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What is the largest fish you have caught and the greatest number? Jesus said, "Come with me and I will teach you to catch men." TEV Matthew 4:19.

THE SAVIOUR'S PRAYER

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"-Luke 23:34a.

This prayer is the first of seven sayings of Jesus from the cross. In such a terrible situation His thoughts were not for Himself but for others.

"Said" is an imperfect tense expressing repeated action in past time. So over and over Jesus prayed this prayer. He probably began praying even as the soldiers prepared Him for crucifixion, and then continued it after He was on the cross.

"Father, forgive them." For whom did Jesus pray? The soldiers? Yes. Pilate? Yes. The Sanhedrin? Yes. The mob? Yes. But He embraced all sinners in this prayer. For all had a part in the crucifixion.

The basis of this prayer for forgiveness was that "they do not really know (oidasin) what they are doing." The soldiers were carrying out an order. Pilate was trying to save his own skin. The Sanhedrin thought that Jesus was an imposter. And the mob was a mere tool in it all. Paul said that had the rulers known the true nature of Jesus they would not have crucified the Lord of glory (I Cor. 2:8).

The key word is "forgive" (aphes). It means to let go or send away. In Matthew



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27:49 it is rendered "let be" or "wait." This is most suggestive to the meaning of our text.

Jesus prayed for the Father not to condemn them since they did not really know what they were doing. But this does not mean blanket forgiveness. He prayed the Father to withhold judgment until after the resurrection. Then they would really know. They would have the sign of His deity which He had promised.

Then, if they repented they would be saved. If not, then the sin would be one not of ignorance but of full-knowledge.

We today have that full-knowledge. If, having it, men still crucify Jesus in unbelieving hearts there is no basis for forgiveness.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A university professor says: "It is disturbing to note that we are raising a generation of young people who do not know the Bible."

Let it be clearly understood that the young people are not the only ones who do not have a knowledge of the Bible.

As the old story goes, the pastor was telling his deacons that "he had asked the young people in Sunday School if they knew who knocked down the Walls of Jericho." They said, "they didn't know who did it—but they were sure that the young people of the church didn't have a thing to do with it."

One of the deacons spoke up: "Well, Pastor, I don't know who did it, either —but rather than cause any dissension in the church, I would like to make a motion that we repair the wall and just not say anything else about it."

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WHY WORRY?

By David Q. Byrd, Pastor West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson

A big bear stole into the hunter's camp, and seized the large kettle of boiling water from off the campfire. Instead of dropping



Byrd

the burning burden, he hugged it more tightly to himself, for this was his only known method of defense.

People who cling to their worries are as foolish as the bear. Worries burn the heart and mind. They scald and blister the spirit. They hurt the body. Dr. Charles Mayo said "worry affects the

circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system and profoundly affects the health." Worry hurts!

An old epigram states that "worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble." Another has written "worry is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained." Dr. Robert Morin wrote "worry is a circle of inefficient thought whirling about a pivot of fear." Worry hinders!

Worry is useless. One observed that "it is like a rocking chair—it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere." Some say they cannot help worrying. They should remember that worrying cannot help them either! A noted news commentator has coined a phrase "no use worrying—ain't nothing going to turn out right anyhow." Worry is useless and foolish!

Worry is wrong! In fact, it is sinful. Actually worry is a form of atheism. It indicates a lack of trust and belief in a loving and powerful God. One should realize that there is a difference between worry and concern. Every Christian should have genuine concern for himself and others, but no Christian should carry concern to an unreasonable extreme so that he does not trust God, and seeks to shoulder the burden himself through worry.

The Bible (Good News Translation) says "don't worry about anything." Philippians 4:6-7

Jesus said "so do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings." Matthew 6:34 (Good News)

Said the robin to the sparrow, "I should really like to know Why these anxious human beings Rush about and worry so." Said the sparrow to the robin, "Friend, I think that it must be That they have no Heavenly Father Such as cares for you and me."

—Elizabeth Cheney

Baptist Layman, Musician, Plays Key Role In Space Program

By David Keel

George McKay, a deacon and interim minister of music at First church, Fayetteville, plays a strategic role in the United



McKay

consulting physicist.

States' space program, the recent moon landing no exception.

McKay, Chief of the Flight Evaluation Staff, linked to the launch vehicle office of the Marshall Spacecraft Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., has been with NASA since 1960. When he joined the government in 1958, he was with the Von Braun group as a

He describes his title as "jargon for hindsight," for his job is to evaluate the operation of the launch vehicle after each flight. ... "We find out how a vehicle operates when it goes into space, simulations are short of a true picture," McKay said. He described the "space vehicle" as the "entire

flying unit."

As well as evaluating the operation of the launch vehicle, which is managed in Huntsville (the Apollo Spacecraft is managed in Houston, Texas), McKay has taught our astronauts familiarization courses in the Saturn program. His disciplines include electronics, propulsion, structures, and many others.

The Baptist layman is a native of Cookeville, where his father is a deacon in First Baptist church, and is a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in Cookeville (now Tennessee Technological university) with a major in Physics.

In what spare time the space expert has, he enjoys growing prize-winning roses, electronics, an aquarium, and gardening.

The McKays have two children: Sarah, nine, and George, III, six. Mrs. McKay is the former Edith Creel of Selma, Ala.

McKay takes great pride in his choirs at First church. Moments before the two astronauts landed on the moon, he was playing tape recordings of his choirs. In May the youth choir went on a concert tour where they performed at Forest Park Baptist church, Farmington, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, First Baptist church, West Carrollton, Ohio, Whitehall Baptist church in Ohio, and First Baptist in Franklin, Ky.

"I feel that God has created the spirit of man in His own image, and there is little limit as to what man can do," McKay said. He continued, "I see no real conflict between science and the Bible . . . there are conflicts between the Bible and statements by scientists when they are theorizing . . . scientific thinking can be of immense value in seeking the truth—which we are all

after." In talking about man's development, he says that "there is no scientific data to uphold the 'theory' of evolution."

Listening to the moon landing he noted, "This is the beginning of something worth-while—like the voyage of Columbus—just what we are not sure . . . if it helps us look from our problems into the future peaceful cooperation between nations, it's worth all that has gone into the program."

LUTHERAN INSURANCE SOCIETY HAS ASSETS OF \$500 MILLION

MINNEAPOLIS—Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal insurance society here, reported assets of \$500 million as of June 30.

A. Herbert Nelson, president, said assets stood at \$500,168,849. He reported new business up 5 per cent.

In addition to providing health and life insurance, the organization provides a wide range of programs—religious, cultural, educational and patriotic—for its membership.

Lutheran Brotherhood has 90 general agencies in 46 states and five provinces of Canada.

Problems of the Christian Life (One in a series)

SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Considerable controversy has arisen concerning the provision of sex instruction by the public schools. While many people consider such instruction a legitimate and important phase of the school's program, others contend that it does not belong in the school and that it is a part of a communist plot to undermine the morals of our nation.

What should be the position of churches and church leaders concerning the controversy?

It is assumed that most of us will agree that proper sex instruction is needed. Most of us realize that children and youth cannot remain ignorant or "innocent" even if such were desirable. They will pick up sex information, accurate and inaccurate, wholesome or unwholesome, from some source.

Parents are the logical ones to give sex instruction to their own children. Unfortunately, however, most parents give little, if any, such instruction.

Churches can and should do much more than they have done in the areas of sex education. Many of them provide no help for parents or children. Very few have a well-planned program of sex education.

Even if all churches provided an adequate program of sex education, which is far from the actual situation, many and possibly most children and youth would be untouched by the program. And since relatively few parents do the job adequately, if at all, it is evident that something is needed in addition to what the churches do or can do.

As churches and church leaders formulate their attitude toward sex education in public schools, they should not forget the great host of people who are untouched by the churches.

If proper sex education is important, and we believe it is, then it seems that the public schools must have some place in their programs for it. Otherwise, many youngsters will never receive any instruction except what they pick up.

The preceding does not mean a blanket approval of every proposed program of sex instruction in the public schools. Whether such a program is wholesome or unwholesome will be determined by its content and also by the teacher or teachers.

Churches, church leaders, and church members should not oppose sex education as such in the public schools. They should seek to have an effective voice in the formulation and execution of the program of public school sex education. They should be alert to the content of the program and the one or ones who will teach the course or courses offered.

Furthermore, parents and church leaders should insist that any course in sex education should contain more than mere facts about sex. While it is recognized that teachers in a pluralistic society face some difficulties in expressing value concepts, children and/or youth should be led to recognize that there are basic laws or principles that govern the area of sex.

Someone has suggested that teaching youngsters facts regarding sex without any ethical principles related to sex relations would be like "teaching them to drive a car without giving them the rules of the road." They may become more dangerous to themselves and to others.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION INCREASES

In the first six months of this year the Bible Society distributed in Belgium 6947 Bibles (2672 more than in the corresponding period last year) and 2157 New Testaments (222 more than last year). In addition to these, 12,239 Bibles and 11,606 New Testaments were produced and dispatched to other countries. (EBPS)

Haste Versus Deliberate Speed

The imperative of the Gospel message is evident throughout the Scriptures. Always there is a note of urgency when time and eternity are focused in apposition. Baptists have reflected this note of urgency in their witness to the Gospel. However, Baptists and all Christians must take a long enough view of history to make certain that goals requiring deliberate speed must not be diminished in effectiveness by haste. We have perhaps been inclined to feel that the fate of the world rests completely in our hands. And, for us, it does—that is, for our generation. But in the long view, to build enduring channels of service we must build carefully. We must build in the hope and anticipation that another generation which is to come after us will take up the reins and continue to build.

We are susceptible to the psychology of change so prevalent in our day. We therefore are inclined to build—almost in anticipation that what we build will be demolished and rebuilt by succeeding generations.

The idea of buying a house, living in it for five or ten years and trading it must not be the basis for our construction of a Christian witness.

There must be deliberate speed. There must be a desire to work "while it is yet day." But, we must not be so busy in our work that we forget to pray, to meditate, to study God's word, and to wait upon the presence of the Holy Spirit, for His leadership.

The psychology which says we must do everything "day before yesterday" is the psychology which makes us prone to forget that we build, or should build, under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

For example, our Catholic friends, taking the long view of history, have constructed carefully over a period of 1500 years in such a manner that they have a world-wide base for their ministry. A time of crisis, a time of financial difficulty, world wide, would not impair seriously their witness. Compare this with Baptists! Take the Cooperative Program, as a case in point. We have lived with it for 45 years. It has been, and should continue to be a tremendous channel of service. Yet, for at least 20 of these 45 years, it has been the object of criticism, distrust, and in some cases scorn. Tennessee Baptists, for example, could strengthen their belief in the long view of history by channeling increased support for our ministries as if the Cooperative Program would be an effective tool until Jesus comes—and well it might.

Again, the long view of history is more inclined to lead us a step at a time than the short view. The short view seeks

to embrace several steps at once. With this view, we sometimes by-pass more stable structures to implement short-range projects.

Baptists should remind themselves over and over "But seek ye first, the Kingdom of God, . . . We have one permanent and abiding commitment. Then we pray for leadership of the Holy Spirit for direction—and then move with deliberate speed.

A Look At Budget

STRESSEE

As the time nears for preparation of budgets by the the churches for the year 1970, may we be bold enough to suggest that the budget and finance committees take a look at the following suggestions:

1—The Cooperative Program needs your prayers AND your financial support. Churches are encouraged to increase their support of our ministries through this channel of service. The "Two-Plus" proposal of several years ago still is quite eective. A two per cent increase in Cooperative Program support by the church each year will over a brief span of time bring a marked increase in capabilities of this channel for increased service.

2—Please take a look at your pastor's salary. Estimates now are that the cost of living will have shown an increase of nearly seven per cent this year. If the pastor's salary is not increased, he is taking a "cut." If the salary is increased by the percentage of the inflationary trend, he is merely holding his own. To provide actual increases then, the gain will have to go beyond the amount cut out by inflation. The same, by the way, is true of Cooperative Program support. Again, what is said for the pastor, is said also for all staff members.

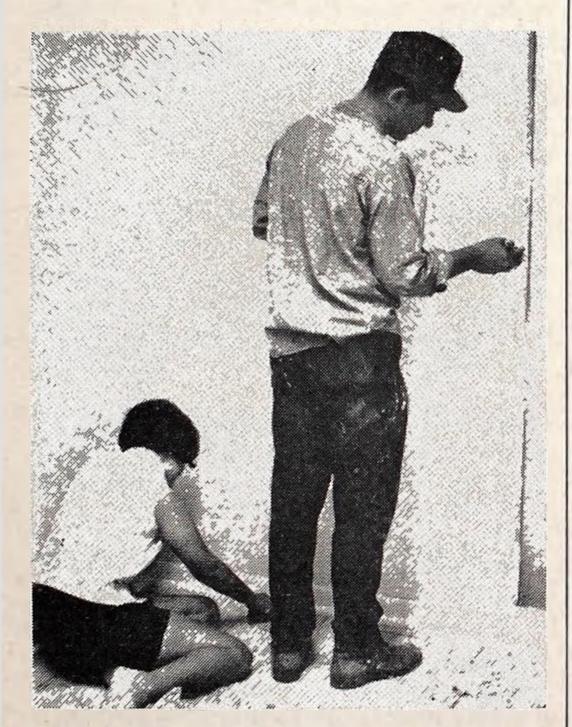
3—Please remember also that unless some sort of provision is made for expenses for necessary travel on behalf of the church, these expenses can be quite costly to the staff. This could perhaps be done by reimbursement on a mileage basis for actual miles, or some other way.

4—If your church does not now provide hospitalization and retirement coverage through the excellent plans of the Annuity Board, please begin this participation this year.

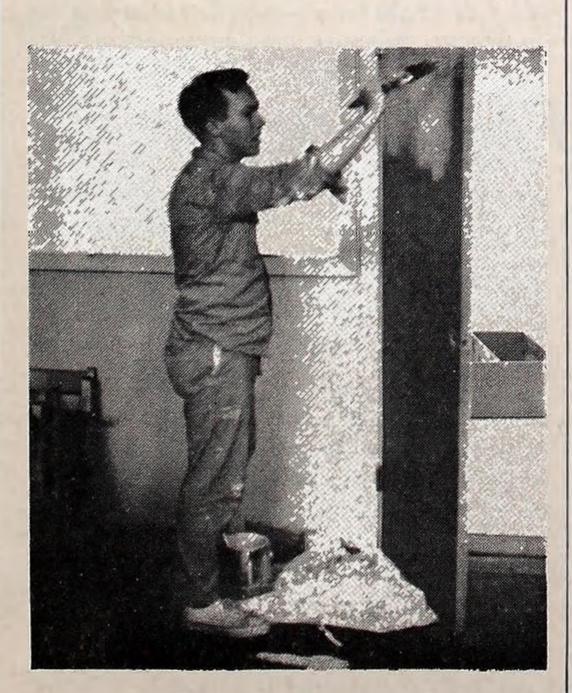
And finally, we would be bold enough to suggest that perhaps the time will come soon when increasing numbers of churches will make some type of budget provision for their pastors to return to school for a month in the summer every few years for renewed study.



Left to right: John Riggell, Lynda Kelley, and Gail Dew.



Left to right: Lynda Kelley and Dan Redmond.



Fred Young

Tennessee Students Renovate Church in Syracuse, New York

Under the direction of Shelley Richardson, associate in the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Richardson, five student summer missionaries are attempting to renovate the 42-year-old structure of Central Baptist church, located on the south side of Syracuse, N.Y. The church is to be the site of the first meeting of the New York Baptist Convention, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, planned for this fall.

New York Baptists are presently a part of of the Maryland and Ohio Baptist Conventions.

In addition to receiving aid through physical repairs, the New York church, located in the outer fringe of the inner city and making an attempt to minister to its surrounding community through a multiple ministries program, is also being guided by the Tennessee group in helping develop a youth program.

Team members include: Gail Dew, Memphis, a senior at Union university, Jackson; Lynda Kelley, Chattanooga, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Fred Young, Nashville, senior at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville; Ernest Startup, Nashville, a junior at Memphis State university; John McPherson, Knoxville, a junior at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City; Dan Redmond, Crockett Mills, a senior at Union university, Jackson; and John Riggell, Monterey, a junior at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville. Assisting the group are Eldon Smith, superintendent of missions, Central New York Baptist association, and Bill Amos, secretary, social ministries for the northeast, with the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

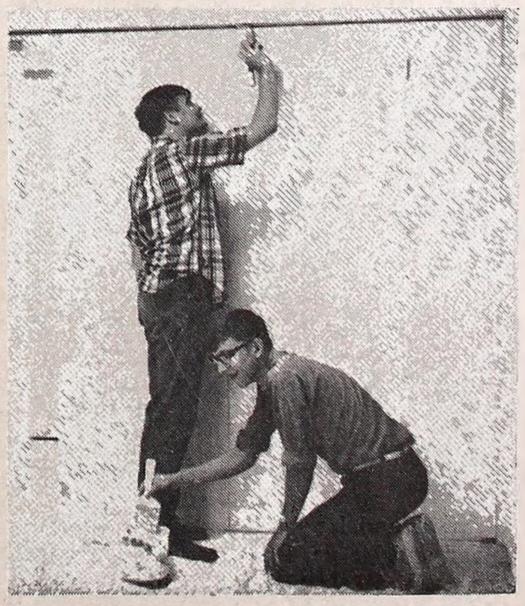
Expense money for this missions appointment comes from the summer missions fund, supported by money which the students make themselves during the winter. Churches and other organizations also contribute toward this fund.



Left to right: Eldon Smith, Dan Redmond, John McPherson, and Bill Amos.



Mrs. Shelley Richardson



Left to right: Ernest Startup and John Mc-Pherson.

GIVEN TWO YEARS

By Mary Kay Johnson

"How wonderful of you to give two years of your life to the Lord's service!"

I chuckle now as I remember the many people who made this remark two years ago when I entered the Missionary Journeyman Program. Now I have comments of my own:

"I did not give two years of my life. I was given two years of life."

Two years of life. I walked the hilly streets of an enchanted little city in Vietnam called Dalat. I wiggled my toes in its streams, felt its rain on my face, listened to the murmur of its pines. I found beauty.

I met a multitude of people—always smiling, always greeting, always following, always delighted to see "an American." I found friendship.

I washed grimy babies on hot summer days—felt their clutch and tears, doctored their sores. I found caring.

I watched young men hobble to church on one leg, hold a hymnal with one hand. I saw smiles on their faces that only God could have given. I found peace.

I saw old and young enter baptismal waters with joyous expressions—laughing out loud in delight. I found happiness.

I listened to a young marine, saw his sad eyes, and felt his grief as he told of a lost buddy. I found sorrow.

I walked with a missionary's child, listened to thoughts and questions, joined in laughter. I found sharing.

I taught, opening new worlds, revealing new ideas. I found fulfillment.

I talked with a young man caught in the dilemma of choosing Buddhism or going against family to choose Christ. I found concern.

I held a little girl, while together we listened to sounds of war. I found fear, questioning.

I saw pains of loneliness as families were separated in pursuit of security. I saw the torture of pressure from those who understood not. I found courage.

I watched the bewildered looks of men whose years of work were destroyed in a night. I found faith.

I walked through hospitals and saw expressionless faces—heard expressionless voices. I found bitterness.

I watched people come into my life and step out of my life—so many good-byes. I found loneliness.

I felt my arms yearn to reach out—comfort, heal, touch. I found helplessness.

I felt the kindness and concern of my mission family—for others, for me. I found love.

I cried and laughed, hated and loved. I needed and I gave, I endured and I rejected, I hoped and I lost. I found life.

I went in search of beauty only to find myself ugly. I went in search of depth only to find my shallowness. I went to give my God only to find how much I need him. The past two years are mine. The Vietnamese people are mine. Life is mine.

(Mary Kay Johnson, of Groom, Tex., completed a two-year term as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman in June. Her major responsibility in Vietnam was teaching children of missionaries.

Doctors, Theologians Disagree On Definition of Death

MADRID—Theologians, doctors, and lawyers, attending the first International Symposium on Organ Transplants here, attempted to arrive at a definition of death. They were not in total agreement.

The three-day gathering was attended by such leading transplant surgeons as Dr. Christian N. Barnard of South Africa and Dr. Denton Cooley of the United States. Roman Catholic, Anglican, Moslem and Jewish theologians attended.

According to the definition of death presented by neurologists and brain specialists, hearts that were still beating could be removed from potential donors. This would be possible only under stringent conditions, including a 24-hour wait in any case where brain activity had ceased but other organs continued functioning.

The theologians called for greater certainty that a donor was dead and for an international law which would define death.

They agreed that transplants were "morally licit" but they said that they should be used only as a last resort. The theologians totally rejected the idea of sale of human organs for transplantation.

In the doctors' definition, death was termed irreversible "bio-electrical silence of the brain." In approving the 24-hour wait-

New English Bible Complete; Old Testament Due in March

LONDON—After years of labor, translation of the New English Bible has now been completed and the whole work, including the Old Testament and Apocrypha, will be published next March, the University Presses of Oxford and Cambridge announced.

The New English Bible is a completely new translation. The New Testament was published in 1961—since then approximately 7,000,000 copies have been sold.

Since 1961, the announcement said, "groups of scholars have continued work on the translation of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha, using the best Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts and all the resources of modern biblical scholarship. After years of drafting, discussion, checking and re-checking, the manuscript finally went to the printers at the end of last year."

Two editions will be available: a standard edition of the whole Bible in one volume, to be issued both with and without Apocrypha, and a three-volume set consisting of the Old Testament, the Apocrypha and a revised edition of the New Testament. (RNS)

ing period for potential donors whose brain had ceased to function while other organs continue activity, the medical authorities urged tests every 30 minutes.

Neurologists at the symposium also listed a series of clinical symptoms of death in the donor which also should be present: inability to breathe unaided, lack of reflexes, and alterations of the pupils and blood circulation.

They also suggested that death be certified by a team of physicians other than those scheduled to perform the transplant.

Lawyers at the meeting did not present a definition of death but agreed that a sure sign of demise was a lack of brain activity. They listed similar symptoms as the doctors on which a diagnosis should be based. (RNS)

Tullahoma Laymen Aid Alaskan Baptists

The Alaskan flood of 1967 interrupted the building program of Hamilton Acres Baptist church in Fairbanks, Alaska, took what money the church had on hand for repairs, and left an unfinished building standing for two years.

During a Vacation Bible School clinic in Fairbanks in April of this year, Hamilton Acres pastor Hugh Hamilton talked with Arthur Burcham, visiting Vacation Bible School consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, about the problem his church faced. Hamilton, a native of Georgia, asked Burcham if he knew of any men in the "lower 48" who might be available to give their vacation time this summer to help finish construction on their educational wing.

Burcham came back to Nashville, con-

tacted three men in Highland Baptist church, Tullahoma, where he formerly served as pastor, and soon plans were formulated for George Williams, Arthur Hargrove, and Albert Gaddis to fly to Alaska to give assistance to the pastor and his church.

These men left June 14 and spent two weeks working on the educational wing, completing all but one or two days' work on the building.

They were able to take one day off for some fishing, as well as a few hours one evening, but as one of the men put it, "I never worked harder in my life." All three men report that they had many new and enjoyable experiences that they will never forget.

Spectacular Baptist Growth Described

By Theo Sommerkamp

European Baptist Press Service

On one Sunday alone, 158 converts were baptized. On the following morning, baptism for 60 more took place.

In the first half of this year, there were almost 1500 baptisms reported. There are another 6000 persons awaiting baptism after they finish a class of instruction in the Christian faith.

In 1962, there were but 908 Baptists in this country. Now there are 9600 Baptists.

Yet for these 9600 Baptists, there is only one—yes, one—African pastor.

Where are we?

Hint—the country has a population of 3½ million and has the greatest density of population in the continent in which it lies.

Hint—it gained its independence as a nation in 1962, and Baptist work there became autonomous when a union was formed in the same year.

Hint—in only a few other countries of the world (like Indonesia, in the East Indies) are Baptists experiencing such equally spectacular results from their missionary work.

Hint—the country, which begins with the letter R, is a mission field of the Danish Baptist Union.

This, of course, is Rwanda, in east central Africa. Rwanda is a bit smaller than the state of Maryland in the USA, and even smaller still than the European nation of Belgium, which formerly held Rwanda under United Nations trusteeship.

European Baptist Press Service had the opportunity to meet the lone Baptist pastor for this most densely populated country in all of Africa. He is Eliakimu Gituro, 50, who lives at Nyantanga with his wife and 12 children, the youngest of whom is 1 year old.

Miss Valdine Renlund, a missionary of the Danish Baptist Union who was traveling with Gituro to Baptist conferences in Denmark and Finland, acted as interpreter. Miss Renlund, of Jakobstad, Finland, is a midwife nurse in Rwanda.

Gituro is a true circuit rider. Traveling mostly by bicycle, he pedals 200 kilometers (125 miles) in three days. Sometimes he goes afoot. "I preach every day, sometimes more than once," he said. He must visit each of 22 preaching stations regularly. Local lay people conduct services between visits. (Mrs. Gituro is busy at home teaching classes for women.)

Miss Renlund accompanies him when she has nursing duties at the same place. "We are always followed by a large and curious crowd. I am constantly aware of them. They follow us so closely that they are continually stepping on the heels of my feet," she said. In predominantly rural Rwanda, a traveler is seldom out of sight of people.

Born in neighboring Burundi (the two nations were linked in pre-independence times), Gituro is a first generation Christian. He has only a primary school education. Before becoming pastor, he worked for 25 years as a nurse.

He finds it difficult being the only pastor to so many people in so many places. His burden will soon be lightened. There has been a shortage of pastors because there was no place to train them. A new pastors' school will send out four pastors at the end of another school year.

After two years, there will be another group, making 10 pastors in all. Meantime, Gituro must continue to be away from home much more than he is at home with his wife and family. He must make the rounds of preaching points and baptize the large numbers of waiting converts.

Usually a Danish Baptist missionary shares baptismal services with him, so that Gituro does not have to baptize a large group alone. However, Gituro has baptized, by himself, as many as 165 converts at one time.

Miss Renlund explained that some people attempt to become Baptists for social reasons. "We have to be careful in examining their reasons. We must screen out the genuinely converted from those who are socially motivated," she continued.

A close watch is kept also over those who have already become church members. Last year, 400 members were excluded from among Baptists for such sins as drinking, polygamy, animal sacrifices, and other pagan activities.

BARCELONA SEMINARY GRADUATES 15

The Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary, located in Barcelona, has graduated 15 students. Pastor Pedro Bonet, of the city's First Baptist church, where the ceremony was held, greeted the graduates on behalf of the Spanish Baptist Union, of which he is president.

Pastor Juan Luis Rodrigo, of First Baptist church, Madrid, charged the graduates to link their lives to the churches they are to serve. One couple will go to the Baptist church in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, a province of Spain.

Special music was provided by the choir of First Baptist church, Sabadell, near Barcelona. (EBPS)

Girl Interrupts Glorieta Sermon; Congregation Reacts Favorably

GLORIETA, N.M.—A sermon on love, concern and sharing was interrupted by the questions of a girl who doubted the sincerity of the speaker. Many church leaders in the congregation beamed approval.

The occasion was a dramatic presentation at the young people's Sunday School leadership conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

Written by Glorieta staffer Kathie Graves of Fresno, Calif., the "service" began with the popular song, "Elinor Rigby," which tells of the loneliness of people.

The "minister," a different staffer at each performance, read from John 4:7 about the woman at the well and then proceeded with his sermon.

Undaunted by the loud remarks of the heckler, the minister ended his talk without response to the questions about his lack of love for other races, his refusal to help her friends who take dope and his failure to help her understand about God.

Leaving the pulpit, the minister told her to "stop by my office for some pamphlets. If you have any questions, my secretary will answer them for you."

The bewildered young girl wandered away as the song was heard again . . . "All the lonely people, where do they all come from? . . .

Kathie said that she does not have time to talk with everyone about how she feels, so she uses poetry and dramatic presentations to get her message to church leaders.

Reaction among adult young people's leaders at the conference was mixed amazement and admitted guilt.

"It shook me out of my apathy," said Mrs. Virginia Crow of First Baptist church, Muskogee, Okla. "It was so dramatic. I know this is true and feel this terrible condemnation, but I had not been willing to admit it."

Sam Beam III, minister of music and education at First Baptist church, Gatesville, Tex., said, "It was a graphic presentation of things that go on that we hate to admit. We close our eyes. The fact that the minister ignored her is what made it effective. This is what church leaders often do." (BP)

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TENNESSEE NEWS BRIEFS

James C. and Marilyn Redding, Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru, have returned to the states for furlough and may be addressed at 199 S. Cox, Memphis, 38104. He was born in Nashville and reared in Goodlettsville. Mrs. Redding, the former Marilyn Moore, is a native of Eastman, Ga., and has lived in Chattanooga, Springfield, and Memphis. Redding was pastor of Fairview Baptist church, Indianola, Miss., when they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Gaza, are due in states for furlough in August. During August their address will be 6124 Jocelyn Hollow Rd., Nashville, 37205, and after Sept. 1 they may be addressed at 1208 Hester, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401. Born in Selma, Ala., Dr. Moore is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Merrill D. Moore, Sr., of Nashville (father is the executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention), and has lived in Newport, Murfreesboro, and Nashville. Mrs. Moore is the former Patricia Pitchford, a native of Hartshorne, Okla. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

James A. Coppock has been named chairman of the business department of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, according to Dr. John Albert Fincher, president. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman (where he once taught), and the University of Tennessee with a masters degree in transportation and management. He formerly held a position with IBM Corp. in Atlanta in management science.

Miss Karen Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Boyd of Chattanooga, a senior at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson

Miss Boyd

City, has been appointed by the Home Mission Board as a summer missionary to Oklahoma. She is an honor graduate of Tyner High school, Chattanooga, and is majoring in English with a minor in Home Economics at Carson-Newman. She has been tapped into both English honor societies, a charter honor member of Home Eco-

nomics, a member of the A Cappella choir, and at present is a member of First church, Jefferson City.

Bass Chapel church, Holston Valley association, recently paneled the church and built a new bell tower. James Trent is pastor.

Carters Valley Chapel, Holston Valley association, has organized a Woman's Missionary Union, and plans to begin a building program soon. Earl Ownbey is pastor.

Belmont church, Holston Valley association, has called **James Wells** as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of Prospect church in Sweetwater association.

John J. Buell, a graduate of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has been called as pastor of McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville. He served as pastor of White Oak Hills church, Atlanta, for over six and one-half years.

Joseph Samuel Hicks, 87, member and long-time deacon at Merton Avenue church, Memphis, died recently at St. Joseph hospital. He served for 27 years as city tax assessor in Memphis and never lost an election in 48 years of public service. He at one time served as mayor of the small community east of Overton Park before it was annexed by Memphis. Services were held at Merton Avenue church with burial in Forest Hill cemetery. He is survived by four sisters and one step-brother.

Pastor and Mrs. J. Victor Brown were honored recently by First church, Mt. Pleasant on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. At a reception following a recent Sunday evening service, the Browns were presented a money tree and serving pieces of silver by their children. They have four children: Vic, Jr., Nashville; Granger of Knoxville and a senior at the University of Tennessee; and Tim and Susan of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Brown is the former Carolyn Granger of Little Rock, Ark.

Gyles Widener, pastor, Hickory Cove church, Holston Valley association, has resigned to become pastor of a Baptist church in Valdese, N. C.

Howes Chapel church, Holston Valley association, has ordained Leo Bellamy into the gospel ministry. D. L. Bentley is pastor.

Nolan S. Barham of Waco, Texas, has been named assistant professor of education at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, according to Dr. John Albert Fincher, president. He comes to Carson-Newman from Baylor university where he has been serving as an education teaching assistant in the biology department. A graduate of Middle Tennessee State university, Murfreesboro, he taught for three years in the Tullahoma school system.

Albert Bentley, pastor, Maple Hill church, Holston Valley association, has resigned to become pastor of Southside Baptist church, Middlesboro, Ky.

Larry Lee Smith has been called as associate pastor and minister of youth and religious education at Grace church, Nashville. A native of Baton Rouge, La., he received the B.A. degree from Louisiana college and the master of theology and master of religious education degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. He was licensed by Una church, Nashville, while serving in the Air Force and station at Sewart Air Force base, Smyrna and was ordained into the gospel ministry in Baton Rouge. He comes to Grace from Boulevard church, Lake Charles, La., where he served as associate pastor. Mrs. Smith is the former Dorothy Jean Lowe. They have three children: Bonnie, Barry, and Bruce.

New Books

Saint J. D. by James Cole and Robert Lee, Word, 163 pp., \$3.95. A new approach to writing a biography, it is the story of a man's life, graphically portrayed. It is also the story of a city, a time of challenge, and a denomination of Christians as these affected the man and as they were affected by him.

If I Make My Bed in Hell by John B. Porter, Word, 165 pp., \$4.95. The steaming, rain-drenched jungles of South Viet Nam are the setting for this story of American fighting men locked in combat with the illusive but deadly Viet Cong.

Christianity in Communist China by George N. Patterson, Word, 174 pp., \$4.95. The journalist's eye and probing mind brings into sharp focus the intensity of the tension and struggle as two conflicting ideologies vie for the minds and loyalties of millions of people.

BAPTIST MARTIN B. BRADLEY, Director

BAPTIST LEADERS PREFER APPOINTMENT OF "CONSERVATIVES" TO HIGH COURT

NASHVILLE—Appointment of persons with conservative political views to the Supreme Court won majority approval of selected Baptist leaders according to Baptist VIEWpoll a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers.

When the panel was asked, "Whenever new appointments are made by the President of the Supreme Court, would you like to have persons who are liberal or who are conservative in their political views?" 90.6% of the pastors and 80.6% of the Sunday School teachers responded "conservative." Only 4.5% of the pastors and 5.2% of the Sunday School teachers responded "liberal." The remaining 4.9% of the pastors and 14.2% of the Sunday School teachers had "no opinion."

The poll, conducted during late June and early July, is in marked contrast of the Gallup Poll findings on the same item, taken approximately one month prior to the Baptist VIEWpoll survey. The Gallup Poll found that 52% of those interviewed preferred "conservatives;" while 25% preferred "liberals," and the remaining 23% had "no opinion."

Respondents were asked to express reasons for their position on the court appointments. Dominant themes running through the voluntary comments of those favoring

the appointment of "conservatives" to the court were law and order, dissatisfaction with the present Supreme Court members, and a feeling that there has been too much liberalism.

Those favoring the appointment of men with "liberal" political views to the Court expressed a conviction that such appointments would be more in line with progress.

An important factor apparently back of the VIEWpoll response was voiced by one pastor who wrote, "The Supreme Court is liberal now and has provided the means legally for much of the unrest of our day." Or, as one pastor put it, "The liberal element has about wrecked our country and we need a return to conservatism."

A Sunday School teacher wrote, "Too many recent decisions have been too liberal in their content and have fostered additional ideas of revolt in our youth and minority groups."

Speaking in favor of liberal appointees to the Court, one pastor wrote, "Conservatism moves too slowly in a rapidly changing world." Another pastor wrote, "I think men with liberal views are more in line with progress."

The findings are based upon a 91% response by the Baptist VIEWpoll panel members. (BP)

Former 'Approach' Editor Planning New Journal

PHILADELPHIA—The former editor of "Approach," a weekly once maintained by the United Presbyterian Church, will publish an independent interdenominational newspaper which will be known as "New Approach, the Religion Newsweekly."

Ed Richter said that his new publication will stress the changing nature of the church and the innovations that churchmen are making.

Although it will be interdenominational in nature, the new publication at first will have the United Presbyterians as its primary base for support. Mr. Richter reported that he has received tentative commitments for several thousand subscriptions at \$7 a year.

The original publication was discontinued by the denomination for financial reasons. It was published by the United Presbyterians for the Crisis in the Nations Program of the National Council of Churches. (RNS)

Gov't Loans Recommended For Texas Baptist Colleges

WACO, Tex.—The Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has recommended that the trustees of Texas Baptist colleges be allowed to apply for state and federal loans and contracts—as long as they are free of government control.

The action resulted from recommendations brought by the Commission's Committee of 12, appointed last July to study the controversial Carden Report on Texas Baptist higher education.

Before becoming final, the action must be adopted by the convention's executive board and the annual convention in San Antonio next November.

The Committee of 12 disposed of specific Carden Report recommendations earlier this year, but continued to study ways to improve Baptist education in Texas. The committee will make its final report next Octoher. (BP)

North Carolina Home For Unwed Mothers Set

ASHEVILLE, N.C.—The Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina will begin operating a home for unwed mothers here during 1970, the home's president, W. R. Wagoner has announced.

The new home for unwed mothers will become the fourth such agency operated by Southern Baptists in the United States, and the first in North Carolina.

Designed to accommodate 36 young women per year (maximum of twelve for a four-month period), the home will be located at a large residence at 240 Pearson Drive in Asheville.

Wagoner said that there are no plans at present to offer adoption services out of the home, or from any of the five children's homes operated by the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.

A growing need for a ministry to unwed mothers and their offspring was cited as the reason for the decision to establish the home.

"Numerous requests for services have been directed to the agency by individuals, pastors, professional people and other agencies and institutions in behalf of expectant mothers who are bearing children out of wedlock," Wagoner said.

The home's president said that a survey of medical doctors throughout North Carolina concerning the need for such a home showed an overwhelming vote in favor of its establishment.

Three other maternity homes are operated by Southern Baptists in the nation— Sellers Home in New Orleans, operated by the SBC Home Mission Board; and two homes in Dallas and San Antonio, Tex., operated by Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Inc. The three provide services for about 450 girls each year.

Wagoner said the Children's Homes trustees had studied many prospective locations for the home, but that in recent months, interested citizens in Asheville and Buncombe County had requested that Asheville be considered.

The Executive Committee of the Buncombe Baptist association took an option on the home in Asheville in January to give the trustees time to evaluate the home and property, and determine its suitability. (BP)

Synod Authorizes Women On Boards and Commissions

DENVER—Delegates to the regular convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod voted to grant woman suffrage and opened the way to membership of women on local and synodical boards, commissions and committees.

"Scripture does not prohibit women from exercising the franchise in congregational or synodical assemblies," said a resolution adopted by the delegates. (RNS)

Sisters Become Citizens With Help Of Baptist Group

By Robert O'Brien

DALLAS—Two sisters from Dallas—by way of Mexico—are citizens of the United States because a Baptist lawyer went to Sunday School and decided to put into action what he learned.

Because he did, Mrs. Esperanza Soto and Mrs. Mary Lou Escobar, both Baptists, learned an important lesson: It's not really so difficult to become a citizen—it just looks that way.

"It all (naturalization) looked so hard," said Mrs. Escobar, who came to the states 15 years ago from Monterrey, Mexico. "Somehow, I just never thought I could learn everything I needed to know," she said.

That was before Durward Moore's Sunday School class at Wilshire Baptist church in Dallas, started talking about community needs.

The class stopped talking and started acting. Volunteers went to the Ervay Baptist Center, directed by Home Missionary J. D. Holt, to help replace sheetrock. The Holts showed them around and explained the center's operation.

"We were dreaming out loud about projects we would like to start, such as a citizenship class," Mrs. Holt recalled. Moore who has an undergraduate degree in history and government, needed no prompting. "That's something I could do," he volunteered.

Mrs. Soto, Mr. and Mrs. Escobar were in the first class of four which Moore faced that first night at the Ervay Center, where the Sotos and the Escobars are members.

Moore plunged right in. Fifteen minutes later he had covered 50 years of U.S. history and was just about to shift into high gear. Then he looked around and saw that the group sat there in amazed confusion.

The problem was simple. The class had no inkling of what he was talking about. All those facts he'd taken for granted since childhood—Columbus, George Washington and all the rest—were North American, if not Greek, to them.

"I slowed down after that," Moore says, "and we took things gradually. I enjoyed watching them progress. They're capable

people."

"Many Latin Americans and other foreign-born people would make good citizens," explained Holt. "But most of them find it hard to bridge the cultural and language gaps without help. Most of them have never had the encouragement to do what it takes."

Mrs. Soto expressed it from the heart. "Mr. Moore and the Ervay Center are doing a wonderful thing," she said. "Other churches should also help people become citizens.

"There is so much my people don't know about the United States," she continued.

"Some won't try to become citizens because they have heard untrue rumors. Some think they must go to court and walk on the flag of their country before the U.S. government will accept them.

"But now I can tell them differently," she beamed, "because I have been there. I pray that God will help me be a good citizen of my country." (BP)

Draft Violators Imprisoned Totaled 587 in June

NYACK, N.Y.—The number of Selective Service violators in U.S. prisons at the end of June, 1969, was 587, according to an official of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) here.

Of that number, 382 were Jehovah's Witnesses and 205 are "religious" or "other" objectors, according to A. Stauffer Curry, director of Interfaith Activities, for FOR. He cited figures provided by the office of U.S. Prison Director Myrl Alexander, as of June 26.

In a tally of 168 prisoners visited by Horton in recent months, the following breakdown of religious affiliations was reported:

Catholics, 22; Quakers, 11; Mennonites, 10; Amish, 7; Jews, 6; Unitarians, 6; Methodists, 4; Episcopalians, 4; Muslims, 3, and two each from Presbyterian, Southern Baptist and other Baptist bodies. There were one each from United Church of Christ, Church of God, Self-Realization Fellowship, Brethren and Lutheran denominations.

One prisoner claimed to be an atheist; 21 said they had no religious affiliation. The affiliation of 62 was unknown. (RNS)

Alabama Youth Commend Governor's Smut Fight

TALLADEGA, Ala.—More than 200 Baptist youth signed a letter here commending Alabama Governor George Brewer for his "aggressive effort to stop the distribution of pornographic material in our state."

The youth signed the petition during the first Alabama Baptist Coed Missions Conference at Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly here.

They also commended the governor, a Baptist layman, for halting the showing of "X-rated" movies at seven theaters in Alabama.

The conference was sponsored by the Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and the Alabama Baptist Brotherhood department, and combined the summer Young Woman's Auxiliary (YWA) and Baptist Young Men's conferences.

During the final session led by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen of Richmond, Va., 63 young people made decisions to enter missions service. (BP)

CARDINAL ASKS PUBLIC FORGIVENESS FOR BISHOP IN 'EXECUTION' CASE

MUNICH—Julius Cardinal Doepfner of Munich has issued a statement asking public forgiveness for his vicar general whose involvement in the execution of 17 Italians during the II World War was revealed here recently.

Bishop Matthias DeFregger, Auxiliary Bishop and vicar general of the archdiocese, admitted that he passed on an order for the execution of the Italians in retaliation for the killing of German soldiers by partisans. However, the bishop, at that time an officer in the German army, refused to perform the executions himself. Officials of the archdiocese said that the prelate has gone on a short leave from his duties for "a few days of meditation." (RNS)

Former Staff Member Appointed Missionary

ATLANTA—Three persons recently were appointed career missionaries by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, including a former staff member of the National Missions Headquarters.

Beverly Hammack, who served about six years in the agency's department of special mission ministries, was named director of Christian social ministries in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Rawls of Virginia were appointed to New Orleans where he will direct the denomination's youth and family services in that area.

A native of Southwest City, Mo., Miss Hammack is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, Okla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth.

She left the Home Mission Board in 1967 and obtained a master of social work degree from Tulane university in New Orleans.

Earlier she had served as Woman's Missionary Union youth director for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists and had worked at the Rachel Sims Mission and Sellers Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans.

A native of Portsmouth, Va., Rawles was a student missionary aiding in youth and family services while he attended New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. (BP)

Misinterpretations Persist On Court's Prayer Decision

By Beth Hayworth

WASHINGTON—A marathon talk-fest in Congress about the Supreme Court's 1962 and 1963 decisions banning government-sponsored prayers and required Bible readings from the nation's public schools may signal an increase in efforts to reverse the court's decisions.

The "Prayer Day" in the House of Representatives gave further evidence of misinterpretations that continue to crop up concerning what the Supreme Court actually said in its historic decisions.

In the "Prayer Day" observance, Congressmen who have introduced bills asking for some kind of "prayer amendment" to the U.S. Constitution were asked to speak in support of their proposals. Only 74 of the House's 435 members responded.

Of this group, almost half were not members of the House of Representatives in 1964 when the House Judiciary Committee held extensive hearings on similar proposals for a constitutional "prayer amendment."

House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford (R., Mich.), the second speaker in the marathon, called attention to the 1964 hearings and the opposition expressed then by many religious leaders to the proposals.

He admitted that it would be "extremely difficult" to obtain a constitutional amendment "overriding the decision of the court" without the support of the church leaders in the country.

The unusual "Prayer Day" rally was promoted by Reps. Thomas J. Meskill (R., Conn.) and John H. Dent (D., Pa.). Pennsylvania is one of the states where some school districts have ordered reinstitution of Bible readings and prayers in defiance of the court's ruling against government-sponsored religious devotions.

The 74 speeches ranged from expressions of belief in prayer and dependence on God to expressing the fear that the Supreme Court's decision would result in "the divorce of God" from the nation's public life. Many of the messages amounted to statements praising "the faith of our fathers" and patriotism, and condemning secularization in society.

The tensions between these Congressional Representatives and the Supreme Court were expressed in charges that the court had brought on "secularization" and had "ruled God out" of public life.

Great emotion was expressed over the concern that the court would someday rule that the eight-inch plaque with the words "In God We Trust" would have to come down from behind the speaker's rostrum in the House of Representatives. This plaque was placed there in 1962 following the

court's historic ruling on school prayers.

Many, if not most of the speakers, assumed that if a person is "for" prayer then he must also be for "prayer amendment" to the Constitution. How "God" or "prayer" are regulated by the Constitution was not explained.

Several of the Congressmen admitted that teaching religion belongs in the home and the church, but they felt that the public school authorities should "continue this training when our children are away."

Most of the spokesmen who asked for an official role in religion for public school officials ordinarily would resist expanding the role of government.

Only about 80 bills have been introduced in the House asking to "clarify" or reverse the court's decision. In the 1963-64 session, there were 149 proposals. This comparison may indicate that the prayer amendment issue is a dying one.

The Southern Baptist Convention has repeatedly stated its endorsement of the court's decision to restrain public officials from using their public office to promote religious experiences, and its confidence in the adequacy of the Constitution's First Amendment to guarantee religious freedom. (BP)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Effective August 4, 1969 the new mailing address for all departments of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be: P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

The telephone number will be: area 615-833-4220.

Sunday School

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By Wendell W. Price

The first nine months of this year churches have responded without special promotion to the use of the ACHIEVE-MENT GUIDES to measure the progress of teaching and reaching.

There were 589 awards granted, which includes 437 Merit, 116 Advanced, and 36 Distinguished.

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Adult Classes lead the way for Merit awards with 127. Junior Classes are runners-up with 105 of the same. The same ratio is true for Advanced Achievement and Distinguished Achievement.

All three awards totaled give Adult Classes 183 and Junior Classes 143 awards.

Administrative Services Manager Named

NASHVILLE—Don Early has been named manager of the administrative services staff, office of management services, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Early was formerly Broadman Supplies product development manager in the board's executive office.

A native of Nashville, Early is a graduate of Belmont college and holds a master of arts degree from Vanderbilt university, both in Nashville.

He first joined the staff of the board in 1958, as a part-time worker in the addressing and mailing section, and was later transferred to the merchandise control department. In 1960 he became display and direct mail advertising specialist in the board's retail advertising and promotion department, where he served for eight years. (BP)

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Church Overwhelmed By Bible School Success

by George Sheridan

LOUISVILLE—Even though they planned for it, prayed for it, and hoped for it, Beth Haven Baptist church in Valley Station, Ky., just outside Louisville, has found that success still comes as a surprise.

The church members and pastor have been overwhelmed by the response to their summer Vacation Bible School, which surpassed its goal for reaching 2000 children with an enrolment of 2275. Last year, the enrolment was 1401.

Associate Pastor Bradley Price, who serves as the Bible School director, listed a score of reasons why large enrollment was expected, but in the flush of success he admitted, "I just can't tell all the reasons for going over our goal."

Price said the biggest single factor in the phenomenal turnout was the church's elaborate transportation program. Beth Haven owns 14 de-commissioned school buses, and used 12 of them to transport some 700 youngsters to the church each day. Since the school's average daily attendance was just over 1400, the buses accounted for about half the pupils present.

The church buses were also instrumental in the advance promotion for the Bible School. Used throughout the year for Sunday School, each vehicle is assigned a driver and a lay pastor. The pastors are charged with filling their buses with children who would not otherwise attend Sunday School. Then, each pastor has a weekly visit with each of his riders.

For a month prior to the Vacation Bible School, the pastors used the weekly visits to encourage the children to attend.

Another factor in the huge turnout was an awards program for pupils who brought guests and who built up significant attendance records of their own. One student on each bus received an award for the highest record of attendance, bringing visitors and memorizing Scripture.

Bicycles were presented to the highest record holders in the junior, primary and intermediate departments.

A community-wide information program also accounted for some of the record-smashing attendance, according to Price. Some 15,000 circulars were distributed to the area residents, and Price estimates that 45,000 persons were reached this way.

The crowd that responded was almost too big for the facilities. The entire program for the junior-age children was held in rented quarters of Grace Wilkerson Public School next door to the church. About 100 teenagers, many who helped with the

Bible School during the day, held their class meetings at night.

The staff for the Bible School totaled 205. An eight-week training program for staff members met weekly prior to the school. A teacher and three helpers were used in each classroom. In the training, four coordinators who direct the year-round Sunday School work in four age groups led the training.

Price said that the "sharpest" teachers in the VBS are used in the program for teenagers. He added that the night schedule for the teen Bible School was the reason for the relatively low enrollment in that department.

A loose structure was adopted for the teen sessions. Class sessions included lectures and dialogue and singing of popular and folk Gospel music.

In place of handiwork and craft sessions, the teenagers elected to take on some service projects. The boys kept the church buses clean, and arranged furniture each night for the next day's VBS session, and the entire group recorded for the broadcast of the church's weekly radio program for teenagers.

The emphasis with the juniors was evangelism. Each day's session concluded with a 30-minute worship service in the church sanctuary, and Price reported that 160 junior children made professions of faith during the two-week series.

Price found that the juniors were keen about competition, especially between boys and girls. Department leaders capitalized upon this, having contests to inculcate study material. Price attributed a high degree of enthusiasm among the juniors to the fact that so many of them were grouped together.

The entire program culminated with a Sunday night commencement service held outdoors on the grounds of the Grace Wilkerson School. More than 1200 persons attended.

Price said he has attempted to make the Bible School a community program, and saw hints of success in that the enrollment was interracial and included more than 500 Catholic youngsters. "I can't recall how many times I was called 'Father,'" Price said.

Sunday School enrollment at the church now stands at 2800 and church membership totals 1900. Price attributed the growth to the Pastor John Turpin's thorough-going evangelistic emphasis backed up with a wellorganized educational program. (BP)

George Sheridan is news director of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville.

Anglican, United Committee Preparing Joint Hymnal

TORONTO, Ont.—Hymns containing "escape theology," poor literary standards and irrelevant phrases have been rejected by the joint hymn committee of the Anglican and United Churches.

The two denominations, which are moving towards a Plan for Union, are considering some 700 hymns for inclusion in a jointly produced hymnal. About 30 per cent of hymns selected are new.

The committee is also considering some Negro spirituals and songs from China, Korea and India. To date, 266 hymns common to both Churches have been selected, plus 139 familiar to each denomination.

In a report to the General Synod of the Anglican Church, due soon, the committee will recommend provision of a "throwaway-type" of book containing about 30 contemporary folk songs, with music for guitar accompaniment. These could be revised with more current songs at little cost. (RNS)

Highland Heights, Tullahoma Breaks Ground for Sanctuary

Highland Heights church, Tullahoma, has broken ground for a new, \$127,000 sanctuary with a seating capacity of 400, a study, offices and work area—for a total of 7100 square feet of floor space.

The building will have a colonial-style front topped by a 43-foot steeple, putting the tip 82 feet in the air. The new sanctuary will have space for a future balcony.

Plans call for the present 170-seat sanctuary to be used as a chapel, according to pastor Donald Courson.

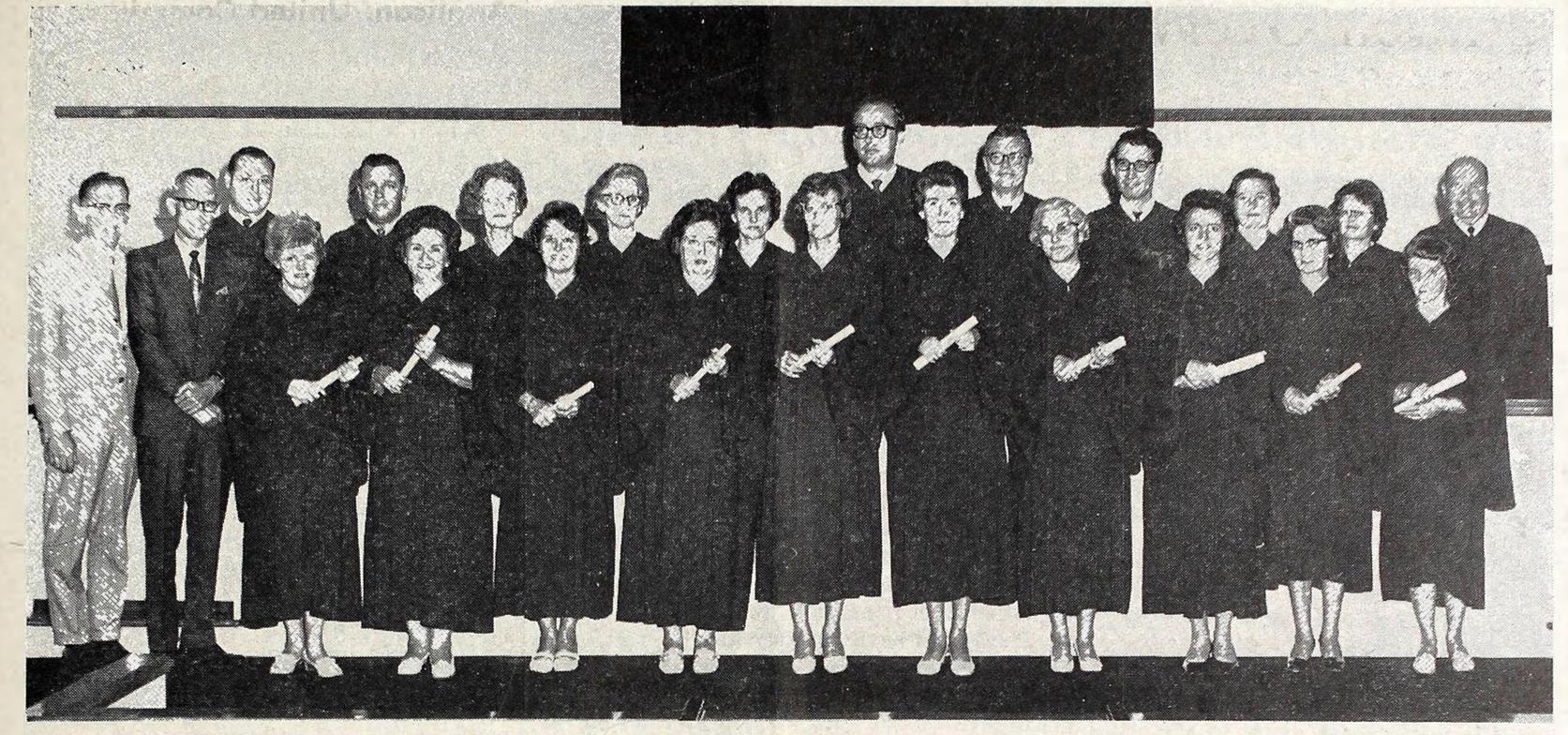
Highland Heights was organized in January, 1950 with the late Roy C. Magill as the first pastor. That same year they built the present sanctuary and the first unit of the educational building. Magill was succeeded by Arthur Burcham who is now with the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Working with building committee chairman Arthur Hargrove is Jon Harris, Bill Freeman, and Lavoy Barton, Jr., as members.

Caribbean Baptists Propose Fellowship

Baptists from 14 Caribbean countries, meeting in their second Crusade of the Americas regional congress on evangelism, proposed a permanent Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

The 37 representatives who attended the June meeting at the Baptist Conference Center, Duncan, Jamaica, agreed that the aim of the fellowship would be to foster fellowship, understanding, and mutual cooperation among the Baptists in the region.



Highland Park Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee had a Graduation Service on the night of July 13, 1969, for church members who completed the Leadership Training Course initiated during the past year. The content of the course included an in-depth study of teaching techniques, the psychology of learning, teaching aims and leadership theory. The "Montgomery Plan" of Leadership Training was used. Shown above are part of the 23 who completed the intensive four months' course during the regular Sunday School hour.

Left to right—Front row—Wendell Price, Commencement Speaker; Bill Delaney, Pastor of Highland Park; Mrs. Cleo Houston, Mrs. Margaret Prince, Mrs. Marie Dowell, Mrs. Betty Kuykendall, Mrs. Nora Gibson, Mrs. Faye Baxter, Mrs. Margaret Posey, Mrs. Viva Cox, Mrs. Nell Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mary Helen Crouch.

Second row—J. N. (Butch) Sisk, John Lynn, Mrs. R. B. McKee, Mrs. J. J. Mooney, Mrs. Hulda Beard, W. H. (Buddy) Baxter, Henry Martin Puryear, Harold Dillon, teacher of the class; Mrs. Sally Pennington, Mrs. Dean Rogers, Jim Dent.

Not present when the picture was made: Jerry Daniel, Miss Faye Ivie, Mrs. Helen Mays.

Pitts Hughes Will Join Southern Seminary Staff

LOUISVILLE—Miss Pitts Hughes, director of Baptist student work at Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., since 1964, will join the staff of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary here August 15 as director of women's activities and assistant dean of students.

She will also be a curriculum consultant for the Seminary evening school which conducts several specialized courses for wives of seminary students. She will teach a course called The Role of the Minister's Wife.

Miss Hughes has served as director of Baptist student work at Auburn university, Alabama college, Wake Forest college, Tennessee Tech, Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, and the Baptist Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. Prior to her work at Vanderbilt, she was an associate in the department of student work of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1957 to 1964.

A graduate of Furman university (Baptist) in Greenville, S.C., Miss Hughes also attended Anderson college in Anderson, S.C., and the Women's Missionary Union Training School here, now merged with Southern seminary. (BP)

LOG OF MISSIONARY'S WRECKED SHIP: 'FORSAKE ME NOT IN MY OLD AGE'

BRISBANE, Australia—The simple ship's log of the trimaran "Jessie W" recounted the trials of the Rev. Derek Watts, 82, an Anglican missionary who was found dead in the wreckage of the craft on July 14.

Contents of the log, including a plea to God made a few days before the Anglican clergyman's death, were revealed by Capt. A. Jefferson of the American freighter Austral Pilot when he reached here.

Watts had set out from Suva, Fiji for Sydney on April 25 and his craft went unreported until found wrecked on a reef 400 miles east of Maryborough, Queensland.

The log's last entry was on May 14. It read:

"Stomach out of order. Miracle if I reach Sydney. Psalm for today, 'Forsake me not in my old age when my strength faileth me.'"

Recounted in the log—actually a child's school exercise book—were the last tragic days of the old missionary. He was ill 14 days and battling against sail trouble, a faulty engine and winds.

Captain Jefferson said the trimaran was

in bad shape. The mast was gone; torn from the deck, it left a large hole. The body of the aged missionary was found fully clothed on a bunk. The barometer readings indicated that the "Jessie W" ran into a severe tropical storm before it ran upon the reef.

For the past several years, Watts had sailed from island to island serving as a missionary to communities that seldom see a clergyman.

'Ecumenical' Seminary Planned in Detroit

DETROIT—Dr. Theodore Gill, past president of the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, Calif., will become dean of the Detroit Center for Christian Studies this Fall.

The center, which may become the nation's first ecumenical seminary "started from scratch" for laymen, clergy and seminary candidates, will offer courses at the Westminster Presbyterian and St. Matthew's Roman Catholic churches. (RNS)

The Disciple's Motives in Religious Practices

Basic Passage: Matthew 6:1-18
Focal Passages: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

What we do, how we do and why we do are all important. However, why we do a thing is of primary concern to our heavenly Father.

We are to do everything to please God. This is not because God is arbitrary or despotic. He is the highest entity in the realm of goodness, beauty, purity and love. If we regard His favorable reaction to our deeds, it will guarantee their quality. It will eliminate not legitimate self-interest but outright selfishness.

The daughter of a famous and good man wrote from college to her father, "I try to do everything in the light of what I feel you would approve." We are to relate our prayers, giving, and living to the will of God.

The above motivation will greatly bless the individuals so activated and will further the cause of righteousness, equity, justice and love on this earth.

SELFISH MOTIVE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS Matthew 6:1

The Pharisees had a well-developed scheme of self-righteousness. Every act and deed were part of a form of exhibition to impress men. The idea of pleasing God was in the remote background of their consciousness.

This was so tragic particularly since the Pharisees started off as very sincere, devout separatists and were highly patriotic. Now they have become technical formalists, hypocrites, and scheming nationalists pretending to be loyal to Rome.

SELFISH MOTIVE IN ALMSGIVING Matthew 6:24

God provided in His law as given to Moses a rather advanced and effective plan to care for widows, orphans, and the victimized poor. It was elaborated considerably by the interpreters and leaders in Israel.

In time it came to be exploited by those seeking the applause of men. They made considerable noise about what they did in order to attract attention to themselves.

Christ said that they were receiving their reward—the praise of men. God paid no attention to their loud claims except to react with disgust.

Christ urged His disciples to perform their obligations cheerfully and quietly. It was to be done without regard to the recognition of men. They were to look after the welfare of others for the glory of God and in the name of Christ.

The right kind of almsgiving for the

noblest of motives would be duly recognized by their heavenly Father. It would prove to be richly rewarding.

SELFISH MOTIVE IN PRAYING Matthew 6:5-9, 14-15

The religious actors of His day liked to be seen of men instead of being heard of God as they prayed. In fact as they pretended to be addressing God they were actually addressing men in prayer.

On a certain campus a very small group asked the president of the University if they could have a prayer meeting for peace in Vietnam. The president said, "Of course. In fact, I am praying daily for a just peace myself." Now, there is a prayer chapel in one of the buildings on this campus. It is in a secluded quiet place. They did not seem to be interested in praying there. They wanted to pray in the open in the most conspicuous place on the campus. Were they seeking the ear of God or the eyes of men?

Those hypocrites in the days of Jesus composed and recited long repetitious prayers. It reminds us of a passing remark we heard some time ago. The person in mind said, "I do not have much confidence in him but he surely can pray an eloquent prayer." It was fairly long and beautifully phrased.

SELFISH MOTIVE IN FASTING Matthew 6:16-18

There were those in the days of our Lord who professed to be fasting. They went about with long, sad faces as if they were terribly burdened. Some were impressed. Thus they were rewarded to a degree.

The world sees enough sad and depressing looks. The disciples of Christ were to have fresh, radiant faces because of unquenchable joy even though their hearts might be breaking.

Concern which takes away our weakness in being unable to discipline ourselves is what God wants and will reward. You can tell if a man prays in secret by how he prays in public. There will be a reverence and awareness of God in his praying that will grip you.

We may not deliberately plan to deceive or to elicit the praise of men, but it is easy to drift into keeping our ears to the ground too much. We may gradually slip into dead formalism without realizing it. Our worship and service may become mechanical and perfunctory before we know it.

We need a great spiritual renewal in which Christ will become real and our faith vital. Freshness and spontaniety will make our creed attractive.

Withdrawal of Cigarette Advertising Approved

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters have approved a plan for the gradual elimination of cigarette advertising on radio and television.

Under terms approved by the association in a mail ballot, all such advertisements will be ended by Sept. 1, 1973 and the gradual elimination of ads will begin Jan. 1, 1970 with a 10 per cent reduction in such commercials.

Participants in the agreement include the three major networks and 399 of the nation's 623 television stations as well as the four major radio networks and 2412 of the 5985 radio stations in the U.S.

Industry spokesmen believe all stations will follow the agreement in an effort to avoid regulation by the Federal Communications Commission.

There has been some criticism by FCC that the proposed plan is too gradual and should be speeded up so that all cigarette commercials are withdrawn at an earlier date.

Elaine Dickson to Teach, Study at Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE — Miss Elaine Dickson, who resigned recently as a consultant in program design and research for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, will begin work in September as an instructor and doctoral student at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary here.

Miss Dickson had previously announced plans to work on her doctorate at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, but decided later to teach at Southern seminary here while pursuing a doctorate in education.

Miss Dickson served on the national staff of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union since 1958. She was a Gheens Lecturer at Southern seminary last year, and is a graduate of Southern Illinois university and Southwestern seminary. (BP)

ANGLICANS ENDORSE BUDGET FOR CHURCH ASSEMBLY

LONDON—An "historic" budget of \$2,-490,288 for the Church Assembly—the Anglican "parliament"—in 1970 was approved by the Assembly at its session here.

The term "historic" was used when Sir Edmund Compton, chairman of the Central Board of Finance, presented the budget and said it covered the period of transition to synodical government.

"It is a holding budget for the quiet year," he said. "If anyone is looking for changes, next year will be the time for these." (RNS)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Today we are making history. We are moving into the new office building at Brentwood. It is a day we have looked for-



W. Fred Kendall

ward to for more than a year. Ground was broken for this building in May, 1968. It is the first office building that Tennessee Baptists have ever built. Other stories will recall the history.

A few years ago Belmont college had grown to the extent that they very badly needed the space which we have

been occupying for offices. Our office building is actually the west wing of Acklen Hall. It was a girl's dormitory converted into offices. It was occupied in the early 1950's. At first only two floors were used and as the work grew it actually became too small.

This building is being sold back to the college and they will put it to use immediately. We needed a building which is designed for the offices of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Architects, Earl Swensson gave careful study to our needs and sought to plan a building which was designed to meet the needs of the many programs of work which we have. The offices of the Children's Homes will also be included in this building.

We will have a beautiful chapel which will have adequate seating as it will accommodate two hundred people. It will provide adequately for Executive Board meetings and for visitors who attend. This has been one of our greatest needs. We will also have some excellent conference rooms. This has been very badly needed since we had only one very small conference room. These will provide excellent work rooms for committee meetings and for group work of the departments. We have badly needed space to train groups for various services.

Another very great asset is that of sufficient parking space. We are now very handicapped in this respect. As the college has grown we have been extremely crowded and they need the space which we now have. We have plenty of land with six and one half acres. Parking will also enable us to have many meetings of local groups which we cannot have at the present time.

Brentwood is a suburb of Nashville and is located in the very beautiful area just at the southern edge of the city. It is on Franklin Road which is National highway US 31. It is in the very northern edge of Williamson County. It is also located within two blocks of Interstate 65 which goes to Birmingham and which will soon be connected with the inter-city loops which will connect

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WORDS WORTH WEIGHING

"The education of the young is unfortunately never a detailed road map. It is a passport into a dense wood, filled with forked roads. For our protesting younger generation, many of those roads will be the ones less traveled by. But if they choose wisely, it can be a rewarding journey. Indeed, it will be much more than a journey; it will be a discovery. What they will discover is not that there is an unbridgeable gap between the generations, but rather those truths which we all, young and old alike, seek to know: who we are and whose wood this is in which we walk."

19 JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES ARRESTED IN GREECE

NAUPLIA, Greece—Police here reported the arrest of 19 Jehovah's Witnesses on a charge of proselytism among members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The Witnesses were apprehended by police in this Peloponnesian town in a meeting and service in the home of the sect's local leader, Anastasios Bournos. They were freed from jail temporarily for trial at a later date. (RNS)

DANISH SEEK COPENHAGEN YOUTH CENTER

The Danish Baptist Union has voted in annual conference to develop a youth center in Copenhagen, capital and largest city in Denmark. A youth pastor has already been called on a half-time basis.

Now the search begins for a suitable building for the youth center in the city of nearly 1½ million. The center will serve the five Baptist churches in greater Copenhagen.

One purpose of the center will be to maintain a contact with Baptist youth who move into the big city from outlying districts of Denmark. Baptists are stronger in these outlying areas. (EBPS)

it with Interstates 24 and 40. It will be very easily accessible from any point in Nash-ville. It is just south of Old Hickory Blvd. which runs east and west along the county line.

It will take us a while to get everybody acquainted with the new address. Here it is: Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027. Our new telephone number will be 833-4220.

Historically From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The following will show a comparison between what the Methodists have asked of the states in their Centenary movement and what Baptists asked of their churches in the same states in their \$75,000,000 campaign. Baptist requests are shown in parenthesis.

Alabama, \$2,257,000 (\$4,000,000); Maryland, \$1,084,000 (\$750,000); Oklahoma, \$1,023,000 (\$2,500,000); \$5,189,000 (\$16,000,000); Texas, Florida, \$734,000 (\$1,000,000); Kentucky, \$1,476,000 (\$6,500,000); Arkansas, \$1,741,000 (\$3,200,000);Louisiana, \$707,000 (\$3,325,000); Mississippi, \$3,477,000 (\$3,500,000); Missouri, \$1,624,000 (\$2,925,000); New Mexico, \$195,000 (\$250,000); North Carolina, \$3,349,000 (\$5,-500,000); Georgia, \$4,015,000 (\$7,-500,000); South Carolina, \$1,940,000 (\$5,500,000); Tennessee, \$2,442,000 (\$4,000,000); Virginia, \$2,867,000 (\$7,000,000); and Illinois, \$75,000 (\$1,200,000).

15 YEARS AGO

Gifts to Baptist mission causes received through the Cooperative Program during the month of June reached a total of \$762,140. This brings the total for the first six months of 1954 to \$5,519,273, an increase of \$628,416, or 12.85 per cent over the same period a year ago, according to Porter Routh, executive secretarytreasurer of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Designated gifts received in June totaled \$199,299, bringing this year's total to \$395,978, a gain of \$392,686, or 7.85 per cent over the same period a year ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Roy Anderson, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, Seymour, for 23 years, died at Sweetwater hospital at age 71.

The official opening was observed recently for the Baptist Student Center at the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis. The property was purchased as a joint effort by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Shelby County association at a cost of \$35,000. Remodeling cost approximately \$7000. The center includes a chapel, library, recreation room, lounges, kitchen, and offices, and serves as a meeting place for some 500 medical students.

Guyana Baptists Hold Third Dental Project



Dr. Jack Fuson, oral surgeon of Knoxville, Tenn., treats a young patient during a two-week dental care project sponsored by Southern Baptist missionaries in Guyana. A Guyanese volunteer assists. Dr. Fuson, another dentist, and a dental technician from the States took vacation time and went to Guyana at their own expense to fix teeth in temporary clinics set up in 19 Baptist churches and missions in Guyana.

Two dentists and a technician from the States gave their vacation time and their professional services to the Guyanese people during the third annual dental care project of the Guyana Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), June 2-14. Dental clinics were held at 19 Baptist churches and missions in Guyana.

Dr. David Tate, of Irving, Tex., who worked alone the past two summers, was accompanied this year by James Spence, dental technician, also from Irving, and Dr. Jack Fuson, oral surgeon from Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Tate and their daughter, Laurie, also went along.

Mr. Spence took turns in accompanying the dentists so that he could repair old dentures and provide simple partial dentures for people who had front teeth missing.

During the project 2896 teeth were extracted and 68 partial dentures fitted. At each clinic Guyanese volunteers registered patients, sterilized instruments, and assisted with patients. Some volunteers were themselves patients.

The dentists said that, though they had to work under limiting and tiring conditions, the only thing that distressed them was having to turn people away at the end of each day because they could not stay in any location long enough to treat everyone in need of their services.

Each day began with a short worship service. Mr. Spence gave devotional talks to waiting patients. Dr. Fuson, a tenor soloist in the choir of First Baptist Church,

Chattanooga Pastor, Laymen Participate in India Crusade

J. Ralph McIntyre, pastor, Brainerd church, Chattanooga, Steve Wall, staff photographer for the Chattanooga Times and the Chattanooga Post, and J. Reece Donaldson, a layman of Brainerd church, leave August 7 for a 17-day mission to India. They will visit New Delhi and Bangalore, and the villages surrounding the cities in a speaking and witnessing crusade.

The Chattanooga men will be a part of an international group of 60 pastors and laymen. The visit is sponsored by the Evangelism Institute, Atlanta, Ga.

"Many of these villages have never had a Christian witness," McIntyre said. He continued, "Our job is cut out for us . . . it is a three-point endeavor—the first will be the speaking and preaching engagements,

All-Day Retreat Slated for Students

An all-day retreat will be held Saturday, August 2, for all entering college freshmen. Sponsored by the Nashville Baptist association, the retreat will be held at the H. G. Hill Camp, located west of Nashville. The theme is "Freshman-Year-In-College."

The retreat, beginning at 9 a.m., will focus on the total college experience, academic and social, within a Christian context. Providing guidance for the day is Wallace Williams, dean of admissions, Georgetown college, and Dr. Peter Rhea Jones, a professor at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Selected upperclassmen and women from various colleges and universities across the South will offer their observations on college life, "telling it like it has been" for them.

Knoxville, sang, and Dr. Tate played hymns on his trumpet.

"The willingness of these specialists to spend their vacations giving a practical demonstration of their concern for people has enabled Guyana Baptists to extend their ministry," reports Mrs. John P. Dixon, Southern Baptist missionary in Guyana. She illustrated: A man who had expressed bitterness toward God and the church was willing to listen to a Baptist student missionary after witnessing the work of the dental team in his community. He finally prayed for forgiveness and salvation, and he now regularly attends services at the local Baptist mission.

There are no dentists in most of the outlying districts of Guyana, Mrs. Dixon notes, and most of the people are unable to travel to town and pay for dental care. There is no regular Baptist-sponsored medical work in the country.

The dentists and technician went to Guyana at their own expense and did their work without charge.

which have been arranged in advance by the National Christian Leadership." The second will be directing Christian leadership sessions in the mornings and afternoons on "how to" win persons to Christ. The third endeavor will be the opportunity to walk into businesses and government agencies, confronting these people with God.

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