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Communism or Christian Sharing?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common"—Acts 4:32.

Some cynics see this as the scriptural basis for the economic system of Communism. But examination shows it to be the very opposite. Communism calls for a forced pooling of all economic resources. This was a voluntary matter (cf. 5:4a.).

A dire need arose among the Christians in Jerusalem. It could have been due to several things: e.g. loss of employment and trade because of their faith; loss of property through persecution; many from outside Palestine may have remained after Pentecost with no means of support. So local people who had property sold it and shared with the needy (vv. 34-37).

"One heart . . . soul" in Greek reads that among the believers "there was one heart and soul," or unity in thought and affection. "Any" reads "not even one" said his possessions "to be his own." Though each had title to them else he could not have sold them, each felt an obligation to all. He held title as a stewardship from God who owns all things. So they used their property for His glory. This should be the



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attitude of all Christians: not one-tenth but all belongs to God.

Rather than selfishly to horde, "they had all things common." Literally, "but there was [imperfect of eimi, I am] among them all things a sharing." Each retained private ownership, but used his resources as there was a "need" (v. 35).

In this entire passage (vv.32-37) there is evidence of the unity of believers, a true sense of koinōnia, fellowship. This is the great New Testament word for the binding quality of Christian love.

No, this was not Communism. It was Christian faith and love in action. Men are not saved by a "social" gospel. But the Christian gospel does have social implications.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A good question to ask ourselves is this: Does anything happen to you when you go to church? A better question might be: What do you expect to happen?

It's true that some come to church to be entertained. They want a "performance"—"live and in living color."

Some want to be intellectually stimulated. They want a "menu" of "egghead soufflé."

Some want to be comforted — with "soothing syrup" poured over all their discomforts.

Strangely enough, some want the preacher to wield a big whip, "whipping" them in his sermon or, preferably, lashing out at the sins of "others."

And some want out — as soon as possible. The only thing they look and long for is 12 o'clock and the benediction.

Obviously, today's preacher has a tough task. He needs and deserves your prayers. If you want to breathe new life into your worship services, start by breathing a prayer.

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"Behold Thy Mother!"

John 14:27

By Miriam J. Robinson

Childbearing makes a mother. Obedience to God's commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12), is not contingent upon the merit of the parent but merely upon the gift of life.

The sentiment embodied in the title of "Mother" is inspired by those who go beyond childbearing to make a career of child rearing, enfolding the offspring in sacrificial love. In appreciation for those who embroider the title with devotion, America designates an annual "Mother's Day." Observance of this day should be a time of holy commitment for every mother and every child. Let each family give the central place always to Christ. Close around Him let parents and children stand, each honoring the other, all pledging allegiance to Him. On such foundations homes are built and civilization shall stand.

Home is a memory book. It is the history of the human race, by families. Its enduring worth is dependent . . . not upon the size or furnishings of the house, not by the number of children or the count of the family budget, but by the love that is within its walls and the upreach and outreach of that love.

Love is hearty laughter, or sometimes tears. Love is trust between parents and children . . . and apology and forgiveness. Love is strength to live on, and to grow on. Love is thanksgiving dinner, and family prayer. Love is sharing confidences . . . dreams of the future, memories of the past. Love is working together, willingly, with joy.

Love knows no outsiders. It enfolds strangers with friendship. It can make the world one family. Love is of God . . . for "God is love."

There is no home unless God is there.

The home shall not be the parents' castle, but God's. He shall abide in it and it shall be dedicated to Him. Its windows shall be opened to a widening world. And from such homes shall walk the bearers of the love of God!

The mothers shall pledge, "I will put my trust in him . . . Behold I and the children which God hath given me." (Heb. 2:13) . . . And their children shall rise up and call them blessed!

Editor's Note: Miss Robinson is Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama, Belmont College, Nashville.

"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.

Southern Baptist Convention Observes 125th Anniversary

By Davis C. Woolley

Executive Secretary, Historical Commission

Southern Baptist Convention

Southern Baptists are observing the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1970, with special attention given to the anniversary during the convention in Denver, June 1-4.

The observance will celebrate the organization of what now has become the nation's largest Protestant denomination on the historic date of May 10, 1845, when Baptists from eight states and the District of Columbia met in Augusta, Ga., for the purpose of "eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination in America."

The anniversary observance will seek to mark this significant mile-post in such a manner as to increase understanding, appreciation and support for the life and work of Southern Baptists.

At the convention in Denver, the first evening session will be devoted to a multimedia dramatic production which will portray the historical highlights of Southern Baptists and point the way for a greater future.

The anniversary committee has outlined three objectives for this observance: (1) to improve Southern Baptists' understanding of their own heritage, (2) to relate the Christian commitment of Southern Baptists more meaningfully to the present and the future; and (3) to interpret more adequately to the denomination's various publics the progress of Southern Baptists as a part of the body of Christ.

The anniversary is shared by two of the convention's agencies. The Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board were both brought into being by the convention in 1845 and are also observing their 125th anniversaries.

Histories of both boards will be published for the occasion, and other anniversary special features are being planned. The history of the Home Mission Board has been written by the executive secretary, Arthur Rutledge, while the Foreign Mission Board book is a compilation of sections written by each of the area secretaries and the executive secretary, and edited by John D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

One of the anniversary features is a documentary film "Dimensions of Courage" showing who Southern Baptists are, where

they came from, and what the plans are for for the future.

The film was released for premiere showing in 100 "M" Night Church Training rallies across the nation in the fall of 1969. The film is now available from Baptist Film Centers for viewing in churches all across the nation.

The film, "Dimensions of Courage," was prepared by a film productions committee appointed to assist the convention's order of business committee in presenting a worthy observance of the anniversary. W. C. Fields, public relations secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC, has served as chairman of the committee, and the public relations committee of the Executive Committee has assisted in making plans for the anniversary.

Every agency of the convention has responded to the call to mark this anniversary in a manner to increase understanding, appreciation and support for the life and work of Southern Baptists.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, has charge of the multi-media feature on the opening night session of the convention in Denver, June 1.

Library Organization Names New Officers

New officers for the Tennessee Baptist Library Organization have been elected at the annual meeting held recently at Second church, Union City. W. Paul Hall, Holston Missionary, Johnson City, is new president.

Other officers include: Miss Mary Anderson, Director of Library Services, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Mrs. Raymond McCarty, vice president, Colonial church, Memphis; Miss Vaughtie Rowland, historian, Chattanooga; Mrs. J. W. Harrison, secretary, McCalla church, Knoxville; Wallace Anderson, parliamentarian, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Mrs. Charlie Vaughn, publicity chairman, First church, Murfreesboro; and Mr. R. E. Loftin, program chairman, Gallatin Road church, Nashville.

The 1971 meeting has been slated for April 15 - 17 at First church, Nashville.

SBC Evangelism Leader Named North Greenville College Head

GREENVILLE, S.C.—Harold E. Lindsey, 49, associate in the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, has been elected president of North Greenville Junior College by the Baptist school's board of trustees.

Lindsey, a native of Greenville, will assume the college post effective July 1. Thomas L. Neely, who has been president of the school since 1962, has previously resigned, effective June 30.

His election was announced by Robert H. Greene, chairman of the board of trustees and head of a special committee to select a new president. Greene is a Greenville motel owner.

For the past five years, Lindsey has been an associate director in the Home Mission Board's evangelism division. Previously, he was secretary of evangelism for the South Carolina Baptist Convention in Columbia for four years.

A native of South Carolina, Lindsey is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., and Furman University, Greenville, S.C. He earned the doctor of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

Wood Not From 'Ark,' Scientists Report

LOS ANGELES—Wood found on Mt. Ararat (Turkey) in 1955 and believed by some to be from Noah's Ark is not old enough to be from the Ark, according to scientists at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Rainer Berger, head of the isotope laboratory at UCLA, said the sample was approximately 1230 years old, much too late to fit into the Biblical account.

Dr. Berger tested an oak beam discovered by Fernand Navarra, a Frenchman. The scientist said the "beam came from a tree felled around 700 A.D., or roughly 3,000 years after Noah is believed to have embarked." A similar opinion has been given by other universities.

This summer, an expedition organized by SEARCH (Scientific Exploration and Research, Inc.,) plans to conduct excavation to lift what seems to be large wooden object from beneath a glacier on the Turkish mountain.

According to Genesis, Noah's Ark came to rest on the "mountains of Ararat" following the great flood. Dr. William F. Albright, a noted archeologist, contends that in Biblical times the "mountains of Ararat" were in a region different from the peak which now bears the name. (RNS)

A Word of Caution to Churches

A word of caution to churches on financial affairs is in order. The caution is based upon the story about the Mid-City Baptist Church, New Orleans, found elsewhere in this issue of **Baptist And Reflector**. The Caution: Don't oversell, or secure credit beyond the clear ability of the church to repay!

We sympathize with the Mid-City church. Their problem is not new, but it is of large proportions. The church has a membership of about 4250, and the value of its property is about \$7.5 million. However, with a total property evaluation of less than \$8 million the church apparently has sold more than \$12 million in church bonds over a period of years. Now, the pastor and four others have been indicted on 13 counts of alleged conspiracy, fraud in the sale of securities, and mail fraud. The church was enjoined in November, 1967, from issuing any further bonds and from "further violations" of the Securities Act of 1933.

The general "rule of thumb" for churches borrowing "long-term" money now appears to be an amount not to exceed total anticipated income for three and one half years. A church, like a family, saddled with debt, will not render most effective service. We have no quarrel with the sale of bonds by a church. But, the rules of sound financial management need to be remembered. The money market is about as "bad" as it can be. No church should obligate itself to an indebtedness which it cannot bear. In may mean putting off construction a few weeks or months, but we believe it is worth the delay.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Society's Greatest Need

As Baptists in our Convention approach Christian Home Week (May 3-10), we should understand that this is America's most urgent need. It is frightening to analyze American family habits and the problems that emerge from inadequate home situations.

It is not enough to point out we live in an affluent age where the younger generation has for the most part never known want. It is not enough to blast the permissiveness of our society. It is too easy to say we have beautiful houses that contain ugly homes throughout America.

While all of these things are true, the pressing question is what are we going to do about it.

The family is the basic unit of society's fabric. Whatever contributions other institutions in our world may make, none is equal to and subsequently as vital as the home.

Who is to blame for the breakdown of home life in America? That's an easy question to ask but it is not primary. The most important question is "Who's going to do something about the conditions?"

Conscientious fathers feel a great pressure these days to provide enough money for the "things" desired or demanded by the family. Spending long hours in an attempt to be more successful in his position, or taking a second job to provide additional income, may be a price too high to pay. What father would really exchange his children for money or success in his job?

Mothers who work, not out of necessity but to provide those "other things" not available on the father's income, may really lose instead of gain. Time for unhurried involvement in the life of the children is far more valuable than the things the added money will buy.

It seems axiomatic that parents who give less and less of themselves to their children, give more and more things to the children. The fallacy of such a practice is revealed in time.

But these are surface matters and the more serious question is not just the family schedule or activities, but rather the attitudes and relationships that exist between family members.

A psychiatrist advised a father who wanted to know how he could best help his children, "Love their mother." The principle works in reverse. Nothing gives security and whole-someness to children more than day by day expressions of love and devotion of parents to each other. Love cannot be legislated, it must be demonstrated. The home is the most intimate crucible for this to happen.

Much has been said and written about the generation gap. It does exist and the question is how shall we bridge it. While parents must insist on their right to authority over the child, insensitivity to the child's struggles and problems negates the expected obedience.

Parents should listen to their children. Be sure we hear what they are saying. The generation gap is more likely a communication gap. It can be bridged.

Obviously, Christian homes must be built around Christ. Family and personal devotions should be a part of every day's schedule. Prayers at meals should not be routine but genuinely expressed. Break the habit of one member always saying a short, memorized prayer. Let it be a time of genuine soulsearching, expressing appreciation to God for His provisions.

The Christian home must be inseparably linked to the church. If possible at all, family members old enough to be responsible church members should all be members of the same congregation. Differing memberships encourage fragmented families and frustrated children.

In the final analysis, homes need daily demonstrations of Christ's presence, His redemption, love and forgiveness. These qualities must be practiced by those who claim to be His disciples.

What we need is not noble pronouncements about what we should be doing. We need a life-style of Jesus. It won't be easy in the home but there is no other place where it is needed more or where there is a handier opportunity to be like Him.

—R. Gene Puckett, Editor
The Maryland Baptist

23 Hospital Board Members Ousted By Baptist Convention

PHOENIX—The executive board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention has ousted 23 of the 27 board members of the Baptist Hospital Association of Arizona.

Involved is the issue of whether to sell two Baptist hospitals in the Salt River Valley and one in Yuma, Ariz. The association, trustees of the three hospitals and the convention are embroiled in a controversy on proposed sale of the hospitals. Opposition to the sale has been voiced strongly by the association.

It was reported that the convention's executive board has begun to form a new board, with the Rev. Byron Bruce, pastor of Southside Baptist church in Tempe as head.

There were some indications that the action would be contested in court on a charge that the executive board went beyond its bounds.

Earlier a series of fellowship meetings had been arranged to resolve the intrachurch controversy.

The Rev. William Sutton, pastor of College Park Baptist church, was president of the "recalled" hospital association board, which operated the Phoenix Baptist and Scottsdale Baptist hospitals and Parkview Baptist hospital in Yuma.

He commented, "I am sorry that the attempted recall has occurred. I had become hopeful about this."

Behind the argument are the efforts of the convention to sell the Phoenix and Scottsdale hospitals in order to strengthen the financial situation of its Grand Canyon College and the church loan fund.

Hospital trustees claim the hospitals

First Church, Nashville, Plans Sesquicentennial & Dedication

First Baptist Church, Nashville, will begin their celebration of their sesquicentennial observance and dedication of their new \$2 million sanctuary with Dr. Franklin Paschall, pastor, preaching the dedicatory sermon at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 17. Open house is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. for that Sunday.

Evangelist Billy Graham is scheduled to speak at the church on May 18 at 7 p.m. and it will be telecast by WSM-TV.

On Tuesday, May 19, an all-church leadership banquet has been scheduled with the new dining room facilities being used.

Dr. Paschall said a special service is planned for the Nashville community at 10:30 a.m., May 24, the second Sunday during the celebration. The new pipe organ will be the feature of a dedicatory recital, Sunday afternoon, May 24. A denominational program will be held at 7:30 p.m. the same day.

would lose reserve funds destined for expansion and patient care.

The Rev. Charles McKay, executive secretary for the convention, charged the board members had tried to vote to acquire ownership of the hospitals from the churches and place all authority in themselves and to place it in others, whom they would elect. (RNS)

Trio Charged In Death Of Mississippi Minister

MERIDIAN, Miss.—Three persons were arrested here and charged with the murder of the Rev. James William Garland, 48, pastor of the First United Pentecostal church.

The white clergyman was killed on April 25, about midnight, when assailants jumped into his auto on a Meridian street, according to witnesses. He was found in the wreckage of the car which struck a housing project.

Three bullet wounds were found in his head and back of the neck. Police said an undetermined amount of money was missing from his wallet, though \$1800 was found in a secret compartment.

Accused were Jim Paul Rhone, 23; Sandra Joyce Jones, 18, and David L. Alexander, 16. The black youths were charged with murder while "engaged in the commission of the crime of armed robbery." A fourth suspect was not charged. The three were held without bond in Lauderdale County jail.

Garland had been pastor of the Pentecostal church for 18 months and a minister for 22 years. He has been a missionary in Hawaii and was a veteran of World War II. He was white. (RNS)

Angie Brooks, U.N. Assembly President, Marries In Monrovia

MONROVIA, Liberia—Miss Angie Brooks, president of the General Assembly of the United Nations, was married here on April 27.

The 42-year-old diplomat, a Baptist, married Isaac Randolph, an educator.

Miss Brooks was married in her teens and divorced. She has two grown children and 47 youngsters she has "adopted" in order to assist them in their education.

She was president of the 24th U.N. General Assembly and has served as a Liberian delegate since 1954. (RNS)

About the Cover

Southern Baptist churches across the nation will observe Christian Home Week, May 3-10. "The Family in a Changing Society" is the theme for this year's emphasis.

BSU Director Named For Middle Tennessee State

Ircel C. Harrison Jr., Fort Worth, Tex., has been elected director of the Baptist Student Union serving the students of



Harrison

Middle Tennessee State university. Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, announced today that Harrison is scheduled to begin duties at Murfreesboro on June 8, 1970. His office will be located in the Baptist Student Center, 619 North Tennessee Boulevard, Murfreesboro.

Harrison, 26, expects to be granted the Master of Divinity degree, May, 1970, by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He holds the Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

He was ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1969 by the Oakdale Baptist Church of his home town, Mobile, Alabama. He is presently serving as pastor of the Clairette Baptist church, Clairette, Texas.

Gene Daniel Joins Annuity Board Staff

DALLAS—Gene P. Daniel, specialist in institutional mortgage banking and group insurance administration, has been added to the Development Division staff of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Daniel is the son of L. T. Daniel, senior associate secretary for Development Division II.

According to R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Board, Daniel will work in the promotion and enrolment of employes of Baptist boards, agencies, and institutions into the Southern Baptist Protection Program.



"I think Reggie is beginning to notice me. He sang with his hymn book upside down."

Pan American Laymen Meet, Plan Second Latin Congress

LEESBURG, Fla.—The Pan American Union of Baptist Men, an organization represented by 60 Baptist laymen from North, Central and South America, met at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly here and mapped plans for a second effort in the Crusade of the Americas, and for a second Pan American Laymen's Congress in 1972.

The 60 Baptist laymen representing more than 30 countries met in conjunction with the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas, including several joint sessions with the crusade coordinating committee.

Owen Cooper, president of the organization and head of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., in Yazoo City, Miss., presented to the group plans for a special effort among Baptist men in the Western Hemisphere during 1970 in conjunction with conserving the results of the Crusade of the Americas.

Calling his program the "second harvest," Cooper explained that the plan is to utilize laymen and pastors in conducting evangelistic campaigns in 66 medium-size cities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

A total of about 36 training clinics and retreats would be conducted for laymen in preparation for the campaigns for laymen in the 66 cities. The campaigns would include both local church revivals, and a citywide crusade in the fall.

Cooper said that funds were being provided from an anonymous source through the Baptist World Alliance to underwrite costs of the training clinics and the 66 citywide crusades.

Already, a total of 1300 churches in Latin America and the Caribbean have indicated plans to participate in the "second harvest" phase of the Crusade of the Americas, Cooper said.

"The Crusade of the Americas has brought the first harvest," Cooper said. "Now it is time to enter the second harvest." He pointed out that the name of the program, "second harvest," comes from the Book of Ruth which tells of the ancient custom of "harvesting and gleaning."

Cooper said that during the next year, the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, working through the national conventions of Baptists in each country, hopes to provide resources and assist in training more than 500 Baptist laymen to equip them to organize and lead a Baptist mission.

In his presidential report to the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, Cooper said that Southern Baptist Missionary Roy Lyon will become a general secretary of the organization, devoting one-third of his time to promoting lay activities in Latin America. Lyon is a missionary in Venezuela, and is president of the newly formed Venezuela Baptist Seminary.

Plans were mapped for a second Pan

American Laymen's Congress scheduled in 1972 at a place yet to be decided, probably in Cali, Colombia, Cooper said. The Pan American Union of Baptist Men was organized during the first such hemispherewide meeting of Baptist laymen in Rio de Janeiro in July of 1968.

In addition to the joint sessions with the Crusade of the Americas Coordinating Committee, the Pan American Union of Baptist Men also sponsored a joint Saturday night rally for local and area residents. (BP)

Alaska Tax Board Rules Baptist Office Exempt

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Greater Anchorage Area Burrough Assembly, organized as a board of equalization, ruled here that the Baptist Building housing offices of the Alaska Baptist Convention should be tax-exempt after a lengthy discussion with Baptist leaders.

The Baptist Building was not taxed prior to 1970, but the facilities received an assessment, as did all other denominational facilities here, after an Alaska Supreme Court decision sustaining taxation of a Seventh Day Adventist residence-office facility for denominational officials.

By a vote of 7-0, the tax equalization board ruled that the Baptist Building should be tax exempt after hearing an appeal from Convention Executive Secretary E. W. Hunke who stated that the building "was a religious office-facility used only for religious and charitable purposes." (BP)

Southern Baptist Day Set At Chicago's Wrigley Field

CHICAGO—Saturday, June 20, has been designated as Southern Baptist Day at Wrigley Field here when the Chicago Cubs face the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Metro Chicago Baptist Association youth choir, directed by Robert Bruce, will sing, "Christ, The Only Hope" and "The Star Spangled Banner" on the field just prior to the opening of the game.

Lawrence Zea, Chicago Baptist Associational Brotherhood president and coordinator for the special day, said that a block of 1500 box seats has been reserved for Baptists. The seats, on the first base side, extend from home plate to the end of the field.

This is the third summer that a Southern Baptist Day has been observed at Wrigley Field, and the second year for a Baptist choir to sing. (BP)

Lutheran Church in America Membership Down 21,212 in '69

NEW YORK—Membership of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) dropped by 21,212 to a total of 3,259,558 in 1969.

The decline in membership is the second since the LCA—largest North American Lutheran body—was formed in 1962 through merger of four Lutheran Churches. Peak membership of 3,288,037 was reached in 1967.

The child membership classification, according to the report, was reduced by 20,-770 although the number of children confirmed in the LCA in 1969 rose by 511. (RNS)

Louisianians Push Wheelbarrow To D.C.

ATLANTA—Seven young Louisianians are rolling a wheelbarrow loaded with Bibles across the deep South to call attention to America's spiritual hunger. The seven hope to join Baptist Evangelist Arthur Blessitt in Washington D.C., on July 18 for a mass rally and 24-hour period of prayer.

Blessitt, Hollywood evangelist, well-known for his Sunset Strip ministry to flower children, is pulling a cross across the United States, from Los Angeles to the nation's capital.

One of the seven, Sammy Tippit, was in Atlanta recently, doing advance work for an upcoming revival at a local church.

Tippit, a handsome 22-year-old, spoke exuberantly of his desire to see a spiritual reawakening in this country. "We're just challenging people the whole way to let Christ be a part of their lives," he said. He added he believes that the country is on the

brink of a religious revival comparable to the great awakening of the nineteeenth century.

Their wheelbarrow carries "psychedelic Bibles" and copies of Good News For Modern Man, a contemporary translation of the New Testament. "We feel that it's time for positive action rather than negative analysis," Tippit explained.

The four male members of the group worked together in a winter revival at a small Monroe, La., church. Their revival grew to such proportions that it had to be relocated in a local auditorium. "The revival had such a great impact on North Louisiana, that we felt strongly the need to do something," Tippit said. So the decision was made to simulate Blessitt's trip.

"After talking with Blessitt for several hours and to God a few more, we decided to push the wheelbarrow," he said. (BP)

Convention Camps Prepare For Summer

Young people and church leaders across Tennessee are planning to attend various activities this summer at the two camps operated under the auspices of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Camp Linden is located just out of Linden and Camp Carson is located at Newport.

O. D. Richards serves as manager at Camp Linden and James McDonald is manager at Camp Carson.

Camps and dates yet to be held are, at Linden: R. A. Camp, June 8-12, June 15-19, and June 22-26; Brotherhood Leadership Conference, June 26-27; G. A. Camp, June 29-July 3, July 6-10, July 13-17, and July 20-24; Training Union Assembly, July 27-31; W.M.U. Associational Leadership Training, July 31-Aug. 1; Training Union Assembly, Aug. 3-7; Sunday School Weekend Workshop, Aug. 14-15; and Training Union Leadership Retreat, Oct. 17.

Camp Carson activities and dates are: Pre-training for G. A. Camp staff, May 29-31; G. A. Camp, June 1-5, June 8-12, June 15-19, and June 22-26; Tennessee Baptist Conference of the Deaf, June 27-28; Youth Camp for the Deaf, June 28-July 4; R. A. Camp, July 13-17; Brotherhood Leadership Conference, July 17-18; R. A. Camp, July 20-24; W.M.U. Associational Leadership Training, July 24-25; Youth Music Camp, July 27-Aug. 1 and Aug. 3-8; State Briefing Meeting for Associational Music Directors and District Directors, Aug. 4; Training Union Assembly, Aug. 10-14 and Aug. 17-21; Sunday School Weekend Workshop, Aug. 21-22; Pastors' Retreat, Aug. 24-28; and Training Union Leadership Retreat, Sept. 19.

British Cooperation Demanded

The editor of the London-based Baptist Times says that two British Baptist groups must move closer together. The two are the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and the Baptist Missionary Society.

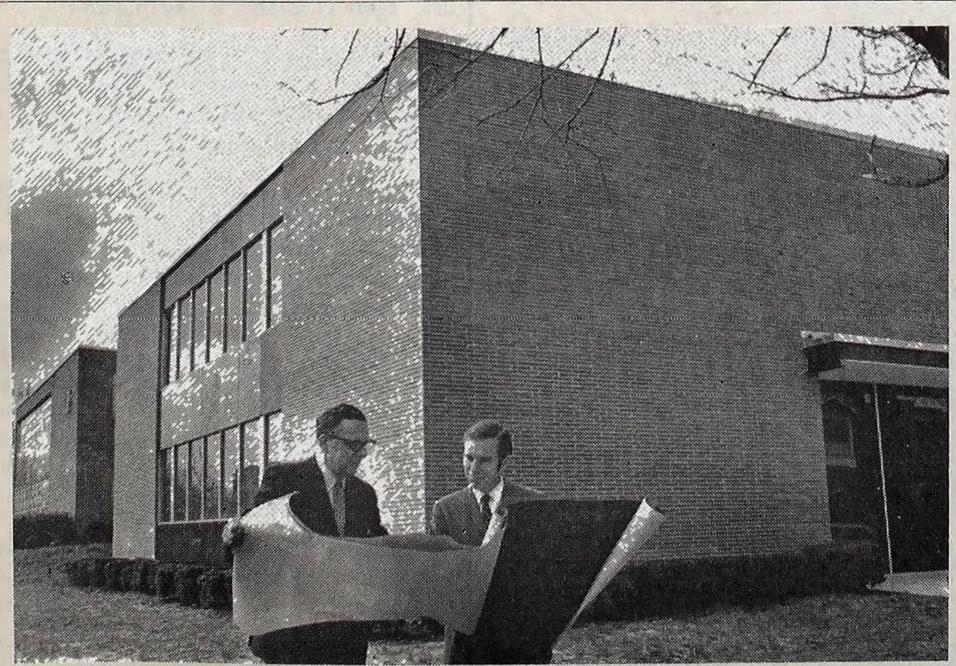
In editor Walter Bottoms' signed article, the need for a merger is implied though never stated in these exact terms.

There have been "twelve years of talks—and very, very little to show for it," said Bottoms. Talks involved primary the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and the missionary society. In later stages, talks also included Baptist unions in Scotland and Wales. (EBPS)

Anti-Catholic References To Be Removed From United Methodist Articles Of Faith

ST. LOUIS — The revised Articles of Faith of the United Methodist Church — which may not be completed for several years — will contain no references which are derogatory to the Roman Catholic Church, according to a "Resolution of Intent" adopted here by the special United Methodist General Conference.

Since the articles are in process of being completely rewritten by a special theological study commission headed by Dr. Albert C. Outler of the Perkins School of Theology, the phrases offensive to Catholics were not deleted at this time, but the 1,000 clerical and lay delegates made clear that the denomination is no longer to be considered anti-Catholic. (RNS)



Staff Photo by Robert Weeks

FINAL CHECK—Two Brotherhood Commission leaders examine blue prints of a new operations wing following its completion. They are George Schroeder (left), executive secretary, and Norman Godfrey, assistant to the executive secretary. The two-story addition will be used to supply Southern Baptists with curriculum materials.

MOTHER'S DAY

By James M. Gregg Executive Director-Treasurer

God says, "Honor thy father and thy mother". Exodus 20:12. To Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia belongs the honor of originating Mother's Day and setting the day when we shall pay tribute to Mother whether she be alive or dead. By kind acts, by thoughtful gifts and pleasant words on this day, we show our love to Mother. The carnation is the flower for the day — pink honors a living mother, white is in memory of a mother who has passed into the lite eternal.

It was a mother, Mrs. Georgia Eastman of Nashville, who proposed and led in the beginning of the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home 79 years ago, the forerunner of your four Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

It was the Tennessee Baptist Convention which voted to make Mother's Day the once-a-year day to receive love gifts for the Children's Homes. The needs this year are very real and urgent. Our goal statewide is \$205,000. Will you share in this on May 10 or some other Sunday designated by your church. Since some church members are usually away from their own church on Mother's Day visiting their mothers, why not have a catch up Sunday for them. Thank you and God bless you.

Alumni of Southwestern Set Denver Luncheon

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary will hold its annual alumni luncheon at the world-famous Brown Palace Hotel immediately following the morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 3, Denver, Colo.

The luncheon program will include speakers, entertainment, and a special report by President Robert E. Naylor. A distinguished alumni awards presentation will also be made to Homer Lindsay, Sr., pastor, First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Frank W. Patterson, missionary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and general director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex.; and Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC.

A limited number of tickets are now available since capacity in the Grand Ballroom is only 500.

Tickets are on sale for \$4.50 each. Checks should be made payable to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and mailed to John Seelig, Box 22000-3E, Fort Worth, Tex. 76122.

Tennessee News Briefs

The Olympic size swimming pool in Hold Fieldhouse on the campus of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, has been named in honor of Miss Mae Iddins who completed 42 years of teaching this year. Announcement of the dedication of the pool was made April 23 at the annual Carson-Newman college Faculty Awards Dinner held in Stokely Memorial Cafeteria.

For the first time in more than 100 years, First church, Clinton, has accepted a Negro into its membership. Tommy Okoh Warner, 16, was accepted for baptism and membership. Following the service hundreds of the members stayed to welcome Warner into the membership. Before the Civil War, First church did accept Negroes into its membership. The church is the one which made national headlines in 1956 when its pastor, Paul Turner, promised from the pulpit that next morning he would escort harassed Negro children from their homes to newly-integrated Clinton High school. Hayward Highfill, president of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is the current pastor.

Hopewell church, Robertson County association, has completed a renovation program costing nearly \$8000. The new look includes a new ceiling, carpeting, paint, lights, and folding doors in the auditorium. New ceiling and lights were also installed in the basement kitchen. Fiberglass coating

Church Music Secretary W. Hines Sims to Retire

NASHVILLE—W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will retire August 31 after 24 years of service.

Before joining the board's church music department as associate secretary in 1946, Sims was minister of music for churches in Tennessee, Louisiana and Arkansas. He became secretary of the department in 1952, succeeding B. B. McKinney.

He is responsible for directing the editorial work in publishing the department's music, periodicals, church study course books and in organizing and promoting the church music program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Editor and compiler of hymnals and music published by Broadman Press, Sims is also editor of the monthly magazine, The Church Musician, and of Baptist Hymnal, published by Convention Press. He is author of the Broadman book, The Work of the Minister of Music, and the Convention Press books, Instrumental Music in the Church, Church Music Manual, Song Leading and You Can Lead Music.

Director of music conferences at Southern Baptist Convention assemblies, clinics and schools, Sims has served as director of

was applied in the baptistry to prevent leaking. Trent C. Butler is pastor.

First church, Livingston, dedicated their new 550-seat sanctuary on Sunday, May 3rd, at 2 p.m. During the morning service, Clarence Stewart, pastor, First church, Pulaski, was the speaker. F. M. Dowell, secretary, Evangelism Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought the afternoon dedication sermon. Others on the program included Buford Cockrum, pastor, Woodbine church, Nashville, and Henry C. Geigar who brought the message at the evening service. Festivities also included a dinner on the grounds and singing by the Daniel Farris Singers from the Washington Avenue church, Cookeville. The new facilities cost \$150,000.

Highland church, Tullahoma, has voted to enter into a full day-care and kinder-garten ministry beginning with the opening of public school in August. **Donald Courson** is pastor.

Ebenezer church, Hardeman County association, is in the process of bricking their building.

Calvary church, Holston association, Dewey Kerr, pastor, has purchased the house and lot adjoining the parking lot of the church, for enlargement purposes.

John Foote, pastor, Hickory Grove church, Fayette County association, has been ordained into the gospel ministry by Toone church, Hardeman County association.

Ellis T. Gennoe of East Lake church, Chattanooga, has completed 23 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Ben L. Peacock is pastor. Vince Gagliano is Sunday School superintendent.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, has received a bequest of \$11,483.85 from the estate of the late Lara David Kendall of Ridgely. A trust agreement provides that the fund is to remain in trust forever with the income paid to Union university, Jackson, to provide scholarships for worthy students.

music for a number of convention-wide annual meetings and other national meetings. He served as director of music for the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami in 1965. In 1969 he traveled in the orient as a music consultant under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Following retirement, Sims said he plans "to fish, golf and will continue to be available for crusades, revivals and music consultation." He will reside at 53 Meigs Drive, Shalimar, Fla.

Saulsbury church, Hardeman County association, has installed new concrete walks.

Woodlawn church, Holston association, has adopted a recommendation from their Planning and Survey committee and deacons to build a new sanctuary and other facilities at a cost of \$87,746. John Outland is pastor.

Paul Baxter, a member of First church, Erwin, and a June graduate of the University of Georgia, has been called to the ministry and plans to enter Yale Divinity school this fall. Melvin Faulkner is pastor at Erwin.

C. Winfield Rich has completed 10 years with Temple church, Memphis, as minister of education. Rich is a member of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, serves on associational committees, and is Tennessee's representative for the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Fort Worth, Texas.

Hampton Cross Roads church, Stone association, has a new library with 40-50 volumes. They have also subscribed to the Broadman Readers Plan.

Cedar Fork church, Tazewell, has ordained George Cole and Clay Sharp into the gospel ministry. Mont Hooper is pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Park Avenue church, Nashville, reports 12 by baptism, two by letter, five rededications and one surrender to vocational Christian service during their recent revival. **Bob Mowrey** is pastor.

Prosperity church, Auburntown, reports six by baptism and two by letter during their recent revival. Don Franks was the evangelist. Robert Fesler is the pastor.

Isoline church, Cumberland Plateau association, reports four professions of faith and four rededications during their recent revival. Jerry Randol is pastor.

Oak Hill church, Cumberland Plateau association, reports two professions of faith during their recent revival. Marsh Gaskins of Clear Fort Baptist church, Albany, Ky., was the evangelist. Lester Young is pastor.

Fredonia church, Crossville, reports four by baptism, two additions by letter and several rededications during their recent revival. Ben Knisley, pastor, Pleasant Grove church, New Market, was the evangelist. Russell Honeycutt is pastor.

Plateau church, Cumberland Plateau association, reports two rededications during their recent revival. Floyd T. Buckner was the evangelist.

Haley's Grove church, Cumberland Plateau association, reports two professions of faith and four rededications during their recent revival. Ralph Duncan, pastor, Steven Street church, Cookeville, was the evangelist. Henry Davidson is pastor.

Court Upholds Saturday Or Sunday Option on Closing of Stores

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new form of "blue law," one permitting a store to stay open Saturday or Sunday, but not both, has been unanimously declared constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Challenged in a test case was a 1961 Texas law forbidding retailers to sell 46 categories of goods to remain open on both Saturday and Sunday.

Pointing to the Supreme Court's ruling in 1961 upholding Sunday "blue laws," a group of San Antonio and Abilene discount stores contended that the law should not be allowed to stand.

The earlier Court ruling, involving a Maryland case, stated states were within their right to require stores to close on Sunday as a "uniform day of rest for all workers."

The Saturday-or-Sunday law idea, to cover those merchants who observe Saturday as the Sabbath, is being tried elsewhere, the Texan store owners told the justices in their appeal. They claimed the law was obviously aimed at discount stores which operate seven days a week.

Last year, the Texas law was upheld by state courts. In this most recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the justices said an

appeal testing the law did not raise "a substantial federal question." (RNS)

Union 'Practical Impossibility,' British Baptists Are Told

LONDON—Britain's Baptists were told here that the improvement in relations between Churches was one of the most hopeful signs of the times but also that reunion between them and any other major denomination was "difficult to the point of practical impossibility."

Both points were made when Sir Cyril W. Black, a Conservative Member of Parliament since 1950 and a member of the Baptist Union Council since 1943, delivered the presidential address after being introduced as the Union's President for the coming year.

Addressing the Union in Westminster Chapel, he also spoke grimly of the disunity among Baptist churches themselves in Britain. He said, "As I view the churches of our denomination at the present time I am saddened by the fear that the divisions in our own ranks on this matter of wider unity are constituting a threat to the unity of our own fellowship." (RNS)

Student Work

Austin Peay Senior New BSU President

By Glenn Yarbrough, Secretary

Bob Young, a rising senior at Austin Peay State university, was elected president of the state Baptist Student Union at the recent spring meetings of the group. In a close race, he was elected for the leadership post over Ernest Startup, Memphis State university, and Charles Fly of Tennessee Tech.

Startup was chosen to fill the newly-created position of vice-president of the state BSU.

The students also adopted a set of guidelines designed to establish procedures for the state BSU Executive Council. The document had been prepared and recommended by the three candidates for state president plus the incumbent president, Paul Baird, of Carson-Newman college. The state executive council, as described in the guidelines will include the president, vice-president, and a representative from each of the grand regions of the state.

Eddie Hutchins, East Tennessee State university; Miss Ruth Massey, Tennessee Tech; and Miss Vicki McDurmon, Memphis State university were elected representatives of their regions. They will serve as chairmen of regional councils to be composed by the campus BSU presidents.

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Foreign Mission Board Appoints 15 Tennesseans As Journeymen

Fifteen Tennesseans are among 72 young adults appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for journeyman training at the board's April meeting. The eight-week summer course prepares Baptists who are college graduates under 27 years of age for two years of work overseas with career missionaries.

This year's contingent will be the sixth since the training was begun in 1965. They will train at Meredith college, Raleigh, N.C. Last year 62 journeymen completed training and served in 13 vocations in 29 countries. Their assigned jobs included teaching, nursing, publishing, secretarial assistance, and medical technology.

Tennesseans participating in this program are: Sharon Davenport, a graduate of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, currently secretary to librarian at Carson-Newman, employed for secretarial work at mission office, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Betty Deberry, senior at Austin Peay

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State university, Clarksville, employed to teach first and second grades, Christian Academy, Taejon; Korea Gooch, native of Memphis, David senior at Samford university, Birmingham, Ala., employed for public relations work at Hong Kong Baptist college.

Dependents School

Marilyn Hatcher, graduate of Carson-Newman college, life-science teacher in the public schools, Arlington, Texas, employed to teach at school for United States dependents, Bangalore, India; Katherine Holt, native of Memphis, receptionist for the personnel department, Baptist hospital, Memphis, employed to teach English at Baptist Women's college, Abeokuta, Nigeria.

Also, Elaine Housley, native of Etowah, senior at Carson-Newman college, employed for youth work and teaching English at activity center, Danang, Vietnam; Nancy Jones, native of Memphis, senior at Baylor university, Waco, Texas, employed as a secondary English teacher at Pooi To Middle School, Hong Kong; Jerry Lachina, native of Memphis, student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., employed to teach Bible in Nairobi, Kenya High schools; Ronald Shearer, native of Memphis, senior at University of Mississippi, Oxford, employed to teach biology at Baptist High school, Jos, Nigeria; Steve Smith, native of Maryville, senior at Carson-Newman college, employed for evangelistic work, Kampala, Uganda; Avis Hemenway (Mrs. Steve) Smith, native of Maryville, substitute teacher in Jefferson County Elementary school, Jefferson City, employed for evangelistic work, Kampala, Uganda.

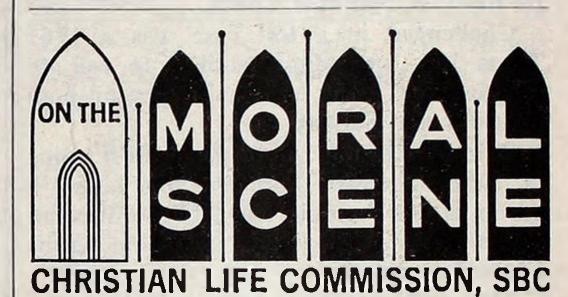
Korea Academy

Emily Stewart, graduate of Carson-Newman college, teacher at Instructional Enrichment Center for gifted children in Volusia County Public schools, Daytona Beach, Fla., employed for teaching fifth and sixth grades at Korea Christian Academy, Taejon.

Also, Mary Sullivan, native of Morristown, teacher-librarian for Hamblen County Board of Education, Morristown, employed



as librarian at Baptist International Theological seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina; James Wilson, senior at Carson-Newman, college, employed for youth, music and education work at Lakeshore Baptist church, Okinawa; and Marion Weems, native of Memphis, senior at Southwestern State college, Weatherford, Okla., employed as head of English Department at Vietnam Baptist Theological seminary, Saigon.



- We are fouling our streams, lakes, marshes. The sea is next. We are burying ourselves under 7 million scrapped cars, 30 million tons of waste paper, 48 billion discarded cans and 28 billion bottles and jars a year. A million tons more of garbage pile up each day. The air we breathe circles the earth 40 times a year, and America contributes 140 million tons of pollutants: 90 million from cars — we burn more gasoline than the rest of the world combined — 15 million from electric-power generation, one third of the world's total. Lead in San Diego's air gets deposited in layers on the Pacific. Los Angeles smog may cause mass deaths by 1975. Noise, straining our lives, doubles in volume every ten years. There are 5,500 Americans born each day; 100 million more by 2000. We already consume and waste more than any other people. We flatten our hills, fill our bays, blitz our wilderness. The quality drains from our lives. (Look, 4/21/70)
- A third of all firstborn children from 1964 to 1966 were conceived outside marriage, according to a new government study. Quickie marriages saved many from illegitimacy. The first-ofits-kind report on how long women were married before they had their first babies was compiled by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The study also reached these conclusions: (1) 42% of the married women under 20 had been married fewer than eight months when their first baby was born; (2) 20% of white women and 42% of women of other races were pregnant at the time of their first marriage. Of women who had gone only to elementary school, 21.2% were pregnant at the time of marriage. Of those who had completed one to three years of high school, 31.6% were pregnant; high school graduates, 20.7%; those who had one to three years of college, 18.1%; and college graduates, only 7.5%. (The Nashville Banner, 4/7/70)

Crusade Committee Urges Fellowship Continuation

LEESBURG, Fla.—The Crusade of the Americas Central Coordinating Committee, meeting here at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly for its final session, evaluated results of the hemispheric four-year evangelist effort and urged the 50 participating conventions to appoint representatives to conserve and continue the fellowship and spirit created by the crusade.

In his final report to the Central Coordinating Committee, Crusade of the Americas President Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, called the crusade "the greatest evangelistic campaign in the last 100

years."

Crusade of Americas General Coordinator Henry Earl Peacock of Sao Paulo said that incomplete reports from 25 to the 50 participating national Baptist conventions in the 30 countries in North, Central, South America and the Caribbean indicated a total of 494,018 decisions for Christ during 1969, the climactic year of the crusade.

The 46 members of the coordinating committee present for the meeting adopted a lengthy nine-point "Declaration of Re-

sults" of the crusade.

"All the results of the crusade cannot be measured in statistics," said the declaration. "There is, for example, no way to measure the new sense of responsibility that Christians feel in regard to the giving of the Christian testimony and the proclamation of

the gospel.

"One of the most remarkable facets of the crusade was the unity established among Baptists of the different countries of the Americas, without distinction of race, color or culture—a unity in the proclamation of the gospel that presents all men as equal in the sight of God," the declaration continued.

"Another extraordinary blessing of the crusade was the rediscovery of the importance of laymen in the proclamation of the

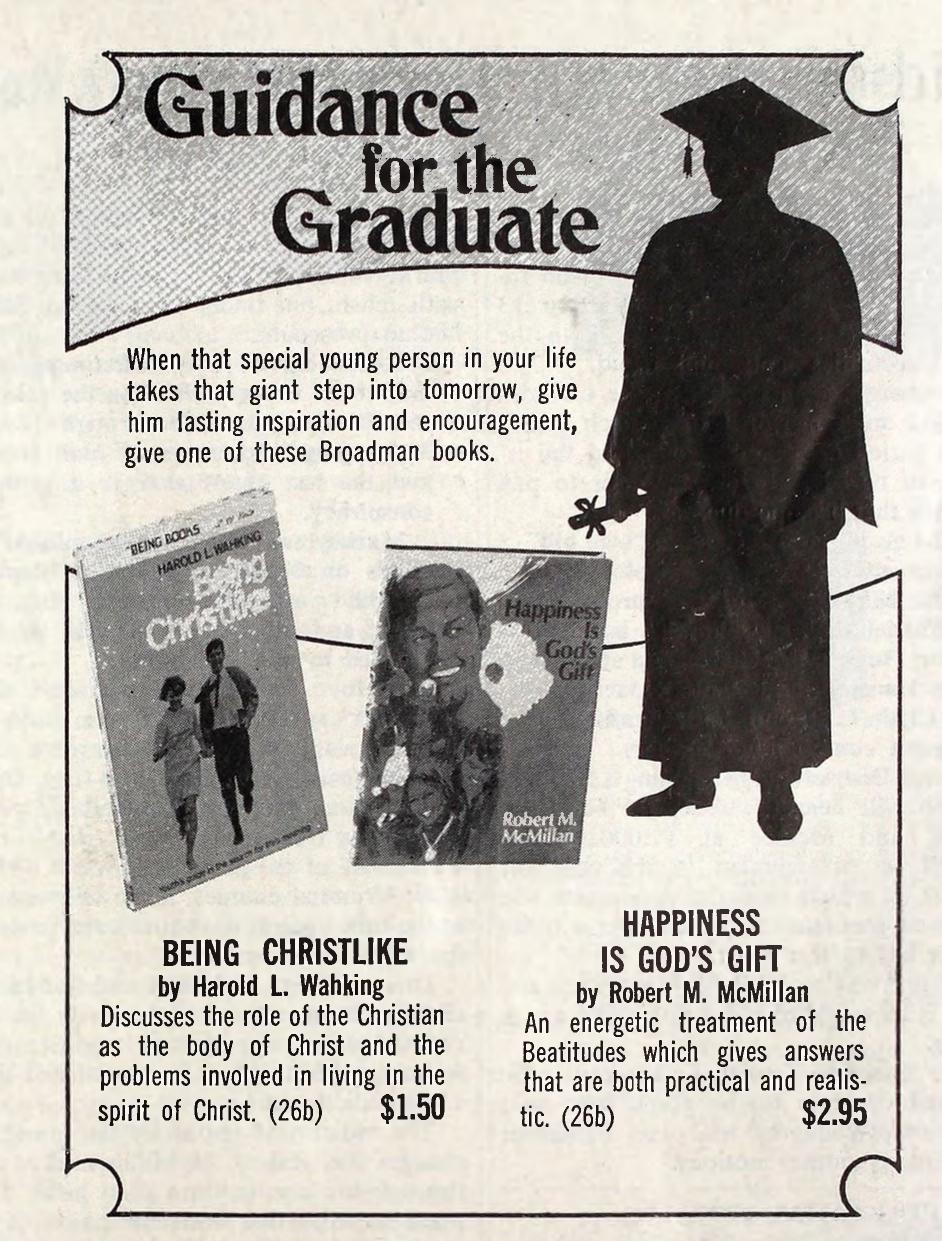
gospel," said the declaration.

Other results cited by the declaration, prepared by a three-member subcommittee, included such things as "the conversion of thousands of souls," the "awakening of thousands of Christians to the Lord's work," and the projection of a new image of Baptists in many countries. (BP)

Terry Assumes Regional Post

J. O. Terry Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to The Philippines, will become the Foreign Mission Board's regional radio and television representative for East Asia and Southeast Asia on May 1. He was elected to the position by the board during its April meeting.

Terry was recommended for the job by Southern Baptist missionary specialists in the broadcast media during a conference in Manila last November.



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According to R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia, Terry will coordinate the efforts of missionaries in radio

and television work in Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Mid-City Pastor Indicted By New Orleans Grand Jury

NEW ORLEANS — The pastor of financially-insolvent Mid-City Baptist church here and four other persons have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on 13 counts of alleged conspiracy, fraud in the sale of securities, and mail fraud.

The charges stem from the sale of more than \$12 million worth of church bonds over a period of several years, and the issuance of new bond sales in order to pay off bonds that became due.

The grand jury returned a "true bill" indictment on J. Paul Driscoll, pastor of the Mid-City Baptist Church; Jessie Muriel Ray, the church's bond director; Hugh E. McGee Jr., an attorney from Houston; and Paul D. McMillan and Clyde L. Rabun, both identified as Houston church bond brokers.

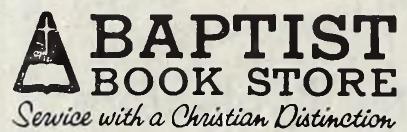
Federal District Judge Lansing L. Mitchell, who will hear the case, set bond for Driscoll and McGee at \$1,000. Judge Mitchell set arraignment in the case for May 20, at which time the defendants will enter their pleas and their attorneys will file motions before the court.

Driscoll was unavailable for comment, but he is expected to plead not guilty to the charges.

U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Markey, who presented the case to the grand jury, said he expected a lengthy trial with numerous motions and counter motions.

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"This was the hardest decision (to prosecute) I've had to make in my career," Markey said. "It was not something we did with relish, but under the law, we felt we had to prosecute."

According to the indictment, the first count charges fraud in the sale of securities, counts two through 12 allege separate instances of mail fraud, and the last count charges a general conspiracy.

Markey said that over \$4 million in bonds on behalf of Mid-City Baptist Church were sold between Aug. 1, 1962, and Nov. 30, 1967, the period covered by the indictment.

On Nov. 8, 1967, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission filed an injunction with the U.S. District Court in New Orleans, enjoining Mid-City Baptist Church and seven other defendants from issuing any further bonds and from "further violations" of the Securities Act of 1933.

No criminal charges, however, were filed at the time against the church, the pastor, or the other defendants.

Driscoll, Ray, McMillan and Rabun were among those named defendants in both cases. McGee, an attorney who represents Rabun and McMillan, was not listed in the 1967 indictment.

The indictment issued by the grand jury charges that Rabun, McMillan and McGee, through the corporations they head, facilitated the diversion and conversion of proceeds received from the sale of Mid-City bonds.

Rabun and McMillan were identified as operators of Southland Church Funds, Inc., in Houston. Rabun and McGee allegedly organized the Rabun Corp., and Rabun also was named as head of Southland Church Contractors, Ind., and Southland Building and Lumber Co.

The indictment charges that the defendants repeatedly caused the church to issue new series of bonds in order to conceal sinking fund deficits, knowing at the time that the church would not and did not have sufficient revenue to retire the bonds as they matured.

It further charges that in order to conceal the actual intended use of the proceeds from the bond sales, the defendants falsely stated that the proceeds would be used for the construction of additional church-related facilities.

Further charges state that the church issued purported "repurchase agreements" in agreeing to purchase an investor's bonds prior to maturity, and allege that the defendants knew at the time that Mid-City did not have and would not have sufficient funds to repurchase.

The church currently is in a "Chapter Ten" bankruptcy proceeding before Federal

Annual Annuitants' Luncheon At SBC

DALLAS—All persons drawing benefit checks from the Baptist Annuity Board are invited to attend the annual Annuitants' Luncheon to be held during the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver.

The luncheon will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, in the Silver Room of the Denver Hilton Hotel.

Annuitants may pick up their free tickets for the luncheon at the Annuity Board booth in the Exhibit Hall of the Denver Convention Center.

Letters:

To the Editor:

In just a few weeks we Southern Baptists meet in Denver to discuss our work, hear reports and lay plans for the future. Every agency of the convention deserves the prayerful support of every Baptist. We are all indebted to those who spend their time in research and planning in an effort to help our churches become more efficient in preaching, teaching and ministering.

Never have Southern Baptists faced such tremendous social problems as we face today. We are attempting to cope with racial disturbances, the illegal use of drugs, illicit sex practices, alcohol consumption, poverty, and on and on the list could go. The agency, given the responsibility of providing information and leadership in these areas,

is the Christian Life Commission.

I suppose the most distasteful part of the ministry is in the field of social needs—dealing with racial unrest, drug and alcohol addiction, sexual immorality, the needs of the poor and now the problem of ecology. We would like to believe that these matters are not really "church" matters, but that our responsibility is to "preach the Gospel." Surely we would fail God and make vain the Great Commission if we did not preach and teach the "Good News." But we are reminded most emphatically, by our Lord himself, that upon his return to earth he will be deeply concerned about what we have done for the hungry, for the stranger in our midst, for the sick and for the prisoner. (Matt. 25:31-36)

Of all the agencies that need special support and prayer in these crucial days of our convention, I urge you to put the Christian Life Commission

at the top of your list.

May God help us to make our Denver Convention a time of uniting Southern Baptists for their greatest task of influencing a whole world for Christ during difficult days.

Sincerely yours, Bob Covington, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church Knoxville, Tennessee

District Judge James A. Comiskey. A. P. Claudet of New Orleans is the trustee in bankruptcy.

A few days after the indictment was handed down, students at the Mid-City Church's elementary school, deacons and church members showed their support of the pastor in a devotional and testimonial meeting attended by more than 500 persons.

Driscoll, who founded the church in 1943 at a barbershop, said that he and the members had worked for more than 25 years to build the church to what it is today. The church has a membership of more than 4250 and property valued at \$7½ million. Last year, the church reported more than 246 baptisms (conversions).

California Board Rejects Staff Report on 'Crisis'

fresno, Calif.—The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California rejected completely a two-year staff study on eight specific aspects of the "Crisis in the Nation," tabling the study and forbidding its release to the public.

The 66-page report, prepared by the staff in response to action by the state convention in 1968 adopting the Southern Baptist Convention-approved "Statement Concerning the Crisis in our Nation," was tabled indefinitely until the board's total program committee might choose to release it.

In other actions, the convention board adopted a 1971 Cooperative Program goal of \$1.39 million, an increase of \$40,000 over the 1970 goal. Final approval must come from the state convention itself.

Hottest issue to come before the board, however, was the staff study on the "Crisis in the Nation." When the state convention adopted the "Crisis" statement in 1968, it explicitly directed that such studies be made as part of a five-year program of emphases.

The staff study, according to officials, included eight sections dealing with the theological basis for the dignity and work of man, human rights, legal rights, racism, discrimination, poverty, revolution and inclusive church ministries.

In preparing the two-year report, the convention staff studied a large amount of inclusive literature on a Christian approach to social problems, conducted a series of Bible studies as the basis for action and understanding; and consulted theologians, sociologists, legal experts, educators, black leaders from both conservative and radical groups, and churchmen in an attempt to gain insights into the problems and how churches and Christian people can relate to them, a spokesman said.

After a six-page summary of what California Southern Baptist agencies and churches are presently doing to deal with social issues, the study concluded with a list of general suggestions for the involvement of Southern Baptists in California in finding solutions to the issues.

Specific recommendations for programs or actions, based on the general suggestions included in the report, were to have been brought to the Executive Board at a later time, the board was told.

About two weeks prior to the board meeting, the 66-page study was mailed to all board members for their study. During the meeting, the board referred the study to the convention's total program committee.

The committee was asked to study the report, amend it as they thought wise, and recommend adoption of the report as a general statement of principle out of which specific recommendations would be brought at a later time, according to a report on the board meeting in the California Southern Baptist official weekly newspaper of the convention.

In its first session, the committee heard a brief explanation of the staff report from Ralph E. Longshore, assistant executive secretary, but postponed action until the next day, saying some committee members had not read it.

Going into executive session, the committee excluded all staff members and visitors while it discussed the report. Neither Robert Hughes, convention executive secretary, nor any of his staff was given further opportunity to interpret or explain the report.

When it came out of its closed session, the committee announced "basic disagreement with the overall emphasis of the study and with many of the approaches suggested therein."

The full Executive Board, in later consideration, adopted a carefully-phrased resolution expressing appreciation to the staff "for diligent effort in making this study."

Though the board-adopted resolution acknowledged concern for "the social and physical needs of our fellow man," it expressed belief that "ministry to the total man can best be accomplished through a vigorous program of evangelism which would include social ministries."

There was one dissenting vote on the action, cast by a layman who pleaded that if Southern Baptists do not meet the needs of people today, they soon will not have a field for evangelism.

In extended debate on the action, the report was both praised and denounced. A few speakers pleaded for adoption of the statement, while others strongly denounced it, one calling sections of it "pure socialism."

The \$1.39 million Cooperative Program goal is an increase of \$40,000 over the current goal. Previously, as part of a five-year program of Cooperataive Program advance, the convention had authorized annual increases of \$60,000.

Convention officials explained that the recommended increase was held at a minimum for the second consecutive year in an effort to guarantee an "advance section" of receipts beyond the basic budget which would primarily benefit California Baptist college. (BP)

Woody Named To Timerite Post

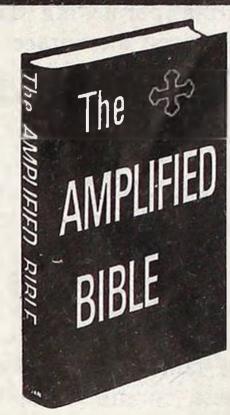
W. C. Woody, formerly regional sales manager at WFAA Radio, Dallas, Texas, resigned recently to accept a position as account executive for TIMERITE, INC., a new agency formed by the Radio and Television Commission to handle the advertising needs of Baptist entities.

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He is board chairman of the Tyler Street Methodist church in Dallas, a member of

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A Disciple In Quest Of A Vital Faith

Basic Passages: John 11:14-16; 14:1-6; 20:19-31 Focal Passages: John 11:16; 14:5-6; 20:24-29

The quest for a vital faith is going on all the time. In our perplexing times it is intensified. Men need anchorage in this time of stormy turbulence.

So many are feverishly following the faddists to escape their futility in this medley of confusion. It would be so humorous if it were not so superficial and suicidal.

There is a willingness to believe and then there is not only a willingness but a determination not to believe in some cases. However, the Christian has a good basis for his faith. Certain conditions for satisfying experiences are laid down in the Bible. We can meet these conditions and come into those experiences.

God does not condemn honest doubt for He knows our frailty and He knows that those with really honest doubts will seek convincing experiences.

The Lord does commend adventurous faith in Him. Many are willing to make the venture of faith. They will be rewarded of the Lord. This is not blind credulity but response to assurance based on historical evidence.

HE MEANT WELL John 11:16

Thomas had much confidence and great devotion to Christ. He meant well but his response and avowal were rather impulsive and superficial. He had not gone through the exacting and shocking tests of grim reality. But he meant well.

We do not know how much our faith will stand until it is severely tested. It must pass through the crucible of experience before we really know. We may be very sincere and sure because we have not passed through the fires. Some things inspire us to believe before we have put them to a real test.

THE INQUIRING MIND John 14:5-6

Thomas wanted to know for sure the path Jesus would have to follow on that most solemn occasion. It involved more than Jesus could tell him in mere words.

He would have to leave it all to Jesus at least for a period of time, but now he would have to trust Him first, last, and completely as the way, the truth, and the life. Christ had been with him long enough for him to rely on Him completely.

THE EMERGENCE OF STUBBORN DOUBT John 20:24-25

The subsequent events had been so appalling. The consequences had been so disastrous. The calamity had been so final in appearance. The Lord had seemed so helpless in it all. It was too much for the faith of Thomas.

He demanded overwhelming and detailed evidence of the Lord's resurrection. The glowing testimony of eye witnesses did not impress him. Perhaps it was the wrong tomb they saw empty and perhaps it was not really the Lord Jesus whom they had seen. He must identify Himself by certain physical facts. You see he was not a witness when they saw the risen Lord.

The Lord was very patient with Thomas in his doubts. They were very natural under the circumstances. Jesus accommodated himself to his doubting disciples' requirement. He wanted to satisfy Thomas completely as to His identity.

The moment Thomas was in the presence of Jesus and heard the invitation to satisfy his challenge, he cried out, "My Lord and my God."

God will not satisfy idle curiosity but He will respond to an honest doubter who would like very much to know the truth. We must be willing to become a sincere disciple before the Lord will resolve our doubts. He does not profess to be a wonder worker to accommodate cynical curiosity.

We are never to be harsh to honest doubters. We need to be patient and understanding. Love and sweet reasonableness will work wonders.

Christ does give a special commendation to those who accept the testimony of reliable witnesses and the promises of His word. On the other hand, He is never impatient with those who have serious questions.

All He wants is a chance. He is willing to be used if our quest is honest. Some of us have had to re-examine our faith in great crises. We have come out stronger in the faith. We can say now that we know that our Redeemer liveth and that we have passed from death unto life. There may be some trauma with which He will have to deal in His own way. Take it to Him.

After all the experience of Thomas has strengthened the faith of thousands. It makes all of us more certain about the resurrection.

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ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES

By Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary

What comes first in a Christian's life? The Will of God, of course. There is one question that a Christian must constantly answer. That question is, "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" If there is ever a time when one should ask that question it is when he contemplates death. However, it seems that most people have forgotten to include the Lord in their wills. If the Lord comes first in everything, what manner of reasoning indicates that He should not be considered first in the disposition of one's possessions at death?

We can rejoice that this idea is catching on among our people all over the state. There is still much to be done and many people who should become concerned about God's Will in their Will. If the reader has not sought God's Will in what to do about this matter, surely he will realize that God is concerned about this neglect. Many have never made a will. Some who have need to change them to include a Christian trust fund with at least a percentage of their estate. It is a simple matter to add a codicil (amendment) to a will that is already written in order to put God first in His last opportunity for a Christian witness. Most people have not made a will. They should do this without delay.

For information about how to establish a Christian witness in a will or through a trust while you live, write or call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027, Phone 615-833-4220.

Baptists Weigh Housing Project To Finance Hawaii Academy

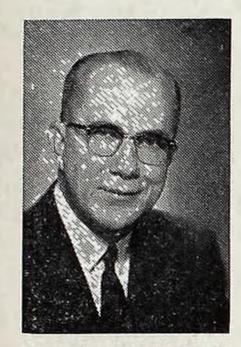
HONOLULU—The Hawaii Baptist Convention is considering a high-rise urban community development on its five-acre holdings as a way to earn enough money to keep open the Hawaii Baptist academy. The convention's executive board recently deferred action on a proposal to close the small, 450-student academy because of financial difficulties. The board instead suggested a hearing be held to explore ways of solving the financial problems.

Dr. Edmond Walker, executive secretary of the convention, said that although alternate methods were suggested to generate income for school operation and development, it was generally felt that "the best plan would be for optimum development of our property. The proposed building project would be "along the line of an ideal urban community development," whereby you would provide housing and provide some financial means for operating the school. (RNS)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

This is Christian Home Week and next Sunday is Mother's Day. How can we ever evaluate highly enough the Christian home?



Kendall

Those of us who were fortunate to have been born and reared in a home with parents who made every endeavor to bring Christ in as the real Lord of the home, have memories of so many experiences which have made a lasting contribution to our lives.

Christian Home Week offers an opportunity for parents to reexamine

their home and to see if it is truly Christian. It requires conscious effort and real dedication to build a real Christian home. It requires the deep spiritual purpose and cooperation of both father and mother. The true Christian home will be closely related to the church. The Bible will have a central place in it. Family worship and prayer will be a natural part of its daily activities. Christian teaching and the ethical and moral standards of Christ will be the guidelines for daily living. True love will be the spirit of the home at all times. Parents will love each other and they will love the children. Children will love their parents and they will also love one another.

The influence of a truly dedicated Christian mother cannot be measured. We have often been sentimental about our mothers. Many songs have been written about them and poets have tried to capture the spirit and meaning to great motherhood. But motherhood reaches its greatness in Christ. He came to give a new value and meaning to all of life. He lifted childhood and womanhood to a new level of meaning and worth in the world. One of the tragedies of the modern world is the fact that so many children have been brought into the world by mothers who do not know Christ and whose lives are steeped in sin.

The churches have a great responsibility in reaching all mothers for Christ. It has a great obligation to give the Christian teaching concerning marriage and the home to its young people as they approach the establishment of a home. They must then minister to these homes and provide for the needs of every member of the family and the home. A home that is started on the right spiritual foundation with Christ as its Lord will seldom lose the spiritual atmosphere that will make it not only last through the years but also bless those who make up its members.

The contemporary world has made it more difficult to build the kind of home in

Historically

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

From the Missionary Review of the World: "Jerusalem now has a brewery, and there is a distillery on Mt. Lebanon. American saloons have opened in Damascus, but no new Christian missionary work is allowed to open in these lands at present."

20 YEARS AGO

The Seventh Day Adventists sent out 267 new missionaries in 1948 and returned 168 missionaries to the foreign field who had been on furlough, for a total of 375. They also designated \$8,731,024 for overseas work in 1949. This means, in comparison, that they sent, in one year, approximately half as many missionaries as Southern Baptists have in all their fields.

10 YEARS AGO

Elmer Bailey, interimi pastor at Broadway church, Knoxville, and his assistant, Velma Rhea Torbett, resigned to accept staff positions at Bellevue church, Memphis. Ramsey Pollard, former pastor at Broadway, has recently begun his new work as pastor at Bellevue. Bailey came to Broadway after serving First Baptist church, Jacksonville, Fla. for 12 years.

which many of us grew up. Modern life is so complex. The members of the family have such diversified work and such divided interests. The family gets to spend so little time at home together. But it all depends on how much we really want a Christian home. Are we willing to make that extra effort? Do we believe that it will really pay? Do we cultivate that love for each member of the family that makes for unity of spirit and purpose?

My prayer is that many homes have taken the step this week to become more truly Christian. That prayer included many young parents who are just starting out with the first child. Don't put off making every effort to make your home truly Christian. Next Sunday, honor your mother by going to church with her and thanking God for all she has contributed to your life.

To those like myself whose mothers have been gone many years, rekindle the thousands of fond memories and thank God that your life has been richer and better because of what she meant to you while she was still here with you. Try to make the rest of the years a living testimony of her influence and teaching in the way of Christ. In this way you honor her and your Lord.

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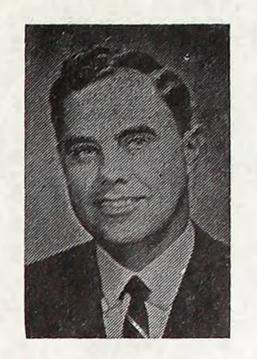
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Child's Over-All Need Is To Become Mature

No adult should try to fill the individual needs of a child in a compartmentalized fashion, a psychiatrist emphasized at the recent biennial conference of the Play Schools Assn., Inc. "We always deal with the total child and his total needs."

It may help to remember that "every child has the all-encompassing need to be helped to become a mature adult," suggested Dr. Morton P. Svigals, medical dir. of Childville, Inc.

The relationship between child and grownup is one of mutual dependence, he observed, for the child must rely on the adult world for his very survival and future and the adult must depend on the child for the future and survival of mankind.

Ideally, a youngster should grow up with the feeling that the standards and values of adults give him support and that he will be able to add to them in time. Adults should not allow themselves to become so rigid that they can't allow children to be anything but duplications of themselves, cautioned Dr. Svigals. "We should be comfortable enough with our own standards to accept the young as a future source of direction."

The psychiatrist stressed that while adults and children need each other, "there can be no reversal or avoidance of the adult-child roles. . . . Both adults and children must grow and mature, but not at the expense of the other."

Look to a child's behavior when you're trying to discern his needs, advised Svigals. Then turn to yourself to see what resources should be used in meeting those needs.

As resources for the gratification of children's needs become more plentiful, there is a tendency for adults to move away from the child, feeling they are not needed as much, observed the specialist. "Just the opposite is true."

Television, for example, can aid a child's educational and social development or serve as an escape mechanism that separates a youngster from his peers, adults and reality. Adult involvement determines the outcome. "It's adults' responsibility to join the child around a resource such as TV. It is not enough to give a child the tools of gratification; we must help him use them well."

U.S. Supreme Court To Hear Appeal On D.C. Abortion Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Supreme Court, by agreeing to consider the constitutionality of the District of Columbia's abortion law, has declared itself a party to the increasing national concern over abortion.

Three state legislatures—Hawaii, New York, Maryland—recently enacted new statutes substantially relaxing prohibitions against abortions. Maryland's new law, one of the most liberal ever considered, has yet to be approved by the state's governor.

The District of Columbia law, which prohibits abortions except where the mother's life or health is endangered, was declared unconstitutional last year by U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell. He said the law is so vague that physicians could not be certain whether or not they would be in violation, even if they acted in good faith.

Judge Gesell said that prosecuting a doctor under such a law would be a denial of due process.

In granting the federal government a hearing on the D.C. abortion law, the high Court noted that it could forestall any ruling if it determines that the case should have gone to the District's Court of Appeals. The case will come before the Court next fall.

However, if the Supreme Court should hear the appeal and uphold Judge Gesell's ruling that the D.C. statute is unconstitutional, challenges against anti-abortion laws in most states could be expected.

More than 35 states now have laws similar in wording to the District's law, and mainly the provisions are the same. Some



YOUNGEST ORDAINED MINISTER? "Rev." Shelby Jerden, age 8 months, may be the youngest "ordained" minister in the nation. Young Jerden, son of Baptist Standard staff writer Larry Jerden, was ordained "with no questions asked" by the Assembly of God in Christ Jesus, which says it is legally a church, when his reporter-father answered an advertisement in a Dallas newspaper. (BP) Photo.

states have allowed exceptions in cases of rape, incest and when a possible deformity of the fetus is involved.

In Judge Gesell's ruling last year, he threw out an indictment against Dr. Milan Vuitch of Chevy Chase, Md., who was accused of performing an abortion in the District.

But the judge contended his ruling did not affect the law's application to nonphysicians and he refused to kill an indictment against Dr. Vuitch's nurse.

In appealing Judge Gesell's ruling, Solicitor General Erwin N. Griswold told the Supreme Court that as a result of this decision "any physician in the District of Columbia may perform an abortion on any pregnant woman who wishes it, for any reason . . ."

He said the law should not have been declared unconstitutional because quite often there is no doubt as to whether an abortion is necessary to save the mother's life. (RNS)

Famed Methodist Preacher Champions Mercy-Killing

LONDON — Current controversy over euthanasia — so-called "mercy killing" — entered a new phase here when Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, one of British Methodism's most outstanding figures, publicly claimed that he should have the right to die.

"After all," he declared, "Christ chose to die ('No one taketh it from me. I lay it down of myself.') We also, on a humbler plane and with a different motive, should claim the right to die."

Weatherhead, now 76, is a former Methodist Conference president. An internationally known preacher, he was for 30 years minister of the historic City Temple, the "Noncomformist shrine" in central London of which he now is minister-emeritus.

He emerged as a champion of euthanasia when he challenged a leading article in "The Times" based on the latest unsuccessful attempt to have a bill providing for voluntary euthanasia introduced in the House of Commons. The attempt failed after bitter, widespread opposition by Roman Catholics.

"The Times" said there were extreme conditions in which euthanasia might be justified on purely utilitarian arguments, but they were by no means easy to recognize. It also contended that treatment that purposely induces death should be left "in the humane discretion of doctors acting within the time-honored ethical code of their profession" and not be put on the statute book. (RNS)

Carson-Newman Plans Summer School in Cali

JEFFERSON CITY—The possibility of Carson-Newman college establishing a summer school in Cali, Colombia (South America) was recently investigated by Jerome P. Harper, C-N associate professor of Spanish.

Harper went with a pioneer spirit on a mission to acquaint that part of the world with Carson-Newman. This bubble burst with the discovery of an impressive Baptist seminary at which Carson-Newman was a well-known and respected name.

Through his investigations Harper made contact with the "Universidad del Valle." As a result of discussions with university officials, a student exchange program began to take shape. Relating his discussions Harper said, "I found the people very warm and hospitable, eager to learn more of the United States and the college which wished to establish a summer school among them."

Carson-Newman officials hope to establish its summer school this summer. If the school is successful the college will explore an expanded program with the Universidad del Valle.

Harper plans to accompany the first C-N group to Cali. He pointed out that a minimum of ten and possibly more students will have an opportunity to participate in the program. Cost of the session, in which students may earn six hours credit in Spanish, will be comparable to the regular summer session at college.

Discussing his fact-finding trip Harper said, "I have concluded that Cali will be an ideal place to involve our students in the Spanish language in its natural environment and to give them an objective and personal introduction to the culture of our neighbors to the south.

"As a city of over one million people, Cali has many problems common to large cities everywhere, and others peculiar to Latin America. The people are open in discussing these problems and they are proud of their accomplishments. They have a saying which shows the civic pride of the people: 'De una sonrise de Dios nació Cali'—'From a smile of God, Cali was born.'"

Eight Fined In U.S. Court For Pentagon Disturbances

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—Eight leaders of a Pentagon Building "peace mass," including two Anglican bishops, an official of the U.S. Catholic Conference, and the wife of Sen. Philip A. Hart (D.-Mich.) were fined \$25 here in U.S. Magistrate's Court.

They were convicted April 17 of violating a regulation against disorderly conduct in the Pentagon. They were among some 177 persons arrested last November at a "peace mass" held in a Pentagon corridor, two days before the Nov. 15 anti-Vietnam war March on Washington. (RNS)