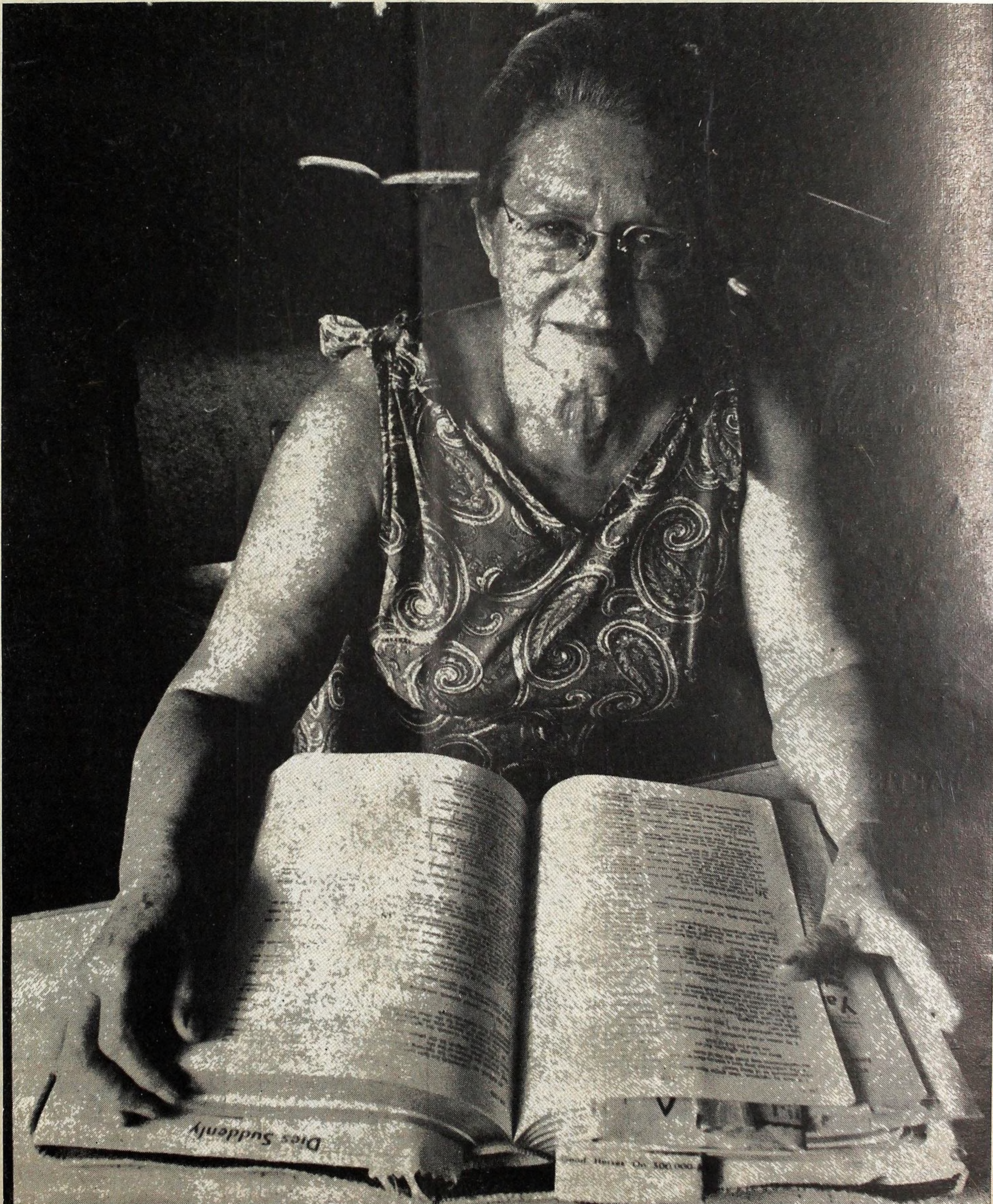


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Psalms 119:97 "O how love I thy lay! it is my meditation all the day." Mothers who follow Christ's teachings are our country's life-line.

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OPEN-MINDED RESEARCH

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" — Acts 17:11.

Arriving in Berea Paul received a different reaction from that in Thessalonica. According to his custom he preached Christ in the synagogue, showing that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament scriptures about the Messiah. Rather than to reject his preaching categorically, the Jews of Berea made a careful study to ascertain whether or not what Paul said was true.

They were "more noble" than the Jews of Thessalonica. These words translate the comparative form of the Greek word *eugenes* (note "Eugene") meaning "well born" or "good birth". This could refer to natural birth or, as here, to good manners. People of good birth should have good manners.

Their good manners were shown in that they did not arbitrarily reject Paul's message. Instead they received his message with all "readiness of mind." This renders a word meaning eagerness or rushing forward. They were eager to hear more. However, they did not accept or reject this

new interpretation gullibly or arbitrarily. Instead they held it in abeyance while they researched the matter.

Paul's message caused them daily to examine or "search the Old Testament scriptures. "Search" translates a participle of the verb meaning to sift up and down, to make careful research as in legal processes. They put Paul's interpretation in the sifter along with the scriptures, sifted up and down and found that there was no chaff. The evidence of both agreed.

There once were Sunday School classes called "Bereans". It would be well if all Christians were Bereans, welcoming new ideas but testing them through research to ascertain their value. An idea is neither true nor false because it is old or new. But truth has no need to fear examination through openminded research. The Christian message invites the light of true research. But most of all the research of experience.

Jesus said that if any man will do His will he will learn from experience that His teachings are from God and, therefore, true (John 7:17). God's Word has more to gain from openminded and openhearted study than from closed-minded obscurantism.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The observance of Christian Home Week in the Southern Baptist Convention serves to sadly remind us that the "pressures of our modern age have taken away our homes and we know not where they have placed them."

The question on many lips that cries out for an answer is: How did we get into this mess?

A good definition of the Space Age Family is "one that has too much space between them."

The home of today continues to be a sort of much-ignored filling station where people rush in, refuel, and rush off again in hectic, feverish pursuits.

If anything, home is where the mortgage is.

And hence, a large part of the problem may be that "home is no longer where the heart is" — home is where one-half of the family waits for the other half to come back with the car.

Devotional

Sharing With Mother

By Mrs. Roy Babb

Among my fondest recollections, are the happy times of sharing with my mother. I was always anxious to get home from



Mrs. Babb

school to tell her the events of the day. And she was always at home, waiting to listen! It never occurred to me that she might not have the time or that she was not interested. I do not remember a "generation gap" at all.

Answers she gave to questions I asked, attitudes she expressed, reactions to situations that arose "trained up the child in the way he should go." Each reflected her Christian principles and gave to me a strong foundation upon which to build my life.

This is a busy age in which we live. Many mothers are working, some indeed have to. But how much is mutually missed when a mother is not at home to greet her children and to listen. Could this be one reason for the so-called "generation gap?"

The demands of the space age call for more such mothers whose hearts reflect the love of God, which includes all people; who teach their children how to live at peace with others; those who develop a deep compassion for a lost world and who provide a climate at home where children may hear and respond to the call of God.

Today's mother wants "her children to arise and call her blessed, and her husband to praise her," but we are reminded that this is the reward of one who "opens her mouth with wisdom and in whose tongue is the law of kindness"—one who "looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness."

Mothers, such as mine, reflect many attributes of God. For he is always present. Did he not say, "... lo, I will be with you always."? He is always eager to listen to the needs of his children. He is worthy of our trust, and greatly to be praised. ... "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Babb is a former president, Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee, and is editorial assistant, Department of Research and Statistics, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.)

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Penny-A-Day Campaign Pushes C-N Toward Goal Of Science Center

JEFFERSON CITY—"Many people do not realize just how unique the financial campaign for Carson-Newman's Dougherty Science Building has been," says C-N's Director of Development Bill Powell.

One of the most unusual aspects of the building program has been the Penny-a-Day Campaign. It was instituted to raise funds to build and equip a new and adequate science complex for C-N. Construction of the Dougherty Science Building got under way this week.

The chief thrust of the campaign was aimed at the Baptist churches of East Tennessee. Permission was granted by the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the college to approach these churches asking them to consider adopting a goal of "a-penny-a-day" per resident member for three years.

The unique campaign slogan and promotion caught on and also helped obtain the support of many individual corporations and foundations. The latest count revealed that the number of donors to the campaign totaled 3102. Included in the number were 531 churches, 912 alumni, 1550 other individuals and 109 corporations and foundations. East Tennessee Baptist churches have contributed in excess of \$800,000 toward construction of the facility.

Some donated "egg money;" children shared from their piggy banks; others felt the penny-a-day was insufficient and upped

their donations to a nickel per day. Early in the campaign *Time* magazine gave the college a full-page ad about the proposed facility. Chief among the college's advertisements was the theme of "Get Joe Out of the Basement." The slogan referred to Dr. Joe Chapman, chairman of the C-N Biology Department, whose office and classes for over 20 years have been in the basement of the Warren Science Building. Another unique aspect of the campaign was the successful effort of the C-N Advisory Board. This group raised in excess of \$60,000 in a short six-week period prior to Homecoming 1969.

"In a day when the future of many colleges is a mystery, Carson-Newman college is determined to survive as an independent college without government grants for capital expenditures," according to Powell. "And at a time when many respected institutions are severing church ties, Carson-Newman proclaims proudly its ownership and support by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Dougherty Science Building will be Carson-Newman's response to a need of today. The ability to respond in this meaningful way can be attributed directly to the great cooperation and support of the 531 East Tennessee Baptist churches that participated in the financial campaign for the critically needed science facility."

Third Medical Conference Slated To Meet In Memphis

A medical missions conference with the theme, "Toward the Healing of the Nations," will be held May 7-8 in Memphis, Tenn.

The second medical missions conference with this theme, it was not intended as a third regional conference, although it has turned out that way, says Miss Edna Frances Dawkins of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (FMB).

Regional medical missions conferences were held in Richmond, Va., and Houston, Tex.

This third conference is jointly sponsored by the FMB personnel department, the Baptist Student Union of the University of Tennessee Medical Units at Memphis, and Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, also in Memphis.

"This particular medical missions conference is designed not only for the person exploring the possibility of missionary service overseas, but also for Baptist physicians, dentists or nurses who are interested in knowing more about medical missions,"

Personally

By James A. Lester

Baptist journalist Theo Sommerkamp is returning to the United States in June after a five-year stint as head of the European Baptist Press Service. He will live in Tampa, Florida.



Lester

Prior to his work in Europe under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board, Sommerkamp was for a number of years assistant director of Baptist Press with offices in Nashville, Tennessee.

Those of us who know Theo, know him as a dedicated Christian layman and a competent journalist. He has served Baptists well during this tour of duty in Europe and provided much needed information concerning work of Baptists on the continent and interrelating the work of Baptists on the continent with that of Baptists in the United States, particularly those affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

As Sommerkamp returns from this difficult assignment, this editor would simply express appreciation publicly to him for the splendid work which he has done for Christ's sake and in the name of Southern Baptists.

Irish Paper Declares Political Neutrality

"The Irish Baptist," published in Belfast, has reaffirmed its editorial position "of complete neutrality on purely political issues" involving Northern Ireland.

The monthly restated its position after a new prime minister, Brian Faulkner, took over as leader of the Northern Ireland government.

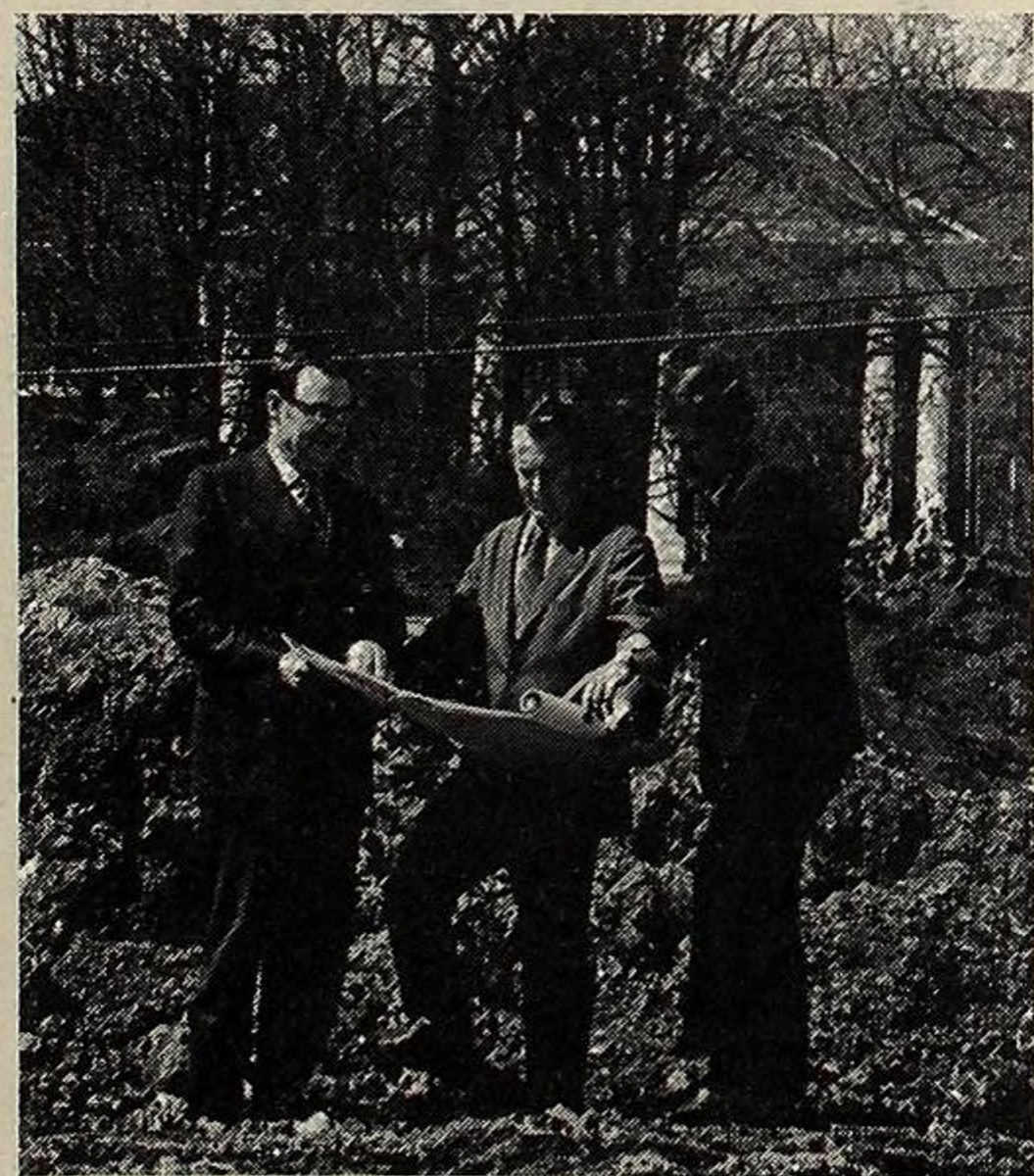
"No one can claim that there is a distinctively Baptist position where politics are concerned," "The Irish Baptist" declared. Individual Baptists are "free to follow the dictates" of conscience on such matters. (EBPS)

Miss Dawkins said.

Students in these fields, practitioners in the paramedical fields, hospital administrators, pre-nursing and pre-medical college students, interested Baptist campus ministers, and their wives, are also invited to attend.

A special conference is being planned for a group of practicing physicians and dentists. This session will be led by Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the FMB's medical consultant.

Medical missionaries on furlough from widely scattered parts of the world will be available for counseling. Several will give presentations on their life and work.



Looking over plans for Carson-Newman's Dougherty Science Building are (l-r) C-N President Dr. John A. Fincher, Guy L. Sexton, Jr., physical plant engineer, and Bill Powell, director of development. When completed the facility will house the biology, physics, chemistry, mathematics and geology departments.

EDITORIALS

Where Are They Serving?

The latest minutes (1969) of the Tennessee Baptist Convention reveal figures which are frightening to this editor. The information is found under the heading "Ordained Ministers in Tennessee Not in the Pastorate". **There are 975 names listed in this category!** This leads us to ask the question, "what happened?". The second question, "what is happening?".

We know that there are many ordained ministers who serve in positions of full-time Christian service and denominational life at the state and south-wide convention levels and with agencies and institutions in the Tennessee and Southern conventions.

However, above and beyond that, to us the listing of this many names of men who have been ordained to the gospel ministry and who are not serving as pastors almost makes us ask whether or not we should re-examine the subject of ordination.

We are aware that to even raise this question will create on the part of some an outcry of meddling. We are aware also that there are, for some, valid reasons why ordained ministers no longer are active in the pulpit. But what of those who have become disenchanted, who have decided that the ministry is not for them? What of those who have decided God is no longer calling them to remain in Christian work. What of those who have entered fields of labor which they identify as church related but not church affiliated?

We admittedly don't have the answers. We certainly do have some questions. The list in Tennessee is not an exception. A comparison with other states comparable in size with Tennessee would, we think, indicate comparable figures. We have churches who need pastors; we have pastors not serving in churches, and, in Tennessee, the number looks almost alarming.

What has happened? Why has it happened? These are questions which need prayerful consideration.

Guest Editorial Comments

Tribute to an Editor: "The fellowship of Baptist state paper editors has suffered a real loss in the departure of J. Terry Young of California to become associate professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary. Our loss is the seminary's gain, for Terry is a man of insight, integrity, and deep commitment to truth . . . The California editor has been stable in storms; he was often the object of severe criticism of the radical, the ambitious or the uninformed. He stood firm and the paper prospered and ministered effectively under his leadership."—Editor R. G. Puckett, *The Maryland Baptist*

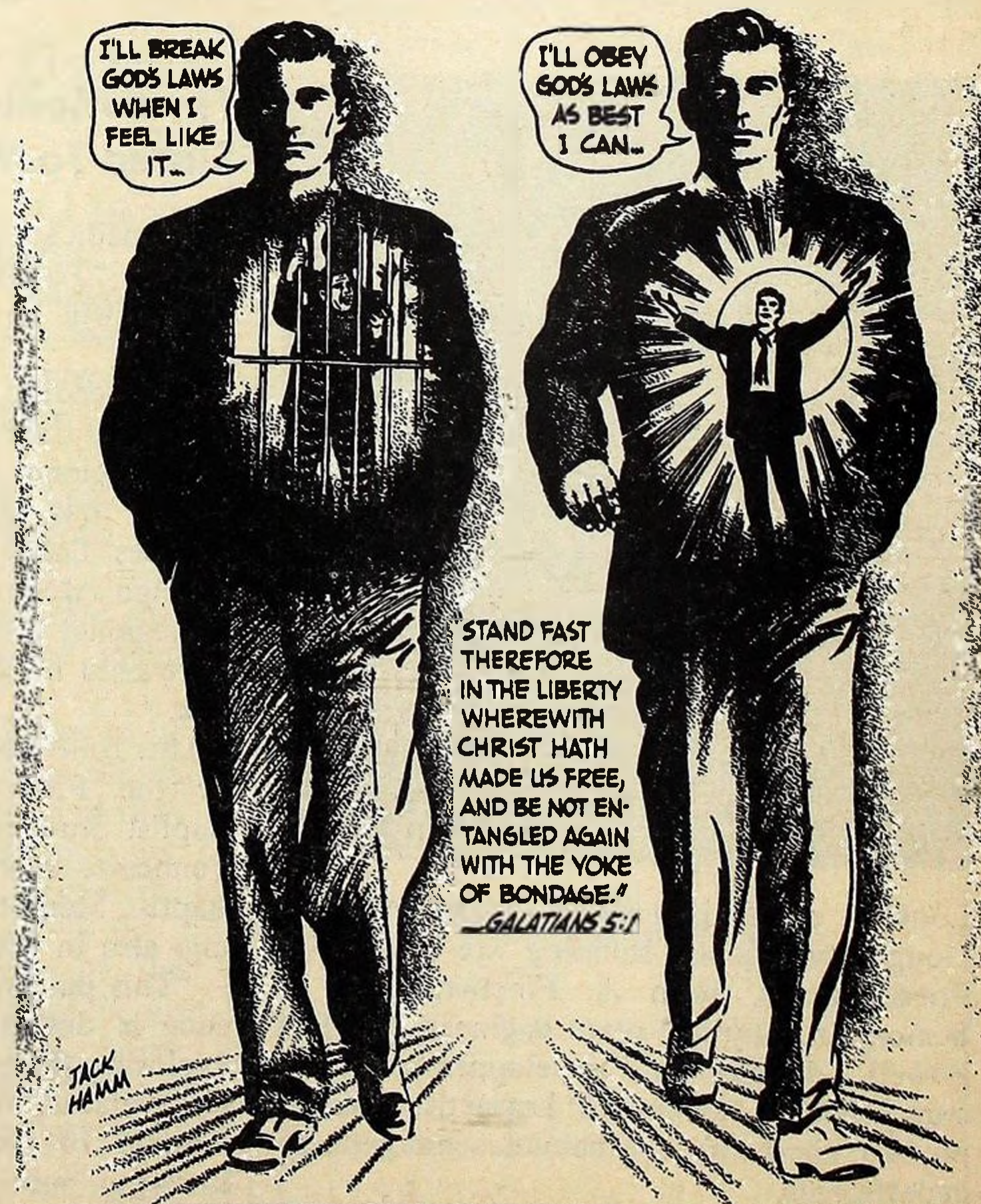
Pray For Convention Work Groups

During the latter part of this week, and Monday and Tuesday of next week, many meetings will take place at your Tennessee Baptist Convention Building. Most of the sessions are preliminary to the May 11 session of the Executive Board of the Convention.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, a special sub-committee looking at personnel needs in the Tennessee Baptist Convention agencies, administrative and departmental organizations will be meeting. The Rev. Thomas Pope, Somerville, is chairman of this sub-committee. During Monday, and into Monday night, May 10, Convention and Executive Board committees will be meeting to consider matters of lasting importance to Tennessee Baptists.

As these sessions take place, Tennessee Baptists could well afford to remember prayerfully Executive Secretary, Dr. W. Fred Kendall; Executive Board Chairman, The Rev. A. Bruce Coyle; Convention president, The Rev. Haywood Highfill, Mr. Pope and his committee, and all of the other committees and subcommittees in session. Additionally, the entire Executive Board should be remembered in prayer as they meet to seek to serve best the needs of a great Convention. Their tasks are numerous and difficult. Pray for them!

And Man Shall Choose





More than 300 Tennessee Baptists attended dedication of the Jarman and Horrell cottages on the Franklin campus of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Franklin, Sunday afternoon, May 2. Participants in the ceremonies included, (left to right), James M. Gregg, executive director, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes; Robert Nelson, superintendent of the Franklin home; Bill Wilson, pastor of Brentwood Baptist church; Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church; Mrs. Henry Horrell; Mrs. W. Maxey Jarman; and Mr. Horrell.

The cottages, two of 10 planned family-type living units, were completed and occupied during the latter part of April, each costing in excess of \$75,000.

Executive Board Sessions Slated

The May meeting of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held in the chapel at Brentwood, Tuesday, May 11, beginning at 9 a.m., according to Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Board.

On Monday, May 10, the following committees are scheduled to meet: Public Affairs and Christian Life, R. Raymond Lloyd,

chairman; Denominational Cooperation, C. Winfield Rich, chairman; Christian Services, William E. Crook, chairman; Education, Bruce Coyle, chairman; State Missions, Carl B. Allen, chairman; Administrative, Tom Madden, chairman; and Tennessee Baptist Program Committee, Ralph Norton, chairman.

Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, the Personnel Needs Study Subcommittee of the Program Committee will meet at the Convention building. Tom Pope is chairman.

A Woman's View

Prayer and Reflection — Mother's Day, 1971

By Virginia Zubl

O God, help us to be what you would have us to be.

We are all so different from each other in so many ways. These differences sometimes make folks think that other people are peculiar, fanatical, strange. The tendency is to form unequivocal opinions about the next fellow without knowing, or caring, about what has caused that person to be the way he is.

Why is it that people often speak so unhesitantly about the faults of others? It seems that they could spend the time they do criticizing others to look intently at themselves to discover their own faults and weaknesses and work on doing something about those things.

We can reach out to our brother in many ways, God. Won't you help us to use our individual talents, whatever they may be, to up-lift, to help, and to understand our fellowman instead of tearing him down? And give us the strength, God to take an honest look at our ourselves and to see the shortcomings, the faults, the "cussedness" that makes us "a little lower than the angels." We don't have the ability to look until we allow You to help us see.

Gregory Walcott To Speak At Chilhowee Commencement

Gregory Walcott, motion picture and television actor who was star of the film, "Bill Wallace of China," will be the featured speaker during commencement exercises at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, Seymour, Hubert B. Smothers, president. The program will begin at 10 a.m. on May 21 in the school's auditorium.



Walcott

Baccalaureate services will be held on May 20 at 8 p.m. in the school's chapel with Dr. Earl B. Edington, pastor, First Baptist church, St. Petersburg, Fla., an alumnus of the academy, as guest speaker.

The commencement festivities will be preceded by an Alumni Banquet on May 15, scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. in the Stokley gymnasium.

New Orleans Seminary To Inaugurate Cothen

Dr. Grady C. Cothen, former president of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, will be inaugurated as the 6th president of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary on Saturday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. in Leavell Chapel.

At the inaugural, Cothen will discuss theological education, as it confronts Southern Baptists with some suggestions for new cooperative efforts in Southern Baptist Theological Education. On Friday evening, an inaugural dinner will be held, during which time the Mayor of New Orleans and others will bring greetings.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon of Louisville, Ky., were among 27 persons appointed to missionary duty during a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va. Golmon, who expects to receive the master of church music degree this semester from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., served formerly as minister of music, First church, Selmer. Mrs. Golmon is the former Angelyn Deaton of Jackson.

Tennessee College Students To Serve In Summer Missions

Twenty-two Tennessee college students representing 12 Baptist Student Unions have been installed as student summer missionaries for this year, according to Glenn Yarbrough, secretary, Student department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. The students were installed in special services during two spring retreats, one held April 16-18 at Camp Linden, Linden, and the other at Camp Carson, Newport, held April 23-25.

Caby Byrne, BSU director, University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, led in the installation service at Camp Linden and Charles Lott, BSU director, Tennessee Technological university, Cookeville, led in the special service at Camp Carson.

The student mission program is sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Student department, TBC, and is financed by 30 BSUs over the state. A total of \$13,475 has been budgeted for this program, according to Yarbrough.

"Five to Serve Abroad"

Five of the students will be serving abroad this year. Ruth Massey, Tennessee Tech and Robert (Bob) Hall, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will serve in the Baptist Village, Tel Aviv, Israel. Kathy Sutherland, UT Medical Units, will do general nursing at the Baptist Hospital in Gaza and will make the trip with Miss Massey and Hall. Mrs. Patsy Meier, graduate nurse from Memphis and her husband, Don, a medical student at UT Medical Units, will also work in the Gaza hospital. He will be serving under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board. Jan Landers, Knoxville, will do general nursing in the Medical Centre, Nalerigu, Ghana.

Students serving in the United States are: Becky Van Landingham, Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Detroit; Sharon Agee, Middle Tennessee State university, Murfreesboro, Detroit; Kathy Herrin, Memphis State university, Ohio; Peggy Myatt, UT-Martin, Virginia Beach, Va.; Betty Warren, Memphis State, Virginia Beach.

"Coffee House Ministry"

Also, serving in a "coffee house ministry," in New Haven, Conn., are: Linda Brogan, UT-Knoxville; William (Bill) Davis, East Tennessee State university, Johnson City; Mary Guertin, Vanderbilt; Fawn Hayes, Vanderbilt; Eddie Hutchins, East Tennessee State; Thresea Sneed, Memphis State; and Carol Worrell, Middle Tennessee State.

Another group of students will work in the Western Heights section of Knoxville, under the supervision of Knox County association, Lawrence Trivette, superin-

tendent of missions. They are: Maurice Graham, Belmont college, Nashville; Betty Millard, Middle Tennessee State; Debby Travis, Middle Tennessee State; Debbie Weber, East Tennessee State; and Martha Wofford, Union university, Jackson.

Southern Seminary Trustees Approve New Degree Program

LOUISVILLE—Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological seminary here adopted the new Doctor of Ministry (D. Minn.) degree as the basic seminary degree for theology and religious education students, effective in the fall of 1972.

The new Doctor of Ministry degree will require four years of study, and will include an internship program designed to fully acquaint the students with the workings of the ministry. Previously, a six-year program of study was required for the Doctor of Theology degree.

During the three-day meeting, the trustees also honored its retiring librarian and health center director, appointed two visiting professors and nine instructors, voted to raise student matriculation fees, adopted a deficit budget for 1971-72, and elected new officers.

Louisville surgeon H. Hart Hagan was honored for 43 years as director of the seminary's health center. Dr. Hagan was presented the seminary's "outstanding churchman" award, and trustees voted to name the seminary clinic the H. Hart Hagan Medical clinic in the physician's honor.

Trustees also honored retiring seminary librarian Leo T. Crismon, who has served the seminary for 34 years. He was appointed librarian in 1951.

The trustees voted to raise student matriculation fees from \$80 to \$100 per semester after a decision to charge all student services and non-academic costs to the students. The seminary charges no tuition for its instructional services.

The 1971-72 budget of \$2,822,154 authorized by the board represents a \$76,500 deficit of expenses over anticipated income, seminary officials said.

In major appointments, the trustees named Barrington White, principal-elect of Regents Park College of Oxford University, Oxford, England, as visiting professor of Baptist church studies, and appointed Emmanuel McCall of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, as visiting professor of black church studies.

John H. Boyle, associate professor of psychology of religion and seminary chaplain, was granted tenure.

Trustees also designated Rankin Hall on the seminary campus as the Child Care

F. Murray Mathis Elected President, Library Convention

F. Murray Mathis, pastor of the Powell's Chapel church, Murfreesboro, was elected president for 1971-72 of the Tennessee Baptist Library Convention



Mathis

at the group's ninth annual meeting, held in Nashville. Mathis succeeds W. Paul Hall, associate, Missions department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Elected to serve with Mathis were: Mrs. Harold Walker, Knoxville, vice president; Mrs. Lawrence Freeman, Murfreesboro, program chairman; Mrs. L. Bernard Stone, Chattanooga, publicity chairman; Miss Vaughtie Rowland, Chattanooga, historian; Mrs. Wayne Massey, Memphis, secretary, and Wallace Anderson, Nashville, parliamentarian.

Methodist Publishing House Issues Series of Recordings And Tapes

NASHVILLE—Abingdon Press, the book publishing division of the Methodist Publishing House, has launched a series of recordings and cassette tapes.

The new materials, designed to "wake up" religious education programs, include tapes for experimental teaching on contemporary topics and the Bible.

"Disco-Teach," a record series using popular music was created by the Mission Singers, a group of Roman Catholic seminarians from St. Louis.

Two cassette tape series are being offered, RAP and SOS, both developed by the Rev. Dennis Benson, a Presbyterian minister. SOS—"Switched on Scripture"—focuses on biblical books.

Each of six cassettes in the RAP series deals with a single subject, including ecology, drugs and change in the modern world.

Richard Loller, head of audio-graphics for Abingdon, says that initial experiments have shown the materials to be useful among older groups as well as with youths.

In the past, Abingdon has been almost exclusively a publisher of books. (RNS)

Center after remodeling this summer. Seminary officials said the building, after remodeling, will serve as a model for child care centers in the Ohio Valley area.

Elected as the new chairman of the board of trustees was Edward L. Byrd, pastor of First Baptist church, Florence, S. C. Other new officers are Douglas Aldrich, pastor of First Baptist church, Gastonia, N. C., as first vice president; and Joe Jack Hurst, attorney from Jackson, Miss., as second vice president. (BP)

White House Conference Tackles Contemporary Problems

ESTES PARK, Colo.—A thousand young people, coming from many diverse areas of American society, and 500 adults, representing the "power" people in the country, gathered in this remote resort town for the first White House Conference on Youth.

Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries, was the only executive registered from the Southern Baptist Convention. The American Baptist Home Mission Society sent a youth delegate, Mark Barker, from New York City.

Organized around ten task forces, the delegates met to debate a wide range of national issues. Recommendations on the issues will be presented to the President and the nation at a later date.

The conference agenda included the subjects of war, poverty, race relations, education, the draft and national service, the environment, drugs, foreign relations, the economy and employment, legal rights and justice, and values, ethics and culture.

Elliott Richardson, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, represented President Nixon at the opening session of the three-day meeting. Speaking for Mr. Nixon, Richardson promised that the Administration would "listen" and would "study with care" the recommendations made by the conference.

The HEW official challenged the 1500 delegates to make their recommendations "with passion" but to recommend "a course of action which is lucid and tough-minded."

"We need from you visions that are visions; not cloudy or vague shadows of a better society. But a dream in focus, sharply etched. We in government can then share that vision, for whether we agree or disagree with it, we can at least comprehend it, and its influence can then work on us as individuals and as a society," Richardson said.

When President Nixon announced this conference, which was an outgrowth of the White House Conference on Children held in December last year, he challenged the leadership of this meeting "to define problems, seek new knowledge, acknowledge past successes and failures, and outline alternative courses of action.

"At a time when government often seems far away and immovable—when many of our youth are rightly asking, 'who's listening? who cares?'—I hope this White House Conference, especially through the active involvement of a great many young people, will provide a positive answer," the President urged.

The youth delegates to this conference came from the broadest possible spectrum of American young people. They came

from the ghetto and the suburb, the farm and the city. Some are rich, already successful in their careers and a few are famous. Many are poor. Some of the youth registered were dropouts from high school. Some have had serious drug experiences. Several came after spending time in correctional institutions.

Stephen Hess, chairman of the conference, described the youthful participants as "decidedly unlike minded." To illustrate, Hess noted that some of the delegates live in communes, others in military barracks, still others in religious orders. Vietnam veterans registered, along with some who are conscientious objectors. Working mothers registered also, both wed and unwed. (BP)

Clarence S. Little Retires

Clarence S. Little, superintendent of missions in Tennessee Valley association for over nine years, has retired. Little served formerly as pastor in North Carolina and as associational missionary in Big Emory (1944-51), Holston (1951-56), and Cumberland County (1957-61) associations.

A native of Union County, N.C., he attended Wingate Junior college in Marshville, N.C., and completed a correspondence course from the University of North Carolina.

Little is married to the former Essie Gertrude Underwood and they have five children: Joe Neil, a member of the Board of Trustees, Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City; Opal Lee; Edith G.; Louanne and Thomas J. The Littles will make their home in Sevierville.

Swiss Radio Presents Baptists

Swiss national radio featured Baptists on its Sunday evening program, "Welt des Glaubens" ("World of Faith") (April 18).

A Reformed Church minister who specializes in free church movements, D. Eggenberger of Zürich canton, interviewed Claus Meister, president of the Swiss Baptist Union.

Topic of their half-hour conversation (7:30-8:00 P.M. local time) was "What does a Baptist believe and how does he live?" Baptist beliefs about the nature of the church, baptism, priesthood of believers, and participation in the ecumenical movement were covered.

Baptists number 1500 in a country of 6½ million people where officially recognized churches, by cantons, are either Protestant Reformed or Roman Catholic. Meister is professor in the Baptist seminary at Rüschlikon. (EBPS)

Children's Homes

We Need His Presence

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

The Lord is present throughout the universe but we need an occasional concentration of His presence to maintain a spiritual glow. Prayer will bring this concentration of His power.

If one turns the back of a magnifying glass to the sun and arranges the rays at the point of the sharpest focus on some paper, soon a curl of smoke appears, followed by a finger of fire.

The magnifying glass grabs the rays of the sun and bends them into its center. When this collection of rays pool their heat, a blaze develops.

Prayer is the magnifying glass for God's power and blessing on our Mother's Day Offering. Will you join me in asking God to give us, through His people, \$210,000.00 which is our budgeted goal. This represents a real need. Thank you, Tennessee Baptists.

Truman S. Smith Named FMB Family Consultant

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—An administrative staff member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has been named by that agency to fill its newly created position of Missionary Family Consultant, effective May 15.

Truman S. Smith, who has served as an associate secretary for missionary personnel since 1964, was elected to the new post during a semiannual meeting of the full board membership here.

Smith said his new position will entail a "pastoral role." He will have no regular field assignment although the job will require some sporadic traveling.

He said he will be involved mainly in the "exploration of resources to assist in missionary family life." This includes finding resource materials and specialists that can be related to specific problems, such as those involving missionary children, dormitories, etc.

Retreats for missionary children enrolled in U.S. colleges will probably be under his jurisdiction also, Smith added. The first such retreat was held last fall as an effort to help children of missionaries become re-oriented to the U.S. culture after living abroad. He would begin dealing with problems related specifically to missionary children at the time they are in orientation, prior to going overseas.

Smith will serve on the staff of the Foreign Mission Board's overseas division, under the supervision of its director, Winston Crawley.

Tennessee News Briefs

Henry G. West celebrated his 10th anniversary as pastor of First church, Covington, recently, and he and **Mrs. West** celebrated their 25th (silver) wedding anniversary on April 19. The church surprised the **West**s with gifts of a money tree, an anniversary cake, silver items, a covered dish meal, and other surprises.

Jerry Glisson, pastor, Leawood church, Memphis, will be featured guest preacher-teacher at the Battle Creek church, Springfield, on June 19 for a "no ties allowed" retreat designed for licensed and ordained ministers in Tennessee. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. **Glisson**, a past president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will speak on the subject, "The Pastor's Problems." Other program personalities include **Winburn Davis**, host pastor, and **Lou McNabb**, campus minister, Baptist Student Union, Austin Peay State university, Clarksville.

Three Tennesseans are scheduled to receive the bachelor of divinity degree during commencement exercises on May 14 at Baptist Bible institute, Graceville, Fla. They are: **W. Ray Tumlin**, Dayton; **Forrest Ray Walker**, Chattanooga; and **Warwick E. Wichman**, Chattanooga.

Claycomo Baptist church, Kansas City, Mo., ordained **D. Eugene Jackson** into the gospel ministry on April 11. A graduate of Belmont college, Nashville, and Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Kansas City, he has been called as pastor of the First Baptist church, Lewistown, Mo. The **Jackson**s have one son, **Chad**, one year old.

B. J. Chitwood, pastor, Tusculum Hills church, Nashville, will receive the doctor of theology degree from Luther Rice seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. during graduation exercises on May 7, scheduled to be held at Central Baptist church in Jacksonville. **Chitwood** is a graduate of Belmont college, Nashville, Middle Tennessee State university, Murfreesboro, and holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Luther Rice. He is also author of a Broadman Press release, **A Faith That Works**.



Chitwood

Theo Sommerkamp is ending a five-year tour with European Baptist Press and is scheduled to leave Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland on June 15. He served formerly as editor of Baptist Press of the Southern Baptist Convention and plans to make his home with his parents at 904 McBerry St., Tampa, Fla.

Newly-elected officers for the ministerial alliance at Belmont college, Nashville, are: **Thomas M. Billings**, Hazelwood, Mo., president; **Lester D. Stone**, Nashville, vice president; **William Harold White**, Donelson, secretary-treasurer; **George Dean Darnell**, Dresden, placement chairman; **Charles William Holbrook, Jr.**, Memphis, social chairman; **John W. Estey**, Winter Haven, Fla., song director; **Robert Steven Stamey**, Nashville, legislative representative; and **Richard H. Meek**, Nashville, reporter.

Mrs. Agnes D. Pylant, is one of three persons scheduled to be honored by Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with the Distinguished Alumnus award at the seminary's alumni luncheon in St. Louis, Mo., on June 2. **Mrs. Pylant**, the founder of the Church Recreation department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the author of five books and co-author of five others. The other alumni to be so honored are **Frank K. Means**, secretary for South America for the Foreign Mission Board and **Joe Davis Heacock**, dean, School of Religious Education at Southwestern.

The Brotherhood of Beulah association sponsored a Baptist Men and Boys' Rally on April 27 at Obion County High School auditorium, Troy, with some 600-700 persons in attendance. **Paul Anderson**, "World's Strongest Man," was featured speaker. At the close of the service, there were five professions of faith and six rededications.

Courtney Wilson, pastor, First church, Hendersonville, was re-elected moderator of Nashville association at a semi-annual meeting on April 27 at Maplewood church. **Herschel Woodburn**, pastor at Maplewood, was elected vice moderator, **Miss Cecile Smith** was re-elected clerk for the 30th term, and **Harold Gregory**, superintendent of missions, was re-elected treasurer. Westview mission, Kingston Springs, of Belmont Heights church, was received as the 108th member church. Also, a record \$120,026 budget was approved and the group went on record as opposed to parimutuel betting and in support of the Metro Police department in its efforts to eliminate illegal narcotics.

Rudolph Nuckolls, 53, deacon and property chairman at First church, Bolivar, has died of a heart attack.

James G. Phelps, associational missionary, Western District association, and **Mrs. Phelps**, have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The **Phelps** have two children, **Stephen**, 18, and **Cindy**, 15.

Stones River church, Concord association, has ordained **Jesse Cox** as a deacon.

Mrs. Frank P. (Lena) Rushing, 66, church clerk and teacher at Poplar Heights church, Jackson, died recently.

Central Point church, Western District association, has installed carpeting in the auditorium.

North Fork church, Western District association, has voted to purchase a new organ.

Calvary church, Bristol, has licensed **James (Jim) Smith** to preach. **Dewey Kerr** is pastor.

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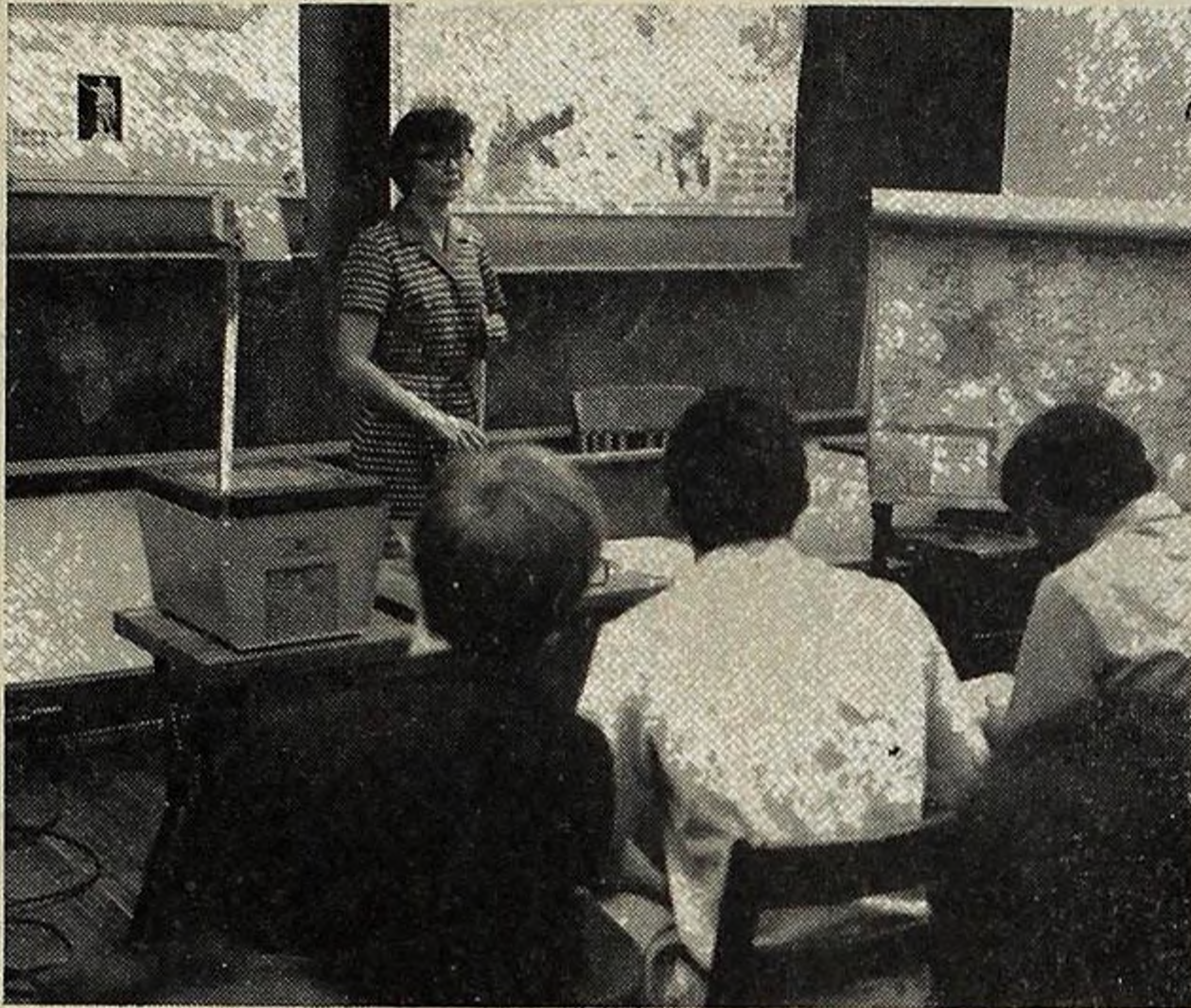
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Missionaries Relate Flight From Pakistan

By Susan S. Cahen

RICHMOND—Damage to Baptist property because of fighting in East Pakistan has been slight, said two Southern Baptist missionaries who have just returned to the United States after evacuation from the war-torn country.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Jones, missionaries to Pakistan from Delaware, Ohio and Woodbury, Tenn., said in an interview here that at least two Baptist reading rooms just outside Dacca, Pakistan, had been damaged slightly, though not seriously.

Pakistan, since March 25, has been the scene of fighting between the Pakistani armed forces and supporters of an independent Bengali state.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their three youngest children left their home in Faridpur, East Pakistan, on the morning of April 1.

They described the area as quiet, but not calm. There was no fighting but the people there were beginning to arm themselves with whatever they could find, Jones said.

Jones had been serving as director of the Christian Industrial Center in Faridpur. Work stopped at the center during the third week in February, and the school closed officially on March 8.

The two older Jones children, home for a long Christmas holiday, were scheduled to return to a Christian boarding school in West Pakistan March 8. It was March 12, however, before they were able to begin their journey back to school.

When Mr. and Mrs. Jones and the three younger children arrived in Dacca from Faridpur, a night curfew was still in effect. Sporadic shooting was heard, although they did not see any evidence of it. Debris from earlier incidents had been cleaned off the streets.

No serious damage was done to either of the brick and mortar buildings. So far as he knew, there was no loss of lives of mission employees, Jones added.

The Joneses and two other Southern Baptist missionary families left Dacca April 4 for Karachi, West Pakistan.

They attempted to contact their two older

children who had returned to the Murree Christian School near Rawalpindi, East Pakistan, but communication by telephone was impossible. They were not sure if the children had arrived safely.

The Joneses proceeded to Teheran, Iran, where they sent word for the two children at Murree Christian School to fly to Iran.

The family was reunited in Teheran. From there they made arrangements to come to the U.S. for a short furlough. They are now in Woodbury, Tenn. (BP)

Tennesseans To Receive Degrees At Southwestern

Twelve students from Tennessee will be among 230 candidates for degrees during commencement exercises in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, May 7. Seminary president Robert E. Naylor will present the degrees to the candidates from the schools of theology, religious education and church music. G. Earl Guinn, president, Louisiana college, Pineville, La., will deliver the commencement address.

The Tennessee graduates are: Landis Hugh Litchfield, Johnson City, doctor of theology; Tommy Lowe Curtis, Alexandria, master of divinity; Nick Charles Harris, Bolivar, master of divinity; Kenneth Wayne Howard, Loretto, master of divinity; Tony Glenn Latham, Jackson, master of divinity; Fred Wilson Vantrease, Jr., Lebanon, master of divinity; William Meredith Arnold, III, Memphis, master of religious education; Lewis Edward Bratton, Jr., Memphis, master of religious education; Larry Gordon Ware, Memphis, master of religious education.

Also, Mrs. Tommy (Virginia) Lowe Curtis, Watertown, diploma in religious education; Elmer B. Sams, Jr., Elizabethton, master of church music; and Robert Allen Shaver, Morristown, master of church music.

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God Using 'Tongues' Revival, Says Southwestern Prof

EUSTIS, Fla.—God is using the charismatic revival to summon Christians not to quench the Holy Spirit, theology professor, John Newport told a group here recently.

The Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal movements have come about to encourage people to earnestly desire and appropriate the spiritual gifts, Newport said.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary teacher was speaking to a group of 100 laymen and laywomen meeting here for a three-day Lay Renewal Conference.

Newport said one of the greatest needs of churches today "is a rediscovery of the resources of the Holy Spirit. We need the excitement, the joy and the vigor of the Spirit's presence."

He cautioned, however, that tongues in churches are not objectionable if they are controlled. "Pentecostals err when they conclude that evangelical in rejecting a major emphasis on tongues, reject the fact of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit."

The statewide meeting was sponsored by Layman's Landing of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and Personal Sharing Ministries, Lakeland, Fla.

Conference participants attended seminars on subjects ranging from "Christian mysticism and the Holy Spirit" to "the marriage adventure."

They also heard Richard McKay, associate in the Home Mission Board's Division of Chaplaincy, who led a seminar on "the awesome power of the listening ear." (BP)

Shelby Baptist Pastors Adopt Blue Law Stand

The Shelby County Baptist Pastors' Conference has adopted a resolution urging local members of the Senate and House of Representatives to support H.B. 741, known as the "Sunday Business Activities Act," which has been introduced in the Tennessee Legislature.

The purpose of the Act is "To prohibit certain business activities on Sunday; to provide penalties and other remedies for violations of the same; to limit the time within which an arrest for or warrant charging violation of this Act shall be made or issued; to repeal conflicting law; and for other purposes germane thereto." The purpose was further stated in Section 3 to "promote the health, recreation and welfare of the State."

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God's Indictment Of Israel's Leaders

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

Bible Study Passages: Hosea 4:1-6; 7:7b-10

The Scripture for the lesson this week is taken from the book of Hosea. The prophet's name "Hosea" means deliverance, help, salvation. The prophet Hosea was an educated man and was probably from a town in Ephraim or Manasseh. He was a prophet of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and his message was primarily directed toward Israel. He prophesied "in the days of Uzziah, Jothan, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, the kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel (Hosea 1:1). The contemporaries of Hosea were Isaiah, Amos, and Micah.

Dr. K. O. White points out that Hosea was a prophet "possessed of a warm, affectionate nature and with gracious ability to forgive and forget." Hosea's tragic home life helped him understand the love of God, the grief of God over faithlessness, and the forgiveness of God. Out of heartache and deep emotion Hosea spoke. He spoke to a backslidden, worldly, impenitent people who were so blinded by compromise and sinful living that they were unable to recognize their pitiable condition and to know the judgment of God was at hand.

Hosea proclaims God's indictment of Israel's leaders for their sins and failure in leadership. God will punish them for their failure, their sins, their waywardness, their irresponsibility.

I. God Indicts His Leaders When They Have No Love For God And Those In Need (Hosea 4:1).

Hosea did not speak in vague generalities, in pious platitudes. No one has to say, "What is he talking about?" when he summoned Israel to "hear the word of the Lord." Israel was to hear the word of the Lord because God had a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. The word controversy means a quarrel, a contention, a lawsuit. It is court room language (Micah 6:2).

God had a controversy with Israel because there was "no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land" (Prov. 3:3; Jer. 9:3). Israel was guilty of breach of covenant with God. Both truth and mercy have their roots in the knowledge of God. Where knowledge of God is wanting, injustice gains the upper hand. When one loves God, when one has knowledge of God he will display that love, that knowledge in truth and in mercy.

II. God Indicts His Leaders When The Commandments Of God Are Broken (Hosea 4:2-3).

The covenant between God and His peo-

ple had been sealed by their acceptance of the ten commandments (Deut. 5:27). Hosea pointed out that these commandments have been broken. In verse two the words "swearing" (Ex. 20:7), "lying" (Ex. 20:16), "killing" (Ex. 20:13), "stealing" (Ex. 20:15), and "committing adultery" (Ex. 20:15) indicate that five commandments had been broken for the purpose of robbery and murder.

When men sin others suffer, even God's creation. The mourning of the land and the wasting away of beasts, fowls, and fishes are the result of the moral depravity of men, the breaking of God's commandments.

III. God Indicts His Leaders When They Reject The Knowledge Of God (Hosea 4:4-6).

In Deut. 17:8-13 we find that every lawsuit was to be ultimately decided by priest and judge as the supreme tribunal. Whoever resisted the verdict of this tribunal was threatened with the punishment of death. This is one meaning of verse 4. Another meaning is expressed by Hitzig: "Every one who has a priest blames the priest instead of himself when any misfortune happens to him." Hosea pointed out that the priest-strivers shall fall in the day and the false prophets of God in the night. In fact, God will destroy the whole nation and kingdom (Hosea 4:5c).

Spiritual leadership had failed in Israel. The nation is ignorant of God's law (Hosea 4:6). The knowledge Israel needed might have been drawn from God's law. In His law He reveals His counsel and His will (Deut. 30:11-17). To hear the truth, to know the truth, and then ignore it and reject it is dangerous business (Rom. 1:28-32).

IV. God Indicts His Leaders When They Give Themselves To Worldliness (Hosea 7:7b).

The verses leading up to verse seven point out that Israel had given themselves to adultery, to idolatry, to debauchery, to the harlotry of worldliness. In the ten years following the death of Jeroboam II, Israel had five kings, three of whom were assassinated—Zechariah after a reign of six months, Shallum of one month, and Pekahiah of barely two years (II Kings 15). In spite of all of this "there is none that calleth" unto God.

Israel felt they could manage without God. Like America, neither internal disorder, the assassination of leaders, or wars sent them to their knees. They were too worldly to be concerned. They never thought about calling on God for help.

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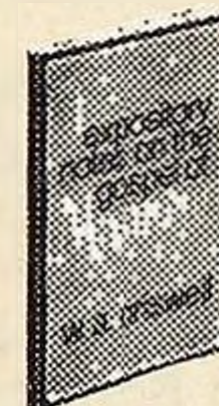
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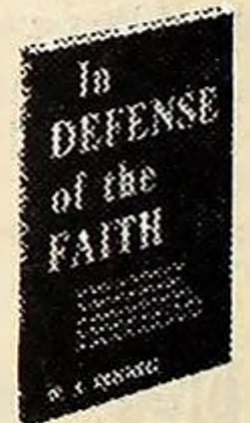
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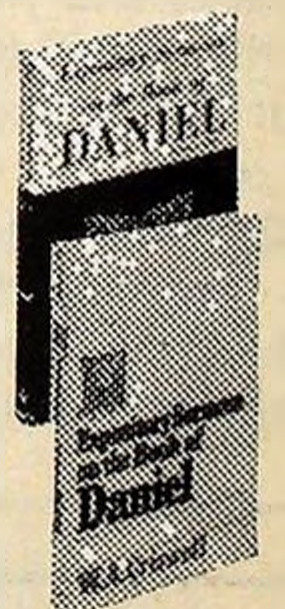
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Central church, Johnson City, **James Canaday**, pastor, held Library Open House recently. The library was begun 40 years ago with a few books kept in the church office and has grown to 5447 books.

Melvin G. Faulkner celebrated the beginning of his 13th year as pastor of First church, Erwin, recently.

Dedication services were held May 1 for Camp Howard in Big Emory association. **Leslie Baumgartner**, secretary of the Missions department for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was speaker. A dining area and a residence have been built and future plans call for a \$35,000-\$40,000 dormitory with a conference room to accommodate 150 people. The camp is named for **E. H. Howard** who has served as associational missionary for the past 19 years.

S.B.C. REGISTRATION CARDS

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

L. C. Collins has retired as an active pastor. He has served as pastor of Springdale church, Holston association, for the past 26 years. He helped found Springdale as a mission of Calvary church, Kingsport.

James Gordon Warwick of Donelson, a charter member of Lakewood church, died April 26 in a Donelson hospital following an extended illness. Services were held April 27 with **Homer A. Cate**, pastor, Lakewood church, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery, Grenada, Miss., on April 28. A retired official of George Peabody college, Nashville, he served for five years as bookkeeper of Belmont Heights church, Nashville.

Jeannette Piccard, Famed Balloonist, Is Seeking The Priesthood At Age 76

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—At a time when most women her age are in retirement, former balloonist Dr. Jeannette Piccard is setting out to become an Episcopal priest.

The 76-year-old widow of famed balloonist Dr. Jean Piccard has taken the first of five tests to become a deacon.

"The position of women in the Episcopal Church has always been a source of frustration to me," she told a meeting of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW). (RNS)

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V. God Indicts His Leaders When They Look To The Wrong One For Help (Hosea 7:8-10).

The Lord had separated Israel from the nations that Israel might be holy unto Him (Lev. 20:24, 26). The ten tribes had mingled with the nations, with the heathen. They had learned their works, served their idols, and adopted heathen ways. Ephraim, mentioned thirty-seven times in Hosea, was like a cake baked on hot ashes or red hot stones. If not turned the cake is burned at the bottom, and raw at the top. Foreigners consume the strength of Israel and Israel does not know of the decay of her strength (Hosea 7:9).

Israel's politics were bad. Israel's leaders turned to Egypt and Assyria for help. They did not seek the Lord who could save them. The words "for all this" (Hosea 7:10) emphasizes the obstinate blindness and perverseness of Ephraim.

God indicts His leaders and calls them to repentance. God demands it. Israel's sins demand it. The prophet's preaching demands it.

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A Nation Deceiving Itself

By W. R. White

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Basic Passages: Jeremiah 7:1 to 8:3; 26:1-24

Focal Passage: Jeremiah 7:1-15

Self-deception is a most dangerous affliction. Yet it is going on widely among men and nations. It is difficult for the victim to detect. So much ego is involved, pride blinds so completely.

Material prosperity is often misleading. It is often due to a momentum created by another and better generation. It can continue in spite of a number of colossal blunders. It can take much punishment for a while. There is a limit beyond which it will not last. It carries its own seeds of destruction but it often takes considerable time to ripen for the harvest of adversity.

Any kind of dramatic success is frequently misleading. It covers so many mistakes. It blinds us to our weaknesses. Shrewd rationalizing by highly sophisticated, so called intelligentsia can convince and comfort us, even when we are treading the path of folly. There are a multitude of false prophets making black appear white and wrong seem respectable today. We have more false teachers today than existed in Jeremiah's day.

A CALL TO WORD AND WORSHIP Jeremiah 7:1-3

Jeremiah stood at the entrance of the temple and called on the people to hear the word of the Lord as they went into the temple to worship.

How we regard the word of the Lord will determine the validity of our worship. The Holy Spirit follows and blesses the word. The unction of worship will come from the Holy Spirit.

We must desire and appropriate the sincere milk of the word before we can digest the meat of more substantial truth. Worship can provide the atmosphere necessary to assimilation of the revealed word.

They are told to trust in false security. They are warned to mend their ways. They are not to oppress the widow, the fatherless, the poor and the stranger. They are to establish justice between a man and his neighbor. They are not to shed innocent blood.

If they truly repent and follow God's word in full, they will be secure in their land.

DUPLICITY OF LIFE AND WORSHIP Jeremiah 7:8-11

Religion had become a mere form which they thought would compensate for righteous living. They could steal, murder, commit adultery and bear false witness against their neighbor, even worship Baal. Yet they could come to the temple of God and claim immunity from this ugly past and be given a special dispensation for continuing in this same vile wickedness.

In other words they could make the temple a resort, shelter or refuge from all their evil doings. God revealed to them that He had seen all of this with His own eyes. He made it unmistakably clear that His house could not be made a cover up for thieves or a den of robbers. Religion is no trick of magic or fetish to deliver people from the penalty of their sins while they continued to hold on to their transgressions. They must mend their ways or repent. Even the loving Jesus does not save us **in our sins** but **from our sins**.

REMEMBER SHILOH Jeremiah 7:12-13

Shiloh was the scene of one of Israel's darkest hours. In a sense it was like Waterloo to Napoleon. In any case a shameful sin was glaring them in the face due to the horrible conduct of Eli's sons but they thought they could carry the Ark of the Covenant into battle and defeat the Philistines.

Even something as sacred as the Ark of the Covenant was of no value or charm when their wrongs were not righted.

God warns them of a gathering doom unless their hearts and lives were radically changed.

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By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Presbyterian U.S. Membership Up Only Slightly In 1970

ATLANTA—Membership in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) rose slightly in 1970 as a result of mergers in several presbyteries with regional units of the United Presbyterian Church.

Total membership increased by 626 from 957,569 to 958,195. However, 4621 of the latter figure is the result of merged presbyteries in which the churches report half their membership to each denomination.

The merging of four presbyteries was largely responsible for an increase in the number of churches from 3926 to 4063. In 1969, the number of churches decreased by 34.

Communicant members increased by 3426 to a total of 953,600. Ministers increased from 4395 to 4595. (RNS)



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From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

This is Christian Home Week and next Sunday will be Mother's Day. For many years the second Sunday in May has been



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set aside to honor our mothers and it has been a means of bringing in- to focus the great place that mothers occupy in the home. It has some- times been rather senti- mental and lost some of its real value but on the whole it has served a great purpose and has been the means of bring- ing many to a greater appreciation of their

mothers.

During more recent years, the whole week has been designated as Christian Home Week and this includes father, moth- er, and the children. Our social order has become so complex and so secularized that the home has suffered much from it. Brok- en homes and the turning away from re- ligion in the home have brought some bit- ter fruits in the lives of children and young people.

Never have we needed truly great Chris- tian homes more than now. They stand out like stars against the dark night sky. They make a tremendous contribution to the sta- bility of our society and to our nation. We have often heard many great men quoted concerning the influence of mothers. Just as great statements of fact could be given about great and able fathers.

What makes a truly Christian home? It begins with a truly Christian concept of marriage. The home must begin with the right foundation. It must be created by two Christians who really love each other and who intend to make their home both permanent and Christian. Christ must truly be made its Lord.

This will mean that both mother and father are Christian and that they also re- late the home to the church. Children who are born into the home have the right to be taught the great truths of the Christian faith. This must begin with the parents in the home. It must begin by living examples seen in their lives and attitudes.

Many of us can remember the old family pews at church. Parents did not send their children to church but they took them and taught them to love and appreciate the church.

Family worship at home is so vital also. It means so much for children to hear their parents pray and to be taught to pray and to believe in the power and meaning of prayer.

Will every reader pledge to make every

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

I. J. Van Ness, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported that receipts from all sources amounted to \$1,147,000, a gain of \$285,000 over the previous year. The Board's newly-organized Statistical de- partment reported 27,444 churches, 173,595 baptisms, and contributions to all purposes, \$34,881,032.

20 YEARS AGO

First church, Franklin, initiated a new service to the people by making available bus service to and from church each Sunday. W. C. Summar served as pastor.

W. A. Boston, pastor, First church, Union City, was elected Grand Pre- late of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee.

Howard S. Kolb became pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Pine Bluff, Ark. He served formerly as pastor of First church, Selmer.

10 YEARS AGO

Harold D. Gregory celebrated his 22nd anniversary as superintendent of missions of Nashville association. During those 22 years the number of churches grew from 38 to 91, the as- sociation's budget advanced from \$3000 to \$60,000, and the staff grew from one to 16 persons.

Eastwood church, Nashville, dedi- cated new facilities valued at \$71,000. Marion Smith served as pastor.

Yugoslavians Rent Site On Coast

A Conference on Christian Education of international scope will be one of four special events on the Yugoslavian Baptist summer calendar this year.

Youth of the Baptist Union have rented a school building at Zadar, on the Adriatic coast, for the coming summer, also for summers in 1972 and 1973.

They will offer two months of Bible studies and religious conferences. The building can provide sleeping quarters for 120. (EBPS)

effort to make your home even more Chris- tian? For many of us our parents have long since been called from the earthly scene. But how much we owe them. What in- fluence they left behind! What direction and teaching they gave us! We are debtors to pass it on and to work to make more and more of the homes of our nation Christian and to make more truly Christian fathers and mothers.

On Matters of

Family Living

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Child From Conversation-Poor Home Is Handicapped In School

Schools are encountering the phenomena of children who don't talk enough or who have such limited vocabularies that they are handicapped in the classroom, says Joan Gandis, assistant director, Bureau of Speech Improvement, New York City Board of Education. Ironically, many of the silent children come from comfortable, middle-class homes where the only lack seems to be conversation.

"All too many normally intelligent chil- dren are coming to us locked in a world of few words," says Mrs. Gandis, noting that the problem is cropping up in schools throughout the country.

Speech therapists point out that children are not talked **with** as much as they used to be. Listening to adults argue or lecture, or floating in the torrents of words that gush from the tv set are no substitutes for the give and take of con- versation that is essential to speech de- velopment.

"Speech-poor" youngsters from poverty households, on the other hand, may talk a lot at home but find they don't have enough words to express themselves or understand others in the classroom.

In poverty homes, few precise words may be used; everything from food to ob- jects to people may be described as "nice." for instance. Objects may be referred to as "this thing" or "that thing," rather than by name.

Parents are a child's first speech teachers, speech therapists emphasize. Therefore, it is vital that **all** parents know how normal speech develops so they can understand the youngster's learning task and help him, point out specialists at the Development Language and Speech Center at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Center director David Pushaw believes that 70% of children's speech difficulties are not physical, but are learned habits, so he runs "prevention" classes for ex- pectant parents and parents of infants, not just for those whose kids have already developed speech problems.

"Baptists Who Know, Care"

Church members will support Baptist work in Tennessee and around the world if they are informed of the needs by reading the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

Mission Agencies Plan Lay Evangelism Emphasis

ATLANTA—The Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention plan a global sharing of new materials and strategy for lay training in evangelism.

The announcement of an agreement between the agencies came from Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism of the SBC Home Mission Board.

"Our recent lay evangelism schools in Atlanta, the first phase of a national ministry in this area, met with a success beyond our expectations," he said. "Missionaries overseas indicated unusual interest, so we offered whatever assistance possible to the Foreign Mission Board."

This offer includes missionary training in the schools tuition free, as well as offering to cooperate on plans for training of personnel within national missions.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board "welcomes the announcement that the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board is projecting lay evangelism leadership training.

"We appreciate your invitation to missionaries of our board to share in these schools," Cauthen said. "We are confident that many will be interested. Numbers of missionaries," Cauthen added, "that now project similar efforts on their fields and should profit immensely from your experience. We are grateful for this new thrust in personal evangelism."

The lay evangelism schools, part of a national strategy by the Evangelism Division, were held in 46 churches in Atlanta in recent months. Trained in the schools were 1780 laity and 383 leadership personnel from throughout the nation.

Previous to the schools, the evangelism leaders developed materials and strategy for the national lay evangelism emphasis. The Atlanta schools tested the materials and trained the leaders who in turn will conduct other schools within their states.

The next step will be schools slated in Chicago in April and in Los Angeles and Houston in May. From these key cities will come a leadership manual for laymen to train other laymen and a manual on how to prepare for a lay evangelism school in churches or associations and how to have lasting results, Chafin said.

He added that state evangelism leaders are designing a strategy for each state, building in "whatever variations they feel are needed and using the resources of the Division of Evangelism as desired."

Chafin also predicted a college and high school spinoff from the strategy and materials.

The training, according to Chafin, is "Bible centered and church centered, helping the layman in his own spiritual growth and providing him with witnessing opportunities while in training.

One large Atlanta church within six weeks after laymen in the congregation had been trained reported half as many professions of faith as they had baptized during all of the previous year, Chafin said.

Materials for the schools, developed by the Division of Evangelism and produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board under the Name WIN (Witness-Involvement-Now) products.

Included in the materials are tracts, letters to new converts, growth leaflets, and booklets. The strategy includes more than leading someone to make an initial decision, Chafin said. For example, the booklets stress the Lordship of Christ, one's devotional life, Christian living, as well as one's witness, he said. (BP)

Annuitants Luncheon Planned In St. Louis

The 11th annual Annuitants Luncheon, hosted by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, in the Crystal Room of the Sheraton Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., according to R. Alton Reed, Annuity Board president. More than 100 persons are expected to attend.

All retired or disabled pastors and denominational employees, or their widows, who receive benefit checks from the Annuity Board are invited to attend, Reed said. Special recognition will be given to the oldest annuitants attending.

Nashville Lions Club Elects Baptist Laymen

The Nashville Downtown Lions Club in a unique "happen-stance" has elected Baptist laymen for all officers for the coming year. Martin B. Bradley, secretary, Research and Statistics department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a member of First church was elected president.

Elected to serve with Bradley were: Hilton Austin, also on the staff of the Sunday School Board, first vice president; Brainerd Kidder, a member of Immanuel church, second vice president; Glen Kelly, academic dean, Belmont College, secretary; and Lof-ton Robertson, a member of Lincoya Hills church, treasurer.

From the Convention President:

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Dear Jim:

I want to share the glorious good news that has just come to me. At 11:50 this morning Mrs. Grove called from the bookkeeping department to say that we had reached the six months figure for our Cooperative Program budget. To God be the glory! I believe our Tennessee Baptist people will continue to hear the call of missions and respond with their giving through the remaining six months of our budget year.

Thus far this convention year I have met with six of our convention boards and several of our various committees. Since February 1, I have traveled from Memphis to Johnson City. All across our state I feel a sense of optimism among our leadership. There appears to be a spirit of revival breaking out in most of our churches. This is a wonderful day in which to be alive.

We have not solved all of our problems. We still have many unmet needs. As you know, the budgets of some of our programs and institutions have been cut to the bare minimum. We must have an increase in our Cooperative Program giving if we are to meet the mission needs in our state. Advance next year depends upon what our churches do during the next six months.

Let us continue to pray for great victories in our Lord's name. We may not know what the future holds, but we certainly know who holds the future. I look forward to seeing you in Nashville next week.

Let us take the high road for Christ.

**Fraternalty yours,
Hayward Highfill, President
Tennessee Baptist Convention**