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EXCEPT THE APOSTLES

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles"—Acts 8:1.

The phrase "except the apostles" A. T. Robertson called "a bit of a puzzle." Some see it as an addition to the original text by a later copyist. But others regard it as genuine scripture and in keeping with the general picture in Acts. With this the writer agrees. So what does it mean?

Knowing (**Expositor's**) suggests that the apostles escaped this persecution since they were not associated with Stephen, enjoyed favor with the people, and attended the temple services. But the persecution was "against the church which was at Jerusalem." They certainly were a part of that church. And Peter and John already had been persecuted by the Jewish leaders (cf. Acts 3:1ff.).

Actually in the Greek text as well as in the English rendition (KJV) "except the apostles" is related to "scattered abroad." It would appear that they suffered persecution, but did not leave Jerusalem.

Harnack cites a tradition from Eusebius to the effect that the apostles were commanded by Christ to remain in Jerusalem for twelve years, so that none there could

say that they had not heard the gospel message. Knowing calls this a well-founded tradition. He notes that the visit of Peter and John to Samaria (v.14) was not inconsistent with this tradition since they soon returned to Jerusalem. However, this tradition seems unlikely in the face of Acts 1:4, 8.

That the apostles were more adamant in resisting persecution is evident. But in the light of the overall picture one wonders if their remaining in Jerusalem was not related to their hesitancy to see that the gospel was for other than Jews or Jewish proselytes (cf. Acts 8:14; 11:22). This was a difficult lesson for the Jerusalem church to learn.

Even so, this phrase remains "a bit of a puzzle." It is even a greater puzzle why after almost two thousand years multitudes of Christians still remain in their **Jerusalem** rather than to be witnesses concerning Christ in Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.



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Devotional

As Jesus Passed By

Matt. 9:9

By O. C. Rainwater, Pastor
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Gypsy Smith, God's great soulwinner of another day, used this verse in a message to tell the multitudes the sweetest story on earth; that Jesus Passed by Levi at his tax office, and called him to follow Him.



Rainwater

How much Levi knew about Jesus is not ours to know. Just how hungry his heart was, we can only surmise. Just how empty and disappointed his life was, with only position and

prospects for riches as the main goals for life, we can only imagine.

Jesus knew just when to go by the hearts and doors of those who wanted more than this world had to offer. Levi was just one in that day. There are billions in that category today.

Jesus went by the well near Sychar, and left in the heart of a Samaritan woman, Something most precious. She knew some religious answers, but had a thirsty soul; like too many in our day. Jesus gave her the lasting water of eternal life (John 4:14-15).

Jesus went by a cemetery in Gadara, to leave something new in the heart of a demonized man such a change that he was not only a teachable disciple, but could be sent with the good news among his old neighbors and kinfolds.

Jesus passed by Gethsemane and did more than get betrayed by Judas, or get arrested by the Temple Police. He overcame the powers of darkness that tried to block his way to Calvary.

Jesus had to go by Calvary, because for this purpose he came into the world. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself etc." (2 Cor. 5:19) On Calvary's Cross Jesus paid the debt for which he had become surety for before the foundation of the world (Heb. 7:22).

Jesus came by the Upper Room, after his resurrection. Here he made clear the reality of his victory over sin, death and the grave. He gave a message to some few believers that we still tell as "Good News," to all men (Lk. 24:46-47).

Jesus will one day come by the resting places of the bodies of God's redeemed ones. Then the "Mortal will put on Immortality," and we shall be caught up to be with the blessed Lord forevermore. I should love to shout with millions, when leaving my house of dust, "O death, where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?" . . . "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:53-58).

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A speaker at a recent Baptist gathering declared that the problem is not that so many are isolated from Christianity, but that they are insulated against Christianity.

Webster's dictionary defines "insulation as being separated from conducting bodies by means of non-conductors to prevent transfer of electricity, heat, or sound."

It just may be that too many churches are largely made up of "insulators" — non-conducting bodies who, being insulated against receiving power, are not likely to be connected to the Holy Spirit.

And this being true, the message of the Good News of the Gospel of Christ fails to get through for lack of the right connections.

The church of today may be afflicted with various diseases, but the virus that has weakened the church's witness is apathy.

Let us pray that the epitaph on the church's tombstone shall not read: "Here lies the church. It died because people did not want to be bothered."

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Billy Graham, Bob Hope Lead Washington Observance Of 'Honor America Day'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—“God and country” shared the limelight in a dual “spectacular” which drew some 300,000 or more here on the Fourth of July and was watched by a reputed 500 million on television in this country and via satellite overseas.

The two stars of the double-feature event were evangelist Billy Graham and comedian Bob Hope, both accompanied by well-known personalities. The two long-time friends served as co-chairmen of the observance known as “Honor America Day.”

The day's theme was set in a sermon during a morning interreligious service in front of the Lincoln Memorial by Mr. Graham who said it was designed “to renew allegiance to this nation's principles and institutions.”

His text was I Peter 2:17—“Honor all men. Fear God, Honor the king,” the latter was re-translated by the Baptist evangelist to more aptly apply to this country's

government to read “honor the nation.”

“Lately our institutions have been under attack,” said Mr. Graham, “The Supreme Court, the Congress, the Presidency, the flag, the home, the educational system, and even the church. But we are here to say with loud voices that in spite of their faults and failures we believe in these institutions.”

“Let the world know that the vast majority of us still proudly sing: ‘My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,’” he said to tumultuous applause, one of some 15 times his sermon brought cheers and applause.

His audience was estimated by Washington Police at about 10,000 and by U.S. Park Police, who regularly handle crowds here, at 30,000. The two-hour Bob Hope show in the evening drew from 250,000 to 350,000, according to police, perhaps the largest July 4th turnout ever held here. (RNS)

Presbyterian Center Offers Daily Prayer for Officials

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Daily prayer, offered for the President of the United States, all national leaders, and for world peace, will be recited at noon in The Chapel of the Presidents in the new National Presbyterian Church and Center here.

The 10-minute, non-denominational service, open to the public, was inaugurated June 29.

Earlier the chapel was formally dedicated at ceremonies attended by Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, widow of the 34th President.

The Chapel of the Presidents was built in tribute to President Eisenhower. The Eisenhowers were members of the National Church during their White House years. At that time the church was at a site closer to the Executive Mansion than its present location in Northwest Washington. (RNS)

JEWISH POPULATION—According to **Jewish Population Studies, 1961-68**, the number of Jews is declining in some countries and falling behind other groups elsewhere. The factors it cited were the loss of young adults caused by the extermination of six million Jews by the Nazis, a low birth rate, and an increasing proportion of marriages to non-Jews and withdrawal from Jewry.

The study reports that the Nazis destroyed about a third of the world's Jewish population, leaving just over 11 million at the end of the war. The generally accepted estimate of Jewish population today is 13.5 million, though the authors of the study feel this estimate is too high.

The study notes that 45 per cent, or 5 million, of the world's Jews now live in the United States. Israel and the Soviet Union each has 2.5 million Jews; France, Argentina, and Britain, 400,000 to 500,000 each; Canada, 250,000; and Brazil, South Africa, and Rumania 100,000 to 150,000 each.

of the Biblical message because they do not possess the intellectual capacity to do so. Intellectual snobbery gleams and glistens like a rare diamond in his statement: “Let us not look down on anyone for holding the traditional view. Let us respect him, though we think his view is mistaken. He has a right to it and we can't help him by writing him off as stupid.” He continues: “Let us remember that the world these people live in is a terribly confused, frustrated, fearful, insecure and beaten world.”

Well, now, I'm confused as to who is confused. I do not feel that I am stupid because I am conservative and because I happen to believe the Bible and believe that it means what it says and that it has the capacity to stand alone without man's help. I feel I have as much educational background as the majority of the editorial writers of the Sunday School Board and I desire no paternalism from the self-styled intellectual elite.

I appreciate Dr. Colson and sincerely believe him to be a man of God. I do not appreciate the evident implication in his statement that all who hold the traditional view of Scripture are illiterate bumpkins who must be tolerated and endured for the sake of public relations.

Sincerely,
Harlan F. Reynolds
President, Memphis Pastors' Conference
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LETTERS to the EDITOR

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter as a representative of the student body of Carson-Newman College. It's time that we speak out on an issue which affects us more than the many who have done nothing but talk since we began on-campus dancing at Carson-Newman.

It seems that the younger generation of Baptists have risen to a higher plane of concern than to constantly babble over whether or not Christ would have us to dance. In the Bible He says nothing against dancing, the issue which has been in the forefront in many Baptist circles for the past few months. Instead he commanded US, his disciples, to go and tell about Jesus Christ and to love our neighbors. He placed more emphasis on these two positive commandments than He did on a total of negative ones.

So the students of Carson-Newman have continuously tried to meet these commandments. Many go throughout East Tennessee either preaching, directing music, playing the piano, or giving testimonies in the Baptist churches of our area. Many others spend hours each week working in Morristown, Jefferson City, and Knoxville either with the community's youth or tutoring adults who have less than a high school education. Even more practice social work in the communities of Rutledge and Dandridge as well as the other towns mentioned. On top of all this, many campus organizations sponsor service projects which again help the people of our area. All this is done out of Christian love and reflects the two great commandments of Jesus Christ.

So when our trustees passed on-campus dancing, 92% of Carson-Newman students were in favor. We did not throw our arms up and proclaim that because “such a sin” had found its way to our campus we must close down. Having danced in our high schools and our homes, we have been taught more significant areas of emphasis in our Christian witness. As Christ had taught, likewise we tried to live.

The only plea which we can make to the Baptists of Tennessee is that you take a look at our side of this issue. Perhaps behind the facade of the protests and long hair of our generation, we of Carson-Newman may have stumbled onto something important. Should we be denied funds at

Carson-Newman, then think of the many who would in turn be denied a Christian testimony or an experience of brotherly love from some college student. And think of the many East Tennessee young people who would no longer have a Christian institution in which to be educated.

So why not put on a pair of overalls, smear a little dirt on your face, and drive up to Jefferson City? Walk with us through some torn down gate, up a muddy path, and then help a family of 11 children put back the wall which blew down in last night's storm. Sit down a while on the moth-eaten couch, talk to the family about Christ, and then tell them you love them. Chances are when you get back to our campus you'll have forgotten about dancing. Instead, you might want to talk others into going out on a revival team or helping some of the community's poor as Christ has commanded. These petty issues with which we now concern ourselves will have grown strangely dim.

Sincerely,
Steve Petty,
Vice President, Student Govt., Assn.,
Carson-Newman College
Jefferson City, Tennessee

To The Editor:

I read with mixed feelings the Baptist Press release concerning the statement Dr. Howard P. Colson issued to his editorial staff. I am deeply gratified at his intense desire to follow the guidelines suggested by the Denver convention in their approach to scriptural interpretation. This indicates a cooperative spirit and a desire to comply with the wishes of the Convention's constituency. This is democracy in action. This is the true Baptist spirit. It is my hope and prayer that the writers of our materials will truly develop a warm, evangelistic concern which will be reflected in our curriculum.

However, I was appalled and incensed at Dr. Colson's editorial charge to his writers. Before he finished he had taken the universally accepted and expected stance of liberalism. In effect he suggested that to write in the “traditional” (or conservative) view would be to concede intellectual scholarship. He left the impression that those who embrace the conservative view of scripture are unlearned and unable to grasp the real meaning

Let's Quit Singing The Blues - - - And Dig In!

The message of Christianity was carried through most of the known world by the end of the First Century. The messengers were joyous, exuberant, secure in the knowledge that their message was all-important and life-giving. The record in the Acts of the Holy Spirit attests to the fervency and vitality—and effectiveness of the witness of the early disciples.

The latter part of the 20th century presents often a different picture of messengers with the same message. The picture we seem to receive today—too frequently—is one of despair, lack of zeal, and seemingly a lack of the real assurance which motivates the Christian to the highest degree of effectiveness.

The problems of the First Century disciples were many. Their lot was not easy at all. Their burdens were heavy. Persecution and pain and death were everyday occurrences. But this did not stop them from their commitment. In later generations, as chronicled in Fox's Book Of Martyrs, Christians faced fearlessly dangers and death in order that their witness might be positive and effective.

No great stretching of the imagination is required to determine that without the vitality of a living Lord, and His Word, the message of Christianity would never have been preached as effectively in the days of His Flesh and shortly thereafter.

Christians need today to be aware of, recall, and take comfort from this "positive thinking" of early Christians. This is not the time to wring our hands. Sure—we won't solve all the problems of this or any other generation. The day-by-day routine of Christian living is not different problemwise than the routine of life itself; because we are in the world. However, the tremendous "plus" factor for the Christian is the power of the Holy Spirit to direct and lead, and on occasion to alter the ordered affairs of this universe in order to accomplish the will of God. Tennessee Baptists need today, as much as at any time in our generation, to be aware of the fact that God still directs our affairs, and that if we serve him faithfully, He will lead and guide us so that His will might be done.

In the stream of history, sagging Cooperative Receipts, for example, might just be a minute problem. Looming larger in our consideration must be a sagging spiritual vitality and a waning faith in the power of God to lead His people. We believe that a renewed awareness of the unity of the spirit, of the all-important mission for believers, and of the strength we have to dwell in would provide answers for many problems which confront us. There used to be sung in many Baptist churches an old song. It was entitled "If Your Heart Keeps Right." One refrain from the song goes something like this: "If the

dark shadows gather as you roll along, do not grieve for their coming, sing a cheery song . . . Every cloud shall wear a rainbow if your heart keeps right."

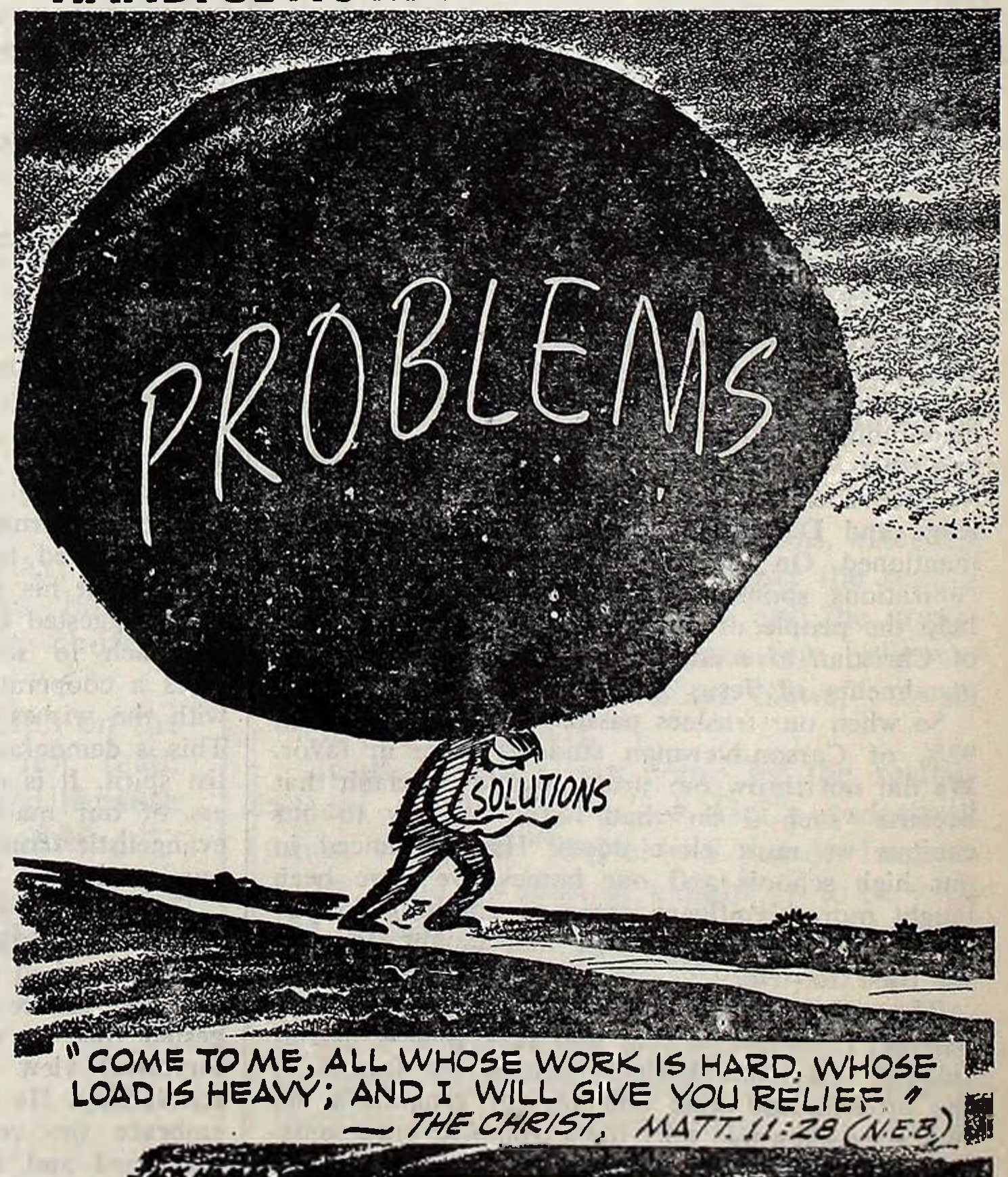
This is true today. It is time for Tennessee Baptists to quit singing the blues. It is time to rededicate ourselves to the task which is ours; a task which requires time, concern, and financial support. We shall never win a lost world without commitment in all these areas. When this happens, we shall be able to meet our financial obligations—and exceed them. The mission advance of Southern Baptists must not be curtailed; **IT MUST BE STRENGTHENED!**

Dr. W. C. Boone

Southern Baptists have lost a good friend and a faithful and effective denominational servant in the death last week of Dr. W. C. Boone. Dr. Boone retired in Jackson, Tenn., upon his retirement as general secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1961.

He served in many capacities—pastoral, educational and denominational—and he served well. Tennessee Baptists join with others in expressions of sympathy to his loved ones, and in appreciation for the good ministry of Dr. Boone.

HANDFUL NO MATCH FOR THE BACKLOAD



Arizona Kills Hospital Sale; Approves Dismissal Of Trustees

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Messengers to a special called session of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention voted 494-22 here to rescind a previous vote of the convention to sell its three hospitals.

The action added another episode to a complex situation which has been debated in and out of the Arizona courts. It represents the third vote on the issue and the second time the convention has changed its mind on whether to sell the hospitals.

The messengers also upheld dismissal by the state convention's Executive Board of trustees in the convention's hospital association and elected additional replacements for them. They also ratified previous election by the Executive Board of six trustee replacements.

Meanwhile, the original trustees, who were dismissed for voting to sever ties of the hospitals with the Arizona convention, have refused to step aside for their replacements.

The background of the debate is complex.

Last September, a special called session of the convention resulted in a 422-208 decision to keep the hospitals rather than sell them.

In November, however, the regular convention session nullified the previous special session's action by a slim 133-125 vote to sell the three hospitals in Phoenix, Scottsdale and Yuma, Ariz., plus land on which another hospital was to have been built in Tucson.

Trustees Refused to Cooperate

A convention official said the latest vote not to sell became necessary when trustees refused to cooperate with the Executive Board in an attempt to sell the Phoenix hospital to the J. Allen Ginn Jr. Charitable Foundation.

The Executive Board therefore recommended that the convention rescind the vote to sell and take whatever action necessary to regain control of the hospitals. The special called session affirmed the request.

However, observers feel that once the current web of litigation surrounding the situation is cleared away the decision to sell or not to sell may be resubmitted to a future convention.

The November session of the convention empowered the state's Executive Board to sell the hospitals and directed it to provide 40 per cent of the funds derived from the sale to Grand Canyon College, a Baptist school in Phoenix which has had some financial difficulty.

The Arizona Baptist Hospital Association, an organization comprised of trustees of the three hospitals, was asked to cooperate with the Executive Board.

The following January, the Executive Board voted to sell the Baptist Hospital of

Phoenix to the Ginn foundation. The board also voted to allot 60 per cent of the income from hospital sales not going to Grand Canyon College to establish an adequate ready cash reserve for the convention's church loan and church bond funds.

Suits Filed

A U.S. District Court suit, filed by a Phoenix attorney in the name of his wife, Gracia R. Duecy, challenged the authority of the convention to sell the Phoenix hospital. The convention filed a motion to dismiss the Duecy suit. Mrs. Duecy is not a Baptist.

Then the Phoenix hospital's attorneys filed an answer to the suit and also filed a cross claim against the Arizona convention and its Executive Board in support of the Duecy suit.

The hospital association's members reportedly did not oppose the Duecy suit and the cross claim, according to a convention official.

Seventeen members of the Arizona Hospital Association brought the controversy to a head by voting to change the association's articles of incorporation so that trustees of the hospitals would elect their own successors, rather than the state convention.

A convention spokesman said the trustees apparently sharply disagreed with action by the convention and the Executive Board to divert funds from hospital sale to non-hospital usage.

Subsequent action prior to the most recent vote of the special called session not to sell has become increasingly complicated.

The Duecy suit was dismissed in U.S. District Court for lack of jurisdiction.

The offer of the Ginn foundation to purchase the Phoenix hospital was withdrawn.

The Arizona convention filed a suit against the trustees in the hospital association, asking the court to nullify amendments to their articles of incorporation which would sever ties with the convention. The hospital association filed a counter claim.

Trustees Dismissed

The Executive Board dismissed all trustees in the hospital association "who had not resigned or pledged their cooperation with the convention," according to the **Baptist Beacon**, the convention's state paper.

Although a provision in the constitution of the state convention grants the Executive Board power to "recall" trustees who have refused to cooperate with the convention, the trustees refuse to admit such power exists.

In a telegram sent to a special hearing conducted by the Executive Board before their dismissal, the 17 dissenting trustees said, "... We wish to point out that the Articles of Incorporation of the Arizona

Richard N. Owen Undergoes Surgery

Richard N. Owen, retired editor of **BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR**, is in Baptist Hospital, Nashville, following surgery for the removal of his gall bladder.

Owen was released from the hospital a few weeks ago following a stay of toxic plant spray and surgery.

RAYMOND H. NAPIER, JR. DIES DURING PRAYER SERVICE

Raymond H. Napier, Jr., pastor of Stones River church, Smyrna, died suddenly during prayer service on Wednesday evening, July 8. Services were held Friday, July 10, at Stones River with Harry C. Kellog, Jr., pastor, First church, Smyrna, officiating and Highland Heights church, Memphis, July 11, with Slater Murphy, pastor officiating. Burial was in Memphis Memorial Park.

A native of Memphis, he was a graduate of Mississippi college, Clinton and New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, Napier had served as music and youth director, First Baptist church, Booneville, Miss., pastor, Pleasant Hill church, Orlinda, and Brookside church, Nashville.

He is survived by his widow, the former Mary Ann Pace, of Jackson, Miss., three children, David Ray, seven, Carol Ann, 12, and Mary Elizabeth, 14 months, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Napier, Sr., of Memphis.

National Council of Churches Begin Work on Changes

The National Council of Churches has taken steps to implement a "more effective and inclusive ecumenical agency . . ." according to a release from the Council's Department of Information.

The Council has decided also to call for a National Ecumenical Consultation in November or December which would include Roman Catholics, evangelical Protestants and other "interested" bodies.

Options which the Council is considering includes "paraecclesiastical bodies" as well as churches in membership to a "forum-like assembly;" a second would make only churches eligible for membership; the third option limits the work of the agency to social action, "to be funded entirely by churches"; and the final option "resembles the present Council" except "power sources."

Baptist Hospital Association and of the three Baptist hospitals make no provisions for recall and that we do not believe the Executive Board has the right or power to effectuate recall."

Still pending is the suit filed by the Arizona convention against the hospital association and the association's counter claim.

Observers say the litigation will continue unless the ousted trustees agree to cooperate with the convention. (BP)

Great Moments In SBC History

By Davis C. Woolley

Executive Secretary, SBC Historical Commission

When the Southern Baptist Convention organized in 1845, its constitution provided for expansion into all the United States. Two boards were established, but with provisions for as many other boards as the convention needed for its benevolent work.

Since that day, May 10, 1845 in Augusta, Ga., the convention has through the past 125 years grown to the point it is now the largest Protestant denomination in the nation.

From 4126 churches in 1845, the SBC has grown to 34,335 churches reported in 1970. Membership has increased from 350,000 church members in 1845 to 11,489,613 reported in 1970. The number of boards has increased from two to four boards and seventeen other agencies.

The two boards—Foreign Mission Board located in Richmond, and Domestic Missions then located in Marion, Ala.—went into business as soon after the convention as possible with missionaries at work.

In the beginning, the convention refused to start a publication board, though there was strong sentiment for one. By 1849, a group of interested persons organized the Southern Baptist Publication Society located in Charleston, S. C., but it was not an agency of the convention. Then, in 1851, the convention authorized a Bible Board to be located in Nashville.

In this same year, J. R. Graves set forth his "Landmark Statement" at the Big Hatchie Association at Cotton Grove, Tenn. For more than 50 years Landmarkism caused controversy among Southern Baptists until the followers of these teachings withdrew from the convention in 1905 and organized the General Association of Landmark Baptists.

Another great moment in Southern Baptist history took place in 1859 when alongside the convention was formed the Southern Baptist Theological seminary located at Greenville, S. C. Later it was recognized as an agency of the convention.

When the War Between the States came with all its fury, the Bible Board was swept away, as was the Publication Society. The Convention organized in the midst of the war in 1863 the Baptist Sunday School Board to produce literature for the churches of the South. The seminary which had closed in 1862 was re-opened in 1865, and after struggling to remain open, it moved to Louisville in 1877.

In 1866 at the meeting in Russellville, Ky., the convention voted to meet annually thereafter.

The years following the war were so severe that the Sunday School Board was about to collapse when the convention voted to combine the Sunday School Board with the Domestic Board of Missions in

1873. The next year the name of the combined Board was changed to The Home Mission Board.

Another great moment in the life of the convention came in 1888, though there is no reference to it in the convention proceedings and reports for that year. It was the organization of Woman's Missionary Union as an auxiliary to the convention.

The women in a number of states had been organized to promote giving and praying for missions. It was another 30 years before the convention gave the women the status of messengers, and then two years longer—1920—before a woman addressed the convention. It was 45 years more in 1963, before a woman was elected vice-president of the convention.

The convention brought the Sunday School Board into being in 1891. This action set the convention on a new course of ministry and education unparalleled hitherto.

As the second 50 years was beginning, the Baptist Young People's Union of the South was organized as an auxiliary to the convention in 1896. This church member training organization became fully graded in 1932 and is known as Training Union. The Sunday School Board began to promote the BYPU and to offer field service in Sunday School work about 1900.

At the same time these educational activities were being promoted in the churches, theological education was having difficult times. In 1896, W. H. Whitsitt was charged with error in teaching of Baptist history. The crisis became so severe that Whitsitt offered his resignation as president of Southern Seminary in 1899 to avoid splitting the convention.

While this was going on, the Home Mission Board appointed a field secretary for the territory west of the Mississippi, and with the organization of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in 1907 the men were being enlisted in stewardship and missionary education. This movement later became the Brotherhood Commission in 1952.

The laymen joined in the celebration of the Judson Centennial in 1912-14 in an effort to raise one million dollars for foreign missions.

In 1908 Southwestern Seminary was founded in Texas and later accepted as an institution of the convention.

As World War I was coming to a close, the laymen led in calling for an efficiency committee to recommend ways for increasing the business efficiency of the convention. The recommendations called for a church financial plan and the election of an Executive Committee (1917).

The convention accepted the challenge in 1919 to raise \$75,000,000 in five years.

The 75 Million Campaign was a great success in enlisting the people and securing \$92 million in pledges. But the pledges were not paid because of the recession in the early 1920's.

The over-expansion of the agencies and state conventions and the failure to receive 75 million dollars plunged the convention in discouraging debts. On top of this, the misappropriation of funds by trusted employees made matters worse.

Even in the face of all this, the convention established in 1919 the Relief and Annuity Board (later the Annuity Board) which ministers to the retirees and the needy among the pastors and denominational workers. Also during this period the convention organized the Education Board and committed to it the Ridgecrest Assembly.

One of the good things coming out of the 75 Million Campaign was the Conservation Committee which recommended the Cooperative Program to succeed the five-year effort of fund raising.

At the same time the Cooperative Program Commission came into being and it recommended a central Executive Committee to be the convention ad interim.

In 1927, the Executive Committee, which had operated on a limited scale, was enlarged. One of the first things the enlarged Executive Committee did was to deal with the debts referred to above.

The Hundred Thousand Club was set in motion in 1933 to help pay the debts. By 1943 all the debts were paid and the convention was making ready to celebrate its Centennial with a great evangelistic crusade. But World War II caused the Atlanta convention to be postponed.

In 1939 two events were great moments. One was the establishment of the Radio Committee. It became the Radio Commission in 1946 and the Radio and Television Commission in 1956.

The other important event was the adoption of the Business and Financial Plan of the convention. This brought into operation a single plan for all the financial programs of the convention and its agencies.

In 1942, the SBC began its expansion into the West and North, and indeed the whole United States when California was accepted as one of the cooperating states of the convention. The convention adopted a minority report admitting California, rather than a committee recommendation that the action be delayed.

Another significant minority report was adopted in 1949 when the convention approved a substitute motion to locate a western assembly in Glorieta, N. M. The first assembly was held there in 1952 under the work of the Sunday School Board, which earlier had been requested to operate an assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C.

After World War II the convention accepted the challenge of Secretary M. T. Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board for advance in giving until the convention gave

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Radio-TV Commission

The following radio and television stations in Tennessee carry programs prepared by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

THE ANSWER TV				
CATV	GATLINBURG	TH	700P	
WBBJ	JACKSON	SU	1200N	
WHBQ	MEMPHIS	SU	1000A	
WLAC	NASHVILLE	SU	1030A	

THE ADAMS SPOTS TV				
WWBJ	JACKSON			
WBIR	KNOXVILLE			
WMC	MEMPHIS			

JOT TV				
WBIR	KNOXVILLE	SA	740A	
WHBQ	MEMPHIS	TU	705A	
WSIX	NASHVILLE	DA	700A	

THE BAPTIST HOUR				
WEAG	ALCOA	SU	630A	
WLAR	ATHENS	SU	630P	
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Great Moments

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10 million dollars to foreign missions and 1750 missionaries were under appointment. This quickened the pace of Southern Baptists.

The Sunday School undertook to enlist "A Million More in '54" and the convention gave approval in 1954 to the Supreme Court's plan to integrate the public schools.

The convention launched the plan of Baptist Jubilee Advance in 1957. The Advance included the Thirty Thousand Movement begun in 1954 to organize twenty thousand missions and preaching points, and ten thousand churches. Southern Baptists and other Baptist conventions from 1959 to 1964 observed the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the organized work in support of missions in America.

During this period, in 1962, the convention requested the Sunday School Board and the Brotherhood Commission to invite the Woman's Missionary Union to join in planning emphases and themes for the post Jubilee years. This was a far-reaching step. Long-range plans were made for 1965-69.

To follow that period, the convention recommended that plans be projected by a special 70 Onward Committee for the decade beginning in 1970. The Inter-Agency Committee, which came into being in 1959, was called on to coordinate the plans.

Recommendations of special study committee adopted in 1959 brought several significant advances. Included was the Stewardship Commission and the Inter-Agency Council with its assignment to coordinate and correlate the work of the agencies as assigned programs touch the churches.

In 1962 the convention was disturbed by a controversy over the book The Message of Genesis written by Ralph Elliott of the Midwestern seminary and published by Broadman Press. This prompted the appointment of a special committee to re-study the convention's "Statement of Faith and Message." The revised statement was presented and approved in 1963.

In 1968 the convention approved a "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation," regarding the conditions of violence, racial injustice, and poverty.

In New Orleans in 1969, the convention voted for its agencies to abide by the Statement of Faith and Message. Convention President Criswell challenged the convention to recognize the word of God as the two-edged sword of faith and works. The ideas of evangelism and social action were brought together as the challenge for the future. (BP)

Tennessee News Briefs

The Baptist Student Union at Belmont college will sponsor youth revival teams beginning in October, according to **Ronald Lowery**, director of religious activities. **Lowery** said that the program is designed to offer the churches of Middle Tennessee better-prepared revival teams, and to give those training for church vocations an opportunity to become better educated in church work.

Dr. James David Williams, Sr., professor of biology at Belmont, has resigned to accept a position with the Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus. **Williams** will assist in the graduate program in biology and in the summer research program, beginning his duties upon conclusion of the summer session at Belmont.

The Olive Hill Baptist church in the Hardin County Association held a note-burning service recently, completing payment on their pastorium four years early. **Murry A. Wood** is pastor.

The Loudon County Baptist Association has expressed appreciation for **J. C. Parish** who has moved recently from the Dixie Lee Baptist church to Clinton, Tenn.

J. Lowell Knupp has resigned as interim pastor of Pleasant Heights Baptist church, Columbia. He has served there since Oct. 1, 1969.



Custer

Jack Custer, pastor of the Trinity Baptist church, Lebanon, has resigned to enter the field of full-time evangelism. **Custer**, a native of Westmoreland, has served as pastor also of the Southside Baptist church, Lebanon, and First Baptist of Westmoreland. He is scheduled to leave the Trinity church in August.

Horace Hamm has been called as pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist church, Morristown. He has been pastor of the Island Home Baptist church, Knoxville.

Christiana church, Concord association, has air-conditioned their sanctuary. **W. C. Carlton** is pastor.

First Baptist, Pulaski, **Clarence K. Stewart**, pastor, is observing Radio Sunday July 26, marking 20 years of broadcasting the morning worship service over Pulaski Radio WKSX.

Park Avenue church, Nashville, has been recognized for reaching the Advanced Achievement level in church library work. **Bob Mowrey** is pastor.

Shelby Browning Day was observed recently by the First Baptist church, Humboldt, in recognition of Browning's many years of service as a deacon in that church. **Raymond A. Boston** is pastor.

Glenn Gregg, pastor of the Stock Creek church in Chilhowee association, has resigned to accept a position with Service Master, Inc., in Chicago.

Cade's Cove church, Chilhowee association, has dedicated their sanctuary debt-free. The building was constructed five years ago. **Elmer Sharp** is pastor.

A history of the Chilhowee Baptist Association has been written by **John O. Hood**, and will be published in the Fall. The volume will be sold for \$4.00 per copy, and will be printed by Curley Printing Company, Nashville.

Tusculum Hills reports 21 professions of faith, five additions by letter, and several rededications in a recent revival. Pastor **Bill Chitwood** preached, and **Gene Rutledge**, Columbus, Ohio, led the singing.

David L. Hanes is the new assistant pastor and minister of education at the First Baptist church, Clinton. **Hanes** is a native of Naples, Tex., and has served as a teacher and principal in Anderson County schools since 1964. **Hayward Highfill** is pastor of the church.

Larry Flanagan is the new minister of music-youth at the Brownsville Baptist church. **Flanagan** is a native of Atlanta, Ga. **H. K. Sorrell** is pastor.

The Wards Grove church in the Concord Association has voted to construct a two-story education building. **J. H. Harvey** is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Speropulos, Jr., members of the Central Baptist church, Johnson City, has been named leaders in the state Gideons program. **Speropulos** is new State president, and his wife is president of the woman's auxiliary. **James Canaday** is pastor.

Miss Marilyn Christena Morris, daughter of **Rev. and Mrs. Richard E. Morris**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Taiwan, was married July 10 to **Danny Ray Hill** at First church, Somerville. **Miss Morris** is a student at Union university, Jackson. Both **Mr. and Mrs. Morris** are natives of Tennessee.

Memphis State BSU Director Is Elected

Bobby Green, a native of Oklahoma, has been named director of Baptist Student work at Memphis State university. **C. Winfield Rich**, associate pastor of the Temple Baptist church, Memphis, and chairman of the Shelby Association personnel committee announced Green's acceptance of the position.

Green, who is a graduate of Oklahoma State university, is scheduled to receive a master's degree from East Central college next month.

The new BSU leader has served as youth director at First Baptist church, Norman, Okla., Cliff Temple church, Dallas, Tex., and University church, Abilene, Tex., he has served also as BSU director at East Central State college, in Oklahoma.

The position is sponsored jointly by the Shelby County Baptist Association and the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

WMU

Queens' Court for GA's Set at Carson-Newman

The Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Queens' Court will be held at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, Aug. 21-23, according to Miss Mary Jane Nethery, Brentwood, Tennessee, Convention WMU executive secretary.

Highlights of the court include presentation of state, home and foreign missionaries, international students and "missionaries kids."

The court is open to Intermediates who attained the step of Queen, Queen with a Scepter, Queen Regent or Queen Regent in Service. It begins with the evening meal on Friday, the 21st, and continues through an evening service on the 23rd.

CHURCHES INCLUDE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

The following churches have included Baptist And Reflector in their church program:

New Trial Budget

Mt. Neba church, Buena Vista
Rev. Haynes Lankford, Pastor
East View Baptist Mission, Walland
New Budget
Rina Lake church, Winchester

Lavergne First church has remodeled the education building, installed air conditioning, painted and installed tile. **Eual Ursery** is pastor.

Astronaut James O. Covington, Houston, Tex., is to be featured speaker for the Shelby Association Brotherhood Missions rally scheduled Aug. 15 at Camp Cordova.



Miss Mary Allen, center, director of Intermediate work, Church Training department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and winners of the State Sword Drill, held recently in Brentwood: Virginia Shadrick, Ridgedale church, Chattanooga, first place; and Donna Kelley, Northside church, Columbia, second place.

Rites For W. C. Boone Held In Jackson

Funeral services for Dr. W. C. Boone, longtime executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, were held in Jackson, Tenn., Saturday, July 11.

Boone, who was 78, died Thursday afternoon, July 9, at Jackson General hospital. He had been in declining health for some time.

Rites for the Baptist leader were held at the Woodland Baptist church with Dr. Warner Earle Fusselle, president of Truett-McConnell college, Cleveland, Ga., and The Rev. Norman Ellis, pastor at Woodland, officiating. Interment was in the Forrest Hills cemetery in Memphis.

Boone, a native of Bowling Green, Ky., served as general secretary and treasurer for the Kentucky convention from 1946 until his retirement in 1961. Upon his retirement he moved to Jackson, and was active as interim and supply pastor until recently.

He attended William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo., and the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., and then served as pastor of numerous churches. Boone organized the Woodland church in Jackson and served as pastor from 1965 to 1968. He served also as a high school principal in his earlier years. Pastorates include First Baptist church, Jackson; Crescent Hill Baptist church, Louisville, Hernando, Miss.; First Baptist, Roanoke, Va., and First Baptist, Marianna, Ark.

Additionally, Boone served for two years as president of Oklahoma Baptist university, and as a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was the author of several books. Both William Jewell and Georgetown college honored him with the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Fusselle, Mrs. Jack Foust, Jackson, Tenn.; and Mrs. Charles B. Arendall, Mobile, Ala.;



Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont college, Nashville, right, presents scholarships to participants of the recent State Speakers' Tournament, held in Brentwood. First place winner was Allen Trapp, second from right, of Forest Hills church, East Tennessee association, and Donna Hancock, far left, of Central church, Hixson, and Debbie Rankhorn, of Grace church, Nashville, fourth from left, tied for second place.

Sword Drill, Speakers' Tourney Winners In State Are Selected

Virginia Shadrick, a member of the Ridgedale church, Chattanooga, is winner in the state-wide Intermediate Sword Drill contest. Second place winner was Donna Gail Kelley, of the Northside church, Columbia.

Winner in the state-wide speakers' tournament was Allen Trapp, Jr., of the Forest Hill church, East Tennessee Association. Donna Hancock, of the Central church, Hixson, and Debbie Rankhorn, of the Grace church, Nashville, tied for second place.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention finals were held last week in the chapel of the new convention building in Brentwood.

Both the Sword Drill and the speakers' tourney brought together eight regional winners who vied for the privilege of representing Tennessee in Southern Baptist Convention finals scheduled at Ridgecrest last Saturday.

Sword Drill participants included Robin Howard, Highland Heights church, Memphis, Carol Wise, Emmanuel church, Humboldt, Joycelyn Jones, Grace church, Nashville, Annette Hearn, Round Lick church, Watertown, Jeanne Rucker, First church, Morristown, and Sarah Burleson, Edgemore church, Clinton.

Other speakers in the Young People's session were Deborah Smith, Antioch church, Haywood Association, Eddie Gam-

brell, New Prospect church, Lawrence association, Jane Allison, Shellsford church, Central Association, and Jackie Mobley, Mt. Lebanon church, Chilhowee association.

Trapp's winning speech was on "The Foundations on Which Baptists Build Today." He received a \$200 scholarship from Dr. Herbert Gabhart, president of Belmont college. Other speaker participants received \$100 scholarships to Belmont. The scholarships were for either Belmont, Carson-Newman or Union.

Charles L. Norton, Brentwood, secretary of the Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, directed the sessions.

Church Training

Shaping the 70's

A series of four Leadership Readiness Conferences to make plans for 1971-1972 has been planned by Dr. Charles Norton, Brentwood, secretary of the Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Tennessee coordinator for the "70's" efforts.

The meetings are scheduled in 1971 Feb. 18, at Murfreesboro; Feb. 19, First Baptist, Jackson; Feb. 22, Morristown, and Feb. 27, Athens.

Purpose of the conferences is to assist the pastor, church staff and church council members in planning for 1971-1972. Norton indicated that additional details on the conferences would be available later in the year.

two sons, William Cooke Boone, Jr., Louisville, and Arthur Boone, Austin, Tex.; and 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Swiss Baptists to Join Council

The Swiss Baptist Union has voted heavily in favor of becoming a charter member of a national church council being formed in Switzerland. The vote was 66 for membership, nine against, at the annual assembly.

Charter membership was unanimously recommended by the union's executive committee.

The council would have as charter members, if all bodies approve membership, the three official churches of Switzerland plus Methodists and Baptists. The three official groups are Reformed, Roman Catholic, and Old Catholic.

The council comes into being when the Reformed and Roman Catholic Churches and at least two other groups have voted to join. That leaves only the Roman Catholic Church yet to decide favorably before it takes form. Reformed, Methodist, and Baptist groups have given their assent. (EBPS)

Philadelphia's Presbytery Rejects All BEDC Demands

PHILADELPHIA—After a year of study and debate, the Presbytery of Philadelphia rejected "each and every demand" of the Black Economic Development Conference (BEDC) and voted to hear no more resolutions on the Black Manifesto.

Members of the United Presbyterian judicatory had met a week prior to the final vote to try to reach some conclusions on requests from BEDC, which asks reparations from white churches and synagogues. Representatives of the BEDC including Philadelphia chairman Muhammad Kenyatta, attended the meeting took the microphone and talked two and one-half hours.

At the second meeting, 262 ministers and lay elders said "no" to a resolution which would have responded favorably to Kenyatta's demands. (RNS)

Two Tennesseans To Receive Degree At Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Two students from Tennessee, Paul Henry Mason of Lawrenceburg, and Robert Finley of Memphis, will receive the master of divinity degrees during the commencement exercises of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, July 17, in the sanctuary of the Travis Avenue Baptist church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor will present degrees and diplomas to candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education, and church music. Dr. James L. Sells, president of Southwest Baptist college, Bolivar, Mo., will deliver the commencement address.

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W. Paul Hall Named As Missions Associate

W. Paul Hall, superintendent of missions in Holston association, since January, 1961, has been named as associate in the



Hall

Missions department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Hall will assume his new duties on August 16. He will fill a position authorized by the executive board of the State convention in 1963 and for which funds were first budgeted in 1969, according to W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention.

A native of Wilson County, Hall is a graduate of Cumberland university and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has served as pastor of churches in Camden, Loudon, and Kingsport.

Hall will assume responsibility for the Missions department's work in interracial ministries and in Christian Social ministries. The new position is the result of an extensive study made by a special committee of the executive board which recommended in 1963 that a director of work with National Baptists be employed as soon as possible to implement and coordinate our cooperative work with Negro Baptists in Tennessee.

Mrs. Hall is the former Clara Lee Agee, of Watertown. They have two daughters, Joyce Pauline and Deborah Ann, both students at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City.

COST OF REARING CHILDREN—At today's prices, a newborn baby will cost its parents from \$19,360 to \$25,000 by its eighteenth birthday. The 18-year-old of today has cost his parents at least \$16,000 to raise.

Figures are for an average child living in a family consisting of father, mother, and no more than four brothers and sisters.

Regarding the projections for the next 18 years, the lower estimate is for rural, nonfarm families in the West and the highest is for families in the North-Central region of the country.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTISTS OPPOSE PAROCHIAL AID, NAMING OF LODGE

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Conservative Baptist Association of America went on record here in opposition to state aid for non-public schools and the appointment of a personal Presidential envoy to the Vatican.

Attending the annual meeting, which has no legislating power over local congregations, were 2050 persons, 1500 from California. Delegates came from 27 other states and abroad.

Besides objecting to private and parochial school aid, the delegates asked "termination of, or the refraining from the loophole of 'purchase of services' policy." (RNS)

FUNDAMENTALISTS 'BURY' A COPY OF 'GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN'

CONCORD, N.C.—A scheduled burning of copies of "Good News for Modern Man," a contemporary English version of the New Testament, turned into a burial at a "Bible Rally" staged here at the Gordon Heights Baptist church.

The best-selling publication of the American Bible Society was the target of fundamentalist pastors in the area. The Rev. H. Loyd Walters of Gordon Heights, said 20 churches supported the protest.

Walters was joined by several clergymen in labeling the translation—commonly known as Today's English Version (TEV)—the "masterpiece of the devil." They held a mock funeral and placed a cross on the spot when a TEV was covered up. (RNS)

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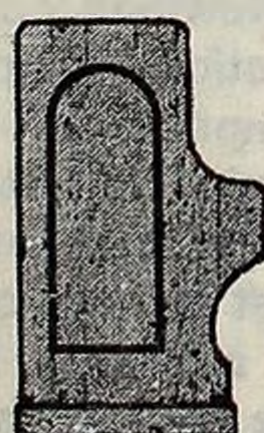
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More than 30,000 persons attended the religious and patriotic service at the Lincoln Memorial July 4 where Evangelist Billy Graham spoke.

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Baptist Foundation of America Has No SBC Connection

By Jonas Stewart

**Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Tennessee Baptist Foundation**

A Los Angeles-based "Charitable" corporation has no connection with any Baptist church, groups of Baptist churches, Baptist associations, or Baptist Conventions, according to Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. It is Baptist in name only. The Wall Street Journal gave considerable attention recently to the California firm when the IRS began looking into its operations. According to the Journal account, the foundation has been dealing with "promoters and men with criminal records, publishing financial statements with inflated or non-existent assets, issuing millions of dollars worth of notes currently in default and getting involved in bizarre security cases."

The Rev. T. Sherron Jackson, president of the Baptist Foundation, Inc. was indicted by a Los Angeles grand jury on charges of bribery, grand theft and passing bad checks. He has been released on bail. Details of the indictment have been kept secret.

The Journal's account of the foundation

Nashville Baptist Pastors Name Lucas President

Dr. Richard D. Lucas, pastor of Shelby Avenue Baptist church, Nashville, is the new president of the Nashville Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Other officers elected were: Bob Norman, pastor of Belmont Heights church, Nashville, vice-president; and Hugh Widick, pastor of Union Hill church, Goodlettsville, secretary-treasurer.

Reconsideration Asked On Dancing Approval

The Executive Board of the Holston Baptist Association has adopted a resolution requesting trustees of Carson-Newman college to restudy their recent action in approving social dancing on campus.

Action of the group, taken July 6, stated that in their judgment the authorization of dancing was contrary to the best interest of students and the community, and that it threatened the usefulness of the college "as a fountain of spiritual leadership."

operation indicated that thousands of acres of "non existent" land in Tennessee had been carried as assets.

McIntire Radio Stations Lose Licenses In An FCC Ruling

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Two seminary-owned radio stations, WXUR and WXUR-FM in Media, Pa. lost their licenses here as the Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously to refuse renewal, charging the owners with ignoring their "plain duty to the public."

Board chairman of Faith Theological Seminary, the stations' owner, is Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N.J., the ultra-conservative preacher whose program, 20th Century Reformation Hour, was featured on WXUR and is heard on hundreds of stations around the country.

McIntire is the founder of the ultra-conservative International Council of Christian Churches. Until he was dropped from the executive committee in 1969, McIntire was also head of the American Council of Christian Churches he founded in 1941. In his work he has opposed the World and National Council of Churches and has been a frequent critic of the Catholic Church and Pope Paul. He has supported the Rev. Ian Paisley, militant Protestant leader in Northern Ireland.

FCC Commissioner Robert E. Lee, who supervised the decision, called the 6-0 ruling by the commission a "landmark case," but added that he expected it to be settled before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Benedict Cottone, attorney for the stations, said the station owners are prepared to "go all the way to the Supreme Court."

In the meantime, the stations have been ordered to go off the air by midnight, Sept. 1.

Sunday School Board Announces Staff Changes

NASHVILLE—A new staff member has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and another has been promoted.

C. Benton Williams, director of student work in Thailand as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary since 1959, has been named a consultant in international student work in the board's student department.

Charles R. Livingstone, supervisor of the adult section in the board's Sunday School department, will become manager of the department on Aug. 1. He will be responsible to A. V. Washburn, department secretary, for the department's overall planning and work.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Williams served as pastor of churches in Knoxville and Maryville, Tenn., and as a teacher and counselor at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, Seymour, Tenn., before appointment as a missionary. (BP)

The stations are charged with violations of the FCC's 21-year-old Fairness Doctrine, under which broadcasters are required to give time for "opposing viewpoints on controversial issues."

Lee said this is the first time the FCC, which has processed thousands of requests over the years, has refused to renew a station's license because of Fairness Doctrine violations.

In 1965, when the FCC approved purchase of the stations by the seminary, it voiced its concern over possible violations of the Fairness Doctrine.

The FCC has, from the time the seminary took over the stations, received complaints from a "number of civic and religious groups" in the Philadelphia area about the station's programs, charging they were "highly racist, anti-Semitic . . . and anti-Catholic."

The stations had, the FCC noted, "failed to provide reasonable opportunity for the presentation of contrasting views on controversial issues of public importance, it ignored the personal attack principle of the Fairness doctrine . . ." and it failed to keep attuned to the "community's or the area's needs and interests." (RNS)

Michigan Votes \$22 Million For Private, Parochial Aid

LANSING, Mich.—Within 90 minutes, both houses of the Michigan Legislature passed a record-breaking school aid bill which includes a precedent-setting \$22 million for financially-pressed private and parochial schools.

The quick action in the House and Senate, following delays which had dragged on because of strong opposition to state assistance to church-related schools ended nearly eight months of legislative debate.

The Senate vote of 23 to 15 was followed by House approval, 57 to 49. Both units of the legislature were acting on a compromise version; the Senate had approved its measure last November and the House its bill four months later. (RNS)

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TRUST AND OBEY

Basic Passage: Deuteronomy 5:6-23

Focal Passage: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

There is no other way to be happy in God but to trust and obey. Life is an adventure for anyone. For Israel it was a big leap into the unknown.

A nation of slaves became a self-conscious entity growing, seasoning, and maturing in the wanderings of a wilderness life for forty years. It was a rigorous experience to which few people have been subjected. Out of it came one of the most unique people of all time.

They had many activities involving a strong element of faith. They had many experiences with the acts of God. They had a great theological education in the school of experimental realities. The rare souls among them received spiritual insights that have become the heritage of mankind.

They had to have laws, strict laws. They had to have authority, very articulate and unyielding, else they would have been a very unstable people who would have gone utterly to pieces ages ago.

They have been exposed to more cultures, subjected to fiercer persecution without anchorage to a protecting homeland than any significant people in all history. Yet they are the most powerful minority in modern history.

GOD'S LOVING COVENANT WITH ISRAEL Deuteronomy 5:1-5

God had made many promises to Israel in the past. He had preserved and delivered them so often when their very survival was at stake. He was ever thoughtful of their best interest even when He had to deal with them in severe judgments He had described His goodness as an everlasting loving kindness.

Moses now reminds them of the most recent covenant at Horeb. It was not made with their fathers but with them. Those alive and listening to him at that moment, he addresses. He reminds them of how he stood between them and God. He recalls the shuddering scenes that frightened them so terribly. The awesomeness of the occasion and subject matter needed to make an indelible impression on them.

God knew that Israel could not keep these lofty injunctions to perfection so as to merit personal salvation for each individual, but He knew that it was a practical moral code highly useful for individuals and nations.

HIGH MORALITY IN RELATIONSHIP Deuteronomy 5:6-21

This is a restatement of the Ten Commandments and associated events as given in Exodus twenty. There are amplifications

and observations but full agreement in basic principles and standards.

Man's right attitude toward God and right relationship with his fellowman growing out of this sound relationship to God is set forth. This is the basic idea of the Ten Commandments.

There is but one holy, loving, absolute sovereign Being in this universe. He alone is to be recognized, worshipped, loved and served as God. Man will either worship something which is higher or lower than himself.

Images are used as symbols of deity to localize his presence for purposes of worship. Sooner or later the image will be substituted for the reality or it will give a fixed and localized concept of God. God does not change but our concept of him should grow richer. He is never to be isolated from the total picture of himself.

Careless, thoughtless or a profane use of His name is a perversion of reverence for Him. His name should ever be hallowed or shallowness, insincerity and blasphemy will be the result.

God should be with us in experience like regular breathing but at least once a week we should do some deep breathing from a higher altitude. Periods of honest toil should be broken by a spiritual pause that refreshes.

Honoring and respecting parents and elders has ever given strength to the structure and longevity of society. The home is the nurturing place for right relationships and ideals.

Stealing is an enemy of the property rights of the home. Adultery is the arch enemy of the character of the home. Slander mars the good name of the home. Covetousness is a bitter foe of the stability and security of the home. Years ago we got this idea from G. Campbell Morgan.

ISRAEL'S HIGH DESTINY Isaiah 49:1-7

Israel's strange origin and her still more paradoxical preservation puzzle her leaders and perplex her neighbors.

In fact there are times when it all seems a travesty and a waste. A marvelous providence seems to turn sour. Yet the unusual and unique turn up to deliver.

O, Israel trust and obey. You will be seen as a light to the Gentiles and the salvation of the Lord to the ends of the earth. The Kings and the princes shall rise up and worship because of God's strange hand upon you. See Romans 11:12,15.

O that there were such a heart in them that they would fear me and keep all my

Foundation

SHE REALLY CARED

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Miss Annie Z. Walker lived and served her Lord at Franklin, Tenn. for 93 years. She loved the Lord and proved it with her conduct both in life and in death. Her death occurred on May 27, 1970 after a lengthy illness.

In 1952 she provided the land on which was built the Walker Memorial Baptist church in her hometown. She gave generously of her time and resources to the church as long as she lived. Many years ago she set up the Annie Z. Walker Memorial Trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Until Jesus comes this will be helping worthy students get a college education.

Miss Annie, as she was affectionately known, did not forget her Lord in death. A former executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation had advised with her. Her attorney wisely prepared her will. There were some specific bequests which included her church. The "rest and residue" of her estate is to be divided in five equal shares among Belmont college, Carson-Newman college, Union university, the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board. The executrix of the estate estimates that the "residue" will be about \$60,000 for each of these institutions and agencies.

When Baptists care enough, this which Miss Annie did will be the usual procedure. Our great religious institutions and causes will have adequate support. It does seem that for one to care when he lives and do nothing to show it at death is somewhat of a contradiction.

For information on preparing a Christian will or establishing a living trust contact Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary, Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027, Phone 615-833-4220.

DECISION OF LCA TO ORDAIN WOMEN SEEN HAMPERING FELLOWSHIP TALKS WITH SYNOD

MINNEAPOLIS — The decision of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) to ordain women probably will make it more difficult for the LCA and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to establish fellowship, the Synod's president said here.

And should the American Lutheran Church (ALC) also vote next October to ordain women, it will provide another argument to those in the Missouri Synod who want to "repeal" fellowship with the American Lutherans, he added. (RNS)

commandments always that it might be well with them and with their children forever. Deut. 5:29.

Expect the unique and the unusual to emerge in the future. The Lord's Day will come.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

When you read this column the 12th World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance will be in progress in Tokyo, Japan.



Kendall

It will come to a close next Sunday. Mrs. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kerr, and I will be there. We will have many Tennessee Baptists in attendance. This will be the first time the World Congress has met in Asia. It met in 1960 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which was the first time it had met in a nation that had developed its

Baptist Convention from a mission field.

The Baptist World Alliance began in 1905. The first World Congress was held in London, England. Alexander McClaren served as the first president. David Lloyd George, who was later Prime Minister in England, served as one of the vice-presidents. Dr. J. N. Prestridge of Louisville, Ky., also served as a vice-president. Dr. Prestridge was one of the motivating voices in writing about the need for such a world organization of Baptists. Dr. G. M. Savage from Tennessee was on the American Committee which helped to set up the plans for the first World Congress.

I want to quote from the book which is the Record of Proceedings of this first World Congress. Rev. J. H. Shakespeare wrote the introduction which was a brief account of the origin and also an evaluation of the program. First he gives something of the program.

"The tone of the Congress has been marked pre-eminently in two directions. First, it has been distinctly evangelical. It was not only that from the simpler negro delegates there was the unqualified declaration of loyalty to the Gospel and the Bible, but the Congress sermon preached by Dr. Strong (Augustus H. Strong), one of the profoundest theologians of the United States of America, asserted with utmost vehemence the essential doctrines of Christianity. From first to last there was no wavering note on any of the great realities of the faith. The other note was that of optimism. The American host was naturally jubilant, but even from those countries where Baptists are few in number, poor, and in some cases, persecuted, there was the same certainty that at the end of the day the Baptist propaganda would triumph, and that the Evangelical Church, under the pressure of sacramentarianism, would be led back to primitive doctoring and practice with regard to baptism." (Page 6, Introduction)

On Matters of

Family Living

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FAMILY MUST ENHANCE CHILD'S IMAGE OF SELF

What makes a child feel that rules are not for him? The feeling that he isn't included in the game, answers a child psychologist specializing in juvenile delinquency.

If he senses that he's unwanted, unloved and neglected, even a very young child gets the impression that he's an outsider and that the golden rules he hears about don't apply to someone who is beyond the pale.

"The general theory is that character disorders develop somewhere between birth and the age of 4," says Billie Clark of the Charlotte Juvenile Diagnostic Center. If a child's family doesn't give him a good image of himself by that time, he may have normal intelligence but lack what might be called "moral intelligence." He may know right from wrong but couldn't care less.

"Enhance a child's image of himself," urges Mrs. Clark. A youngster can tolerate many kinds of deprivation, many adult mistakes, if only the grownups in his life help him develop self-respect.

The youngster with character disorder is likely to get into trouble early and to stay there, if his need for self-respect continues to be ignored, warns the psychologist. Unfortunately, she points out, the child in trouble is likely to have his already distorted self-image further uglified by society's response to his misdeeds.

"For instance, a training school is the opposite of what a child with a low opinion of himself needs. Send him to a training school and this proves to him that he is inferior."

Again he noted the practical and social concerns. "It was very noticeable that the thought of the Congress was never far removed from the practical direction of life and the actual problems of today. The speakers had culture without superciliousness, and learning without pedantry. The Baptists do not aim at a ministry to a select and gifted few, but their mission is to save and uplift humanity everywhere."

This will be the sixth World Congress which I have had the privilege of attending. My first was in Atlanta, Ga., in 1939. This is a great world fellowship. The greatest thrill is when thousands stand and sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" in more than one hundred languages. Later

Historically

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The report of First church, Memphis, Dr. A. U. Boone, pastor, was the best ever made to Shelby association by any church. Total number of members reported received during the year was 200, bringing the total membership to 1082. The average Sunday School attendance was 501, and estimated contributions for 12 months was \$30,000.

20 YEARS AGO

The baptistry of First Baptist church, Richmond, Va., is located just above and behind the pulpit in view of the entire congregation. It is one of the few baptistries in the Southern Baptist Convention emphasizing the baptismal mode of immersion by using stained glass and back lighting. The baptismal scene is one of a series of 16 stained glass windows portraying the life of Jesus.

10 YEARS AGO

"Jesus Christ is Lord" was the motto of Baptists from 69 countries as they gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the 10th session of the Baptist World Congress, the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance every five years. This was the first time the meeting was held south of the equator. More than 25,000 were present for the opening session, held in the city's Maracana-zino arena.

Unitarian Universalists Reject Bid To Restore \$1 Million Fund

SEATTLE—The Unitarian Universalist Association has chosen racial integration rather than black empowerment as its guiding principle for the next two years.

This decision was made at the ninth annual General Assembly here when delegates voted not to restore a \$1 million fund for the Black Affairs Council (BAC) which had been cut from the budget by the board of trustees.

The trustees had made the decision earlier because of the denomination's acute financial situation. But the vote of General Assembly delegates to sustain the board was also motivated by a strong feeling for integrationism. (RNS)

we will give an evaluation of the Congress. Pray for us that it may be as great as the last 11 have been.

THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

By Wayne E. Ward, Professor of Theology
Southern Baptist Seminary Louisville, Ky.

That Baptists have been able to experience any unity at all is the miracle of the centuries. They have never agreed on any one creed; they have never had any unified organization for all Baptists; and they have never recognized any official head or bishop. They will all say that they accept the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, but they have never been able to agree on what it says about many important matters. They will all say that Christ is the head of the church, but they often disagree on what the Head wants the body to do. How can such fiercely independent people ever get together on anything?

Let me answer again in all solemnity: it is really and truly a miracle of God's Holy Spirit. It is simply amazing how many doctrinal statements have been agreed upon by Baptists, under the leadership of the Spirit—without coercion or threat or intimidation. The moment someone begins to demand that another Baptist sign a doctrinal statement in order to prove that he is a Baptist, the real genius of Baptists is being destroyed even if the statement he signs is as true as the gospel.

Only the Spirit of God can bring us to truth and unity—without coercion and without threat. A Baptist who signed a document as sound as the Ten Commandments under the threat and intimidation of a group of fellow-Baptists would literally cease to be a Baptist; because an agreement which is demanded, or coerced, is a violation of the very freedom of the Spirit which makes Baptists Baptists! How short-sighted is the mentality which runs around trying to force a conformity of doctrine by signing doctrinal statements. The man who does not care about freedom of conscience could sign them with no qualms, and the man who is enough of a Baptist to value the freedom of conscience would be forced to deny that very freedom by signing such a statement—even if he believed every word of it!

The principle of coercion in religion is wrong—even if people are coerced to say or do the right things. Only in liberty and freedom can the Spirit work. And in that liberty and freedom, He can bring us together in real unity—the only kind of unity that matters—a free and voluntary unity. The genuine unity which can come when people read the Bible together, in the freedom of the Spirit, is something which has to be experienced to be understood. It is glorious. There may not be absolute agreement on every word of the scriptures, but even the differing viewpoints can serve the Spirit's purpose of illuminating and teaching our minds. There may not be absolute

agreement on the words we use to express all the doctrines, but even the differing words can be used of God to reach different people. All of our words about God and his truth are always going to be imperfect because we are sinful and imperfect. All of our interpretations of scripture are going to be partial and sometimes incorrect because we are limited and imperfect men. We are not God. A man who believes he has a corner on the truth, and knows exactly how to say it, and demands that other people accept his interpretation—has lost that all-important distinction between himself and God. He has committed the ultimate blasphemy by playing God and trying to make our minds and hearts submit to him.

When men voluntarily express their doctrinal beliefs, or share their interpretations of the scriptures, and put them in writing for the world, it is good. Whenever men demand that others accept their statements or interpretations by any kind of pressure, threat, or coercion, they are destroying the faith they want to preserve. Only the freedom of the Spirit can bring true unity of doctrinal understanding or scriptural interpretation. Coerced agreement is the unity of men—not the unity of the Spirit!

BAPTIST AGING HOMES LEADERS URGE STRONGER SOCIAL SECURITY

IRONTON, Mo.—Executives of Southern Baptist homes for the aging adopted a resolution here urging Congress to enact stronger Social Security laws to provide more funds for increasing numbers of retired people.

The resolution cited statistics indicating that the number of Americans 65 years of age and over will increase from its current 20 million to more than 25 million in 15 years and 31.3 million in 30 years.

"We too often neglect these senior citizens and carelessly overlook the contribution they can still make to our churches and to society," said the resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for the Aging.

The resolution advocated legislation "that will provide senior citizens in the country with an annual cost of living adjustment in addition to the existing benefits."

The group further urged Baptists to better support their institutions for the aging and for churches and related organizations to find ways to minister more effectively to the total needs of the elderly.

Elected new president of the association was A. W. Brickle, superintendent of the Bethea Baptist Home in Darlington, S. C. (BP)

Sunday School

Teachershops Set For July 20, 21

Two Teachershops, employing three television monitors used as teaching tools, and sponsored by the Sunday School department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Wendell Price, secretary, will be held at Immanuel church, Lawrenceburg, July 20 and First church, Bolivar, July 21.

Designed for those who work in the children's department on the churches the Teachershops will be led by Doyle Oliver, director of Preschool work, State Sunday School department, assisted by Price.

A 50-minute video tape of an actual Sunday morning departmental teaching session, involving both workers and children, will be shown. The learning sessions will involve work sheets with previous instructions, questions and group experiences, as well as review and analysis of the tape scenes.

Franklin Home Branch Has Ground-breaking

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held last Sunday, July 12, at the Franklin Branch of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home for two new cottages.

Executive Director James M. Gregg said that construction of the two cottages was expected to begin about July 15. They are the first of 10 units approved under a master plan to convert the Franklin branch from the dormitory to the cottage plan.



Inskip Baptist church, Knoxville, has honored Pastor and Mrs. Robert A. Sanders on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Sanders has been pastor of the church since 1963. Mrs. Sanders is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Pope. Dr. Pope is a former executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.