently quoted example is the statement in Leviticus: "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2). What is said concerning holiness could be said concerning every other quality or character trait of God. God's people are to be like him.

The appeal to be like God is also prominent in the New Testament. When Jesus exhorted his disciples to love their enemies, he gave us a reason or motive that they might be like their Father: "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45). He closes this exhortation with the abidingly challenging words: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

The initial and continuing invitation of Jesus was and is to follow him. It is an invitation to walk in the way that he walked. This is what it means to be a real Christian. Although he does not give us detailed instructions concerning that way, we can discover some guidelines from what he taught but especially from the life he lived while he walked among men.

No brief statements sums up any better the quality of life Jesus lived than Peter's words concerning him spoken in the house of Cornelius. He said that Jesus "went about doing good." If we walk in his way we will go about doing good: comforting the sorrowing, ministering to the needs of people, associating with the moral and social outcasts of society, reaching out in compassion to the restless masses who are "scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36).

Paul over and over again exhorted those to whom he wrote to be like Jesus. He appealed to the Corinthians to be imitators of him as he was of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1). He admonished the Ephesians to "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us" (Eph. 5:2); here is both example and motive. He plead with the Colossians to forgive one another as Christ had forgiven them (Col. 3:13). He told the Philippians that Christ had set the example for their humility: "He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8). Paul used the example of Jesus to appeal for a liberal offering to the saints at Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8:9). He also said that

the strong should not please themselves but should please their neighbors. Why? Because "Christ pleased not himself" (Rom. 15:3).

We can be assured that if we walk in the way the Lord would have us to walk it will not be an uncharted course. Christ has traveled that way before us. He never asks us to walk in a way that he has not already explored. It is even more glorious to know that we do not have to walk in that way alone. He walks with us. His life is not only a pattern for us to follow: he is a companion to walk by our sides and give us the strength that we need as we seek to live for him and for our fellow man. T. W. Manson expresses beautifully the relation of the resurrected Christ to his followers. He says, "The living Christ still has two hands, one to point the way, and the other held out to help us along."

Baptist Students Request Greater Voice in Decisions

WACO, Tex.—Delegates from student bodies of five Texas Baptist colleges and universities met here at Baylor university to draft a constitution forming a new organization—the Texas Association of Baptist Student Governments.

Thirteen delegates, attending the meeting also adopted a statement calling for more response by their college administrators to the student voice.

Students attending the meeting represented Dallas Baptist college, Dallas; Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene; Houston Baptist college, Houston; Wayland Baptist college, Plainview; and Baylor university, Waco. (BP)

Mormon Membership Reaches 2,684,073

SALT LAKE CITY—Worldwide membership in the Mormon Church now stands at 2,684,073, a gain of almost 70,000 in the past year.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has experienced a rapid rate of growth since its foundation in 1830 with only six members, including the founder, Joseph Smith.

Joseph Anderson, secretary of the Church's First Presidency, cited Mormon gains over the years in a special report. (RNS)

Three Furman University Faculty Members Author Book

GREENVILLE, S. C.—"Introduction to the New Testament," a textbook for colleges and universities published April 10, is the result of 2½ years' work by three members of the Furman university faculty.

Dr. Robert Crapps, Dr. Edgar V. McKnight and Dr. David C. Smith are members of the religion department.

Work began on the volume, published by Ronald Press, in 1966 and was completed in January.

According to the three scholars, the new text is designed to serve as a companion to "People of the Covenant: An Introduction to the Old Testament," published by Ronald in 1963.

Black History, Federal Aid Studies Set in California

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—The board of trustees of California Baptist college here authorized a special course on black history, and voted to make a full-scale study of federal aid to church-related schools after lengthy debate.

California Baptist leaders said that the course on black history might become the first such study offered by a Southern Baptist college in the nation.

On a vote of eight to six, the trustees authorized a study of the possibility of receiving some types of federal aid at California Baptist college. (BP)

C-N In Two New Programs

JEFFERSON CITY—Carson - Newman college has been selected to participate in two new programs.

The college was one of the one hundred institutions chosen from the 250 colleges applying to participate in the new Undergraduate Testing Program. Also, the college is one of the few four-year institutions selected to participate in the new Faculty Evaluation Program published by the Education and Measurement Center of Purdue university.

● ARE YOU A "GOOD SAMARITAN"?

—A three-year study recently completed by two psychologists found that the likelihood of any individual action as a "good Samaritan" goes down as the number of witnesses to an emergency goes up. People in crowds readily "pass the buck," convincing themselves that someone else will take care of the emergency. Too, social pressure further weakens individuals' response.

In a simulated murder situation, 85% of the subjects who thought they were alone with the victim reported the emergency. When two bystanders were present, the percentage dropped to 62%. Subjects placed in groups of five bystanders reacted only 31% of the time. (Research Roundup)

INAUGURAL PLANS EXCELLENT

Tennessee Baptists, in the personages of Carson-Newman college officials, did themselves "proud" last week in the inauguration of John Albert Fincher as the 19th president of our oldest educational institution.

From the beginning of activities on Monday evening—the inaugural concert—to final activities including a reception Tuesday afternoon (April 28-29) the entire inaugural ceremony was one of taste, good order, and excellent planning.

Dr. Fincher comes to the position with impressive credentials. And, of the several hundred who attended the inaugural program, the new president himself seemed to be the most calm.

The several committees of college leaders who served as planners for the events may well take a bow. They did a good job.

Again, as we did editorially last week, we wish for Dr. Fincher the best as he leads Carson-Newman. Carson-Newman and all of our educational institutions need the prayers and support of Tennessee Baptists.

MEMO TO PASTORLESS CHURCHES

This is a good time to remember that May is graduation time at Southern Baptists' six seminaries. Several dozen Tennesseans who are graduating have come to a pivotal point in their ministerial life. These native sons and daughters have, for the most part completed four years of college, and three years at a seminary. They have undergone a rigid type of discipline to accomplish their objectives such as we call upon few people to undergo.

We have contended for a long time that the person who completes four years of college and the standard seminary degree course in theology has the equivalent of a doctor of philosophy degree from a secular institution. Many of these graduates have served as pastors of churches near their institutions while students. Many have worked in secular positions—including operating service stations, serving as stock clerks in groceries, and just about any type of manual labor—to complete their education. They have done this because of a belief which we have in a divine calling to the ministry. This is not, or should not be, a vocational choice as we consider medicine, law, etc. The minister is called of God.

Now, many of these Tennesseans are hoping, and we

dare say praying, that the Lord will lead them to a church in their native state. The Lord will lead in all things. Of this we are certain. We are equally specific in declaring that the Lord works through human instruments. These are seasoned men and women. They are prepared and dedicated Christians. They are ready to be used by the Lord and the "brethren" in His service. Pastorless churches would do well to consider prayerfully the calling of these servants.

And a note of personal concern, please. We hope the day of "bargaining" for pastors is disappearing permanently from the Southern Baptist and American scene. We hope so—but we aren't completely persuaded. Too often have we heard the phrase "Well, how cheap do you reckon we can get him?" Particularly has this been applied to seminary graduates. We belittle ourselves and the Lord's work when we try to see how "cheap" we can get a pastor. The reason we hurt ourselves is quite simple: A dedicated man will let himself be used—strange terminology in the world today—even if he is the financial loser. He didn't enter the ministry to make money—he won't leave this world with any—and he feels that the divine call outweighs immeasurably financial considerations. This is why he will let himself be used, and he won't bargain back—or shouldn't. And this is why churches shouldn't bargain in the first place.

Memo to pastorless churches—Pray for the Leadership of the Holy Spirit, the necessary starting point. Then, if the Holy Spirit leads in consideration of a recent graduate, they are there, ready to be used in His service.

SEND YOUR PASTOR!

The hour is late—that is, if you want a reservation in New Orleans for the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention which meets June 10-13.

Every Tennessee Baptist church should make provision for sending the pastor, and hopefully, the pastor's wife, to the sessions of the Convention. We know travel costs money. So does everything else in this world. We know also that your pastor will be better informed and spiritually refreshed from participation in convention sessions.

We believe that money expended in provision for the pastor—be it travel, convention, or a salary increase(!) will be money well spent. And if you want your pastor to have a place to stay when he and his family get to New Orleans, tell him now that the church is sending him. Don't wait until the first Sunday in June—please!

Tennessee News Briefs

Tom Marshall, retiring student government president at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, has been elected president of the Southern Universities' Student Government Association. **Marshall's** election came April 26 at the association's annual meeting in Louisville, Ky. The association's membership is comprised of student government officers from southern universities and colleges.

Calvary church, Brownsville, recently ordained **Jerry Lee Drace** into the gospel ministry. A graduate of Union university, Jackson, he is a student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. and is pastor of Fulton church, Big Hatchie association. The candidate's father, **J. T. Drace**, pastor of Calvary, preached the ordination sermon.

Larry W. Haltom, Jackson, a sacred music major at Union university, has written an anthem for Junior choir, "Sing Praises and Alleluia," which will appear in a forthcoming issue of "The Junior Musician."

Mrs. G. W. Patton, mother of **Glenn Patton**, Southern Baptist missionary to Lebanon, died recently in Jamestown. **Patton** may be addressed at Box 2026, Beirut, Lebanon.

Maplewood church, Paris, has called **Shelton L. Smith** as pastor. For the past two years he has served as pastor of Rehm's Park Baptist church, Bonner Springs, Kansas, while a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Kansas City. A graduate of Union university, Jackson, he formerly served as pastor of First church, Decaturville and Cottage Grove churches in Tennessee.

New Home church, Stone association, recently completed the construction of a choir loft, Sunday School rooms and installed a new heating system.

Renee Gollehon, of Kingsport, has won recognition in a creative writing contest sponsored by "Tell," the mission's monthly published for girls by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. **Renee**, age 12, is the author of an article on prayer in which she describes prayer as "the only way to communicate with God."

Antioch church, Holston association, **Earl Hopson**, interim pastor, has installed carpeting and glass front doors.

Open house was held recently in honor of **Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Faulkner** in observance of his tenth anniversary as pastor of First church, Erwin.

Bloomington church, Holston association, recently observed its 25th anniversary with a week of services. **Joe W. Byrd** is pastor.

Reservoir Road church, Holston association, plans to ordain **Robert A. Royston** into the gospel ministry. **Kenneth Kyker** is pastor.

Sand Ridge church, Beech River association, has called **James F. Rogers** as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of Bear Creek church in the same association.

URUGUAY BAPTISTS KICK OFF CRUSADE

Several thousand spectators lined the main street of Salto, a Uruguayan city of 60,000, some 300 miles from Montevideo, the capital, as about 400 Baptists marched in a parade that officially launched the Crusade of the Americas evangelistic campaign in that country.

California Board Proposes \$1.35 Million 1970 Budget

FRESNO, Calif.—The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California approved a Cooperative Program budget goal of \$1,350,000 for 1970, decreasing the goal by \$30,000 over the amount previously planned in an attempt to balance the convention's budget.

If the state convention approves the budget next November in annual session, it would be an increase of \$40,000 over the 1969 budget goal. Of the \$1.35 million, Southern Baptist world mission causes would get 26 per cent.

The goal is \$30,000 less than the \$70,000 increase the convention had hoped to raise during 1970 when it approved in principle last November a five-year plan of Cooperative Program advance.

A reduced objective was set in an effort to balance the convention's budget for the first time in several years, and hopefully assure a considerable "advance section" (funds that come in over the budget goal at the last of the year), which would primarily benefit California Baptist college, Riverside, Calif., according to Robert Hughes, executive secretary of the convention.

In other major actions, the board approved a 1970 state mission offering goal of \$60,000, and voted to sell the Baptist Student center near the Berkeley campus of the University of California. (BP)

Children's Homes

An Earnest Appeal to Tennessee Baptists

By James M. Gregg

I would like to urge every Tennessee Baptist to have a part in the Mother's Day Children's Homes Offering on next Sunday. What better way is there to climax Christian Home Week than to help a child who doesn't have a home. What better way is there to honor our Mothers than to assist in the support of a child who does not have a mother to honor. Every dollar of this offering will be used for operational needs. This is the "bread and meat" money for the children. It is so important and necessary.

Jesus said, "And if, as my representative, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child you will surely be rewarded". Matthew 10:42 (Living Gospels).

Give through your church or mail your love gift to me at Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., 1514 Belcourt Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37212. Thank you and God bless you "real good".

Tension Between Franco, Catholic Church Grows

MADRID—Tension between the Catholic Church and the Franco government reached a new high here with the announcement that the episcopal vicar of Bilbao was arrested by police in the Basque province despite the protest of the diocesan bishop.

Under terms of the Vatican Concordat with Spain, a priest may not be arrested or tried without the consent of his bishop—whose jurisdiction is recognized by the civil government as having primacy.

Father Jose Ubieta, the arrested vicar, is being detained at the military hospital in Bilbao after having appeared before a military judge. It is believed he is being charged with aiding Basque nationalists. He is a highly respected moderate who has sought to serve as a mediator between the hierarchy and the liberal Basque clergy.

Father Ubieta's arrest was the latest in a series of police moves against Basque separatists. (RNS)

● **REHABILITATION OF THE HANDICAPPED**—The year 1968 was a memorable one for rehabilitation. There were 208,000 handicapped persons restored to gainful employment—nearly double the number rehabilitated in 1962. A vast majority of these disabled persons were dependent upon public assistance for their families prior to rehabilitation. (Research Roundup)

Where The Action Was, So Were Baptist Students

By Adon Taft*

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—This is where the action was for 30,000 college students during their Easter vacation again this year. But this time there was a Baptist witness among them.

In fact, a group of Baptists from the Wichita (Kan.) State university and 450 other Christians from 50 colleges in 19 states and Canada provided most of the action for the two-week gathering which has become the "in" ritual for campus status-seekers.

It was a pilot project for Baptists who "have been confined to the church and have not been out in the market place," explained Ray Gilliland, student director for the metropolitan New York area and former state student director for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. He organized the "Pilgrim 20" group from Wichita, which was one of the major attractions on the Fort Lauderdale beach.

"Pilgrim 20" is a group of folk and rock singers whose objective is to put across the message of Christianity through a medium today's teenagers understand. The seven boys and three girls have toured the nation's campuses and churches for the past 18 months "doing their thing." Four of them double as instrumentalists.

Along with "The Exkursions," a "hard rock" band from Chicago which works with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the "Pilgrim 20" group did most of the entertaining for one week from the city recreation department's bandstand during the afternoons and from the "Hunger Hanger" at night.

"We came with apprehension," admitted Gilliland. "And we were greatly surprised that the kids stayed through the whole program, testimonies and all!"

Concurring was Colleen Spence, a senior English major from Omaha, Neb., who is one of the two original members left with "Pilgrim 20." "I expected the big crowds drawn by the music to melt away when we started to talk," she said, "but they didn't."

As many as 1000 of the students would gather around whenever the music blared through the amplifiers. "They were very open and frank," observed Bob Hughes, a senior psychology major who is the other veteran of the ensemble.

"They were interested in discussing anything. And the straighter we would tell it, the more intently they would listen," he said.

There was no preaching, emphasized Bill York, an Inter-Varsity executive from Richmond, Va., who was in charge of daily class sessions to train the Christian kids how

to be effective witnesses. They met from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day in the Sheraton Hotel for prayer, Bible study, reports on experiences and discussion of techniques.

The young people just told what Christ has meant to them in their own lives and then answered questions from the audience in the mass meetings, or struck up personal conversations on an individual or small group basis.

The 150 students from the Campus Crusade for Christ used that organization's spiritual survey as an approach to the kids on the beach.

Mike Johnson, of "The Exkursions," told his story in a song called "Would You Believe?" He was a dope addict whose life was changed by a personal, spiritual encounter with Christ.

The music itself dispelled many preconceived ideas about Christ and Christians because it was not at all "churchy." But with the rock beat there was always the message—a message to which the students really listened, to the surprise of Sally Giles, a junior in speech pathology who is a member of "Pilgrim 20" (so-called because the singers think of themselves of pilgrims in the 20th century).

"When we give a concert on a campus, the kids always come up and say 'the music was great,'" she noted. "But here, they said 'I dig what you say!'"

Sally added that "they respect us for being here because most people don't take time to be interested in other people anymore."

The fact that fewer than 50 persons had

made definite commitments of their lives to Christ as personal Savior did not dismay the Christian students who spent their afternoons in dialogues on sign-announced subjects under marked Inter-Varsity beach umbrellas, and engaged in personal witnessing conversations until 12:30 or 1:00 a.m. each night.

"The key thing is not that everybody signs a card," explained Bob, "but that a bug is planted that they can't get rid of when they go back to school."

"These are beautiful people," added Colleen, "but they just aren't directed yet. Then they see how we love Christ and have made Him the center of our lives."

Gilliland, who now is working with students in New York City, was impressed at the way his group was able to communicate through its music and was "delighted with the response. There was an excellent reaction. There was no negative comments."

Howard Harrison, a Wichita business executive who has financed much of the "Pilgrim 20" project, said, "It was a real great experience for me. I had been concerned about coming. I figured the kids on the beach would either ignore me or push me around."

To his surprise, he found that the kids "were basically good and would talk to an adult if the adult was in with a group of kids. I was accepted by the kids in our own group, so I was accepted by the rest of them."

Harrison also is convinced that "we could learn a lot from these kids about reaching the unchurched. They knew they could communicate and they did. I think we in the church should spend money for missions right here in places like this if we're going to reach people outside the church." (BP)

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Woman's Missionary Union

Ona Belle Cox Dies, Was Brazil Missionary

Miss Ona Belle Cox, 48, a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil who once said she "wouldn't trade places with anybody in the world," died April 19, in Missouri Baptist hospital, St. Louis, after several months of illness.

Appointed for mission service in 1948, Miss Cox had been in the States on medical furlough since October, 1968.

Miss Cox often rode motor launches to villages along the Amazon river and its tributaries. She said that if she were a man she would use all her time preaching in the isolated river settlements. Though she relished the life of a missionary, the size of her task made her wish that she were "10 people instead of just one."

Having lost her father by death when an infant, Miss Cox had to earn money for her college education. After high school she

taught in Redford, Mo., four years, spending the summers in Southwest Baptist college. Then, following her mother's death in 1944, she took her savings of \$63 to Liberty, Mo., and worked her way through two years at William Jewell college, receiving the bachelor of arts degree.

At one point she became so discouraged she was packing her suitcase to return home. Then the words from Isaiah 6:8 came to her mind: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Of that experience she said: "I unpacked and spent most of the night in prayer. I came to know that God had a plan for my life." She later committed her life to missionary service in Brazil.

Miss Cox received the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Baptists Win Top Religious Public Relations Awards

WASHINGTON—Southern Baptists and American Baptists dominated the winner's circle in the annual Creative Communications Awards sponsored by the Religious Public Relations Council meeting here for its 40th anniversary convention.

Of the 16 awards presented by the council, Southern Baptists won six awards and an American Baptist won two top honors.

The top award of the organization, the Paul M. Hinkhouse Memorial Award, went to Lester C. Garner, public relations director for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication, Valley Forge, Pa. The Hinkhouse honor, presented for outstanding graphics design, was a \$150 cash award.

Honorable mention in the Hinkhouse award went to John D. Boskas, communications director for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas, for the board's annual report; and to Stephen C. Tippens, public relations director for the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville. Each received a \$50 cash award.

Three awards went to Floyd A. Craig, public relations director for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville. Craig won first place honors in photography and public relations campaign categories (both for the commission's promotion of Race Relation Sunday), and third in writing for an article on "New Breed of Missionary" written jointly by Craig and Jim Newton, assistant director of Baptist Press, Nashville.

Newton won second place in the photography category for a Baptist Press Photo taken by Craig, while the two were on a reporting trip to South America last summer.

Second place in the public relations campaign category went to John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, for the seminary's 60th anniversary and the seminary president's 10th anniversary observance.

During the last four years, Southern Baptists have won 25 of the 68 awards presented by the Religious Public Relations Council to its members for outstanding communications efforts.

At the Washington meeting, Merit Awards were also presented to two newspapers, a national magazine, a television network, and two television stations for their contribution to Christianity through religious journalism.

The awards went to *The Spectator*, daily newspaper in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; the *Christian Science Monitor*, Boston, Mass.; *Life Magazine*, New York; American Broadcasting Co., New York; WTIF-TV in Hershey, Pa., and WXYZ-TV, Detroit.

The award to ABC-TV was presented for three television programs in

their Sunday religious programming series entitled "Directors." One of the three programs, "Rembrandt and the Bible," was produced by ABC-TV in association with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth.

Three Southern Baptist public relations experts addressed the three-day convention at the Shoreham Hotel: W. C. Fields, public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville; Gomer R. Lesch, public relations director for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Craig.

Fields and Craig both spoke on creativity in communications, and Lesch discussed the generation gap.

The Religious Public Relations Council is an inter-denominational organization of professional public relations workers for Christian religious groups, with about 550 members nation-wide. (BP)

Education Workshop

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—"Education for Change" will be the theme of a continuing education workshop scheduled at Southern seminary, June 23-27.

The workshop is sponsored by the school of religious education of the seminary and is geared to help church education staff members to meet the challenge of change. Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., assistant professor of religious education and one of the workshop directors, said the conference is designed to emphasize that "the Christian educator can neither resist change, nor fear it. He must plan for it, initiate it, and guide it toward God-given objectives."

Allen W. Graves, dean of the religious education school, will give the workshop's keynote address Monday evening in Alumni Chapel.

Harold Songer, a member of the New Testament faculty, will speak Tuesday through Friday on Biblical interpretation. He will be followed each morning and afternoon by seminars led by faculty members.

YWA Council Officers Elected



Billings



Lindley



Benscoter



Hembree



Landis



Perrin



Housley



Brown



Rush



Solmon

The young women pictured above were elected to the state YWA Council at the state YWA meeting held recently at Belmont college in Nashville.

Because of changes in grouping, grading and organization they comprise the last state YWA Council and will serve until Sept. 30, 1970, when the changes take effect.

Nita Billings, Johnson City and Tennessee Tech., was elected president; Linda Lindley, Knoxville, vice president; Linda Benscoter, Memphis, secretary; Judi Hembree, LaFollette, assistant secretary; Vickie Landis, Morristown, and Janene Perrin, Carson-Newman college, East Tennessee representatives; Phyllis Housley, Belmont college, and Sandra Brown, Memphis and Belmont college, Middle Tennessee representatives; and Sherry Rush, Henderson, and Pam Solmon, Paris, West Tennessee representatives.

Fincher Is Inaugurated Formally As 19th President of Carson-Newman

By James A. Lester, Editor
the Baptist And Reflector

In an unusual and tasteful display of pomp and pageantry, Dr. John Albert Fincher last week was inaugurated as the 19th president of Carson-Newman college—Tennessee Baptists' oldest educational institution.

Representatives from the academic world, the Tennessee and Southern Baptist Conventions, learned societies and student body gathered for the historic academic procession and ceremonies which climaxed two days of inaugural events.

The inaugural program began Monday evening, April 28, with a concert presented by the music department of the college and concluded Tuesday afternoon with a reception.

Special events included a display depicting the history of the college, a student spring art exhibit, a senior art exhibit, a luncheon for delegates, the reception, campus tours, and the inaugural program proper.

More than 350 delegates, and several hundred other visitors gathered in the Jefferson City First Baptist church Tuesday morning following the academic procession for the formal installation.

Principal speaker for the program was Dr. Leslie S. Wright, president of Samford university, Birmingham, where Fincher had served as dean prior to being named C-N president last year.

In describing Fincher, Wright declared that the new president was a dedicated Christian, and a man who enjoys people. Wright further stated that "the man and the hour have met."

Speaking primarily of the difficulties inherent in the office of college president in today's society, Wright noted that a "combination of the new and the old make it an occupation hazardous to the body and mind as well as the reputation."

Noting the extreme unrest in academic circles today, Wright warned that the future of education may well rest upon our ability to withstand and deal with the pressures on the campus today.

The Alabama educator cited the "utter frustration" created by Viet Nam and related military obligations which whittled away at any degree of stability, and noted also that public apathy, moral decay and a growing disrespect for law and order were evident. He declared that "The soul of America is experiencing deep-seated unrest." Wright warned that we must not let a relatively small percentage of students tear down our educational system.

In responding to the inaugural address, Fincher declared that he felt "a buoyancy of support from the entire Carson-Newman college community that should encourage any new president to join all those who have gone on before in a strong commitment to Christian higher education, which, I think, is one of the rewarding investments and one of the staunch safeguards of a free and democratic society."

Fincher noted that "The primary concern of our college now is the students. The success of the college is measured by their success. Reared in Christian homes, disciplined academically and morally, and committed to achieve the responsible leadership of their generation, our students also provide the support to a new president that he needs to perform his tasks with reasonable success."

Fincher concluded his address by declaring that he pledged "to give you the best of all I have to meet the unlimited challenge and attendant responsibilities as the nineteenth president of Carson-Newman college. Following the example of my esteemed predecessors, I will cherish her hopes, her dreams, and her aspirations and will endeavor to keep her true to her purpose. . . ."

Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Secretary W. Fred Kendall brought greetings on behalf of Tennessee Baptists.

Investiture of office and presentation of the medallion of office was made by Carson-Newman Trustee chairman Floyd C. Delaney.

Indian Baptist Minister Dies In Gas Station Holdup

ELK CITY, Okla.—A 27-year-old Cheyenne Indian and Baptist ministerial student, Roy Howlingwater, was shot and killed in an early morning robbery at a service station where he worked in western Oklahoma.

Howlingwater had been working at the station here for about two months to earn money to return to seminary studies.

He was a former student at Clear Creek Baptist school, Pineville, Ky.; Baptist Bible institute, Graceville, Fla.; and Mobile college (Baptist), Mobile, Ala.

Funeral services were conducted at Hammon (Okla.) High School auditorium with Paul Whitaker, pastor of Hammon Indian Baptist mission officiating. Burial was in the Indian cemetery at Hammon. (BP)

Biographical Sketch

JOHN ALBERT FINCHER

John Albert Fincher, nineteenth president of Carson-Newman college, was previously academic dean of Samford University.

Born in Union county, South Carolina, on September 8, 1911, John A. Fincher received his public school education in Union, Laurens, and Spartanburg counties, South Carolina, and his high school education in Clinton and Cross Anchor, South Carolina. He did his undergraduate work at the University of South Carolina, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1933 with a B.S. degree in education. After serving one year as principal at Pineview Elementary school in West Columbia, South Carolina, he returned to the University of South Carolina for his master's degree in biology which was granted in 1935.

While working toward a Ph.D. degree at the University of North Carolina, which was granted in 1939, Dr. Fincher served as a collecting assistant at the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries Laboratory, Beaufort, North Carolina, during the summer of 1936. Upon receiving his doctorate, he became a research fellow at Highlands Biological Laboratory, North Carolina, in the summer of 1939.

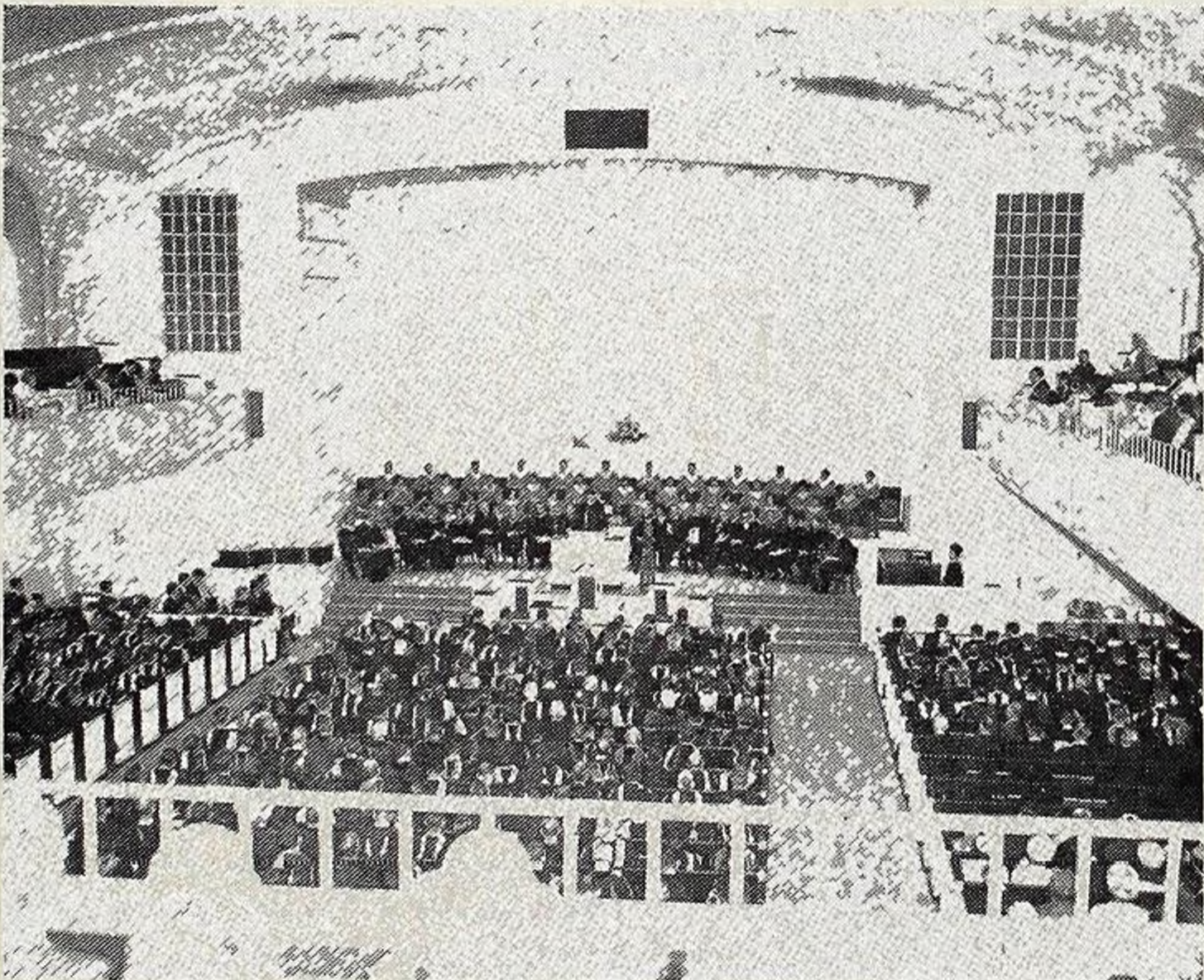
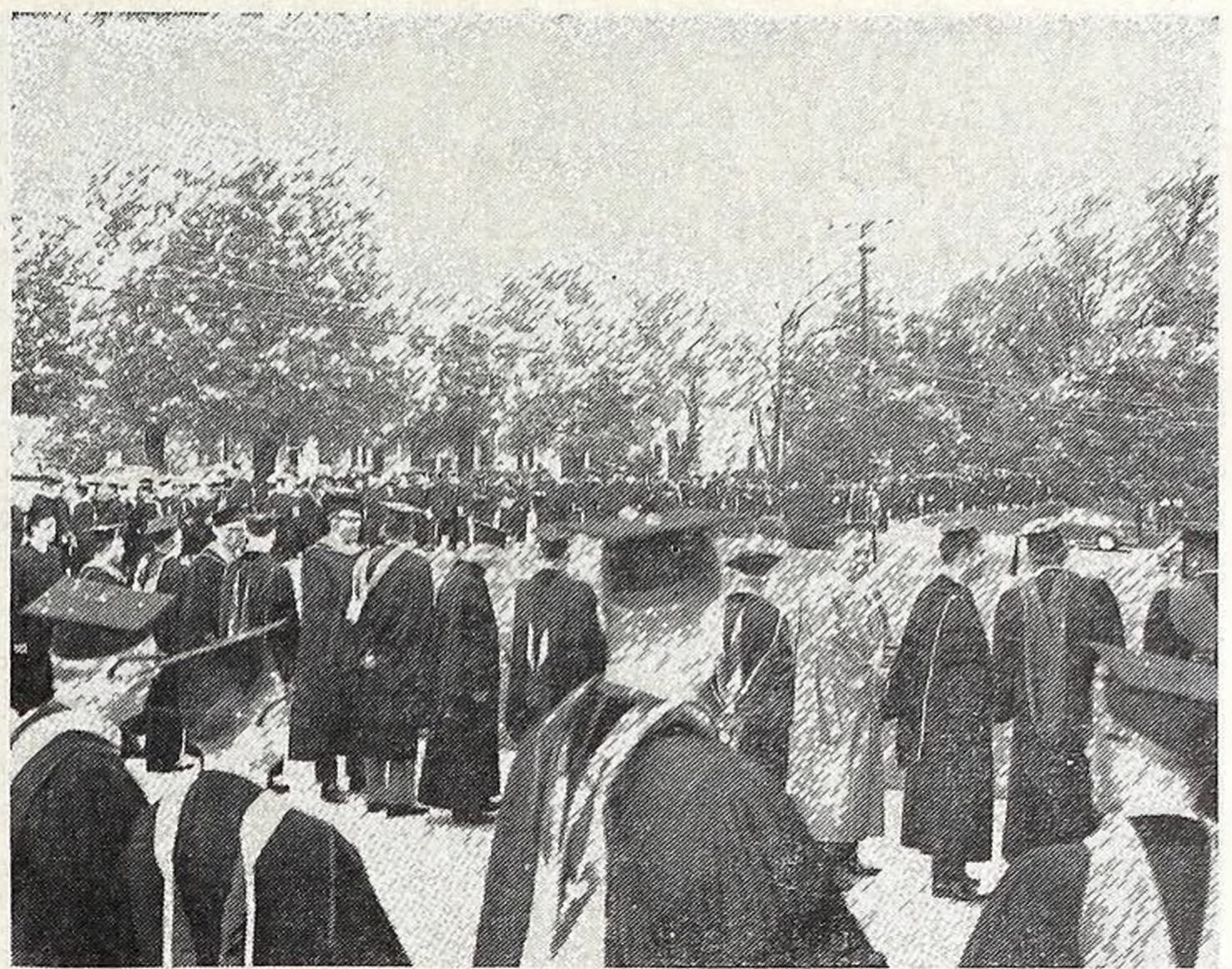
Dr. Fincher has served his profession at several educational institutions. He was an instructor of biology at Cumberland college from 1939 to 1940; assistant and associate professor of biology at Millsaps college, 1940 to 1946; and professor of biology and head of the biology department at Howard college, now Samford university, 1946 to 1957. He began his administrative career as assistant to the president of Samford university in 1954. He then became academic dean of the same institution in 1957, where he served until his selection as president of Carson-Newman.

Dr. Fincher married the former Ruby Broom on August 19, 1939, in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Finchers have three children: Judith Ellen, born 1940; Janice Manette, born 1943; and John, Jr., born 1948.

Freshman Class Applications Show Increase At Union

Applications for enrolment in the 1969 Freshman class of Union university, Jackson, are 59 per cent ahead of the number that had been received at the same period last year.

A report released last week from the university's admissions office showed 305 applications for Fall of 1969. After rejections by the Admissions Committee and some cancellations, Union has 291 net applications as compared to 183 at the same date last year. There are 58 transfer students, and 247 are first-time freshman applicants.



Inaugural scenes include (top left) congratulations being extended to new president by Trustee Hamilton S. Burnett; (top right) Inaugural procession en route to First Baptist church for ceremony; (lower left) church sanctuary, and (lower right) Dr. Fincher follows mace bearer Dr. Gerald Naylor from church.

Cornerstone Laying To Be Executive Board Feature

The 75-member Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet Tuesday, May 13 in the Tennessee Baptist Building, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville.

Dr. H. Eugene Cotey, pastor of the First Baptist church, Murfreesboro, and chairman of the Board, will preside over the session which is scheduled to get under way at 10 a.m.

A day-long series of committee meetings is scheduled for Monday, May 12.

Committees scheduled to meet prior to the actual Board meeting Tuesday, include: The trustee study subcommittee, the Denominational Cooperation Committee, Public Affairs and Christian Life; Ohio Crusade; Camp, Education; Tennessee Baptist Program; Missions; Christian Services; State

Missions, and the Baptist And Reflector Liaison subcommittee of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board, and the Administrative Committee.

A special feature of the session Monday, the 12th, will be the laying of the cornerstone at the new Executive Board building in Brentwood.

Eugene White Named Editor Of 'Charity and Children'

THOMASVILLE, N.C.—J. Eugene White, managing editor of the *Church and State*, monthly periodical of the Americans United for Separation of Church and State organization, has been chosen as the new editor of *Charity and Children*, according to W. R. Wagoner, president of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

White, age 43, is a native of Texas. He will become the seventh editor of the *Charity and Children*, weekly publication of the Children's Homes, since its inception in 1887. (BP)

● COLLEGE STUDENTS—The proportion of college students among the 20- to 24-year-olds in the U. S. is 43 percent. In Great Britain only 5 percent of those in this age group are in college. For France, the figure is 16 percent; and West Germany, 8 percent.

Colorado Missionary Named SBC Historical Society Head

NASHVILLE — The superintendent of missions for the Denver Baptist association in Colorado, George Gaskins, was elected here as president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

Meeting here in connection with the SBC Historical Commission, the society, an auxiliary of the commission open to anyone interested in Baptist history, named the Colorado Baptist leader to succeed Mrs. Ollin J. Owens of South Carolina as president.

Elected vice president of the society was Spencer King, chairman of the history department at Mercer university, Macon, Ga.

Re-elected as secretary was H. I. Hester, former vice president of Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Kansas City, Mo., now retired in Liberty, Mo.; and re-elected

treasurer was Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission.

The commission, composed of representatives elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, had earlier elected W. Morgan Patterson, professor at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, as its new chairman.

Other officers re-elected by the commission were Richard N. Owen, retired editor of the **Baptist And Reflector** of Nashville, Tenn., as vice chairman; Martin Bradley, secretary of the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, as secretary, and Woolley as treasurer. (BP)

Ausmus, Bible To Receive Honorary C-N Degrees

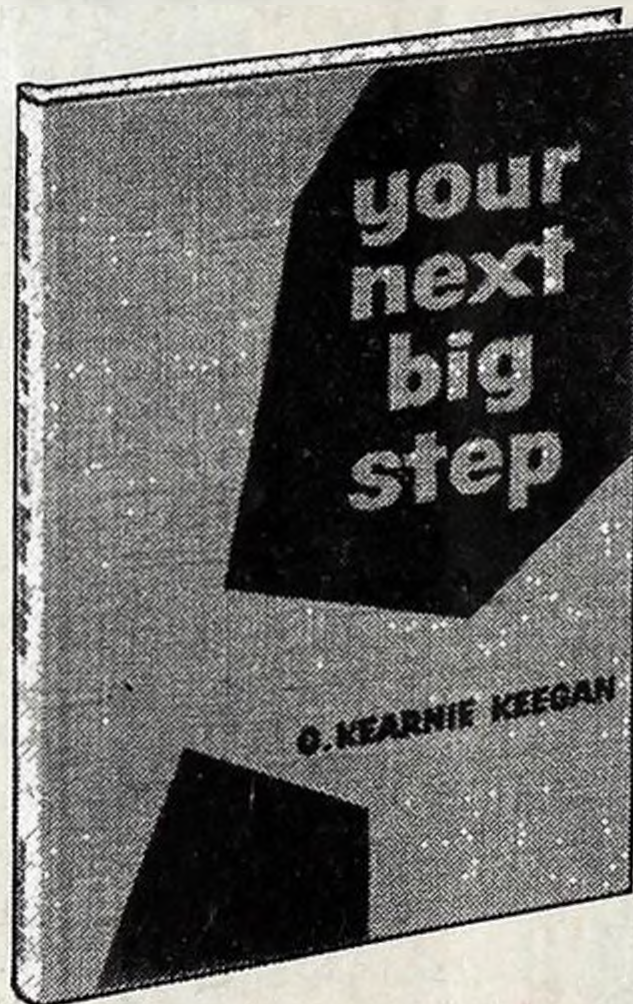
Two Tennesseans will receive honorary degrees from Carson-Newman college May 23, Dr. John A. Fincher, president, has announced.

The Rev. Charles R. Ausmus, pastor of the Lincoln Park Baptist church, Knoxville, will receive the doctor of divinity degree, and Robert Howell Bible, Sr., Morristown insurance executive, will receive a doctor's degree in public administration. The honors will be accorded during the spring commencement program at Burke-Tarr stadium.

Ausmus, a native of Union county, is a graduate of Carson-Newman, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. He has been at Lincoln Park for 22 years, and is currently chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Bible, a native of Three Spring Community, Tenn., is an officer and director of several corporations in addition to operating his insurance firm.

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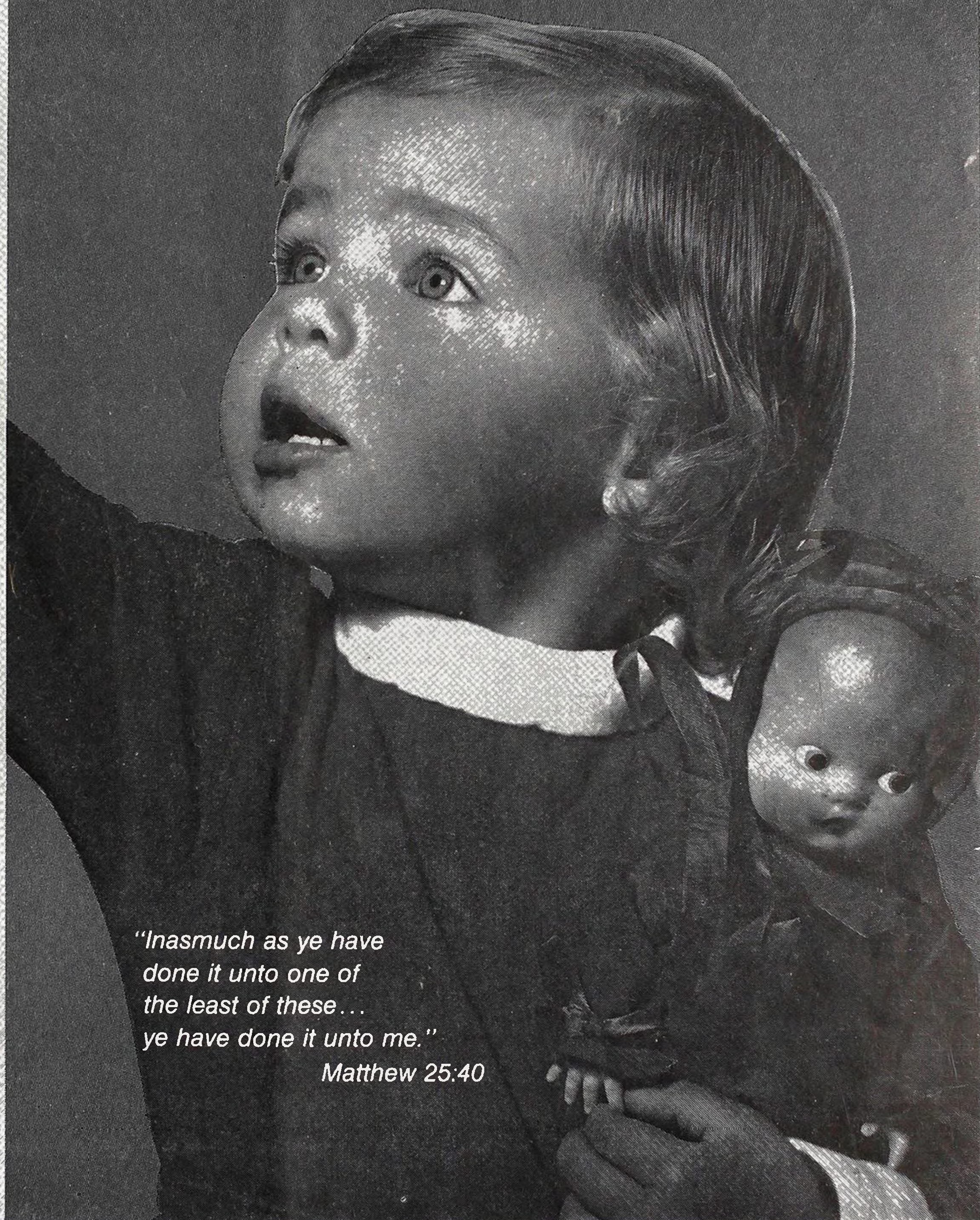
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New Laws Place Greater Liability On Parents For Children's Damages

Gov. Buford Ellington on May 1 signed into law a new statute, prompted by an outbreak of vandalism at Nashville area churches several weeks ago, to place greater legal liability upon parents for damages inflicted by their minor children.

Lt. Gov. Frank Gorrell, D-Nashville, and Rep. Jim White, R-Nashville, co-sponsored the bill which was approved earlier by large margins in both houses of the assembly.

As passed by the assembly and signed by the governor, the new law raises from \$300 to \$2500 the amount of damages for which negligent parents may be held legally responsible by the courts. The \$2500 figure was a compromise reached among the lawmakers and was added by amendment to the original bill which would have set no limitation.

Up To 21 Years of Age

The law defines those for whom parents can be held responsible as persons of ages up to 21 years.

Sponsors of the bill said it is designed to curb destructive acts of vandalism, such as the defacement and desecration of church property, and to make parents assume financial responsibility for such losses inflicted by their children.

Provisions of the law, however, apply to damages of all property where wilful or malicious acts are involved.

No further action occurred during the week of April 28 on the controversial bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog races, a measure re-referred to committee by the House the previous week in apparent defeat. The issue is considered closed for the remainder of the current session, which closes May 9, but can be revived by the time the lawmakers meet in 1970.

Others Bills Affect Churches

The General Assembly took action, however, on a number of other bills of interest to church leaders and members.

In the Senate, a bill was passed under sponsorship of Sen. James Roberson and Sen. Jerry Agee of Nashville to impose strict regulations on the teaching of sex education in the public schools. Action is yet to be taken by the House on the bill which would prohibit such courses unless they first are approved by the local school board, the state board of education, among other regulations.

Another bill allowing municipalities to create regulatory boards to determine whether persons under 18 would be allowed to attend certain movies also was given approval by the Senate State and Local Government Committee, but the measure still faces action on the floor.

The same committee killed for this session a proposal by Sen. J. O. Patterson of Memphis to repeal local option liquor laws,

making all counties "wet" whether or not their citizens approve.

Capital Punishment

The House Judiciary Committee cleared for floor action during the final week a bill to repeal the state's 50-year-old "bone dry" law which prohibits the possessing or transportation of alcoholic beverages in counties without legalized liquor stores. But a companion measure in the Senate was deferred until May 6, reducing sharply the chances of the bill having time to complete the legislative process by adjournment.

Rep. Jack Comer of Knoxville, who also led the unsuccessful fight for pari-mutuel

betting, said "present laws allow unscrupulous officers to continuously harass Tennessee citizens and tourists." He contended his proposal would allow only liquor for "personal" use to be possessed or transported in legally "dry" counties. Opponents of the bill charge it would lead to mass bootlegging and other illicit activities.

But in the Senate, the same proposal failed, in a tie vote, to clear the committee and the prospects for passage were not considered strong.

The measure would end the death penalty in all cases except murder of a policeman or murder committed within penal institutions.

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DOES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COST MORE?

ACTUALLY, YES.

A recent survey of Southern Baptist senior colleges showed that the differential ranges from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per week more in private colleges than in state institutions in the same state. Here in Tennessee, for instance, the cost for nine months at Belmont is approximately \$1400, while at state schools in cities of comparable size and with comparable living costs the figures are: Knoxville, \$1465; Memphis, \$1295; Chattanooga, \$1215.

BUT DON'T YOU GET MORE?

Maybe not in classroom and laboratory facilities and prestige. But how about personalized instruction, faculty and student relationships, atmosphere, Christian emphasis, opportunities for Bible study and personal life commitments? And don't forget that in the large universities many classes are taught by students doing graduate study, while in the smaller Christian college the best trained of the faculty teach even freshmen. Remember that in most cases more is caught from the professor than is absorbed from what he teaches.

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REVIVAL RESULTS

First church, Carthage, **John Crawford**, pastor, reports 23 for baptism, two other professions of faith, four by letter and 12 rededications during their revival. **Jesse Hawkins**, pastor, Westend church, Fayetteville, preached and **Ken Jones**, minister of music and youth at Carthage, directed the music.

Miracle church, Lavergne, reports six for baptism, nine additions by letter and 11 rededications during their recent revival. **J. O. Carter** is pastor.

First church, Kingston, reports 29 professions of faith, several dedications to vocational Christian service and four additions by letter and statement during their revival. **Mike Gilchrist**, Southern Baptist evangelist, preached and **George McFadin**, minister of music, First church, Humboldt, led the singing. **Lewis Bratcher** is pastor.

Tony Gonzalez, pastor, State Line church, Holston association, recently conducted a Youth Crusade at Midway High school, sponsored by the Hiwassee association. There were 27 professions of faith and many rededications.

Hardeman County association churches: First, Bolivar, reports six for baptism and 30 rededications; Brint's Chapel received two for baptism and five rededications; Dixie Hills received four for baptism, two by letter and 10 rededications; Grand Junction, four for baptism and one rededication; Hebron, one by letter and one rededication; New Union, six for baptism, two by letter and 17 rededications; Parran's Chapel, eight for baptism and 20 rededications; Shandy, five for baptism and two rededications and Whiteville received six for baptism and two by letter.

Lutheran Church in America Cites Slight Membership Loss

NEW YORK—For the first time since the denomination was formed in 1962, the Lutheran Church in America has reported a decrease in membership.

Total membership at the close of 1968 was 3,280,083, a loss of 7953 members. The decrease was noted by Dr. George F. Harkins, secretary of the Church, as amounting to "two and one-half thousands of 1 per cent." (RNS)

Central church, Johnson City, **James Canaday**, pastor, reports 26 for baptism and six by letter during their recent revival. **Bobby Moore**, pastor, Fairlawn church, Memphis, preached and **Bill Anderson**, minister of music at Central, led the singing. **Walter Kennon**, a layman from Union City, directed soul-winning visitation.

Fairlawn church, Memphis, reports 26 by baptism and 14 by letter during their revival which was led by **Dan Cameron**, pastor, First church, Pampa, Tex. as evangelist and **Haskell Lindsey**, minister of music from DeQuoine, Ill., in charge of music. **Walter Kennon**, a layman from Union City, directed soul-winning visitation.

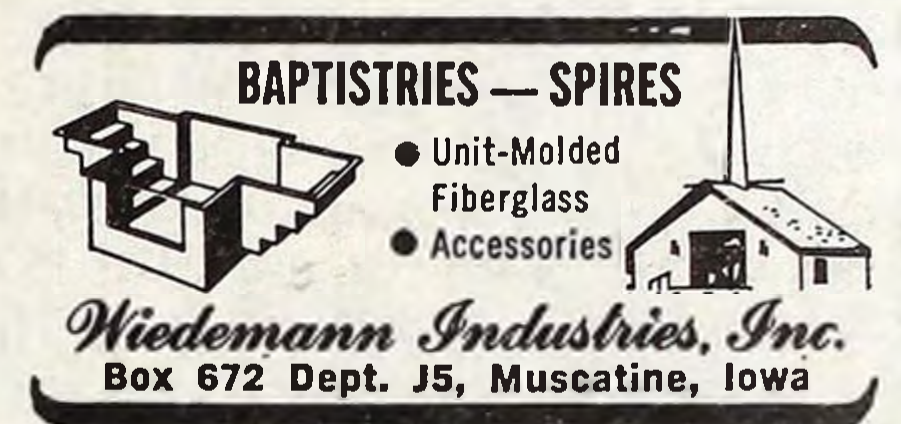
Two Named To Union's Staff

Two staff appointments at Union university have been announced by President Robert E. Craig.

Dr. Milburn W. Blanton, a former president of Missouri Western Junior college has been named to head Union's admissions program, and Dr. Don Ellis has been named dean of students.

Ellis is succeeding Dr. David Irby as student dean after Irby's selection as Union's Dean of Religious Activities.

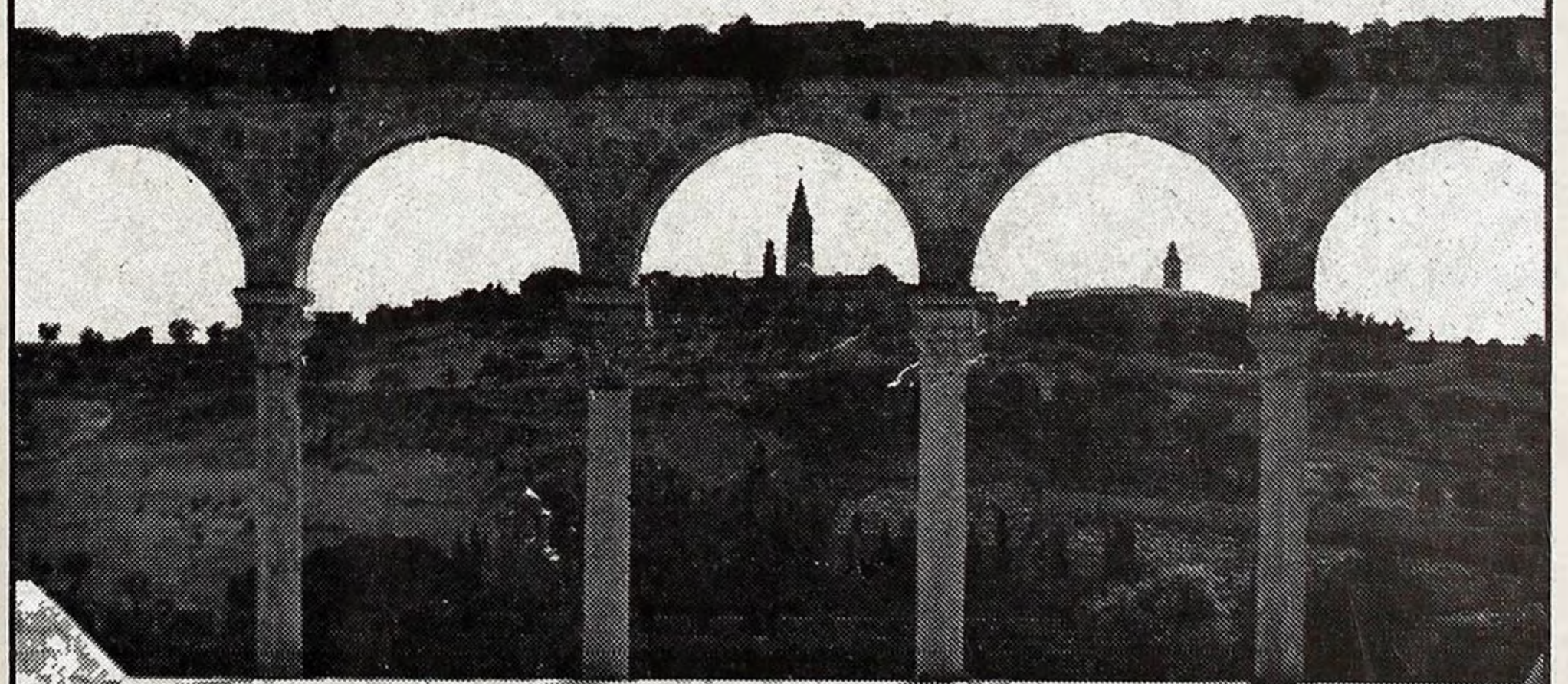
Blanton succeeds Ellis in the admissions office.



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The disappearing of the happy home is one of the ghastly tragedies of our age. There is not much closely knitted home life any more. The family is not together much these days during the waking hours.

There was a time when many songs were written about the home. They were not in the minor key. Sweet memories once clustered about the home of our childhood. But today prodigals leave home and rarely ever think of returning again. No memories arouse nostalgia in the wandering boy and lure him home again.

In the Christian home each individual should put forth his best foot. Love, courtesy and respect must not be reserved for public appearances. They need to become a habit in the home.

The husband should be able to say, "wife, you have been the best Christian I have known." She should be able to say the same about him. The parents should be able to say to the children, you have been the benediction of our lives. The children should be able to rise up and call their parents blessed.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RELATIONSHIP Ruth 2:8-12

Naomi's daughter-in-law, Ruth, returned with her to Bethlehem. Although she was a Moabite she preferred to adopt her mother-in-law's people, country and God as her own out of great personal devotion. The two widows faced immediate need. Ruth was willing to reap in the barley fields.

It was logical to work in the field of Naomi's deceased husband's kinsman Boaz. She found security and favor. She was given generous privileges. This was not only due to a sense of responsibility growing out of relationship but to her great personal devotion to his relative Naomi, a desolate widow.

There was a further reason for Boaz requiting Ruth. She had chosen the Lord of Israel as her God. He was known as the God who placed His sheltering wings over desolate widows and the fatherless. Boaz felt obligated to reward her trust in the name of the true and living God whom he worshiped.

A BEAUTIFUL ROMANCE Ruth 2:14-16

Another factor came into the picture.

There was a growing romance developing rather rapidly. This is seen in succeeding chapters more clearly but it was obvious in the early stages of the story. There are some rather daring episodes conceived in purity, however, and with oriental uniqueness.

The romance is fascinating and is a part of the eternal providence of God. Ruth became one of the ancestors of Jesus of Nazareth. Thus the redemptive reach of Christ was extended. That is, His genealogy not only included Jesus but all peoples.

FAMILY DUTIES IN NEW TESTAMENT I Timothy 5:3-8

Widows indeed and desolate are those without any visible means of support whether from personal or family sources. The church should recognize its inescapable obligation here. Duty means that which is due.

Children and other close relatives have an inescapable responsibility. Both children and parents are defaulting in many cases on family priorities in the matter of duty. Those who utterly fail here have denied the faith and are worse than an infidel.

It is fortunate indeed that the state is doing much for the aged and the indigent today. However, this is not enough and should not be a substitute for the warm personal ministries of those who love us.

In the Old Testament and the New much consideration is given the widows and the orphans. The victims of broken homes are evidently included in the principle if not in specific instructions.

Too often the church and families have transferred this responsibility to the public charities or the state. We realize that the situation is so complex that some of this is inevitable, but too much has been transferred.

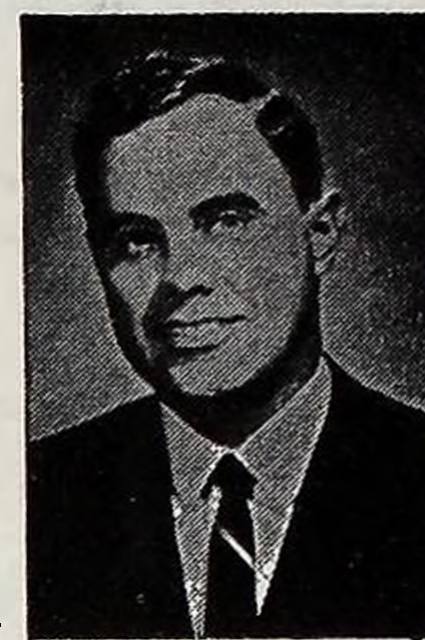
Generosity is not only a duty but is a privilege. It can be a joy unspeakable. It is more blessed to give than receive. The giver can receive the greater blessing. It does the unselfish untold good. It grows a great spirit and a noble disposition. Too many are missing the bus here.

The family can recover much of its glory and meaningfulness by returning to the New Testament pattern. The church can recover much of its radiance and impact at this point.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Few Preschoolers Get Needed Psychiatric Help

Although it is generally acknowledged that children's mental health before the age of six determines, to a large extent, the quality of their mental health in later years, only a tiny percentage of troubled preschoolers is receiving treatment, Dr. Gilbert Kliman, research dir. of the Foundation for Research in Preventive Psychiatry, warned.

"By the age of six, not only have most major mental mechanisms been formed, but the early stages of mental disorder have often begun to recognizably erode and distort the health of children who later will be more obviously ill."

He cited findings of two studies of Westchester County (N.Y.) preschoolers in 14 nursery schools and Head Start programs which "have relevance to preschoolers throughout the nation because the study reached into black ghettos and low-income areas."

Among 839 children screened, their teachers estimated that seven percent needed psychiatric care and that less than half of these came from families able to pay for private treatment. Only one out of every 1400 Westchester preschoolers who need psychiatric care is getting any, the study showed.

Even though Westchester County is a wealthy area, stressed Dr. Kliman, fewer than 45 preschoolers are receiving treatment at any one time, although the study finding that seven percent of three- to five-year-olds need psychiatric treatment, applied to the Westchester preschool population of 4500, would mean that 3100 youngsters need help.

"The battle to prevent or halt lifelong mental illness at the earliest stages is being lost by default," says Dr. Kliman.

Baptists Aid Relief In North Dakota Flood

MINOT, N.D.—Rising rivers and tributaries fed by Canadian floodwaters have thousands of people on the run here and in other North Dakota communities.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta activated its disaster relief fund and sent \$5000 immediately for Baptists in the area to use in assisting evacuees.

The money is being administered by the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, which includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. (BP)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

With the end of April we finished the first six months of this fiscal year of the Tennessee Baptist Convention which began Nov. 1.



Kendall

This is the Convention year and conforms to the pattern by which our work must be planned. It is always a time to survey the first six months and note what progress has been made and what problems we have faced.

For much of this six months there has been a slackening of the growth of giving through the Co-operative Program. We are still ahead of this period for last year, but the increase is the smallest of many years. This indicates that we will not reach the budget by the end of October as we have done during the last three years. For two years in a row we reached the budget by the first week in October and had a nice surplus to add to it. This year we will not reach the budget unless the giving pattern increases.

It is too early to get a report on the Crusade revivals. We have had many reports from individual churches. Many had the best revivals they have had in many years. Others have not had real revival but just another protracted meeting or preaching mission. We pray that the revival effort will continue and that it will eventually effect every church and every area to draw our nation back to God.

Next week the Executive Board will hold its midyear meeting. It serves as the convention ad interim. It is made up of seventy-five men and women from the state convention. It is composed of laymen, pastors, and ladies. It is charged with the responsibility of transacting the business of the Convention and in administering its programs. It carries tremendous responsibilities. We are fortunate in having some of the finest of our men and women serving on this Board. They give their time and their best ability to their assignments.

Seven standing committees serve the Board. They are Administrative, Christian Services, Education, State Missions, Denominational Cooperation, Public Affairs and Christian Life, and Tennessee Baptist Program. Much of the work of the Executive Board is assigned to these committees and they do research and depth study and report to the full Board for action. The committees are elected at the December meeting of the Executive Board. Every member serves on at least one committee.

The Executive Board keeps a close relationship to all the work of the institutions and agencies of the Convention. It seeks to

Historically From the files

50 YEARS AGO

A bill was passed by the Tennessee Legislature granting presidential and municipal suffrage to women.

L. R. Scarborough led First church, Abilene, Tex., M. A. Jenkins, pastor, in a revival which resulted in 100 additions. The church gave \$2500 to Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, of which Dr. Scarborough is president.

20 YEARS AGO

When Southern Baptists and Northern Baptists separated 100 years ago, there were a great many more members in the Northern group than in the Southern. Today there are 1,500,000 Northern Baptists and 6,300,000 Southern Baptists. In 1912 there were 13,245 churches affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention, and in 1948 there were 7124.

10 YEARS AGO

Americans spend about 15 percent more for cigarettes and other tobacco products than they give to all churches and religious and charitable activities, the federal government reports. In 1957 expenditures for tobacco products totaled \$4,262,000,000, while churches and religious and charitable organizations received \$3,746,000,000.

FUND DRIVES, BUDGET, RAISES OKAYED

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—The board of trustees for Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary approved here fund-raising projects for a \$1 million Learning Resource Center and the endowment of a \$300,000 chair of missions and evangelism, in addition to adopting a record budget and granting a cost-of-living increase to faculty and staff.

Meeting in connection with the seminary's 25th anniversary celebration, the trustees approved a budget of \$790,355, an increase of \$71,250 over the current budget. (BP)

do all of its work in the most democratic manner. It gives consideration to every phase of Tennessee Baptist life and tries to develop programs which meet the needs and carry out the aims of the churches through the State Convention programs.



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NASHVILLE—Featured personalities for three church music leadership conferences this summer are (top row) William E. Hull (left), pastor, and Cecil J. Riney, conductor; (middle row) Cecil E. Sherman (left), pastor, and Thomas L. Mills, conductor; (bottom row) Jimmy R. Allen (left), pastor, and Lloyd Pfautsch, conductor.

Truth in News Urged

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Church publicists may at times be guilty of confusing "good news" with "happy news," never bothering to publish anything unpleasant, the president of the Religious Public Relations Council said here. In this, they unwittingly may not be honest about the church, he added.

Winston Taylor, director of information for the Washington office of the United Methodist Church, and since 1967 president of RPRC, told delegates to the annual meeting:

"Some of our churches have not yet been able to see that they have an image problem when they advertise 'all are welcome,' and don't really expect any but their own to walk in and worship . . ." (RNS)

Baird Named Tennessee Baptist Student President



Paul Baird, Nashville, has been named president of the Baptist Student Union in Tennessee. Baird, who is a student at Carson-Newman, was named following balloting at two retreats. The first retreat, held at Camp Linden, April 18-20, attracted 237 Baptist students. The second session, held April 25-27 at Camp Carson, Newport, brought 213 students together. Baird's election was announced following the second session. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Doyle Baird of Nashville.

Other officers elected were East Tennessee regional representative, Reggie Garmeson, University of Chattanooga; Susie Kelly, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, member-at-large; Middle Tennessee regional representative, Bob Young, Austin Peay State university, and Charles Fly, Tennessee Tech, member-at-large; West Tennessee regional representative, Linda Hughes, U. T. Medical units; and member-at-large, Janet Johnson, Baptist Memorial hospital.

The retreats focused on the identity crisis. Speakers helped to answer the question posed by the theme of the retreats which was, "Who Am I Really?" In addition to the program personalities, there were several students participating. Moses Taylor, Vanderbilt, Nashville, state president presided over the sessions at both retreats.

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Baptist Viewpoll Report

First VIEWpoll Opposes Vatican Representative

By Martin B. Bradley*

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers oppose the President appointing an official representative to the Vatican, according to the first Baptist VIEWpoll report.

This is a key finding from a nation-wide survey conducted among 575 panel members of the Baptist VIEWpoll.

The VIEWpoll is conducted bi-monthly among the pastors and Sunday School teachers of the panel. It is operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research and statistics department.

Panel members are selected and represent Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers by size of church and geographical location of their churches.

Another key finding of the first report is that over two-thirds of the pastors and Sunday School teachers surveyed indicated sympathies to be far more on the side of the Israelis than with the Arab states.

The first question for the VIEWpoll panel was, "Do you feel it would be appropriate for the President to appoint an official representative to the Vatican?"

Based on 92% response by mail, only 1.7% of the pastors and 3.7% of the Sunday School teachers answered "yes, as an ambassador."

Answering, "Yes, as liaison representative for communication purposes only" were 11.6% of the pastors and 18.2% of the Sunday School teachers.

"No" was the response of 84.6% of the pastors, 70.3% of the Sunday School teachers.

Persons in the survey (99.2%) who said they had heard of the troubles between Israel and Arab states were asked, "In this trouble are your sympathies more with Israel or more with Arab states?"

The pastors reported 71.8% with Israel, 3.0% with Arab states, and 25.2% neither or undecided. The Sunday School teachers

reported 69.3% with Israel, 1.7% with Arab states, and 29% neither or undecided.

When a comparison of responses of pastors and Sunday School teachers is made with those obtained in nation-wide surveys of the U. S. adult population by the Gallup Poll, it appears that pastors and Sunday School teachers are somewhat more pro-Israel.

The Gallup Poll of January, 1967 reported 55% with Israel, 4% with Arab states and 41% neither or undecided. In the Gallup Poll of January, 1969, 50% were with Israel in sympathy, 5% with Arab states, and 45% undecided or neither.

Other items in the Baptist VIEWpoll to be released in the near future: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nixon is handling his job as President? Are you in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? Do you now think integration will be pushed faster, or not so fast? (BP)

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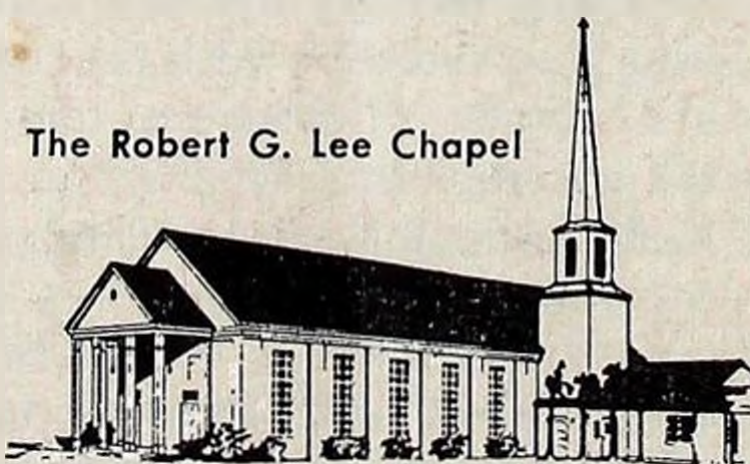
"Hawaii Baptist" Names New Associate Editor

HONOLULU—Mrs. Marilyn Bennett Hillyer of Marshall, Tex., wife of an Air Force major, has been appointed associate editor of *The Hawaii Baptist*, monthly news magazine of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. Executive secretary Edmond Walker is editor.

Mrs. Hillyer is a graduate of Baylor university, Waco, Texas, where she studied journalism and was assistant editor of the campus daily, the *Baylor Lariat*. She is the daughter of Howard Bennett, president of East Texas Baptist college, Marshall, Tex. (BP)

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