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A PUBLIC APOLOGY

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison: and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out"—Acts 16:37

Perhaps the magistrates had heard of the strange happenings the night before (Acts 16:25-34). So they ordered that Paul and Silas be released and sent out of town. Perhaps they had reflected on their rash actions the previous day. But rather than to admit it publicly they wanted to sweep it under the rug.

However, Paul would have none of it. A public offence demanded a public apology. He reminded the officers that being Romans they had been beaten illegally. The "us" in verse 37 suggests that Silas as well as Paul was a Roman citizen. To have beaten them was a serious offence. Roman citizenship was a prized thing (Acts 22:24-28). Paul did not flaunt his citizenship, but he used it to advantage where necessary (see above citation and Acts 25:11-12).

Why he did not escape beating in Philippi by claiming this citizenship is not stated. Perhaps the mob atmosphere prevented it. Or he may have submitted to it in order later to gain favor for the gospel.

At any rate he used this position now.



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Rather than to be slipped out of town quietly after having been beaten and treated as criminals, they demanded a public apology from the magistrates. And they received it (Acts 16:39). They would not leave behind a concept that they were rabble rousers. Instead they wanted it known that they had suffered for the gospel's sake.

In his first Corinthian letter Paul avowed that he would not demand his rights in the Christian fellowship, if doing so would hurt the cause of Christ (1 Cor. 8:1-9:27). But where demanding his rights would clear the Christian cause of shame before a pagan world, he did so. He wanted it known that they suffered not as criminals but as Christians (1 Pet. 4:12-19). Thus their suffering resulted in God's glory.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In Poppleton, England, a local minister is enacting the role of "Satan" in a church play.

Whatever else you may say about this, it is not "type-casting".

Admittedly, some pastors have played the fool, but not too many have played the devil.

Of course, donning his costume may prove to be something of a problem; it won't be easy to put the horns on over the halo.

However, it is hoped that not too many of the minister's church members will feel led to say: "I just don't know about our pastor—he played that part with such a depth of understanding."

But, like any average minister, he should be very familiar with Satan—for years he's been telling him: "Get you behind me."

Still, no matter what the remuneration may be, when you consider all the problems that could develop from playing this part, it is safe to say, "there will be the devil to pay."

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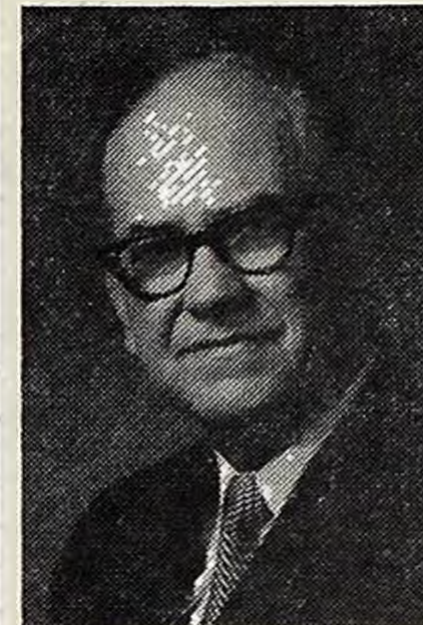
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Devotional

Spiritual Rearmament

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

One of the reasons the follower of Christ often comes out of conflict with the evil forces of today's world with the feeling of discouragement, frustration, and defeat lies in the fact that he may not have been armed properly for the conflict.



Caudill

In Eph. 6, verses 13-18, the Apostle Paul describes the Christian's armor. In verse 13, he begins, "Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all to stand." Then he enumerates different aspects of the Christian armor.

Firstly, the Christian is the stay on the side of truth: "Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth" (v. 14). No matter what the issue, the Christian should stick to the truth.

Secondly, the Christian is to "put on the breastplate of righteousness" (v. 14b). Now the righteousness of God may be thought of as a divine activity on the part of God whereby He delivers the individual from wrong unto right—from the debit into the credit column of the ledger of eternal values.

Thirdly, the believer is also to have his feet shod "with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (v. 15). That is, one's feet are to be shod with the preparation of the gospel whose message is peace.

Fourthly, the Christian soldier is to take up and ever bear the "shield of faith" (v. 16), for only by so doing will he "be able to quench the fiery darts of the evil one." Faith may be defined as the leaning of one's whole personality upon God in Christ Jesus for Salvation, for wisdom, for guidance, and for strength in all of one's daily encounters.

Fifthly, the Christian Soldier is to take "the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God" (v. 17).

There are three principal emphases on salvation in the Bible, namely, the salvation that comes to one at conversion, the fullness of salvation that is to be revealed at the last day, and the experience of salvation that takes place here on earth between the day of conversion and the last day.

Finally, the Christian soldier is to be a man of prayer, "with all power and supplication praying at all seasons in the spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (v. 18).

Children's Homes Seek \$210,000 Offering In Annual Mother's Day Appeal

Tennessee Baptist churches will be asked to give \$210,000 to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes during the annual Mother's Day offering, according to James M. Gregg, Executive Director.

The annual offering, participated in by most of the convention's 2700 churches, provides about 30 per cent of the operating income for the four campuses of the home.

This child-care ministry, a phase of Tennessee Baptists' benevolent outreach, provides annually for care of about 500 children, and involves services of some 98 staff members. The property and equipment of the homes now is valued in excess of \$2,500,000. The Mother's Day emphasis takes the place of the special offering held through 1962 during the Thanksgiving season. Beginning in 1963, the emphasis was shifted to Mother's Day.

SBC First Quarter Gifts Increase 8.9 Per Cent

NASHVILLE—Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget for the first quarter of 1971 increased by 8.21 per cent over 1970 gifts, the denomination's Executive Committee reported here.

For the three-month period, a total of \$7,916,664 was given through the denomination's unified budget plan, an increase of \$600,664.

During the month of March, Baptists gave \$2.5 million through the Cooperative Program, an increase of \$136,156 or 5.09 per cent over March of 1970 gifts.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee which released the financial report, said that Baptist missionaries, seminary professors and other Christian workers in the SBC should be greatly encouraged by the continued increase in Cooperative Program gifts.

Routh said that the 8.21 per cent increase in Cooperative Program gifts for the first quarter was "one of the largest quantity increases shown in several years.

"We want to thank every pastor and every church member for the new spirit of compassion and confidence reflected in this gain," Routh said. "It heralds a new day of advance for the churches."

Last month, Routh pointed out that in order for the SBC to meet its total operating budget for 1971 plus the capital needs that were not paid in 1970, Cooperative Program contributions would have to increase 7.72 per cent during 1971. To meet the total operating 1970 and 1971 capital needs allocations, an 11.48 per cent increase would be required, he said.

In addition to the \$7.9 million in Co-

Stewardship

A Day Of Importance

Sunday, April 18, is Cooperative Program Day in the churches in Tennessee. What a day it could be! It could easily be the day when many churches change from indifference to concern about the Great Commission, because they are made aware of what the Cooperative Program is doing.

Cooperative Program receipts during the month of March were \$536,746.57, which is probably the largest amount Tennessee Baptist churches have ever given to world missions through the Cooperative Program in March. From November through March, Cooperative Program receipts are \$2,404,326.22. This is an increase of \$245,369.65 over the same period of last year.

During the year, churches are encouraged to observe Cooperative Program Day in April, and Cooperative Program Month in October, which can be inspiring and informative. Cooperative Program Day can be observed with special programs in Sunday School and Church Training, and many pastors use the occasion for preaching on the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program is not a plan to raise money, but it is a channel through which the churches can send mission money to do the things they cannot do by themselves in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

operative Program receipts, a total of \$15.3 million in designated gifts to specific mission causes was received of \$1.3 million or 9.4 1971, an increase of \$1.3 million or 9.4 per cent in designated gifts.

The \$15.3 million and \$7.9 million figures brought the grand total world mission gifts through the SBC to \$23.2 million, an increase of \$1.9 million or 8.99 per cent over grand total mission gifts for the first quarter of 1970.

Of the \$15.3 million in designated gifts received so far in 1971, \$15.1 million was given to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, most of it through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Of the \$23.3 million in total contributions, \$19.1 million has gone to support foreign missions, and \$1.6 million for home missions.

The financial statement, issued monthly by the SBC Executive Committee, includes only reports of contributions through national SBC channels, and does not reflect amounts given to support local and state Baptist mission programs. (BP)

SBC Home Mission Board Aids Starving Migrants

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, through its disaster relief fund, and the Florida Baptist Convention here, have contributed \$2750 to feed migrant workers left destitute after freezing crops left them with no work.

The move was initiated after newspapers in the area reported a migrant worker demonstration in front of President Nixon's Key Biscayne home.

Christian social ministries director Ray Dobbins and director of migrant missions Russell Kaufman supervised the dispensing of the funds. About \$650 was sent to Dade County, the hardest hit area. Another \$1100 was used in the central part of the state.

According to Dobbins, government services' response to the crisis eased the load on church groups. "About 8000 to 10,000 migrants were hungry at first," Dobbins explained, "but now the situation is not as bad as we had anticipated." (BP)

Nation's Quickie Divorce State Will Try To Make Things Quicker

CARSON CITY—Its divorce industry hard hit by liberal divorce laws passed in several states, Nevada has decided to strike back. The State Assembly voted to reduce the required and largely fictional residence law from six weeks to three.

According to the bill's sponsor, Assemblyman Howard McKissick, Jr., a Reno Republican, the three-week divorce law will pump \$50 million annually into the state in hotel, motel and restaurant spending, not to mention the state's lawyers. (RNS)



(BP Photo by Priscilla Gohman)

Boy and Music Box—Martin Madriles tunes his new transistor radio in the arms of Mining Engineer Gary Anderson on their trip from the mountains of Mexico to Waterloo, Iowa, where the six-year-old Mexican boy is undergoing a series of eye operations toward regaining his eyesight that was lost through a mistake in medication at birth. Many Baptists and other Christians joined hands along the 1500-mile journey to make the modern-day miracle possible for Martin, who would have died if Christian doctors, ministering to physical and spiritual needs during vacation time, had not found him in time.

'The Word Is Compassion'

Dr. C. Richard Treadway, who is director of the Vanderbilt Mental Health Clinic, has come up with some interesting figures. Dr. Treadway says that approximately 35 per cent of the patients in Tennessee mental hospitals are over 65 and require only medical rather than psychiatric attention. Treadway went on to say that about 2400 of the patients over 65 in mental hospitals belong in a custodial nursing home. He noted that their disorders are primarily due to loneliness, boredom, illness and senility.

In a story appearing in **The Nashville Tennessean**, recently, Treadway is quoted as saying, "In a mobile society as ours, children more readily commit their parents because they simply get in their way." Treadway went on to point out that "there is no law in Tennessee preventing the commitment of elderly people who need only medical attention". In the interview with **The Nashville Tennessean**, Treadway said also "we are seeking to propose a bill in the Legislature which would require the screening of all patients admitted to the mental hospital".

Treadway's statement is significant not only because it comes from a man who is director of the Vanderbilt Mental Health Clinic, but also from a man who has a goodly Baptist heritage. Treadway is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Treadway. Dr. Treadway has for many years figured prominently in Southern Baptist life with the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. Mrs. Treadway is well known in the Nashville and Tennessee area as a professor at Belmont college in English and in writing.

We rather suspect that somewhere along the way we are failing our elders. The Hebrew tradition and Hebrew teachings encouraged a respect for elders, which placed them upon a pinnacle, and which assured respect and care for them throughout all their days. Christianity inherited from the Judaeo-Christian heritage the concept of care for elders. And as the concept of care for elders was practiced, children cared for their parents, at home if necessary, even under the most difficult circumstances, as long as parents needed care.

In a situation approximating that of a welfare state in many areas, our disposition now is to say "let the state take care of them". And our disposition seems to be to let the state take care of them even if this means commitment to a mental institution. While the older people are the losers in this situation, we rather suspect that the children are much more the loser. And we suspect that the children's children are even more the loser.

As children grow up in a home and have contact with not only parents but elders, grandparents, wherever they might be, we rather think that a more patient disposition is developed. We believe that more love and understanding

is engendered. When children see "grandpa" and "grandma" put out of sight to be put out of mind, this has an impact upon them, and the children's parents later will be subject to the same thing, whether we want to admit it or not. No study would be available at this point, but again we rather suspect that the understanding which provides care for the elderly is the same type of understanding which provides a climate in which there is less delinquency on the part of the young.

We recognize there is a problem. We hear frequently that no house is big enough for two families, and there is merit to this statement.

But we know also that, if Christians do not respond in every area with a Christian attitude and in a Biblical framework, then we have failed in our Christian witness, and we ourselves are the losers. Our elders deserve better than to be put out of sight. We deserve the enriching experience—trying though it may be at times—of the privilege of really caring for those whom we love. We believe that older people will be the beneficiary as well as society as a whole.

It all boils down to one word. The word is "compassion". Compassion in the heart, mind, and through the eyes of our Lord is a necessity today as it has always been.

TO THIS END WAS HE BORN



Kenneth Rains Elected RA Congress President

By David Keel

Kenneth Rains, a member of Royce church, Oak Ridge, was elected president of the Royal Ambassador Congress during the group's 17th annual meeting held April 9-10 at Belmont Heights church, Nashville, according to William Highsmith, Royal Ambassador secretary, Brotherhood department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Rains succeeded Paul Gagliano of Chattanooga. A total of 1935 persons registered, representing 124 churches in 42 associations.

Elected to serve with Rains was Dennis Suits, of First church, Smyrna, vice president and Paul Priddy, of Calvary church, Jackson, secretary.

Program personalities included: Mayor Beverly Briley, Nashville; Dr. Jeanette Beall, retired Southern Baptist missionary to China, West Plains, Mo.; Larry Bryson, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.; Jay Chance, RA director, Brotherhood Commission of SBC, Memphis; Lt. C. O. Cox, Police department, Memphis; and Van Gladen and Mrs. Gladen, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico; and others.

Winners of the congress-sponsored Speak-out (speech tournaments) were: Jeffrey Ross, Brainerd church, Chattanooga, Crusader winner; Jimmy Myers, Northport church, Newport, Pioneer Adventure winner; and Wayne Godsey, First church, Oakdale, Ambassador Service winner. Godsey received a \$200 scholarship to the college of his choice.



BPRA OFFICERS NAMED: New officers of the Baptist Public Relations Association include (from right to left:) Mrs. Lee N. Allen of SBC Woman's Missionary Union, president; Tom Brannon of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, president-elect; and W. C. Fields of the SBC Executive Committee, immediate past president and new awards chairman.

The congress also sponsored projects placed in competition and the winners were: RA chapter, West Lonsdale church, Knoxville, Ambassador Service; James Walden, First church, South Pittsburg. Individual, Ambassador Service; RA chapter, First church, Goodlettsville, Pioneer Adventure; Louis Newberry, First church, Oakdale, Individual, Pioneer, Adventure; RA chapter, Haywood Hills church, Nashville, Crusader; and Scott Burleson, Immanuel church, Elizabethton, Individual, Crusader.

Central church, Chattanooga, and Everett Hills church, Maryville, were recognized for having the best trailers.

Nashville association had the largest representation with 454 present and Glenwood church, Oak Ridge had the largest church group present with 47. Groups traveling over 300 miles were from Immanuel church, Elizabethton, Temple church, Johnson City, and Colonial Heights church, Kingsport.

Acteens' Summit Meeting Brings 672 To Nashville

By Eura Lannom

Tennessee's first Acteens' Summit Meeting was held last week in Nashville with approximately 672 Acteens and their leaders registered from 66 churches from across the state.

This S-U-M-M-I-T meeting, "in Service Uniting Mankind through the Master's Impelling Task," replaced the State GA Queens' Court and the three YWA House Parties, and involved all Acteen members, junior and senior high school girls, queens or not. Miss Mary Jane Nethery, executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, presided. Mrs. Robert H. Gay, Lawrenceburg, directed the music and Mrs. Bob Baker of the Tennessee WMU staff served as organist.

Highlighting the meeting was a panel consisting of Lana Lott, Billy Grammer, Jr., Gary Holt, and Janet Hembree, all high school students of Nashville, who shared their Christian testimonies and told of how the Lord had come to have new meaning in their lives through the Holy Spirit. These Baptist young people agreed that one must have love in his heart because God is love . . . Love is the key . . . and they went on to say that they can take God at his Word . . . just simply trusting Him. Leonard Hinton, Nashville, served as moderator of the panel.

Tennessee Missionary Dies In Bangkok; Rites in Erwin

Mrs. Charles G. Campbell, Southern Baptist missionary associate stationed in Bangkok, Thailand, died April 1 of a blood dyscrasia with complications. Following a memorial service at Calvary Baptist Church in Bangkok April 5, the body was to be flown to Erwin, Tenn.



Mrs. Campbell

A funeral service was held in Erwin, with burial at Roselawn Memorial Gardens near there. Robert Ledford Funeral Home, Erwin, is in charge of arrangements.

The former Eleanore Ayers of Erwin, Mrs. Campbell would have been 39 April 7.

She and her husband had been in Thailand about one year. Prior to their employment by the Foreign Mission Board, in June 1969, they lived in De Land, Fla.

Campbell is involved in a Baptist radio and television ministry in Bangkok. He and the couple's four children will remain there until the end of the school term. The children are David, 14, Alan, 13, Stephen, nine, and Carla, four.

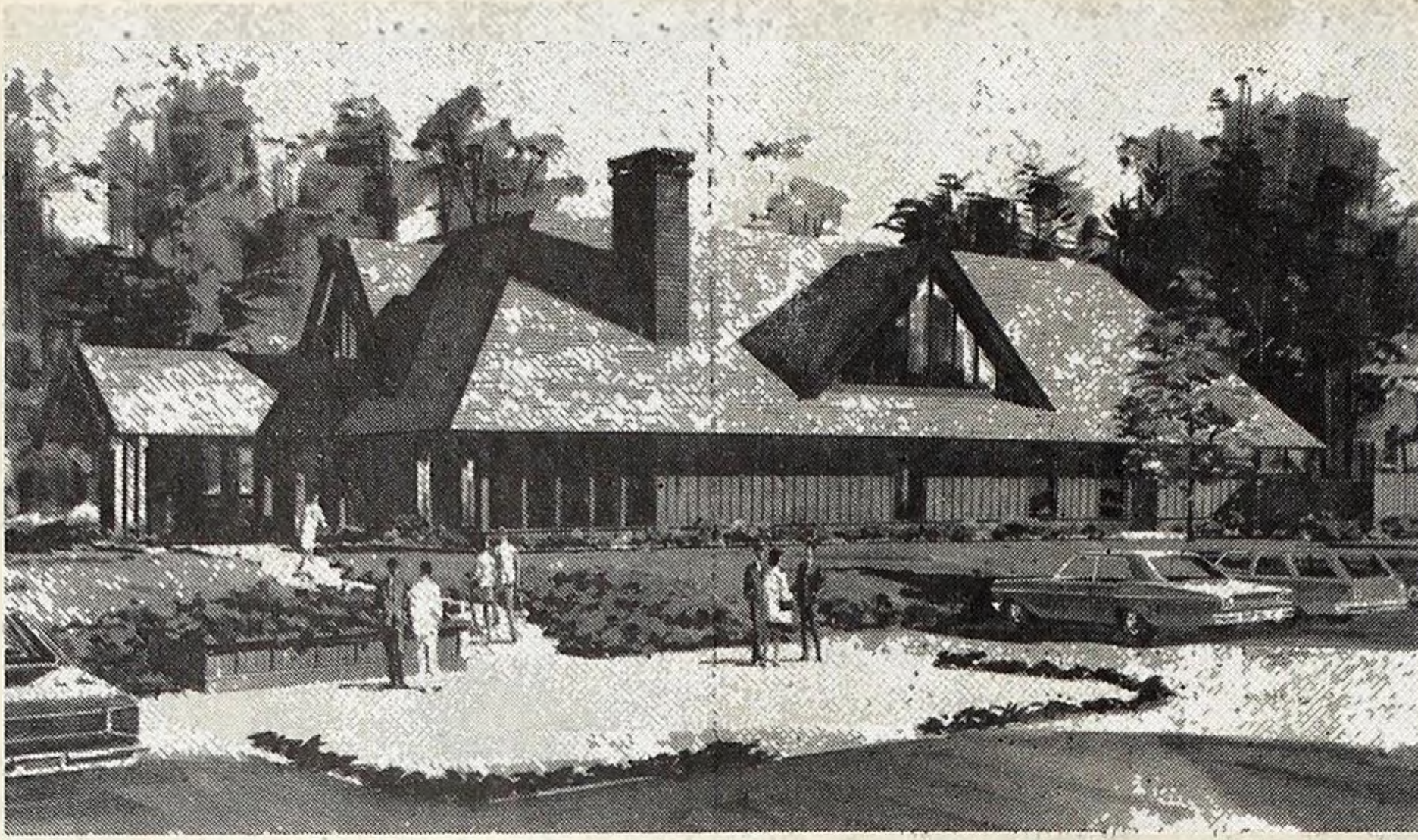
Other survivors include her mother, Mrs. F. R. Ayers of Erwin, and three sisters, Miss Mildred Ayers of Erwin, Mrs. Vernon Orr of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mrs. Arnold Norris of Atlanta, Ga.

"How I Came to Follow" was Mrs. Robert E. Beaty's story on Friday evening as she told of how she became a missionary to Rhodesia.

A unique experience for the Acteens was two long-distant calls made by Larry Bryson of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta when he called Brenda Forelines of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Carol Prevost of New Albany, Ind. These two were interviewed by Bryson, and four girls had the opportunity of talking with Carol.

Saturday morning prior to F. M. Dowell's closing message, Mrs. Woodson Armes of Dallas challenged the girls "to bring your life to Jesus while you are young, in the beautiful green years of youth, bring the best that you have to Jesus and do it now. Oh, young women, don't wait . . . but right now while you are young and wonderful and strong and radiant, bring your best to Jesus now."

Dowell, who is secretary of the department of Evangelism of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, after explaining the plan of salvation and how the Lord had a place of service for each one, said, "The greatest of all sins is that of rejecting Christ."



(BP) Photo

NEW ALASKA BAPTIST BUILDING: Construction on this new two-story office building for the Alaska Baptist Convention will begin May 1 following the Alaska "break-up" or ice thaw. The proposed new building combines features of an Alaskan Indian meeting house with those of an Alpine lodge. Architect Roland H. Lane, a 21-year-old resident of Alaska, designed the building. The Alaska Baptist Building will be located six miles south of downtown Anchorage just off the new Seward Freeway. Estimated cost will be \$150,000.

Michigan Court Upholds Anti-Parochialism Referendum

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Supreme Court of Michigan ruling on March 31 upholding the validity of a 1970 referendum outlawing all forms of state aid to parochial schools was hailed today by Americans United for Separation of Church and State as a "solid victory for religious freedom and the separation of church and state." The statement of Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United, follows:

"Supporters of this country's unique arrangement in church and state have won a solid victory for religious freedom and church-state separation. Millions of people throughout the nation will take heart and renew their struggle against clerics and political leaders who seek to impose on them a tax for religion. The Michigan Supreme Court has now upheld the validity of the anti-parochialism amendment passed overwhelmingly by Michigan voters in the November, 1970 referendum. The amendment bars all kinds of public aid to parochial schools in Michigan. The action of the Court vindicates the sweat, blood and tears of thousands who labored in the referendum, gathering hundreds of thousands of signatures, publicizing the issue throughout the state, and getting the voters to the polls. Those who sought by technicalities to upset the decision of the people have been discomfited and discredited.

"The Michigan decision vindicates our faith in the democratic process. We propose to step up our educational program in every state and to renew our battle against government subsidy for religious institutions." (C/SNS)

Texas Churches Make Rapid Comeback After Hurricane Celia

CORPUS CHRISTI—Eight months after Hurricane Celia ravaged the coastal bend area, Texas Baptist churches whose buildings were damaged or destroyed are making a rapid comeback.

W. H. Colson, superintendent of missions for the Corpus Christi Association says that by early August all of the damaged churches in the association will have remodeled their buildings.

Memorial church, one of many suffering severe damage from the hurricane's 150 MPH winds, dedicated its newly-remodeled plant April 4, said the pastor, Walter Kruse.

Others who are still remodeling, but plan dedication services soon, are Tulosa-Midway, Primera, Lexington and Second, said Colson.

The greatest damage to Baptist property was in the Corpus Christi Association which caught the eye of the storm as it slammed ashore. Colson said damage to 52 church and mission buildings in the association was estimated at \$2,189,000. The Corpus Christi Association office suffered \$27,000 in damages, the University of Corpus Christi lost more than \$1 million in property and Zephyr Baptist Encampment experienced \$200,000 in damages.

Colson said Baptist churches in the Corpus Christi Association have received more than \$175,000 in aid since the hurricane. This includes \$141,000 for rebuilding churches, principally through the convention's disaster relief fund. The Oldham Little Church Foundation gave \$24,750 to help in construction. (BP)

Tax On Church 'Enterprises' Is Tabled In Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Senate tabled a bill that would require churches to pay property and income taxes on enterprises that are not operated for church purposes.

Sen. Jim Caldwell of Rogers, who has been a minister of the Church of Christ, made the tabling motion which reportedly kills the bill. His motion was adopted, 17-13.

Sen. Oscar Alagood of Little Rock, who introduced the bill in the Senate for Rep. B. D. Grandon, Little Rock, the sponsor, said it did not affect the vast majority of churches. A few churches, however, own property or operate commercial enterprises that have no religious purpose. Under the current law, the property does not have to be assessed for local taxes, and the commercial income is not taxable. (RNS)

'Underground' Journal Sold; Will Serve 'Jesus People'

SAN FRANCISCO—"Oracle," an underground newspaper from Haight-Asbury's "flower power" and drug days, is resuming publication as a "Jesus paper," a type of publication growing with the "Jesus People," movement.

All rights to "Oracle," which reportedly once had an underground circulation of 100,000, has been transferred to Harvest House, a Christian commune. Its former editor, David Abraham, joined the "Jesus People" last Fall.

There are "dozens of underground-type newspapers published by street Christians in the U.S. and Canada," according to "Christianity Today", the evangelical magazine based in Washington, D.C.

A "Jesus News Service International" has been organized in Berkeley to link the papers, according to "Christianity Today".

"One leader in the Jesus movement has some reservations about the papers," the magazine said. "Most seem to be little more than Gospel tracts in disguise", he complains. (RNS)

Commitment Month To Be Marked In April

Churches all across the Southern Baptist Convention are observing "Life Commitment Month" in April, according to William Clemmons, director, Vocational Guidance, Church Training department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Following the theme, "God's Forerunners," the special emphasis is to focus on the prophetic role of youth in today's world, to recruit youth to church related vocations as a means to ministering.

In this effort, the youth are encouraged to be vocal in their local church situations. According to Clemmons, "Youth must hold in one hand the Bible (Biblical revelation) and a newspaper in the other and then speak a relevant word to the church and to God's people."

Majority Of Baptist Leaders Would Donate Heart For Transplantation

NASHVILLE—The majority of a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers would be willing to donate their hearts for transplantation, a survey conducted by the Baptist VIEWpoll disclosed here.

Panelists were asked this question: "Would you be willing to donate your heart for transplantation (after you die)?"

"Yes, to anyone" was the response of 54.2 per cent of the pastors and 52.3 per cent of the Sunday School teachers.

Some of the group (3.8 per cent of the pastors and 4.2 per cent of the teachers) indicated they would be willing to make the donation "but only to a relative or a friend."

Eight per cent of the pastors and 11.5 per cent of the teachers indicated they have "a strong feeling against it," but evidently would not rule it out.

"No" was the reply of 18.6 per cent of the pastors and 17.7 per cent of the teachers. They would not be willing to donate their hearts for transplantation.

A portion of the panel (15.4 per cent of the pastors and 14.3 per cent of the teachers) members had "no opinion" on the matter.

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Wallace Memorial Hospital Facing Physician Shortage

A shortage of missionary physicians at Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea, poses an acute problem which may greatly influence the future missionary ministry of the hospital.

One of the two Southern Baptist missionary physicians ministering through this hospital has announced that he and his family will return to the States this summer with a view toward resignation. This will leave Dr. Charles G. Tabor, an internist who was appointed for Korea by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957, as the only missionary physician affiliated with the hospital.

During the institution's 20-year history eight missionary physicians have been related to it on either a short-term or regular basis.

The hospital was begun in 1951 as a relief clinic ministering to the multitudes of refugees who crowded into Pusan during the height of the Korean War. In 1955 it was moved to a more permanent 50-bed facility.

Southern Baptists provided funds through the Foreign Mission Board, and a new building was dedicated in 1968. Now about 80 beds are available, and additional space is being prepared.

ture), asked: "What efforts do you believe ought to be made to keep a seriously ill person alive?"

Responses revealed that 72.8 per cent of the pastors and 76.4 per cent of the teachers feel that efforts that are reasonable should be made in the light of the individual's age, physical condition, mental condition and pain. However, 24.5 per cent of the pastors and 28.8 per cent of the teachers feel that "all possible efforts" should be made, including transplantation, kidney dialysis, etc.

Some of the panel members (35.5 per cent of the pastors and 26.5 per cent of the teachers) feel that "after reasonable care has been given, a person ought to be permitted to die a natural death."

A fourth grouping of the panelists (pastors, 22.8 per cent; teachers, 24.9 per cent) feel that "a senile person should not be kept alive by elaborate artificial means."

Only 1.3 per cent of the pastors and 1.0 per cent of the teachers had "no opinion" on the multiple answer question about the extent of efforts which should be made to keep seriously ill persons alive.

The findings for the current poll were based on 92 per cent response from the Baptist VIEWpoll panel, composed of approximately 300 pastors and 300 Sunday School teachers selected to represent a cross section of persons holding those leadership positions in the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

Education Association Schedules May Retreat

The Tennessee Religious Education Association has scheduled a Retreat for May 3-4 at Montgomery Bell State Park for members and wives, according to Emmett Wade, minister of education, Frayser church, Memphis, TREA president.

The retreat will begin Monday at noon with registration and recreation. The first business session is scheduled for 4 p.m. The program will include inspirational, the election of officers and informal fun and games.

Ernest Loessner, acting dean of the School of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., will lead in a series of conferences.

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Tennessee News Briefs

Mrs. Mary Wolford was honored by First Baptist church, Kingsport, for her 18 years in nursery work.

Bob DeLaney was elected president of Carson-Newman College's Student Government Association. A junior political science major at C-N, he is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Delaney** of Kingston.

Jim Smith has been licensed to preach by Calvary Baptist church, Bristol. **Dewey W. Kerr** is pastor.

Earl Taylor, moderator of Chilhowee Baptist Association, has begun his work as a full-time evangelist. For the past nine years he has served as president and speaker for "The Voice of Evangelism" radio ministry which is now an International Ministry of Evangelism. **Taylor** has been a pastor for 12 years, serving in various churches in East Tennessee.

Harmony church, Haywood Association, has added a baptistry, library, central heat and air conditioning, draperies and wall to wall carpet in the sanctuary and Sunday school rooms. **Adrain Knipper** is pastor.

Hopewell church, Chilhowee Association, has started a library and air conditioned the building. **George Macht** is pastor.

First church, Seymour, has chosen subcommittees for each phase of the building program which will include a new sanctuary and converting the present building into education space. The church has \$45,000 in a building fund. **Joe Orr** is pastor.

Greenback Memorial church, Chilhowee Association, has remodeled the basement, and furnished a new pastor's study. **Clarence Sexton** is pastor.

New Haven church, New River Association, has completed its new building with carpet and new furniture. The old building burned in 1969 and a year later the congregation was able to meet in the new building. **C. J. Thompson** is pastor.

First church, Oneida, has remodeled its building and installed a new furnace, carpet, paneled the auditorium, and purchased new furniture. **Phillip Kazee** is pastor.

The Union University Stage Band, official orchestra of the Miss Tennessee Pageant, will present its Fifth Annual Spring Concert on Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m. in the Jackson Junior High School auditorium, Jackson.

Fairview Baptist church, New River Association, has moved into its new building. **Jerry Zachery** is pastor.

Emmanuel church, Pioneer, has completed a new education building and installed carpet. **Kelly Byrd** is pastor.

John O. Hood, minister and community leader, and author of the recently printed book *History of the Chilhowee Baptist Association*, will be honored at First Baptist church, Maryville, from three to four o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 18.

New River church, New River Association, has redecorated its building, and installed a new furnace and carpeting. **Hertis Phillips** is pastor.

Ivy Grove church, Clinchmore, has completed its new building. **Joby Byrge** is pastor.

First Baptist church, Jackson, has begun a bus ministry. **R. Trevis Otey** is pastor.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

John Perkins has resigned as pastor of Bethany Baptist church, Mountain City, to become pastor of Little Mountain church, Watauga Association.

Ray Jones, Jr., a native of Knoxville, has resigned as pastor of Pond Run church, Echols, Ky. to become pastor of Ehrhardt Baptist church, Ehrhardt, S. C. **Jones** is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and Southern Baptist Theological seminary. **Mrs. Jones** is the former **Carolyn Sumter** of Fountain City. They have two children, **Dwight**, age six, and **Amy**, one.

Buffalo Grove church, Jefferson Association, has called **Harvey Evans**, a student at Carson-Newman college, as pastor.

Old Chilhowee church, Seymour, has called **Michael Pearson** as pastor. He is a student at Maryville college, Maryville.

Kenneth Holder has resigned as pastor of Hillview church, Chilhowee Association, to become pastor of Bethel church, Knoxville.

Pilgrim church, Maryville, has called **Fred Self** as pastor. This is his second time to serve the church as pastor.

Lamar Lifer is the new pastor of Westhaven church, Memphis. He came from Ingram Boulevard Baptist church, West Memphis, Ark. **Lyn Claybrook** has served the Memphis church as interim pastor the past six and one half months.

John R. Christian, pastor of First Baptist church, Goodlettsville, has resigned effective April 18 to become pastor of Second church, Hopkinsville, Ky. **Christian** served the Goodlettsville church eight years.

Larry Smith, associate in the Church Music department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has been called as minister of music and education at Haywood Hills Baptist church, Nashville. **Roger Shelton** is pastor.

Mill Springs church, Jefferson City, has called **Lloyd Brunson** of South Carolina as pastor. He will move to Jefferson City June 1.

Two Church Press Groups To Fight Mail Surcharges

NEW YORK — The nation's two major religious press associations have retained legal counsel to represent them jointly in hearings on new U.S. postal rates in Washington, D.C., beginning April 19.

Charles Emmet Lucey of Washington will represent the Associated Church Press (ACP), an organization composed mainly of Protestant and Orthodox publications, and the Catholic Press Association (CPA) before the Postal Rate Commission of the U.S. Postal Service.

James A. Doyle, CPA executive director, said the joint action will be focused on per-piece surcharges in the non-profit second class area of rate increases proposed by the postal service.

The per-piece surcharge proposals were described by Mr. Doyle as "potentially disastrous" for the religious press. In many cases, he indicated, religious publishers would be forced to cease publication. He added that it was essential to have expert legal counsel at the hearings to help the associations "fight against the confiscatory proposals for per-piece surcharges in the non-profit second class area."

Noting that the CPA and ACP directors have appropriated special funds for legal service, Mr. Doyle said the CPA board directed him to make a special appeal to CPA member publishers for funds to help fill this need. (RNS)

Arab Baptist Leaders Address Southern Baptists In Israel

JERUSALEM — Four officers of the Council of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel reviewed the work of the association during the annual meeting here of Southern Baptist representatives in Israel.

This was the first time that officers of the association have reported during annual sessions of the Baptist Mission, according to Mrs. Elizabeth F. Smith, press representative.

Yousef Qubty, chairman of the association, emphasized the need for the mission and association to work together. Qubty, a lay evangelist and teacher from Nazareth, and the other officers projected plans by which the two organizations might jointly provide needs of the six churches, five chapels and other preaching points of the seven-year-old association. (BP)

Salem church, Chilhowee Association, has called **Ronald Greene** as choir director.

Harsh Chapel church, Nashville, gave the **Dan Lawlers** a farewell reception Sunday and presented them a silver service and cash gift. **Lawler** has resigned as pastor after 20 years (14 years on current stay) to become pastor of Etter church, Route 2, Byrdstown, where he started preaching 30 years ago when he was just out of Carson-Newman college.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Students Speak For Themselves

As graduation approaches, the question of what Carson-Newman means to me often comes to mind. At this



Harnage

point, I must face the fact that I will be leaving the college, the individuals who make up this college and the community which surrounds the school. When I leave Carson-Newman, I will take with me much more than just a diploma. The lives of other individuals in this college community

have left a vivid impression within me.

Faculty and administrators accept their positions as much more than just a profession. They are available to counsel, to guide, to encourage or simply to exchange conversation. Here, professors exist for more significant reasons than educating the mind. Their attempt is to educate and to encourage the whole individual.

It is thrilling for a student to see his biology professor sing in the church choir on Sunday morning or to go with an administrator and his family for ice cream following a service.

As a student, numerous doors have been presented to me—doors opening to opportunities for worship, for service, for friendship, for work, for study, and even for recreation. At first, I was reluctant to step into any of these. As the years have progressed, the C-N environment has given me purpose in life and encouragement to look around at the world. I have been challenged to approach doors and to remain faithful even when one slams in my face. I have learned to patiently await another opportunity for service—another open door.

Carson-Newman College is much more than just another educational institution. Here in Jefferson City, a student has the opportunity to learn how to live and interact with society. I will always be grateful to all that I have met here because they have become a part of me; hopefully I will be able to share a portion of the love for God and the concern for others that some were so willing to share with me as a student at Carson-Newman College.—*Brenda J. Harnage*

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In fact, they embody a strong conservatism (which I define as seeking the meaning of the Good News and applying it to living). This is not found in dancing, as much as many students might hope, nor in casual attitudes toward students' activities.

It comes forth—in the literal sense of being born—in the form of a joyous, relaxed faith. Or, as the angels aptly phrased it, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad."



Grimsley

Belmont, to me, is a college which combines the highest levels of academicism with the greatest of challenges — to dare to become myself. God has a purpose for us all, and to seek to fulfill this plan, regardless of the world's opinions,

is the highest Christian duty.

Through people like Dr. Ivar Lou Duncan (English) and Dr. Herbert Gabhart (president), I have made some progress in this direction. For them, and other faculty members like them, I am thankful.—*Roger Grimsley*

Probably everyone has heard the "gone-away-to-college" bit about the "child" who goes to college and then returns to visit his home—grown-up and of course, intelligent. Well, here I am—"gone-away-to-college" to a place that has brought me the most memorable experiences of my life.

Three years ago I came to Union university. At first, I didn't understand why people were so kind to me. There I was—the lowly freshman returning "hello's" to the senior sophisticate, the administrator, the faculty member, and yes, the grounds keeper. It was only a few months later that I discovered my college and my home for the next few years was affecting me. Some of the kind spirit had "rubbed off". I felt at home and I felt the closeness of our small, yet very large campus. Since those first few weeks, many have asked me what Union University was all about and also how many students and what kind of students went there. Each time I answer them their faces seem to say "Oh, a small school!" If they only knew how much this small school encompasses and how many lives it influences!

It would be hypocritical of me to say that Union University is perfect. Of course, I don't agree with some of the school regulations, and often I feel that certain rules seem to have no real value. But I also understand that administrators are working with us (students) to adjust school policies to

benefit the student. I understand that our school is adjusting to changes and that it is our responsibility to contribute to these change-makings and to accept policies which may not be changed.



Hutchison

Proud of my college? Yes, very proud, for Union University has

caused me to experience living in a special way. By knowing different kinds of people, by living and working with these people and by trusting and being trusted by them, I will leave Union knowing how numerous its benefits have been.—*Miss Jackie Hutchison*

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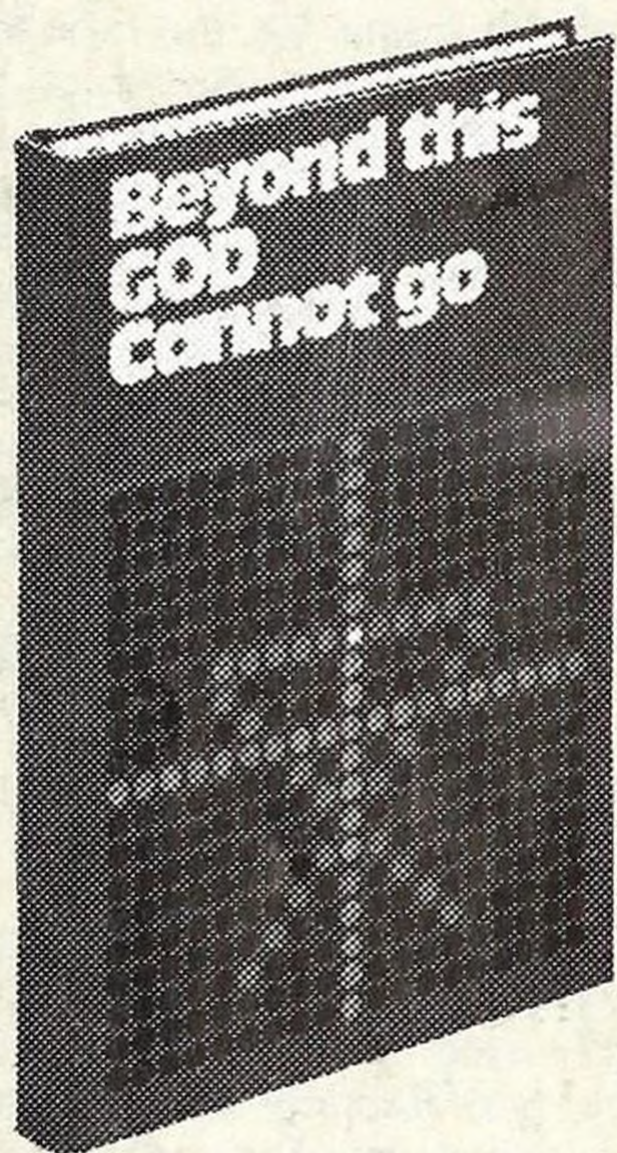
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Public Relations Awards Go To Carson-Newman

CHARLESTON, S.C.—The public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas walked off with 18 top awards in competition sponsored by the Baptist Public Relations Association here.

Billy Keith, director of public relations for the Texas convention, and his staff members, won 18 awards presented by the nationwide Baptist association, twice as many as the next highest winners.

Included in the 18 awards won by the Texas public relations staff were two cash special awards, eight awards of exceptional achievement (the top or first place award in each category) and eight awards of merit (second place honors).

Four different Baptist organizations dominated the top awards—the Texas convention, the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the SBC Foreign Mission Board, and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

The SBC Sunday School Board won nine awards, including one of the \$50 cash awards, three exceptional achievement awards, and five awards of merit.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board received one of the special awards, three exceptional achievement awards, and four merit awards. Carson-Newman College won six awards including one special cash citation, one exceptional achievement recognition, and four merit awards.

The association presented five \$50 cash awards for the best entries in public relations projects, motion picture production, religious journalism, total publications program, etc.

Keith won the special award for the best public relations project for his PR program for the Texas convention. This entry also won the Arthur S. Davenport Award, a citation given in memory of the late president of Arthur Davenport Associates, Oklahoma City.

The M. E. Dodd Memorial Award provided by the SBC Radio and Television Commission for the best entry in radio, television and motion picture categories went to C. W. (Bill) Junker, director of editorial services for the National Student Ministries of the SBC Sunday School Board for film entitled, "College Dead Ahead."

Miss Ione Gray, international writer and

Other Editors Write

The Price Of Preaching

A call to the ministry does not of itself require a minister to pay his own dollars for the privilege of ministering. Yet, the experience isn't too rare when you read the letter from one of Texas' more popular preachers.

"I'm sure that many missionaries, retired preachers and assorted, garden variety Baptists are caught in the inflationary trap and thoughtlessness of people," he says. He proves his point by recalling in recent weeks a 400-mile automobile trip, seven hours on the highway and a check for \$38; 480 miles, nine hours on the road and \$50; 560 miles and \$50; another trip and no check.

This page which has made frequent appeals for adequately compensating pastors and others of the church staff turns now to the same appeal for guest preachers and others who are invited to organizational meetings. Those who want to protest inadequate church budgets need to be reminded they should not invite those they cannot afford.

Missionaries, for example, are eager to tell the people about their work. Most of these are without travel budgets. It isn't fair to expect them to pay from their own pockets.

Professors at Southwestern Seminary and in our Baptist colleges do not have travel budgets. Most of them welcome Sunday engagements but their enthusiasm wanes when the check provides little more than the gasoline consumed.

The plight of the retired preacher is no different. They thrill, so long as health permits, at every opportunity to preach. Be sure they receive more than expense money for their preaching.

Some churches are more than generous. There are some engagements, too, when denominational men do not expect an honorarium or expense funds. Our appeal is intended for those who have forgotten that it costs to travel.—**John J. Hurt, "Baptist Standard", Texas**

editor for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, won the Douglas Tomlinson Award for "significant achievement in religious journalism" for her features entitled "Urban Survey in Southeast Asia."

Carl Tipton, public relations director for Carson-Newman College received the special \$50 award for the best total publications program.

Each of the special and memorial awards winners was presented an engraved plaque in addition to the \$50 in cash.

Twenty-one different agencies and institutions whose staff members participate in the association received a total of 89 different awards during the presentations. There were 26 awards of exceptional achievement and 58 awards of merit. (BP)

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Baptist Men's Agency Surveyed: Purpose Valid, Members Say, But Work Short Of Desired Goal

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—A survey of the American Baptist Men's organization has revealed that while 76 per cent of the respondents consider the agency's purpose to be valid, 90 per cent feel that its purpose is not being fulfilled.

Questionnaire forms—plus a dollar bill to encourage an answer—were mailed to a selected list of pastors and laymen throughout the American Baptist convention, according to the executive committee of American Baptist Men. Some 45 per cent of the 1048 forms mailed drew replies.

The stated purpose of the organization is

to "lead men into a vital relationship to God through personal faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to enlist men in a life of effective Christian service in the local church and community, and to advance and support the wider work and program of the American Baptist Convention and its cooperating agencies."

From 74 to 93 per cent of the respondents stated that at the present time they are making their best contributions to church life through financial aid, serving on boards and ushering. Only 23 per cent felt that they were serving well in evangelism, and 41 per cent believed they were rendering good service as leaders of youth.

However, the responses also indicated that evangelism should be the primary concern of men and that the role of the pastor is to train, lead, enable and inspire. They also felt that not enough young men are involved in the men's program.

Age groups responding to the survey included: under 30, 7 per cent; men in their 30s, 14 per cent; men in their 40s, 30 per cent; men in their 50s, 31 per cent; men in their 60s, 14 per cent; and "over 70," 4 per cent.

In evaluating the organization's structure, 59 per cent were well pleased with the structure, the survey showed. A proposal to

combine men's work and women's work was rejected by participants in the study.

Nearly all of the respondents—97 per cent—affirmed that the church is not irrelevant and has not outlived its usefulness, but they were divided on how much influence the church has on society.

The Baptist Men's executive committee has moved to take action on a re-examination of the agency's basic objectives, establishing specific goals and programs, streamlining organizational structure, developing action-oriented programs emphasizing evangelism and community action, and implementing a task-force approach to projects.

Further action on the proposals will come when the American Baptist Men meet at Green Lake, Wis., July 17-24. (RNS)

Two Knoxville Dentists Aid In Guyana Clinic

The fifth annual dental project has just been concluded in Guyana. During nine working days 6400 teeth were pulled, 3557 people were seen in 32 different places, and 125 partial plates were made or repaired.

Dr. David Tate of Irving, Tex., was here for his fourth trip since he initiated the dental program in 1966. Accompanying him were Mr. and Mrs. James Spence, also of Irving, both dental technicians who made "impressions for Christ."

The trip was a second for Spence. Dr. Jack Fuson of Knoxville, Tenn., accompanied by his wife, Ruth, was here for his third trip in less than two years.

Dr. Carter Davis also of Knoxville, came for his first project. Dr. Bob Becker of Palatine, Ill., was here for the second time. His sister, a nurse, was on the team, but she had to turn back at Barbados because of illness.

Society's Data Shows A Major Increase In Reading Of Bible

NEW YORK—The American Bible Society has sold or given away nearly 2 million copies of its 1971 Daily Bible Reading plan—more than twice the number supplied in the previous year.

And a subsidized offer of a Bible for \$1 which was nationally advertised has resulted in requests for more than 17,000 Bibles, the Society said here.

Miss Clarice Franklin, editor of Bible reading materials, said response to the radio announcements and newspaper and magazine ads rose as high as 1500 orders in a single day.

One hundred college publications were among media carrying the print ad which featured photos of three leading rock groups, bearing the headline, "Look Who Reads the Bible." (RNS)

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The Role Of The Hebrew Prophet

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor
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Bible Study Passages: Amos 3:1-2; Hosea 8:1-3; Isaiah 6:8; Micah 3:5-8

This week we begin a new series of lessons that will take us through the month of June. The theme of the unit is "Prophets of Righeousness and Mercy." The Scripture passages for the lessons are taken from the writings of four prophets—Amos, Hosea, Micah and Isaiah. Amos and Hosea address their messages to Israel. Micah and Isaiah address their messages to Judah. The four prophets are contemporaries.



Kolb

In the lesson this week you will find five characteristics of a prophet, of the Hebrew prophets.

I. The Prophet Recalls God's Past Dealings With His People (Amos 3:1).

Israel must not forget her humble beginnings. The sovereign God had chosen Israel as the people of God. Israel was chosen for witness and service. His will must be supreme for His people.

God had been gracious to Israel in bringing His people out of slavery. They must never forget their humble beginnings, and must never cease to marvel at what God had done in Egypt in delivering them out of slavery.

The exodus from Isreal indicates God's choice of Israel as His people. They must not forget God's dealing with them!

II. The Prophet Declares That God Punishes His People When They Sin (Amos 3:2).

The election of Israel as the people of God is unique and applies to no other people. The fact that they are God's people does not exempt them from punishment when they sin. Divine election would not exempt the sinful nation of God's judgment. God's grace and goodness demands punishment of all evil deeds. The law is fundamental. Punishment comes when the nation or individual is not true to God. The re-

tention of God's favor depended upon obedience to God's commands, God's word. Israel had sinned against light, knowledge, and love.

This passage is relevant for today, has a message for today. We must recognize God's rule over our lives and our relationship to Him as the chosen of God. We must follow His leadership and obey His commands. If we do not obey Him we can expect punishment for all our sins.

III. The Prophet Announces The Necessity Of The Judgment Of God (Hosea 8:1-3).

The prophet Hosea is commanded to "set the trumpet to thy mouth" (Hosea 8:1). The trumpet was used to announce the approach of an enemy (Ezek. 33:3), to announce instruction (Num. 10:3, 4), to marshall a nation for war (Jer. 4:19; 42:14), to prepare for a march (Num. 10:3-7), to indicate a recall from dispersion (Isa. 27:13). In fact, it will be used in the resurrection (I Cor.

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15:52). But here the prophet is to blow the trumpet to awaken the nation as to the seriousness of his message, God's message.

As an eagle swoops upon its prey, so Israel's enemy, Assyria, would come to the attack. God's judgment would be swift in coming upon the Lord's house, the congregation of the Lord. Israel's major sin is the transgression of God's covenant with His people, the transgression of His law. They imagined that because they were Isreal, they would be spared the attack (Hosea 8:2; Matt. 7:22-23).

Instead of worshipping God, they had turned to idols (Hosea 8:4). Israel disliked the good. They had pursued sin and the enemy would pursue them. Isreal would have to face her foes without God.

The pathway of sin always leads to the judgment of God. Only genuine repentance and a return to God will cause one to escape the judgment of God.

IV. The Prophet Speaks Out Against False Prophets (Micah 3:5-8).

False prophets have appeared throughout the history of both Judah and Israel, throughout the history of God's people. They cause people to err because they prophesy for personal gain. They will preach peace or war dependent upon how they are rewarded. If they are fed they cry peace. If they are unfed they cry war. Their chief purpose in life is to feast and dine and wine.

During Micah's day the false prophets were saying, "you are God's people, how can the Lord forsake His own?" The night and the darkness (Micah 3:6) denotes the calamity that would come upon the false prophets. Their sun would set. The results of their predictions would put them to shame (Micah 3:7). God doesn't honor false predictions. In contrast, God does honor true prophets like Micah. They speak with divine power, they have the ability to discern what is right and just, and they pos-

sess a holy courage which enables them to face any danger. A true prophet declares the unrighteousness of all people and announces the judgment of God upon sinners, even upon false prophets.

There are many false prophets today. They declare that the Bible is not inspired, the blood is unnecessary, the church is not relevant, hell is not a reality, and one religion is as good as another if a man is sincere. Surely, the prophets of today ought to speak out against all of these untruths and those who teach them.

V. The Prophet is God's Spokesman (Isaiah 6:8).

Isaiah said he heard the Lord call and he answered that call. True prophets do not take up the ministry but are called by God to serve Him, to represent Him to the people, to be His spokesman.

The prophet is to deliver God's message to the people (Isaiah 6:9). God's prophet today speaks for God. He has the message God has given him! He has the message we need to hear and heed! Pray for your pastor as he delivers God's message!

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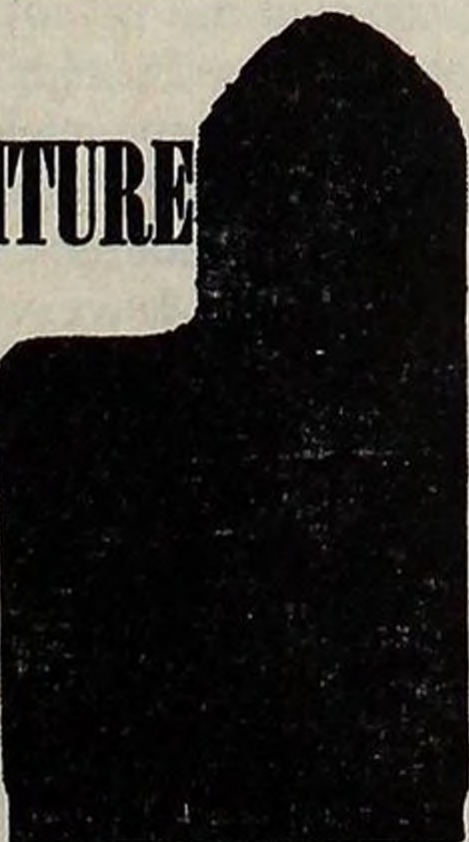
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Hard Times For God's Servant

By W. R. White

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Basic Passages: 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 36

Focal Passages: 2 Kings 23:21-26; 2 Chronicles 36:15-17

Jeremiah prophesied in Judah's most difficult era. It was the period of terminal decline. Good kings and evil ones arose.



White

The total reign of evil kings surpassed seriously the total rule of good kings. Unfortunately the wicked kings were more persistent, usually in their machinations than the good kings were in their pursuit of righteous reforms.

Jeremiah sought to warn the vicious kings and bring them to their senses. He supported and counseled the more decent kings. Occasionally he had to warn them also.

Jeremiah was a man of great compassion and courage. So much of the time he had to fill a very unpopular role. His integrity and his realism made him tell his people the naked, unpleasant truth about their future. This caused him to be branded as very disloyal.

The false charges deeply hurt his highly sensitive soul. His heart was poignantly distressed, causing his tears to flow freely. Concern of this great patriot for his country added to his suffering.

Jeremiah not only saw his country's downfall, he saw also its restoration from the ordeal of exile. He exercised his right to purchase a kinsman's estate as an investment for his descendants manifesting his confidence in his country's future.

The prophet not only had to deal with corrupt oppressive kings, he had to confront religious apostasy and moral degradation. They were inextricably interrelated. He had to face almost insurmountable odds. In fact he had to deal with highly explosive issues.

There were time serving, false prophets who gave him plenty of static.

TRUE WORSHIP REVIVED

2 Kings 21-23

The passover was a powerful religious influence among the Hebrew people. It memorialized their past deliverance and anticipated a still greater deliverance in the future. It had been completely neglected from the time of the judges. None of the kings of Israel and Judah had seen to its observance until the eighteenth year of the reign of King Josiah. At that time he called upon all the people to observe it according to the covenant.

Perfunctory observance of this sacred rite would have made little difference. However, sincere meaningful observance would have made a vast difference. Neglect created a vacuum that was filled with false gods, superstition and idolatry. This led to moral and ethical decay. There was little social conscience to react to oppression, iniquities and injustice. It was a deplorable situation.

JOSIAH, THE GREAT REFORMER

2 Kings 23:24-25

Hilkiah the priest rediscovered a greatly neglected portion of the scriptures, being covered with dust, no doubt, tucked away in the temple. Josiah was deeply moved by its contents and had it read to the people. They were moved to rededicate themselves by renewing the reaffirmation of the covenant.

Josiah made a sweeping purge of the whole nation. He put away all abominations such as soothsayers, wizards, idols and images. He made a unique place for himself among all the kings of Judah and Israel. He sought and served the Lord with all his heart, mind and strength.

THEIR SIN WAS TOO GREAT

2 Kings 23:26

Manasseh had debouched the land too much, too deep and too long. The people had gone too far in their defiance of the Lord. Judgment was inevitable.

The great reforms of Josiah alleviated the situation somewhat for a while. The bright prospect went into total eclipse under his successors.

DOOM COMES AT LAST

2 Chron. 36:15-17

Here we have a recapitulation of God's efforts to bring the people and rulers to a thorough and lasting repentance. He sent messenger after messenger to them. They were in the main either unheeded, abused or slain.

God's mercy and patience were so completely and incorrigibly spurned that He said, "It is enough".

The Chaldeans swooped down on them like wolves on a helpless fold. It was devastating on all ages and groups. The end was tragic indeed.

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HE WORRIED UNTIL—!

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

It was late at night when the phone rang. The voice of a stranger on the other end said, "I'm worried and thought you might help me. I heard you speak at our annual association and was convinced that you folk have what I need."

Continuing the conversation revealed that the caller was blind, old, alone and lonely. Two brothers have ignored him since his blindness has demanded special attention. A niece has provided companionship and needed assistance. A conference with the two of them led to plans that made him happy.

He felt that the two brothers were in his words, "waiting like buzzards for him to die" that they might get his estate. He worried about what would happen to his hard earned savings.

His worries ceased when we discussed a Christian will whereby he could leave his estate to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, in trust, never to be spent with the income only to be paid to Christian Causes for all time to come. He provided for his attentive niece and for the Lord whom He loves. We provided the information and his attorney prepared his will.

The last conversation with him produced the statement, "I worried constantly until I got this business taken care of." Many others need to contact our office for information on how to plan for a Christian disposition of their estate.

Write or call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee, phone 833-4220.

Missionaries Stay In East Pakistan

RICHMOND—Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in East Pakistan have remained there during civil strife between the Pakistani armed forces and supporters of the movement for an independent Bengali state, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials here said.

Evacuation is not taking place yet, reported John D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe and Middle East, but the American Consul General in Dacca has asked that facilities be provided for those who want to leave.

"I am concerned but reassured by what I have heard, and am reasonably confident our people are going to be all right," Hughey said.

"Our missionaries in East Pakistan know the board will back fully their decision; they do not have to wait for word from us to evacuate if they think this advisable," Hughey added. (BP)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

In this issue I want to discuss our rural churches in Tennessee and in the Southern Baptist Convention. So much has been



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written about the fact that we have become urbanized and have left our rural communities and rural life. It is often almost implied that we now have no rural churches and that all life is in the great metropolitan areas. There is a strong tendency to think in these terms when programs are being prepared or literature is being written. We have so much said about the great problems in cities and the city churches but so little is ever written or said about our rural churches.

But it would be a fatal mistake to think that we do not have many hundreds of truly great rural churches. We are fortunate to have so many strong rural churches in Tennessee. I have the privilege of preaching in several of them each year. I observe their work and the fine way in which they are meeting the needs of their communities. They know the needs of their people. They are concerned with the sick, the poor, the suffering, and those who have had misfortunes.

Many of our rural churches have built excellent pastoriums. Many have new buildings which they have erected in recent years with good plans for their educational and recreational and social needs. Many have good kitchen and dining room facilities. Many have electric organs and pianos and have made good provision for a good music program.

Many Factors Involved

All of this is a result of much work on the part of the associations and the cooperation of denominational and church leadership. Of course, a better economy has helped the churches to be stronger financially. Good stewardship education, weekly plans of giving, emphasis on tithing, and careful budgeting and the keeping of accurate records have all helped also.

Rural churches have a good record in evangelism also. Many have good visitation programs and they seek to win and enlist the people of the community and to enlist newcomers. Revivals have not gone out of style, and they have some good personal witnesses who win souls through the year week by week.

It is regrettable that we still have a large number of rural churches which have not

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Parents Influence Way Child Reacts To Pain

Pain hurts children more than adults, but the way a child reacts to pain in general is largely a matter of his parents' psychology and temperament, suggests Irwin Ross, Ph.D., in HEALTH.

If parents are emotional about pain and dramatize each twinge with groans and grimaces, a child is likely to react the same way. If parents accept pain as a temporary discomfort that is part of living, their youngster is apt to be stoic, too.

While there is nothing wrong about showing hurt, there is not much difference in individuals' actual ability to feel physical pain, although some people claim to "feel" more, according to research studies. Children are more sensitive to pain than grown-ups, but the sensitivity declines as they grow older.

The way one earns one's living can affect one's reaction to pain, says Dr. Ross. "Severe pain may come as a shock to office workers and others who rarely suffer injuries, while farmers, construction workers, and athletes usually take their hurts in stride."

grown nor made the progress which has been indicated. Many have lost membership as old communities have declined and people have moved away. The small family farm is disappearing from the American scene. Churches which are located in remote rural communities where there are no workers who commute to a city or industrial area for work often have very poor financial resources. Many have poor buildings and facilities.

Trained Leadership Still Needed

There are still far too many rural churches who do not have trained or educated pastors. They do the best they can. They do not have trained church leadership and they have a difficult time getting the kind of a church program started which will enable them to hold their young people and to grow with the times.

We need to remember this great rural area of our state and to keep our rural churches in mind. Many of them need our prayers and our help. They need strengthening and they need a new vision of growth.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

W. D. Hutton, LaFollette, preached the commencement sermon for the high school at Oneida and on the same Sunday received a call to become pastor of the First church there.

S. E. Tull, First church, Jackson, wrote an article entitled, "Getting Down to Business in Baptist Affairs," which was published in the Texas Baptist State paper, *The Baptist Standard*.

20 YEARS AGO

First church, Oak Ridge, observed its eighth anniversary as a church. It was begun in 1943 as a Sunday School and the first church service was conducted by a group of Baptist students led by Baptist Student Union secretary Rogers M. Smith. The church paid back \$3000 at the end of its first year which had been allocated from State Missions, and gave an additional \$3000 to missions. W. Stuart Rule served as the first pastor.

The Memphis branch of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes was established. C. W. Creasman served as general superintendent of the convention's Children's Homes.

10 YEARS AGO

Leslie D. Werner, of Atlanta, Ga., became Baptist Student director for the city of Chattanooga.

Stevens Street church, Cookeville, held dedication services for its new \$40,000 educational building. Harlan F. Reynolds served as pastor.

George C. Capps, pastor, First church, Parsons, delivered the address at Alumni Day exercises at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

They still make a great contribution to the denomination and to the churches in the towns and cities by the fine people whom they bring up and send to the towns and cities to live. This has been true through the years.

I grew up in a small rural church. I owe so much to that church and the great start it gave me in my Christian life. I was licensed to preach and also ordained there. Many other preachers and missionaries have gone out from that same little rural church in Kentucky. Let us thank God for our rural churches and pray for their continued ministry in this complex urbanized age.

Construction Under Way On C-N's Dougherty Science Building

JEFFERSON CITY—Construction has begun on Carson-Newman College's Dougherty Science Building. Waters and Johnson of Knoxville was awarded the general contract for the facility which will cost in excess of \$2 million. Acting in a liaison capacity between the college and contractor will be Guy L. Sexton, Jr., C-N physical plant engineer.

Plans call for the science center to be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1972. The three-story building will contain approximately 60,000 square feet of fully air-conditioned space.

Carson-Newman President Dr. John A. Fincher called the construction a, "Major step in the continuing development of the educational facilities of the college. The science center will represent the culmination of the combined efforts of thousands of interested individuals and organizations—Baptist churches, alumni, friends, foundations and corporations. This facility will be a tribute to their commitment to Christian higher education. This new facility will greatly enhance the academic and research programs that traditionally have been strong at the college."

The science center will be named in honor of the late Thomas Hunter Dougherty and his wife, Nan Meek Dougherty. Dougherty, of Hanover, Va., was a teacher, farmer, insurance executive and a 1911 graduate of Carson-Newman. Mrs. Dougherty has taught school, held an important position in the War Department and is now active in church work.

To be housed in the building will be the mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics and geology departments. A greenhouse and animal facility will also be located on the roof. Currently the science departments at the East Tennessee Baptist college are located in the Warren Science Building, built in 1939 when the enrollment at C-N was 571. There are now over 1600 students attending the college.

The science building is designed so that an auditorium, with a seating capacity of approximately 200, can be added in the future. The auditorium can be used for science and general lectures as well as special meetings and programs. It is hoped that a planetarium can also be added. Included in the structure are 25 laboratories and 21 faculty offices and conference areas.

According to C-N Treasurer and Business Manager Albert R. Sloan, "This is the first building bid in 15 years that did not exceed the amount of cash expected to be available on the completion date. It is also the first one to come within the anticipated figures of the architect."

To be located south of the new men's

dormitory, Dougherty Science building will be constructed of two colors of brick and be modern and functional in design.

C-N Director of Development Bill Powell pointed out that, "Complete financing for the 'brick and mortar' and built-in equipment has been received or pledged. There are still needs, however, in connection with the new facility; new furnishings such as student, office and lounge furniture and additional laboratory and research equipment are still needed.

"The college has been promised," Powell stated, "an additional \$25,000 grant by a nationally-known foundation, if total construction funds have been raised by Dec. 15, 1971. Alumni, area businesses, industry and other interested friends will be urged to help us take advantage of this 'bonus offer.'"

Children's Homes

DEDICATION

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

The first two of the proposed 10 new family cottages at the Franklin Home have been completed and occupied. They have been named the Jarman and Horrell Cottages. Dedication for these buildings has been set for Sunday afternoon May 2, at 3:00 o'clock Central Daylight Time, at the Home with Brother W. Maxey Jarman bringing the dedication message. The children will also participate in the service.

Open house will be held also on May 2 beginning at 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 1, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All of our Tennessee Baptists and other friends are most cordially invited to attend.

This will be a great event in the life of this Home and for our children and staff. Thank you for your love, your prayers, and your financial support. God bless you!

Charlotte Church Lets Contract On New Building Downtown

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—First Baptist church of Charlotte, where Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates is pastor, has let contracts totalling \$1.8 million for construction of a new church plant in downtown Charlotte.

The church will move its entire plant to new facilities about five blocks away where it has bought nearly two square blocks of Urban Renewal property.

Ground was scheduled to be broken on Easter Sunday, with construction expected to take from 18 to 20 months.

During a business session, the 2600-mem-

SBC Historical Commission Meet Scheduled For April 19-21

The annual meeting of the Historical Commission and Society of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held April 19-21 at the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the SBC Executive Committee building, Nashville. The Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning sessions will be held at the SBC building.

During the Monday evening session a special feature will be presented on the late Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Commission until his death. Morgan Patterson, a member of the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., and chairman of the Commission, will present an appreciation of Dr. Woolley and Albert McClellan, SBC Program Planning secretary, will speak on "Davis C. Woolley, Denominational Leader." Patterson will present a resolution from the Commission to Mrs. Woolley who will also be presented a copy of Vol. III of the **Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists** on which work Woolley served as managing editor.

During the same session a feature on the 20th anniversary of the Commission will also be presented.

The Tuesday morning session will include an address by Keith Wills, librarian, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, entitled, "L. R. Elliott and Baptist History." There will also be an autograph party during the morning coffee break, scheduled for Dargan Carver Library, BSSB, honoring H. I. Hester, author of **Southern Baptists and Their History**.

Also scheduled for Tuesday morning is a panel composed of four seminary librarians: Leo Crismon, Southern seminary; Wills, Southwestern; Eugene McLeod, Southeastern (Wake Forest, N.C.); and Miss Nell Davidson, New Orleans. The discussion will center around seminary libraries.

A fellowship luncheon will be held at First church, Nashville at 12 noon Tuesday at which time Wayne Todd, BSSB, will speak on "The Church Library and Baptist History."

The Tuesday evening session will be given over to business and the Wednesday morning session will involve participation by state societies. Spencer King, of Mercer university, Macon, Ga., will speak on "How the Baptists Won the West."

The meeting will close with a luncheon on Wednesday.

ber church voted to give the contract to Laxon Construction Co., to borrow \$1.5 million for the construction, and to start on a \$175,000 "extra effort" fund raising campaign.

First phase of the construction is to be an educational plant with an auditorium. A large sanctuary is to be erected at a later date. (BP)