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# The Impotency of Money

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money"—Acts 8:20.

Some see the words "thy money perish with thee" as an imprecation of Peter as he called down a curse upon Simon. Others see it as an expression of horror that one would try to traffic in spiritual things, and that he was on the way to destruction. But whatever the sense one thing is quite clear. You cannot buy spiritual powers with money.

We sometimes hear it said that money is power. Money can do many things. But there is one thing that it cannot do. It is impotent to provide the spiritual needs of men. Money may bribe a judge, but it cannot make justice. With money one may buy victory at the polls, but not virtue in the heart. A man with money may purchase worldly honor, but not honesty of character. Through money you may control men, but with it you cannot purchase self-control. You may be rich before men, but be a spiritual pauper before God.

Which suggests the impotence of money to provide salvation for your soul. One who thinks that he can thus be saved is, like Simon, on the way to destruction. And his money will perish with him. For money is not legal tender in heaven.



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I Peter says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation [empty manner of life] . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1:18f.).

To be saved one must trust in Christ, not in wealth. A man may be rich and lost as well as poor and lost. Jesus spoke of the difficulty of a rich man being saved. Not because he is rich, but because he trusts in his riches.

Your salvation is not based upon the fact that your name is listed in Dun and Bradstreet. It is given by God's grace to those who thereby have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life (cf. Rev. 20:15).

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

When you consider how frequently mistakes are made, it's surprising that we aren't more willing to admit our errors.

For example, weathermen fail so often in forecasting the weather that they hide behind such statements as: "There is a 10 or 20 per cent chance of rain;" whether it rains or not, they're "safe" in their prediction.

However, after listening to several radio stations and adding up all the percentages, I got a "120 per cent chance of rain" which led me to conclude that if it didn't rain that day it had missed a mighty good opportunity.

But be that as it may, it should be noted that the art of "covering up mistakes" has invaded the computer field. I heard there is a computer which is so human that, when it makes a mistake, it puts the blame on another computer.

And so it goes: now even the machines know that "to err is human, but to admit it is not on the program."

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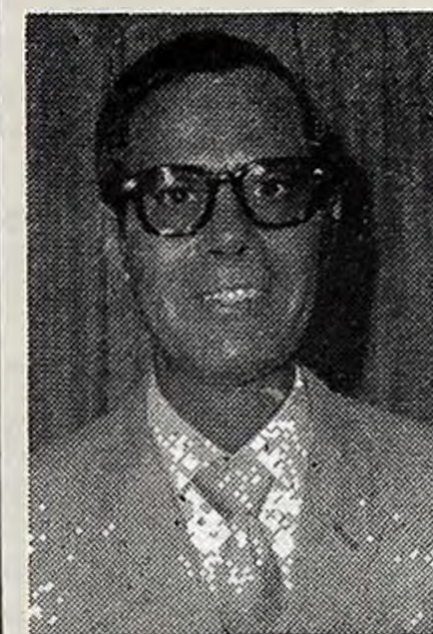
## Devotional

### Let Us Go On

Heb. 6:1

By Bernard Campbell, Pastor,  
Georgian Hills Baptist Church, Memphis

This is one of the many times in the book of Hebrews when the writer uses the admonition, let us go on. He admonishes



Campbell

us to go on unto perfection, and this word scares a lot of people because they feel that it means without sinning. But this is not the sense of this passage of scripture, it simply means let us go on unto completion, let us go on in growth and development, let us not stop short of God's intended goal for our lives. We need to

hear this admonition in this hour. I believe the writer had at least three things in mind when he spoke this admonition.

First, let us go on in LIGHT. He reminds them in v-4-6 that many had been enlightened by the Holy Spirit but did not respond to the light. But he says he is persuaded better things of us. We are to go on in the light of the experience of the New Birth. We are to go on in the light of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. We are to go on in light of the eternal word of God.

Second, let us go on in LOYALTY. In v-11 he refers to this, they had stopped short, they had been drifting in their Christian experience. So he admonishes them to go on in their loyalty in regard to their profession of faith. They are urged to go on in their loyalty in the promises they had made to God. They are urged to go on in their loyalty to the eternal purpose for which God had saved them. Loyalty to God and the things of God is a diminishing quality in the lives of many of God's people.

Third, let us go on in LABOR. In v-10 he reminds them God is not going to forget their work and labor of love. He urges them to go on in spite of the difficulty that is involved. He urges them to go on in spite of the discouragement that will come. He admonishes them to go on in spite of the seeming defeat that will come. He urges them to go on in spite of the denials that are required. So very many of God's own need to hear and heed this admonition today. There are far too many has-beens in the church today. Far too many have ceased from their service to God and the cause of Christ is suffering as a result of this inactivity.



# Consultation on the Suburban Church Is Slated at Cedarmore By HMB

A national consultation on "The Mission of the Suburban Church" is scheduled for Oct. 13-16 at Cedarmore Baptist assembly, Bagdad, Ky., according to F. Russell Bennett, Jr., associate secretary, division of missions, department of Metropolitan Missions, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga. Attendance, by invitation only, is set at 300.

Topics to be discussed during the four-day meeting will include: "Life Style of Suburban Man;" "Renewal in the Suburban Church;" "Nature of the Suburban Church;" "Forms of Mission and Ministry in Suburbia;" "Administering the Suburban Church;" "Youth Ministry in Suburbia;" "Suburban Church in Metropolis;" "Religious Education in the Suburban Church;" "Worship-Reality and Potentiality in Suburbia;" "Community in the Suburban Church;" "Suburban Evangelism and Discipline;" and "Criteria for Evaluating the Suburban Church."

Program personalities will include: Colin Williams, dean, Yale Divinity school; Martin Marty, University of Chicago and the Christian Century; William Self, pastor, Wieuca Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga.; Robert Foeller, executive director, Southeast Virginia Regional Planning Commission, Norfolk, Va.; and Scott Donelson, professor, William and Mary and author of *The Suburban Myth*.

According to Bennett, there has been a decline in the number of new churches established annually. "Therefore," he says, "Southern Baptists need a renewed emphasis on establishing new churches." Bennett says further that the emphasis is not on buildings, but on the church as a fellowship of regenerate believers. He also cites the fact that if all the unredeemed people in our world were lined up single file, the line would circle the world 30 times and

would grow at a rate of 20 miles per day.

Bennett's report also indicates that, although the Southern Baptist Convention received reports from 34,335 churches in 1969, the increase in the number of churches was 108 less than that of the previous year. He notes that in 1889 there was a Southern Baptist church for every 3730 and if that ratio had continued, we would now have 53,500 churches with 17,000,000 members. The Southern Baptist Convention goal of new churches and missions in 1969 was 2500, with 1200 actually being established, missing the goal by 1300. The goal proposed for 1970-76 is 6000 churches and 10,000 church-type missions, according to Bennett. He says that the primary needs for establishing new churches are evangelism, nurture and creativity.

His report also indicated that baptisms reported by Southern Baptist churches in 1969 was 4800 from the figure for 1968, and Sunday School enrolment dropped in 1969 by 127,446, the fifth consecutive annual decrease.

## Churches Issue Petition To Bar 'X' And 'R' Films

RALEIGH, N.C.—Two Baptist churches here have circulated petitions opposing the showing of "X" and "R" rated movies in Raleigh theaters. Copies were sent to the mayor, to the governor of North Carolina and state legislators, and to all local theater owners.

Circulating the petitions are Temple Baptist church and Six Forks Baptist church.

The Rev. William T. Mills, pastor of Temple Baptist, said "X" and "R" rated films are detrimental to the nation. "We think the elimination of these films is in the best interest of the country and the American home," he said. "These movies are undermining the foundation on which our country is built."

He said he never has been to an "X" or "R" rated movie, but "I've talked to people who have."

Idea for the petition came from an adult Sunday school class at Six Forks church. It held that there "are no more movies to take our children to. These movies are against all principles people have taught their children. We don't think they're a good thing." (RNS)

## Five Seminars in October Planned for Church Leaders

NASHVILLE—Five seminars in varied subject areas will be held for Southern Baptist church leaders during October by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Fundamentals in Planning and Leading a Church Building Program" will offer information on planning a building program and personal consultation on individual church situations. To be held in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12-16, the seminar will give special attention to solving problems arising from curriculum and organizational adaptations. Directors of the conference will be Rowland E. Crowder, director of field services, and Jack R. Bagwell, architectural consultant, both of the church architecture department.

At Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill, Tenn., a "Human Relations Laboratory" for pastors, church staff members and denominational workers will be held Oct. 12-16. Directed by Ernest E. Mosley, consultant, church administration department, the laboratory will be designed to help participants work more effectively with people, understand human motivations and relate to God more meaningfully.

Oct. 19-21, a seminar on "Improving Congregational Services" will be held at the Church Program Training Center of the Sunday School Board. Ernest Mosley of the church administration department and

John R. Chandler, consultant in church music administration, church music department, will lead participants in planning and conducting congregational services that meet the needs of persons in the services.

"Outreach Seminar for Downtown Churches" will be directed by Kenneth M. Dean and George W. Stuart, consultants in general field services for the Sunday School department. To be held Oct. 26-30 at the Church Program Training Center, the seminar will feature studies in the need for outreach, the scope of outreach ministry, the varying approaches for outreach and accomplishment of outreach actions.

"Church Long-Range Planning" will be held Oct. 26-30 at the Church Program Training Center, under the direction of Joseph W. Hinkle, consultant in general administration. Participants will be led in a study of the philosophy, principles and process of planning. Actual long-range planning will be done in work groups. Participation in this seminar requires a minimum of two persons from each church, the pastor and one other member.

Additional information concerning each seminar is available from the Church Program Training Center. Registration fees of \$20 for each person may be sent to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

## 17,000 Koreans Accept Christ In Meetings This Year

More than 17,000 Koreans made professions of faith in Christ during Baptist meetings held Jan. 1-July 10 this year, according to a Korean Baptist spokesman who attended the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo. In the months of preparation for the 1970 Asia Baptist evangelistic campaigns, 130 Korean Baptist churches registered more than 6000 Christian life commitments during regular Sunday services. In March and April, 345 churches and chapels reported over 7000 decisions during their evangelistic meetings. In the campaigns conducted in 20 Korean cities July 5-10, incomplete reports listed more than 4500 decisions.



## The Peace (?) Symbol

Editor John Roberts in *The Baptist Courier* editorially summarizes his opinion on the so-called Peace Symbol thusly: "Our point remains what it was in the beginning (referring to an earlier editorial) that the 'peace symbol' is not a new design created in 1958 to signify peace, but a centuries-old symbol of mysterious or evil origin cleverly foisted on those of honorable intent and unsuspecting nature. There may be nothing wrong with giving an old symbol new and noble meaning. But let nobody deny its centuries-old identity with evil from the time of Nero to John Knox who called it 'the sign of the beast' to Hitler and Russell."

Some youth groups, including Baptists, have in recent months begun to use this symbol. Perhaps we should be indebted to Editor Roberts for his research into the subject which provides the following information:

"The Library of Congress, in Paper JX1907A, says the symbol came into popular and widespread use in 1958 when adopted by a 'ban the bomb' demonstration in London. This was the group led by Bertrand Russell which called for unconditional renunciation of nuclear weapons by Britain and refusal to allow nuclear powers to use them in Britain's defense. Russell's link with Communism is claimed by the *Daily Worker* (Oct. 26, 1931) which quoted him as saying, 'There is no hope in anything but the Soviet way.'

"The symbol far predates 1958, however. Bernard Koerner's *Handbuch der Herald Kunst* (Forlitz Schlef

1920) says the symbol was used by ancient germanic tribes who attributed to it strange and mystic properties. It was used in black magic and other pagan rites. Hitler used it on death notices and had it placed on the grave-stones of his SS officers.

"Rudolph Kock in *Das Zeichenbuch* (Book of Signs, Leipzig, Infel, 1936) says the sign signifies the death of man. Nestorius of Syria, Patriarch of Constantinople in 428-431 A.D., says the symbol was designed by the Roman emperor Nero as a broken cross. It is claimed without substantiation that Nero designed it as a cross of the broken Jew for the crucifixion of Simon Peter.

"On we could go with documentation and bibliography. The Library of Congress cites Grimm and Grimm's *Deutsches Worterbuch. Fifth Century Illustrations* on page 55 calls it the 'sign of the broken Jew.' It was on the shields of Titus' troops when they sacked Jerusalem in 70 A.D. It was carried by the Saracens in 711 A.D. when they invaded Spain. It has been branded on the bodies of Jews in this century."

We concur with Editor Roberts in a sentence in his last paragraph: "the matter merits no further space or attention."

## Not for Us, Please

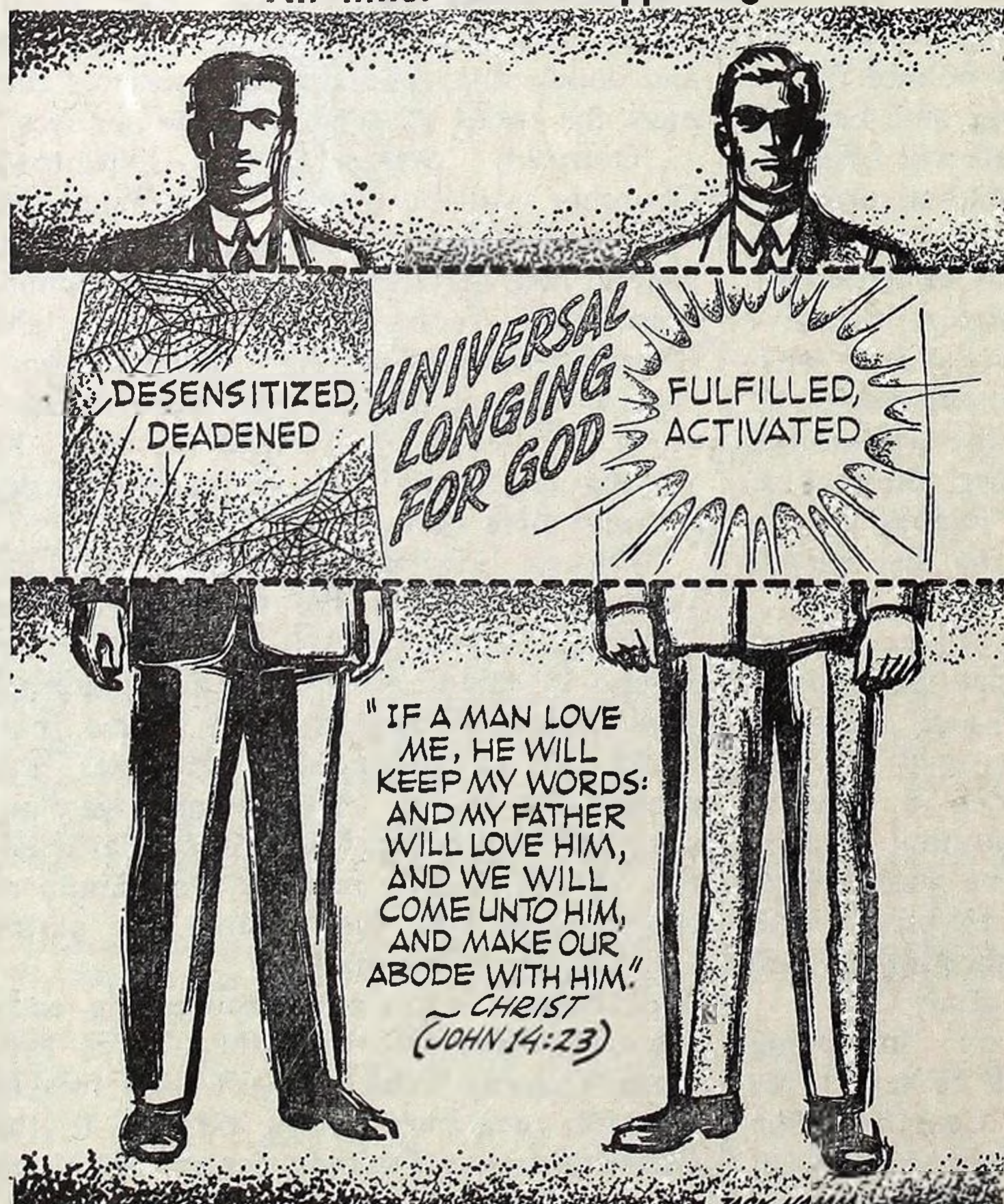
*The Capital Baptist*, published by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, has made an unusual suggestion concerning the crisis in Northern Ireland. The convention is aligned dually with the Southern and American Baptist conventions. Editor James O. Duncan has suggested editorially that Pope Paul VI and Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, go together to Northern Ireland and 'if necessary, stand together in the middle of the street where the Protestant and Catholic areas come together and seek to bring about some kind of reconciliation."

The editorial continues: . . . We believe that the time has come for the moral persuasive power of Catholics and Protestants around the world to be used to speak to the crisis in Northern Ireland. This can be done more appropriately by the Pope and the General Secretary than anyone else."

We agree that there needs to be some type of reconciliation in Northern Ireland, and that right soon. However, at the risk of being labeled "anti", we doubt seriously that the World Council—sagging in strength, influence, and possibly in prestige—is the vehicle for reconciliation for Protestants. We doubt also that Paul VI will journey to Northern Ireland.

All of which is to say that we hope Editor Friend Duncan, in this suggestion, is addressing himself to the American Baptist side of the dual alignment. Southern Baptists don't want the World Council speaking for them in this or any other area. In our opinion, when the Council has spoken,—and its pronouncements have been many and varied—it still has left much to be said!

### An "Inner-man" Happening





## 26 Missionaries Are Named By Foreign Mission Board

**RICHMOND**—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board elected a public relations consultant and commissioned 26 new missionaries during its July meeting here.

Richard M. Styles, former director of development and public relations for Virginia Intermont college, Bristol, will begin his public relations duties with the board about Sept. 1.

The new career missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Allen of Fort Worth, appointed to Guyana; Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Brock of Coon Rapids, Minn., Philippines; Miss Betty Lynn Cadle of Denver, Colo., Rhodesia; Mr. and Mrs. Donnell N. Courtney of Jasper, Tex., Guatemala; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Faulkner of Sherman, Tex., Rhodesia.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wayne Gresham of Arlington, Tex., Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Jolly Jr., of Clearwater, Fla., Costa Rica; Mr. and Mrs. Jim K. Maroney of Wichita Falls, Tex., Ghana, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde N. Roberts of Kenner, La., Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Maroney will be returning to the Baptist school in Kumasi, Ghana, where they served, 1967-69, as Missionary Journeymen.

Employed as missionary associates for terms of four or five years are Miss Lois E. Calhoun of Germantown, Ohio, for Jordan; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Falwell Jr., of Nashville, Hong Kong; Mr. and Mrs. Elton P. Gray of Biloxi, Miss., Okinawa; Mr. and Mrs. V. Merle McDonnough of Jonesboro, Ark., Philippines; and Mr. and Mrs. Lehman F. Webb of Hot Springs, Ark., Singapore.

More than 30,000 persons registered Christian life decisions before and during the recent Baptist evangelistic campaigns in 13 Asian countries, according to Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the board.

**The decision-makers included persons professing faith in Christ or indicating their intention to pursue a Christian vocation as well as many "seekers," Underwood told the board. Some were converts from non-Christian religions, including at least 16 Muslims in Dacca, Pakistan.**

Of the total, 17,000 were Koreans. The evangelistic emphasis in Korea ran Jan. 1-July 10. In other countries the campaigns were held June 21-July 5.

So far this year 72 missionaries and missionary associates have been appointed, re-appointed or employed at the board. The commissioning of 64 Missionary Journeymen in August will bring the year's total additions to 136.

"This number, as gratifying as it is, is well below the 183 added to the force at a comparable time last year," said Fletcher in his report to the board.

Fletcher expressed concern about the high

## Tennesseans Appointed For Overseas Service

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., commissioned 26 persons July 30 for overseas service. Tennesseans among the group include: Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Falwell Jr. of Nashville, Rev. Elton P. Gray, and Rev. and Mrs. V. Merle McDonnough.

### Falwells Return to Hong Kong

The Falwells who recently returned from a year in Hong Kong, now expect to go back as missionary associates. Falwell served as pastor of the English-speaking Central Baptist church and teacher of a New Testament course in the Baptist seminary and college. He will probably do the same type of work when he returns. Before going to Hong Kong he had been with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville for nine years.

Mrs. Falwell is the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Miss. Their two youngest children Cathy, 17 and Jimmy, 14, will accompany them to Hong Kong. Their older son and daughter are both married.

### Grays to Okinawa

A native of Loretto, Gray was licensed to preach by Liberty Grove Baptist church, Loretto, before he was graduated from high school. He attended Belmont college his freshman year and then transferred to Florence (Ala.) State college, from which he was graduated with the BS degree.

He has been assistant pastor and educational director at Biloxi's First Baptist church since December 1966. As a missionary associate, he expects to continue in the field of religious education on the island of Okinawa.

Mrs. Gray is the former Dottie Eavenson of Marks, Miss. They have three children, Becky, 12, Debbie, 11, and Elton Jr. (Tony), 9.

### McDonnoughs to Philipianes

The McDonnoughs both attended Bethel college in McKenzie, and he served as pastor of Idlewild Baptist church, Idlewild, from 1964-66.

A former pastor and high school teacher, McDonnough was an instructor in speech at Arkansas State university, Jonesboro, during the past school year. As a missionary associate, he expects to teach in a Baptist high school in the Philippines.

Mrs. McDonnough is the former Helen Hildebrand of Carlinville, Ill. They have four children, twins Cynthia and Sylvia, 13, Noel Lee, 12, and Joyce, 7.

age level of the additions to the career force. "Maturity and experience is always a plus . . ." he said, "but it is imperative that we move into the ranks of men and women in their middle and late 20s who already have the maturity and qualifications necessary for missionary service with a strong challenge to consider God's call for this task." (BP)

## Danish Baptist Campaign Disappointing, Leader Says

**ODENSE, Denmark**—The president of the Danish Baptist Union expressed disappointment with the results of 1969's evangelistic campaign but cited a number of positive developments.

Dr. S. A. Hagstrom commended various local attempts at both innovative and traditional forms of evangelism and the "growing understanding of the responsibility of the Christian personality to witness in daily life."

He told the union's annual assembly that all of these signs show "we are on our way," and that the many baptismal services in the churches show "the Gospel is still being responded to . . ."

"But in spite of this we have to realize that the membership of our Churches now has decreased to the point it was 25 years ago," the Baptist Union president warned. He did not cite the number of conversions in 1969.

According to the most recent statistics, the Danish Baptist Union—the largest non-Lutheran Protestant body in Denmark—has 6929 members in 42 churches, down from 7002 a year ago. (RNS)

## MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN URGED IN GERMAN DIVORCE LAW

**BONN**—The Justice Department of West Germany has announced a proposal to make the "breakdown of marriage," rather than "guilt" the basis for granting divorce.

The recommendations to reform the divorce laws would make it the task of the courts to establish simply "that a marriage has broken down," without finding one or both of the partners "responsible for its failure."

If the proposals become law, it will be sufficient to prove that a couple has been living apart for three years, and the marriage will be dissolved "without any attempt to apportion blame."

If both partners agree to a divorce, the requirement is reduced to a one-year separation. (RNS)

## 'RECORD-KEEPING' STATE AID CHALLENGED IN FEDERAL COURT

**NEW YORK**—The constitutionality of a law passed by the New York State Legislature which set aside \$2 million in public funds to recompense private and church-related schools has been challenged in federal court here.

A suit testing the legislation was filed by the New York branch of the Public Education and Religious Liberty Committee (PEARL) and 11 individual plaintiffs. PEARL is a federation of some 25 groups opposed to all forms of state aid to non-public schools. (RNS)



# Lowell, Noting Vatican Report, Places U.S. Catholic Wealth at \$80 Billion

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The co-author of a book on church wealth called Vatican City newspaper's disclaimer of great Vatican wealth "interesting" but noted that the statement was accompanied by no financial statement.

C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, also observed that the statement in L'Osservatore Romano "specifically excluded" the wealth of the religious orders of men which he estimated to be around \$11.2 billion in the U.S. alone.

Lowell, who collaborated with Martin A. Larson on the book, "Praise the Lord for Tax Exemption," said that the disclosure that the Vatican has assets of a "mere \$128 million" is interesting in view of the Pope's recent statement that the Church must "have the appearance of poverty."

But he said that "despite the studied suppression of financial data which characterizes the policy of this Church, its assets are simply too vast to remain hidden."

Citing as "misleading" a statement by the Vatican that it does not have controlling interest in the companies in which it owns stock, Mr. Lowell asserted that "de facto control" can easily be obtained by the Vatican and associates favorable to its interests.

Turning to the U.S., he indicated that the 539 Catholic orders in this country are known to have unreported but vast financial resources, and he said his data suggested a \$90 million average in resources and assets for the 125 Catholic orders of men in the U.S. This would come to \$11.2 billion.

He stated that the 314 orders for women would add substantially to the total.

Lowell said the assets are "religiously

used" real estate, stocks, bonds and investment real estate, and in commercial business.

He estimated that the total wealth of the Catholic church in the U.S. alone is \$80 billion.

"The Roman Catholic Church in the United States," he said, "like its Vatican counterpart, has never published an audit of its income and resources. American Catholic laymen do not even know how much of their money is sent overseas annually to the Vatican.

"Such a report would obviously be the way to settle the question as to the wealth of the Roman Catholic Church. In the meantime, lame and confusing denials will not help very much," Lowell advised. (RNS)

## Baptist Says Denomination Is Generally Free To Worship In Eastern Europe

TOKYO—Despite some government restrictions, Eastern European Baptists are generally free to practice their faith and worship as they choose, according to an expert on Baptist affairs in the Communist countries.

The Rev. Ronald Goulding, 55, of London reported that on annual visits to Eastern Europe he has found conditions for religious freedom good and steadily improving.

Goulding is executive secretary of the European Baptist Federation and associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. He discussed Eastern Europe during the Alliance's World Congress in Tokyo.

Six Russians, two Romanians, a Bulgarian, three Poles, four Hungarians and two East Germans attended the meeting. The Alliance has about 100 Baptist groups from 122 countries, representing 31 million Christians.

It was the first time in 30 years that a Romanian had attended a Congress and the first time ever for a Bulgarian, said Goulding. The U.S.S.R. delegation included a woman, Mrs. Claudia Pillipuk. (RNS)

## Southern Presbyterian Women Donate To Atlanta Ministry

MONTREAT, N.C.—Women of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) will give \$287,339 to a ministry to international visitor in the Atlanta area.

The contribution comes from an annual Birthday Offering taken among the 338,000 women of the denomination.

Dr. Evelyn L. Green, executive secretary of the Board of Women's Work, announced the decision to give the sum to Villa International, Atlanta (VIA). (RNS)

## Baptist Pastors In Island Crusade

ATLANTA—Forty-three Baptist ministers from the United States have completed a six-day evangelistic crusade in New Zealand and New Guinea, with nearly 1000 converts.

The effort was the first of its kind in New Guinea and only the second major campaign in New Zealand.

It was initiated by Eual Lawson and co-directed by Jack Stanton, both of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism. Lawson participated in the 1965 New Zealand crusade.

Ministers representing 17 states preached in churches throughout the area and participated in home "coffee and tea" sessions. The home fellowships were a departure from the first crusade which featured church services alone.

Included in the group were five black ministers. "One of the finest contributions was made in giving a better understanding of the relationship between black and white preachers in America," Lawson said.

The men preached in schools, shopping areas and military installations. Although church services in the two countries reflect the reserved, sedate British worship pattern, the people adjusted quickly and responded favorably to the informal American style.

Lawson was impressed by the attitude of worship exhibited by the people as they entered a church building. "They have a deep sense of meditative worship. There was no raucous talk so characteristic of church services in the States," he said.

Incomplete reports showed 420 conversions in New Guinea and 557 in New Zealand. Lawson said there will be follow-up by local pastors.

The crusade was a mission project of local churches in the States. Each participating church sent its pastor and, in many cases, the pastor's wife. (BP)

## Baptist College Names Phelps Administrative Dean

DALLAS—Ralph Phelps, former president of Ouachita Baptist university in Arkadelphia, Ark., has been named dean of administration at Dallas Baptist college.

The 48-year-old Phelps is currently vice president for development at Mercer university, Macon, Ga., and served for a period as vice president and trust officer of a bank in Little Rock, Ark., after leaving the Ouachita post.

Phelps, a Dallas native, was president of Ouachita for 16 years.

Charles P. Pitts, president of Dallas Baptist College, said, "The addition of Dr. Phelps is a key move as we continue to set up the administrative and academic framework for our audio-video learning center." (BP)

## Anglican Church Cites Decline In Baptisms, Confirmations

LONDON—The Church of England has reported sharp declines in the number of baptisms and confirmations, with lowest rates in the London area. Officials said the Church is failing to keep up with the growth of the population.

Anglican statistics reveal that 511 babies of every 1000 born in England are now baptized into the Anglican Church. Only 312 of 1000 are baptized in the Diocese of London.

Anglican confirmations in England dropped from 199,000 in 1920 to 125,900 in 1968. The national population figures were 35 million in 1920 and 44.5 million in 1968. The number of Easter communicants, usually regarded as a test of Anglican membership, was poor—throughout Britain only 59 of every 1000 of the population 15 years old and over took communion. (RNS)



# Editor Says Religious Press Must Eliminate 'Institutional Trivia'

**OAKLAND, Calif.**—The editor of "Christian Century" magazine has urged religious publications to replace "institutional trivia" with action-oriented material relevant to informed readers of this age.

"Church publications are now flooded with decrees, pronouncements, findings of study groups," Dr. Alan Geyer charged in a lecture at the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley university. "We pretend that moralistic rhetoric is action."

He noted that like the government and other big institutions, "the church has its own tremendous credibility problem."

In a talk entitled "Religious Journalism on the Brink," Dr. Geyer conceded that it is just possible that religious journalism is on the brink of a break-through in relevancy and significance.

However, he warned that church publications must learn to perceive the church as a political institution, and accept conflict as an essential ingredient in political movements.

"Conflicts and controversy are the lifeblood of the secular news media," but religious publications avoid reporting conflict, especially internal church conflicts," Dr. Geyer observed.

"Unless religious journalism becomes more political in style and stance, it will wither and die away," he held.

He said reports emanating from church conventions "sound more like a secretary's minutes of the meeting" rather than revealing "who wins and who loses and what the stakes really are."

The real story of a church meeting may be what does not get done, he said. Dr. Geyer is a Methodist pastor and former political science professor.

Discussing the current financial problems of religious publications, the editor reported that many Protestant and Catholic peri-

odicals have lost one-third to one-half of their circulations in the 1960s.

He stated that other economic factors hurting religious publications included cuts in church subsidies, inflation, declining revenues in advertising—especially in the fields of book publishing and religious hardware.

As a possible solution, Dr. Geyer encouraged a coalition of efforts. He had remarked in an editorial that the "sheer number of mediocre journals" is no guarantee that the real issues of the day will be treated competently. (RNS)

## New Books

**What Price Parochialism?** by Gaston D. Cogdell; Americans United for Church and State, 271 pp., \$2.50, paper. The use of public funds for parochial schools.

**Great Cartoons from Church & State**, Americans United for Church and State, \$1.00, paper. Selections from issues of Church & State published 1948-1969.

**New Church Member Orientation Manual** by Earl Waldrup, Convention, 135 pp.

**Bible Truths for Today** by H. Frank Grayum, Convention, 69 pp., paper.

**Reach Out!** by James L. Sullivan, Broadman, 128 pp.

**Dealing with Doubt** by C. W. Brister, Broadman, 127 pp.

**On the Other Side of Sorrow** by Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., Word, 31 pp.

**When Trouble Comes** compiled by John Ishee, Broadman, 128 pp.

**A Workbook for Israel's Period of Progress** by Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., Convention, 24 pp.

**Teaching Guide for Israel's Period of Progress** by Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., 32 pp.

**Faith in Families** by Evelyn Millis Duvall, Rand McNally, 206 pp., \$4.95.

**God Ventures** compiled by Irene Burk Harrell, Word, 131 pp., \$3.95.

**Let's Take Another Look** by David A. MacLennan, Word, 125 pp., \$2.95.

**Helping Each Other Be Human** by R. Lofton Hudson, Word, 189 pp., \$4.95.

**Church Idbits** by Robin Jensen, Zondervan, paper, 95¢.

**Heartbeats** by John M. Drescher, Zondervan, \$3.95.

**Our Children Are Our Best Friends** by Mark W. Lee, Zondervan, 221 pp., \$4.95.

## Shelton College Will Open; State's Decision Delayed

**TRENTON**—The New Jersey State Board of Higher Education has ruled that Shelton college in Cape May, headed by Dr. Carl McIntire, may continue operations until a final verdict on its accreditation is reached.

McIntire, ultra-fundamentalist pastor of the Bible Presbyterian church at Collingswood and president of Shelton college, expressed confidence that "we will win this case and get out of the shadow of the state board."

The state board said it would require at least six months to complete its study of testimony taken at hearings.

Accreditation of Shelton college as a four-year college has been challenged several times since the school moved to New Jersey in 1954, but its state license has been renewed each time, usually on a one-year basis. The school was formerly known as the National Bible Institute, New York City.

New Jersey's Department of Higher Education has cited 19 instances in which Shelton allegedly failed to meet the state academic criteria for institutions awarding degrees.

An academic dean was ousted last Spring after it was revealed he had falsified claims for a bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees from accredited institutions. He was found to have no accredited degree. (RNS)

## Dayton Pastor Named Editor Of Children's Publications

**NASHVILLE**—The Rev. Leo N. Kisrow has been named executive editor of children's publications of the United Methodist Board of Education here.

He succeeds the Rev. Edward C. Peterson, editor for 11 years, who has been appointed to the staff of Christ United Methodist church, Dayton, Ohio. (RNS)

## Rise in 'C.O.' Applications Follows High Court Decision

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—An increase in applications for conscientious objector status has been noted around the country since the U.S. Supreme Court ruling of June 15 which broadened the C.O. status, for other than religious convictions.

The expected increase in C.O. status applications was revealed in a nationwide survey by Scripps-Howard newspapers of state and local draft officials, which also showed that responses differ in large metropolitan areas from those in the inner city and small towns.

More affluent neighborhoods of large metropolitan areas had the heaviest increase of requests for C.O. status, while much smaller increases were noted in inner city areas and in smaller towns. (RNS)

## A Prayer For Prisoners Of War

"Almighty Father, who suffers in the afflictions of your children, we call upon you now from the depth of our anxiety and great concern for our countrymen and loved ones who have fallen into the hands of the nation's foes. In the face of the evils that these brave men endure and before the grim burdens they are forced to bear, give them courage and hope, and never failing confidence in you.

"But most of all, O God, we ask that the day will soon come when we can all celebrate their release and safe return to their home and kindred."—copied from **Reflections**, church bulletin, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tenn., William Cropper, pastor.



# Tennessee News Briefs



McLemore

Chancellor **Brooks McLemore**, of Jackson, has been named National Chairman of Union university's 1970-71 Annual Alumni Fund. According to alumni director **Dan Bates**, **McLemore** will direct the more than 56 class and regional agents in raising funds for Union's Great Teacher Program. A 15 per cent alumni participation is being sought in the \$35,000 campaign. A former member of Union's Board of Trustees, he becomes the fifth national chairman.

Piney mission, of First church, Hohenwald, **Carl Allen**, pastor, has been constituted as a church. **Harvel C. Stockard** is pastor at Piney.

**Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Eagen**, members of Inglewood church, Nashville, have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. **Mrs. Eagen** is a charter member of Inglewood.

**Dr. C. N. Hickman**, physician from Bells, is bringing a series of lectures on drug abuse at First Church, Humboldt, during the Training Union period. The discussions will center around the causes of drug abuse, drugs, and the effects of drug addiction. **Raymond Boston** is pastor.

**Miss Annie Ward Byrd**, of Mt. Olive, Miss., is observing her 30th year with the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She began as assistant editor of Intermediate Sunday School lessons, later becoming editor, then to present position as coordinator. **Miss Byrd** is a graduate of Mississippi Woman's college, now William Carey college, Hattiesburg, Miss., as well as Peabody college, Nashville, and holds the honorary doctorate in literature from William Carey.

**Steve Parks**, of Normandy, has been named director of planning and development, Belmont college, Nashville, according to **Herbert C. Gabhart**, college president. **Parks** has been research analyst for social services in the Office of Local Government for the past four years, and has taught school in Bedford county and Tullahoma. He is a graduate of Belmont and Middle Tennessee State university Murfreesboro and has served on numerous governmental committees and has written, edited, and revised many publications on subjects relating to local government.

Lee's Station church, Sequatchie Valley association, is redecorating the interior of the auditorium.

A workshop for pre-school, children, youth and adults is being held during the Training Union period at Central church, Johnson City. **Dr. Lynn Allen**, associate professor of Psychology at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, is leading. **James Canaday** is pastor.

Cumberland Homestead church, Cumberland Plateau association, has installed cushions in the auditorium, added nine new cushioned pews, and purchased a new piano. **Jim McPherson** is pastor.



Green

**Bobby Green**, of Ada, Okla., has been elected director of the Baptist Student Union of Memphis State university, according to **W. Fred Kendall**, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention. **Green** has served as BSU director at East Central State college, Ada, for the past five years.

Mayland church, Cumberland Plateau association, has completed their new educational building and is in the process of installing new rest rooms. **J. E. Parrott** is pastor.

Morris Chapel church, McNairy association, is in the process of renovating their facilities, including remodeling the auditorium and air-conditioning their building, as well as purchasing new auditorium furniture and renovating class rooms. **Lauren Locke** is pastor.

"The Unionite," monthly newsletter of Union university, Jackson, has been awarded first place in a national contest for college newsletters, sponsored by "Newsweek" magazine and the American Alumni Council. **Mrs. Fred Harris**, editor of the publication, was presented the award during the national conference of AAC, held in New Orleans, La. recently.

**Donna Bobby**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bobby**, of Nashville, has been appointed to the staff of Ridgecrest Baptist assembly, N.C. for the second session. Working in the Children's Building at the assembly, **Miss Bobby** served as a summer missionary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention earlier this summer.

## Leadership Changes

Morris Memorial church, Moscow, has called **Lynn Eagan** as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of West Shiloh church, Stantonville.

Summertown church, Summertown, has called **Odin Farrington** as pastor. He formerly served as associational missionary in McNairy County association.

New Haven church, Dover, has called **David Gray** as pastor. **Gray** was ordained into the gospel ministry by Mayfield Creek Baptist church, West Kentucky association, Ky., recently.

First church, Lewisburg, has called **Joseph W. McGehee** as pastor. **McGehee** formerly served as pastor of Ewing church, Nashville.

**John Tom Cochran**, native of New Market, and the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Cochran**, Jefferson City, has joined the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as artist A in the art department. A graduate of Jefferson High school, Jefferson City, and Harris School of Advertising Art, Nashville, **Cochran** formerly served as art director for Miller's, Inc., of Knoxville. **Mrs. Cochran** is the former **Jaunita Love**, of Jefferson City, and they have one son, **John Edward**, seven.

## McSwain Named to Staff Of Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE—Larry Lee McSwain has been appointed assistant professor of church and community at The Southern Baptist Theological seminary here.

Seminary officials see McSwain's appointment as one step toward helping involve students in constructive projects within the Louisville urban community.

Besides teaching, he will help direct the seminary's field education program, which encourages students to work in church-related activities, including inner city ministries. (BP)

**Mrs. J. B. (May Gardner) Black**, of Murfreesboro, has been named "Alumna of the Year," during the national alumnae meeting of Blue Mountain college (Miss.), held recently. The official citation was read by **E. Harold Fisher**, Blue Mountain president, and **Edith Taylor Paschal**, out-going president of the National Alumnae Association, presented **Mrs. Black** a plum-throated orchid.

**John Buell**, pastor, McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, has been elected president of the Knox County association Pastors' Conference.

**Bobby Joe Tipton**, of Johnson City, has attended the School of Christian Writing in Minneapolis, Minn., sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.



## Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I am like Harlan F. Reynolds in his letter to the editor concerning Dr. Howard P. Colson's statements advising his staff to tolerate us dumb and unlearned ignoramuses who have no better sense than to believe the Bible (this is my way of reading between the lines of what he was actually saying).

You can tell him for me that I have been teaching my children the things found in the Bible, that it took the "smart people" hundreds of years to find. Namely, your article "The Bible and Science" and the letter from Harold E. Hill, president of Curtis Engine and Equipment Co., Baltimore, Md.

I wouldn't take a million dollars for the thrill I got from that "Special Feature" of your paper. I was so thrilled I couldn't sleep for hours that night.

Just think what this world of people could do if they would all give God credit where it's due, and all the "smart people" would really smart up and get on God's side.

We the humble, loving, Bible-believing people will try to "tolerate" Mr. Colson and we wish him well, but we wish it was some where else so we wouldn't be subjected to any more of his writings.

I'm writing the young man at Carson-Newman college to tell him the reason Baptists don't believe in dancing—One good Baptist preacher got his head cut off at a shindig once. (Matt. 14:1-11.)

Mrs. James G. Kelley  
100 Broadway, Apt. 204  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

To the Editor:

Tennessee Baptists must surely be an elect people to have no better reason for withdrawing funds from Carson-Newman College than for dancing on campus.

While other religious institutions struggle in desperation to remain independent of government aid and the Internal Revenue taxes private institutions; while schools across the South and over the nation contend with usurpation of administration, arson, drugs, murder, immorality, and Communism, Tennessee Baptists can threaten the existence of Christian education for an insignificant more such as dancing. It is too inconsequential to even be mentioned in the New Testament and certainly not condemned in the Old Testament.

Having a personal association with Carson-Newman, I dare say that students on the Jefferson City campus have demonstrated unquestionable cooperation with administrative policies and, by witness of their active commitment to Christ in the campus community, have more nearly achieved fulfillment of the Great Commission than many of the self-appointed members of the Tennessee Baptist Sanhedran.

A great doctor, dying of cancer, once advised, "Quit playing around with Christianity."

Mrs. P. E. Andrews  
5579 Manley Rd.  
Memphis, Tenn. 38117

## Stone Association Sends Request to C-N Trustees

The executive board of Stone association, meeting in regular session, has voted unanimously to request the Board of Trustees of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, to rescind the action taken permitting dancing on the campus.

George E. Capps, Jr., pastor, First church, Cookeville, serves as associational moderator and Johnnie Lee serves as associational missionary.

## Reds' Secular Ceremonies Fail To Replace Religious Rites

**BUDAPEST**—More than 20 years after the Communist takeover, the majority of Hungarians still prefer religious ceremonies on the occasion of baptisms, marriages, and burials.

Though the constitution provides for the separation of church and state, the avowed aim of the Communist party is the establishment of an atheistic society.

In accord with this aim, there has been a steady campaign by authorities to substitute secular ceremonies for the religious rites that normally mark the major events in a person's life.

Nevertheless, a Hungarian journal, *Magyar Hirlap*, complains that the majority of baptisms and burials are still conducted according to the religious rites of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Eastern Orthodox Churches, despite the Communist regime's long propaganda campaign to substitute civil ceremonies for them.

The journal recognized that the civil ceremonies were considered "cold and without character," in comparison with the religious rites, and insisted that the Communist Party renew its efforts to have secular observances adopted.

As for marriages, the journal noted that the number performed in a religious setting seem to have diminished somewhat, but it saw nothing particularly significant in the phenomenon. Since 1895, civil marriage has been obligatory in Hungary (as in many western European countries).

For this reason, the journal said, many persons feel that a second (religious) ceremony is superfluous.

But the situation is different when it comes to funerals. According to the journal, the number of civil interments has steadily diminished in the course of the past 60 years, the reason being that most persons wish to respect the beliefs of the aged. (RNS)

## Georgetown Names Negro Woman To Its Board Of Directors

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Georgetown university has named the first Negro in this century as a member of its board of directors.

She is Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris, U. S. Ambassador to Luxembourg from 1965 to 1967 and former dean of Howard University Law School.

Georgetown also appointed the youngest person to be named to the board in its 181-year history. He is John A. Druska, a 25-year-old English teacher from Chicago who will fill an unexpired term.

Named to serve three years, Mrs. Harris is currently practicing law in Washington. She is a graduate of Howard university and George Washington University School of Law. (RNS)

## Baptist Book Store Manager Miss Belle Lazenby Retires

**NASHVILLE**—Miss Belle Lazenby, for 22 years manager of the Baptist Book Store in Knoxville, retired July 31.



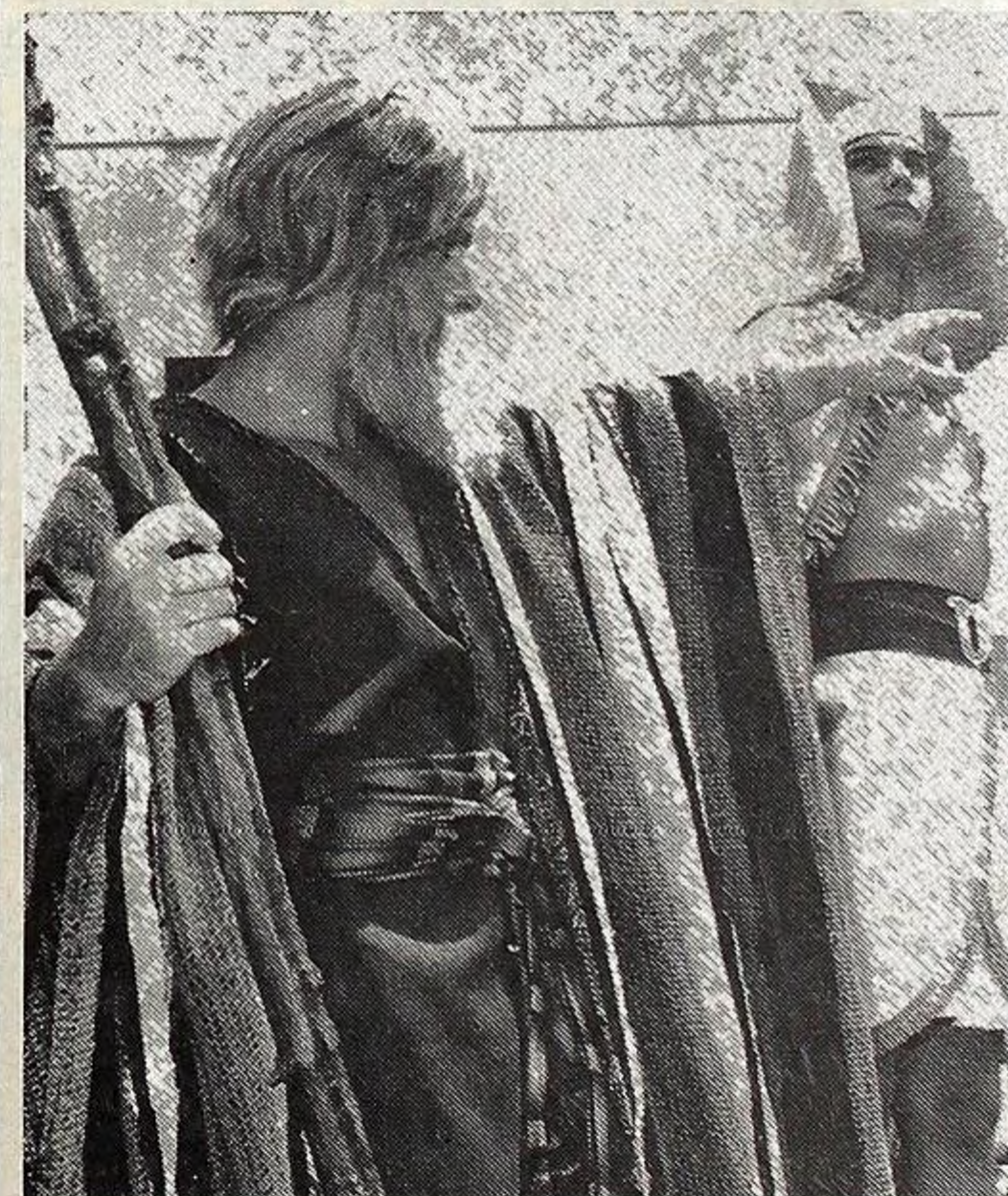
Lazenby

A native of Alabama, Miss Lazenby earned the bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

She is a member of the American Association of University Women, the Knoxville Executive Club and a charter member of the Business Women's Garden Club.

## United Church Requests Totaled \$1,695,820 In '69

**TORONTO, Ont.**—Legacies and bequests received by the United Church of Canada during 1969 totaled \$1,695,820. Of the 168 bequests received, 67 were under \$1000; 52 were under \$5000; 17 were under \$10,000; 26 were under \$50,000, and six were over \$50,000. (RNS)



Moses as portrayed by Ken Thomas confronts Rameses played by Mark Tinsley with God's command to "Let my people go . . ." in a spectacular full-scale production of "Rameses: The Story of Moses" now playing nightly (except Wednesdays) through Sept. 7, under the stars in the amphitheatre at Kenlake State Park, Hardin, Ky. Phillip T. Padgett, of Owensboro, Ky., director of the production, has joined the faculty of Belmont college, Nashville, as instructor in speech and drama.



## Workshop Set At Carson Aug. 21-22

By Wendell Price

A Sunday School Week-end Workshop sponsored by the Sunday School department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, is scheduled to be held at Camp Carson, Newport Aug. 21-22, according to Wendell Price, department secretary.

The workshop, to be held from 5 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Saturday, will include seven and one-half hours of study in books on administration, guiding, and understanding, the sessions being divided by age groups, with the emphasis on teaching. The work will consist of Learning approaches by which persons might become interested in the '70 decade in Bible study.

The faculty will include: Doyle Oliver, preschool; Leon Castle, children; Mrs. Don Boyette, youth; Joseph Haynes, adult; Garvice Murphree, adult II; and Cecil Sherman, pastor. Price will serve as workshop director.

The cost of the two-day workshop is \$3.10, with \$1 requested for registration.

## 600 Hindus on Pilgrimage Feared Dead In Flood

**NEW DELHI**—600 Indian Hindus, returning from a sacred pilgrimage to Badrinath in the Himalayan foothills, were swept into a narrow gorge by a flooded river, and authorities fear that most if not all, have perished.

The Alaknanda River, 15 miles from Badrinath and 200 miles north of New Delhi, was suddenly diverted by falling rocks and overflowed with a rush.

The onslaught of water swept 25 buses, five taxis, and an army vehicle into the gorge. (RNS)

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## Retiree Conference Planned For Glorieta Baptist Assembly

**GLORIETA, N.M.**—A conference especially for retirees, the Aspen Bible Conference, will be held Oct. 11-18 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

The conference will begin at 6 p.m. on Oct. 11, and will end with breakfast at 8 a.m. on Oct. 18.

Faculty for the week includes four retired Southern Baptist leaders. They are J. Earl Mead, former minister of education at Cliff Temple Baptist church, Dallas, Texas; Harry P. Stagg, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico; J. P. Edmunds, retired Southern Baptist Sunday School Board employe of the office of public relations; and Donald F. Ackland, retired editor of adult materials for the board.

Daily schedules will include morning Bible studies, afternoon recreation and an evening service. Special interest groups will be formed to discuss current issues, the stock market, business, health and other items of interest to the retirees.

Recreational opportunities for the week will include tours of the Aspen groves of Northern New Mexico and the Santa Fe area; trout fishing in the lake at the assembly; and various types of games and crafts.

Accommodations will be in Chaparral Inn, the assembly's newest hotel. For information and reservations, write Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N.M. 87535.

## Libya To Confiscate Property Of All Italians And Jews

**TRIPOLI**—The Arab Republic of Libya has announced that all property held and owned by Italians and Jews is being confiscated.

In a speech broadcast over Libya Radio, Muammar Al-Qadhafi, chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, stressed what he termed the "vicious" Italian colonialism of the past as justification for the government's action. (RNS)



## Bond Marks 25th Year At Central, Fountain City

Dr. Charles S. Bond observed his 25th anniversary as pastor of Central Baptist church, Fountain City, Aug. 2.

Dr. G. Allen West, secretary of missions, Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, Ky., was guest speaker at the morning service. Following testimonies at the evening service, a reception was held in honor of the pastor and his family.

Bond is married to the former Mary Briggs Lambert of Lewisburg. They have four children: Charles Stephen Jr., Mary Rachel, Miriam Ann, and Joseph Lambert.

## New Subject For Seminarians: Care of Permanently Disabled

**CLAREMONT, Calif.**—The School of Theology at Claremont is developing an experimental curriculum designed to improve a neglected aspect of the ministry—the care of the permanently disabled.

The first course in the program was launched in the Spring of 1970, involving 12 students in a weekly seminar at the Casa Colina Hospital for Rehabilitative Medicine in Pomona. The hospital is noted for its innovative approaches to disability and handicap. (RNS)

## Myers Park, Charlotte, Elects Women Deacons

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.**—Four women have been elected to the board of deacons at Myers Park Baptist Church here.

Although a news agency cited the incident as possibly the first for Southern Baptists, several North Carolina churches are known to have women deacons.

In Kentucky last year, three women were elected deacons at Faith Baptist Church, Georgetown.

No information is available as to the extent of the practice in other states of the Southern Baptist Convention, but it is not widespread. (BP)

## Archeologists Believe Fragment Can Be Traced To Emperor Titus (70 A.D.)

**JERUSALEM**—Israeli archeologists have uncovered a fragment of a stone pillar believed to have been erected by the Roman emperor Titus to commemorate his capture of Jerusalem 1900 years ago.

Israeli Radio said the five-foot long fragment, found at the foot of the temple mount in the Old City of Jerusalem, bore an inscription in Greek containing the name of the Roman Emperor Vespasian Augustus and the name of Titus.

Before being proclaimed emperor, Vespasian commanded the war against Judea, which was completed by his son, Titus, in the year 70 A.D. (RNS)



# Unique Indonesian Choir Completes Tour

**RICHMOND**—An unusual choir, which uses Indonesian art forms as an avenue for Christian witness, has completed a tour encompassing the 1970 Asia Baptist Evangelistic Campaigns and the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo.

The KABARIA '70 choir, from Semarang, Indonesia, derives its name from an acronym in the Indonesian language relating to the words for "Good News" and the Asia Baptist Evangelistic Campaigns.

Sixteen Indonesian Baptist leaders make up the choir, along with a layman, Bagong Kusudiardjo, an internationally-known choreographer and creator of modern dance and art forms. Choir director is Southern Baptist Missionary William R. O'Brien.

The group's 1½-hour program during the tour consisted of Asian church songs and Christian dance interpretations based on Javanese-Balinese classic folk dance forms. The ensemble also includes handbell and anglung (Indonesian bamboo instrument) choirs.

An added feature at each concert was a small exhibit of Christian themes in oil paintings by Bagong, who became a Christian as a result of his contact with O'Brien and the choir.

"The appeal and strength of this group comes from its 'Asian-ness,' as Asians share the Good News of Jesus with fellow Asians through various art forms, O'Brien said.

"The music portrays the universality of God's love, as the listeners hear both the Oriental and the Occidental characteristic sounds," he added.

O'Brien first approached Bagong with the idea of using Indonesian art forms as a means of Christian witnessing. He asked the artist to choreograph the parable of the sower and the seed.

Bagong said he accepted the task because "the older I get the more I realize the importance of having something on which to

hold. Through the creation of that first dance story I began to realize that Jesus was Savior," he said.

Bagong has toured Asia, Europe and the United States with his own creations since 1953. He directed all stage productions for Indonesia at the World's Fair in New York.

By the time he had finished choreographing his first Christian drama, plans for two more were on the drawing board.

Soon he offered his home as a meeting place for a new church, and on the first Sunday he and his wife and oldest child made professions of faith in Christ.

Besides the parable of the sower and the seed, Bagong has also choreographed "The Wise and Foolish Virgins," the story of Mary Magdalene and the life of Christ, which required 250 dancers. (BP)

## Tablet's Price Rise Stresses Religious Sources Problems

**LONDON**—A six cent rise in the price of the respected Roman Catholic weekly, "The Tablet", was announced in its latest issue—with a warning that sooner or later "practically every other periodical in the country will have to increase its selling price."

"The Tablet's" new rate will go into effect Aug. 1, when it will cost 24 cents instead of the present 18 cents. (RNS)

• A citizens committee proposed recently a national health insurance program for everyone, rich and poor, to be financed by a method similar to Social Security. In 1969, it would have meant \$37 billion collected for the program, they said. The plan, called a "Health Security Program," was set forth by a committee of 100 brought together by the late union leader, Walter P. Reuther, more than a year ago to develop a comprehensive program. It would cover all necessary health care, they said, including hospital services and medical care in a doctor's office, at home, or in a hospital. Within certain limits, it would cover also mental health services, skilled nursing home services, dental care, drugs, and appliances. It would replace most of private health insurance, Medicare, and other government personal health care programs, the committee said. (The Nashville Tennessean, 7/8/70)

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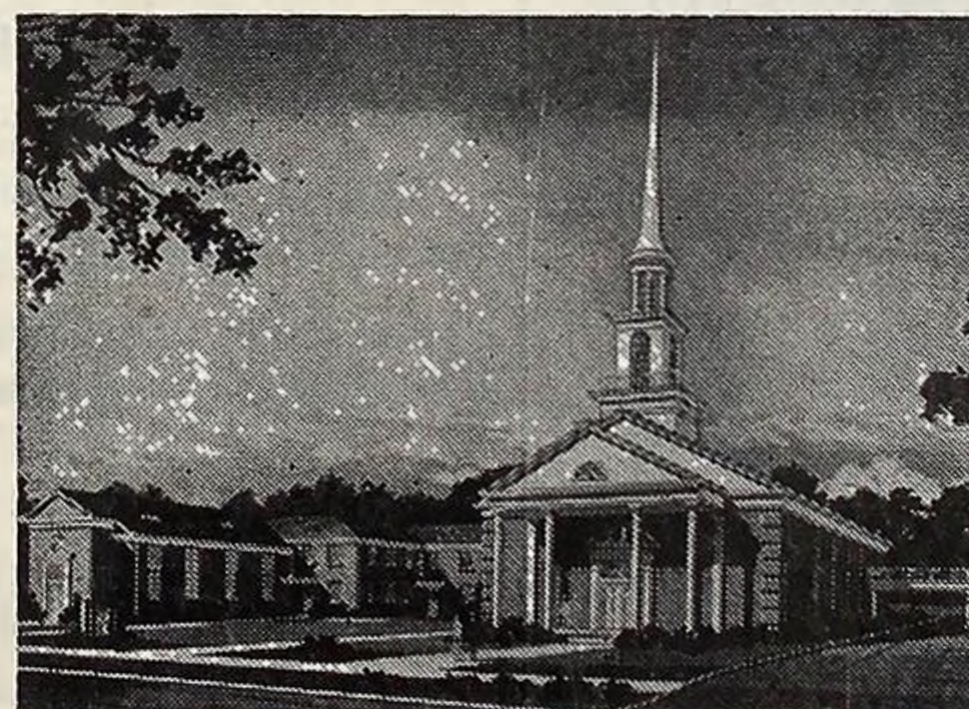
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### To Air Devotionals

**MARION, Ala.**—Radio listeners in Alabama will have a treat in store this fall when Judson college sophomore Sherry Porter comes home from Mexico City.

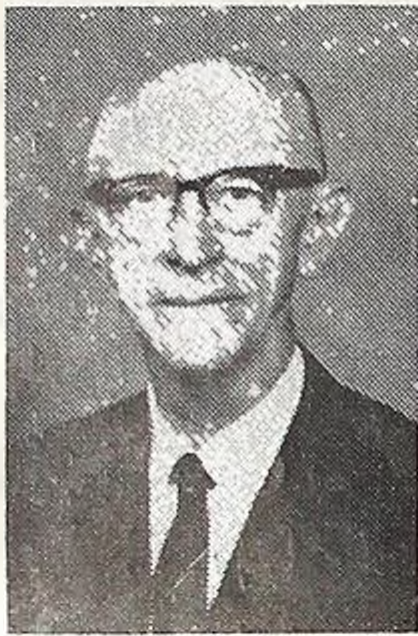
The Tullahoma, Tenn. teenager was one of several Judson students broadcasting morning devotions over WJAM in Marion during the spring. They are scheduled again Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Sherry has also showed slides of her previous Mexican visit at churches in the area.

Last year as the "adopted older daughter" of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Sturgeon, Southern Baptist missionaries in Mexico City, Sherry sold evangelistic literature door to door, stuffed envelopes for Bible correspondence courses, and worked in the radio and TV programming department of Southern Baptists in Mexico. She also taught Bible School in Guadalajara, north of Mexico City. (Spc)



# Pastors' Retreat Slated Aug. 24-28, Camp Carson

The 14th annual Pastors' Retreat, sponsored by the Evangelism department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, F. M. Dowell, secretary, will be held Aug. 24-28 at Camp Carson, Newport. The retreat will begin with the evening meal on Monday and will close with the noon meal on Friday.



Havner



Sanderson

Program personalities will include: Vance Havner, evangelist and author from Greensboro, N.C.; Leonard Sanderson, secretary of the department of Evangelism, Louisiana Baptist Convention; W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, who will lead in periods of Bible study; Gene Kerr, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, who will lead a conference on Communications; and Dowell, speaking on personal soul winning.

Also A. A. Carlson, pastor, Calvary church, Lenoir City, in charge of the music; Bill Choate, minister of music and youth, First church, Greeneville, who will serve as pianist; and W. H. Roden, director of Student Services, Tennessee Technological university, Cookeville, in charge of the recreational activities.

Total cost for the week is \$17, with a \$1 registration fee requested. Send registration to Department of Evangelism, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, 37027.

## United Church Leaders Will Attempt Mediation In Middle East Conflict

**TORONTO, Ont.**—Three United Church of Canada leaders have been designated by the Toronto Conference to visit the Middle East and attempt reconciliation between Israelis and Arabs.

The three—a fourth may be added—are Dr. Robert Baird McClure, a lifelong medical missionary and layman moderator of the denomination; the Rev. N. Bruce McLeod of Bloor Street United church, and the Rev. Donald Stirling, Toronto Conference chairman of the committee on international affairs.

The group was scheduled to leave Aug. 5 for three weeks in Israel and Arab countries. They have been asked to consult leaders on both sides, plus Middle East churchmen, in an effort to contribute aid toward a peaceful solution of the war. (RNS)

## New Books

**The Letters of John** by William L. Hendricks, Convention, 156 pp.

**All the Parables of Jesus** by Robert L. Cargill, Broadman, 127 pp., \$2.95.

**Lottie Moon of China** by Jester Summers, Broadan, 62 pp.

**The Life and Ministry of Our Lord** by Ray F. Robbins, Convention, 211 pp.

**Christ in Your Shoes** by Buckner Fanning, Broadman, 142 pp., \$3.50.

**Jesus Stood by Us** by Helen Reagan Smith, Broadman, 141 pp., \$3.75.

**Broadman Comments 1971 January-August** by Donald Ackland, Vernon Elmore, T. Vernell Owens, Alice Cheavens and Mary Frances Owens, Boardman, 270 pp.

**How High Are the Stars!** by William Cannon, Broadman, 192 pp., \$4.50.

**New Ways of Teaching the Old Story** by Robert E. Bingham, Broadman, 125 pp. \$3.50.

**The ABC's of the Prophetical Scriptures** by George H. Clement, Broadman, 64 pp.

**Bible Teachings** by Doris Cutter Swann, Broadman, 46 pp., paper.

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**Youth in Bible Study/New Dynamics** by Mancil Ezell, Convention, 126 pp., paper.

**A New Song for Heng Wah** by Sue McDonald, Convention.

**Church and Community Survey Workbook, Convention**, 128 pp., paper.

**At Your Age, Miss Russell?** by Lydia Heermann, Zondervan, 132 pp., \$3.50.

## Radio-TV Commission Given Citation By NAB

The Board of Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters recently adopted a resolution commending the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for "its many contributions to the American system of broadcasting.

A framed and embossed copy of the citation has been sent to Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission.

Noting that the Commission had produced a series of transcribed announcements commemorating broadcastings Fiftieth Anniversary, being celebrated this year, and had aired a special program honoring National Radio Month in May, the NAB Board said these efforts had "further evidenced the Commission's wholesome and productive relationship with broadcasters."

## Kendall New Head Of Union Trustees

W. Fred Kendall II, pastor of the First Baptist church, Union City, is the new chairman of the Board of Trustees of Union University.

Kendall, elected last week, succeeds E. E. Deusner, pastor of the First Baptist church, Lexington, as chairman. The Union City pastor, son of the Convention's Executive Secretary-Treasurer, will serve also as chairman of the Board's Executive Committee.

G. B. Jones, Memphis accountant, was named vice-chairman, and Powers Smith, Henning, secretary.

Deusner was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his 12 years service on the Board, and five years as chairman.

Also the firm of Ketchum, Inc. was employed as fund-raising consultants for the university. Union's vice president, William Walter Warmath said, "Although we do not anticipate a broad capital funds campaign in the imediate future, this leading firm will help us lay the ground-work for such an effort, possibly starting in the fall of 1971."

In reporting on the 1969-70 financial year, president Robert E. Craig said that Union has had one of its best years in the history of the institution in direct gifts. In addition to the \$378,843 received through the Cooperative Program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a total of \$464,919 was received through direct gifts, making a total gift subsidy of \$843,762.

The trustees accepted a progress report from Robert Orr, pastor, First church, Dyersburg, chairman of the university's New Campus Planning Committee, which included the first schematic drawing of preliminary designs and placement of buildings at the new campus property.

Named to serve on the nine-man Executive Committee were Marvin H. Sandidge, businessman, Memphis; Dr. Jerry Glisson, pastor of Leawood Baptist church, Memphis; Dr. Fred Wood, pastor of the Eudora Baptist church, Memphis; Glenn Rainey, Jackson, Tennessee businessman; Dr. Trevis Otey, pastor of the First Baptist church and the Rev. Paul Clark, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Jackson; Bobby Jelks, a former Union coach and now a Paris, Tennessee businessman; Dr. W. A. Boston, pastor of the Raleigh Baptist church; and Dale Glover, landowner and businessman, Obion, Tenn. All of the officers and committee members began their term of office at the annual meeting.

Those who work with juvenile courts or at juvenile hall hear pretty much the same stories from the teen: "we have no one to talk to and no place to go, and nobody really cares what we do."—Lloyd R. Armour in "For All the Crying Children," a Broadman book.



# White House Confab Set To Deal With Issues Affecting Children, Youth

WASHINGTON — Two White House Conferences, planned with the aid of church leaders, have been slated to deal with issues affecting children and youth in a complex society.

Some of the questions to be explored by some 4000 delegates to the two conferences are: What can be done about continued neglect and abuse of children? What are the rights of children in trouble with the law? How can a "right to read" program be implemented to attack the 25 per cent illiteracy rate in the United States?

Of particular interest to church-related child service agencies will be the focus on existing institutions, their present resources and future needs, a spokesman for the two conferences said.

According to a progress report, one of the issues to be dealt with is: "How do we reconcile those things which our institutions insist the child needs with the resources required to meet those needs?"

Another focus of the conference will be "upon the critical question of whether we can modify current institutions or whether and in what cases we must think about new institutional arrangements."

The White House Conference on Children is set for Dec. 13-18, 1970. State delegations are already at work studying more than 1500 recommendations made by many sources to provide a better life for American children.

The White House Conference on Youth is scheduled for sometime early in 1971, probably early in February, according to the spokesman.

Traditionally, questions concerning children and youth have been dealt with in one conference, held each decade since 1909. But this year after considerable study, national Chairman Stephen Hess said, it was decided to divide the 1970 conference into two phases.

## Assemblies Set For Carson Linden

Three Church Training assemblies, sponsored by the Church Training department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Charles L. Norton, secretary, are scheduled for August. One assembly, already held at Camp Linden, Linden, registered an attendance of 258.

The other three are: Camp Linden, Aug. 3-7 (in progress); Camp Carson, Aug. 10-14; and Aug. 17-21.

Designed for Junior and Intermediate age groups, the assemblies' program include workshops, conferences, recreation, and campfire services.

Program personalities for the assemblies involve persons from all across Tennessee.

Today the problems of children and youth are often quite distinct," he said, "and each deserves a separate national platform."

The plan for the two meetings, Hess said, "grew out of President Nixon's determination to insure that each child in America, whether black or white, urban or rural, poor or affluent, is allowed to achieve his full potential." (BP)

## Adventist On World Today —'In A Kind Of Mess'

SEATTLE—Dr. R. H. Pierson, international president of the 2 million Seventh-day Adventists, said here that the present condition of the world could be summed up as "in kind of a mess."

But he saw in troubled world conditions the possible fulfillment soon of the Adventist belief in the second coming of Christ. In this regard, he said, world conditions show "many hopeful signs."

Pierson was here for the 46th annual Summer Bible camp of Western Washington Seventh-day Adventists on the grounds of Auburn Academy.

"As far as man solving his problems, the prospects are not very bright, he stated. But he said the increasing complexity and difficult of man's troubles in every sphere of existence—"in all these things"—were in fulfillment of prophecies.

Pierson emphasized that the signs that the world may have entered into "the last days" have been read from daily events by many other persons of different religious persuasions.

"When we see lawlessness, trouble on campuses, violence in the cities—this is evidence of the Lord's soon return," he said. But Seventh-day Adventists have not and will not abandon the world while awaiting the second coming, he added.

The denomination has been growing both in numbers and in size of budget, he said, thus running counter to the prevailing trend in many of the major Protestant denominations in the U.S.

The worldwide mission budget for Adventists will exceed \$50 million this year, Dr. Pierson estimated. (RNS)

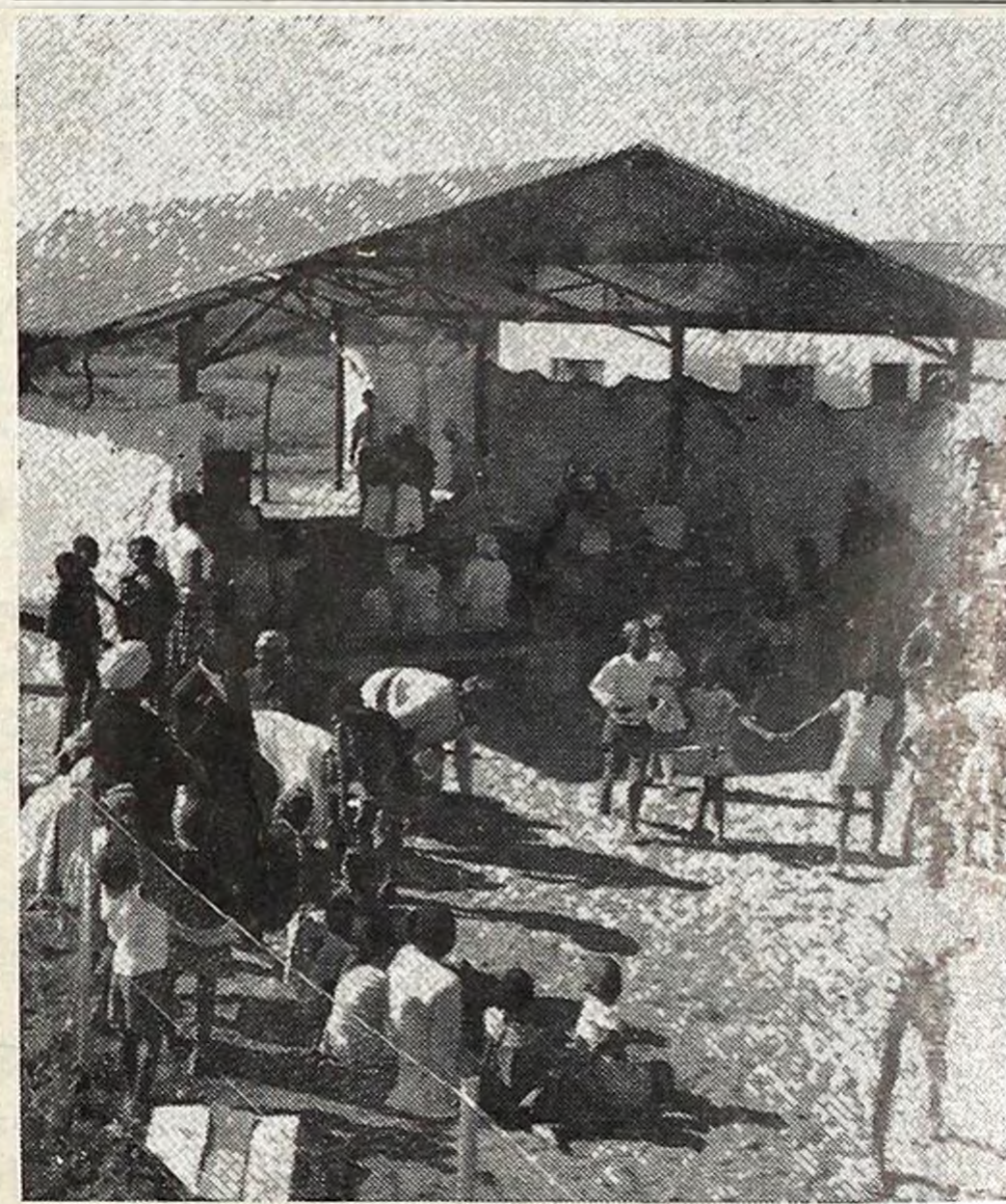
We may continue to defend with all zeal what we believe is so, but along with that zeal let there also be loving tolerance of our differing brethren's views. It is one thing to express hearty disagreement with a fellow-believer's affirmations; but is another to dispise in our hearts that brother-in-Christ. —George H. Clement in "The ABC's of Prophetic Scriptures," a Broadman book.

## Tennessee GA Camps Register 2036 Girls

Under the direction of Miss Beulah Peoples, Girls' Auxiliary director, Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention, some eight weeks of GA camps have been concluded for another summer at Camps Carson, located at Newport and Camp Linden, located at Linden.

During these weeks there have been 2036 registered. Of this number, there were 349 decisions made: 156 conversions; 164 consecrations; and 29 to church-related vocations.

Activities for the camps included: Mission study periods; messages by visiting missionaries; handicraft, recreation; and inspirational services.



(Photo by Gerald S. Harvey)

Some residents of Tati-Town, a section of Francistown, Botswana, meet in this temporary shed for services of the First Church of Francistown. The church was organized on Easter 1970, and the first converts of Southern Baptist missionaries in Botswana (in southern Africa) were baptized as charter members. On July 1 the membership consisted of nine Africans and members of two missionary families. The shed is located next to the Baptist Mission building (background) and the home of missionaries Marvin and Beth Reynolds.

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# ISRAEL'S FAILURE

Basic Passages: Isaiah 1:1-9; 5:1-7

Focal Passage: Isaiah 1:1-9

We are often astounded at Israel's failures. They seem to come so often and so quickly. While there were no valid reasons for the phenomenon, there are some facts that may help to understand it better.

They were not far from a heathen background relatively speaking. They were continually environed by powerful heathen nations. The history is very condensed which we read making it seem to occur in quicker succession than it actually does. A religious and moral record of the United States written in complete frankness will show many fluctuations in our one hundred ninety-four years.

This realistic, frank account of Israel's backslidings is for our benefit. It reveals the fickleness and perversity of human nature. It presents to us the folly of both forgetting and rebelling against God. It shows the inevitable visitation of divine judgment on continued courses of transgression. It also makes it clear that no people are so sacrosanct as to be immune to the consequences of evil doing.

America will not be an exception to the rule. She will reap what she has sown in severe judgments unless she repents.

If we can keep a large enough faithful remnant faithful enough in America, we can delay severe judgment and preserve a fairly decent order of things. That is why some of us are praying so fervently for a great spiritual awakening in America soon.

## A DISTURBING VISION

Isaiah 1:1-4

Isaiah's prophecies were ever present, touching at least three royal dynasties. He was a prophet of vast perspective and deep spiritual insight. He was eloquent and forthright. He gave us nearly all of the great concepts that found expression in the New Testament. He anticipated the heart of its disclosures in actions and insights.

His vision here is the tragic picture of a people whose very existence and every value were the results of the gifts, graces, and providences of Jehovah. Yet, they are biting the hand and breaking the heart that had nourished them. It is a shockingly ugly picture they present.

Discernment and discretion that even dumb animals manifest seem to have fled them. Heaven and earth are called upon to listen as God speaks for the situation is so serious.

## CORRUPTION IN DEPTH

Isaiah 1:5-8

The people are fearfully afflicted with the degenerating disease of sin. The condition is revoltingly rotten and nothing of any consequence is being done about it. They

continue to wallow in their putrifying immorality.

The nation is bankrupt and desolate in principle, integrity, and social well-being. It is an indescribable picture of ruin.

Surely no people in their right mind will invite further calamity. To say the least, they must be near a halt and reversal. The Lord and the prophet seem to be astounded at their stubbornness and stupidity.

## THE REDEEMING REMNANT

Isaiah 1:9

Except the Lord had preserved a very small remnant, the ghastly judgments that befell Sodom and Gomorrah would have wiped them off the face of the earth by now.

The wickedness was so great and the rottenness so ripe in Sodom and Gomorrah that God notified Abraham that He would destroy them. In Sodom was Abraham's nephew, Lot, and his family. Abraham placed several pleas before the Lord urging Him to not destroy the righteous with the wicked. He wanted to know if fifty could be found in Sodom would Jehovah destroy it. God replied that He would not. Abraham kept reducing the number until it came down to ten. The Lord said that even if there were ten righteous in the wicked city He would spare it. They could not be found. Judgment fell.

It does not take much light to dispel a large area of darkness. It does not take much salt to season or preserve a considerable amount of food. God makes much of the presence of a faithful remnant in any social situation.

Desirable orders have been kept intact by very few people again and again in history. Winston Churchill's remark about the Royal Air Force in World War II, saying that never did so many owe so much to so few, can be applied to many crises and situations throughout the ages.

This should encourage those who are greatly disturbed about our nation. Concerned souls should meet often, pray, witness, and work for the good of souls and society. They can change the climate of our polluted society.

We need to replenish, increase, and stimulate our fellow believers. We need to beseech our Mighty God, and blessed Lord to fan the few live coals of fire remaining into a conflagration that will sweep our nation and influence the world.

The Lord will still honor the "Master's minority" if it keeps humble and concerned. May the very challenge of it stir us to the depth. This is our only hope other than the greater hope of the personal, visible return of our Lord in glory and great power.

## Foundation

### Whose Shall These Things Be?

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"I have a lot of things. They are not worth much, but it has disturbed me for a long time that I didn't know whose these things would be after my death. It didn't occur to me that I needed a will because it didn't seem that my things were worth it." This statement was made to this writer by one of God's faithful servants. He had just read an article in this paper and decided to contact our office. It was then that he discovered his potential "wealth".

The things which he possessed were his modest country home, all of its furnishings (including some valuable antiques), an automobile, some church bonds, mineral rights inherited on land sold by his grandfather years ago, a paid up life insurance policy, a few personal objects of value, several cows and a small savings account. When he totaled his assets he was startled to find that there could be several thousand dollars worth of "things". He didn't want them wasted but what could he do?

He resolved to have his attorney prepare his will leaving his entire estate to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. It is to be reduced to cash at his death and held in trust. The income is to be paid annually to one of our colleges until Jesus comes. If it is a few dollars or thousands of dollars it will be for the same purpose. Then whose shall these things be? The Lord's, of course!

Too many people think they don't have enough to leave for the Lord's cause. Little or much it can bless some object of His Kingdom. Contact our office for more information. Don't let a small estate stop you. Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary, P. O. 647, Brentwood, Tennessee, phone 615-833-4220.

### Anglicans Add To Investment In Developing Countries

LONDON—The church commissioners—who manage the Church of England's hundreds of millions of dollars worth of assets—are making available \$2,400,000 for investment in developing countries.

An announcement revealed that this sum is not being invested directly by the Church but by the commissioners who will buy stock from the government-backed Commonwealth Development Finance Company. This company has the equivalent of \$65 million invested for development purposes in 27 countries.

The announcement also said that in making \$2,400,000 available the commissioners were supplementing a total of some \$43 millions which is regarded as already being invested indirectly in the "poorer" developing countries. This total represents 8.7 per cent of the commissioners' total Stock Exchange investments. (RNS)



# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

August is here and to me it brings many thoughts for the autumn days which are just ahead. This month was named after Augustus Caesar. The



Kendall

word august is an impressive one. The dictionary defines it "of supreme dignity or grandeur, majestic." Those who named our months in the calendar we use must have been impressed with this late summer month. I was born in August. When I was a boy, the country church which my family and I attended always had the annual revival in August. Our Association had its annual meeting in August. The old country school started the first week in August for several years. So there is much about August that impresses itself on my memory and also on the outlook for the days ahead.

For many this is a vacation month. Many churches still have revivals in August. Some now have Vacation Bible School in August. For the churches it is a time of finishing plans for the fall months and for the new church year. This year with many changes in literature and in organizations there will be a lot to be done in completing plans for the year ahead. Much of this has already been done but there is much follow-up work yet to be completed.

Seven months of 1970 have already passed, and we are well into the first year of this new decade about which so much was said and written. As we look ahead into the fall months may it be a time of enlarging our vision and increasing our faith in the promises of God. His promises depend upon our response to Him and our equipping ourselves spiritually to perform the work to which He has called us.

The spiritual needs of our country are very great. One of the big tasks before the churches is that of enlisting the membership in real spiritual growth. The large number of non-resident members in churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention is a source of concern. Last year the churches reported a total membership of 880,802, but of this number 269,939 were non-resident, leaving a resident membership of 620,863. The Sunday School enrolment was 535,154 with an average attendance of 289,913. This means that on an average Sunday last year 330,950 resident members were not in Sunday School. Of course when you consider the nursery and beginner and primary groups the actual figures would be less than that. In other words, less than 50% of the resident

On Matters of

## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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### Words Worth Weighing

"We are developing a very self-conscious, intellectualized and inhibited generation that values keeping its cool in order to maintain its self-control so as not to give the appearance of being emotional, sentimental, nostalgic, weak, tender, affectionate, dependent, enthusiastic, even committed. To be spontaneous is to risk becoming 'vulnerable.' To blow one's cool is to lose status among one's peers. Many of this generation have been called serious, humorless, grim. Increasingly, pranks are now 'for kids'. To destroy a computer center or burn a library seems to be a more acceptable playful option than to put a cow (I guess a VW would be a more appropriate symbol nowadays) in the president's office or to even have a water fight in the dormitory."

—Douglas H. Heath

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"The young people of today are no worse than we were; they just have more ways of making fools of themselves."

—Dr. John S. Gibson

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"When you deny a child adequate diet, you're denying him a chance to succeed in our society. If there are two things the world needs more than anything else, they are protein and education. Nutritionists say that a child's brain doesn't develop properly if adequate protein is lacking for a considerable period of time from conception on up to 12 years of age. Of course, if a child's brain isn't full developed, he's not going to be able to get good education and consequently, he's not going to be able to succeed as well."

—George D. Fischer

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"In my day, I did my homework on the dining-room table. My children all have scientifically designed desks, which they lie next to while studying on the floor."

—Burton Hillis

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"If you can give your child only one gift, let it be enthusiasm."

—Bruce Barton

membership of the churches were in Sunday School.

It is this problem of enlistment and growth in Christian living that is so vital today. We must have a great spiritual renewal and a real awakening to the tasks before us. No wonder we are not winning the more than one million lost souls to Christ.

## Historically

### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, applications for church building gifts and loans totaled \$3,500,000. These requests came from every section of the south. After careful analysis, this figure was reduced to \$2,914,617. Aside from church building gifts, the largest increases in fund disbursements were in the work with foreigners, in enlistment, in mountain schools, and in evangelism.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

M. E. Dodd, a native of Tennessee, retired as pastor of First Baptist church, Shreveport, La., where he served for 38 years. During his ministry there he preached more than 18,000 sermons, 25,000 persons joined the church, 7300 persons were baptized, and he officiated at 2118 marriages. He wrote 15 books, organized eight churches, and traveled some 500,000 miles around the world, speaking to listeners of 47 languages and dialects. In April Dodd celebrated his 50th year in the ministry by preaching at Poplar Grove church, Brazil, where he preached his first sermon.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Statistics released show that there were 5423 decisions made during the past full year of Royal Ambassador camps operated across the Southern Baptist Convention. Attendance at the camps was 30,513. Totals show that there were 1691 professions of faith, 2280 rededications, 729 for full-time Christian service, and 723 made decisions concerning church-related vocations.

● Federal air pollution investigators, using sophisticated new techniques to measure automotive pollution, said recently that all 1970 model cars now certified as meeting government standards actually are failing them dismally. In fact, the National Air Pollution Control Administration (NAPCA) said, the cars are emitting twice as much carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons as they were supposed to do. (Louisville **Courier-Journal**, 7/15/70)

So let us make August a grand month of prayerful planning and of deepening concern for the masses of people who need to grow in Christ and for other masses who need to be won to Christ. It is a challenge to make us give our best. Let us accept the challenge.



# Vietnam Servicemen Build Faster Than Destroy, SBC Leader Says

ATLANTA—Americans in Vietnam are building faster than they tear down, the director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Chaplaincy Commission said after returning from a tour of military installations in Vietnam.

"The road our servicemen are blazing in Vietnam today is paved with new hospitals, new orphanages, new homes—all built by our American servicemen," said George W. Cummins of Atlanta.

He added that living within these homes, orphanages and hospitals are thousands of Vietnamese children, women and men who have been fed, clothed, and healed—both from sickness and the wounds of war—by these same young American servicemen.

**"For any house they are accused of destroying, they have built hundreds; for any innocent they are accused of hurting, they have ministered to ten-fold others; for any one life they are accused of taking, they have saved others, a thousand times over," Cummins declared.**

The SBC Chaplaincy head recently completed a 105-day globe-encompassing tour that carried him to military installations in Vietnam and around the world.

Cummins quoted one chaplain as saying that "today's soldier has a greater sense of urgency," but would return to his home "wiser, more mature, perhaps even more solemn, but a man his parents and every American can be proud of."

The SBC Chaplaincy leader observed that servicemen in Vietnam "are not murderers, warmongers, nor are they immoral individuals because they are serving the military.

"They are God-fearing, loving, knowledgeable, and patriotic Americans meeting their responsibilities to God and country," Cummins declared. He further praised the "bravery, heroism and courage" of the soldiers in Vietnam.

**Cummins described the American soldier in Vietnam as "a young man who hates war and fears it, but fights it because he knows that there are worse things."**

Newsmen covering the war in Vietnam overlook many positive stories because they lack "sensationalism and dissent," Cummins claimed. He explained that on his visit, he encountered many positive stories about the war that have not been told.

In an interview here, Cummins did not attempt to justify the war, but seemed to accept it as a reality. He strongly defended the country's military forces, however.

"The military is the finest and most effective peace force our country has and we'd better believe it," he stated. "One would not think of eliminating the city, county,

state or federal law enforcing agencies—it would be suicidal, foolish, unwise."

Then he questioned: "Why do some people continue to be unwise and seek the elimination of the military and condemn the military establishment? In attempting to do so, is this not the first step toward losing all the freedoms that we hold so dear?" (BP)

## Relief Groups Agree To Mutual Action

WASHINGTON—Southern Baptists and six religious and social organizations active in disaster relief agreed at a meeting here to work toward closer coordination of their efforts.

T. E. Carter and Clovis Brantley, secretary and assistant secretary respectively of the Home Mission Board's department of Christian social ministries, represented Southern Baptists at the meeting at American Red Cross headquarters.

Other representatives were from the National Catholic Disaster Relief Committee, the Christian Reformed Church, the Mennonite Church Central Committee, the Seventh-day Adventists, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Red Cross.

The two-day meeting was initiated by Robert M. Pierpont, national director of disaster services for the American Red Cross, who led the discussions.

In wide-ranging conversations of their respective disaster relief programs, the agency officials reviewed activities and problems of mutual concern in the field, including warning and notification of disaster occurrences, assessment and surveys of disaster areas, relief supplies for victims, public appeals for assistance, coordination of relief efforts and agency identification.

They also received a detailed explanation of the government's role in disaster operations by James L. Lewis, chief of the Disaster Assistance Office of Emergency Preparedness.

All of the agencies represented have worked with the American Red Cross and with each other in past relief activities.

Recognizing a growing need, however, for more formal coordination of their assistance programs, they have agreed to exchange of information about relief operations regularly and establish a close liaison between agencies at the national, regional or state and local levels.

The Home Mission Board entered the disaster relief area in 1967. During the subsequent three-year period they have assisted victims of a flood in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Hurricane Camille.

## Conference On Aging Involves Baptists; Seeks Goals

WASHINGTON — Representatives of three Baptist conventions are among the list of 81 persons from different religious organizations involved in preliminary planning for the White House Conference on Aging.

The Conference is scheduled for Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 1971 in the nation's capital.

W. L. Howse III of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, and George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention are working with the initial planning group.

From the American Baptist Convention, the general secretary, Edwin H. Tuller, and Miss Violet E. Rudd, executive director of American Baptist Women, will represent that convention.

D. C. Pettaway, Little Rock, Ark., president of the National Baptist Convention of America, also will participate, according to the original list compiled by the conference staff here.

The White House Conference on Aging, held every ten years, is aimed at "developing—for the first time—recommendations for a considered, comprehensive national policy on aging."

Religious groups and other voluntary national organizations are urged to contribute to the development of this policy by helping to review the problems faced by the elderly, listening to older persons themselves as they relate their particular needs, and making recommendations to be considered by the conference in 1971.

September, 1970, is the month set aside by conference planners for community forums to be held in thousands of cities across the nation. Local churches and other groups have been urged to help organize and participate in such meetings. The community forum plan is designed to be a vehicle to provide older Americans a chance to speak out regarding their needs, conference to hear what older folks have to say. The function of this group, to be made up of spokesmen said.

Especially important, according to the Washington staff of the conference, is for a "panel of officials" to be present at the forum to hear what older folks have to say. The function of this group, to be made up of state, national and local elected officials, is "to listen . . . and ask questions" and not to make a formal presentation, spokesmen said. (BP)

Aid included, for example, joining with the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission to send 100 men to Alaska to work (BP)