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A MIXED REACTION

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And some of them believed . . . but the Jews which believed not. . ."—Acts 17:4-5

From Philippi, Paul and his group traveled the Egnatian road to Thessalonica. It was the site of modern Salonika. Thessalonica was a center of industry and shipping. A Roman free city, it enjoyed considerable self-rule under six politarchs (city rulers). The proconsul of Macedonia lived there, but interfered in the local government only when a serious violation of Roman law was involved.

For three sabbaths Paul was in the synagogue expounding the Old Testament scriptures about the suffering Messiah. From them he declared that "this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (v. 3). The language shows that he did so in the face of opposition, probably from the rabbis. Nevertheless there was a mixed reaction to his preaching.

Despite fear of the rabbis some Jews believed in Jesus as the Messiah, and joined themselves to Paul. Also there was a great multitude of "devout Greeks" who believed. These were God-fearers who had forsaken pagan religion and were studying the Jewish faith with a view possibly to become Jews in religion. Later Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church, largely Gentile in nature, about their having turned from idols to serve the living God (I Thess. 1:9). Also

"of the chief women not a few." Women enjoyed more freedom in Macedonia than elsewhere. These women of the first rank in the city probably were Gentiles.

On the other hand unbelieving Jews, evidently rabbis and their following, were "moved with envy" or jealousy because of the success of Paul's preaching. So they went into the marketplace and secured, probably by hire, "lewd fellows of the baser sort. Plato used the word for "lewd" to mean idlers or good-for-nothing fellows.

So they became a mob of rabble rousers setting the city in a continuous uproar, accusing Paul and his friends of treason for preaching that Jesus is another king opposing Caesar (vv. 5-7). This disturbed the politarchs. But the charge was so general that they only demanded a "surety of Jason", Paul's host. This probably meant that he would either stop Paul from preaching or else that he would leave the city.

While only three sabbaths are mentioned it is possible that Paul spent more than three weeks there. In any event he established a strong church in Thessalonica. This church continued to suffer at the hands of their opponents as is shown in the Thessalonian epistles. When one cannot answer the gospel by reason, he resorts to violence and falsehood. But the truth of the gospel bears fruit.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Church membership may not have been acclaimed as the "Number one Spectator Sport," but many a Baptist is becoming more of a spectator and less of a participator.

The trend now is often expressed in the words, "I'd rather pay somebody to do my part of the church work than to bother with it myself."

It's like the bulletin announcement I remember reading from one of our Baptist churches: "All members are notified to have their yardmen at the church early Saturday for the work-day."

A spirit like this just chokes one up—in fact, it also chokes off much of the joy of putting yourself to work in the service of God.

It would be well if we could recapture the joy once found in participation. A church member is missing more than the point when he excuses himself by saying: "There is nothing I won't get somebody else to do for my church."

Devotional

HE WOULD NOT GO IN!

By Robert D. Agee, Pastor
Gladeville Baptist Church, Gladeville

Luke 15:28 "and he was angry, and would not go in:"

Luke 15 tells the story of three lost things: a sheep, a coin, and a boy. The related teaching of the chapter is that as long as either of the objects remained lost, it was of no value to its particular owner. Once found, each was cleansed, forgiven, and pressed into service, thereby regaining its unique value and distinction.



Agee

In the story of the prodigal son, the older brother is characteristic of many church members. He was not open in his rebellion and sin as the prodigal, but the condition of his life shows a need for discipline. He was angry, and would not go into the house just like many church members refuse to attend worship services today.

There were reasons why the older brother would not go in. He did not like the music. Many church members cannot stand to sing hymns of praise, service, stewardship, and invitation. He did not like the expenditures. How often it is someone says, "that church is too fine for me, I do not have the clothes to wear down there. He did not like the attitude. Just like the brother again, many church members wear the label of being a "selfish, egotistical, braggadocio!" Most of all, he did not like his brother. Is it not funny how we can be rocked in the same cradle, eat from the same table, play the same games, and work at the same jobs, but still not get along in the same church.

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see." "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Church member, do not be so small as to let the music, expenditures, attitude, and your brother keep you out of the fellowship and enjoyment of worship in the Lord's House, but most of all, out of the Lord's will.

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Bates Suggests Sending SBC Resolutions To Committee

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates here has requested that persons planning to present resolutions to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 1-3, submit their resolutions in advance to the resolutions committee to give the committee more time for serious consideration.

Bates also outlined several suggestions for persons planning to submit resolutions to the convention, saying they would help the committee better discharge its responsibility.

He specifically requested persons planning to submit resolutions to write them out in advance of the convention, to type the resolutions on 8½ x 11 paper, and to mail them one month in advance to the chairman of the committee.

Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., has been appointed chairman of the resolutions committee.

Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church here, pointed out that the purpose of his request was only to help the committee do a better job of presenting significant resolutions to the convention. He observed that in the past, the committee did not have enough time to do its work during the convention itself.

Often the resolutions that were submitted in the past were hand-written on scraps of paper, and were frequently very difficult to read, he added.

Bates said he did not want to stifle or discourage anyone from presenting spontaneous resolutions of concern, and that messengers could still present resolutions from the floor without having submitted them in advance. Bates said his suggestion, however, would help the committee and the convention greatly.

The SBC president gave several other suggestions to those wishing to submit resolutions.

He asked that each person submitting a resolution type on the resolution his name, identifying title, and name of the church of which he is a messenger, and also to sign the resolution.

Such resolutions should have a brief title, should follow the generally recognized pattern for formal resolutions to a convention, and should be clearly and concisely written, Bates suggested.

Although the resolution should be mailed in advance to the resolutions committee, it should be presented to the convention with a brief statement of about 50 words stating the central concern without reading the full resolution, Bates said.

Bates added that his suggestions applied only to resolutions, and did not cover

motions which might call for specific actions by the convention.

Under SBC procedure, Bates said, resolutions are automatically referred to the resolutions committee which has the responsibility for bring the final drafts to the convention; while motions are scheduled for direct discussion and action by the full convention without referral to committee. (BP)

Yearby Elected To Head Foundation Executives

ATLANTA—Vernon Yearby of Montgomery, Ala., executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, was elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives during the organization's annual meeting here.

He succeeds Glenn Crotts, executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist Foundation, as head of the organization, composed of the chief executives for state Baptist Foundations.

Elected vice president was Thomas E. Carter of the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation and named secretary-treasurer was Jim M. Cherry of the South Carolina Baptist Foundation.

Yearby has been vice president of the association for the past year, and has headed the Alabama foundation for five years.

Previously, Yearby was associate in the Evangelism Division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He has also been evangelism secretary for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and pastor of churches in Texas and Alabama.

The Association of Baptist Foundation Executives is an organization of executives for 27 Baptist Foundations whose major job is managing trusts, endowments, and certain assets of SBC and state Baptist conventions and their institutions. (BP)

Arthur J. Goldberg Bible Week Chairman

Arthur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Court Justice, has been named national chairman for the 31st annual interfaith observance of National Bible Week, according to Myron L. Boardman, president of the Laymen's National Bible Committee, the sponsoring organization.

Dutch May Move Union Headquarters

The administrative office of the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands may move from Arnhem to a site near Utrecht. There, it would be located on the same property with the Dutch Baptist Seminary.

Delegates to the union's annual conference in May will consider a proposal to move the headquarters.

Evangelists' Conference Slates Four Speakers, Gospel Music

ST. LOUIS—Messages by four Baptist evangelists and an hour-long gospel music concert will be featured during the 16th annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists here, Wednesday, June 2, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sessions will be held at the 2400-seat Third Baptist Church, and conference president Charles Masegee, an evangelist from Dallas, said he expects the auditorium to be filled.

Major speakers will be Bob Harrington, the "chaplain of Bourbon Street" in New Orleans; Evangelist Bill Glass of Dallas, a former Cleveland Browns all-pro football star; Evangelist Clyde Chiles of St. Louis, director of the "Turning Point Evangelistic Service" here; and Evangelist Sam Cathey of Tulsa, Okla., who specializes in pioneer mission evangelism.

Masegee said an hour-long concert of gospel music would begin at 1:00 p.m., with as many as 25 of "America's finest evangelistic singers" presenting special music before the preaching gets underway at 2:00 p.m.

Masegee said the program "will be highly inspirational and designed to motivate God's people to compassionate soul-winning action."

In addition, the conference will sponsor an "Open House Showcase" after hours at the convention each evening beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the Ballroom of the St. Louis Gateway Hotel, Monday, May 31 through Wednesday, June 2.

The "Open House Showcase" will feature gospel music, refreshments, fellowships, and inspiration, Masegee said. Master of ceremonies for the occasions will be Ed Stalnecker, music evangelist from Ripley, Tenn. Masegee said the open house sessions would be "come and go" affairs. (BP)



Barton's Creek church, Lebanon, broke ground on March 28 for a new \$85,000, 350-seat auditorium and educational space. Mrs. Mattie Ligon, left, front is the oldest member of the church and Kynn Bain, right, front, is the youngest member. Others participating included, back row, left to right: Dalton Walden; Ham Johnson; Joe Reed; Porter Sanford; Richard Ligon; B. Ray McCarlie; Joe Alsup; and John Evans, pastor.

The 'Jesus Movement'

News media, both secular and religious, are expending many words today upon the so-called "Jesus Movement." A recent issue of *Christianity Today*, for example, cited examples of the underground hippie press transferring emphases from the hippie movement to the "Jesus Movement."

We are committed unalterably to seeking to win men, women, boys, and girls to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. This to us is the task of the Christian; who must tell that which he knows and that which is in his heart. We are not concerned primarily with a fixed mode of witness as much as we are with the effectiveness of the witness. One has only to recall that, in the days of the Old Testament prophets and throughout biblical revelation, God spoke to man in many ways; yet it was God speaking.

If young men and young women are being won to Christ in their exuberant emphasis upon the "Jesus Movement," then to us this is fine. One big question which looms in our mind is "why can we not reach more effectively young people through our established churches?" Some of us think we may know and yet we're ashamed to admit it. What we think we may know is that we are not willing to bend enough in any direction to elicit the strong interest and support and enthusiasm—attributes of youth.

We hope the "Jesus Movement", if such it be called, will never be confined to a particular time, a particular life style, or a particular method of witness. We hope the "Jesus Movement" will continue to be what it has been historically, a movement of men toward God revealed through Christ Jesus, whether it be inside the walls of our churches or whether it be in the street preaching, street witnessing or what have you.

If the "Jesus Movement" as it is identified today works, fine. Let's get more of it in our churches. In the meantime, let us make sure that Jesus is just as real in our churches to our adults, to our young people, as he is to those who seemingly find much reality of Christ outside of the institutional church.

The wish which we have is that whatever transpires—it may be a deep, permanent, and abiding experience, not just something which is acquired temporarily because of crowd motivation or of a flashy personality. We have enough flashy personalities. We need more deeply dedicated Christians. And, finally, throughout history the witness of Christ has been kept alive by church groups; we

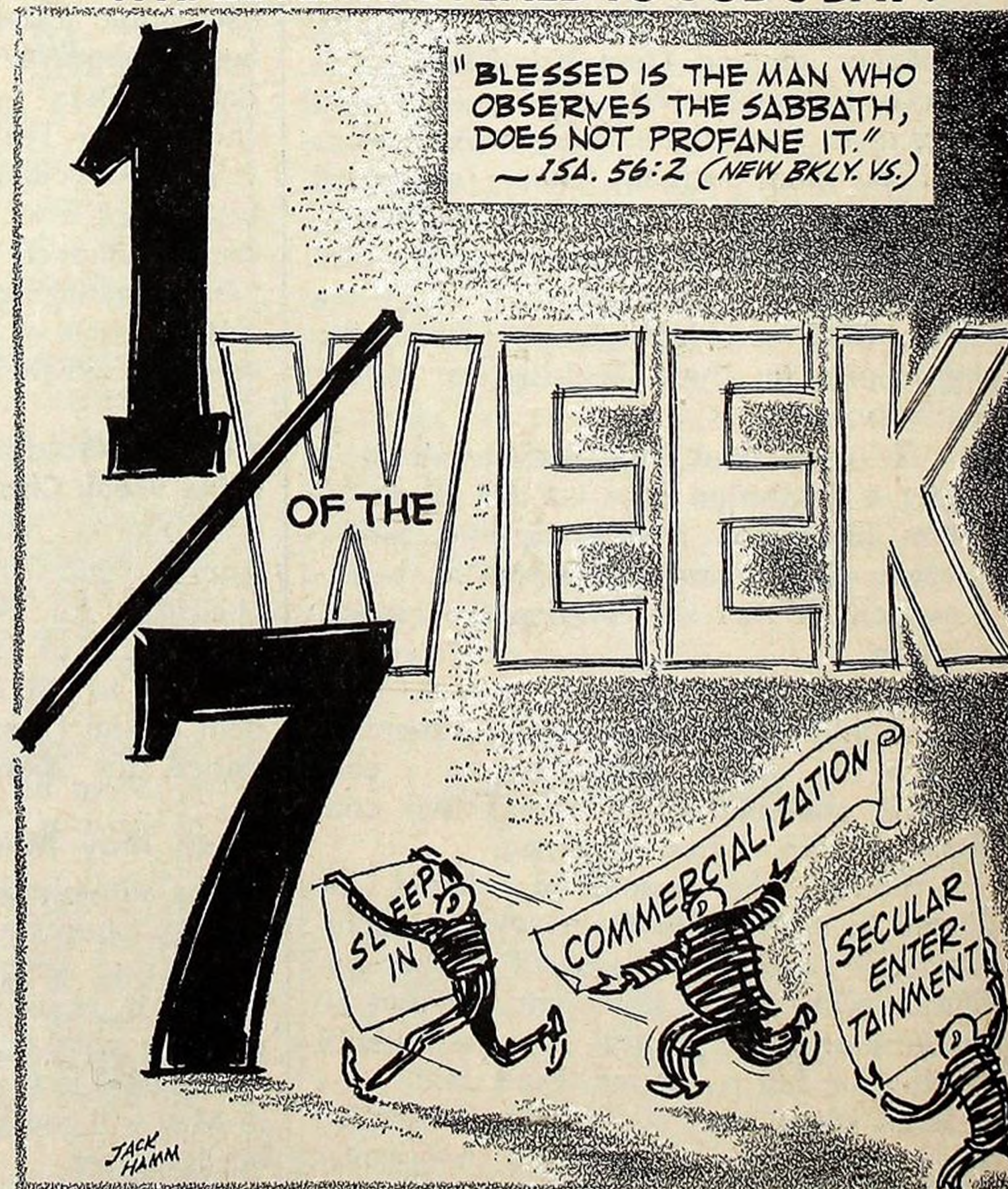
need to remember this today. Movements come and go. If we open our hearts and our minds and the doors of our churches, the witness of Christ still will pour into and out from these open doors.

A Reminder About Salaries

Maybe it isn't too early to begin reminding churches of one thing. As indicated in *The Years Ahead*, the publication of the Annuity Board, living costs still are going up. Goods and services cost six per cent more in 1970 than in 1969.

It apparently is necessary for us to remind ourselves constantly of this fact. Unless we keep salaries in Baptist churches for our dedicated staff members and leaders at least in line with cost of living increases, we are causing them to suffer salary declines. Just to break even means at least a six per cent increase each year. Any *salary advance* has to be over and above that. This we need to remember now as we look toward the budget year.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GOD'S DAY?



Skogman Named East Tennessee Baptist Hospital Administrator

Earl G. Skogman, 43, administrator of the Central Unit, Memorial Baptist Hospital System (four hospitals) Houston, Texas, and assistant executive director of the system, has been named administrator of East Tennessee Baptist hospital, Knoxville, according to John Wallace of Morristown, president of the hospital's Board of Trustees. Skogman will assume his new duties on May 17. He succeeds William Wallace who died of a heart attack on Aug. 20, 1970 while serving as administrator.

The new administrator is a native of Omaha, Neb., and is returning to the East Tennessee hospital. He served as assistant administrator from 1956-60 and as associate administrator from 1960-63. From 1963-68 he served as administrator of Maury County hospital, Columbia.

Skogman attended Bethel college, St. Paul, Minn., and is a graduate of Omaha university, Omaha, Neb., with the bachelor of arts degree in Business Administration and Northwestern university with the master's degree in Hospital Administration. He began his administrative residency at Medical Center hospital, Tyler, Texas in 1955 and completed it at Baptist Memorial hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. in 1956. While completing his undergraduate work he worked as an orderly at the Nebraska University hospital.

A veteran of the United States Navy, he is presently serving as a deacon in the South Main Baptist church, Houston, is a Rotarian, a Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators, and is vice president of the Houston Area Hospital Council, as well as holding memberships and offices in other civic and professional organizations.

Skogman is married to the former Eliza-

beth Gail Campbell of Omaha and they have five children: Darrell, 19, a student at Baylor university, Waco, Texas; Cynthia, 18, a high school senior; Russell, 15; JaNeene, 13; and Elizabeth, 11.

Personally

By James A. Lester

CHRISTIANITY TODAY conducted recently a survey centering around the question: "How Religious Are Religion Editors?"



Lester

The question is valid in that the attitudes of those who write in the secular press upon religious subjects are reflected in what they write and in the manner in which they write. The survey notes that "146 of 180 who responded to the survey claimed membership in some religious body. The 107 said they are active in a local church or synagogue. Twenty-two of those who responded are active in religious life beyond their own local church."

Of interest to me is the fact that 83% (150) of the religion editors believe in the reality of God and 37 who responded said they regard the Bible as the inerrant or verbally infallible word of God. One hundred and seven said they didn't accept the view, but 111 of the group said that the Bible is a record of God's self-revelation to men, which bears the imprint of both divine inspiration and human fallibility.

Religious news reporting in the secular press has come a long way since 1945. It

Wilson Co. Churches In Mission Conferences

An eight-day program of World Mission Conferences is in progress in Wilson County association (April 18-25) with one group of churches participating Sunday-Wednesday and the other group Thursday-Sunday. Douglas Cather serves as associational superintendent of missions and Bob Carroll is director of the special missions emphasis.

Foreign missionaries participating are: Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Wakefield, Malaysia; Dr. and Mrs. Buford L. Nichols, Indonesia; Miss Bettye Jane Ewen, Nigeria; and G. Webster Carroll, Uganda.

Other program personalities include Home missionaries, Tennessee superintendents of missions, as well as Leslie Baumgartner, secretary, Missions department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

still has a long way to go. Many papers are devoting some space daily to religious news. Others still try to cram everything in a Saturday church page, and, if the church page is full of advertising, then the news is left out. Others are making an honest effort to provide news of the world of religion round about them because the world of religion is news and is considered as such.

The *Los Angeles Times* religion editor, Dan Thrapp, said something in his response which is worth repeating: "I regard the Christian faith, and the Bible, as truth. Any newsman worth his salt is interested in spreading the truth he sees. Besides, there is no hope for the world, or for society, aside from faith and, for me, the Christian faith. I would be less than human if I did not wish to see the world and society survive."

This attitude we would like to see more of on the part of those who write news of the world of religion.

Hallmark To Feature Billy Graham's Statements In '72 Greeting Cards

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Hallmark Cards, late this year, will publish a series of inspirational greeting cards featuring the messages of evangelist Billy Graham.

Graham has agreed to supply sentiments for Easter, Christmas and non-seasonal greetings, according to Webster Schott, vice-president and editorial director of the Kansas City firm.

Other American religious leaders whose writings have been published by Hallmark include Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Catholic Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Pope John XXIII and Frances Cardinal Spellman.

Hallmark plans 18 inspirational Billy Graham greetings for Easter and Christmas 1972. About 20 designs—birthday, get well, and friendship occasions—are expected to be available by the end of the year. (RNS)

Nashville Baptist Hospital Uses Surgical 'Greenhouse'

Baptist Hospital, Inc., Nashville, has a new, especially designed "supersterile greenhouse," in use in the hospital's surgery pavilion, the first in the mid-south, according to Gene Kidd, hospital president. There are only five other such units in the United States.

This "room within a room", also referred to as a "biomedical enclosure," has been installed in one of the hospital's 17 operating suites and can be used for many types of surgery but is being used primarily for total hip replacement surgery. The enclosure holds down infection as it provides an essentially germ free environment. The surgical team is outfitted in a special suit and head gear similar to a spacesuit and is provided a filtered air exhaust system.

The "greenhouse" encloses only that part of the patient's body involved in surgery and is constructed of aluminum with plexiglass pane forming three sides. A polyvinyl curtain split in the center and draped around the operating table falls to five inches above the operating floor, forming the fourth wall.

The founder of this "clean-air" enclosure is Dr. J. Charnley, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon and director of hip surgery, Centre for Hip Surgery, Wrightington Hospital, England.

Traveling Church Planned For Ireland

Several Baptist individuals in the Irish Republic are planning to put a church-mobile, or traveling church unit, on the road. Robert F. Dunlop, Baptist minister at Brannockstown, would travel with the unit.

The churchmobile—first of its kind there—would be built according to exact specifications set down by the sponsors, who are financing the project, relying on their personal gifts and private donations from outsiders.

They expect to need £2000 (\$4800) at the outset.

The traveling church unit would be used mainly for a Bible teaching ministry among groups of isolated Protestants. It can also be used for evangelism, Dunlop said.

The unit should be riding the highways by the end of the 1971 summer, its sponsors hope. The churchmobile probably would seat 35 people and be outfitted for normal Baptist-type worship services.

It would most likely travel a fixed itinerary once a month. Dunlop believes the unit would reach scattered believers who live in places far away from any Protestant church. The Irish Republic is almost entirely Roman Catholic.

The churchmobile's operation would not be sponsored by any national or regional religious organization, or any particular local congregation. It would rely for its operating funds on private donations, according to Dunlop. (EBPS)

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Earl's letter of March 25 edition stating how disturbing it is to find the majority of our church leaders favor the death penalty.

I have been a Christian since the age of 13. I don't like to see any life taken, (not even our wildlife). For many years I didn't favor it, but crime has become so great that penalty of this kind could have a bearing on this terrible thing, and could help to convert some who are left walking the path of crime. Showing those who seem to be crazy, what would happen to them if they did such a thing. I don't agree all are crazy; so to me the death penalty is all that is left. Except for the Calley Case, he had orders.

Nell P. Dorris

Rt. #2, Greenbrier, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the recent article concerning church and pastoral relations.

I am extremely interested in this matter. I will not profit by it, but I am troubled to see the lack of system or shall I say the gross problems that arise out of the manner in which churches seek pastors.

The thing that concerns me is that among the younger ministers there seems to be a lack of concern. They do not feel the need for it now. If only they could realize they will reach the age where they will be sought less and less. If God has called a man into the ministry there is work for him to do, but you and I both know that churches do not follow the plan that must have been in the mind of whoever came up with the committee on pulpit idea. Churches do not go to their knees in search of a pastor. Yes, some may, but they are few and far between. If and when a minister gets out of a church and has to resort to secular work, he becomes more and more oblivious to those churches in search for a pastor. with a plan to help "rehabilitate" such pastors, and help those who need to move, I feel that churches would eventually come to use the plan.

My prayers are that this matter will have the attention of our denominational leaders.

In Christ,

A. A. Carlton, Pastor
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Lenoir City, Tennessee

Sectarian School Aid Push Scored By Americans United

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Nixon Administration's "persistent espousal of unconstitutional plans to provide government funding for sectarian schools" was denounced today by a spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The text of the statement by Glenn L. Archer, executive director, follows:

"Persistent promotion of unconstitutional plans to increase government funding to sectarian schools is a cause of deep distress to those who wish the Administration well. We see this in the operations of the OEO where, despite the warnings of educators, the management of that government agency continues to push ahead with irresponsible experiments in sectarian school financing which are bound to damage public education and escalate community tensions. This obvious effort to corral votes risks the well-being of our children and the nation's unity. We must ask if the Administration is seeking to visit the woes of Northern Ireland on the United States.

"The Administration's aid to education proposals, shortly to be introduced by Rep. Albert H. Quie, reportedly seek to widen the grants already flowing to church schools under various pretexts and ruses. We believe public policy should be pointed the other way. Public schools, particularly in the inner city, are facing serious financial problems. These schools need every dollar of the public money that is being diverted to church institutions. Patronage of some church schools is declining and many of their students are transferring to public schools. It is both wise and practical to provide 'impacted aid' by federal and state governments to communities facing such problems." (C/SNS)

Pastors' Conference Scheduled July 12-16

The ninth annual Pastors' Conference will be held July 12-16 on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. Landrum P. Leavell, II, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, serves as conference president and will bring the message in the worship hour each evening.

The conference will feature studies in the Old and New Testaments, discussions, lectures, and sermons. Mrs. Marjorie C. Rowden, director of public relations, William Carey college, Hattiesburg, Miss., and a former missionary, will lead daily sessions for pastors' wives.

British College Review Urged

The Baptist Renewal Group is circulating a bulletin asking for an independent investigation of the future of seven Baptist theological colleges in Britain.

Four of the schools are located in England, two in Wales, and one in Scotland.

Can seven Baptist colleges still justify their separate existence at a time when the number of ministerial students is declining and some colleges have far fewer students in training for the ministry than the number of places available?, the bulletin inquires.

According to the "Baptist Times", weekly journal in London, the renewal group answers its question with a "resounding, 'No!'" Furthermore, it contends the maintenance of seven colleges is "a good example of bad stewardship." (EBPS)



Miss Ruth L. Ford, right, Memphis, Southern Baptist missionary nurse to Indonesia, receives a handcrafted silver tea service from her fellow missionaries prior to her return to the States and retirement. With Miss Ford are Dr. Kathleen Jones, left, physician at the Baptist hospital in Kediri, Java and Miss Catherine Walker, teacher in the Baptist Theological seminary of Indonesia, Semarang. A native of Patterson, Ill., Miss Ford was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1935 as a missionary to China.

Baptists In Indonesia Expand Radio-Television Facilities

SEMARANG, Indonesia—After three years in a remodeled bomb shelter, the Baptist radio and television ministry in Indonesia will soon be housed in a new studio.

Thanks to 1970 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts, the studio should be ready by the end of this year, reported Southern Baptist Missionary William N. McElrath.

Radio-TV work had been headquartered in a former bomb shelter at the rear of Baptist Student Center property here. The new studio will have 2½ times as much floor space for recording, and five times as much for control booth and maintenance.

It will enlarge the ministry of the first two Baptists assigned to work full time in mass media in Indonesia, Missionary G. Barry Nelson and National Pastor Mulus Budianto, who began working in February, 1971.

Missionary William R. O'Brien pioneered Baptist radio-TV work in Indonesia, but he was unable to give it full time because of duties as a teacher, music evangelist and student worker, said McElrath.

Indonesian Baptists have 10 slots per year on government-run television: six broadcasts from Djakarta, the capital, and four from Jogjakarta, cultural heart of the nation.

These Sunday evening programs feature dramas, choirs, soloists, and ensembles—groups playing handbells, native bamboo rattles and percussion instruments. Dancers

Nursery Facilities At SBC To Be Limited, Pound Says

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Nursery facilities at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 1-3 will be limited, and the chairman of the nursery committee for the convention has recommended that messengers do not bring infants and pre-school children to the convention.

Earl Pound, chairman of the committee, said that because of the limited space, the committee had decided to try to care only for children through age three for out of town convention messengers. No local area children will be accepted in the nursery, he said.

Parents unable to make other arrangements will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, Pounds said.

The nursery will be located in the Exhibition Area of Keil Auditorium, on the level below the convention floor.

Pounds added that all children must have identification attached, that marked bags and bottles must be provided by the parents, and that all children must be picked up immediately after each session for feeding and other care.

Cost will be \$1.50 per session, per child, Pounds said. (BP)

perform classical Javanese ballet with Christian interpretation. There are also interviews and regular worship service programs.

Prerecorded Baptist programs are beamed from radio stations on three major islands of Indonesia and from the Far East Broadcasting Company's transmitters in Manila, Philippines.

A part of pastor Mulus Budianto's new job is helping to answer hundreds of letters from listeners. He and missionary Nelson will also produce tape cassettes and train Indonesian Baptists in the evangelistic use of audiovisual materials. (BP)

Ward's Grove Church Plans To Rebuild

Ward's Grove church, Concord association, observed \$10,000 Day Services on Sunday, April 11. W. C. Summar, secretary, Stewardship department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought the morning message. The church, whose average Sunday School attendance is 70, raised \$15,281.53 during the special day, the second such to be held in April, called Faith Demonstration Days. On Oct. 11, 1970 the church, in the midst of a building program, lost all its facilities in a fire. Services have since been held at Kittrell High School, Readyville.

Present building plans call for 13 Sunday School rooms, kitchen, nursery, rest-rooms, office and library, baptistry, and a centrally heated and air-conditioned auditorium to seat 225. The brick building, fully furnished except for the nursery and kitchen, is expected to cost \$54,100. The church has a resident membership of approximately 220.

J. H. Harvey is pastor of Ward's Grove which has activated building and finance committees. Forrest Paschal is serving as chairman of the building committee with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Garvin and Mr. and Mrs. David Hudson as committee members. The finance committee is composed of the following: Roy Adams, chairman; Mrs. Frances Jakes; and Sam Paschal.

Alaska Crusade Nets 450

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—A 14-day simultaneous crusade here, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Alaska Baptist Convention, saw 450 additions to churches.

The annual event featured 36 evangelists from the "lower 48" states and realized 370 additions by baptism; 118 by letter; 14 by special service; and 880 rededications.

Prior to the crusade, representatives of the 38 churches, 20 missions and 11,000 members of the convention, met for a two-day evangelism conference at First Baptist church, Anchorage. (BP)

Baptisms Increase, Scottish Total Goes Down

Baptist membership in Scotland declined during 1970, in spite of a large increase in converts baptized.

The yearbook of the Baptist Union of Scotland reports 17,547 church members in 1969 and 16,992 in 1970. The portion of membership in non-union churches went up.

Where 1341 belonged to Baptist churches outside the union in 1969, this had risen to 1715 the following year. Half of these belong to one church, the 856-member Charlotte Chapel in downtown Edinburgh, largest Baptist congregation in Scotland.

Baptisms came close to doubling, at least partly because of the union's special year of evangelism. The number of converts baptized rose from 226 to 415.

Forty-five churches said their memberships increased during 1970, 77 reported losses, and 27 indicated no change in number of members. (EBPS)

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The youth of Robertson County association presented the "Young World" musical by **Otis Skillings**, under the theme "Life" at Springfield church, Springfield on March 20. Over 100 young people participated in the presentation which was under the direction of **Stanley Miles**, minister of music at Springfield. Approximately 600 persons attended. On May 4 the presentation will be repeated at Greenbrier, East Robertson and Springfield schools.

Essary Springs church, Hardeman County association, has redecorated their Sunday School rooms and plans to purchase new pews.

Calvary church, Cumberland Plateau association, has ordained pastor **Howard Farris** into the gospel ministry.

McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, has ordained **Steve Beeler** and **Herman Fox** as deacons. **John J. Buell** is pastor.

Piney Creek church, Beech River association, has redecorated the interior of their building.

Morris Hill church, Chattanooga, has licensed **Kelsie James Beavers, Jr.**, to preach. **Beavers** has entered the field of full-time evangelism. **Robert C. Carter** is pastor at Morris Hill.

Jerry L. Glisson celebrated his 15th anniversary as pastor of Leawood church, Memphis, recently. During his ministry there he has made 22,000 visits, over 1400 persons have been baptized and over 2000 others have joined on transfer of letter. He has served as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention as well as filling other State, SBC, and associational posts. The deacons sponsored a banquet in honor of the **Glissons** at which they were presented various gifts.

Gallatin Road church, Nashville, observed its 20th anniversary on Sunday, April 18. **Elmer Mayo**, a charter member and chairman of deacons, served as master of ceremonies. Other program personalities included **Don Harned** and **Mrs. Robert Kolbe**, members **Harold Gregory**, superintendent of missions, Nashville association, and **Merrill D. Moore**, retired executive secretary of Southern Baptists' Stewardship Commission. **A. Leslie Kenney Jr.**, is pastor.

Ridgecrest church, Shelby County association, has moved into its new building. Named originally Barton Heights, the church changed its name to Ridgecrest last year when it moved to its present location at 3050 East Holmes Road. **Chester Hart** is in his 14th year as pastor.

Prairie Plains church, Duck River association, has purchased new recreational equipment.

Union University, Jackson, has received a \$5000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for the purchase of resource and instructional materials on environmental studies, according to **Robert E. Craig**, Union president. This is the second such grant Union has received from the Kellogg Foundation.

First church, Gallatin, has acquired the Harris-Donoho building for a youth recreation center. **Harold W. Allen** is pastor.

Ben F. Philbeck, associate professor of religion, Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, is author of a section of the third volume of The Broadman Bible Commentary. **Philbeck** points out that his portion of the Commentary, a discussion of First and Second Samuel, is "An attempt to put the Biblical message into its own historical context and relate this message to life today."

Grace church, Duck River association, held a note-burning service on April 18.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Sam Marshall Jr., minister of music and youth, East Chattanooga church, Chattanooga, has resigned to accept a similar position with the First Baptist church, Plant City, Fla.

Harry Moore is the new pastor at Central church, Erwin. He served formerly as pastor of Union church, same association (Holston).

Highland church, Duck River association, has called **Dan Heath** as pastor.

Herbert Thomas is the new pastor of Lookout Valley church, Hamilton County association.

New Union church, Hardeman County association, has called **Robert Elliott**, business manager, Union university, Jackson, as interim pastor.

Tusculum church, Tusculum, has called **Walter Brookshire** as pastor. He served formerly as pastor of West Colonial Hills church, same association (Holston).

William Sherrick has been called as minister of music and education at Oakville Memorial church, Shelby County association. A graduate of Memphis State University, he has also studied music at the University of Texas and the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Md. The **Sherricks** have three children.

Sam Jones has resigned as pastor of Oak Grove church, Hamilton County association, to become pastor of the Baptist church at Gramercy, La.

Grady Byrd, of Rogersville, is the new pastor of Skyline Heights church, Johnson City.

About The Cover

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK, MAY 2-9, is a special time of family life emphasis in Southern Baptist churches. "Maturing in Family Relationships" is the 1971 theme. The theme purposes to direct Southern Baptists to one of the most pressing areas of need in the average family, that of maturity in interpersonal relationships.

Academy, Children's Homes Win Awards

Harrison-Chilhowee academy, Seymour and Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., received three awards for excellence at the Annual Ad Awards Exhibit of the Knoxville Advertising Club recently. Judges were design, copy and media specialists from Ohio and New York.

The Chilhowee academy crest and a new student prospectus won top awards for logotype design and for brochures produced in less than four colors. The Children's Homes entry was entitled **Suffer the Little Children** and tells the story of the condition and needs of the displaced child and how the family cottages to be provided by the Homes for Homeless Children Crusade will effectively meet these special needs.

Kensington church, Memphis, has called **Mike Jones** as minister of music and youth. A graduate of East Texas Baptist college, he comes to Memphis from the Main Street Baptist church, Grand Saline, Texas.

Charles Gibbs is the new pastor at Silverdale church, Chattanooga. He comes to Tennessee from the Pratt City Baptist church, Birmingham, Ala.

John Outland, former pastor at Woodlawn church, Bristol, has accepted a call to become pastor of Sulphur Springs church, Jonesboro.

Terry Turney has resigned as minister of music at Leawood church, Memphis, to accept a call from Florida Street Baptist church, Greensboro, S.C.

South Soddy church, Hamilton County association, has called **Royce Powell** as pastor.

Darrell Overstreet has been called as pastor of Merton Avenue church, Memphis. He comes to Tennessee from the Little Flock Baptist church, Shepherdsville, Ky. A native of Arkansas, he is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

Oak Hill church, Cumberland Plateau association, has called **Mont Hooper** as pastor. **Hooper** comes to Crossville from New Tazewell.

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I thank my Lord for Union University.—**A. Bruce Coyle, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Rogersville, and President of the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention.**

A University Instructor Says:



Mrs. Don Dobbins

When one looks at his life in retrospect, a particular time may pass in review as unforgettable and significant. My college years were such a time. I loved college life, the challenge, the people who were a part of those years, the college ("my" college) itself.

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I pause, ponder, and remember. There is much about the Belmont years words cannot express How good it was to have passed that way.—**Mrs. Don Dobbins, Instructor and Graduate Student, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

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Seminary Student Plans Return To Help Ghetto Girl Drug Addicts

By Don Hepburn

FORT WORTH—Four years ago, Mary Ellen Earls left a comfortable middle-class setting and moved into one of New York City's most vicious ghettos where she worked with young girls addicted to heroin and other drugs.

Today, the 26-year-old native of Mulberry, Ark., is studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, making preparations for future ministries with the girl drug addict.

She has heard the call of the ghetto, and plans to return.

Soon after graduating from Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1967 with a degree in sociology, Mary Ellen went to New York City in response to reading a book by David Wilkerson, "The Cross and the Switchblade".

She said that the book was a personal challenge "to share the gospel with drug addicts of the inner city."

Joining the Wilkerson ministry in 1967, Mary Ellen was assigned to the CURE Corps, a Christian rehabilitative and drug prevention mission to the people of the ghetto. Her mission was to reach the girl addict.

Living in a Bronx ghetto was quite an adjustment, compared to her previous life at Mulberry, Ark., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Earls.

First, she had to become a night person. "Everything happens in the ghetto at night," she said. "The addict-prostitute is out walking the streets. We had to be available to minister to their needs."

Another adjustment was settling into the brownstone apartment where she lived. It was replete with everything imaginable for ghetto housing—rodents, roaches, and general dilapidation. Through the months that followed, there were thefts of food, clothing, and almost anything that could be carried away.

Mary Ellen, however, felt her mission was God-directed, and despite the adjustments was determined to remain.

She and her fellow workers established "New Start" schools for pre-school ghetto children. Through these efforts with the children, the ghetto Christian workers were able to reach many of the parents with the gospel message, she recalled.

Having established a foot-hold in the ghetto community, the CURE workers began to concentrate on trying to reach the drug addicts.

"We were trusted as teachers and as trusted persons, we could enter the homes and share the gospel message," Mary Ellen said. "In time the addicts grew to trust us as the community trusted us."

Mary had majored in sociology at Ouachita, but ghetto sociology was, something else. She began to understand how the despair of the ghetto forced many to turn to drugs.

Even more disconcerting was the girl addict. In order for her to finance her drug habit, the vicious cycle of life had forced her to become a prostitute, Mary observed.

Mary's ministry became a 24-hour demand. But it did not phase her, because, she said, "We went into this area to be their friends and not just hand them a tract. In time we were able to present Christ to these girls. But we did not stop there. We trained them for an on-going ministry."

Mary's work for 2½ years with the Wilkerson organization may not have changed the entire ghetto, but it did make

New Devices May Curb Driving by Intoxicants

The department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) plans to begin testing new devices this month which are designed to prevent an intoxicated person from starting his car.

One such device is called a physiological tester and was developed by General Motors' Delco-Electronics Division to keep motorists from operating their vehicles if they are drunk or otherwise impaired. The company is making 50 of the testers available to the Safety Administration for testing and evaluation. Four prototype units will be delivered to the government this month and the remainder will be made available in July, August, and September.

The NHTSA is beginning a program to evaluate several types of such devices. General Motors is one of the six manufacturers who have volunteered to provide devices for evaluation. Judges could, as a part of a sentence on conviction for drunken driving, require the installation of such a device on the car of the person convicted, if it were determined he had a drinking problem.

an impact on the once-empty lives of several people in the Bronx.

Reflecting upon her experience, Mary Ellen said, "I came away even more convinced—when all sociological attempts to change lives of despair have failed, God's power can work miracles."

To that kind of ministry, Mary Ellen Earls plans to return following completion of her seminary studies. (BP)



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CUMBERLAND HOMESTEAD BAPTIST CHURCH, Crossville, marks payment of building debts with a note-burning ceremony. (Left to right) Pastor Jim McPherson, Gerald Pratt, chairman of deacons, and Chester Parker, vice-chairman of the deacons, participate in the event. Cumberland Homestead, in the Cumberland Plateau association lost its building by fire in 1960, and the note-burning marks payment of building debts as well as building additions. The church plans to add a minister of music and education to the staff.

SBC Home Mission Board Appoints Three Missionaries

ATLANTA—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at its spring meeting here appointed three career missionaries, and was presented a replica of the table on which the minutes were recorded when the agency was organized in Augusta, Ga., 126 years ago.

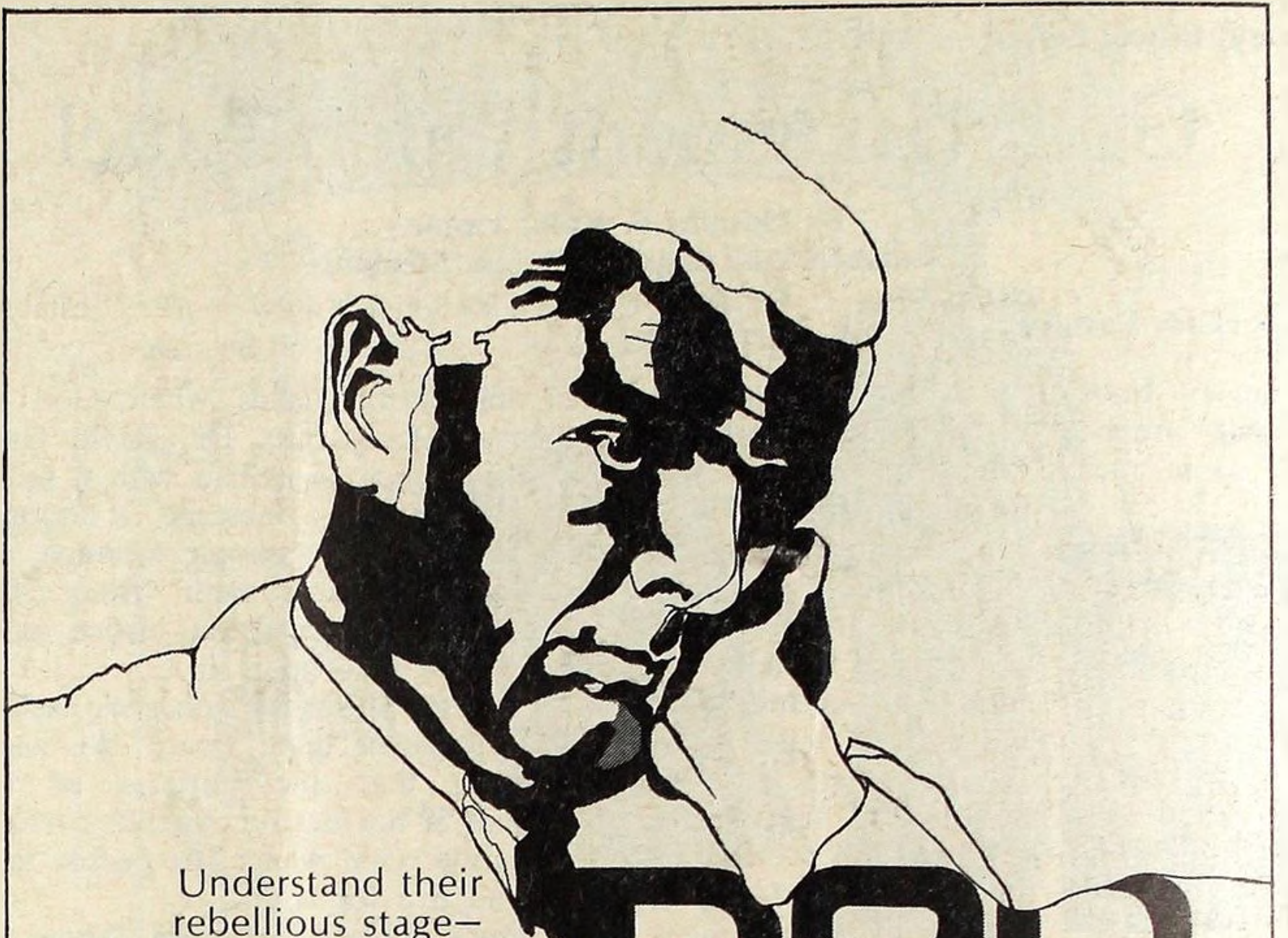
The three new career missionaries are Peggie Harmon, director of weekday ministries for Friendship Baptist Center in Albuquerque, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Glenard Norris, previously missionary associates now promoted to career status for work in Massachusetts.

The historic table replica was created by C. L. Cox of Augusta, Ga., and commissioned and presented to the mission Board by John A. Wood, pastor of First Baptist church, Paducah, Ky.

Wood, who retires as a director after six years, said he got the idea for the table after visiting Augusta last year for the observance of the 125th anniversary of the organization of both the Home Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention there.

Cox, who was manager for the S. H. Kress Co. in Augusta for 41 years, had made woodworking his hobby. He took more than two months to make the table, donating his labor. He is a deacon at the First Baptist church, of Augusta.

So exact is the replica that scratches, nail holes, and other blemishes were reproduced. However, Cox made one concession: he corrected a carving error made in the original because he said everyone would "blame me with the error in the duplicate." (BP)



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Would you urge your son or daughter to consider a church occupation?



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God's Judgment Upon Israel

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor
Audubon Park Baptist Church, Memphis

Bible Study Passages: Amos 1:1; 2:4-7a; 8:4-7

Amos (Amos 1:1) is one of the most colorful prophets of the Old Testament. His name means "burden" or "bearer". His book, Amos, is listed third among the books of the Minor Prophets. Amos was probably born at Tekoa, a town twelve miles south of Jerusalem and only six miles south of Bethlehem. Tekoa stood 3000 feet above sea level and overlooked the wilderness of Judah. His family is not mentioned in the Bible.



Kolb

Amos describes himself as an herdsman (Amos 1:1) and a gatherer of sycamore fruit (Amos 7:14). His work afforded him ample time for meditating upon God's laws and their meaning for the people of his day. Even though he lived in Judah he was primarily a prophet to Israel, the Northern Kingdom.

Amos' ministry occurred during the reign of Uzziah in Judah (783-742 B. C.) and Jeroboam II in Israel (786-746 B.C.). Amos said he saw the words concerning Israel two years before the earthquake. The time of the earthquake is probably unknown (Zech. 14:5). Amos points out

that the earth quakes when God sends judgment (Amos 8:8). Dr. David Garland describes Amos as a man with a sense of call, a man with a message, a courageous man, a man with a simple message, and a man of remarkable faith. Amos was a mighty preacher of social justice and the judgment of God upon sin.

Our lesson this week concerns itself with God's judgment upon Israel. We need to remember that the purpose of God's judgment is not destruction but correction, purification. God wants His people to love Him and live for Him.

I. God's Judgment Comes When God's Law is Rejected (Amos 2:4a).

God has revealed Himself to Judah and He will punish them "for three transgressions . . . and for four." This expression describes persistent evil, the continual adding of more sins to those that have gone before.

Judah "despised the law of the Lord." The law of God is the sum and substance of all the instructions and all the command-

ments God has given to his people. Judah was sinning against light, against God's commandments. The nation followed evil ways instead of God's ways, God's laws, God's commandments.

II. God's Judgment Comes When God's People Turn to Idolatry (Amos 2:4b).

Judah's "lies," idols caused them to err. Amos calls the idols "lies." Idols are fabrications and nonentities. They have no reality in themselves and are unable to perform what was expected of them. Their fathers also walked after these idols. The old cliché "like father, like son" is true in Judah. It is often true today. We follow in our father's footsteps.

Judah can expect the ravages of war, fire, that will destroy the palaces of Jerusalem. Contempt for the ten commands and the worship of idols causes punishment to be meted out. Jerusalem shall be reduced to ashes. This prophecy was carried out by Nebuchadnezzar.

III. God's Judgment Comes When There Is Corruption of Justice (Amos 2:6).

Man has a right to expect justice from his fellowman because God has willed it. The parallelism in verse six points out the corruption of justice in Amos' day. The righteous were sold for silver, the legal exchange of the day. The leaders of Israel had been engaged in selling judgment, unjust judgments against the righteous and the poor. It is a tragic day in the life of any

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nation when judgment at the court can be bought with silver. The reference may refer to the selling of men for a debt, for slavery. The "pair of shoes" may show us that a man could be sold for a pittance.

Greed, wanton heartless, and disrespect for mankind will not go unnoticed by God. In fact, it cannot be ignored by God's prophet. He must speak out against it.

IV. God's Judgment Comes When There Is Oppression of the Poor (Amos 2:7a).

The rich and powerful of Israel delighted to see the poor and humble in mourning because of impoverished circumstances which had been caused by the corruption of justice and by social unconcern. "To pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor" is to long to see the head of the poor covered with earth, dust or to long to bring them to such a state of misery that they scatter dust upon their heads (Job 2:12; II Sam. 1:2). People who live in plenty often forget the poor (Matt. 25: 31-46). "To turn aside the way of the meek" is to place stumbling blocks in their paths. The rich and powerful would force the poor and meek from a path to which they are entitled to walk.

V. God's Judgment Comes When There Is Insincere Worship (Amos 8:4-6).

Those who "swallow up the needy" and "make the poor of the land to fail" (Amos 8:4). degrade worship, and play church. They begrudge the time spent in worship. All the time they are going through the motions of worship they are thinking only about selling corn and setting forth wheat. The "new moon" was a holiday on which all trade was suspended (Num. 28:11; II Kings 4:23). The Sabbath was a holy day set apart for worship (Ex. 20:8-11) and no work was to be done on that day.

It is sad when men want to be in the market rather than in God's house on God's day. Some merchants in Israel wanted to be in the market, taking advantage of the poor, making profit of the helpless, and exercising dishonest transactions. They were cheating the poor by small measures, by increasing prices, and by false scales. Men like this are insincere in their worship. They buy "the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes (Amos 8:6). Conclusion: (Amos 2:4a, 5, 6a; 8:7). Judgment is coming when men reject God's law, worship idols, corrupt justice, oppress the poor, and worship insincerely. God will remember their works of deceit and injustice. God takes an oath never to forget "any of their works."

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The Reluctant Prophet

By W. R. White

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Basic Passage: Jeremiah 1

Focal Passage: Jeremiah 1:1-10

With few exceptions, people usually hesitate to give an affirmative answer to the divine call. There are several reasons for this reluctance.



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Many have a sense of unworthiness. The responsibility is so awesome. The issues are so grave and far reaching. There is the strong possibility that associates and the world will doubt the genuineness of the call. "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

He knows that there is a great responsibility of ridicule and even persecution. There are subtle ways of persecution in even more advanced countries.

In Jeremiah's day with the presence of powerfully entrenched false religions and false prophets within the true faith, persecution sooner or later was quite possible if not inevitable.

The young man was well acquainted with the situation in his day. He was not anxious to assume the role of a prophet. The record of both the divisions of the Hebrew people was not good.

A desire to follow more lucrative and less dangerous professions is often a deterrent to becoming an official religious leader.

THE MINISTRY OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 1:1-3

The "words" of Jeremiah could be translated more accurately than the "acts" or "ministry" of Jeremiah. It was one of the most dramatic and colorful ministries of any prophet. It runs the gamut of moods and messages.

Jeremiah had a priestly background. Evidently his spiritual heritage was unusual and extraordinary. His deep piety and spiritual insight reveal this. His strong convictions and profound commitment reflect a rare soul with the best of training.

The length, reach and variety of his ministry impresses you. The many and varied kings during whose reigns he served are significant. A giant appeared and sought to bolster the declining terminal era of his people. He was faithful and frank. He was aware of the divine sanction which anchored him.

AN IMPRESSIVE DIVINE CALL

Jeremiah 1:4-8

Jeremiah did not have the dramatic experience that Paul had on his way to Damascus but he had a similar awareness of the divine purpose for his life. He saw his very conception and birth were a part of God's special scheme and plan with profound overtones. It reads very much like the revelation of God to the great apostle.

Jeremiah demurred, as did Moses. He felt himself to be no better than a timid, stammering child. God assured him that He would send him to whomever he wished, great or small, with the message He wanted him to deliver.

He was not to fear the face of any man for Jehovah would be with him wherever and to whomever he went. He was given the full assurance that God would be with him to deliver him.

DIVINE INSPIRATION

Jeremiah 1:9

God touched his mouth, imparting divine inspiration. Jeremiah felt this assurance beyond any question. It glowed without doubt in his inner consciousness.

There seemed to come power and courage with the divine touch. What a thirst it gave him.

Some of the mountain peaks of Holy Scripture have been given us by the Lord through Jeremiah.

THE HIGH ROLE OF THE PROPHET

Jeremiah 1:10

To preside over nations. To tear them down and destroy them. To uproot and plant, yea, build them again.

More than once the prophets of Israel had to do with international situations.

There were exciting times in the days of John the Baptist and Herod, Paul and Nero.

We remember Savonarola and the de-Medici, John Knox and Mary Queen of the Scots.

What about Charles G. Finney and slavery, yea, Livingston and the slave trade.

What about the Wesleys and Whitfield and their influence on England and the whole English speaking world?

What about Mark Matthews and the great reform in Seattle a few years ago?

Frequently injustice, inequity, oppression and moral corruption have been exposed and laid bare by prophets of God. Billy Graham has been before Kings, Queens and Presidents for counsel on and interpretation of the times.

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By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Planning the disposition of one's estate is as important as accumulating it. God expects one to do his best at both. A Christian steward is concerned about the Lord's work both while he lives on earth and after he has gone to Heaven.

Many of our people want to support a number of Christian Causes by leaving a trust fund in their will for this purpose. To accomplish this they recognize that the Cooperative Program provides the best and most equitable distribution of the income. In this way they support everything that Baptists support knowing that the provisions are equalized annually according to the need of each Cause at that particular time. Their estate accomplishes their purpose to meet the greatest need adjusted as changing times demand.

Suggested wording for attorneys to use in providing such a trust might be as follows: "I will, devise and bequeath to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, trustee, (money, real estate, stock, bonds or a percentage of the estate) to be held in trust forever with the income only to be paid at least annually to the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and direct that it be used for World Missions through the Cooperative Program or whatever successor program replaces the Cooperative Program for World Missions."

For more detailed information about providing such a trust fund a Christian steward or his attorney may call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027, phone 615-833-4220.

Alabama WMU Elects

Three New Staffers

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Three new staff members have been elected by the Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union with offices here.

Named to the posts, effective May 15, were Miss Charlotte Couche of Fort Worth, new Baptist Young Women's director; Miss Sue Whitmire of Fort Worth, as Acteens director; and Mrs. Earl Potts of Montgomery, as Missions Friends director.

Miss Couche, a native of Muskogee, Okla., is a graduate of Northeastern State college in Tahlequah, Okla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. Miss Whitmire, a native of Alabama, is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, and Southwestern seminary, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Potts is married to the director of the Church Ministries Division director for the Alabama Baptist State Executive Board. She will work part-time as director of the WMU organization for pre-schoolers. (BP)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall



Kendall

Who can evaluate the potential latent in the personality of a Junior or Immediate boy? How would you evaluate the potential in a crowd of about two thousand boys? On Friday night, April 9, I sat in the Belmont Heights Baptist church and looked at that crowd of RA boys and asked such questions.

The seventeenth Royal Ambassador Congress was a real inspiration. To see around two thousand boys with their fine leaders filling this great church to capacity and to see their responsiveness and their deep interest revealed something of the fine work which has been going on in many churches through the whole year. This work with boys is a program to build great Christian men.

Several years ago I heard Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins speaking to a group of Sunday School leaders. He told of a great layman who taught a class of 11-year-Junior boys for more than 20 years. As he had become an old man, a dinner was given by the boys whom he had taught across the years. They were business and professional men from many states. They were church leaders and some were ministers and church staff workers. Dr. Dobbins asked who could measure the work and influence of this man across the years. Think of the dividends of the investment of his life in growing boys. He had been successful in implanting into their growing minds the vision and the desire to become true followers of Christ and to aspire to be successful men.

Billy Highsmith has done a magnificent job in working with the men who lead these boys. He has also been an inspiration to the boys. Roy Gilleland started this great work several years ago, and he and the Baptist men are giving their influence to it today.

But there was another very important meeting held at Belmont college. It was the Acteens Summit meeting. These girls are also a great potential as they grow into great Christian women. Through the years the WMUs of our churches have done a wonderful work with the girls of the churches. They have provided missionary education, inspiration, and the means for true Christian growth into full and mature Christian living. Miss Mary Jane Nethery and her staff have done a fine job in this area of working with our fine girls.

These meetings together with the youth conference on evangelism, all emphasize the tremendous importance of our youth. It

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

W. F. Powell, pastor, First Baptist church, Asheville, N.C., accepted the call to become pastor of First church, Nashville, effective June 1.

Broadway church, Knoxville, received 75 additions during a revival in which pastor B. A. Bowers served as evangelist.

First church, Sweetwater, reported 100 additions during revival services led by pastor O. D. Fleming.

20 YEARS AGO

Emmett Guy, eldest son of pastor and Mrs. R. E. Guy, West Jackson church, Jackson, was elected mayor of Jackson. West Jackson broke ground on April 15 for a new \$300,000 auditorium.

Glendale chapel, a mission of Belmont Heights church, Nashville, was organized as a church.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Baptist church, Jackson, Miss., was guest speaker at Ladies Night of the Brotherhood of Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville.

10 YEARS AGO

Henry G. West, Jr., became pastor of First church, Covington. West served formerly as pastor of First church, Collierville.

Plans were released for the construction of a new infirmary on the campus of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City. The plans included dedicating the infirmary to seven missionaries, all from Nolachucky association and all graduates of Carson-Newman. The announcement revealed that the new facility would be named for one of the missionaries, Miss Kathleen Manley.

also points up the great potential in the lives of these young people for tomorrow. Tennessee Baptist churches are fortunate to have so many fine youth. What a challenge to leaders to invest a lifetime of leadership and work in these young people. Only eternity could ever measure the results. We shall be looking forward to seeing great things coming from these young people in the years ahead. Churches which provide the best leadership and guidance for them will be the richer and greater for it.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Youngster Must Be Permitted To Share In The Family's Grief

Experience with death helps youngsters understand the value of life. Seeing grown-ups grieve when a loved person dies helps children see the importance of how a life is lived, says Royalton college psychology professor Edgar N. Jackson.

The adults who exclude youngsters from family funerals and the emotion of mourning are members of a generation that has never come to terms with the reality of death. Many of them were themselves shielded from experience with death and are unable to help their children face it.

One hundred years ago, parents couldn't bring themselves to tell children where babies come from, but there were no mysteries about the end of life, points out Dr. Jackson. "Grandfather died in the old farmhouse with his children and grandchildren nearby."

Now, he notes, "We are becoming extremely open about telling children about sex and beginnings, but we're unable to talk to them about the end of life."

Dying no longer happens within the context of normal living and this can be attributed, in part, to the fact that people no longer die at home, he believes. "Today death and dying occur on the battlefield or in hospitals, and the person is surrounded by professionals, people who are highly trained medically but who are emotionally uninvolved."

Excluding children from the funeral of someone they love doesn't "spare" them but only adds to their anxiety, cautions Jackson. Children often interpret death as rejection and abandonment by the person who has died, and they also frequently have guilt feelings toward the person which leads them to feel responsible for the death.

It is generally healthier, therefore, if they are surrounded by family love when a death occurs and are part of the general grieving, rather than isolated at the home of a relative or friend.

"While a child should not be exposed to outbreaks of hysteria, he can still see adults cry," reminds the psychologist. "Children understand what crying is—they feel close to an adult who is crying."

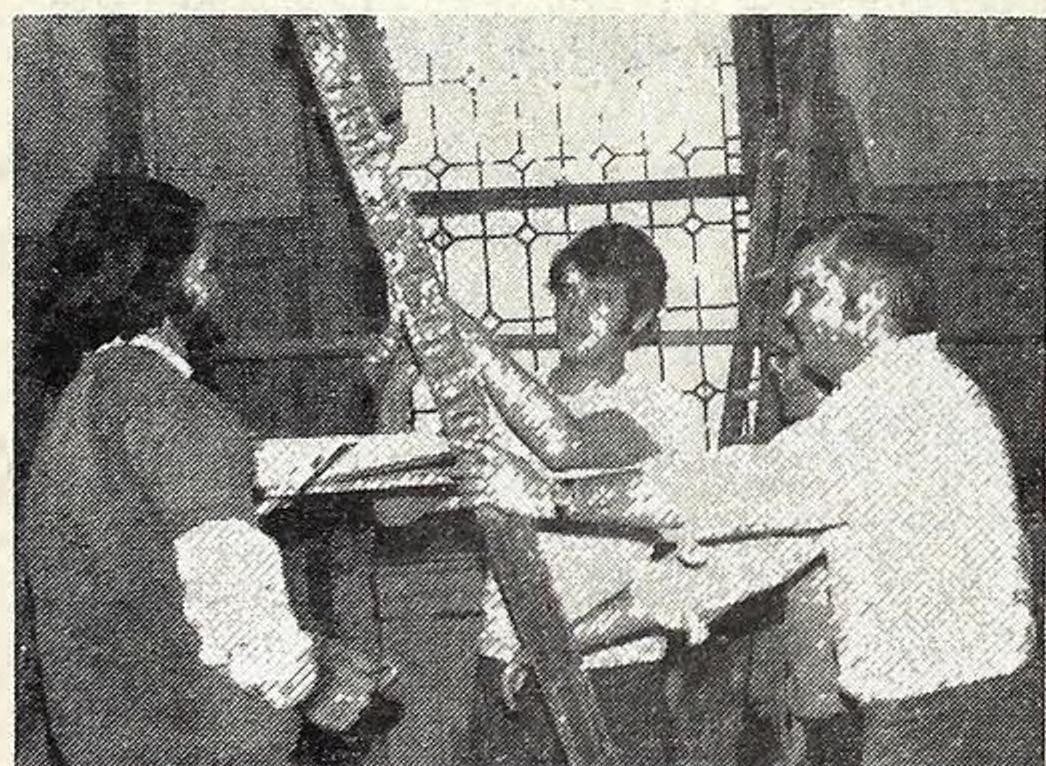
When adults hide their grief and pretend that all is as usual, a child may worry that nobody would care if he died. He may even feel that nobody really cares about anybody. "Grief is, after all, the other side of the coin of love."

State BSU Groups Provide Ministries During Vacations

Three Tennessee Baptist Student Union groups spent their spring vacations in varying ministries. Representatives of the BSUs of Vanderbilt university, Nashville and the University of Tennessee Medical units, Memphis, Jim Sparks and Caby Byrne, directors, respectively, went to New York. With their leaders, these nine students redecorated Park Slope Baptist church. The men painted and the girls worked in a community project for children. A group from the campus of the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, went to Daytona Beach, Fla., to minister to other students spending their vacation there.

Students involved in the New York project from Vanderbilt university were: Steve Biles, San Francisco; Ken Adkisson, Owensboro, Ky.; Jim Berry, Lexington, Ky.; Martha Jo Lutz, Joelton; and Mary Ann Miller, Piedmont, Ala.

Those students sharing in the New York endeavor from the UT medical units were: Steve and Roger McGhee, Knoxville; Cindy



Jim Sparks, BSU director, Vanderbilt, works with members of his group—Jim Markham, left, Steve McGhee, center, and John Davis.



Vanderbilt and UT Medical BSU groups combined their efforts. They are front row, left to right: Cindy Stewart; Mary Ann Miller; Martha Jo Lutz; and Caby Byrne. Back row left to right: Steve Biles; Jim Sparks; Ken Adkisson John Davis; Roger McGhee; Jim Berry; and Steve McGhee.

Stewart, Willingboro, N. J.; and Keith Ledbetter, Memphis.

The BSU group from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, included: Linda Parham; Carol Helton; Sandy Reynolds; Linda Tawzer; Barry Odom; Les Werner, director; Steve Harper; and Amy Hackney.

State BSU Groups Hold Spring Retreats At Carson, Linden

Students representing Baptist Student Union groups from schools in the eastern part of Tennessee will gather at Camp Carson, Newport, April 23-25 for a Spring Retreat, according to Glenn Yarbrough, secretary, department of Student Work, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Another such retreat was held at Camp Linden, Linden, April 16-18, Michael Champlin, pastor, Parkway Village church, Memphis, was the featured speaker at this gathering. W. Loyd Pelham, Jr., minister of music, Red Bank church, Chattanooga, provided music leadership for the Linden meeting and will be in charge of the music at the Carson retreat.

Robert (Bob) Young, Austin Peay State university, Clarksville, State BSU



Pelham

president, will preside over the sessions at Carson as he did at Linden.

Paul Simmons, assistant professor of Christian Ethics, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., is scheduled to address the group at Camp Carson.

A study of I John, entitled, "What is My Life?" is scheduled for Saturday morning. Bible study will involve three sessions of the program.

Simmons and William Hazlewood, BSU director at Harrogate, will form a panel to discuss the meaning and application of the truths in I John. Yarbrough will serve as moderator.

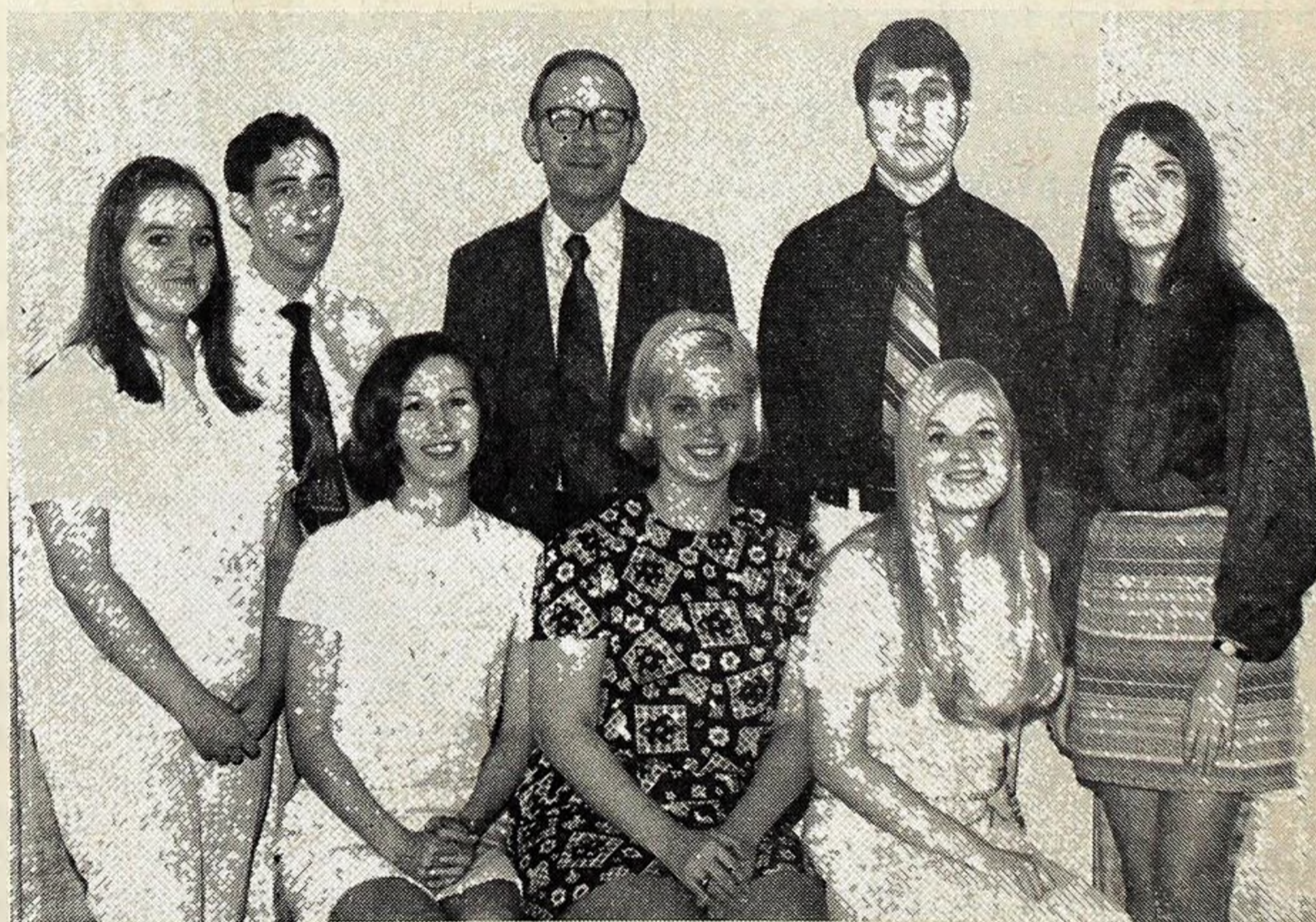


Simmons

William W. Henry, Jr., associate secretary, department of Student Work, TBC, will lead planning sessions for students from campuses where there is no BSU director. Each campus BSU director will provide training for local student leadership during two hours of the retreat, planning activities for local campus programs.

Charles Lott, director of Baptist Student work at Tennessee Technological university, Cookeville, will lead in an installation service on Sunday morning for students who have appointments to serve in summer mission opportunities. Caby Byrne, BSU director, University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, led in a similar service at Camp Linden.

State BSU officers to lead the organization during the school year 1971-72 were elected at Linden for the western schools and will be elected at Carson for the eastern schools.



The UT-Chattanooga BSU group included, front row, left to right: Linda Parham; Carol Helton; and Sandy Reynolds. Back row, left to right: Linda Tawzer; Barry Odom; Les Werner; Steve Harper; and Amy Hackney.