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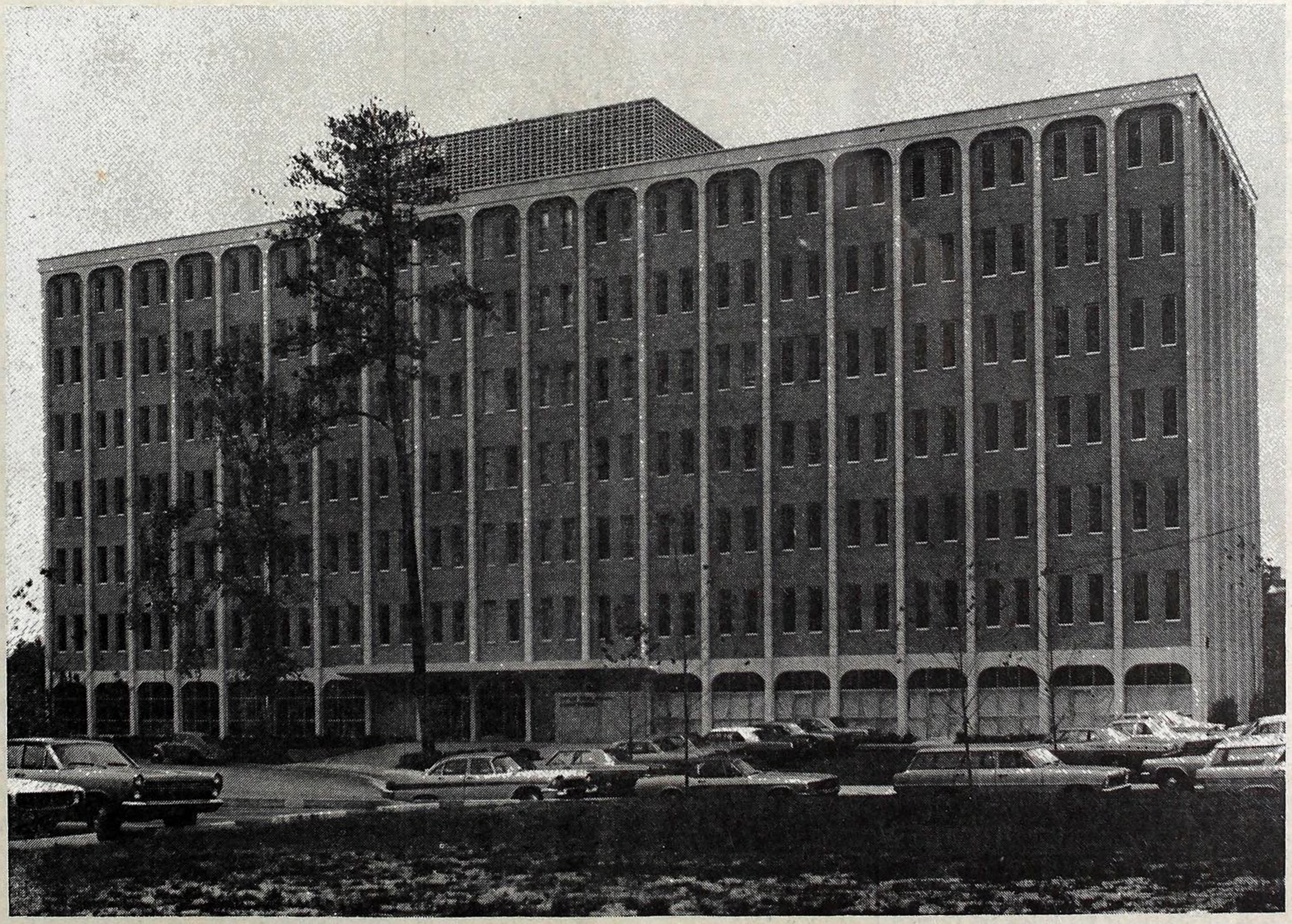

*Home Mission Board Building*

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*Interpretation*

# A FRIEND INDEED

**By Herschel H. Hobbs**

"This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus"—Luke 23:52.

Joseph of Arimathea, like Nicodemus (cf. John 19:38f.), was a secret disciple of Jesus. He was a member of the Sanhedrin. Luke notes that he had not consented to the death of Jesus (v.51). Knowing their feeling toward Him, the high priest probably did not invite Joseph and Nicodemus to the session which voted for Jesus to die.

Barclay notes that it was not customary to bury the bodies of executed criminals. Though innocent, Jesus had died a criminal's death. Sometimes such bodies were left on the cross to be devoured by vultures. Or else they were thrown into the Valley of Hinnom, **Gehenna,** to be eaten by wild dogs. It is probable that such would have been the fate of Jesus' body but for Joseph of Arimathea.

In the crisis of Jesus' death Joseph and Nicodemus shed their timidity to become open disciples of Jesus. So defying the sure hatred of the Jewish rulers Joseph went to Pilate to ask for the body of his Lord. The word "begged" renders a verb in the indirect middle voice. He asked for himself the body. This means that he asked it as a personal favor from Pilate. His position and wealth would make this possible.

So granted this favor he and Nicodemus took Jesus' body and gave it decent burial in Joseph's new tomb, one prepared for him and his family.

Theirs was a belated open confession of faith. But it came at a time when it was most demanding. Because of what they did for Jesus, Joseph and Nicodemus were His friends indeed.

## Composer of Church Music Is Dead at 96

**NEW YORK**—Dr. Clarence Dickinson, known as the elder statesman of American church music, died here at the age of 96.

For more than 50 years the organist-choirmaster at New York Brick Presbyterian church, he was from 1928 to 1945 director of the School of Sacred Music at New York's Union Theological seminary. Dr. Dickinson retired from the church in 1960. (RNS)

## Pulpit To Pew

**By Jim Griffith**

Well, now that man has gone to the moon, he has started looking for a roosting place on the planet Mars.

So it is with man in his ever-present desire to go higher.

But in the midst of all the interest in space exploration, it seems that more of our churches need to sound the urgent call: "You can go higher than the moon—lessons offered here every Sunday."

It will take more than a spaceship to get us as high as we would like to go.

Nothing less than a lift from the loving arm of God will take us to heaven.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong's first words on the moon: "One small step for man—one giant step for mankind" —can mean much more if man is willing to make that all-important Christian move: "the giant step of faith."

**Devotional**

## "Pets Don't Hurt Their People"

**By David Q. Byrd, Pastor**

**West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson**

A daddy was enjoying a happy evening at home. He was having a romp with his four-year-old daughter. Down on his all-fours on the carpet in the bedroom, the little one said as she climbed astride "Daddy, be my horse." He said "O. K., but what do you say to make a horse go?" She said, "go, horse, go." After he taught her some "horse-talk" — "Whoa", "Get Up", "Gee" and "Haw", he was her horse for a time. Then he was a pet bear, and a pet lion and finally a pet tiger.

**Byrd**

It was a very thrilling, happy experience for daddy and daughter. His heart was filled with indescribable joy as he observed the delight and pure ecstasy of his youngest—living in the happy land of make-believe. However, suddenly, terror and fear were registered on her happy countenance as her daddy apparently overplayed the role of a pet tiger. With his growling and snarling and ferocious manner, it seemed too real to the little one. She climbed down, backed away with a puzzled, pained expression, not sure that her daddy was still the gentle pet she had caused him to be. With great seriousness, she looked at her daddy and said —"Daddy, pets don't hurt their people." She knew this, and she thought her daddy did, but she wanted to make sure.

The observation made by the little girl is generally true. Pet dogs, cats, coons, monkeys and even pet tigers do not usually hurt their people. However, there are some pets that some people have that do hurt. Pet sins hurt. These pets people cuddle and caress, and they seem completely harmless. But the day comes when the "pet" becomes an untamed and ferocious man-eater. The "pet" turns on its people to rend and tear, and destroy.

This is the message of Proverbs 23:32 concerning a "pet" of many people namely, Beverage Alcohol. "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." This is also the thought of James 1:15—"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

You are right, Beth, pets are not supposed to hurt their people, but some do. Be careful how you choose your 'pets'."


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# Autrey Retires To Teach Evangelism

**C. E. Autrey**

**GLORIETA, N. M.**—C. E. Autrey—evangelist, author and for the past nine years top evangelism leader for the Southern Baptist Convention—will retire Sept. 1 as director of the SBC's Home Mission Board's division of evangelism.

Autrey, 65, is taking his retirement from the agency four months early in order to assume a new position this fall as professor of evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

In accepting Autrey's request for early retirement, the Home Mission Board directors, in annual session here, stated in a resolution of appreciation:

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge added: "Dr. Autrey has served in this position longer than any other man and has led in a warm-hearted, vigorous program of evangelism at a strategic time in the life of our denomination and indeed in our nation."

"Autrey has been widely acclaimed as a warm-hearted preacher of the gospel, an effective evangelist, a thoughtful writer, a respected scholar and teacher, and a strong advocate of evangelism and missions. Throughout his ministry he has made significant contributions to Southern Baptist life in his chosen field of evangelism and has had a vital part in the formulation of its present program of evangelism."

A Mississippi native who spent most of his pastorate experience in Louisiana, and later served on the evangelism staff in that state, Autrey came to the Home Mission Board post in 1960 from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth, where he had served as professor of evangelism.

He had served as a staff member in the board's evangelism division from 1952 to 1955. When he returned as director in 1960, he began leadership in an active and changing period of Southern Baptist evangelism.

First came the move of division offices from Dallas to Home Mission Board facilities in Atlanta, and then a program reorganization that resulted in the new directions of metropolitan evangelism and campus evangelism.

Cooperation with other denominations in evangelistic ventures is perhaps the major shift Southern Baptists have made in the last nine years, according to Autrey.

Autrey added that he thought Southern Baptist attitudes toward evangelism were more wholesome than ever before.

"There were times when evangelism was talked about a lot more," he said, "but so much of that was just on the surface. People didn't know how to get a hold on it. Now every pastor and leader knows better what to do, and evangelism has taken in a wider scope of concern than just conversion."

He stated that the Crusade of the Americas was making lasting impact on Southern Baptists, both in cooperative attitudes with other groups and in awareness and understanding of many of the nation's social problems.

"I can see signs that we will have this thing licked within the next three years," he said. "Recently I have been in crusades involving Indians, Negroes and Anglos, where we have worked in harmony and in spirit of unanimity.

Autrey said he expects experience to have made him a better teacher when he arrives at New Orleans seminary this fall, the institution from which he holds the master and doctor of theology degrees. Louisiana college, where he earned his bachelor's degree, conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree on him in 1962.

Fred Moseley, the board's assistant executive secretary, will serve as interim director of the division until a successor is elected. (BP)

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## BRITAIN'S FIRST CHURCH-SHARING LAUNCHED UNDER NEW LAW

**LONDON**—Methodists and Presbyterians in London's Greenwich district will worship regularly under one roof in what is believed to be the first official implementation of the Sharing of Church Buildings Act.

Under the arrangement, the two congregations will share the one church, until now St. Mark's Presbyterian church. The Methodists' previous place of worship, West Greenwich Methodist church, has already been closed and the one church will now be named "St. Mark's Presbyterian church with West Greenwich Methodist church."

Each congregation will retain its own denominational identity and normal links with the parent Church, through circuits and sessions, and continue to have its own minister. But both will worship, witness and work in partnership under the one roof, with all the economic advantages that that implies. (RNS)

## Fire Ravages Seelig Home, Arson Suspected

**FORT WORTH**—A fire attributed by officials to arsonists ravaged the home and automobile of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary assistant to the President John Earl Seelig here, causing an estimated $15,000 damage.

The incident occurred while the Seelig family was in Europe. Seelig was leading a tour group in Amsterdam, Holland, when informed of the fire by his brother, a Fort Worth attorney, and seminary officials. They decided to continue the trip.

Both the Fort Worth Chief of Police and Fire Chief attributed the cause of the fire to arson, but they reported very few leads and said the motives remain a mystery.

Officials said that the fire apparently started simultaneously in all three bedroom closets, and that the Seelig's auto was set on fire separately.

Most of the $15,000 estimated loss is covered by insurance, according to Wayne Evans, the seminary's business manager. "But there are always things in every home that you can't set a price tag for," Evans said.

The kitchen was the only room of the house spared extensive damage by the flames, smoke, and water used by firemen.

Friends said that the fire was the third such vandalism to hit the Seelig family in recent years. Their automobile was twice vandalized previously, once painted and once burned.

An informal group of friends and relatives is handling initial plans to restore the home until Seelig's return from Europe. The incident happened two days after the trip began.

Seelig, current president of the Baptist Public Relations Association, is expected to return to the United States Aug. 21. The tour group includes young people from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. They are touring seven European countries. (BP)

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## Convention, Mission Society Are Merged In Massachusetts

**BOSTON**—The Massachusetts Baptist Convention and the Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society were officially merged here to form the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.

Elected president of the new unit was Dr. Richard M. Ownens of People's Baptist church, Roxbury. The Rev. Ellis J. Holt of Waterville, Maine, was named administrative executive.

The former state convention, formed in 1802, was the oldest Baptist missionary society in the nation. The Boston society was formed 129 years ago and operated an extensive program of ethnic group ministries, senior citizens programs and camp and urban activities. (RNS)

# EDITORIALS

## GOLDEN STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

The churches would do well to begin planning now for a special emphasis upon the Golden State Missions offering, which is scheduled for September 14-21, 1969.

This season of emphasis upon the missions endeavors encompassed in the state missions program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is worthwhile.

Missions begin at home! If Tennessee Baptists are to have a strong mission emphasis around the world, it is necessary for our own convention to have strong support, and to be a base of power for world support.

The special emphasis is promoted in Tennessee through the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood department. Too few persons are really aware of the many facets of this program. Through State Missions, Tennessee Baptists have both a channel of support for world missions, and a supportive program for assistance to the churches in the state. These several departments are servants of the churches. They are designed to be used in helping to strengthen the ministry and witness of the churches and associations as they provide up-to-date information and training at the local church level.

In addition to the departmental ministries, there are many other areas including work with the deaf, and associational missions support.

Goal for the special offering for 1969 is $135,500.00.

Tennessee Baptists will wish to make provision for adequate emphasis upon our own mission endeavors, and will need to plan now to give generously through this special offering.

## GRAND CANYON COLLEGE

A news story out of Phoenix, Arizona this past week serves once again to remind Baptists that they must support with their money those causes in which they claim belief.

A sad commentary on the near bankrupt state of Grand Canyon college was noted in the quotation from Executive Secretary Charles L. McKay. He declared that the problem basically was caused because no one has been able to sell Southern Baptists in Arizona on the value and contributions of the college.

The problem to which McKay referred is the fact that the four-year college, owned by the Arizona Baptist Convention, must raise $125,000 in 90 days or face possible closure. Liabilities listed included $76,000 in unpaid, overdue bills, and a need for $50,000 to meet current faculty payrolls.

This is not the first time that a Baptist institution has been in financial trouble—and it probably won't be the last time. But, it does point out the necessity for several things, some of which have been alluded to in recent editorials. Primarily, we must believe in the role of the Christian college. And, in all honesty, it must be said that maybe some institutions do need to be closed. But, a college, ministering to a student body of 541, in an area where a Baptist witness is needed, doesn't need to be closed. And, not only must we believe in the role of Christian education, but, as President Gabhart of Belmont college said recently, we must put up the money to back our statements.

Again, we do not, as Baptists, have sufficient endowment to carry our institutions through times of crises. We must make a major emphasis in the years to come on building up endowment for our institutions sufficient to provide meaningful income over the years.

A recent news analysis in a Nashville paper, citing Vanderbilt, indicated that once this university had been freed from its denominational ties, it began to prosper. This is a sad commentary, but not without some truth historically. We don't want this to be said of our Tennessee Baptist Institutions.

We still maintain that if Baptists are really as interested in the causes they claim and own as we say we are, that adequate support may be found.

The Grand Canyon situation now is just another clear notice to Baptists in Tennessee and in other state conventions: We must build adequate financial support now lest we too face the same difficulty in the years ahead.

### "THANKS OLE BUDDY!"

# From the Executive Secretary

**By W. Fred Kendall**

This is budget review week, when the committees of the Executive Board review the budget requests of all of the institutions, agencies, and departments of work. Monday, the Christian Services Committee reviewed the budget requests of the Children's Homes and the Hospitals. Only the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital makes a request for Cooperative Program funds for the coming year. Tuesday, the Education Committee reviewed the budget requests of the colleges and of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy. Thursday the State Missions Committee will review all of the budgets of the departments here and of all of the state mission programs of work. Friday the Administrative Committee will review the budget requests of the General Convention and Administrative budget requests and those of the **Baptist And Reflector** and the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

**Kendall**

These committees are made up from twelve to fifteen men and women from the Executive Board. They review the budget needs together with the administrative officers from the institutions and agencies. They suggest where priorities exist and where budgets may be reduced if the requests seem to be larger than anticipated income for next year can meet. Each committee takes its work very seriously and feels the deep responsibility placed upon it. They spend many long hours working with our financial needs.

This will be an extremely difficult year. Budget requests total needs for more than a $300,000.00 increase in next year's budget to meet the amount requested. Our giving pattern has been bad for most of the year and as of this date we are only $63,000.00 ahead of what we gave to this period last year. We need a gain of $173,046.63 to make our budget for 1968-1969.

How much can we increase our budget over that of this year? It now looks as if it will not be more than $100,000.00. Since we divide our budget on the basis of 33⅓% going to the Southern Baptist Convention, it means that we will only have about $66,333.00 to meet all of the needed increases for all of the state agencies and institutions. That means that budgets will need to be held almost at the same figure as this year.

It will be a herculean task for the committees to cut off $236,667.00 from the budget requests but they must face reality if they present a budget which we hope to reach next year without a deficit. Pray for them as they work and pray that our giving may increase and our stewardship responsibilities be awakened to meet our needs. Inflation is our big problem and it takes a good increase just to stand still and not go in the red even if we do not grow at all.

# Cattle Truck Used To Bus Church Members To Assembly

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**RIDGECREST, N.C.—A group of Kentucky church members recently became the first to arrive at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in a cattle truck. The cattle truck was used by the group, from Dallasburg Baptist church, Wheatley, Ky., because as Pastor Troy Abell said, "We had enough cars, but not enough drivers. We have access to a church bus, but the insurance wouldn't cover us, so we decided to drive the cattle truck." Next year, the group plans to use the truck to go to the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver, Colo., and to a conference at Glorieta, (N.M.) Baptist Assembly.**

**RIDGECREST, N.C.**—People come to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here in all kinds of automobiles, buses and other vehicles, but a group of 22 church members from Kentucky earned the distinction of being the first to arrive in a cattle truck.

It may sound a little dehumanizing, but Troy Abell, pastor of the Dallasburg Baptist church in Wheatley, Ky., said the people, many of them youth, liked the ride.

"We had enough cars, but not enough drivers," Abell explained. "We have access to a church bus, but the insurance wouldn't cover us, so we decided to drive the cattle truck.

"It's better than a bus," Abell exclaimed. "We sang songs and the young people played guitars all the way down here. We were on the road 11½ hours."

Next year, the church plans a longer drive in the cattle truck. "We plan to use the cattle truck to go to the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver and circle back to attend a conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico," Abell said.

They're also hoping for a bigger "herd" next year. (BP)

## WHOLESALE SALES MANAGER NAMED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

**NASHVILLE** — Jimmy D. Edwards, former pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church in Roanoke, Va., has been named manager, wholesale sales department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board effective Aug. 1.

Edwards replaces W. Alvis Strickland, who returned to the board's Sunday School department as consultant.

A native of Roanoke, Edwards is a graduate of the University of Richmond (Va.) and holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

He has also had experience in sales, sales promotion and merchandising with the Humble Oil and Refining Company.

# Regional Sunday School Leadership Conferences Slated For September

The annual Regional Sunday School Leadership Conferences, sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Wendell Price, acting secretary, are scheduled for September, to be held in various parts of the state. Some 1200 persons are expected to attend.

The purpose of the conferences is to project, stimulate and initiate a 1969-70 reaching and teaching program for the local church and to get the people acquainted with materials, terms, resources and literature for October 1, 1970—the strategic beginning date for changes in literature, organization, terminology, training materials and administration planning materials.

"This year we propose a double thrust," according to Price: "a live 1969-70 Sunday School program majoring on outreach and preparation and offering materials in preparation for 1970-71."

The conferences, planned for all Sunday School workers and potential workers, are scheduled for the following locations: First church, Union City, Sept. 2; West Jackson church, Jackson, Sept. 4; First church, Lewisburg, Sept. 5; Unaka Avenue church, Johnson City, Sept. 8; Central church, Bearden, Sept. 9; Brainerd church, Chattanooga, Sept. 11; First church, Crossville, Sept. 12; and Springfield church, Springfield, Sept. 19.

The conferences begin each evening at 6 p.m. with a general assembly, followed by age group conferences from 7-9 p.m. The same program will be followed each night in the various locations. Afternoon sessions are not planned for this year.

Prepared materials for each of the four major age divisions (Pre-school, Children, Youth, and Adult) will be distributed to those in attendance. New materials for all age groups will be introduced.

Conference leaders and their age groups are: Lacy Freeman, associational missionary, Robertson County association, Adult, Cradle Roll and Extension; Mrs. N. A. Hood, Immanuel church, Lawrenceburg, Beginner; Mrs. George Cox, Knoxville, Beginner; Miss Lyn Brasfield, State Sunday School Department, Intermediate; Mrs. Roland Smith, First church, Nashville, Primary; Mrs. Wendell Price, Belmont Heights church, Nashville, Adult, Cradle Roll and Extension; Mrs. Michael Prowse, Lawrenceburg, Intermediate; Mrs. John McGhee, Robertsville church, Oak Ridge, Nursery; Mrs. James Phelps, Paris, Junior.

Also, Mrs. Joan Cash, McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, Young People; Wendell Price, general officers; Mrs. Chester Vaughn, Brook Hollow church, Nashville, Junior; Mrs. Bob Taylor, First church, Nashville, Primary; and Mrs. S. G. Wyatt, Sr., Calvary church, Jackson, Nursery.

## New Belmont Faculty Members

Appointment of two new Belmont college faculty members has been announced by Dr. Glen E. Kelley, academic dean.

**Fields**

Mrs. Judith B. Fields has been named to teach fundamentals of speech at Belmont, effective Sept. 15.

A native of Louisville, she received a bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown (Ky.) college. She also attended the Universite' de Montpelier, France, and Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where she received the master of arts degree in theatre.

**Patterson**

Robert William Patterson was named as an instructor of German at Belmont effective Sept. 15.

A native of Missouri, Patterson received his academic and professional training at Union university, Jackson, Tenn., Syracuse (N.Y.) university, Murray (Ky.) State university, the Russian School of Norwich university, Northfield, Vt., and Vanderbilt university, where he is currently working on the doctor of philosophy degree.

## Astros' Cook Conducts Religious Services

**HOUSTON**—Astronaut Neil Armstrong and nine others attended a worship service conducted by the cook inside the Apollo 11 quarantine unit here.

Jesse Stewart, a deacon of the New Hope Baptist church, read from the 23rd Psalm and gave a short sermon. He is an ex-Navy cook preparing the meals for the group sealed off awaiting possible health implications of the voyage to the moon. (RNS)

### CHINESE CATHOLICS INCREASING RAPIDLY

**VATICAN CITY**—The number of Chinese Roman Catholics outside of China and Taiwan has doubled during the last 15 years, according to figures broadcast here by the Vatican Radio. The broadcast said that this number is now 625,000, with the greatest increases taking place in the Philippines and Indonesia. (RNS)

## Halvarson Is Named Assistant to Craig

**JACKSON**—Union university President Robert E. Craig has announced the appointment of Carl Halvarson as administrative assistant to the president of the University.

Halvarson, a former director of institutional planning at King college in Bristol, Tennessee, will work primarily with the relocation of the college to the new properties north of Jackson on the Highway 45 Bypass.

According to President Craig, the new administrative officer will help coordinate the new campus planning, including work with the architectural firm, trustees, administrative and faculty committees.

## Fite Will Begin Work On Theology Doctorate

**ATLANTA**—J. David Fite, Georgia missionary who spent four years in a communist prison in Cuba, this fall will enter Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth.

Through an in-service training program, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here is providing a study leave on full salary for Mr. and Mrs. Fite.

Fite will be working for a doctor of theology degree. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Mercer university (Baptist) in Macon, Ga., and bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Also holding a bachelor of arts degree from Mercer university, Mrs. Fite will begin graduate study at Texas Christian university, Fort Worth.

Until moving to Fort Worth recently, the Fites had lived in Avondale Estates, Ga., since he was released by Cuban authorities in January, along with his father-in-law, Herbert Caudill. Both men were charged with espionage and illegal currency exchange.

The Caudills will retire from Home Mission Board service Dec. 31. They had been in Cuba since 1929 when he was pastor of First Baptist church in Havana.

At the time of their appointments as missionaries, Caudill was a professor at the Baptist seminary in Havana and had been pastor of several churches in Cuba.

Mrs. Caudill had been active in a music ministry and continued to assist with Baptist work in Cuba while her husband was imprisoned. Mrs. Fite also remained in the communist country with three sons.

The Fites have no definite plans beyond schooling, and the Caudills plan to reside permanently in Decatur, Ga. (BP)

**PROBLEMS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**
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# THE THEOLOGICAL GAP

**By T. B. Maston**
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There has been in recent years considerable discussion of various kinds of gaps, such as the generation gap and the credibility gap. Another gap that should concern Christians is the theological gap.

The theological gap, as is true of other gaps, may not be bridged entirely, but we hope that the people on both sides of the gap will be spiritually mature enough to maintain channels of communication. As long as conversation is taking place there is hope for narrowing the gap.

It must be recognized, however, that real conversation can never be a monologue; there must be dialogue. There must be a willingness from both sides to listen with an open, searching mind. One source of such a willingness is an acceptance by both sides of some responsibility for the gap.

The theological gap we are primarily referring to is the gap between college and seminary professors on the one hand and many pastors on the other hand. It would help all of us if we recognized that there is a comparable gap between the pulpit and the pew. And the biggest and most disturbing gap is between what we teach, preach, and profess and what we practice.

A common consciousness of sin would help to narrow the gap between the classroom and the pulpit. All of us, teachers and preachers, have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We may speak, to some degree, a different language, but we all stand in the same need of forgiveness and cleansing.

It will help to narrow the theological gap if teachers and pastors will seek to understand each other. The teacher should recognize that most pastors are extremely busy men. They should not be expected to keep up with the most recent developments in theological thought. Furthermore, they are concerned primarily with the immediate pressing needs of people. Most pastors have little interest in "fine spun" theological theories that do not, from their perspective, touch the needs of people.

On the other hand, pastors should understand that teachers live in two or more worlds. One of those worlds, largely unknown to most pastors, is the world of scholarship. It is a part of the teacher's responsibility to keep alert to the most recent developments in the area of scholarship in general but particularly in his field of specialization. In some areas there is a distinctive and highly technical vocabulary. Sometimes a gap arises because the language of the teacher is not understood or is misunderstood by others. Also, the teacher is disciplined to be exact in the use of words. This can lead to misunderstanding and mistrust.

Let us repeat that if the gap is to be bridged or even narrowed, channels of communication must be kept open. It will help to do this if teachers are invited more frequently to speak to groups of pastors. This will be particularly true if there is an opportunity provided for a dialogue. Also, more pastors should attend special ministers' weeks provided by colleges and seminaries.

The theological gap with the attendant tension can be helpful if those on both sides maintain the proper respect for one another and if meaningful communication across the gap is maintained.

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## Annuity Board Trustees Approve New Insurance

**DALLAS**—A new, more liberalized group life insurance program for Baptist ministers and salaried employes has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board Trustees during their second quarterly meeting here.

The trustees also elected a new chairman, Charles Cockrell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Garland, Tex., who succeeds Donald Bowles, a Dallas insurance executive. Martin Lovvorn, a Dallas banker, was re-elected vice-chairman.

The new insurance program was approved upon the recommendation of the Administrative Policy Committee which has been studying the need for increasing coverage to ministers and other salaried employes in churches and agencies.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, outlined the provisions in the new group insurance plan which will begin October 1. It will be underwritten by a national insurance company.

Reed said the group insurance plan will succeed the life benefit plan previously offered since 1964. Members in the life benefit plan will have the option of remaining in it or transferring to the new plan, Reed said.

The new plan will have two separate schedules.

Schedule one parallels the coverage offered in the life benefit plan except the benefits do not decrease until age 65.

Schedule two provides benefits from $5000 to $60,000, depending on a participant's annual earnings.

In addition, both schedules have provisions for accidental death and dismemberment plus a provision for life coverage to continue after age 65.

Both schedules also provide for dependent life insurance benefits for spouse and children, age 14 days to 23 years, for all participants except those residing in Texas. Texas insurance laws preclude offering of dependent coverage.

Reed said the board would also provide a plan of long-term disability income protection.

The disability benefit pays 60 per cent of a participant's monthly earnings (70 per cent, if dependent social security is involved) to age 65 with a $1000 a month maximum. Payments will begin six months after disability is determined.

Reed said the new plan is a group plan in which any minister or employe may join when it is initially offered without a medical examination or other evidence of good health. This applies also to any member of the life benefit plan who wishes to transfer.

He said the cost for coverage is 70 cents per $1000; Texas members will be charged 65 cents for $1000 for the life insurance part. The long-term disability coverage is 60 cents per $100 of monthly earnings.

Reed said the changes were made in the insurance program to eliminate the decreasing term aspect of the former plan.

"With costs of living soaring as they have been, our people need and want the level coverage the new plan provides," he said.

Reed said that Ransome Swords, the newly appointed director of insurances services for the board, will mail detailed information to all eligible persons before October 1, opening date.

In other action, the trustees approved the continuation of the Ambassador-At-Large program which is manned currently by J. B. Edmunds. In this post, Edmunds calls on retired ministers and widows in the various sections of the nation.

Cockrell, in his third year as a trustee, has served the Garland church since 1946.

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## Oklahoma, Texas Students Win Radio-TV Scholarships

**FORT WORTH**—Students at Baylor university, Waco, Tex., and Oklahoma State university, Stillwater, have been named to receive two annual communications scholarships sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission here.

They are Miss Anita Smith, junior radio and television student at Baylor and native of Dallas; and George English Morgan, junior radio and television major at Oklahoma State university from Midwest, Okla.

# TENNESSEE NEWS BRIEFS

**Press Kerr** has resigned as pastor of Caylor's Chapel church, Chilhowee association. During his two and one-half year ministry, the church redecorated the auditorium, reroofed the building, completed work on the basement and purchased a new piano.

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The Jones Chapel church, Sevier County association, has been destroyed by fire. Associational missionary **Bill Atchley** is leading a drive to secure financial aid to help the church rebuild.

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Madison Avenue church, Chilhowee association, plans observance of their 20th anniversary on August 24. The Homecoming services will feature recognition of former pastors and their families, choir leaders, deacons, and members. **Clarence Evans** is pastor.

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**Miss Robbie Anne Patterson** and **Mike Williams** plan to be married on August 16 at First church, Donelson. **Miss Patterson** is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson.** The bride-elect is presently employed as secretary to the ministers of music and education at First church, Donelson, and has completed two years at Belmont college, Nashville. **Mr. Williams,** a native of Nashville, is a Senior at Belmont college and serves as minister of music and youth at First church, Manchester.

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**Clyde L. Davis,** specialist in Brotherhood administration at the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, has resigned his post to become pastor of First Baptist church, Jacksonville, N. C. During his 42-month tenure at the Commission he served as secretary of the men's department, field service supervisor for the Baptist men's unit, and more recently in his present capacity as specialist in Brotherhood administration.

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**R. Raymond Lloyd, Jr.,** recently observed his seventh anniversary as pastor of Ridgedale church, Chattanooga. During his ministry the church has begun a Child Development Center, a Summer Enrichment Program, expanded its training programs, as well as other advancements.

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Clifton Hill church, Hamilton County association, **C. Raymond Carroll,** pastor, is air conditioning.
remodeling the auditorium and installing

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**John Ashby** has resigned as pastor of Cedar Hill church, Hamilton County association, he became pastor of Lakeview Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga.

**Paul Nix** has resigned as associate pastor of Brainerd church, Chattanooga, to become pastor in Savannah, Ga.

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**Billy Kennedy** is the new pastor of Central church, Hixson, coming from Forestdale church, Birmingham, Ala.

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Delashmitt Road church, Hamilton County association, **Melvin Waters,** pastor, has recently occupied their new church facilities.

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**R. L. Johnson** is serving as interim pastor of East Brainerd church, Chattanooga.

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**Robert Sharp** has resigned as pastor of McCarty church, Hamilton County association, to enter Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

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New Salem church, Hamilton County association, is in the process of air conditioning their facilities. **Arlie Carroll** is pastor.

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**Joe H. Mathis** has resigned as pastor of New Union church, Hamilton County association.

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Valley Grove and Galilee churches, Knox County association, are sponsoring a tent revival August 24-31 located on Chapman highway going toward Gatlinburg on the right of the road. **Dr. W. A. Criswell,** pastor, First Baptist church, Dallas, Texas, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the evangelist. The tent will be located near the Galilee church sign.

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**Robert G. Strickland,** 71, for 13 years field director of United Tennessee League, Inc., died suddenly at his home in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on August 4. He spoke thousands of times over a period of thirteen years in churches, schools, conventions, and conferences. He leaves his widow and three teen-age children: **Lindy, Robert** and **Richard.**

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**Paul Burgett** has been called as pastor of Fountain Head church, Bledsoe association. **Burgett** recently baptized four in Camp Nor-Da-Tho lake during the annual church picnic.

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Lakewood church, Huntsville, Ala., has called **Joe F. Cole** as minister of music and youth. A native of Paris, Tenn., he attended Murray State Teachers college, Murray, Ky., Union university, Jackson, and New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. **Mrs. Cole** is the former **Martha Carrington** of Parsons. They have three children: **Carol,** 11; **Greg,** nine; and **David,** seven.

**Orlie J. Wood** has been called as pastor of First church, Gordonsville. He formerly served as associate pastor of Dickerson Road church, Nashville.

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**James N. Polk,** former pastor of First church, Westmoreland, is serving the church as interim pastor.

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**Mrs. Mae-Lee Umphrey Henshaw,** presently serving as director of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Morristown, has been selected to appear in the 1969 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America. Each year 50 state winners are selected from this edition of 5000 outstanding young women from across the nation. Her husband, **David,** is pastor of Witt church, Nolachucky association, and is the executive director of Boys' Club of Morristown.

**Henshaw**

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**I. E. Wishart,** 92-year-old-Baptist minister, recently preached at North Hills church, Knox County association. He was the first pastor of the church which he helped organize in 1934 when the church met in a wooden building and was then called Eureka Baptist church. During his pastorate the church built the present $75,000 sanctuary which will seat 40 persons. He spoke in the brick church that is a remake of the one he pioneered.

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**Doug Lewis** has resigned as minister of music at Bluff City church, Holston association, to go into the service. **Edward E. Duncan** is pastor.

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The Youth Choir of Clark Street church, Johnson City, under the direction of **Tony Bowman,** recently toured West Tennessee to West Memphis, Ark., presenting a program ranging from early 17th century works to contemporary music, all arranged by the choir director. **James Dampier** is church pastor.

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Recently called pastors in Holston association: **J. C. Cartee** to New Salem; **Charles Sherfey** to East Park; **Omer Painter** to Midway.

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Resignations in Holston association include: **Danzle Fink,** Enon; **James Campbell,** Roan Hill, **C. H. Farnsworth,** Second, Jonesboro; **James Cambron,** Southwestern; and **Dan Looper,** Mountain View.

# Glenn Yarbrough Named Secretary Of State Student Department

**Yarbrough**

Glenn Yarbrough, 45, director of Religious Activities, Georgetown college, Georgetown, Ky., has been named secretary of the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, according to W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer. He will begin his duties in mid-September.

In his new capacity, Yarbrough will promote the student program throughout the state, through participation in meetings, conferences, rallies and training sessions with various Baptist groups, and will develop and recommend to the executive secretary-treasurer a comprehensive plan for the management of the department, including: statement of objectives; determination of needs; establishment of specific goals; essential program policies and procedures, and budgetary requirements.

Born in Harrisburg, Ill., on May 7, 1924, he attended public schools there, received the B.A. degree from Southern Illinois university, Carbondale and three degrees from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., B.D., Th.M., and the doctor of theology in 1949.

Ordained by McKinley Avenue Baptist church, Harrisburg, Ill., in November, 1942, he has served as pastor of the Plumville Baptist church, Marion, Ill., and Mill Creek Baptist church, Bardstown, Ky., professor at Campbellsville college, Campbellsville, Ky., secretary, Department of Student Work, Missouri Baptist General Association, Jefferson City, and became director of Religious Activities at Georgetown college in October, 1955.

Yarbrough is co-author of *Philippians* (in the Alpha-Omega Series) with E. F. Hallock, Sr., and is a frequent contributor to Sunday School and Training Union materials for Young People.

He is married to the former Marion Hampton and they have three children, twin daughters Sara and Glenda, 24, and one son, Byron, 21.

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### FULTON ROBERTSON, JR. DIES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURIES

Fulton Robertson, Jr., 18, son of Rev. and Mrs. Fulton Robertson, Sr., Bolivar, died Wednesday, August 6 at General hospital, Jackson, from injuries received in an automobile accident August 4. His father is associational missionary, Hardeman County association.

A graduate of Central High school in Bolivar in May, he was the president of the high school band and had received the "Aaron Award" presented for outstanding musical ability. He had pre-enroled at Union university for this fall and had been given the highest music scholarship offered by Union.

He was a volunteer for a church related vocation and was a member of First church, Bolivar, where services were held Friday, August 8 with pastor E. B. Bowen and W. Fred Kendall, II, pastor, First church, Union City, officiating.

In addition to his parents, he leaves one sister, Ruth, fraternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Nolie, of Bolivar, A. Robertson, Van Lear, and maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs. William U. Tosh, Jr., Waco, Texas.

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# *Cooperative Program Gifts Show Gain*

**NASHVILLE**—Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program continued to increase during the month of July, bringing total gifts through the unified budget to $16,369,361 for the first seven months of 1969.

The $16.3 million total is $1 million more than was contributed during the same period of 1968, or an increase of 6.76 per cent.

In addition to the $16.3 million in Cooperative Program contributions, Southern Baptists also gave $20.9 million during the first seven months to designated specific missions causes, mostly foreign and home missions.

The grand total, both designated and Cooperative Program contributions to Southern Baptist causes was nearly $37.3 million, up $1.89 million from grand total gifts for the same period last year. It is an increase of 5.36 per cent in grand total SBC mission gifts.

Of the $37.3 million total, nearly $24½ million has gone to support Southern Baptist foreign mission efforts in 70 countries through the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has received $8 million to date in both Cooperative Program and designated gifts. Six SBC-owned and operated seminaries have received $3.1 million.

The Cooperative Program distributes funds, on a convention-adopted budget, to 19 agencies of the convention.

Amounts reflected in the monthly report on Cooperative Program and designated mission gifts prepared by the SBC Executive Committee here do not include funds given to support local and state-wide Baptist mission efforts, but only Southern Baptist Convention programs. (BP)


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# Ohio Area Crusades End With 7129 Decisions

**COLUMBUS, Ohio**—The Crusade of the Americas came to a climax in Ohio and Western New York and Pennsylvania with a total of 7129 decisions reported following central crusades in 11 cities and local church revivals in 381 Baptist churches.

It was the largest simultaneous evangelism effort undertaken by the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, which was assisted in the crusades by sister Baptist state conventions in Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and Texas.

In planning for two years, the crusades included such preparation as Sunday School enlargement campaigns, community surveys, house-to-house visitation, television and newspaper advertising, and distribution of 750,000 scripture portions entitled "Good News by a Man Named John," an illustrated book of the Gospel of John in Today's English Version by the American Bible Society.

Several American and National Baptist congregations joined the Southern Baptist churches of Ohio to participate in the crusades.

The 11 central crusades were held in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Hamilton, Piqua, Toledo, and Niles (Youngstown area) in Ohio; in Buffalo, N.Y., and in Pittsburgh, Penn.

During the 11 central crusades, 1363 persons were reported making professions of faith, with another 1025 persons making decisions to rededicate their life. Attendance at the crusades were reported at 149,274.

Most of the central crusades were assisted financially by state Baptist conventions in the South.

**Tennessee Baptists sponsored the Hamilton and Cincinnati crusades. Kentucky assumed responsibility for Toledo and Piqua. Alabama undergirded the Pittsburgh crusade. Florida helped at Cleveland and Buffalo. Assistance for other cities came from Baptists in Mississippi, Georgia and Texas.**

The 11 central crusades were followed by revivals in 381 local churches and missions, with a total of 1536 professions of faith, 373 transfers of church membership, and 3182 rededications, commitments of life service, and pledges to live more consistently with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Of the 5091 total decisions reported in the local church revivals, 259 of those who made professions of faith and 91 who made other decisions reported that they made their initial decision in the central crusades.

About 2000 Baptists from Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas assisted the local churches in their revival efforts as a part of the crusade.

The visiting Baptists from other states included pastors, song leaders, choral groups and other laymen who came to bolster the revivals through personal witnessing and visitation. All came at either their own expense or at the expense of their home church.

**Total cost of the crusade effort was estimated at $500,000. Cost of the central crusades ran more than $200,000 and was financed partly by the Ohio convention, the sponsoring state conventions, churches and district associations in the Ohio convention, and by public offerings at the crusade meetings.**

Some of the top evangelists in the Southern Baptist Convention, plus well-known sports and entertainment personalities were among the speakers for the central crusades.

Giving personal testimonies of their faith in Christ were Miss Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Miss America of 1965; Paul Anderson, known as "the world's strongest man;" Bunny Martin, a yo-yo champion; Rex Kern, quarterback for Oklahoma State university, and Bill Glass of the Cleveland Browns professional football team.

Central crusade evangelists were Ramsey Pollard, Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis; John Bisagno, Del City Baptist church, Del City, Okla.; Herschel Ford of Jacksonville, Fla.; Carl Bates, First Baptist church, Charlotte, N.C.; Robert Norman, Belmont Baptist church, Nashville; Jaroy Weber, Dauphin Way Baptist church, Mobile, Ala.; Roy Fish of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth; Jack Stanton and Eual Lawson, both associates in the Evangelism Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; E. J. Daniels, evangelist, Florida, and James Robison, evangelist, Texas. (BP)

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## Pastor To Head Committee Probing Church 'Unrest'

**MIDLAND, Tex.**—The Rev. Lynn Temple Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Huntington, W. Va., has been named chairman of an 11-man committee to study the state of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) and investigate "unrest" in the denomination.

The committee, authorized by the Church's General Assembly in April, is instructed to recommend to the 1970 General Assembly means of assuring the Church's "purity, peace, unity and progress." (RNS)

**Sunday School**

## ACTION NIGHT

**By Wendell Price**

Associational Sunday School ACTION NIGHT for every church Sunday School worker in every church in the association is suggested for SEPTEMBER 9.

The associational officers will meet during August and **plan** the ACTION NIGHT program.

A program schedule, suggestions and resources are in the quarterly "Sunday School Bulletin for Associational Workers," July, August and September issue. Here is a sample.

7:00 p.m.—Introduction

7:10 p.m.—Conferences for age groups and general officers

8:10 p.m.—Assemble in auditorium, filmstrip, The Sunday School Program, 1969-70, recognize new officers, introduce associational Sunday School action scheduled for 1969-70. Dedication service.

9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

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## Suit Looms on Gideon Bible Distribution in Schools

**PETERBOROUGH, N.H.**—Court action may result from a controversy which began when officials began considering distribution of Gideon Society Bibles in public schools here.

It was indicated that the American Civil Liberties Union may take action against the Conval School Board, which some time ago accepted an offer by the Gideon Society to give copies of the New Testament to the Contoocook Valley School District for pupils in grades 5-12, teachers and school libraries.

The school board accepted the offer provided area clergymen did not object. A poll of clergy showed favorable reaction, according to School Supt. Raymond Edwards.

However, objections were raised by the standing committee of the Unitarian church in Peterborough, which is currently without a pastor.

That committee unanimously endorsed a resolution which stated that it felt that "the proposal that Gideon Bibles be distributed within the school is unwise, because this distribution might be objectionable to many and subject the school to pressures from other groups wishing to distribute materials." (RNS)

# 'Dr. Pete' Ends Seminary Career As Acting President

**By Larry H. Penley**

**LOUISVILLE**—Hugh R. Peterson, veteran administrator at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary here, moved up to the presidency before he moved on to retirement July 31.

Peterson served as acting president during his last day on the job, and executed his final duties from the office of President Duke K. McCall who was away on a trip.

For 31 years, "Dr. Pete" as he was called by thousands of students, served in a variety of administrative posts at the seminary. From 1958 until the day before his retirement (when he became president), he was the seminary's administrative dean.

Since joining the seminary staff in 1938, Peterson has affected the lives of some 10,000 students who now serve in ministries around the world. Most of these graduates, he can still call by name and give their present places of service.

Gifted with a remarkable memory, Peterson amazed many of the students by greeting them by name when they arrived as incoming students. It happened to this writer personally.

As student counselor and registrar, "Dr. Pete" would require each incoming student to forward a photograph of himself before arriving on campus. He would study the pictures and be able to greet the students by name when they first set foot on campus.

It happened to me when I first entered Dr. Pete's office in 1946. Twenty-two years later, in 1968, when I returned to the seminary for updating classes, he still remembered my name.

During those 22 years, I had forgotten many of the names of seminary instructors who never bothered to learn my name, but I have never forgotten Dr. Pete. He makes that kind of impression on you.

Now that he is retiring, Dr. Pete plans to do some writing for denominational publications and to serve in interim pastorates. "At the moment, my plans are very flexible," he said. "If there is nothing to do, I'll invent something."

A flexible person, a passing ship once determined the career of Hugh R. Peterson. Shipwrecked in the Pacific 350 miles north of his native New Zealand while on his way to America for theological studies in 1930, he had decided he would let the first passing ship determine whether he would continue his journey or return home. Fortunately for Southern Seminary, the first ship was headed toward America.

Dr. Pete was born in Gore, New Zealand, in 1903. He worked for a New Zealand banking firm before entering the ministry in 1926. He studied at Los Angeles Bible Institute Georgetown college in Georgetown, Ky., and Southern seminary where he earned bachelor, master, and doctor of theology degrees.

Upon graduating with the doctorate in 1937, he became student counselor, and later registrar, secretary of the faculties, faculty member, dean of students, director of admissions and administrative dean.

He also served for 10 years as pastor of the Sonora Baptist church near Louisville, and has served as interim pastor in more than a score of other churches.

Peterson has had 39 secretaries over the years. The day before his retirement, he was presented with a scrapbook containing letters from 30 of them. The scrapbook, prepared by seminary Registrar Tom Sherwood, also continued tributes from current staff, faculty and students.

Foreign-born himself, Dr. Pete has been a special friend over the years to the seminary's international students. Upon his retirement, members of the International Club expressed their gratitude by presenting him with a lighted globe.

But the retirement gift Dr. Pete liked best was the chair he has occupied in his seminary office. The chair was retired with him. (BP)

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## Baptist Church Damaged In July "Soccer War"

Falling debris from a bombed house a half-block away heavily damaged the roof of the Baptist church and pastor's residence building in Choluteca, Honduras, just an hour before the scheduled start of a Crusade of the Americas meeting at the church. The place was filled, but nobody was injured in this small incident in the recent conflict between Honduras and neighboring El Salvador.

The Ralph A. Wilsons, Southern Baptist missionaries, live 12 blocks from where bombs fell in Choluteca. Other missionaries in Tegucigalpa, the capital, live two or three miles from Toncontin airport, which was bombed. This was the closest Southern Baptist missionaries came to being directly affected in the series of skirmishes and air raids that started July 14 and continued off and on for five days, until the Organization of American States effected a cease-fire.

## Arizona College Seeks $125,000 To Avoid Closure

**PHOENIX, Ariz.**—Grand Canyon college, owned and operated by the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, must raise $125,000 in the next 90 days or face possible closure, a joint meeting of the college's trustees and Executive Board of the Arizona convention was told here.

In response, the convention's Executive Board approved an immediate $140,000 fund campaign among Southern Baptist churches in Arizona to try to save the school.

Grand Canyon college President Arthur K. Tyson outlined to the board the college's financial plight, caused by a lack of operating funds.

The school needs $50,000 immediately to meet faculty payrolls due between now and Sept. 5; $11,000 to pay for utilities already owed (in some cases as much as six months in arrears); $15,000 to pay book suppliers of the college's bookstore in overdue bills; and at least another $50,000 to pay miscellaneous back bills owed to scores of suppliers, according to Tyson.

The college president added that many of the creditors have refused to make additional shipments of supplies until outstanding accounts are brought current.

Tyson said that the school did not operate in the black for the first 15 years of its 20 year history. He also cited a limited endowment, and said that the support from Arizona churches was relatively small because of the size of the convention.

Tyson added, however, that he felt the convention had gone the limit of its ability to support the college and said college support ranks near the top on a percentage basis of support from the convention.

In addition to approving the $140,000 fund campaign among Arizona Southern Baptist churches to help save the churches, the convention Executive Board also voted to loan the college $50,000 to meet its payroll. The board hopes to repay the $50,000 from funds received in the special fund drive.

The action to loan the college $50,000 for 90 days came on a substitute motion to a proposal that the convention co-sign a note with a Phoenix bank for $225,000 to cover an existing revolving loan of $175,000 plus the $50,000 in payroll needs.

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention Executive Secretary Charles L. McKay pointed out that the convention was in a position to borrow the funds on a short-term basis and could do so at a more favorable rate than that quoted to the college.

Both actions, to conduct the fund drive and to loan the college $50,000, were approved without opposition by the board.

Jackson declared that there are only two choices in the matter for the Southern Baptists of Arizona: either accept the challenge and meet the needs of the college, or "hand the keys to someone else and let them run the school." (BP)

# Churches Urged To Work With Government To Develop People

**WASHINGTON**—Both churches and government have supportive roles in helping people to be competent, according to a highly placed governmental official here.

Samuel C. Jackson, assistant secretary for metropolitan development in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, addressed nearly 100 Baptist leaders at the 13th annual Religious Liberty Conference.

The conference was sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director. Theme for the meeting was "Emerging Patterns of Rights and Responsibilities Affecting Church and State."

"The competence of an individual may not depend on his efforts alone," Jackson declared, as he outlined government programs and challenged the churches to participate and use their influence in such efforts.

In addition to government programs to develop manpower skills, Jackson insisted that government has a responsibility in helping to provide an environment in which human competence can grow.

Although he said that all of government has a responsibility in this area, he discussed largely the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (HUD)

Two major problems in the job market of the nation, Jackson said, are discrimination and personal competence.

"Discrimination, and not inadequate education or training, is the major factor contributing to the income gap" among the millions of Black and Spanish-speaking Americans, the HUD official said.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has found, according to Jackson, "that discrimination, deliberate or inadvertent, accounts for about two-thirds of the difference in occupational ranking between black and males and majority group males."

The commission further observed that "more education is not only a partial solution to the Negro's problem of low employment status because a lessening of the difference in years of schooling between Negroes and Anglos does not produce a proportional narrowing of the gap in employment status."

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## Home Mission Board Names Four Couples Missionaries

**GLORIETA, N.M.**—Four Couples have been appointed as career missionaries by the Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting here for its annual summer session.

They are Doyne and Martha Ann Robertson of Fort Worth, where he was pastor of Westland Heights Baptist Church. They were assigned to Capitan, N. M., where Robertson will be pastor of First Baptist Church.

Veryl Floyd and Cheryl Lynn Henderson of Corsicana, Tex., where he was pastor of Mildred Baptist Church. They were assigned to the city of Lahaina on the Hawaiian Island of Maui, where he will be pastor of Lahaina Baptist Mission.

Dale Wesley and Karen Sue Cross of Royal Oak, Mich., where he was pastor of Sixth Street Baptist Church. The Crosses were assigned to Detroit, where he will be superintendent of missions.

William James and Bella Jo Austin of Thornton, Colo., where he was pastor of First Baptist Church. They were assigned to Denver, where he will be superintendent of missions for Northern and Eastern Colorado. (BP)

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● SECOND HOMES—About 1.7 million households, out of 59 million in the U. S., have second homes, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce. About 300,000 additional families expect to buy or build a second home within two years. About 7 percent of the second homes are owned or rented in partnership with other households. The typical second home is one-story, contains 3 to 5 rooms, and has a kitchen or cooking equipment. About 90 percent have electricity, 60 percent have running water, and one third have permanent heating systems.

## Hillsboro Chapel in Williamson Co. Organized as a Church

Hillsboro Baptist Chapel, at Hillsboro, in Williamson County, has been constituted as a church. Begun as a chapel of Glendale church, Nashville, the group started as a constituted church with 127 members, 86 of this number coming by baptism.

Those participating in the special services included: Harold Gregory, superintendent of missions, Nashville association, who acted as moderator for the council of ministers and deacons from area churches; Parnick Coe, who has been pastor of the chapel since 1965, gave a brief history of the chapel; and Vern Powers, pastor of Glendale, who recommended the chapel be organized as a church.

The chapel began with prayer meetings in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shelby on Waddell Road in January, 1961. The Nashville association bought a 2.4 acre lot which was later purchased by Glendale. In August of the same year Oscar Nash led the chapel in Vacation Bible School and J. C. Spencer, the first pastor, conducted a tent revival. Formal services began in September, 1961, meeting in a rented garage building, with 19 in attendance.

The congregation has been self-sustaining for nearly three years and has handled its own budget for the past two years. The present budget is $35,000, with a debt of only $1000 which is in connection with land purchase. The current Sunday School attendance is 97, with 33 in Training Union, and 24 in the Woman's Missionary Union.

A native of Benton, Pastor Coe came to Hillsboro from Cohutta, Ga., is a graduate of Belmont college, Nashville, and is married to the former Annie Ruth Compton of Chatsworth, Ga. The Coes have two children: Deloris, 18 and Mary, 11.

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## Criswell And Texas Baptists Support Welfare Amendment

**DALLAS**—Texans have decided to raise the state's welfare ceiling and Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell shattered a sterotype in the process.

By an almost 2 to 1 margin, Texas voters said "yes" to Proposition 5, a constitutional amendment to raise the ceiling from $60 million to $80 million for the benefit of the aged, blind, handicapped and poverty-stricken children.

The vote reversed a refusal by Texas voters on the same issue about nine months earlier.

Criswell, pastor of the 15,000-member First Baptist Church here, two commissions of the 1.8 million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas and The Baptist Standard, state newspaper for Texas Baptists, played an integral role in a massive, statewide campaign to support passage of the amendment.

They were joined by Religious, civic, community and legislative leaders of all faiths and races.

Some, who had Criswell typecast in their particular definition of "conservatism," showed visible surprise at his participation. "Criswell for welfare?!" gasped a wire service reporter. "Man, that is a story!"

The 59-year-old SBC president, as is his custom, didn't mince words about his point of view.

At a legislative briefing, he told an interracial group of Dallas County pastors that the question of raising welfare payments should not degenerate into a debate between "liberals" and "conservatives."

"It's not being 'liberal' . . . (theologically) to minister to the needs of the hungry, the disabled and the sick," Criswell said, with a characteristic jut of jaw and jab of finger. "It's just simply being Christian."

The legislative briefing, held at First Baptist Church's chapel named for Criswell featured the SBC President and three Texas legislators. (BP)

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**Sunday School Lesson for August 17, 1969—By W. R. White**
**Life and Work Series**

# The Disciple's Relationships

**Basic Passage: Matthew 7:1-12**
**Focal Passage: Matthew 7:1-12**

It is in the realm of relationships that man is a colossal failure. In material and scientific advancement he is a colossal success. Of course, he is restless, intense, contentious, and unhappy. The sensations and excitements in the material realm give a superficial and temporary thrill. Deep satisfying meaningfulness he does not know.

In the sphere of relationships toward God, others, and self, he is not too far from primitive paganism. His progress here has been painfully slow.

He needs to be rightly related to God, his fellowman, and his own purpose of being. He needs to be reconciled to God in Christ and under His sovereign sway. He should have an attitude of active good will toward his fellowman. He should be following the divine blueprint for his life, realizing the reason for existence.

Jesus is the greatest example, expert, and authority in the realm of relationships.

## HE MUST NOT ASSUME ROLE OF JUDGE
**Matthew 7:1-5**

Judging the motives of others will prove a boomerang every time. The criteria we use in judging others will be applied to us.

Too often we pounce on the apparent tiny flaws in others while our big faults are obvious to everybody but to us. It makes us look ridiculous to impartial observers.

The thing to do is to clear our skirts. Then we might be able to help others eliminate their flaws or faults.

The truth is we cannot properly judge others unless we possess accurate knowledge of their background, nature, and actuating motives.

## WE SHOULD DISCERN CHARACTER
**Matthew 7:6**

There are some people so obviously depraved and incorrigibly stubborn that our witness will not only be rejected but will be treated with sacrilegious contempt by them. They are so devoid of any appreciation for decency and spiritual values that they are classified by Jesus as having the reactions of dogs and hogs.

Yet, that which seems to be clear is not always actual. Occasionally those who appear callous and hostile are presenting "a front." They are actually under conviction. This requires great discernment. The really spiritual "discern or judge all things." I Corinthians 2:15.

## THE CHILD-FATHER RELATIONSHIP
**Matthew 7:7-11**

There should be such intimate and trustful relationships between child and parent that the child will feel free to ask, seek, and knock expecting a loving response from the Father above.

We would be utterly amazed and astounded if earthly parents gave children a stone when they asked for bread or a scorpion when they asked for a fish.

If earthly parents who are frail and sinful know how to give gifts to their children, how much more will a holy, loving heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him. This comparison should encourage frequent praying to the beloved God above with bold confidence.

## THE GREAT GUIDING PRINCIPLE
**Matthew 7:12**

The great guiding principle in relationships is the Golden Rule. Many people profess to adhere to this principle as their only religion. Usually they have a very superficial understanding of the full meaning of this famous utterance of Jesus.

Its positive form makes it far more significant and sweeping than the classical negative form as advocated by ancient sages of the Orient. Jesus taught that this rule, as He stated it, contained the essence of the law and the prophets.

It not only means that we should refrain from doing to others that which we would not like for them to do to us. It rather urges that we take the initiative in doing to others what we would like for them to do to us.

Jesus implies elsewhere that when we have a chance to do something good to others and fail to do it, we thereby do them wrong. Mark 3:4. James says that if we know good that we could do and do it not, we commit sin. The world is in a terrible plight not only because of the evil that bad men do, but because of the good which good men fail to do.

If we had more positive neighborliness we would have far less bad relationships. The priest and Levite did not kick the poor man who was a victim of the thieves, they just went by on the other side and left him in his plight. The good Samaritan was called good because he did something for him that was good.

## Evangelism Congress Sets 43 Workshops

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Forty-three workshops will be part of the U.S. Congress on Evangelism to be held here Sept. 8-13.

They will be designed to show the 6000 to 7000 delegates new ideas and new methods in evangelism.

"Our goal," said Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman of St. Louis, national chairman, "is to send the pastors, laymen and evangelists back to their parishes and fields of service loaded with an unlimited number of new ideas and methods of how to get the job done."

Workshops will be conducted on such topics as "The Ministry of the Lay Apostolate," "Do Your Thing," "Reaching the High School Student," "Church Renewal through Action Groups," "Interracial Community," "Using Secular Theater to Minister," "Every Member a Missionary" and "Leisure Time Evangelism."

Sessions will be held in the Minneapolis Auditorium and at nearby churches and hotels and the YWCA. (RNS)

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## Baptist Loan Board Managers Named

**TOPEKA**—Kansas' state securities commissioner has named a five-member management board to take control of the Kansas Baptist Church Loan Association and, hopefully, put the association on a firm financial basis.

Commissioner Michael G. Quinn said the loan association's liabilities exceed its assets by $1.6 million.

The management board includes a state senator, an accountant, two businessmen, and a minister—all are members of Southern Baptist churches in the Wichita area where the state convention has its headquarters. (RNS)

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## METHODIST AGENCY HIKES INTEREST RATE ON LOCAL CHURCH LOANS

**NEW YORK**—Local United Methodist churches and other borrowers from the denomination's Board of Missions will now have to pay 7½ per cent interest, it was announced here.

The Rev. Marvin A. Leist, executive secretary for the Board's church expansion unit, said the half-per cent raise was necessary because of rising interest rates in the general money market.

Also announced was a rise—from 6 to 6½ per cent—in interest paid to participants in the United Methodist investment funds. The new rate will be for the interest period July 1-Dec. 31.

The present Methodist Investment Fund and Evangelical United Brethren Investment Fund are soon to be merged into a single investment fund. (RNS)

## Austin Named to Post At Georgia Medical

**AUGUSTA, Ga.**—James C. Austin, former associate director of the Southern Seminary Foundation at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, has been named director of the division of institutional relations at the Medical College of Georgia.

Austin is a former director of alumni affairs at Southern seminary, former associate director of the seminary's Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism endowment fund campaign, and previously was associate in the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission. He is a graduate of Southern seminary and the University of Virginia. (BP)

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### CIRCULATION DIP NOTED IN CATHOLIC MAGAZINES

**NEW YORK**—A circulation drop of over seven per cent from the previous year for Roman Catholic newspapers and magazines has been reported for 1968 by the Catholic Press Association here.

The information on the circulation was reported by the CPA as the organization released the 1969-70 edition of its Catholic Press Directory, the annual reference guide to the Catholic press in the United States and Canada. (RNS)

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### BELIEF IN GOD FOCUS OF UNIVERSITY STUDY

**ATLANTA**—Only 25 per cent of the students at Emory university, a United Methodist institution, have no doubts about God's existence, a survey by an Emory sociologist indicates.

Dr. James O. Gibbs reported that 26 per cent of the students questioned said they do believe in God, although they have some doubts.

The same questions were put to adult members of a local Methodist congregation. Dr. Gibbs said 81 per cent of the adults said they have no doubts about the existence of God, and 16 per cent believe in God even though they have some doubts.

Asked to choose between a belief that the Bible is the literal Word of God, or that it was written by men inspired by God, but includes some "human errors," 29 per cent of the adults and 4 per cent of the students picked the infallibility statement; 69 per cent of the adults and almost all of the students made the more liberal choice.

Among other findings of Dr. Gibbs' survey were:

— That 73 per cent of the students said they spend no time during the week reading the Bible.

— That when the students were divided into denominational categories, the Baptist students proved to be the most conservative theologically.

— That female students have a "weak, but clear" tendency to be more liberal than males. (RNS)

**On Matters of**

*Family Living*

**By Dr. B. David Edens, Director, Marriage and Family Program Stephens College Columbia, Missouri 65201**

## Youngsters Have To See Oldsters Fight Prejudice

Parents can't deplore prejudice in private and accept it in public and expect their children to grow up unprejudiced, reminds psychologist Mamie Phipps Clark.

It is extremely important for parents to speak out against prejudice "not only in the presence of your child but wherever you are," the executive director of the Northside Center for Child Development stressed recently in *Family Circle*.

Parents who are only against prejudice when nobody but the child is around are monologists, not fighters for right; their children are understandably confused by their failure to put down prejudice wherever and whenever it rears its head.

When a prejudiced statement is made, "it is the responsibility of every person in that room who really means well to speak up and say 'that's not right'," says Dr. Clark. ". . . A child can identify with this kind of straightforward position."

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## Total Giving To ABC Shows Annual Rise

**VALLEY FORGE, Pa.**—Inclusive income of the American Baptist Convention's budget has steadily increased since 1961 despite a general impression that church income is down, according to figures released here.

The denomination's headquarters showed $10,306,585 for the basic budget in 1961 as compared with $12,102,694 in 1968. The latter figure was slightly below that of 1967. But when funds for the World Mission Campaign and other specials were added, an increase from 1967 to 1968 was indicated.

The basic budget, the campaign and specials went up from $13,605,486 in 1961 to $19,756,021 in 1968. The advance from 1967 to 1968 in this combined tabulation was nearly two million dollars.

Total expenditures—local church, benevolences, buildings and others—rose from $657,090,000 in 1961 to $825,090,000 in 1968. The high point in the eight-year period for expenditure was 1967 with $1,135,520,000.

At mid-year, 1969, contributions for the basic mission budget exceeded 1968 at the same point by $25,825. (RNS)

# Historically

## From the files

### 50 YEARS AGO

The *Baptist Chronicle* of Alexandria, La., has been bought by a group of men with the intention of turning it over to the convention at its meeting. It is now called the *Baptist Message*. Dr. M. E. Dodd was elected editorial writer, and W. H. Barton was elected managing editor. R. P. Mahon is president of the board of directors. The retiring editor is E. O. Ware.

### 20 YEARS AGO

A new Baptist Book Store has opened in Knoxville to serve the eastern and northeastern regions. Belle Lazenby is manager of the new store, located at 308 West Church Street.

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First church, Elizabethton, has completed the installation of a three-manual pipe organ at a cost of approximately $26,000. William C. Taggart, Jr., is pastor.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dr. John D. Freeman is expecting to take up his work soon following a successful operation for cataracts on both eyes. He and Mrs. Freeman have been in the home of their daughter in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Twenty-one missionaries were appointed at the July meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest number ever to be appointed at a July meeting of the board. This brings the total number of missionaries under appointment to 1355.

**Children's Homes**

## FINAL MOTHER'S DAY REPORT FOR 1969

**By James M. Gregg**

Our books closed for the Mother's Day Offering on July 31. Again God gave us an increase; to Him be all the glory. The total is $185,500. This is an almost 10% increase over last year's $169,250 offering.

Many churches who for various reasons could not receive an offering for the Children's Homes on Mother's Day, will do so this Fall. Your love gifts are always very much needed and most appreciated.

The Children's Homes Central Office is now located in the new Tennessee Baptist Convention Building. Our new address is P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027. Come to see us!

**Pictured here are some of the workers who took part in a recent potato dig which was sponsored by the Oak Grove Baptist Church for The Baptist Children's Homes in Tennessee. Three members of the drive are seen to the right of the picture. They are right to left, Melvin Felts, George Hill, pastor of Oak Grove, and James M. Gregg, head of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.**

# Pastors' Retreat Scheduled At Camp Carson August 25-29

The 13th annual Pastors' Retreat will be held at Camp Carson, Newport, August 25-29, according to F. M. Dowell, secretary, Evangelism Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, sponsor of the retreat. The total cost for the week is $17.

Program personalities include: preacher for the week E. Warren Rust, pastor, Tower Grove Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., and former pastor of First church, Cleveland, who will preach at morning and evening sessions; Paul Meigs, secretary of Evangelism of the Florida Baptist Convention, who will bring doctrinal messages twice daily; W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, leading a Bible study both morning and evening, using the Sermon on the Mount; Gene Kerr, assistant to the executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, who will lead a discussion on Public Relations.

F. M. Dowell will lead a conference on soul winning and W. R. Roden, dean of Student Services, Tennessee Tech university, Cookeville, will have charge of the afternon recreation.

Music for the week will be under the direction of A. A. Carlton, pastor, Calvary church, Lenoir City.

Pastors and associational missionaries are encouraged to make plans to attend. Send your name, address, along with $1 for registration to the Department of Evangelism, Rev. F. M. Dowell, secretary, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027.

## Senate Hearings Expose Problems of Alcoholism

**WASHINGTON**—The nation's efforts in the cure of alcoholism and the treatment of alcoholics took a beating at hearings conducted here by the Senate Special Subcommittee on Alcoholism and narcotics.

Sen. Harold E. Hughes (D., Iowa), chairman of the subcommittee, said in his opening statement: "We are infinitely proud that we have put men on the moon. But in our stomachs we are sick over the threat of drugs to our children and of the deteriorating effects of alcoholism on our society.

"Up to this point," the Senator declared, "federal action on both alcohol and drug abuse has been the puniest type of tokenism. In the areas where a dollar invested would yield the greatest returns in economic and human value legal tender, we have been unwilling to spend pin money."

Both Hughes and Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D., Tex.), chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, took the Nixon administration to task for its recommendation to cut the $4 million federal allocation for alcoholism community assistance grants.

"I think it is false economy to completely eliminate a program which would have made at least a beginning in trying to solve this serious and growing American problem," Yarborough said. (BP)

**Foundation**

## LOVE NEVER DIES OR DOES IT?

**by Jonas L. Stewart**
**Executive Secretary and Treasurer**

It was a lovely house in which they lived. Home and family were a little taste of heaven. Their love could never die—or so they thought.

The sad news came. The young husband and father of the home had died suddenly while away on a business trip.

All of the love they had known seemed to swell within the wife's heart at one time. Memories of lovely hours since courtship days all cried out for attention at one time.

It took only a few days, however, for much of that love to turn to disappointment and bitterness. She learned that there was no will. The bank would not allow her to open their safe deposit box without a court order. She could not cash a check. The house was not paid for. His insurance policy was made payable to the estate. She had to make bond to take care of any of his unfinished business. She even had to have the court appoint her as guardian of her own children. The children inherited most of their father's estate but she could not spend it on them. She must place it in trust until they are of age. She has to report to the court regularly on how she handles her children's affairs. The small portion of the estate allowed her by the court was insufficient for her welfare.

All of this could have been avoided by a simple will. Is there any wonder why the frustrated wife began to doubt if her husband ever really loved her? He had left her so helpless in her greatest hour of need.

There is only one way to avoid the possibility of the above tragedy happening in your family. Make a Will. Make a Christian Will! Provided for all of those whom you love—your companion, the children and your Lord. See your attorney at once.

Your Tennessee Baptist Foundation representative enjoys discussing a Christian Will with the Lord's people. Contact him for a visit or for literature by writing Tennessee Baptist Foundation, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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● LEISURE TIME—The work week has shrunk from 60.1 hours in 1900 to 38.5 hours in 1960, on the average. The average person today has 22 years more free time during his life than did his grandfather. It is estimated that 75 per cent of all free time is spent at home. However, 140,000,000 Americans take a vacation annually. Half of all vacations are now taken at times other than summer.