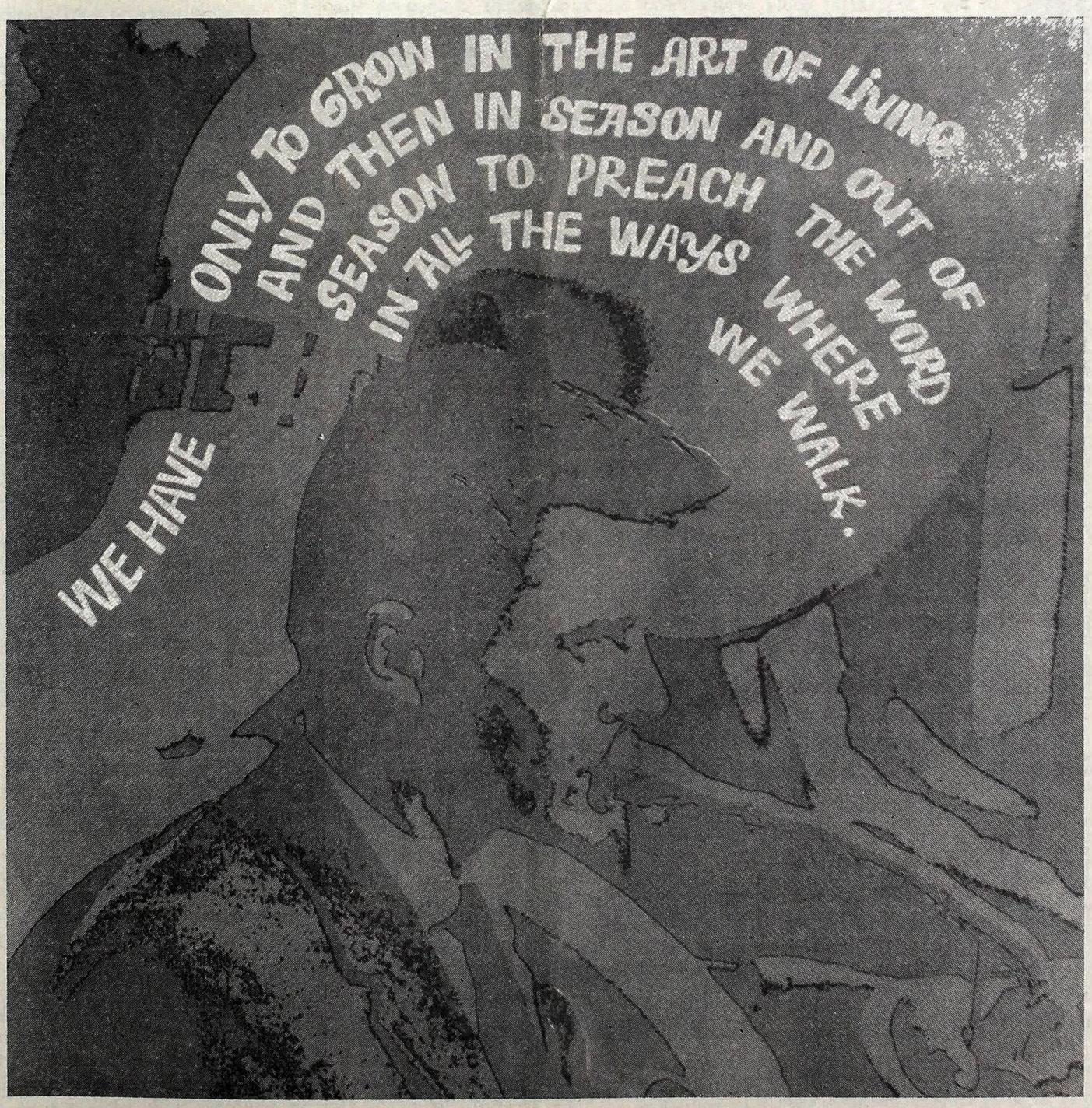
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Paul's Equipment as a Soul-Winner

By George E. Horton, Pastor Second Baptist Church, Union City

Every man in his trade has some equipment. The farmer has his plows and harvesting machines, the carpenter his



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saws and hammers, the teacher his books and chalkboard, and others equipment suitable to their various jobs. Likewise the soul-winner must have certain equipment. Paul, the greatest of New Testament soulwinners, furnishes us with a fine example. Note his list in the first chapter of Galatians.

An Experience of Grace

In defending his apostleship Paul said, "But when it pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace." There it is. He speaks of his experience of grace. Likely this is the most well known conversion in all history. When we think of Paul we almost automatically think of his great conversion experience on the road to Damascus.

In all intervening ages and in ours the first piece of equipment needed by any would-be soul-winner is an experience of grace. Now there are as many experiences



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as there are Christians but we must mark it down that without this we do not become soul-winners. The blind do not lead the blind.

Dedicated Life

In verses 16-17 Paul affirms that he did not confer with flesh and blood nor go up to Jerusalem, but rather went into Arabia and returned to Damascus. Now he did not go to Arabia for a vacation, nor to study the flora and fauna of the desert, but rather for the purpose of deepening his spiritual life. He became a man filled with the Spirit of God and in this fulness went out to win souls and establish churches.

Today a dedicated life is essential to soul winning. Apart from this the desire to continue will be lacking. You see, soulwinning is hard work. Moreover, apart from a dedicated life there will be no genuine compassion for others and without the equipment of compassion the going certainly will be at a minimum.

Knowledge of Gospel

A final piece of equipment is seen in Gal. 2:2. Here Paul speaks of communicating that gospel which he preached among the Gentiles. He had, of course, preached a gospel of grace as opposed to a gospel of works. This gospel he had received by revelation. He knew that the salvation which was his was not by works but by grace.

As with Paul so it must be today. If you are going to be an effective witness you must have an adequate knowledge of the gospel. Study the "Roman Road". Familiarize yourself with John 1:12, 3:16, 5:24, Acts 16:31, Rev. 3:20 and other

great soul-winning passages.

ABC ABOLISHES PRESS SERVICE

The American Baptist Convention has discontinued its news service effective April 1, saying that it faced budget restrictions. A companion report said that the ABC had received only 88 per cent of hoped-for income during the first two months of 1970.

The service, edited in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, USA, headquarters of the convention, was directed by Frank A. Sharp. He had been its editor since 1962. Sharp remains with the ABC as counselor to public news media.

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The "Shaping the 70's Conferences," now being held around the Southern Baptist Convention, could easily be confused with the local meeting of the "Weight Watchers."

As one hefty elderly lady of 70 said, "Well, I'll tell you this-some of the young people need to shape up, too."

Although the new approach with materials and program is an "expansive one," we do need to "shape up" before we can expand.

A good place to start would be for every earnest Christian to go on the high calorie diet of renewed interest, enthusiasm, and concern.

And if we are going to "shape the 70's" and meet the challenge now before us, we will need to cut away the fat of superficiality, eliminate the waste of triviality, and move up to the real meat of the problem of today: How to get every person to respond to the redeeming, uplifting power of Jesus Christ.

A 'Two-Tier' Ministry Studied By Baptists

LONDON—The Baptist Union Council has asked Baptist churches and associations in Britain to study a controversial report recommending a "two-tier ministry" for the denomination.

A report by the Commission of the Ministry calls for a full-time professional ministry supplemented by a "properly trained" lay ministry designed to enhance the professional ministry with experience of the secular professions.

The proposal was made in an attempt to cope with "the lack of effective oversight and leadership" in British Baptist churches, believed caused by an ineffective ministerial system.

Under the proposal, professional ministers would be given pastoral charge, with supplemental ministers working in partnership. Some lay ministers would be in charge of smaller congregations.

The report also called for a full-time, properly paid professional ministry of smaller numbers than at present, having higher qualifications and better training. At present, there are an estimated 2117 Baptist churches with 1284 pastors in charge. The number of pastors would be cut to about 400. Total Baptist membership is about 280,000. (RNS)

LETTERS to the EDITOR

To the Editor:

Why Not a Layman?

When Southern Baptists meet in annual sessions in Denver this year, one of their major items of business will be that of electing a new president. Current President, Dr. W. A. Criswell, having served with honor and distinction in the high post of service for two terms, will probably not, accord-

ing to precedent stand for re-election.

Choosing a successor to Dr. Criswell will be no easy task. There are many numbered among Southern Baptists—both pastors and laymen—who are highly qualified to fill this important and significant post. The task with which the messengers will be faced will be that of isolating the person God has ready for the honored place of service. Prayers of Southern Baptists even now should be that God will lead the Convention in the

choice of the person to be elected.

As Southern Baptists look forward to this major item of business on the Convention program, why should they not prayerfully consider the election of one of their fine laymen to serve the coming year as president. Not since Brooks Hays, an esteemed layman, served in the years of 1958 and 1959 have Southern Baptists turned to a nonordained man to serve in their highest and most honored post of service. That has been more than a decade ago. Since that time six pastors have been elected to serve. Surely after a lapse of more than a decade, the time has come when Southern Baptists should ascertain as to whether or not God does not have one of their outstanding and competent laymen ready to serve as their president.

To elect a layman as president at this time would be saying much to the "grass roots" of Baptists. It will mean much to the total work of the Convention as together—pastors and people—walk boldly into the 70's. Among other things, Southern Baptists will be saying that in keeping with their belief in the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer, they can reach into the membership of their churches to fine leaders among their laymen

as well as followers.

And, one final word, Southern Baptists need not look far into the ranks of their laymen to find men highly qualified to serve as president of their Convention. They have developed men who are knowledgeable of the work of the Convention, dedicated to its objectives, and deeply loyal to Christ and His cause.

Surely this is the year when Southern Baptists could gain much by electing one of their choice laymen to serve as their president. They should prayerfully consider such a choice when they meet

in Denver.

George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary, Brotherhood Commission, SBC Memphis, Tenn.

To the Editor:

I have read with interest the story on page 7 of March 26, 1970 issue about Arthur Blessitt's trek across the country and his idea about enclosing tracts as we pay bills by mail. This morning I have slipped three tracts along with three checks, acting on this idea. The time is short until Jesus Christ comes again and many will be struck down by accident, suddenly. We must haste.

Also I want to say an amen to Mrs. W. A. O'Leary's letter in the same issue. Injustice, prejudice and hate are eating away our Christian witness. I am often surprised to find in one whom I believe to be a dedicated Christian-much

race prejudice.

Sincerely, Sara Bradford Saunders 1013 Joyce Lane Nashville, Tennessee 37216

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for the excellent editorial "Let's Go to Sunday School—and Study the Bible." The primary concern of a Sunday School organization in the church is to provide for and secure the effective study of the Bible as you point out.

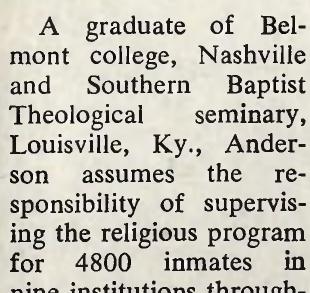
We are anticipating that new approaches and materials prepared for Sunday School use in the 70's will result in what you are supporting so strongly. The five administration books projecting the Sunday School program recommended for use in the churches beginning this fall open up effective ways churches may avoid the problems you point out so clearly and will help to achieve the ideal you have stated. These books are, Administering the Bible Teaching Program, Adult Sunday School Work, Youth Sunday School Work, Children's Sunday School Work, Preschoolers at Church.

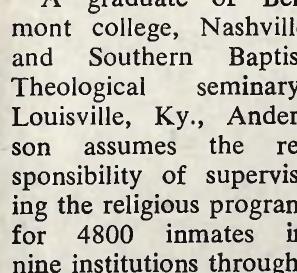
Again, thank you for a very timely and helpful emphasis.

> Sincerely, A. V. Washburn, Secretary Sunday School Department Sunday School Board Nashville, Tenn.

Gary Anderson has been appointed di-

see, according to an announcement by Lake F. Russell, Commissioner of Corrections.





ville.

Anderson served formerly as pastor in Orlinda, Charlotte, Sumner County, and Milton, Ky. He replaces chaplain Alfred C. Hart who resigned to accept a position with the Southern Baptist Convention where he will continue to work closely with prison chaplains throughout the country.

Mrs. Anderson is the former Joyce Middleton of Waynesboro. They have two children, Gary Allen, six and Agatha Joy, two.

Hobbs Questions Use Of Commentary Review

NASHVILLE — Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., and former Southern Baptist Convention president, has received letters of "surprise and disappointment" concerning advertising using parts of his review of volume 8 of "The Broadman Bible Commentary," recently released by Broadman Press.

Hobbs' review appeared in its entirety in some state Baptist papers and in the September 1969 issue of "Facts and Trends," a publication of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, distributed to Southern Baptist pastors, church staff members and denominational workers.

Concerning the letters of protest he had received, Hobbs said, "I continue to get letters expressing surprise and disappointment that I have recommended portions of this commentary other than volume 8, which I did review. I have read no other volumes. I did read every word of volume 8, because I was asked to review it. It appears that this review was inadverently used in a way to make it seem related to both volumes 1 and 8."

Volumes 1 and 8 of "The Broadman Bible Commentary" were released simultaneously.

Broadman Press advertising manager, Steven R. Lawrence, has disclaimed any intention of misusing Hobbs' evaluation. In a letter to Hobbs, Lawrence stated:

"In quoting from your review in advertising it has been necessary, of course, to use only brief extracts. But in no way did we intend to imply that you had given a blanket endorsement of the entire commentary in general, or of volume 1, which was not supplied to you but was sent at the same time for review to another Southern Baptist pastor.

"We regret that anyone may have misconstrued your review as we have used it. In all future advertising you may be assured we shall make doubly certain that any use of your statement will be clearly labeled as referring to volume 8, which is the only volume you agreed to review for us."

In response, Hobbs said:

"I realize there was no intent to mislead. I did state in my review my feeling that if volume 8 'is a fair sample volume of "The Broadman Bible Commentary," then our people can rejoice over this entire work.' But the point should be made clearly that any published statement bearing my name is related only to volume 8."

Hobbs is the writer of comments on the Thessalonian letters, to appear in volume 11 of the commentary, scheduled for release in October 1971.

Broadman Press is the general books publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention. (BSSB Release)

rector of Religious Services for the Department of Corrections, State of Tennes-



Anderson

nine institutions throughout the state. He will also be responsible for recruiting and training Correctional Chaplains. He completed his clinical pastoral education at Baptist Hospital, Nash-

Cooperative Program

Tennessee Baptists have met—although just barely—their Cooperative Program budget for the first five months of the current fiscal year.

In a report last week, Executive Secretary W. Fred Kendall noted that for this period, giving was \$21,018.02 over budget requirements for a 1970 budget which is \$5,675,000.

THIS IS A CLOSE MARGIN. We are not in the red, but close enough to being in that category so that one "bad day" could make the difference.

Say what you will, the Cooperative Program still stands as the finest channel for ministry in a cooperative witness man has yet devised under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

It is incumbent upon us to support through the churches our ministries together, and that generously. A long winter, among other things, may be responsible for many churches being a bit behind in their remittances to the Convention of Cooperative Program monies. May we encourage the churches to remit funds promptly, and may we plead with them to give generously in order that the advancement of the cause of Christ might be sustained—and not hindered.

And, for what it is worth, another word: We may not agree with all that is done in our institutions, agencies and programs at the state and southwide level, but we still have a stewardship responsibility which should make us support out total program of work.

If Tennessee Baptists are to meet their current budget, and advance during this year and next, Cooperative Program giving must be increased.

Loss Of A Leader

Tennessee and Southern Baptists have lost a unique and forceful personality in the death Sunday night of Dr. J. W. Storer.

The long-time Convention leader was in his 85th year when he died. A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a former Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, Dr. Storer from early days in the pastorate until his final illness made a distinct contribution to the cause of Christ and in the name of Southern Baptists.

Other positions of leadership included 25 years as pastor of the First Baptist church, Tulsa, Okla.; president of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, and a vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The effects of his ministry remain; his presence will be missed. We extend sympathy to his family.

Remember Seminary Graduates

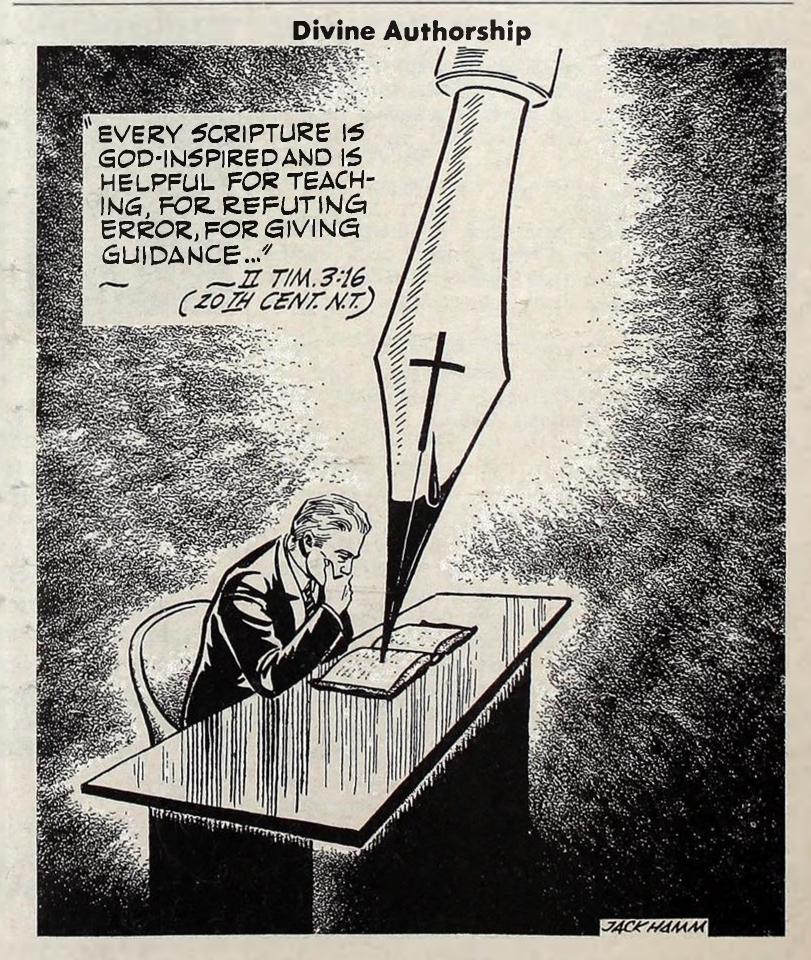
With the advent of graduation in Southern Baptist seminaries in May, there will be available a new group of potential leaders among us. There will be graduates in the fields of theology and pastoral ministries, education, music, social work and other areas. These graduates will be men and women who, with a sense of Divine call, have prepared themselves for Christian service, usually at some personal sacrifice.

It is our opinion that we share more of a "corporate" responsibility for assisting these students than is usually acknowledged. We have no placement agencies as such, and, apparently, with tongue in check say we don't want such agencies. We believe in a Divine call to the ministry, and thus assume, sometimes naively, that there is nothing for us to do.

The phrase "human instrumentality" still has validity. It is evident that a congregation cannot pray constructively about a person they do not know, and it is just as evident that a "called out" person who applies for a job is in trouble in several ways.

Pastors, denominational servants, associational leaders and others could, we believe, be of greater service in this area. We could, for example, find out from the seminaries who Tennessee graduates are, take a personal interest in them, and acquaint pulpit committees and personnel committees with them. Simply to provide our leaders of the next generation with a place to go to school is not, we believe, quite enough.

For the "average" seminary student, this time of the year, if it is the year of graduation, can be most frustrating.



J. W. Storer, Retired Executive Secretary, SBC Foundation, Dies

Dr. J. W. Storer, 85, retired executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died April 12 in Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville after a long illness.

Born in Burlington, Kansas, Storer had lived in Nashville since his tenure began with the Foundation in 1956. He retired from the post jn 1967.

A graduate of William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo., and Kansas university, he had honorary doctor degrees bestowed upon him by William Jewell, Union university, Jackson, and Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, Okla.

He served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1953-55, and prior to that was president of the convention's executive committee.

For almost 25 years he served as pastor of the First Baptist church of Tulsa, Okla. He was also pastor of churches in Richmond, Va., Greenwood, Miss., Paris and Ripley, and Pauls Valley, Okla. He has served as president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Library Convention Meets In Union City

The eighth annual Tennessee Baptist Library Convention is scheduled April 16-18 at Second church, Union City, according to Miss Mary Anderson, director, Young Adult Work and Church Library Services, Church Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. The three-day convention, being held during National Library Week, will follow the theme, "Church Libraries Serving the 70's". W. Paul Hall, convention president, and superintendent of missions, Holston association, is to preside.

James Rose, consultant, Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was to have brought the address to the convention on Friday evening, speaking on the subject. "Church Library Ministry in the Seventies."

Other program personalities scheduled to participate are: Harold Bass, librarian, Union university, Jackson; Mrs. Joe Gresham, director of Library Services, Temple church, Memphis; Mrs. Lawrence Freeman, director of Library Services, First church, Murfreesboro, and approved worker for the Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Wallace Anderson, Program Services manager, Tennessee Baptist Convention; James Yarborough, manager, Baptist Book Store, Nashville; and W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A 32nd degree Mason, Storer was author of five books and was listed in Who's Who in America, and was very active in a large number of civic clubs.

He served on the boards of trust for a number of universities and colleges, and lectured at each of the six convention owned and operated seminaries and was on the committee which recommended the establishment of two of these.

In 1912 he married the former Nora Isobel Wilbanks who survives.

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Thompson, Southern Baptist missionaries who have completed a short furlough, were scheduled to return to Argentina on March 19 (address: Ramon L. Falcon 4080, Buenos Aires, Argentina). A native of North Carolina, he was born in Lenoir and reared in Morganton. Mrs. Thompson, the former Jean Ward, is a native of Bullsgap and was reared in Knoxville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956.

Carson-Newman Gets Grant For Scholarship—Endowment

Carson-Newman college is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant by the Evans Foundation of Chattanooga, according to William I. Powell, the school's development director. The grant is to be used to create the Floyd C. Delaney Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Delaney is currently chairman of Carson-Newman's Board of Trustees. He recently retired with over 35 years of service to the Interstate Corporation and its subsidiaries. At the time of his retirement, he was executive vice president and secretary of the Interstate Life and Accident Insurance Company and vice president and secretary of the Interstate Fire Insurance Company.

Born in Chattanooga, Delaney received his education at the University of Chattanooga, the McKenzie School of Business, and is a graduate of the Chattanooga college of Law with an LL.B. degree. He is licensed to practice law in Tennessee.

According to H. Clay Evans Johnson, chairman of the board and president of the Interstate Corporation, because of Delaney's expressed interest in Carson-Newman, the trustees of the Evans Foundation met . . . and passed a resolution with the hopes that Carson-Newman would create the Floyd C. Delaney Scholarship Endowment Fund.



Kazuyoshi Hasunuma of Tokyo presents a poster announcing the Twelfth Baptist World Congress to Rogers M. Smith, official of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at board headquarters in Richmond, Va. Hasunuma, deacon and Sunday School superintendent in Tokiwaidai Baptist Church in Tokyo, came to the United States on a month's vacation to get acquainted with Baptist life and work, (FMS Photo)

Students Use Spring Break For Witness in Pioneer Areas

By James McReynolds

NASHVILLE—While many college and university students headed south to the beaches, for their spring breaks, 53 Tennessee university students and their Baptist student directors headed north.

Instead of basking, in the sun of southern beach areas, the students became part of a visitation project to campuses located in areas where snow was part of spring.

Their purpose was to witness in campus communities where little or no Baptist student work exists.

"We received much more than we gave," Miss Vel Spurlin, a member of a team from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., related.

"The encounter with a people of different values and ideals helped us to grow as Christians," she added.

"Individually the students made little impact, but together as an open, willing group, they paved the way for dialogue and discussion that will lead to establishing campus ministries," Keith Harris, state student director, Baptist Convention of Maryland, said.

The visitation teams were from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville; East Tennessee State University, Johnson City; Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville; the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Martin, Memphis and Chattanooga branches; Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

The project was financed through the summer missions fund of the Tennessee Baptist Student Unions.

Shelley Richardson, associate, student department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, coordinated the project. He assigned teams of students as requested by student work leaders in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Delaware, Maryland and Massachusetts.

Teams generally consisted of five students and one supervisor from each university. Supervisors were local student directors.

"The methods used by most of the teams were traditional as homecoming, but they accomplished the goal of sharing a relevant faith," Glenn Yarbrough, secretary, student department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, said.

"Nobody can witness to students like students," he added.

The Vanderbilt team was assigned Columbia university, New York. Other assignments included Tennessee Tech to Eastern Michigan State university, Ypsilanti, Mich.; East Tennessee State to the University of Delaware, Newark; University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, to Miami university, Oxford, Ohio, and the University of Cincinnati; Uni-

versity of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, to Muskingam and Marietta Colleges, Marietta, Ohio, and University of Tennessee, Martin, to Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.

Some found difficulty in contacting students. "I made 30 phone calls and reached just one guy. He wasn't interested," Jim Berry, a member of the Vanderbilt team, said.

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, team visited 450 homes in Jamaica, N.Y. They worked with James Wright, pastor, Highland Avenue Baptist Church. The visitation resulted in locating only four prospects for the church's ministry.

Tennessee Tech students had a special interest in the work at Eastern Michigan. They had aided their BSU program financially for the past three years.

Miss Linda Miller, director of student work at the University of Delaware, was herself a product of the Baptist Student Union ministry of East Tennessee State University.

Assigned to the Baltimore area was the Middle Tennessee State university team. The students began the week with an evangelism workshop, which was directed by Keith Harris. (BP)

Methodist Black Caucus Will Ask \$10 Million

ATLANTA—A black caucus group attending the upcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church will demand allocation of approximately \$10.5 million for black economic development and social ministries.

The Rev. Cain Felder, director of the Black Methodists for Church Renewal, said the group will push for a list of five major demands, including the allocation of 25 per cent (about \$5.5 million) of the Church's World Service funds for use by the BMCR in developing programs in black economic development, new ministries in social justice and experimental ministries.

Another estimated \$5 million will be asked from pledged funds to the Church's Fund for Reconciliation for use in the restoration of poverty pockets in America in a program controlled by blacks.

According to Mr. Felder, the black caucus throughout the conference is for "black empowerment" and will also ask that a "substantially increased number of blacks" be added to all of the church's boards and agencies, as well as a "minimum quota" of blacks and other minorities as voting representatives at every annual jurisdictional and general conference. (RNS)

Seminary Reopened In Tokyo; Students Closed School 3 Mos.

TOKYO — Tokyo Union Theological seminary has reopened here behind a high metal fence—replacing a student barricade which shut down the institution for more than three months.

The new fence, which surrounds all of the campus except a dormitory, was erected by the administration presumably to keep students out if necessary.

President Takeshi Takasaki called riot police in mid-March to remove students who had locked the faculty out of the main building in November.

As 94 students were registering, attempts were being made to patch up a breach, intensified by the student revolt, between the seminary and the United Church of Japan (Kyodan), which sponsors the school. (RNS)

Military Chaplains' Freedom Is Cited

FORT MYER, Va.—Military chaplains are members of the "only community of clergymen at the moment that enjoys intellectual freedom," Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains (Brig. Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt declared here.

Speaking before the bi-monthly meeting of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Military Chaplains Association here, Chaplain Hyatt maintained that the clergymen serving in the military can think as they please, preach the sermons they believe in and carry out their ministries as they desire.

The chaplain, he added, "need not run to the doorstep and grab the newspaper and look through it to see whether he's still 'mod', or whether he's still 'with it', or whether he is keeping up with 'the latest gymnastics that the theological academicians are coming out with'." (RNS)

Budgets Are TrimmedBy Disciples of Christ

INDIANAPOLIS—The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has reduced a tentative 1970-71 budget and voted 25 per cent less for 1971-72 than denominational agencies requested.

The Commission on Brotherhood Finances lowered the allocation for the next fiscal year, beginning in July, from \$11.2 million to \$10.9 million. The sum of \$10.9 million was set for 1971-72.

The funds are used for general organization, religious offices and institutions of the denomination.

Despite the reduction for 1971-72, the \$10.9 million is \$400,000 more than anticipated income in the coming fiscal year. (RNS)

Personal Religious Freedom

(First of a series of short articles on the distinctive beliefs and characteristics of that group of Christians called Baptists)

By Wayne E. Ward, Professor of Theology, Southern Seminary

In these days of sweeping ecumenical concern and cooperative Christianity it is often considered very crude and uncharitable to stress denominational differences. We are exhorted to major on agreements and avoid any references to our "minor" differences. Surely any Christian can rejoice in every movement which brings about better understanding, fellowship and love between Christians and among all mankind.

However, it is a tragic misunderstanding which causes some Christians to try to achieve this fellowship by hiding their real differences. It brings about a form of hypocrisy and furthers conflict and misunderstanding. The most loving and ecumenical thing one Christian can do for another is to share his honest beliefs, in all candor and humility—and then listen to his brother, in order that he may understand and learn from him. In that spirit, these convictions are shared concerning the distinctive beliefs and emphases of the Christian believers called Baptists.

Although there is much variety of theology and practice among Baptists, certain emphases do characterize Baptists all over the United States and around the world. It is often said that Baptists have as many different viewpoints as there are Baptists and even that quip points to the most basic characteristic of Baptist life, the religious freedom of each individual believer in his personal relationship to God.

Almost all of the other Baptist distinctives flow from this basic one: their great stress upon religious liberty for all men; their rejection of any official hierarchy or bishop; their affirmation of the direct Lordship of Jesus Christ over the church congregation without any church officer to mediate it; emphasis upon a personal experience of regeneration and faith in Christ; their requirement of a personal confession of faith in Christ before baptism; their emphasis upon a personal call of God as the basic credential for the ministry; and—we must add, with deep contrition—their sharp disagreements which sometimes bring about a state approaching anarchy in Baptist congregations and conventions.

A high price is paid, and a great risk is run, for this precious freedom of the individual believer (and the local congregation); but it is a price that Baptists have always been willing to pay and a risk they have always dared to run, because this freedom is their very nature — their fundamental and basic tenet. The most unbaptistic thing a Baptist can do is to deny his fellow believer

Work Scholarship Begun By Lincoya Hills, Nashville

Lincoya Hills church, Nashville, has begun a work scholarship, a first for the church, according to pastor Richard Wakefield. The new program, a ministry of the church to ministerial students in college, pays \$20 per week, the recipient thus employed by the church.

The first recipient is Mike Galloway and his wife. Galloway, of Knoxville, is a freshman at Belmont college, Nashville, and a veteran of the Vietnam war, having received the Vietnam Vet-Commendation Medal for work in setting up a special filing system for the Marine Corps. Galloway was called to the ministry while in Vietnam.

At Lincoya Hills, he serves as assistant to the pastor, conducts a visitation ministry, gives devotionals in prayer services, fills the pulpit in the pastor's absence, and is involved in work with the church's youth.

Wakefield was helped by a layman while a student at Union university, Jackson, and developed a concern for others in "similar circumstances."

CZECH PAPER RESUMED

The Baptist Union of Czechoslovakia has resumed publication of its newspaper, which had been suspended since 1953. Named Rozsievac (The Sower), it will appear 10 times a year with an edition of 2500 copies.

The paper will contain articles in both Czech and Slovakian languages, which are closely related.

There are 4200 Baptists in Czechoslovakia in 26 churches and 100 preaching stations. The newspaper will be published in Prague, capital city and also head-quarters for the Baptist union. (EBPS)

the right and responsibility to search the scriptures and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he arrives at his own theological convictions before God. The measure of unanimity in doctrine and practice which has been achieved by Baptists is taken as the evident sign of the divine Lordship of Christ—exactly because it was achieved by the direct access of each believer and each congregation to the Lord, through the scriptures and through the Holy Spirit, rather than by any coercion of creed or ecclesiastical authority.

The most immediate theological implication of this basic doctrine of personal religious freedom is the demand for a personal experience of repentance and faith as the absolutely essential precondition to baptism and church membership. This is the driving force of Baptist witness, missions and evangelism. It is often irritating and frustrating to other Christian groups who do not see this as essential to the Christian life. What this means in terms of Baptist life and witness in today's world will be examined in future articles.

Panama Baptists Move Toward Independence

CANAL ZONE—The Panama Baptist Convention has adopted a structural change to assume more responsibility for its financial and program leadership. The change becomes effective next year when a new constitution is presented.

About 157 messengers, representing 42 churches, 78 missions and over 5000 Baptists gathered for the three-day meeting at First Baptist church, Balboa Heights. here.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has provided leadership and fraternal assistance for pastors' salaries since the convention was founded 11 years ago. Now the move is to make the work indigenous.

The government of Panama was recently taken over by a military junta. However, this has not interfered with religious activities in the small country.

In other action, the convention adopted a proposed \$15,000 budget for next year and heard the treasurer's report which showed over \$13,000 received through the Cooperative Program and total gifts of over \$22,000 received last year.

W. D. Morgan, pastor of Bethany Baptist church in Rainbow City, was re-elected president.

Gerald Palmer, secretary of the Home Mission Board's department of language missions, has provided leadership from the board. Commenting on the Panama convention, Palmer said:

"Our efforts in the past few years have been to assist the Panama convention in assuming an increased share of the responsibility formerly carried by the Home Mission Board.

"The excellent quality of leadership demonstrated before and during the convention sessions indicates a bright hope for the future," he said.

Although the Panama convention has no official ties with the Southern Baptist Convention, the board does support nine missionary couples and one single missionary here. (BP)

EPISCOPAL BISHOP MOSLEY TO HEAD UNION SEMINARY

NEW YORK — Episcopal Bishop J. Brooke Mosley, 55, deputy for overseas relations of the Episcopal church, has been elected to succeed Dr. John C. Bennett as president of Union Theological seminary here.

The president-elect is the first bishop and the first Episcopalian to head the interdenominational school founded in 1836. Most Union presidents have been Presbyterians. Dr. Bennett is a clergyman of the United Church of Christ.

Bishop Mosley, the 12th president; plans to take office in October. Until then, he will continue in his Episcopal post. Dr. Bennett's retirement is set for June 30. (RNS)

Tennessee Hews Briefs

Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis, this week is honoring Dr. Ramsey Pollard on his tenth anniversary as pastor. A special feature of the week will be a testimonial dinner at Bellevue on April 17 with about 1000 friends expected to attend.

Jerry Songer, pastor, Westwood church, Cleveland, has been nominated and recom-

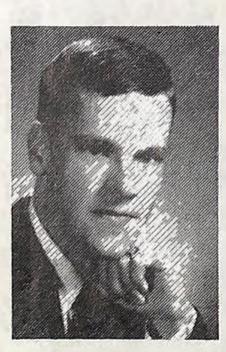


mended by his church leadership and selected by the University of Tennessee to receive a scholarship to the Seventh Tennessee Clergy Economic Education Conference to be held June 8-10 at the Mountain View Hotel, Gatlinburg.

Songer

The Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., will hold its annual Alumni Luncheon June 3 during the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver, Colo. David Q. Byrd, pastor, West Jackson church, Jackson, and president of the Tennessee alumni chapter, has announced a special discount offer on luncheon tickets ordered in advance by mail. At the seminary booth in Denver, tickets will cost \$4.00 each, but orders mailed by May 22 will be filled at \$3.50 per ticket. Checks may be made payable to Southern Baptist Theological seminary and mailed to ALUMNI LUNCHEON, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206.

Ron Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bradley of St. Louis, Mo., and a 1969 graduate of Union university, Jackson, has been



Bradley

selected to the 1970 Overseas Crusade Crusader Basketball team to tour the Orient in May and June. Bradley will join other of the nations' top Christian athletes in a basketball missionary endeavor which will match the team against leading teams of Hong Kong, Formosa, and the Philippines. In an unusual but effective approach,

the team uses game half-time to share their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Venture for Victory has been sending out teams since 1952 and it is estimated that over 15,000,-000 people saw and heard the witness and games of the team in the Philippines alone last year. **Bradley** played basketball for Normandy High school, St. Louis, Union, and is currently playing for Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. While

at Union he was student body president, was named Outstanding Graduate of the university in 1969, and plans to serve as a pastor upon graduation from the seminary. He has been a member of First church and Calvary church, Jackson.

In a recent Liquor Referendum, "dry" voters in the city of Murfreesboro defeated "wet" voters by 140 votes, according to Eugene Cotey, pastor, First Baptist church, who served as chairman of the VOLS (Volunteers Opposed to Liquor Sales). Various denominations came together in the effort and worked as a team and, according to Cotey, "It really paid off." The VOLS used much newspaper advertisement space and the "wets" were matched spot for spot on the radio. Cotey expressed appreciation for the aid received from United Tennessee League, Phil Padgett, executive director. Although county churches could not vote, they lent their support to the campaign.

Zion Hill church, Dyer association, has ordained Jimmie Smith and Don Webster as deacons. Jimmy Bedwell is pastor.

Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, has received a grant for 1970 in the amount of \$30,326 for support of the college's research on Synthesis of Compounds for Cancer Chemotherapy Study, according to Carl T. Bahner, director of research at Carson-Newman. This is the 13th year of continuous support of this particular project by the National Cancer Research Institute.

Pleasant Heights church, Columbia, has voted to purchase a pastor's home. Valued at \$24,000, the house is two-foyer with three bedrooms, two baths, a two-car garage in the basement, and contains approximately 2600 square feet of living space. J. Lowell Knupp serves as interim pastor.

F. F. Moffatt, Sr., retired pastor of First Baptist church, Frankfort, Ky., is improving after undergoing brain surgery recently. He attended Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City and Southern Baptist Theological seminary. He has served as pastor of First church, Jellico, and First Baptist church, Lake Charles, La.

James B. Jeffries, pastor of Bellepoint Baptist church, Frankfort, Ky., and a native of Memphis, died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound recently. He attended Georgetown college, Georgetown, Ky., and was a student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, the former Pattie Dean, and two daughters, Kathy and Kimberly. Funeral services were held at Rogers Funeral Home in Frankfort with burial in the Pythian Grove Cemetery, Pendleton County, Ky.

Revival Results

First church, Spring City, reports eight for baptism, nine by letter and over 30 rededications during their recent youth-led week-end revival, led by a team from Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City (K. Allan Blume, Dwight Simpson and Dorothy Wardell) and spring revival with Johnnie Hall, Jr., director of Adult Work, Church Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, evangelist. Two young men volunteered for church related vocations, one as a missionary, and a young lady surrendered for special Christian service. Marvin O. Wayland is pastor.

Leawood church, Memphis, reports 32 additions by profession of faith and baptism, eight other professions of faith and many rededications during their recent revival. Charles Holland, pastor, Capitol View Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., was the evangelist. Jerry L. Glisson is pastor.

First church, New Tazewell, reports nine additions, six by baptism, during their recent revival. James W. Abernathy, pastor, Smithwood church, Knoxville, was the evangelist. Otha Winningham is pastor.

First church, White House, reports 50 professions of faith, five by letter, and many rededications during their recent revival. Wade Clemons, full-time evangelist from Morristown, did the preaching and Ronnie Cope, First, White House, led the singing. Bobby Parker is pastor.

Germantown church, Germantown, reports 44 professions of faith, five by letter and over 50 rededications during their recent revival. Ben Bates was the evangelist and his son, Carey, led the singing. Kenneth Story is pastor.

Broadmoor church, Memphis, reports 13 professions of faith, several additions by letter and one commitment to a church related vocation during their recent revival. F. M. Dowell, secretary, Evangelism Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, was the evangelist. Ira C. Cole is pastor.

First church, Winchester, had 20 additions during a recent revival. Jerry Songer, Cleveland, was the evangelist and Bill Blankenship, Etowah, was the singer. Floyd Key is pastor of the church.

Leadership Changes

Sand Creek church, Tullahoma, has called Bert E. Blevins as pastor. He served formerly as pastor of Ettor church, Byrdstown.

Fairview church, Oak Ridge, has called Edward R. Blount as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of Pleasant Grove church, Shouns.

Pilot Project

By Shelley Richardson

Thirteen Tennessee associations have accepted an invitation to participate in a pilot project being sponsored by the Student Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Several other associations will be invited to participate. Associations presently participating are Bradley, Big Emory, Chilhowee, Clinton, Cumberland, Cumberland Gap, Holston, Knox County, Maury, Nashville, Stone and Watauga.

The new program entitled, "The Graduates", provides an opportunity for churches to express their concern by paying all or part of the expenses of high school graduates to Ridgecrest Student Week, August 27-September 2. Programs are being planned by both the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Tennessee Baptist Convention Student Department to help prepare the student for college. The objectives of the program are (1) to help the student go to the campus with a real sense of Christian mission and (2) to help the student become acquainted with the Baptist Student Union.

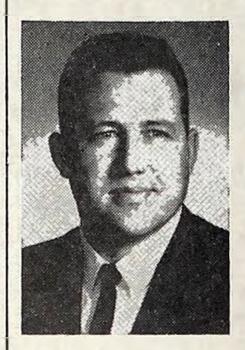
Graduates will stay in lodges belonging to association or churches in Tennessee. They will have opportunities to get acquainted with their student director and fellow students. The theme for the week is "My Freedom in Christ."

Under "The Graduates" program, students desiring to attend Ridgecrest should meet the following requirements: (1) have graduated from high school, (2) agree to read one book on college and one on Christian witness, and (3) write a theme on "Being a Creative Christian on the College Campus." Additional details are available in a brochure published by the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

If your association is not participating in this project but you would like for your church to do so, send names and mailing address of the graduating high school seniors to the Tennessee Student Department, Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn. A letter and brochure will be sent to them. This information describes the program in detail and contains an application blank.

Junior Choir Festival Slated In Jackson

The State Junior Choir Festival, sponsored annually by the Church Music department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is slated for April 25, First church,



Gossett

Jackson. Claude W. Gossett, Jr., voice professor at Carson-Newman college, is to be guest director.

Junior choirs from Memphis to Lebanon, having participated in one of the state's thirtytwo district festivals, will gather for combined rehearsals, and will perform in a final service of scripture and singing be-

ginning at 1 p.m., under Mr. Gossett's direction.

Carlys Scates is host Minister of Music and Dr. Kenneth Hartley, Head of the Fine Arts Division, Union university, Jackson, and Larry Smith, associate in the state Church Music department, will act as festival coordinators.

Put Retired People To Work In Churches, Baptists Say

TOCCOA, Ga.—Churches should put their retired members to work in the church and community and should minister to special needs of older persons.

These were the conclusions of persons attending a retreat for the retired and a parallel conference on ministering to the aging at the Georgia Baptist Assembly, Toccoa.

Opportunities to minister to physical, social, and spiritual needs of the elderly were considered in meetings sponsored by state missions departments of the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Georgia Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

The retreat and conference may be unique among Baptist state conventions.

A woman said she came to the conference to find what her church could do for her as an elderly person but that she was going home to see her pastor and volunteer to work for her church.

Mother's Day Offering Slated May 10 For Children's Homes

The annual Mother's Day offering for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes will be taken on Sunday, May 10, according to James M. Gregg, general superintendent and treasurer. Goal this year is \$205,000. Pastors and Sunday School superintendents of churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention are being sent a kit explaining the special emphasis, with coin-holders enclosed.

This offering goes to aid the more than 500 homeless boys and girls in the four homes: Franklin, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Min-Tom, also at Chattanooga.

This Child Care Ministry encompasses missions, evangelism, love and affection, education, discipline and teaching.

The once-a-year gift works in this way: \$100 will pay a child's school lunch all year long; \$50 will send a boy and a girl to camp this summer; \$15 per month will provide a child clothing for the entire year; and \$7 will provide a child food for an entire week.

Personally

By James A. Lester

We are appreciative of the fact that in this instance the evangelist for the meeting was a servant of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

More reports of "shouting heard . . . in the church" could well mean less reports of bickering heard outside the church!

And on another matter: The editor received a letter recently. The writer shall remain unnamed for obvious reasons. The letter: "Dear Mr. Lester: The last time I wrote you I received a letter from you thanking me (I had congratulated you on being editor and on the paper.) (I do appreciate the letter.) However, it arrived without a stamp and I had to pay the mailman. I am a writer and postage goes up and every stamp counts. I would just as soon not get the letter if it's unstamped. Thank you. Sincerely,——" Postscript: The letter referred to was sent late in 1968. The editor has responded (April, 1970) with a letter, duly stamped—— we hope ——together with a stamp to compensate for the loss long ago. We hope the writer is happy. We are!

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Royal Ambassadors' 16th Congress Elects Paul Gagliano President

Paul Gagliano, of East Lake church, Chattanooga, has been elected president of the Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress. He was named during the 16th annual congress held March 27-28 at Bell Avenue church, Memphis, according to William Highsmith, Royal Ambassador secretary, Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Others elected to serve with Gagliano are: Richard Morgan, of First church, Chattanooga, vice president; and Steve Howard, First church, Rockwood, secretary.

A total of 1875 registered with the largest group present consisting of 49, these coming from Eudora church, Memphis. Other Memphis churches, recognized as coming the farthest were: Evening Star; Whitehaven; and Hickory Hills.

A special feature of this year's Congress was the Ambassador Breakfast for boys 15-17 and their leaders, with some 125 attend-



ing. Dr. Wayne Brown, academic dean, Union university, Jackson, spoke on the subject, "Tomorrow is Here."

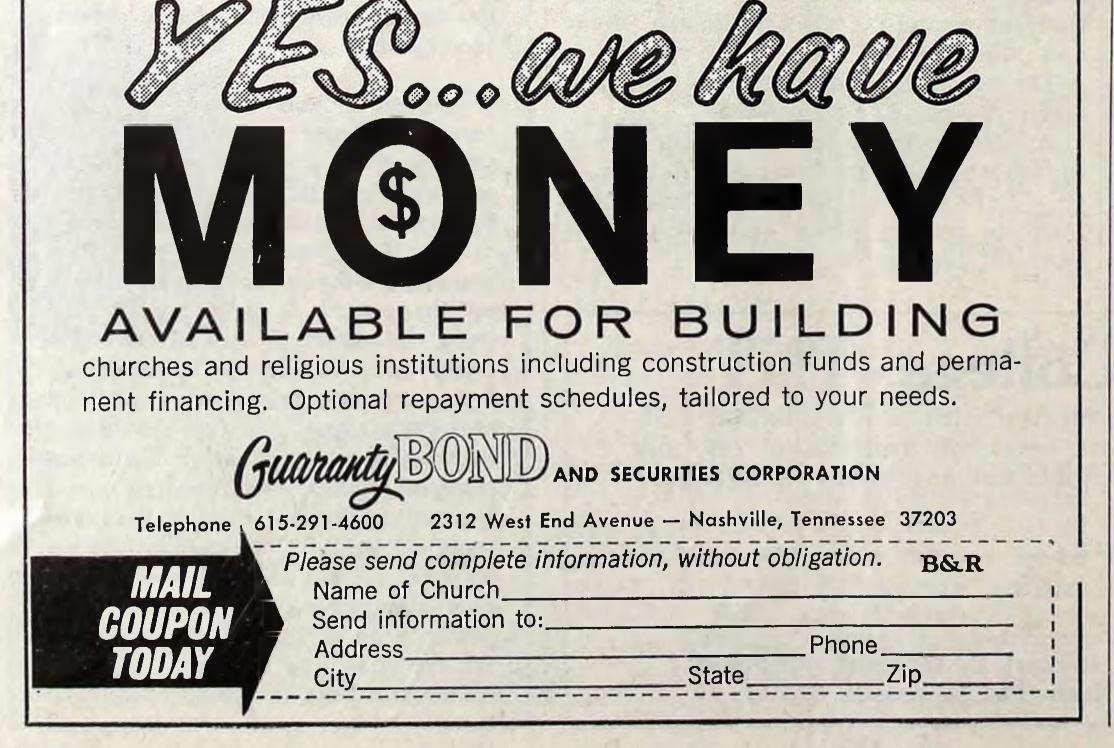
During the course of the Congress there were speech contests, project winners, and a commissioning of summer workers.

Jimmy Myers, of Northport church, Newport, was the winner of the Crusader speech, Wade Godsey, Oakdale church, Oakdale, won the Pioneer speech, and Steve Holloway, Belmont Heights church, Nashville, won the Ambassador speech contest and a \$200 scholarship.

The Individual Pioneer Project winner for the congress was Rickey Mullins of First church, Fayetteville. Ian Duncan of Oakwood church, Chattanooga, won the Individual Crusader Project, and James Walden of First church, South Pittsburg, won the Individual Ambassador Project.

Other project winners included: Fort Nashboro Chapter, First church, Goodlettsville, the Chapter Project Crusader; Pioneer Chapter, Dickerson Road church, Nashville, the Chapter Project Pioneer; and the Ambassador Chapter from Belmont Heights church, Nashville, winning the Chapter Project Ambassador.

Summer workers commissioned at the congress for work this summer with the Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention include: Debbie Canter, Union City; Karen Dillon, Columbia; Phillip Turner, Jackson; Richard Lewelling, Jackson; Mike Smith, Jackson; David Engert, Knoxville; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore, Jackson.



Armed Forces Network To Carry Baptist Show

FORT WORTH—The Armed Forces Television Service has been granted permission to use the folk music television production, "Tell It Like It Is," on their networks.

The television service, which has six networks and 49 television stations around the world, was granted use of the television program by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, which produced the program.

The production, which was broadcast nationally on Feb. 1, by the National Broadcasting Co., was carried by more than 90 per cent of the NBC-affiliate stations on Sunday afternoon. It was the largest number to carry one of the SBC Radio-TV Commission's productions.

It was written by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser, and performed by a student group from Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

According to Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, the program has received enthusiastic endorsement from the viewing audience across the country.

Stevens said the commission has received more than 4500 letters about the program, only 49 of them critical. The criticism has come from Baptists who did not like the choreography used in the presentation.

Letters praising the program have come from 46 states and from people of many different faith groups, Stevens reported.
(BP)

Catholic Population Estimated at 630,760,000

ROME—According to data released here by the Italian Missionary Service, the worldwide membership of the Roman Catholic Church now totals 630,760,000.

The distribution of Catholics by continent is: Europe, 260 million; Latin America, 226 million; North America, 65 million; Asia, 47 million; Africa, 32 million; and Oceania, 4 million.

According to the Italian Missionary Service, there are 1.8 million priests, Brothers and nuns throughout the world, and of these 1,027,000 are Europeans, 360,000 North Americans, 195,000 Latin Americans, 110,-000 Asians and 63,500 Africans.

The service's report commented that these statistics on the religious appear rather low when compared with the number of the Catholic faithful, noting that between 1949 and 1967 the number of Catholics doubled in eight countries of Asia, including Japan, India, Thailand and Vietnam. (RNS)

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Crusade of Americas Coordinating Committee Schedules Final Meet

Plans have been released for the final meeting of the Central Coordinating Committee, Crusade of the Americas, according to an announcement by Henry Earl Peacock, general coordinator for the hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort which is being concluded in 1970. The meeting was to be held Apr. 14-17 at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Leesburg, Fla. The Crusade of the Americas was officially organized at a meeting in Cali, Colombia, in 1966 with representatives from many Baptist conventions of the Western Hemisphere gathered to organize the Central Coordinating Committee. At that time Rubens Lopes, Sao Paulo, Brazil, was elected president. Committee members elected to serve with Lopes were: Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss.; Carlos de la Torre, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Gordon H. Anderson, Chicago, Ill.

Seminary Names Three Outstanding Alumni

FORT WORTH—Three graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here have been named distinguished alumni for 1970, and will be presented the awards at the seminary's annual luncheon in Denver during the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-4.

The three are Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Frank Patterson, El Paso, Tex., general director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, and Homer Lindsay, Sr., pastor of First Baptist church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Valentine, who has headed the denomination's social action agency since 1960, earned the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern seminary in 1949, and was director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission before moving to Nashville in 1960. He attended Baylor university, Waco, Tex., and received an honorary doctorate from William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo.

Patterson, a missionary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, received the master of theology degree from Southwestern seminary in 1932. He also attended the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Baptist university, the National University of Mexico and Central Baptist Theological seminary.

Lindsay is past president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, and received the master of theology degree from Southwestern in 1930. He has also been pastor of churches in Texas and Tennessee, and received degrees from Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, Tenn.; and Union university, Jackson, Tenn. (BP)

According to Peacock, the four-day meeting was to involve the 70 members of the Central Coordinating Committee, representing every participating Baptist convention in the Western Hemisphere. The meeting and reports was to be heard in three languages, Spanish, Portuguese, and English. In addition, representatives will be present from French and German speaking churches, and churches that use one of several Indian dialects.

John Havlik of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta., Ga., has been chairman of a committee to develop a program for "follow through," this report to be presented by the committee at the Wednesday morning, Apr. 15, session. Other program personalities include: Lopes, speaking on Tuesday evening; A. P. Morandy, pastor of the Baptist church in Caracas, Venezuela, and Crusade coordinator there, Wednesday evening speaker; Owen Cooper, speaking on Thursday evening; and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., speaking on Friday evening.

Lopes has presented a resolution to the Baptist World Alliance, challenging that organization to lead out in a world-wide crusade which would see Baptist bodies from all over the world . . . uniting in the greatest single evangelistic effort in the history

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Printed around 1450 as one of the first books printed with movable type, the two-volume Bible was purchased by Hans P. Kraus, a rare book dealer, from Arthur A. Houghton, Jr., president of Steuben Glass and benefactor of Harvard's Houghton Library. Kraus promptly placed it on the market.

Few of the 200 Bibles printed by Johann Gutenberg are in private hands—most are in libraries or museums—and a sale is a rare event.

The Bible purchased by Mr. Kraus is known as the Shuckburgh copy, named for an English nobleman who obtained it in the late 1700s.

The work, considered nearly perfect, was located by Charles Scribner's Sons, the publishing firm, and purchased for about \$150,000 for Houghton.

The Shuckburgh copy has 40 and 41 lines per page, an indication that it is among the earliest of Gutenberg's publications on his movable type press.

Since the Gutenberg Bibles were the first real books in the Western world, they are highly prized and are the most valuable books in the world. Last year an attempt was made to steal the copy displayed in Harvard University's main library. Yale University and the New York Public Library also have Gutenbergs.

Christian Career Conference Set For May 1-3 At Camp Linden

The annual Christian Career Conference, sponsored by the Church Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Charles L. Norton, secretary, will be held May 1-3 at Camp Linden, Linden. This year's theme will be "Ports of Call."

The conference is designed for Young People and 15-16-year-old Intermediates. During the three-day conference the youth can seek answers to "What is God's Will for My Life," and explore various vocations. College information will be made available, with emphasis given to the three colleges of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as well as information concerning the convention's Baptist Student program.

Registration will begin Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. with a banquet following on Friday evening at 7 p.m. under the theme, "Bon Voyage." Following the banquet there will be "Listen, Listen," a time for liberty, film and dialogue at 8 p.m.

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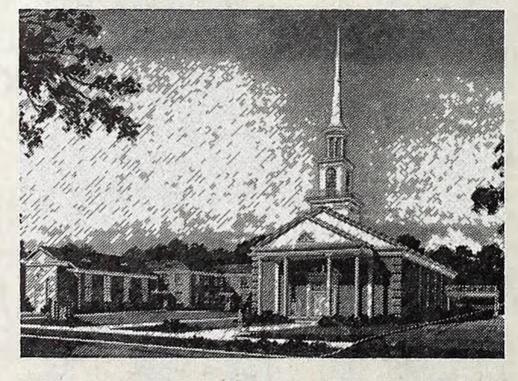
'INTERNATIONALS' HELD PREFERRED

TO 'FOREIGN MISSIONARIES'

NEW DELHI—The general director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship has suggested that the term "foreign missionaries" might better be replaced by the term "internationals."

In a paper read here during the sixth United Conference of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship (BMMF), Michael Griffiths said, "I am assuming that the principle of inter-racialism in missions is fully accepted and that the Caucasian-dominated missions are doomed to extinction," adding, "Any attitude of 'us' and 'them' was unBiblical." (RNS)

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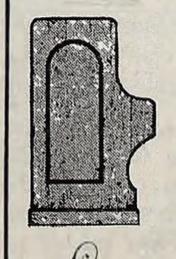
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Belmont College Observes Christian Emphasis Week

Belmont College will observe Christian Emphasis Week April 20-22, according to Roger Freeman, director of religious activities.

Rev. Jim Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, will be guest speaker for morning (10:00 a.m.) and evening (6:30 p.m.) services.

Freeman said that Henry will confront the student body with the claims of Christ and will explain how a person can enter into a personal, saving, day by day relationship with Jesus Christ.

The program will also include testimonies and singing.

Americans United Name Minister As PR Director

SILVER SPRING, Md.—A Baptist minister who has been working as a special consultant with Americans United for Separation of Church and State has been named its director of public relations.

Appointment of the Rev. E. Mallary Binns was announced here at Americans United headquarters by Glenn L. Archer, executive director.

Most recently pastor of Braddock Baptist church in Alexandria, Va., Mr. Binns has been president of the Mount Vernon Baptist Association and director of the Mount

Fields Is President Of PR Association

CHICAGO — The Baptist Public Relations Association elected W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, as its new president, and for the first time named a woman as president-elect.

Miss Marjorie Saunders, public relations director for Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, was elected to assume the top leadership post for the organization next year when the association meets next year.

Elected program vice president was Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, assistant to the president at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville and named membership vice president was Stanton Nash, assistant to the president at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley.

Named secretary for the association was Mrs. Agnes Ford, retired public relations representative for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and elected newsletter editor was Mrs. Evelyn Strickland of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Fields, new president of the organization,

Vernon branch of the University of Richmond. He studied at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., the University of Kansas, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. (RNS)

has also served as president of the Religious Public Relations Council, the Associated Church Press, and the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Public Relations Society of America.

Next year, the association will meet in Charleston, S.C., with plans to meet in San Antonio, Tex., in 1972 and San Francisco, Calif., in 1973.

For the first time, the association presented three cash awards to its members for outstanding contributions in religious public relations, plus awarding 21 plaques for first place honors in specific areas.

The \$50 cash awards went to John Earl Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, for its total publications program; to Tom Brannon of the South Carolina State Convention for its public relations project at the annual meeting of the state body; and to Jim Newton of Baptist Press for news coverage of Baptist response to Hurricane Camille.

The cash awards to Seelig and Brannon were funded by entry fees by the association members in the competition.

The award for Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, was funded by the All-Church Press and named The Douglas Tomlinson All-Church Press Award for significant achievement in religious journalism. Tomlinson is chairman of the board for All-Church Press in Fort Worth and is a pioneer in the field of religious journalism. (BP)



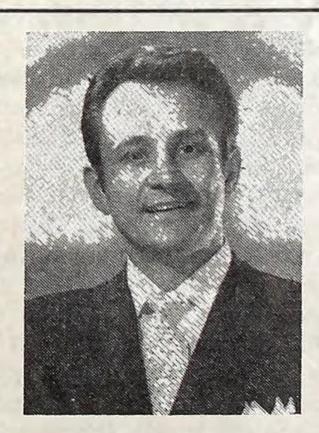
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A Disciple In Conflict With Materialism

Basic Passages: Mark 10:17-31; Luke 5:27-32 Focal Passages: Mark 10:17-22; Luke 5:27-29

Our culture has been described as a sensate civilization. The only reality is that which is available to the senses. In other words, our culture is unadulterated materialism. Matter and its motions constitute everything and all phenomena.

Most people would not admit to holding such a belief or philosophy but they live as if they do embrace such a conception.

Christ taught that life does not consist of the abundance of the things that a man possesses. There is more to life than one dimension. If man consistently and persistently lives on the theory that the only valid value is material, he will become an empty shell and sense an unbearable aching void. Beasts face no such consequences. Material reality is quite satisfying and self-sufficient to them.

Some people seek predominate satisfaction in material pursuits and a minor measure of satisfaction in search of spiritual satisfaction. This ultimately disappoints also.

There is a definite place in this life for the material. It must be subservient to the spiritual and fill its intended purpose.

A QUESTION ANSWERED IN KIND Matthew 10:17-21

There was a well-spread idea among the Jews that they could achieve a righteousness through observing the law that would entitle them to eternal life.

The rich young ruler was greatly impressed with Jesus. He must have sensed that something was missing in his life that his self-righteousness did not supply.

Since he put his question on the basis of doing something to merit eternal life, Jesus answered according to the nature of his question or in kind. He did it to reveal the hopelessness of observing law perfectly enough to be saved by it.

The young man avowed that he had kept the commandments with reference to his relationship to his fellowman. These were the ones Jesus had called to his attention.

Jesus had another way of calling his attention to the commandments relating him to God. He knew that possessions had superseded God's place in his life. Therefore He commanded him to sell all that he had, give the proceeds to the poor, take up his cross and follow Him. This touched the most sensitive nerve in his system. This was the price he was unwilling to pay.

THE GREAT REFUSAL Mark 10:22

This young man, who was clean and reverent and who Jesus particularly loved, substituted the momentary excitement and pleasure of great riches for eternal wellbeing. The grip of great material posses-

sions will cause so many people to throw discerning discretion, as to real values, to the wind.

Men and nations miss the mark here and get aboard a tobaggan slide to disaster. Evidently Jesus was moved with great pity as he observed the young man's folly.

THE WISER CHOICE Luke 5:27-29

Jesus called Levi, the tax collector, to discipleship. Immediately he left his affluent business and followed Jesus. It was a heroic decision, fortunate for him and humanity.

His other name was Matthew who wrote the Gospel bearing his name. His choice was so significant; otherwise he would have gone down in history nameless, as in the case of the rich young ruler. He would have been only an unpopular publican who raised taxes on a contract basis for despised Rome. Instead he gave up the Gospel which is a faithful portrait of Jesus our Lord.

Affluent materialism has been a great temptation since the beginning of the human race. Some people can negotiate it without being corrupted in a moral way. Very few can survive with a consistent spiritual dedication. Covetousness and deceitfulness of riches are marked in the Holy Scriptures and are exceedingly dangerous.

There is a tendency by individuals to yield to overindulgence and heavy dissipation because affluence makes so many tempting allurements available.

Money gives great power which is so often seriously misused in corrupting public officials. It also frequently inspires an arrogant sense of self-sufficiency. This contributes to national decay and ruin.

Summer Baptist Hour Will Present Chafin

FORT WORTH—Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will be the speaker on The Baptist Hour's summer series, the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here announced.

Chafin, former evangelism professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, will relieve Herschel H. Hobbs, regular Baptist Hour speaker. Chafin also previously taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

He has previously spoken on The Baptist Hour and has also been a speaker for the radio variety program, "MasterControl" which the commission produces.

The Baptist Hour is heard on 460 stations throughout all 50 states. (BP)

Parking Problem Cited At SBC; Shuttle Bus Set To Stadium

DENVER—The local arrangements committee for the Southern Baptist Convention here June 1-4, citing a critical shortage of economical downtown parking facilities, have set up a shuttle bus to the Mile High Stadium for those who drive their cars to the convention.

All day parking at the stadium will cost 25 cents per day, provided cars are not removed. Reparking will cost an additional 25 cents, according to convention officials.

The shuttle bus will cost \$2.50 per person for the entire week of the convention, including as many trips to the stadium as needed. The shuttle bus cannot take money, and every bus rider must have a pass, the committee pointed out.

Downtown parking for the convention became a problem after recent action by the Denver Downtown Parking Association limiting the number of all-day parking spaces. What few all-day parking places are available cost a minimum of \$1.10 per day or more.

Convention officials urged those who desire to use the shuttle bus to send check or money order for \$2.50 per person to the Denver Association of Southern Baptists, 405 South Platte River Dr., Denver, Colo. 80223.

"The shuttle bus service can save you hours of looking for a parking space and save you money for more important things," said John B. Upchurch, pastor of Chambers Road Baptist Church in Aurora, Colo. "But don't blame us if you fail to take our warning. You could be in Denver but miss much of the convention riding around looking for parking." (BP)

Religion Eliminated As Required Subject

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Macalester College here has announced it will drop general graduation requirements in religion, foreign language and speech.

The move is designed to give both students and individual academic departments more flexibility and responsibility.

The only courses now required for graduation by the college are at least one in the natural sciences, one in the social sciences and two in the humanities. Students will not be permitted to concentrate more than 24 courses of the 31 required for graduation in any single one of those three academic divisions.

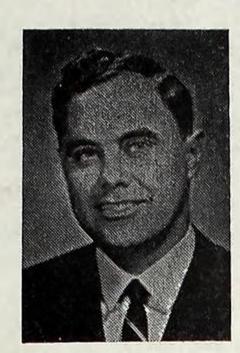
Freshman English and physical education were dropped as graduation requirements by a faculty vote last Spring.

Macalester, which has about 1985 students, is affiliated with the United Presbyterian church. Its president is Dr. Arthur Flemming, past-president of the National Council of Churches. (RNS)

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Help Child To Learn To Wait — And Show You Do

Just having a lot of toys and equipment does not, in itself, spoil a child, a Hahnemann Hospital pediatrician and psychiatrist told parents here. It is the reasons behind parental overindulgence that decide whether affluence is going to have an adverse effect on emotional and character development.

A child knows when the endless parade of new possessions is a substitute for affection or attention and the knowledge, not the toys, causes hurts that do bad things to him, pointed out Dr. Carroll Weinberg. He also senses when parents use playthings as bribes to keep on his good side and insure them peace and he may become a shrewd

and demanding tyrant.

The "affluent" child whose parents have a limited income but still shower him with expensive possessions soon comes to see himself as a superior being and parental sacrifice as his due. The child's "take" should never exceed the family's ability to

When appropriate possessions are matter-of-factly provided as a child's proportionate slice of the family pie, there's probably no harm done, says the psychiatrist. Where there is mutual affection and respect between parent and child and the family standards and values are sound, "affluence in itself does not make problems."

Weinberg is more concerned with the current tendencies toward "instant gratification" which threaten to engulf parents as well as children. In this society of "instant everything" from coffee to sex, many people of all ages can't wait—and don't even try—for gratification of their needs and desires, he observes. "There is a growing trend toward character disturbances in our youth today."

The specialist urges parents to bring children up with the realization that theirs are not the only needs and wants that count . . . that each person's needs and wants are important . . . and that "instant everything" is neither a possible nor desirable goal for human beings.

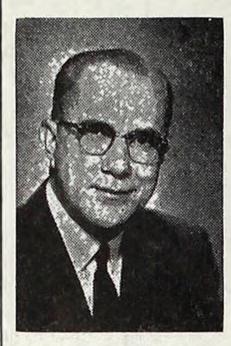
Helping youngsters to learn to wait is only half the task, he reminded: the other half is showing the child that you live the lesson.

If the do-it-yourself craze continues, it might even extend to thinking. (Quoted)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

This week the Foreign Mission Board is celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Board. It had its origin in 1845 when the



Kendall

Southern Baptist Convention began. The Home Mission Board has already noted its 125th anniversary.

Only eternity can ever reveal the true magnitude of the work which has been done by our Foreign Mission Board through these years in carrying the gospel to all the world. The roll call of the great names

of the men and women who have served as missionaries reads like the great list of the faithful in Hebrews 11. Many of them were pioneers and went out to labor under the most difficult circumstances. But they were men and women whose faith laid hold on the great promises of God and claimed them for victories over circumstances beyond their control.

The last report that came to my desk showed that we now have work in 72 countries around the world. The number of missionaries will probably reach 2500 before this year ends. Many countries now have national Baptist conventions which are a product of our missions through the years. Brazil is an outstanding example of a great field which has now grown into a truly great convention with many churches and members numbered in the hundreds of thousands.

It would be interesting to know how many different languages and dialects are used by our missionaries. The translation of material into many languages has been a herculean task. Each year many new names are listed in the Lamb's Book of Life because of the faithful witnessing and work of this great army of ambassadors for Christ.

It is thrilling to think of what the next 125 years could mean if Southern Baptists continue to remain faithful in carrying out the work of Christ in seeking to win a lost world to faith in Him. If so much could be accomplished during this period of growth through which we have passed, and which has been attended by so many difficulties, how much can be accomplished by building on the great foundation which has now been laid. Surely the future is as bright as the promises of God.

Foreign Missions have been supported through the regular gifts through the Cooperative Program and through the annual Lottie Moon Offering. The Board is made up of members from each state. Dr. Baker

Historically

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The Baptist church in Fayville, Mass., can boast of what is probably one of the oldest regular attendants in the world in the person of Mrs. Nancy Fay, 104 years old. She walks a mile and one-half and rides some distance on the streetcar. Mrs. Fay lives with her 70-year-old daughter and required the services of a doctor recently for the first time in more than 80 years.

20 YEARS AGO

Baptist and Reflector received the longest paid-up subscription in its history recently. A 50-year subscription was sent in by Charlie Dady of Dickson. Dady sent a check for \$100, the subscription to expire in April, 2000. The money was placed in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, the earnings paying the subscription each year. The principal is scheduled to still be intact at the end of the 50 years.

10 YEARS AGO

L. G. Frey, secretary of the Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for 12 years, announced plans for his retirement recently. Before coming to the State Board he served as pastor in Madison and Crockett associations. When he first came to Nashville, he served as business manager for the board before being elected to his present position.

"Baptists Who Know, Care"

Church members will support Baptist work in Tennessee and around the world if they are informed of the needs by reading the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

James Cauthen is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. He is a great missionary statesman. He served as a missionary in China and as area Secretary in the Far East before being called to his present position.

Pray for this great outreach of Southern Baptists to win a lost world to Christ. Give thanks to God for this wonderful period of 125 years which He has given us. Resolve to help Southern Baptists keep this great vision of world missions ablaze in every church across the land.

Missing Missionary Found Safe In Beirut

RICHMOND—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has learned that missionary James F. Kirkendall, missing in Beirut, Lebanon, since Tuesday, had returned home weary but unharmed.

A call from missionary James K. Ragland in Beirut to Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen, conveyed the information but was guarded in detail. Ragland said simply that Kirkendall had been detained by "non-official forces" and had been well treated.

An Associated Press release, datelined Beirut, says Kirkendall took "a wrong turn" and drove into the Sabra area, where he was stopped and held for 42 hours by Palestinian guerrillas. They gave no clear reason for their detention of Kirkendall. His associates said there had been no "rough stuff."

The Foreign Mission Board was informed by the State Department Wednesday morning that Kirkendall was missing. Ragland said Kirkendall was last seen en route to a police station, where he intended to have some changes made to his passport.

Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Kirkendall called their daughter Ann, a college student in Shawnee, Okla., to say that Kirkendall was safe and would be released by the guerrilla group.

The 47-year-old Kirkendall, native of

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Sometimes called a "jet-riding circuit rider," Kirkendall's ministry takes him throughout the Persian Gulf area to visit Baptist families, most of whom are associated with American oil companies.

Prior to assuming this ministry last Sep-

WILLIAM RHOADES DIES AT 69; **HEADED AMERICAN BAPTIST UNIT**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Dr. William H. Rhoades, 69, executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies from 1957-69, died here March 30 of an apparent heart attack.

He began national work with the American Baptist church in 1947, and was one of the organizers of the Home Mission Societies in 1955. As executive secretary, Dr. Rhoades coordinated the varied programs of the social service agency. (RNS)

tember Kirkendall was pastor of Englishspeaking University Baptist church in Beirut. (BP)

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