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# A ROMAN COLONY

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony"—Acts 16:12

Philippi was a city of great historical significance in the ancient world. Originally it was called Krenides (Wells), but was renamed Philippi by Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great. Gold mines nearby made it a prosperous center. This site is being excavated today. The river mentioned in Acts 16:13 (Ganites) may still be seen about one mile east of the site.

The decisive battle between the Roman triumvirate (Octavius, Anthony, Lepidus) and Brutus and Cassius was fought nearby in 42 B. C. In memory of this victory Octavius (Augustus Caesar) made it a Roman Colony. Many colonists from Italy, including retired Roman soldiers, were settled here.

Under the Roman system a city made a colony enjoyed certain privileges such as autonomous government within the framework of the laws of the Empire, and freedom from certain taxes. In return it carried certain responsibilities. It was to police the area. And its citizens were so to live as to cause non-Romans in the area to wish to become loyal citizens of Rome. T. C. Smith (Broadman Commentary) notes that while Acts mentions certain other colonies

(Pisidian Antioch, Lystra, Troas), this is the only one which Luke describes as a "colony." It suggests his pride in such.

Moffatt translates Philippians 3:20 ("for our conversation [manner of life] is in heaven"), "But we are a colony of heaven." This is most suggestive. As Philippi was a Roman colony, a little bit of Rome set down in the far-flung empire, so the church there was a colony of heaven. It was a little bit of heaven on earth. As such it and all churches are responsible for the moral and spiritual life of the area. And each Christian as a citizen of heaven should so live as to make all men want to become such. Privileges? Yes. But responsibilities also!

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Going to church not only is good for your soul—it's good for your body, according to a study made at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

A doctor says that regular church-going, and clean living that often goes with it, appear to help people avoid such ailments as heart disease, liver trouble, tuberculosis and chronic bronchitis.

For years we've known that long church services do something for man's endurance, but we didn't know they could lengthen man's life.

The most significant finding in the study was that people who go to church regularly have less heart disease. Now the preacher can remind you that if you come to church your heart will not only be sweeter but stronger.

In a word, faithful, regular church attendance will reduce hardening of the heart and hardening of the arteries.

And if, as the doctor indicates, regular churchgoers live longer, it can be said that, after all, "nice guys do finish last."

## FEATURING

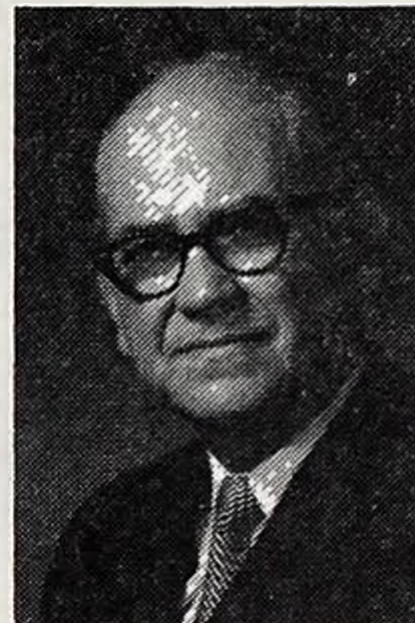
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## Devotional

### How To Face These Evil Days

By R. Paul Caudill, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Memphis

The Book of Ephesians is a veritable treasure house of spiritual gems. Here and there, throughout the Book, are little groups of thought, that would stand alone, though far removed from the larger context. Such a passage is this. In these brief verses, the writer seems to be telling us how to face our "evil" days.



Caudill

Firstly, he says, **Understand what the will of the Lord is:** (v. 17). The Lord has a will, and His will is always right, and always best. This is the

guideline that no true follower of Christ can ignore.

Secondly, **Live soberly:** "Be not drunken with wine" (v. 18) in which (the passage adds) one takes on the character of an "abandoned man," "one that (in such state) cannot be saved." Drunkenness makes for profligacy, dissoluteness, and the abandoned life.

Thirdly, **Live a Spirit-filled life:** "Keep on being filled with the Spirit." (v. 18b.) If there is a lost chord in the life of the average believer, it may well be at this point. No one can ever be an effective witness without the Spirit, for only the Spirit convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of the judgment.

Fourthly, **Make much of music:** "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord" (v. 19). Said Shakespeare, "The man that hath no music in himself, Nor is not mov'd without concord of sweet sounds, Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils . . . Let no such man be trusted."

Fifthly, **Keep up the habit of thanksgiving:** "Giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father." (v. 20)

Sixthly, **Always be considerate of one another:** "Subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ."

The man who does these things will walk as the wise, and not as the unwise! What is more, he will make the most of his opportunities as a follower of the Lord Christ.

Servanthood is loving. The love of Christ makes our love of men evident. The greatest argument for the authenticity of the fellowship is not our orthodoxy but our love for one another.—John F. Havlik in **People-Centered Evangelism**, a Broadman book



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# Program Outlined For SBC Woman's Missionary Union

**ST. LOUIS**—"Committed" will be the theme of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting scheduled here for three sessions on Monday, May 31, just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-3.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), said the goal of the meeting will be to secure commitment to missions around the world and in local churches.

An "Hour of Commitment" on Monday evening will climax the meeting, Mrs. Mathis said.

The "Hour of Commitment" will call WMU and church leaders to pledge their best efforts to mission study, mission action and mission support through praying and giving, Mrs. Mathis said.

The commitment service will be based on music led by Claude H. Rhea, Jr., dean of the School of Music, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and by Gene Bartlett, state music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City.

## World Missions Plea Set

Three addresses will lead into the commitment section of the program.

W. L. Howse, director of the Education Division of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak on the need for commitment to the work of local Southern Baptist churches.

Mrs. Mathis will deliver a plea for dedication to the world missions, and Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the statewide WMU organization in New York, will guide a meditation, "Personally Committed," as well as closing the two earlier sessions, Megumi Matsumura, Japanese student at Samford University, will be organist for the three meditation periods.

Each morning, afternoon and evening session will feature reports on successful, innovative missions work through WMU, Mrs. Mathis said. Entitled, "Dimensions of Success," the feature will include presentations by 21 persons, such as WMU leaders, pastors, and denominational leaders.

The "success stories" will be told informally from a battery of microphones, followed, by dialogue, Mrs. Mathis said. Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU will recap the presentations and give the national picture of WMU progress.

## Evangelism Presentation

Speakers for the presentations will be Mrs. Bruce Andrews, Wheaton, Ill., WMU director of the Metro Chicago Baptist Association; Mrs. Hubert Drumwright, former WMU director, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.; Don B. Harbuck, pastor, and Mrs. T. Shad Medlin Baptist Women president, First Baptist Church, Eldorado, Ark.; Claudia Jones, Girls in Action-Mis-

sion Friends Director, Texas WMU, Dallas.

Ruth Provence, executive secretary, South Carolina WMU, Columbia; Harper Shannon, pastor, First Baptist church, Dothan, Ala.; Mrs. Robert Buice, WMU leader, Dale Cowling, pastor, and Dr. Jasper McPhail, church member, all of Second Baptist church, Little Rock, Ark.; Russell Dilday, pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist church, Atlanta; Mrs. David Hicks, WMU leader, First Baptist church, Oxford, Miss., also Kathryn Bullard, Baptist Women director, North Carolina WMU, Raleigh; James Pleitz, pastor, First Baptist church, Pensacola, Fla.; Kathryn Carpenter, executive secretary, Louisiana WMU, Alexandria; Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; Mrs. Oliver E. Gilliland Jr., missionary to Indonesia; others are Landrum Leavell, pastor, First Baptist church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Porter Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville; Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and R. F. Smith, pastor, First Baptist church, Durham, N.C.

Each session, Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board, will lead a multimedia presentation on evangelism.

Missionary speakers include Webster Carroll, Uganda, and Robert C. Davis Jr., Vietnam.

Wendell Belew, director of the Division of Missions for the SBC Home Mission Board, will speak on WMU's role in missions in the United States.

Each session will begin with a concert by ministers of music from Tennessee, directed by Louis O. Ball Jr., chairman of the department of music, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. (BP)

## Facsimile Of 4th Century New Testament Given To Bible Society By Pope Paul

**NEW YORK**—A facsimile of one of the earliest copies of the Greek New Testament has been given to the American Bible Society by Pope Paul VI.

The original of "Codex Vaticanus" a 4th Century New Testament manuscript, is in the Vatican library. Jan Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, presented the facsimile on behalf of Pope Paul.

The gift, he said, "is a sign of the Pope's continuing interest in getting done a job that was called for by the Second Vatican Council: making the Scriptures easily available to people everywhere in their own language, in collaboration with other Christians." (RNS)

## Foreign Board Commissions Five, Plans April Meeting in Kentucky

**RICHMOND**—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its March meeting here appointed three new missionaries and employed a physician for a year of special project service and three medical students for eight-week stints in Baptist hospitals this summer.

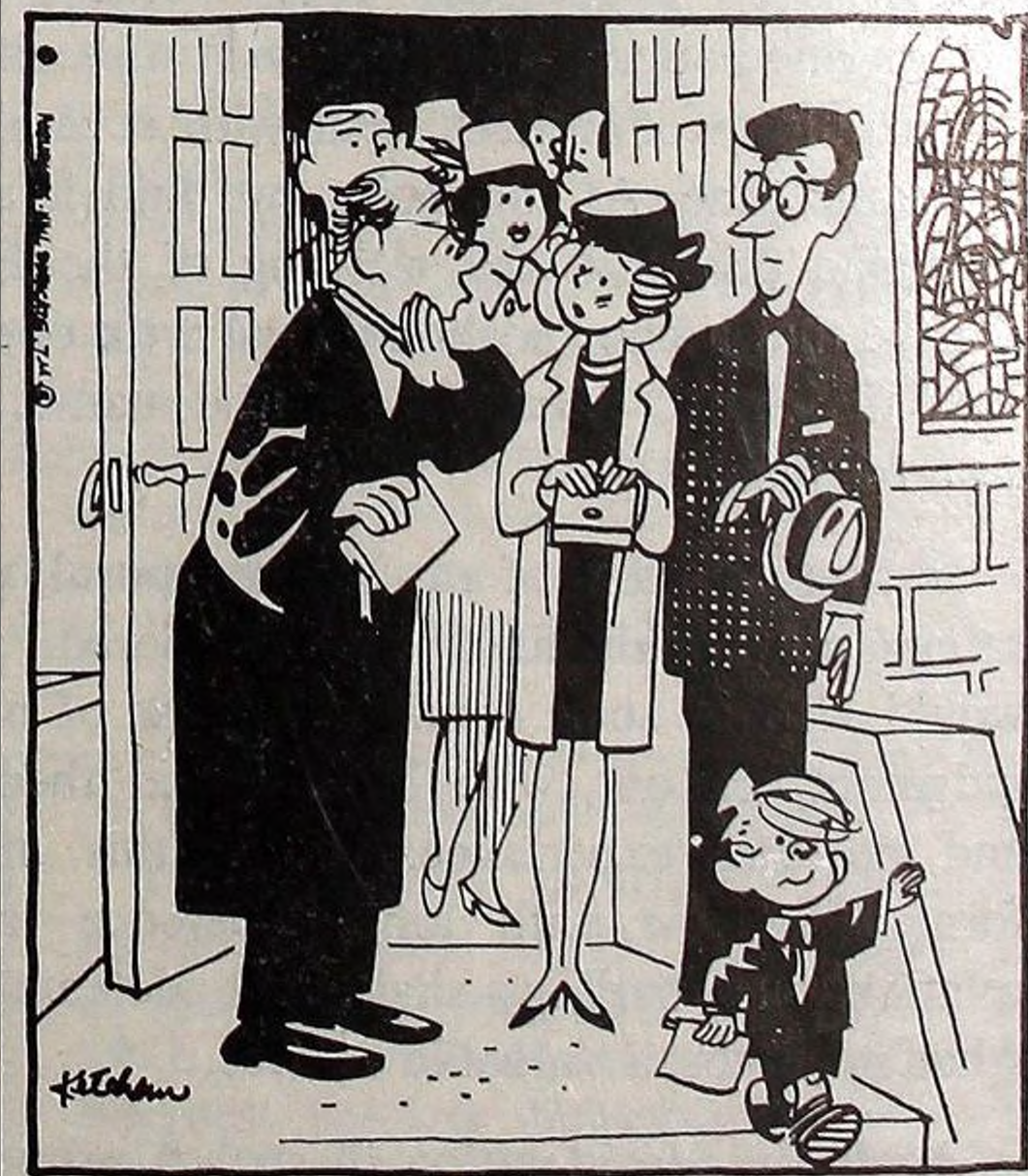
The board also heard plans for the agency's slated meeting and missionary appointment service in Louisville in April, scheduled to coincide with a board of trustees meeting at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual youth night.

In major reports to the board, the agency's secretary for Africa told of "optimistic" prospects of continuing missionary presence in Nigeria, and the director of the board's Overseas Division discussed the developing trend for the word "mission" to displace the terminology, "missions."

The new missionaries are Dr. and Mrs. William M. Hilbun, Jr., of Amory, Miss., employed for a one-year term in Nigeria where he will be a special project physician; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kellum, Jr., of Lynnwood, Wash., appointed for evangelistic work in South Vietnam; and Miss Rita Roberts of Roanoke, Va., appointed for social work in Brazil.

Three men employed under the board's medical missions receptorship program are Randolph Duffer, student at the Medical College of Virginia here, who will go to Yemen; David Tharpe, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, to Thailand; and Donald Meier, University of Tennessee Medical School, Memphis, to Gaza.

Under the receptorship program, carefully-selected medical and dental students serve eight to 10 weeks in Baptist medical institutions overseas on the invitation of the missions involved. (BP)



"Could you get him to stop calling me 'the Good Guy'?"

## Church-Staff Relations

In an editorial several weeks ago, we pointed to actions of some state conventions in 1970 with regard to establishing a program to help pastors and churches in the area of pastoral relationships; providing basic information to churches and to pastors where the churches are without pastors and other staff leaders and pastors and staff leaders are not in active service in churches.

Perhaps the time has come for serious consideration of some type of help to be provided in this area in Tennessee. This would in no way be an attempt to replace or diminish the work of the Holy Spirit. We just might as well face facts! Pastors are leaving the ministry in increasing numbers for secular employment. The reasons are numerous. That utopia which some seek to find in terms of the perfect pastor and staff member, and the perfect church, likely will not develop this side of eternity. But, in the meantime, what next?

Do we not have some responsibility as a denomination to those who have prepared themselves for full-time Christian service, and are God-called to this service? Does not this responsibility carry with it some elements of practical help? Are we simply to say to one "I'm sorry that you don't have a church," or, could we go a step further and say, "there are churches who need leadership, and are inquiring concerning persons for prayerful consideration? These churches might be interested. You, the servant, might be interested IF God is leading."

Without seeking to be critical, we have seen some of the best organized churches in the Southern Baptist Convention become some of the "best disorganized" when they become pastorless. We have seen "preacher parades" before pulpit committees until, frankly, we are tired of seeing this happen. We have seen also situations develop when pulpit committees deal with several committees at the same time. At this point, we find it a bit difficult to reconcile this with the working of the Holy Spirit. We believe that a church should deal with one man at a time until the church is certain that the man is or is not God's man for them.

In consideration, of any such proposal, there are several safeguards which must be considered. Any man who would lead in such a ministry must of necessity, in our judgment, be one with broad-based theological training and pastoral experience. Unless this ministry be performed by one with long experience in pastor-church relations, we perhaps shall have defeated at the outset what might be a valuable service.

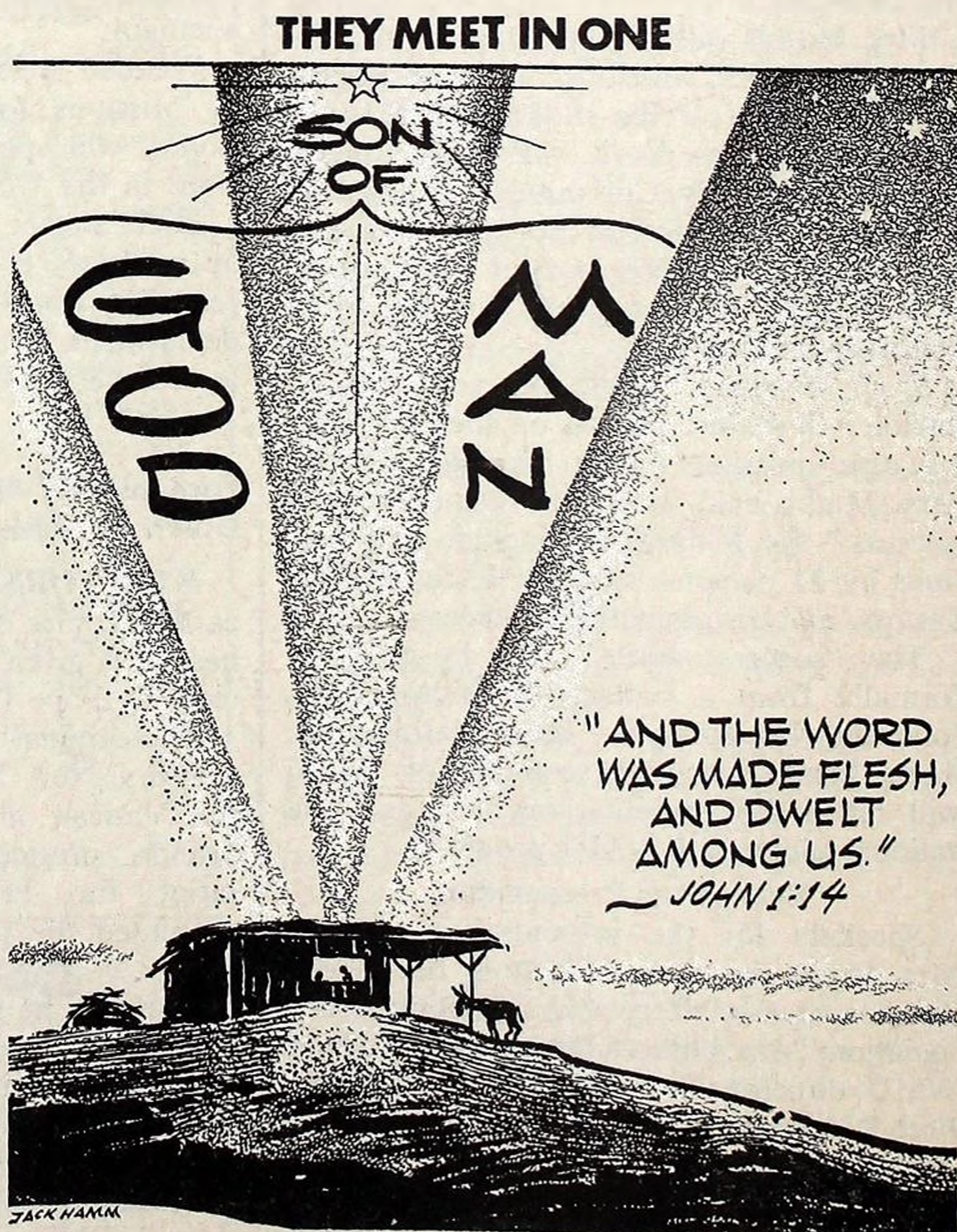
Again, in consideration of such a proposal, other safeguards would need to be considered. The person perform-

ing such a ministry would have to **supply information**—held in strictest confidence—upon **request**; not in the sense of making recommendations! The fact that the church and not the convention office will seek final leadership of the Holy Spirit is vital in consideration. It should be made definite that the pastors and staff members as well as the churches are never obligated in any manner to use this office, nor would they ever become obligated to the office after use of its services.

While there are many aspects deserving serious consideration—and much prayer, it does appear that the time might be near for serious consideration to be given to some means of bringing together for consideration under the leadership of the Holy Spirit churches without leadership, and leaders without places of service.

And, it wouldn't hurt, in our judgment, to consider offering along with this type of ministry, some type of counseling service to leaders because of many personal and family problems which become evident when moves are made.

The proposal deserves prayerful consideration. If the Lord is in it, it will develop into a useful ministry. If the Lord is not in it, it will fail, and should.



# Baptist Work In Cuba Alive, Prospering, Pastors Report



Manuel Salom, left, and Humberto Dominguez, right, of Cuba with Jose Borras, Barcelona, Spain.

Baptists are very much alive and prospering in Cuba, said the first two Cuban Baptist leaders to make a trip abroad in the last five years.

Manuel Salom and Humberto Dominguez, both of Havana, came to Rüsclikon, Switzerland, for a conference of European Baptist national leaders. They had only a few days' notice that they could attend the meeting in Europe, to which they had been invited.

Salom is treasurer, a full-time position in the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba. Dominguez is the convention's missions secretary and pastor of Vibora Baptist Church, Havana.

Salom was in the last delegation of Cubans to attend a Baptist meeting abroad. He attended the 1966 meeting of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee in London, England.

The two Cuban leaders planned to spend a month visiting Baptist churches and headquarters in Europe. One of the main centers on their journey was to be Madrid, Spain, where a Baptist work has been developed among Cuban emigrants.

Salom and Dominguez told the European conference there are 16,000 Baptists today in Cuba. Nine thousand of them are in the Baptist Convention of Eastern Cuba, which has 110 churches.

The Baptist Convention of Western Cuba has 7000 members in 98 churches. The Western Cuba churches have shown a net gain of over 1000 members in the past decade, despite the fact that a number of Baptists moved out of Cuba during that time.

The Western Cuba churches baptized

319 converts last year, 57 more than they baptized the previous year. The majority of converts came from families outside the church circle.

The Western convention registered 584 messengers when it held its meeting in February, they said. One night, attendance at the meeting exceeded 1200. It was held in Calvary Baptist Church, Havana.

The seminary in Havana has 22 students in a four-year course, and seven of them will graduate this year. During the summer, 12 meetings of a week each are held at the Western convention's campgrounds in Matanzas province, they said. Attendance averages 150.

Eleven men and women are provided for at the convention's home for aged, in Havana.

Financially, the Western convention topped its budget goal last year. It collected nearly 75,000 pesos on its budget of 70,000. They said a peso is considered in Cuba to equal \$1 US. Two special offerings brought the convention's total income to 150,000 pesos last year.

All Baptist churches are self-supporting and pay their own pastors. All pastors devote full-time to pastoral duties, Salom and Dominguez reported.

Churches can hold worship services as often as they like within their own buildings. However, they said, services outside the churches are not permitted.

The majority of Cuban Baptist pastors who were once imprisoned have now been released and have resumed preaching, the two officials said. The Western convention publishes educational material for church use, but does not publish a newspaper.

They did not have detailed information on the work of Baptist churches in Eastern Cuba. (EBPS)

## Bible Boom In Communist Europe: Demand Now Exceeds The Supply

**EDINBURGH**—The Bible may soon become Communist-dominated Europe's best seller if the present rate of demand continues, according to the Rev. Sverre Smaadahl, the United Bible Societies' regional secretary-consultant for Europe.

He said at a press conference that supply cannot keep pace with Eastern Europe's demand, which has trebled since 1967. At present there are only 750,000 Bibles available for 350 million people.

Even as Mr. Smaadahl spoke, the United Bible Societies' headquarters in London was announcing that a license had just been received for the import of 10,000 Hungarian Bibles from the West to be used by the Reformed Church in Rumania. (RNS)

WMU

## Tennessee WMU Schedules Acteens Summit Meeting

The Tennessee Acteens Summit Meeting will be held April 8-10 in Massey auditorium, Belmont college, Nashville, according to Miss Mary Jane Nethery, executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention. The program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday evening and will conclude Saturday morning. The S-U-M-M-I-T meeting, in Service Uniting Mankind through the Master's Impelling Task, will be a first in Tennessee.



Armes



Beaty

The Acteens Summit Meeting will, for the present, replace the State GA Queen's Court and the three YWA House Parties and will involve all Acteens members, junior and senior high school girls, queens or not.

Following the theme, "The Master's Impelling Task," the meeting will include the following personalities: Miss Nethery, Mrs. D. Isbell, Chattanooga, president, Tennessee WMU; Mrs. Woodson Armes, Dallas, Texas, author, poet, musician; Larry Bryson, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.; F. M. Dowell, secretary, Evangelism department, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Mrs. Robert Beaty, Southern Baptist missionary to Rhodesia; Herbert C. Gabhart, president, Belmont college; and Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville; and others.

Provisions have been made for the first 400 girls to be housed in the dormitories at Belmont at a cost of \$10 for two nights and five meals in the college cafeteria. Leaders must accompany those attending.

Campus reservations are to be made through the Woman's Missionary Union, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood 37027.

### S.B.C. REGISTRATION CARDS

The messenger registration cards for the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1-3, 1971, are available now from the Program Services Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

# First Baptist, Birmingham, Says Issue Was Not Race

**BIRMINGHAM**—The deacons and members of First Baptist church, Birmingham, have issued a lengthy statement saying that "race was not the main issue" in a controversy that split the church last October.

It was the first official statement the church and its deacons had issued since the issue erupted in July of 1970 when two Negroes, Mrs. Winifred Bryant and her daughter, Twila, sought membership in the church.

From July until December, the church came within a few votes of asking the staff to resign and later voted to reject the Negro applicants. When the staff resigned in protest, about 300 members walked out to organize a new congregation which in December was chartered at the Baptist Church of the Covenant.

On Feb. 24, the First Baptist church issued a statement saying that race was not the main issue, but rather the leadership of Herbert Gilmore, former pastor who now is pastor of the Baptist Church of the Covenant.

"The church was severely divided about Dr. Gilmore before the black persons ever came forward for membership," the statement issued by the church said.

## Other Problems Noted

"The division involved his refusal to visit shut-ins and elderly members despite repeated requests to do so; his approach to child evangelism; problems with staff personnel which led to the resignation of several long-time staff members; his liberal and humanistic preaching which de-emphasized the Bible; and his failure to promote evangelism," the statement continued.

"The church also had financial problems which included the moving of church staff offices to a new area with new furnishings at an expenditure of \$27,000 when only \$6,000 had been authorized by the deacons and the church," said the statement.

Gilmore, responding to the statement issued by the church, said he regretted that the church "has not yet faced up to the real issue that divided the membership. The simple truth is that when two black people, who were the fruit of the church's ministry, tried to join the church, they were rejected.

"Whatever shortcomings the pastor may or may not have had, he had nothing to do with the church's rejection of the two blacks," Gilmore continued. "The church voted to exclude the blacks. That was the issue. When the First Baptist church opens its membership to black people, then everyone can take seriously the charge that the issue was not race."

The chairman of the board of deacons at First Baptist church, Bob Sanders, requested after a lengthy telephone interview with Baptist Press that all comments responding

to Gilmore's remarks and giving background on the church's statement be considered "off the record."

Sanders, administrator of Hillcrest hospital, said that statements from the church must be cleared by a press release committee, and that on checking with the interim pastor after the telephone interview, a decision was made that no comment should be made "that might be harmful to the church and upset the people."

## Silent Until Now

Sanders said that the church would stand on the text of the statement approved by the deacons and the church. The statement said, in part:

"Over the last several months, the First Baptist church of Birmingham has received much publicity which the present members of the church neither sought nor wanted. The church has been silent until now, as we felt that our problems were problems to be decided within the church and not in the newspapers or on the radio or TV. . . ."

The statement charged that the issue was not race, but the leadership of Gilmore as pastor, and added that Gilmore made no effort to reach solutions, and refused to resign.

"Before the black persons came forward for membership," the statement continued, "the church had never prayed about open membership; there was no churchwide Bible studies, seminars or conferences held on this question. Dr. Gilmore was told by several leaders that the church was not spiritually prepared to vote on the membership of black persons. He refused to listen to these members and insisted on a vote. Numerous members have insisted that they voted against the black persons because they felt this was another effort on the part of Dr. Gilmore to further divide the church.

"Two hundred thirty-nine resident members of First Baptist withdrew their membership and formed another church under the leadership of Dr. Gilmore. Eight hundred forty-eight resident and 521 non-resident members remained at First Baptist. During January and February, 1971, 17 members joined First Baptist by letter and 10 were baptized. (BP)

## Christian Composers Group Gears To Pop "Jesus Music"

**FORT WORTH**—The Fellowship of Christian Composers based here is gearing up for what it hopes will become a nationwide information service for young people about up-and-coming religious pop music.

The group, which has been organized for three years, has named a board of advisors including a number of prominent Southern Baptist musicians. George Beverly Shea

## First Church, Maryville, Schedules Centennial Events

First Baptist church, Maryville, J. William Harbin, pastor, will begin special services in observance of the church's Centennial on March 28, with Brooks Ramsey, a former pastor and serving currently as pastor of Delmar Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., as guest speaker for both services. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, will speak on state missions. March 29, 1871 is the recorded date for the church.



Harbin

An Open House will be held from 5-7 p.m. on "kick-off" day, with a sandwich supper and the cutting of the anniversary birthday cake.

The observance will continue through Oct. 24 and will include guest speakers and special events.

## Texas Baptists To Vote On School's Independence

**DALLAS**—For the third consecutive year, the Baptist General Convention of Texas will decide whether or not to grant independent status to a convention-owned school, and will ponder the fine points of separation of church and state.

When the convention meets in Houston next October, messengers will hear recommendations from its Executive Board to free the University of Corpus Christi to seek outside financial support and operate as a private institution.

They will also decide whether the "spirit" of the convention's church-state separation policy would be violated by a lease-back proposal for a dormitory now owned by Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.

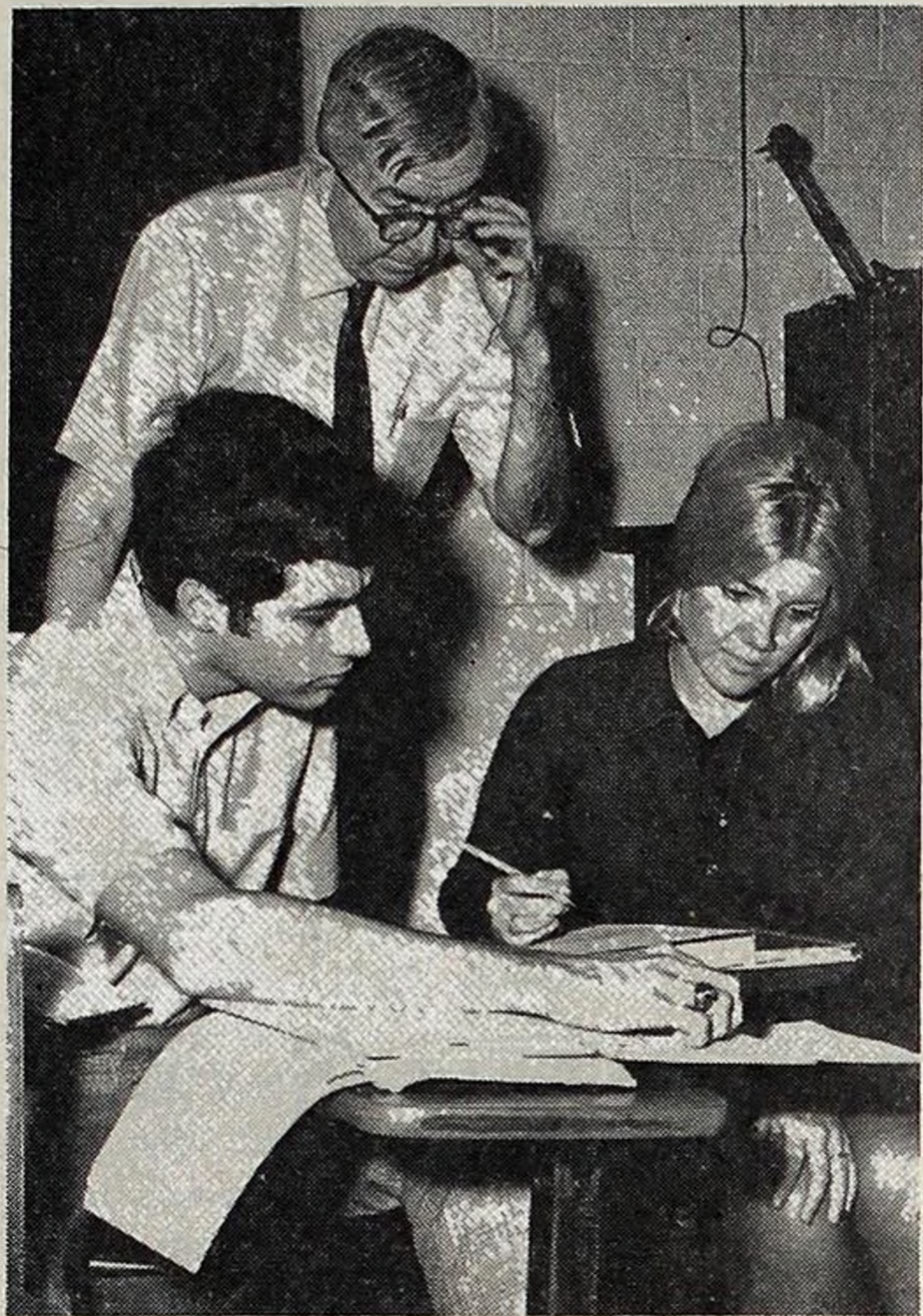
Meeting here for quarterly session; the convention's Executive Board endorsed a plan which would allow Howard Payne to sell a men's dormitory to the city-established, tax-free Brownwood Higher Education Authority for \$1 million. The city organization would obtain the \$1 million purchase price by the sale of municipal bonds.

The Baptist school would then lease back the dormitory for 20 years and repurchase it at the end of that period for \$1.00. (BP)

of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, has been named honorary chairman of the board.

A free monthly bulletin, "The Sheet," will provide reviews, information about the artists and other features on selections from the rock, country and western, and easy-listening categories of music, according to the organization's president. (BP)

# Carson-Newman Contributes Valuable Service In Cancer Research



**Dr. Bahner, in addition to being director of research, remains active as a teacher. Always available for assistance, here the veteran researcher helps C-N student David Fraley and Claudia Felts with a chemistry problem.**

In his cancer research program Carson-Newman College Director of Research Dr. Carl Tabb Bahner has frequently stated that Christianity is the force which encourages and motivates him. Internationally known, Dr. Bahner is committed to finding some of the answers which may help relieve the human suffering associated with the disease.

His work with "Styrl Quinolins" as an "anti-cancer compound" has opened doors which may provide some clues sought in connection with the dread disease. Six years ago Dr. Bahner's staff developed a compound which would destroy or retard certain forms of cancer; however, the compound had undesirable side effects which damaged bone marrow. The staff has now found a compound which does not have those damaging side effects. Some of the compounds which have been synthesized at Carson-Newman are now being used by scientists in England, Germany, Greece, Yugoslavia and Canada.

On several occasions Dr. Bahner has stated that undergraduate participation has contributed enormously to both his research projects and development of young scientists from Carson-Newman. The smallness of Carson-Newman provides gifted students not only with more personal instruction, but the opportunity to become involved in meaningful research.

Dr. Bahner's scientific achievements and reputation offer a young researcher the opportunity of a lifetime—that of gaining valuable laboratory experience under the direction of an internationally recognized scientist.

There are currently 11 people associated with Dr. Bahner's cancer research efforts, and most of these are students. The majority of his research personnel work on a voluntary basis.

The veteran researcher has received grants from many major organizations since the beginning of the project in 1946. A grant of \$6200 from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was received last year. This grant provided funds for a joint research effort between Carson-Newman and the Theogenion Cancer Research Institute (Greece). Other research grants have come from the American Cancer Institute, Damon Runyan Fund, American Cancer Society, Theogenion Memorial Cancer Institute, Hamilton County Cancer Society, and the Dr. and Mrs. Charles Milligan Memorial Fund.

It is only natural to wonder why a man with the scientific reputation of Dr. Bahner does not work in industry where the money is higher, hours more flexible and equipment more adequate. He is a unique individual who prefers to work and live in an environment which offers the opportunity to influence and interact with young people in a community of Christian scholars.



**In cramped quarters Dr. Bahner looks forward to the completion of the Dougherty Science Building, now under construction at C-N. Like other science teachers at the college Dr. Bahner is hampered by inadequate quarters for office and research. This problem will be resolved by the new science facility.**

Of the many major universities with unlimited supplies and large funds, why did Dr. Bahner choose Carson-Newman? He feels, "Carson-Newman has the greatest opportunity for Christian fellowship. There is more freedom in a small school and

**ABOUT THE COVER:** During lake-shore baptismal service of the Jerusalem Baptist church, Missionary Hubert N. (Ted) Lindwall speaks to the people of the Tzutuil tribe. Last year the Baptist churches of Guatemala baptized 508 new Christians, a significant increase from the previous year during which 342 persons were baptized. The beauty of the ordinance of baptism is heightened in this scene amidst the mountain ranges near Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.

## Norway Holiday Center Opening

A new Baptist holiday and Bible conference center for young people will be opened at Easter in the mountains of southwestern Norway.

The center, located in a remote area called Sirdal, has been developed by the Baptist Church at Aalgaard. The center is to the east and over 100 kilometers (60 miles) inland from the port of Stavanger.

After acquiring the property, the church at Aalgaard found a building to put on the site. The building, located 400 kilometers (250 miles) away, had been used during a construction project to house workmen. When the project was completed, the building was put up for sale.

Members of the Aalgaard church dismantled the frame structure and transported it in sections to Sirdal, where they put it together again. Members of the church have spent about 8000 hours working on their holiday center. Also, they have spent 200,000 crowns (\$28,000). (EBPS)

## P. Boyd Smith, California College President, Dies

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.**—Funeral services were held (March 9) for P. Boyd Smith, first president of California Baptist College who died in a local hospital at age 75.

Smith was president of the Baptist school here from 1950-57. He was pastor emeritus at First Southern Baptist Church, Glendale, Calif.

A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, with an honorary doctorate from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., Smith was pastor of churches in Burden, Kan.; Dewey, Okla.; Okemah, Okla.; and Lawton, Okla., before coming to California in 1949. (BP)

more chance for personal contact with the students."

On the Carson-Newman campus and across the nation, Dr. Bahner has become a respected Christian teacher and colleague. He has grown with the college and his church, the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, where he has been an active member since 1937. His ideas and Christian attitudes have influenced and directed many students who now also work toward the miracle of good health.

# Tennessee News Briefs

**Otis R. Holley**, a retired county agent from Hohenwald, has contributed 446 books to Williams library, Belmont college, Nashville, according to **Hugh A. Brown**, head librarian.

**Aubrey Halsell**, pastor, Fellowship church, Memphis, and **Raymond Boston**, pastor, First church, Humboldt, are serving as evangelists during the 25th anniversary crusade in Alaska, March 21-April 1. The men also attended the statewide evangelism conference in Anchorage March 18-19. **Halsell** is serving with the First Baptist church, Anchorage, and **Boston** is with the First Baptist church, Delta Junction. The crusade is under the direction of the division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**Lewis Rhodes**, pastor, Broadway church, Knoxville, delivered the Gheens Lectures in Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., on March 23-24.

**Debbie Epps** and **Jimmy Gammon**, members of Georgian Hills church, Memphis, have been elected "Campus Favorites" by fellow students at Union university, Jackson. Both are sophomores.

**George Lee Cooley**, the only remaining charter member of Missionary Grove church, Camden, died recently. **Cooley** was one of five men who planned and built the first structure for the church.

Bible Hill church, Beech River association, has ordained **Cletus Duke** into the gospel ministry.

**Arthur B. Griffin** has celebrated his 15th anniversary as pastor of Belmont Heights church, Knoxville.

## Sharon Church, Knox Co., Observes Centennial

Sharon church, Knox County association, was to have observed its centennial March 21-28, according to James E. Robertson, pastor.

The church was organized on March 25, 1871 with 44 persons from Beaver Dam, Third Creek and Adair's Creek churches. With a present membership of 444, the church operates on an annual budget of \$40,000.

The late F. M. Dowell Sr. was the first full-time pastor, beginning his ministry there in 1931. His son, F. M. Dowell Jr., now secretary of Evangelism, Tennessee Baptist Convention, was baptized and ordained into the gospel ministry at Sharon. Dowell and others were to have shared the Centennial program.

The church has aided in the organization of other churches as well as one in California in the 1960's.

Seventh Street church, Memphis, **Bob Kendig**, pastor, will have a note-burning service on April 4. **T. J. "Jack" Tichenor**, pastor, First Baptist church of Mount Healty, Cincinnati, Ohio, will bring the morning message. **Tichenor** served as pastor of Seventh Street for 17 years.

The Union university Singers will leave Sunday, March 28, on a spring concert tour through five mid-western states. The select voice group of 42 students will make their first appearance at First church, Union City. They will then travel to Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, and plan to return to the Union campus on Saturday, April 3.

## Secretaries Workshops Scheduled For April

Two workshops for secretaries are scheduled to be held at the Executive Board building of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in April. The annual Nashville Baptist Secretaries Association Workshop will be held April 6 from 2:30 p.m.-8:35 p.m. and the second Associational Secretaries Workshop will be held April 5-6, beginning at 9:30 on Monday and concluding with lunch on Tuesday.

Miss Elizabeth Stiles, office secretary, Missions department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, is president of the Nashville Baptist Secretaries Association and will preside over sessions of the meeting. The workshop is sponsored by the Nashville Baptist Secretaries Association in cooperation with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Missions department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, is sponsor of the Associational Secretaries Workshop.

Miss Clara McCartt, CPS, secretary and administrative assistant to Duke McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be guest speaker for both groups. Other program personalities will include staff members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Leonard Wedel of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Wedel will speak to the Associational Secretaries Workshop only. Mrs. Joe Porter, of Nashville, will speak to the Nashville group.

## Campus Day At Union

Campus Day will be held on Friday, March 26, at Union university, Jackson, for all area high school seniors. The special day is usually held on Saturday but has been changed in order to give seniors an opportunity to sit in on lecture classes and labs and see the campus on a usual day of operation. Most area high schools will be closed on the 26th due to the annual meeting of the Tennessee Education Association.

## Billy Graham Challenged By Americans United

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dr. Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Texas, president of Americans United and the Baptist Convention of Texas, has challenged Dr. Billy Graham's recent statement that parents who send their children to parochial schools should be excused from paying taxes to public schools. Also Dr. Graham's endorsement of various forms of public aid to parochial schools. Dr. Allen's statement follows:

"We lament the mistaken reasoning of this towering leader of American evangelism on the subject of tax support for parochial schools. The White House is known to favor federal aid to parochial schools. I fear that the close relationship between Dr. Graham and the President has clouded the issues in Dr. Graham's reasoning. I would hope that he could disengage himself in order to examine more objectively the results of this reasoning.

"To excuse parents of parochial school pupils from paying public school taxes ignores the fact that public schools have never been sustained by taxes levied upon parents as such. They are sustained by taxes levied upon the entire public. People with no children at all have always been required to pay taxes for schools, just as those who do have children. Those who have never called upon the police or fire department must still pay taxes for their services.

"Education is, in fact, the most important public service the nation offers. Admittedly, our education problems are difficult and complex. We appreciate Dr. Graham's interest in these problems but feel that the course he recommends would be harmful to public education, would promote sectarian divisiveness and violate the religious conscience of Americans." (C/SNS)

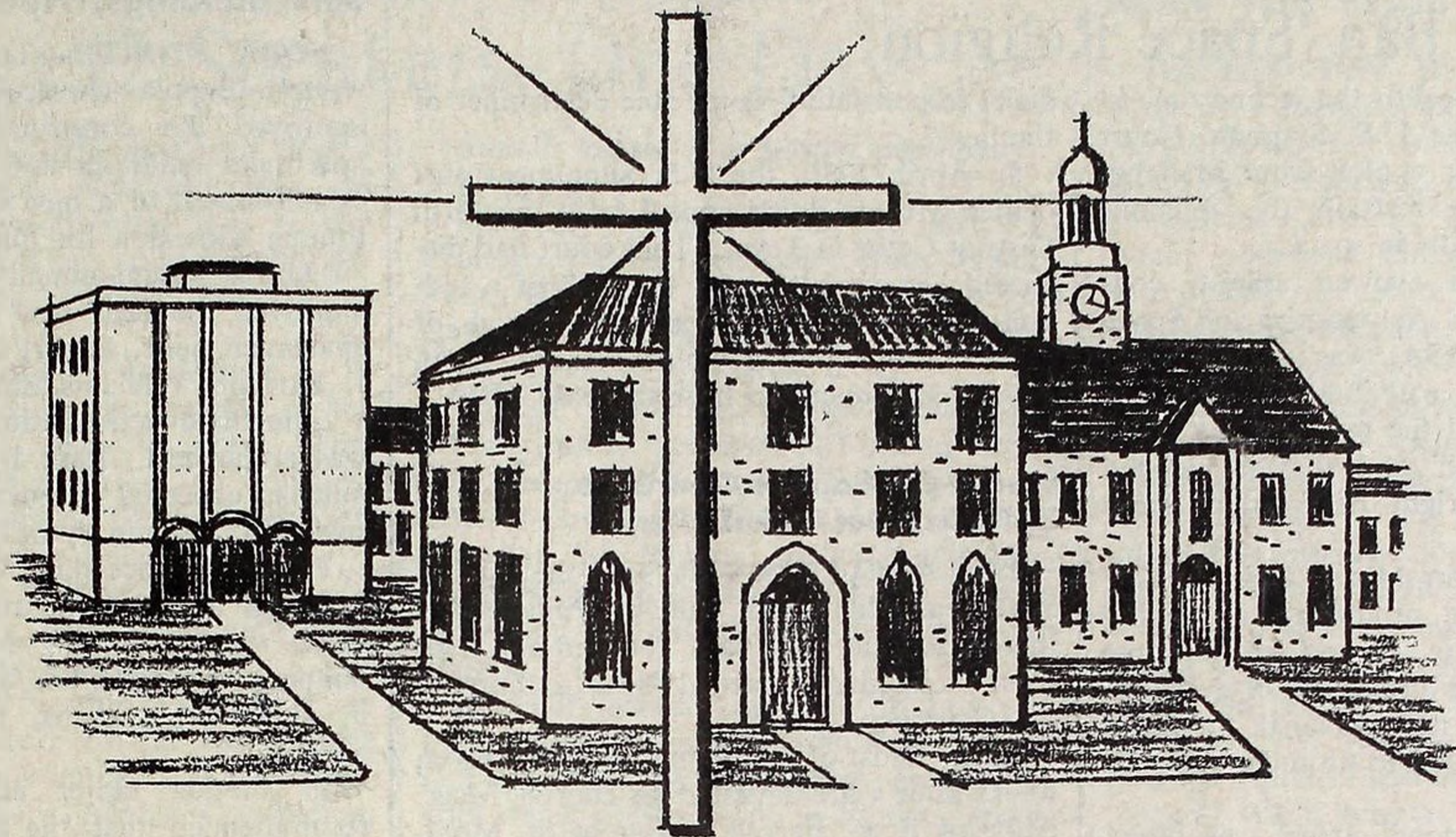
## April 18 Designated Cooperative Program Day

Baptist churches across Tennessee will observe Cooperative Program Day on Sunday, April 18, according to William C. Summar, secretary, Stewardship department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Concerning the special observance Summar said, "Too often it is taken for granted that all Baptists are knowledgeable about the Cooperative Program. This is a grave error. Only a few are well acquainted with it. When Baptists understand it, they appreciate it, then they see that their churches give a more worthy portion of the offerings to world missions through the Cooperative Program."

Helps for observing Cooperative Program Day are available from the Stewardship department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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# Mrs. O'Hair Loses Second Round In Bid To Ban 'Space Religion'

WASHINGTON—For the second time in less than a year the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a plea from Madalyn Murray O'Hair to restrain the religious practices of astronauts in space.

Mrs. O'Hair, an avowed atheist, contended that National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was using federal funds for religious activities in the space flights. She charged the use of these funds as "unconstitutional" and that it violated her constitutional right of freedom from religion.

The complaint from Mrs. O'Hair opposed the "official planning, producing and staging of a religious exercise . . . and the transport of artifacts and the broadcast of religious doctrine which is not personal or spontaneous, but calculated to promote one religion over another."

Mrs. O'Hair's second appeal was based on what she described as "failure" of the lower courts to hear her argument "without independent examination." She complained that too much attention was given to the government's position and that the lower courts "erred in the abdication of their ju-

## Americans United Submits Statement On U.S. Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A definitive statement on the subject of federal aid to church schools by Americans United for Separation of Church and State has been submitted to President Nixon's Commission on School Finance, chaired by Neil H. McElroy. The statement was prepared by C. Stanley Lowell, the organization's associate director.

In an introduction, the statement argues the necessity of "accurate terminology" pointing out that proposals to aid "non-public schools" should more accurately be termed proposals to aid "church schools" since churches operate 90 per cent of the institutions involved. Of these church schools, the statement pointed out, 90 per cent are owned and operated by one religious denomination, the Roman Catholic Church.

The 15-page statement asserted that there was no difference between government subsidy to church schools and subsidy to the church itself. "The school is a part of the church . . . The teachers, the facilities, grounds, equipment, textbooks are all parts of the school . . . equally necessary components of one totality—the school, which is part of the church."

The statement declared that federal subsidies to church schools are unconstitutional and that "it is not the proper business of a Presidential Commission to seek ways of evading constitutional strictures that were provided for sound reasons . . ." (C/SNS)

dicial responsibility as the sole determiner of the law."

In April, 1970, the U.S. Supreme Court denied Mrs. O'Hair's appeal from the Fifth District Court in Texas. That court had dismissed her complaint for the lack of a federal question. In the second denial of appeal, the Supreme Court refused, again without comment, to hear the case. (BP)

## Burned-Out Baptists Contribute To Burned-Out Catholic Parish

PHILADELPHIA—Maybe the blind can't lead the blind, but in Philadelphia there's no rule that says "burned-out Baptists" can't give a needed "lift" to burned-out Catholics."

In the midst of rebuilding plans just seven weeks after a fire devastated his church, Msgr. Aloysius F. K. Farrell, pastor of St. Monica's parish, received a check for \$527 from Zion Baptist church in another part of the city.

The gift would not have been so unusual had it not been for the fact that Zion Baptist church had been destroyed by fire just two months earlier and its members burdened by their own rebuilding program. (RNS)

## 'Silent Prayer' Vetoed

TRENTON, N.J.—Gov. William T. Cahill has vetoed a bill to permit silent prayer in New Jersey public schools. Similar bills were vetoed in 1968 and 1969 by former Gov. Richard J. Hughes.

Cahill said he vetoed the measure because it "invites the interpretation that it is an effort to circumvent court decisions prohibiting religious exercises in public schools."

He also noted that "insofar as the bill provides for a brief period of meditation, it is unnecessary since there is presently no provision of law which prohibits individual teachers or school authorities from holding moments of silence in the classroom." (RNS)

## Southwestern Seminary Board Sets Buildings, New Department

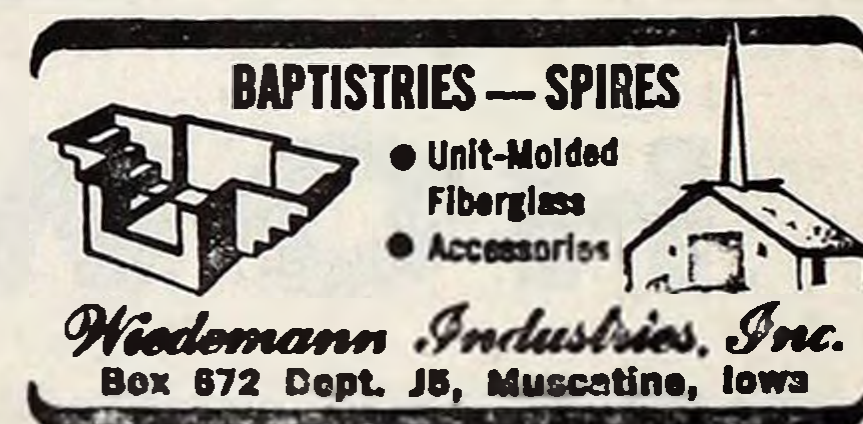
FORT WORTH—Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here approved the construction of four new apartment buildings and recommended the establishment of a new department of continuing education for ministry.

During a semi-annual session, the board approved the four new buildings, with 32 apartment units, as part of expansion of the J. Howard Williams Student Village.

Immediate construction of the buildings was authorized. Rent from the apartment units is expected to cover a loan for construction, a seminary official said.

Plans are proceeding for a new children's building, and for the renovation of Price Hall, the seminary's religious education building. Construction is expected to begin in about six months, the committee reported.

In another major action, the trustees recommended that the proposed new department of continuing education for ministry be responsible for a unified approach to continuing theological education for ministers to update and expand their education in a variety of settings. (BP)



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# Pastors' Conference Program Features 12 Speakers, One Day

**ST. LOUIS, Mo.**—The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, scheduled here for a one-day session on Monday, May 31, will feature 12 major speakers and will carry out the general theme, "God's Preacher, a Flame of Fire."

Program details for the conference, to be held the day preceding the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention here, were released by the president of the organization, Landrum P. Leavell III, pastor of First Baptist church, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Sessions at Kiel Auditorium will begin at 9:00 a.m., Monday, and conclude at about 10:00 p.m. Monday evening.

Closing speaker for the meeting will be W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist church, Dallas, and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Criswell will address the pastors on the subject, "God's Preacher and His Mandate."

**Two other former Southern Baptist Convention Presidents will bring closing addresses at morning and afternoon sessions—J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist church, New Orleans, and H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist church, Nashville.**

Leavell said that the three sessions would emphasize the responsibility of "God's preacher as a prophet, as a person, and as a preacher."

During the opening session, major addresses will center on the motives, methods, and message of "God's Prophet," he said. Speakers will be Howard H. Aultman, pastor of First Baptist church, Columbus, Miss.; James Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist church, Fort Worth; and Grey.

The afternoon session will feature messages on the manner, morality, money and mate (wife) of a preacher, with addresses by W. Fred Swank, pastor, Sagamore Hill Baptist church, Fort Worth; Grady C. Cothen, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary; John F. Gibson, pastor, Wesleyan Drive Baptist church, Macon, Ga.; and Paschall.

During the closing Monday night session, Jon F. Meek, Jr., missions division director for the Baptist Convention of New York, will speak on "God's Preacher and the Metropolis," and James Hester, associate director of the Evangelism Division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak on "God's Preacher and Mis-

sions." Hester is a former missionary to Italy.

Personal testimonies will be given by Leandro Castro, evangelist from Wichita Falls, Tex., and former gang leader from Corpus Christi, Tex.; and by Walter Ayers, evangelist from Arlington, Tex.

Special music is scheduled by Sidney L. Buckley, music professor at Furman university, Greenville, S.C.; Billy S. Hilbun, president of Crescendo Music Co., Dallas; and Miss Joe Ann Shelton, concert soloist from Fort Worth and former director of program music for the SBC Radio-Television Commission.

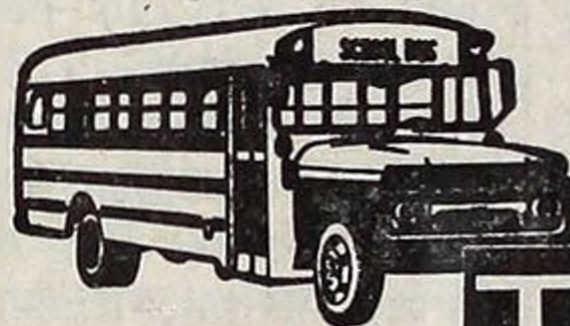
D. Neil Darnell, minister of music for First Baptist church, Wichita Falls, will direct the music for the meeting, and will join with other guest soloists in bringing special music. (BP)

## No Embarrassment For Jews, Rabbi Tells Nixon

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Because some Jews who attended the first White House religious service conducted by a rabbi (June 1969) reportedly objected to the inclusion of the Christian "Doxology," President Nixon addressed himself to that issue in introducing the second rabbi to preach at the Executive Mansion.

In an interview with Religious New Service, Rabbi Haberman said the President discussed with him before the service the "fuss" made over congregational singing of the "Doxology" when Rabbi Louis Finkelstein of Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, preached in June 1969.

Rabbi Haberman told the President he didn't see any embarrassment to himself by either the "Doxology" or two solos sung at the service by Mrs. James (Patricia) Martin of First United Methodist church, Gadsden, Ala., "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" and "One World." (RNS)



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# FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor

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## Bible Study Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents is one of the best known and best loved parables of Jesus. The word "talent" refers to a sum of money, a considerable sum of money for that day. Originally a "talent" was a weight. Today, the word "talent" is used metaphorically and refers to mental and spiritual gifts, to whatever God has bestowed on us.



Kolb

Last week, our lesson dealt with the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, and had for its central truth preparation

and readiness for the Lord's coming again. The lesson this week deals with the practical side of the coming again of our Lord. The Parable of the Talents teaches us to be busy at the assigned task. The faithful ones today are those who are not only watching but working.

### I. To Be Faithful In All Things We Must Accept What God Gives (Matt. 25:14-15).

Jesus said the Kingdom of heaven is like a master who left home to go to another country. Before he left he called his servants, his slaves in and gave each of them a sum of money. To one he gave five talents. A talent was about six thousand denarii or about a thousand dollars. To another servant he gave two talents and to the third servant he gave one talent. He gave to each man according to his own ability, all he was capable of handling. All do not have the same ability but all do have ability.

The talents are bestowed as sacred trusts. They represent their master's goods, his belongings, his possessions. Jesus has given to us His work. He said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20). His "goods" could be His interests between His ascension and His return.

### II. To Be Faithful In All Things We Must Use What God Gives (Matt. 25:16-18).

The word "straightway" (Matt. 25:15) goes with what follows rather than with what precedes verse fifteen. The servant with five talents went to work without delay. He traded; he engaged in business immediately. The servant with two talents

traded and gained two more talents. The servant's master knew his ability to trade with that sum. He didn't expect him to do the work of a five talent man. The servant with one talent went and dug in the earth and hid his talent.

Here is the focal point of the parable. It is possible to neglect divinely imparted gifts. A man can refuse to develop his God-given ability. A man can waste his opportunity for service. The servant with one talent disregarded his responsibility.

### III. To Be Faithful In All Things We Must Account To God For His Entrusted Talents (Matt. 25:19-27).

The master, on returning from his journey to a far country, called his servants in for a reckoning. The master wanted to see how his servants had used the talents entrusted to them. The five talent servant and the two talent servant had done well, for they had doubled the amounts given them. The third servant, the one talent servant turned his talent back without any increase. His excuse was that he knew his master was an hard man, a harsh, stern, rough man. Fearing he would displease him he had buried his talent in the ground.

The first two faithful servants are rewarded with, "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord (Matt. 25:21, 23). The reward is threefold: Commendation, Exaltation, and Communion.

The third servant, the one talent servant, was relieved of his talent, excluded from further service and was cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. He could have invested his talent with the exchangers, the bankers, the benchers, the money exchangers and they would have paid him interest for the use of His money.

Why did the one talent servant fail? He failed because he did not believe in himself. He failed because he was fearful. He failed because he was slothful. He failed because he did not have faith in his master. He failed because he had the wrong concept of faithfulness, of stewardship.

Our love for Christ expresses itself in service, in work for Him. One must do more than keep the talent He has received from Christ. Neglect of a talent always results in loss (Matt. 25:28). We lose what we fail to use.

### IV. To Be Faithful In All Things We Must Use The Gifts We Will Receive From God (Matt. 25:28-30).

In verse 29 we have the Lord's response

## Bulman Is Parliamentarian For SBC St. Louis Sessions

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—James M. Bulman, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, N.C., has been appointed parliamentarian for the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in St. Louis, Mo., June 1-3.

Bulman, who has been elected parliamentarian for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for the past eight years, was named to the SBC parliamentarian post by Carl Bates, president of the convention and pastor of First Baptist Church here.

"In my judgment, he is the best qualified man to help in this realm," Bates said in announcing Bulman's appointment. "I am very much concerned that we have someone on the platform who knows 'Roberts' Rules of Order,' and Bulman knows it thoroughly." (BP)

## \$1 Million Drive Designed To Saturate Red China With 'Gospel' Broadcasts

WHITTIER, Calif.—A \$1 million "Open Door Project" designed to saturate all of Red China with Gospel broadcasts has been announced here by the Far East Broadcasting Company.

The Korean government has issued a franchise for construction of a 250,000-watt radio station on Cheju Island, 125 miles from Communist China. A second station of equal power is planned for the west coast of Luzon in the Philippines.

Robert Bowman, president of the company, said "on the air" date for the new operations is scheduled for March 1972. Over \$100,000 has been committed, or received for the project.

Since December 1945, the radio outreach of Far East Broadcasting Company has grown from a 1000-watt transmitter to a total combined power of 702,000 watts. (RNS)

to faithfulness. The wise use of talents always result in their enlargement. The wrong use of talents doing nothing results in the loss of talents. The talent, taken from the one talent servant, was given to the servant who now had ten talents. He had the ability to use the master's investment and he could be entrusted with greater responsibility.

W. A. Criswell says: "These are days of trust (Matt. 24:14, 15) and there will some day approach an hour of reckoning (Matt. 24:19). When the Lord returns, the basis of His approval will be not how much we were able to gain, nor how much successfully we have wrought, but how faithful we have been with what God has entrusted to us. The Lord did not say 'Well done thou good and successful servant,' but 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

God's child, the Christian, is to be faithful in all things in view of the coming again of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

## Rust, Young Join Staff Of New Orleans Seminary

**NEW ORLEANS**—The board of trustees for New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary here elected a Louisiana Baptist pastor and a California Baptist editor to key positions during their annual meeting here.

Ray P. Rust, pastor of First Baptist church, Bastrop, La., was named executive assistant to the president, effective April 5.

J. Terry Young, editor of the "California Southern Baptist," Fresno, Calif., was elected associate professor of theology.

**Rust has been pastor of the Bastrop church for the past 15 years, and has been president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. He is chairman of the board for the Louisiana Baptist Message.**

Before serving the Bastrop church, Rust was pastor of First Baptist church, Amite, La., Second Baptist church, Biloxi, Miss., and associate pastor of First Baptist church, Lake Charles, La.

Active in community affairs, the seminary's new executive assistant received Bastrop's annual distinguished service award in 1964. He is a charter member of the Bastrop City Planning Commission and has served on the education committee for the Bastrop-Moorehouse Chamber of Commerce.

**Young, the newly elected associate professor of theology, has been editor of the weekly newspaper published by the Southern Baptist General Convention of California for the past eight years.**

Before accepting the editorship in 1963, Young was pastor of Village Baptist church, San Lorenzo, Calif.; First Southern Baptist church, Chula Vista, Calif.; and Algoa Baptist church, Algoa, Tex.

He is a graduate of Baylor university, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, where he earned the doctor of theology degree. Currently, Young is a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

In other actions, the trustees voted to develop a set of criteria to control the seminary's investment policies, approved increases in matriculation fees for doctoral students to the same level, as those used by the other five Southern Baptist Convention seminaries, and promoted two assistant professors to associate professors.

**The inauguration of Grady C. Cothen as sixth president of the seminary was set by the trustees for May 7-8, 1971.**

The seminary trustees also passed resolutions of appreciation for two resigning professors and two retiring professors. They expressed thanks to resigning communication professor Joe H. Cothen who has accepted the pastorate of Oakpark Baptist

## Mrs. Mada K. Means Dies; Mother of FBM Executive

Mrs. Mada K. Means, mother of Frank K. Means, secretary for South America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died March 16 in Fort Worth, Tex. A funeral service was scheduled for March 20 at Mount Washington Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Means, formerly of Kansas City, was living in Fort Worth with a daughter, Mrs. Ralph L. Smith.

Survivors include two other sons, Lynn L. Means of Washington, D.C., and Ralph K. Means of Gales Ferry, Conn., and two other daughters, Mrs. Robert M. Colpitts of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis of Lakeland, Fla.

church, New Orleans, and to associate professor of pastoral theology Harry J. Rowe.

Retiring professors honored by the board were C. E. Autrey, former evangelism professor and former head of the SBC Home Mission Board's Evangelism Division; and William Mueller, former professor of theology who will be teaching in Taiwan next year following retirement.

Sabbatical leaves were granted to two professors for the 1971-72 school year, and preliminary approval was given for sabbaticals for three professors in 1972-73. Scheduled for leave next year were Kelva Moore, professor of history and philosophy of education; and Wilbur Swartz, professor of speech.

Three professors were given the title, "professor emeritus," by the trustees—William A. Mueller, professor emeritus of theology; J. Wash Watts, professor emeritus of Old Testament and Hebrew; and Roy Beaman, professor emeritus of biblical introduction. (BP)

## Letters To The Editor:

Dear Sir:


I find it most disturbing that the majority of our church leaders favor the death penalty. It is interesting that more pastors than laymen approve, and that more men than women approve. Does this mean that our most loving Baptists are women? Why do those who favor the death penalty forget the great Commandment: Love God and love your neighbor? Are we Baptists really Old Testament Hebrews in disguise? What kind of Christ do we preach. Do we really mean it when we ask God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us?" I'd say the poll you mentioned in your 2-11-71 issue would indicate that (1) we are Old Testament Hebrews in disguise, (2) we preach a judging Christ, not a loving one, (3) we don't really mean it when we say "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

And since we seem to be legalistic Hebrews instead of New Testament Christians—at least on this point—I leave your readers with one quote from the Old Testament: "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Suellen Earl  
Route 3, Mosheim, Tenn.

## Moral Scene

● **10 Per cent in Poverty.** "One of every ten Americans had an income below the Government-set poverty level in 1969. So, declares the Census Bureau, which points out that persons in poverty are based on income definitions established by the Social Security Administration. These definitions change according to family size and location. For example, the poverty level for a city family of four headed by a husband was \$3745 in 1969. For a farm family of four, the figure was \$3197. In 1969 there were 24.3 million persons in this country below the poverty line. Negroes and other minorities, who constitute 12 per cent of the U.S. population, constitute 31 per cent of the poverty-ridden." (Parade, January 24, 1971)

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# The Betrayed And The Betrayer

By W. R. White

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Basic Passages: John 6:70-71; 12:4-6; 13:1-2, 11, 18-30; 18:1-5

Focal Passages: John 13:2, 11, 21-30

Jesus Christ was so kind, so fair, so just, and so utterly selfless that no one had any occasion to betray Him. Yet, He was betrayed by one who had been greatly honored by the apostolic band.



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We realize that there is a problem and a mystery here. His betrayal fits into a purpose—a redemptive purpose. Yet, he was without excuse.

It was in Judas to betray those who trusted him. All he needed was an adequate opportunity.

He did not have to do

it, but he was willing and ready, so he did it.

Jesus taught that offenses would come, but maintained that those who were guilty would be responsible. Every culture and every society have their potential culprits. All they need is sufficient opportunity to become actual traitors.

To be betrayed is a bitter experience, but it is far better to be the victim than the traitor. None of us is expecting to be a Judas, but we can fail our Lord miserably even though we do not intend to do it. We can learn many lessons by studying some features of the mistakes of Judas.

## SUPERFICIAL EXPERIENCE DANGEROUS

John 12:2-3

Perhaps Judas had a temporary superficial experience favorable to Christ at first. However, it is evident that he never had a valid experience with the Lord. He may have reformed for a while, similar to the illustration given by Jesus in Matt. 12:43-45.

To be sure of loyalty and consistency in discipleship two things are essential as a minimum. First, we must be born again. Second, we have to tap the inner resources and connections bestowed in the new birth by faith. See I John 5:4-5.

## DISTURBED DISCIPLES

John 13:21-29

During the period of observing the passover and in instituting the memorial supper, Jesus made it known that one of the apostles would betray Him. This greatly disturbed them.

They began asking, "Lord is it I?" They

were so aware of their frailties that none was over-confident. They seemed to tremble at such a horrible thought. Jesus would not identify anyone by name. Peter asked John, who lay on His bosom, to inquire as to who it was. The answer that Jesus gave did not seem to enable them to identify the guilty party. Even when Jesus spake to Judas suggesting that he proceed with his plans quickly and even when his going out of the room seemed to not reveal what was going on. They thought that Judas as treasurer was going out to purchase food for them.

In that awful moment of agony in the experience of Jesus, He did not precipitate an explosive exposure of the traitor. Jesus seemed so tenderly considerate under the circumstances.

## DISMAL DOOM OF TRAITORS

John 13:30

Judas, who was demon-possessed, was taken over completely for a specific purpose immediately ahead by Satan, at this moment.

He went out from the presence of Christ and his fellow apostles. The Bible comments, "and it was night." In view of subsequent events it is highly suggestive to our minds.

All traitors of good people and good causes end in a blind alley overcast by dark shadows.

We know that Judas sold out for a very cheap price. The record shows that he betrayed his Lord to the soldiers with a hypocritical kiss.

Afterwards the thirty pieces of silver, for which he betrayed the Lord, burned his conscience so fiercely that he tried to return it to those who had bribed him. They mocked him. He threw the money at their feet, went out, and hanged himself.

### Observations:

There is often a thin line between a serious mistake and a tragic blunder. Our frailties and temptations should frighten us into grave cautiousness.

Frequent self-examination and fervent prayer that God would search our hearts and try us to see if there is any lurking, wicked way in us are in order.

This is a day of loose loyalties. The fabric of society is falling to pieces at many points. Dictatorships are inevitable if this continues. It may be that of a Stalin or a Hitler. Many trends are bordering on downright treason.

## Foundation

### To Be Sure

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A Christian steward wants to be sure that his testimony for Christ will not die at the grave. To do this he can establish a trust fund in his name, with the Foundation as trustee, designating that the income from the fund is to forever be paid to the Christian cause that he designates.

He wants to be sure that the income is used in keeping with his purpose even though the cause should cease to exist. This assurance is given by stating in the trust agreement something like the following: "If the institution named herein should cease to exist or cease to be in sympathetic cooperation with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, I direct the trustee to select another institution or cause and pay the income thereto as long as such institution or cause is in keeping with the purpose of this trust as stated herein."

He wants to be sure that his trust is faithfully, economically and securely handled. This assurance is provided by the Tennessee Baptist Convention carefully selecting officers and board members. All personnel that handles funds are bonded. The Foundation is chartered by the state thus providing regulation by the same laws that direct the operation of trust departments of banks and other such agencies. The one difference is that no charge is made against the income for administering the fund. An attorney is retained and his counsel faithfully sought in all matters related to legal matters.

Contact your Foundation for information that will help you to be sure to have a testimony beyond the grave. Write or call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027; phone (615) 833-4220.

## State Church Withdrawals Double

During 1970, nearly 8000 people withdrew from the Lutheran state church in Norway, over twice the number who had withdrawn during 1969. Most of those leaving the church reportedly were between 15 and 22 years of age.

A group of prominent authors, professors, attorneys, and others have formed a group called "Action Against the State Church." They bought page-size advertisements in an Oslo daily newspaper urging readers to "have your name removed from the Lutheran church register."

"Although 96 per cent of the Norwegian people belong to the state church, only a relatively small number regard themselves as believing Christians," the advertisement claimed. (EBPS)

# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Dr. Glen Yarbrough and I have just visited the campus of Southwestern Baptist seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. We



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went to have conferences with and to meet the Tennessee students who will be graduating this year and who wish to return to serve churches in Tennessee. We had a dinner for them and their wives. Members of the faculty present for the dinner were President and Mrs. Robert E. Naylor, Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Maston,

Dr. and Mrs. Cal Guy, Dr. Curtis Vaughn. Dr. Maston, Dr. Guy, and Dr. Vaughn are from Tennessee. Dr. Guy and Dr. Vaughn are graduates of Union University and Dr. Maston is a graduate of Carson-Newman College.

We were dealing with one of the big problems in our Baptist democracy. The problem is that of finding the most adequate manner to assist our seminary graduates to get located in pastorates or other church staff positions after they graduate. It is also a problem to aid pastors to relocate who need to move or who desire to make a change. This problem has caused a lot of concern during the last few years and many solutions have been offered but none have worked perfectly.

We have a subcommittee of the Denominational Cooperation Committee of the Executive Board which has been studying this problem. They are seeking ways to assist the Executive Secretary to provide the greatest possible assistance to both the churches and the ministers. Three states have taken steps to place this work in a staff office which will give full time to it.

At present we are seeking to secure biographical material from these men which will provide essential information for church committees. It will enable them to decide a man's background and qualifications which will best fit their field. They will then make further investigation and personally interview the man before a decision is made concerning him. The seminaries usually provide my office with biographies of the men and women who are graduating. Sometimes pictures are also provided. These materials are kept on file and are passed on to the churches which make requests for suggestions and for names of men to contact.

Through the years I have sought to help both churches and ministers and other church staff members. My office maintains files of churches which are seeking men

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## Family Living

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### Homes Devoid of Homey Atmosphere Spur Child to Drug Addiction

Home is a feeling as well as a location, social observer and comedian Sam Levenson reminded. Parents who provide a house without homey-ness may kid themselves that they are giving their children what they need, but the youngsters aren't fooled for a minute.

The youngsters who come home to well-equipped but sterile, empty houses are those most likely to turn to drug experimentation, he suggested.

"Children have got to touch, see and feel that they are home. A home should smell like a home. Kids whose senses come alive at home do not need to take a drug trip," said Levenson. "We need to retrace our steps to the days when the living home was the rule and not the exception it is today. Over and over today's children say they 'come home to nobody—all the time.'"

and women, and another file of men and women who are available. We often get requests for a certain type of man with specific training or a man with certain theological views, and we are not able to fill the request. We seek to find such a person if we can.

Sometimes we have many names and very few open churches. At other times we have more requests for names than we can fill. Some men get very impatient today and get tired of waiting. They feel frustrated and quit the pastorate and go into secular employment. But Baptists do not have a bishop to appoint men to a pastorate. Through history we have depended upon the slower method of democracy. It has its problems, but it has worked well for the most part.

Everyone involved must have the supreme desire to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Through prayer and faith in the purposes of God to lead we can find the answers. Through the years I have made every effort to provide the best possible service through my office to bring men and churches together. I try to suggest two or more names of qualified people. We do lots of research to provide information on people for whom such information is requested. Files are kept very confidential as is all correspondence.

We urge you to pray for us and for

## Historically:

### From the files

#### > 50 YEARS AGO <

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention had 417 missionaries under appointment from America. The board also reported 542 churches with 49,659 members on the foreign fields, 11,148 out-stations and 155 self-supporting churches. There were also 10 theological schools with 345 students enrolled and 544 colleges and schools of lower grade with 18,169 students enrolled. Sixteen hospitals, 14 dispensaries, 25 physicians (nine native), six publishing houses and seven denominational papers were supported by the board.

First church, Knoxville, called F. F. Brown, of Sherman, Texas, as pastor.

#### > 20 YEARS AGO <

Central church, Bearden, called Henry M. Chiles as pastor. Chiles succeeded L. H. Hatcher and came to Bearden from Central church, Maysville, Ky.

John Hurt, Jr., editor of *The Christian Index*, the Baptist state paper of Georgia, received a letter from General Douglas MacArthur, asking Americans for "greater faith in the teachings of Christ." The letter was in response to a letter Hurt sent MacArthur.

#### > 10 YEARS AGO <

Gallatin Road church, Nashville, W. W. Harrison, pastor, released plans to begin construction on a new 1000-seat sanctuary at an approximate cost of between \$225,000-\$250,000. The project called for conversion of the then existing sanctuary into educational space.

Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., paid off the last of its \$200,000 debt to Wake Forest college. The seminary bought the campus from the Baptist senior college which moved to Winston-Salem, N. C.

those who are seeking the Lord's guidance into fields where they can labor for His glory. Churches can let us know when they need help, and we shall do our best to provide it. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit shall be given a chance to lead us in our democracy in solving this big problem.

## Former SBC President Robbed At Gunpoint During Meeting

DALLAS—Former Southern Baptist Convention President Brooks Hays who was robbed at gunpoint here by two young black men returned to his hotel room afterwards to pay for his assailants.

The incident occurred shortly after Hays had arrived here to speak to the Nationwide Baptist Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He told a seminar on "Christianity and Politics" during the conference that the two men accosted him at about 10 p.m., on Tuesday, March 16, about two blocks from his hotel.

"One of them stuck a pistol in my stomach, . . . and said, 'I want your money,'" related the 72-year-old former U. S. Representative from Arkansas.

Hays said he quickly replied, "Yes sir!"

The men fled with \$175 in cash, Hays' wrist watch, and a wallet containing his credit cards and a postage-stamp size Bible on microfilm which he carries with him.

"I hope no one will view this as a racial incident," said Hays, who now is a resident of Winston-Salem, N.C., and chairman of the state's Good Neighbor Council, a race relations organization.

"It was a human incident with no racial implications," added Hays, who served in Congress for 16 years before his defeat in 1958 after his support of racial integration in the Little Rock public school dispute. (BP)

## Illinois Board Proposes Statewide Fund Campaign

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The 72-member Board of Directors for the Illinois Baptist State Association here voted to recommend a year-long statewide stewardship emphasis among Southern Baptist churches in Illinois during 1972-73.

Under the plan approved by the board, the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission would be requested to help lead the campaign, which would be the first of its kind.

"We did a similar project in Kansas," said Ben Gill of the SBC Stewardship Commission in a presentation to the board here, "but that was an emergency-type effort to retire indebtedness.

"We have had statewide and nationwide simultaneous revivals, but nothing of a similar nature in the field of stewardship," Gill told the board.

Under the proposed plan, the SBC Stewardship Commission and the state convention's stewardship department, headed by H. C. Croslin, would coordinate a statewide effort aimed toward helping local churches and associations set increased stewardship goals in keeping with their objectives for 1972-73. (BP)

## Sinking Creek Church Deeded To Convention

Representatives of both the Sinking Creek Baptist Church Historical Society, Incorporated and the Tennessee Baptist Convention were to meet at the original site of the Sinking Creek church, Watauga Association, at 3 p.m. on March 23 for the purpose of transferring the property title of the church from the Society to the Convention.

Sinking Creek, organized about 1771-72, is the oldest extant church of any faith in Tennessee and is located on highway 91 west of Elizabethton.

Those on the program include: Reece Harris, pastor of Sinking Creek church; Gene Kerr, assistant to the Executive Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Hayward Highfill, pastor, First church, Clinton and president, Tennessee Baptist Convention; R. E. Cardwell, Sr., president of the Sinking Creek Baptist Church Historical Society, Incorporated; W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, accepting property easement on behalf of convention from Cardwell; Bruce Coyle, pastor, First church, Rogersville, and president of the convention's Executive Board; and Paul Gagliano, 17, president of the Royal Ambassador Congress.

## Belmont Heights, Nashville, To Host 17th RA Congress

Approximately 2500 boys and men are expected to attend the 17th Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress scheduled for April 9-10 at Belmont Heights church, Nashville. The Congress is sponsored by the Nashville Baptist association in co-operation with the Brotherhood department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Roy J. Gilleland, secretary.

William Highsmith, Royal Ambassador secretary, will direct the Congress. Ken Trinkle, minister of education, Belmont Heights church, and Don Mauldin, educational director for the Nashville association, are serving as general chairmen. The Congress will begin with registration at 9 a.m. Friday morning.

Following the theme, "Teaching All Nations," the two-day congress will open officially Friday night at 7 p.m. with Paul Gagliano, a member of East Lake church, Chattanooga, and congress president, presiding. Richard Morgan, a member of First church, Chattanooga, will preside over the Saturday morning session. Steve Howard, a member of First church, Rockwood, is serving as Congress secretary.

This year's Congress program will include: Mission conferences, speakers from the home and foreign mission fields; speaker tournaments; election of officers; presentation of awards; and displays showing the projects that individual boys and Royal Ambassador chapters have developed

## Bill Dyal To Direct New Inter-American Institute

WASHINGTON—William M. Dyal Jr., a former staff member of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, took the oath of office here as the first executive director of the newly-established Inter-American Social Development Institute.

Dyal, 42, was sworn in at ceremonies in the historic Indian Treaty Room in the Executive Office Building, next door to the White House. He began his duties with the new institute March 15.

A graduate of Baylor university in Waco, Tex., and the Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville. Dyal served for seven years with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in several Latin American countries. For two years he was director of orientation and training for all overseas personnel for the board.

Since 1967 Dyal has been an executive with the Peace Corps. For two years he directed the Peace Corps program in Colombia, with a staff of 40 Americans and Colombians, and a peak volunteer force of 800. In September 1969 he was named Peace Corps regional director for North Africa, near East and South Asia, with responsibility for the work of 1500 volunteers in ten countries.

The Inter-American Social Development Institute which Dyal now heads was created by Congress as a part of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1969 to work with private, regional and international organizations to support Latin American social and civic development. (BP)

throughout the year.

Program personalities include: Mayor Beverly Briley of Nashville; Jay Chance, director of Royal Ambassador work for the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis; Larry Bryson, a staff member of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.; Van Gladen, Southern Baptist missionary to Mexico; and Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A speak out tournament will be another highlight of the Congress. Boys will be competing in the Crusader, Pioneer Adventure and Ambassador Service divisions with a plaque going to the winner in each of these divisions, the winner in the latter division receiving a \$200 college scholarship.

Boys attending the Congress will be coming from among the 744 of the 2698 churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention with Royal Ambassador chapters. In these churches there are 1283 chapters with 11,556 boys enrolled.

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