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Union University Campus Scenes

A RICH HARVEST

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"I have much people in this city"—Acts 18:10.

When because of Jewish resistance Paul left the synagogue in Corinth, he went to the home of Titus Justus. He was one "that worshipped God" (v. 7). He was a Roman and evidently a Jewish proselyte. His home was next door to the synagogue.

Evidently the synagogue was split wide open. For Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, and his family went with Paul. In fact they became Christians (v. 8). Paul himself baptized Crispus (1 Cor. 1:14). Possibly Silas and Timothy baptized the remainder of his family. And others who believed (v. 8).

It was in such an atmosphere that Paul received a vision in the night. He had had a rough time since coming to Corinth. But things were beginning to happen. A revival was in progress. But this very success only served to increase Jewish opposition (see vv. 12ff.). So he needed encouragement to continue in Corinth.

Literally, "Stop being afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not become silent" (v. 9). The very opposition should be a challenge as later it was in Ephesus. God promised His presence and protection (v. 10), a promise which He fulfilled.

"For I have much people in this city."



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Literally, "There is to me much people." They had not yet been won to Christ. But they would be if Paul continued his ministry there.

What does this say to us? It says that there are multitudes whose hearts are hungry for the gospel. And they will respond to it if we declare it to them. As Jesus said, "the harvest is great but the laborers are few". We should become harvest hands, all the while praying that the Lord of the harvest will send other reapers into the harvest field. If we are faithful, others will be encouraged to follow.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The troublesome Summer Slump that seems to afflict many churches is now upon us.

When summer arrives, the pastor must face the sad truth that some are here and some are there—but mostly there.

Apparently, certain members of the congregation adopt as their motto a verse that goes something like this:

"It's not that going to church
I can't . . .

It's just simply the fact that
I ain't."

Some churches, in an effort to hold off the slump, have adopted as their slogan: "Be a blooming Baptist this summer." Certainly this is better than a wilting Baptist or a Baptist who is inaccessible during the week and invisible on Sunday.

However, let us be sure that we understand exactly what causes the Summer Slump. You see, it's not that some church members live too close to the lake—it's just that they don't live close enough to the Lord.

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Devotional

Jesus Was There

By Monte McMahan Clendinning

"Oh, that thou wouldest rend the heavens,
that thou wouldest come down . . ."

— Isaiah 64:1a

These yearning words of Isaiah voice my own feelings sometimes as I experience the churn and swirl of evil in and about me.



In a world of turmoil I have never before longed so to see Christ clearly and His power at work in our world.

In the midst of confusion and frustration, words of Psalm 46:10 admonish me to "be still and know that I am God":

● A loved one struggled long in trying to understand God's will. I saw him shrouded in darkness, and yet his faith never wavered. Jesus was there.

● A dynamic youth director left an effective job to become a missionary in Nigeria. When I heard her speak during furlough, noticing especially her radiant face, I knew Jesus was there.

● A teenager had run away from home. The mother was frantic and sick from fear. However, at 4 o'clock she experienced such release from tension that she looked at the clock—not knowing friends had organized a chain of prayer for that hour. Jesus was there.

● At breakfast on Easter morning, a father was explaining the real meaning of Easter. Spontaneously the family sang the chorus of "He Lives," at the close of which the eight-year-old excitedly exclaimed, "It seems I'm telling everybody Jesus lives." Jesus was there.

Jesus **has** come down. He lived, died, and rose again. And today He longs to live His life powerfully and victoriously through me and each of His believers.

(Mrs. Clendinning is a former Nashville homemaker but has recently moved to Atlanta where her husband, Dr. Byron Pat Clendinning, is on the staff of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist church as minister of counseling.)

English-Language Church Organized In Colombia

Bogota Baptist Chapel recently became the first English-language Baptist church to be organized in Colombia. There were 23 charter members. For several years the chapel functioned as a department of the Spanish-language Central Baptist Church, but it now cooperates with the Colombian Baptist Convention. Southern Baptist missionary J. Thomas Norman, brother of the church's interim pastor, Taylor Norman, was moderator and principal speaker during the organizational service.

Billy Graham Tells Postal Commission New Rates May Crush Religious Press

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Evangelist Billy Graham, in written testimony submitted to the U.S. Postal Rate Commission here, criticized a U.S. Post Office move to impose an ultimate "750 per cent" increase in religious press minimum postal rates.

Speaking in behalf of his own Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the Catholic Press Association, Associated Church Press and the Evangelical Press Association, he specifically challenged the contention by postal authorities that all classes of mail, even non-profit second class, must pay their own way.

"This is a crutch used by the Post Office to tread its way through the maze of proposed second-class rates," the evangelist said. "But in truth, the fixing of compensatory rates is one of at least eight factors to be considered in arriving at a rate increase."

Graham was joined in his testimony by James A. Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, whose organization recently filed responses to pre-hearing questions proposed by the Post Office, as representative of all four press groups.

Graham urged the postal commission to consider scaling down "mightily" the virtually confiscatory rates proposed by the postal service "in recognition of the social and religious contribution of the not-for-profit religious press."

He said the religious press represents an "in-elastic market," and added that he did not know how many religious publications will be forced to halt operations or be forced to merge because of the ultimate 750 per cent rate increase.

Observing that the commission is "not required" to make the non-profit press pay its own way, Mr. Graham said, however, that the commission "is empowered to recognize that the non-profit religious press pays its way in a far sounder and more meaningful method—by contributing to and shoring up the moral underpinnings of this country."

The evangelist said he wanted to assure the commission that the case for the non-profit religious press is not simply one of dollars and cents.

"It requires a far broader consideration of redeeming religious and social contributions," he stressed, "of said media and a determination of whether this media is to be harshly penalized for foregoing profit motivations in favor of the aforesaid contributions."

He reiterated that the Post Office's "absolute assertion that we must pay our own way . . . is simply not true . . ."

"With the establishment of a 'fair and equitable' schedule of rates," he added,

"avoiding a negative 'effect' on the not-for-profit religious press, I believe we can continue to perform our ministry . . . to the benefit of all."

Doyle, representing more than 500 religious publications in the various associations, said that this association members alone would be tagged with a \$1 million a year increase as a result of initial 40 per cent postal increases.

But, at the end of 10 years, he said average increases would be around 400 per cent, with some smaller publications receiving a 750 per cent hike in postal costs.

He said the "shocking percentage increases" would result from per-piece surcharges tacked on to normal postal increases.

Urging special consideration of the non-profit religious press to offset "deterioration of a justly preferential position," he said, "we believe the rate commission should direct that non-profit second class rates should be established as a fixed percentage of second class rates—such as the traditional 50 per cent . . ."

Doyle added that the CPA also believes the per-piece surcharge is "unwarranted and unfair," amounting to an "exorbitant additional collection of postage on a particular piece of mail."

Stating that some gradual increases are generally acceptable to the religious press, he urged the commission to eliminate the per-piece surcharge.

He added that the "special circumstances" of the religious press, in addition to those social benefits spelled out by Mr. Graham, should offer the commission additional reason to continue the traditional special position for the religious press. (RNS)

Sunday School Sessions Set For Missionaries

Sunday school orientation meetings for associational missionaries and Sunday school directors will be held July 6-9 in three Tennessee cities.

The meetings, designed to acquaint directors and missionaries with denominational themes, give suggestions on associational Sunday school organizations, outline the 1972 calendar and regional, associational, and state projects, and study Sunday school enlargement and Vacation Bible school campaigns, will be held at Brownsville church, Brownsville, July 6, Central church, Bearden, July 8, and First church, Franklin, July 9.

Plans toward projects connected with the Tennessee Baptist convention's 100th anniversary in 1974 will also be discussed.

Four Named New Missionaries By SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA—Two couples, including a former national office staff member, were appointed as career home missionaries by the Board of Directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

Serving as home missionaries will be George A. and Barbara Torney of San Francisco, Calif., and Harold W. and Laverne Wilcox of Gage City, Va.

Torney for several years was associate secretary of metropolitan work for the Home Mission Board's national office here.

The Torneys will work as directors in the First Southern Baptist Church in San Francisco where he is presently pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, both natives of Kentucky, will serve as missionaries for social ministries in Gate City, Va. Wilcox is currently associational director of Christian social ministries for the board in Gate City, Va. (BP)

2336 Decisions Reported In Small Tarheel Town

LINCOLNTON, N.C.—More than 2335 public decisions for Christ, including 1584 professions of faith in Christ, were recorded during an eight-day evangelistic crusade here led by Evangelist James Robison of Hurst, Tex.

Crowds that nightly packed the high school stadium here to hear the 27-year-old Baptist evangelist were estimated at about 5000—a figure equal to the total population of the Bible-belt town.

One local leader called the crusade the biggest thing to hit the county-seat town just 35 miles east of Charlotte since the days of "Cyclone Mac," a sawdust trail evangelist of the 1920's.

No massive evangelistic effort had been made here in the 50-year interim, local leaders said. (BP)

Churchmen Draft 'Non-Religious' Wedding Rite For Magistrates

RALEIGH, N.C.—The Rev. Oscar Woolridge, coordinator of religious affairs at North Carolina State university, and the Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist church, have written a civil marriage ceremony, devoid of any mention of God, Christ or religion, and made it available to local magistrates for use when couples wish to marry in a non-religious ceremony.

The magistrates haven't said they will or will not use the civil ceremony, but one of them said he had never heard of anybody complaining about the "religious" service now in use.

North Carolina law limits the right to perform marriages to clergymen and magistrates, but says nothing about the type of ceremony to be used. As a result, magistrates have used services taken from their own churches or have written "religious services" for use in "civil" marriages. (RNS)

EDITORIALS

Final Word About The Convention

Section C of Bylaw 16 of the Southern Baptist Convention created some problems in the minds of many during the recent session in St. Louis. It did not spoil what many believe to have been an unusually constructive convention.

Method of application of this bylaw by the parliamentarian does raise some questions which should be considered.

The section in question reads: (c) All recommendations of each board, institution, commission, special committee, and standing committee shall be printed together at the end of its report before they may be considered by the Convention. In case any agency or committee shall be unable to comply with this requirement, its recommendation shall be printed in the Convention **Bulletin** before consideration and action by the Convention. **Any motion or resolution affecting any such agency or institution, which is not included in its printed report, shall, when presented before the Convention, be referred to the Executive Committee or to such other committee as the Convention may direct.** (Editor's underscoring)

Many have suggested that the almost unprecedented use of this section in the manner in which it was used amounted almost to a gag on the convention. No parliamentarian in recent memory has seen fit to interpret the application of this bylaw in this fashion. We do not want to see the time come when the elected messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention are not able to present motions or resolutions which can never reach the convention floor for action in a current session! We cannot believe that this was ever the intention of the convention, or the framers of the constitution and bylaws of the convention.

To send messengers to a convention, and not allow freedom of expression and freedom of action by elected persons is self-defeating in a democratic form of government.

Granted that there may be some things which need to be referred to the Executive Committee, there surely must be other matters of business upon which the convention in session can act. We do not want to see the convention "gagged." We believe the vast majority of messengers and elected convention officials do not want this to transpire.

It is possible, therefore, that a long, critical appraisal of the situation could lead to one of two things: (1) It may be that the bylaw needs changing. (2) It may be that the parliamentarian needs changing. There is no spirit of unkindness implied in this editorial. We are, however, concerned that the voice of Southern Baptists—the convention in annual session—be given freedom for expression and action.

Mass Murders Lamented

Someone, or some people in the Yuba City, California, area are responsible for the murders of 25 men at last count. There may yet be other bodies discovered.

Mass murder, such as this, reminds thinking persons

again both of the frailty of human life, and the cruel and sadistic tendencies which make one human take the life of another. Especially is this shocking when multiple murders are discovered. The very idea is revolting. And we recall once again the fact that apart from the presence of God in the lives of men, there is no limit to man's inhumanity to man.

Davis Aid Grant Questioned

Angela Davis is charged with murder, kidnaping and criminal conspiracy in the brutal slaying of a judge and three other persons in San Rafael, California, in August of 1970. An avowed Communist, Angela Davis is in jail awaiting trial.

Now comes the United Presbyterian church, through its emergency fund for legal aid, and grants \$10,000 toward the defense of the accused. President of the United Presbyterian church, Mrs. Lois Stair, is quoted as saying: "I don't think Angela Davis was right, but the grant was merely to pursue justice." She further termed the grant as "quite a positive statement that the Christian faith has the power to withstand communism."

The logic of both the action and the defense of the action escapes us. We extend sympathy to our brethren among the United Presbyterians who protested the grant.



Pastors Survive Air Crash, Two Days In Freezing Weather

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters here received word that a mission plane crashed in Alaska, and two men aboard—both Adventist pastors—survived.

Ronald Breingan and Joe Chythlookm, an Eskimo pastor, were rescued by the U.S. Air Force after being exposed to severe weather in Aniak Pass for two days and two nights, according to a report sent by Mrs. Breingan.

In her report, she noted that the plane was damaged on impact, but the only injuries suffered by the pastors, other than exposure, were a wound on Mr. Chythlookm's forehead and a torn tricep muscle in her husband's right arm.

She said their Cessna 180 was caught in violent turbulence over Aniak Pass and thrown to the ground. Winds blowing at 100 miles per hour were clocked that day. (RNS)

Woodmont, Nashville, Gives \$75,000 For Home Cottage

A gift of \$75,000 from the Woodmont Baptist church, Nashville, Bill Sherman, pastor, to be used for building and equipping a cottage at the Franklin Children's Home has given the Middle Tennessee Children's Home Campaign \$485,990 or 72 per cent of its \$675,000 goal.

James M. Gregg, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Children's Home, made the announcement this week.

Gregg stated, "We feel very confident that

Rites Held For Dr. W. F. Jones, Former Union President

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at First Baptist church, Winter Park, Fla. for Dr. Warren Francis Jones, 74, former president of Union university, Jackson, Tenn. Burial was in Winter Park.

Dr. Jones died suddenly following a heart attack at his home, 1254 Cambridge Road, Maitland, Fla., Thursday night, June 17.

Dr. Jones served as president of Union university, Jackson, 18 years. After his retirement in 1963, he moved to Florida and for the past several years he did consultant work with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and worked part time as dean and consultant to the president of the new Baptist college in Palm Beach, Fla.

While president at Union, Dr. Jones also served as Belmont college's first president for one year. He served as president of Campbellsville Baptist Junior college, Campbellsville, Ky., 1926-1930 and 1941-45.

Dr. Jones was married to the former Margaret LeConte Scott in 1925. She died in 1942. In 1946 he married Dr. Dixie Martin Marcum. Survivors, in addition to his widow, include five children: Mrs. Robert Pierce, Hollywood, Fla.; Dr. Warren F. Jones, Jr., Louisville, Ky.; Dr. William M. Jones, Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Jane Marcum Matthews, Daytona Beach, Fla.; and Mrs. David Gibson, Nashville.

we will reach our goal for this campaign and complete the 10 cottages."



Elected officers of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy Alumni association include (left to right): Michael Collins, 1953 graduate, president; Mrs. Pauline Clark, 1930 graduate and school librarian, secretary; and Dr. Elmer Greene, 1946 graduate, vice-president.

Brotherhood

Training In Witnessing Is Set By Baptist Men

Learning how to win is the theme for the July 23-24 Royal Ambassador and Baptist Men's Leadership conference at Camp Linden.

Winning is **Witness Involvement Now**, a slogan with Bible studies geared to teach the Royal Ambassador leaders, mission action counselors, and Baptist Men how to W. I. N.

G. Leon Brown of Union City, vice-president of the State Brotherhood convention, will be in charge of the Saturday morning worship service at the camp.

Contract Signed For Six Franklin Home Cottages

A contract has been signed to build six additional home-style cottages at the Franklin Children's Home for a total cost of \$385,147.00 or \$64,191.00 each.

The John Phipps Construction company, Nashville, will begin work immediately, with completion scheduled in a year.

Two dormitories at the Franklin Home, the Junior Boys dorm and Barton Hall, also known as the "Baby Boys" dorm, are being razed to make room for two of the cottages to be placed between their old sites.

James M. Gregg, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. and William Malone, chairman of the Children's Home Board signed the contract with Phipps.

A Woman's View

What A Difference . . .

By Virginia Zubl

Have you ever been very close to death in just an instant or so of time or been close to something very disastrous, or something very heart-rending, only to have the danger pass so that it all seemed like a dream, and could not really have happened to you? If so, did you make a vow that things would be different hereafter, that you would do better, as though you were bargaining for the life retained? Did that resolution ever really make any difference for very long in the way you were living?

Many of us probably never come very close to something very disastrous for the first quarter or third of our lives. But if the circumstance did occur, I wonder how much serious thinking we would do about it and its effect upon our lives. It is quite easy to sigh it away in relief or forget about it after it happens. It is then so easy to get right back into the same old routine, the same old thinking, the same old grievances. Consider the significance of letting that near disastrous event wake us to new living and spiritual realizations. If only we can be awakened to the idea that the precious time that we are given was not meant to be filled with frustrations and worries. If our lives were to pass tomorrow, what good could these things possibly have contributed?

If only we could be jolted into knowing that all the negatives are not what life should be about. Our life should be a positive contribution to society, to those closest to us, and to God. Wouldn't it be a much more wonderful and meaningful life if we could divest our lives of the negatives (sin) and choose the positive (new life)? We need faith to do it, and a commitment. But what a difference it would make.

God Requires Personal Righteousness

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor

Audubon Park Baptist Church, Memphis

Bible Study Passages: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

This lesson concludes the series of eleven lessons on the general theme "Prophets of Righteousness and Mercy." The lessons for the series have been taken from the writings of four prophets—Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah.

The theme of the lesson this week is personal righteousness. Micah points out that God requires personal righteousness.

I. The Need For Personal Righteousness (Micah 6:1-4).

Israel is to hear what God has to say to the prophet. God has a contest, a controversy, a quarrel with His people. Remarkable witnesses have been summoned "mountains . . . hills . . . strong foundations on the earth" (Micah 6:1, 2). God will plead with His people. Israel is called God's people to indicate the right of God, to contend with Israel and to sharpen Israel's own conscience by pointing to Israel's calling.

God opens the contest with His people with the questions, "What have I done unto thee? And wherein have I wearied thee?" (Micah 6:3). The actions of Israel indicated they were tired of God. Israel had fallen away from God and had broken His covenant. If God is at fault, let Israel speak. Apparently, their silence indicated they had nothing to say.

Adventists Set U.S. 'Home' Drive On Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Seventh-day Adventist Church has launched a new nationwide community service program called "Home Help" on alcohol, tobacco and drug problems.

Kits will be provided to give direction and provide materials for a four-night training program "in the home of anybody requesting help along these lines," said Ernest H. J. Steed, director of the Adventists' world temperance program and the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Narcotics Education, Inc.

Speaking at the launching of the Home Help project, Steed noted that diversion—not education—is the answer to the drug problem.

He said "education through widespread publicity, school programs and discussion groups has actually increased the problem because education generally has not presented the positive values of real alternatives to drugs." (RNS)

Micah points out that God has done Israel no harm. He has only conferred benefits upon them. He brought His people from Egypt; He redeemed Israel out of the house of bondage. Israel became an independent nation. They needed to remember that they were not their own but God's people because He redeemed them. He not only redeemed them but He entrusted them with great leaders—Moses (Num. 12:8), Aaron (Num. 14:5, 26) and Miriam (Ex. 15:20). They led Israel from Egypt, through the desert, to the promised land. Israel cannot deny the gracious acts of God. He had been good to the nation. In return Israel became weary of God. Israel sinned against a gracious and loving God.

II. The Inability Of The External Of Religious Worship To Secure Personal Righteousness (Micah 6:6-7).

What must Israel do to repair the bond of fellowship which has been broken? Israel offers to bring burnt offerings. There is no reference to sin offerings through which disturbed fellowship could be restored. Israel was still living under the delusion that they were standing firmly in the covenant with God.

The system of animal sacrifices were instituted to teach the seriousness of sin, the need for forgiveness, God's willingness to forgive, and the high cost involved. However the animal sacrifices became an end in themselves. The idea emerged that the greater the cost of the sacrifices (Micah 4:6), the larger the number of the sacrifices (Micah 4:7), the better pleased God would be. On such a basis only a wealthy man could qualify for fellowship with God. The sacrifices of verse seven go beyond anything required in the Pentateuch where we find the sacrifice of the firstborn definitely forbidden (Lev. 18:21). They follow the example of the heathen in such abominations. (II Kings 16:3; 17:16-17).

The externals of religious worship cannot secure personal righteousness.

III. The Moral Demands Of Personal Righteousness (Micah 6:8).

Micah believed in sacrifices and burnt offerings. However, they are only of value when offered by persons who love God supremely and whose lives are lived by the will of God. Verse eight points to total commitment to God's way and will.

Israel knew what God required because God had shown Israel (Deut. 10:12-13). Three requirements are found in this verse—"to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

Suicide Prevention Course Offered In 20 Colleges

BOSTON—The Boston University School of Theology is the only seminary among 20 professional schools chosen for experimental courses on suicide and self-destructive behavior by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Twenty Boston students are taking part in the program, in the form of seminars, designed to develop a curriculum in suicide prevention.

The courses, offered simultaneously to students in social work, psychiatry and medicine around the country, may be a forerunner of similar courses to shape curricula for counselors in drug abuse and alcoholism.

Dr. Orlo Struck, Jr., chairman of Boston's department of psychology of religion and pastoral care, and Dr. Merle Jordan, associate professor of pastoral psychology, are leading the sessions for seminarians.

One task assigned to seminar students is the preparation of a complete funeral for a suicide victim. Other projects may include pastoral care to a family in which a member has taken his or her own life.

Also involved are "psychological autopsy" through analyzing letters, news report and other effects of a well-known suicide and the preparation of papers dealing with an aspect of suicide and religion. (RNS)

109 Legislators Endorse Prayer Amendment Drive

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A drive to force Congressional action on a proposed constitutional amendment to allow prayer in public schools has passed the half-way mark, according to Rep. Chalmers R. Wylie (R.-Ohio), who is spearheading the campaign.

The 109th House member—Rep. John W. Wydler (R.-N.Y.)—signed Rep. Wylie's petition to discharge the House Judiciary Committee from further control over the amendment.

The measure would go to the House floor automatically if 218 members, a majority, sign the petition. As a constitutional amendment, its passage must secure a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate, as well as approval by three-fourths of the state legislatures. (RNS)

"To do justly" means righteous conduct. Religion works itself out in daily deeds. God's people must "love mercy." Mercy is an unselfish love for God and a warm-hearted compassionate love toward man. Another requirement of God is "to walk humbly with thy God." To walk humbly is not man's nature. Man is prone to be proud when he has nothing to be proud of. Man must be humble before God. These three requirements form the standard by which God's people are measured.

How wonderful it is that Christ makes us capable of being what God requires that we should be!

Tanner Elected President Of Oklahoma Baptist University

SHAWNEE, Okla.—William G. Tanner president of Mary Hardin-Baylor college in Belton, Tex., for the past three years, was elected president of Oklahoma Baptist university here, effective Aug. 2.

Tanner will become the school's 11th president, succeeding Grady C. Cothen, who resigned last September to become president of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

The 41-year-old Tulsa native was reared in Texas, where he graduated from high school, earned five degrees and held several pastorates before going to Mary Hardin-Baylor in 1968.

He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in English and religion, lettered in three sports and served as Baptist Student Union president.

He holds a masters degree in administration and a doctor of education in administration from the University of Houston (Tex.) and bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

Tanner is former pastor of First Baptist church, Gulfport, Miss.; Broadway Baptist church, Houston; West End Baptist church, Houston; Field Street Baptist church, Cleburne, Tex.; and Wheelock Baptist church, Wheelock, Tex. (BP)

New TV Channel Features Religious Programming

ATLANTA—Atlanta's newest television station, dedicated to religious programming, began regular daily telecasts here on Sunday, June 6.

The new station, WHAE-TV, Channel 46, is an ultra-high-frequency full color facility and is designed to reach the greater metropolitan Atlanta area, as well as parts of Alabama, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. It is owned and operated by the Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc. of Portsmouth, Virginia.

George Ivey, III, general manager of WHAE-TV, is a native Atlantan who has been active in religious radio broadcasting in Georgia for several years.

Initial daily programs feature an hour-long, Bible-related children's puppet program called "Jim and Tammy," Roy Rogers westerns, Billy Graham and Oral Roberts specials, and a locally developed night variety program, "The 700 Club."

"The 700 Club" affords viewers an opportunity to air their problems and to request prayers from those in the studio. The evening program also includes singing groups, news, and talk.

The station telecasts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays. (RNS)

Texas Board Takes Final Vote On College Lease-Back

DALLAS—The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has reversed its decision that a proposal by Howard Payne college, Brownwood, Tex., may be in violation of convention policy on separation of church and state.

Last March, the board granted Howard Payne the right to sell a men's dormitory to the Brownwood Higher Education Authority for \$1 million, lease it back for 20 years and repurchase it at the end of the time for \$1.

Despite the approval, the board upheld, by a two-vote margin, a ruling by board Chairman James Harris of Fort Worth that the final decision should be submitted to the annual convention in Houston. He made the ruling, he said, because questions had been raised about church-state implications.

At its last meeting, the Executive Board, with little opposition, made the decision final, deciding that the proposal needed no further approval.

At the March meeting, Texas Convention President Jimmy R. Allen told the board that the proposal "is, in effect, the use of the state by the church" and falls into "a gray area of interpretation." Allen was not present when the decision was reversed later. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., and also serves as a Howard Payne trustee.

The plan had gained prior approval of both the convention's Christian Education Commission and program coordinating committee.

Proponents say the plan will allow the school to consolidate its indebtedness into a long-term, tax-free program at an interest rate of 5 to 6½ per cent. That would reportedly save between \$600,000 and \$700,000 in interest payments over the next 20 years.

The Brownwood Higher Education Authority was established last January under a two-year-old state law which allows an incorporate city to establish such an authority. It would have no taxing power and the city would have no jurisdiction after original appointment of self-perpetuating trustees. (BP)

Churches Of Three Denominations Join In Regional Ministry

SEATTLE—Regional units of three denominations here overwhelmingly approved a plan to pool their money, manpower, and other resources.

The United Church of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the Church of the Brethren have formed "United Ministries" which will begin operation in October.

Some 300 United Church of Christ delegates, meeting at University Congregational church here, gave unanimous approval to the plan. The Disciples voted 349 to 6 to

New Jersey Lottery Booms; State's 'Net' Seen Doubling

TRENTON, N.J.—Unlike the disappointing results of lotteries in other states, New Jersey's weekly lottery is now producing gross income at the unexpected rate of nearly \$3 million a week.

Officials here said the 50-cent tickets, which bear a four-leaf clover emblem, have been selling lately at the rate of almost six million a week. When the tickets first went on sale in January, the sale was about a million less.

Based on these figures, lottery sales in New Jersey have totalled between \$10 million and \$12 million monthly in the first two months of legalized gambling.

In contrast, lottery sales in New York State—with more than double the population of New Jersey—totalled only \$6.4 million in its first month (June, 1967). Within a month, sales slumped to \$4.5 million. New York officials had hoped for \$1 million per day.

Original estimates were that the New York lottery would gross about \$360 million a year, with a net profit of about \$198 million. Actual sales have averaged about \$5 million a month.

The New York lottery has earned only \$110.9 million for education in 44 months. In New Hampshire, the net has been a low \$10.7 million over seven years.

Gov. William Cahill of New Jersey, in his annual message last month, predicted that profits from the lottery would be \$15 million during the first half of 1971.

The original estimates had been for an annual state profit of about \$7.5 million. However, this figure was raised to \$9-\$10 million after an estimated 1.5 million tickets were sold on the first day of operations—five times more than the anticipated amount.

The success of the lottery has been so great that officials have been required by law to schedule additional prize drawings to give away surplus money. First prize for the current weekly drawings is \$50,000.

Grand prize for the first special drawing, March 17, will be \$1 million. Officials predicted that the million-dollar drawings may be held as often as every five weeks if current sales are maintained.

Gov. Cahill, who proposed an austere \$1.8 billion budget for the next fiscal year, said the lottery windfall would pay for a projected increase in enrolment in state colleges of 17,000—without the need for new taxes. (RNS)

enter the cooperative venture, and the Church of the Brethren delegates voted 38 to 5 in favor of the plan.

The emphasis of the United Ministry Proposal will be cooperation in such things as migrant ministry, camping, and other aspects of church life, while the denominations will keep their separate identities. (RNS)

Tennessee News Briefs

In a story appearing in the **Baptist And Reflector** for June 10, concerning William F. Hall, it was stated erroneously that Hall helped to organize Chilhowee Association, which association was organized in 1885.

New church pews have been purchased by Essary Springs church, Hardeman association.

Parran's Chapel church, Hardeman association, has installed new carpet. **Jack Carver** is pastor.

James Howell, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, Hardeman association, and his wife are recovering from injuries sustained in a car wreck near Bolivar.

Dewey Kerr, pastor of Calvary church, Bristol, received the Master's Degree in Theology from Luther Rice seminary, Jacksonville.

Jerry Powers has been licensed to preach by Hulen church, Holston association. **O. C. Anderson** is interim pastor.

Clark Street church, Holston association, has ordained **Kenneth Baker** as a deacon. **James Dampier** is pastor.

Law Day was observed recently at Temple church, Johnson City. **Don Strother** is pastor.

John Robert Gordy, a student at Samford university, Birmingham, was licensed to preach by Central church, Chattanooga. **Ansell T. Baker** is pastor.

Ben A. Baird, native of LaFollette and five-year pastor of Ghent church, Ghent, Ky., has accepted the pastorate of First church, St. Paul, Va. **Baird** is a former pastor at Main Street church, Lake City. **Mrs. Baird** is the former **Velma Lois Newport** of LaFollette.

Grace church, Duck River association, has voted to build a new sanctuary.

A brotherhood has been started at Paynes church, Duck River association.

Charles David Wohlwend, son of **Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Wohlwend**, received the Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Tennessee Medical school, Memphis. **Wohlwend**, graduate of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, will serve his internship at Erlanger hospital in Chattanooga. **Rev. Wohlwend** is pastor of First church, Englewood.

B. C. Jones, **James R. Ingle**, and **Bill Kirk** have been ordained as deacons at Dixie Hills church, Hardeman association. **Bertie Moore** is pastor.

C. L. Ward, father of Southern Baptist missionary to Argentina, **Mrs. Cecil L. Thompson**, died June 6 in Morristown.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley P. Richardson, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to the Philippines, may be reached c/o William N. Smith, P.O. Box 1587, New Haven, Conn. 06506 until the middle of July. Before his appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in November, Richardson was associate to the state director of student work for the Tennessee Baptist convention for three years. **Mrs. Richardson** is the former Joy Carter of Cookeville.

Atwood church, Atwood, voted to build a new three bedroom parsonage. The church also bought a new organ. **Kester Cotton** is pastor.

Grace church, Carroll-Benton association, has new pulpit chairs. **John Hicks** is pastor.

The parking lot at New Hope church, Carroll-Benton association, has been enlarged and paved. **W. E. Chadwick** is pastor.

Renovation of present church facilities and construction of a new addition has begun at First church, McKenzie. **O. M. Dangeau** is pastor.

Three Tennesseans, **Connie Bimstein** and **Debbie Maxwell** of Nashville and **Ronnie Atwood** of Lebanon, are on the staff this summer at Glorieta Baptist assembly, Glorieta, N.M.

A new piano has been purchased by Lancaster church, New Salem association.

First church, Gordonsville, is building a new sanctuary. **Orlie J. Wood** is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Solon Fitzpatrick have given new pew cushions for the auditorium at First church, Carthage. **John Crawford** is pastor.

Indian Hills chapel has painted the exterior of the church building. **Dallas Garland** is pastor.

Auditorium paneling and a new roof on the educational building has been installed at First church, Red Boiling Springs. **Dale Boseley** is pastor.

"**Mrs. Frank Brown Day**" will be observed June 27 by Central church, Johnson City. **Mrs. Brown** has been teaching junior boys and girls Sunday school classes for more than 50 years.

Roger Viers and **Bobby Joe Stewart** have been ordained as deacons at First church, Bluff City. **Charles Douglas Earl** is pastor.

Bobby Petty, **James Vaden**, and **Garrett Blevins** were ordained as deacons at First church, Gordonsville. **O. J. Wood** is pastor.

Religion Around the World

Vietnam's first two buildings erected as Baptist churches have been dedicated at Saigon and at Ba Ngoi near Camranh. Other churches and chapels in the country meet in remodeled residences, rented buildings or in members' homes. Faith Baptist church in Saigon, begun in 1964 by its pastor, **Do Vin Thanh**, received a government commendation for its work with refugees during the 1968 Tet offensive.

Southern Baptist missionary dentist to Botswana, **Dr. Charles L. Bellenger**, is now practicing in a new six-room dental clinic in Francistown. The clinic has offices for the dentist and receptionist, a laboratory, two operating rooms, and a waiting room supplied with Bibles and tracts for patients who come as far as 300 miles for treatment. **Dr. and Mrs. Bellenger** arrived in Botswana in 1970.

Mrs. Cora Hancock Blair, 81, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died June 3 in Dallas. **Mrs. Blair** and her late husband, **Martin S. Blair**, were missionaries in Argentina for 35 years before their retirement in 1954. **Mrs. Blair** is survived by her sons, **Martin S. Jr.** of Dallas, and **W. Judson**, a Southern Baptist missionary working in the Baptist Spanish Publishing house in El Paso, Texas.

Two Tennessee missionaries to Argentina, **Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Shirley**, have received a furlough and were scheduled to leave Argentina June 5. Their new address is Rt. 8, Box 81, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission board in 1958.

Mrs. V. Wayne Tarpley Dies

Mrs. V. Wayne Tarpley, wife of the pastor of North Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, died unexpectedly Sunday, June 20, following the morning worship service. Funeral services were held in Springfield, Tuesday with burial at Prosperity in Wilson County. **Tarpley** formerly was pastor of First Baptist Church, Smyrna, and prior to that was superintendent of the Chattanooga Children's Home.

Workers at the 43rd Annual Preachers' School, to be held at Carson-Newman June 28-July 2, will be **Mrs. Mary E. Darby**, wife of **Dr. Wade Darby**, pastor of First church, Jefferson City; **Dr. Ralph L. Smith**, professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, and **Dr. Allen W. Graves**, administrative dean at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville.

Winburn C. Davis Jr., pastor of Battle Creek church, Robertson County association, received his bachelor of science degree from Austin Peay State university, Clarksville. He completes his first year with Battle Creek church this month.

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Martine Nears End Of Journey To Light

By Robert O'Brien

LAS TRUCHAS, Mexico—Six-year-old Martine Madriles, blind since birth, has nearly completed his miraculous 3000-mile journey to light.

It began on a mule deep in the mountains of Mexico's Chihuahua state last March, and its path was paved with a love that transcended nationality and denomination.

Awed by the sounds and sensations of the computer age, which contrasted sharply with his own remote, mountainous environment near Las Truchas, Martine is back with his mother and four brothers and sisters.

And he has a new cornea, which surgeons hope will make his journey to light complete.

He still has a long way to go, even though he has a new cornea in his left eye.

But for the first time, Martine can distinguish light and large objects. And the doctors have hope that his sight will improve.

Martine's journey took place because his misery touched the hearts of representatives of six denominations—including Texas Baptists. They carried him by mule, jeep, automobile, commercial airliner and private plane to Iowa City, Iowa, for an operation at the University of Iowa Hospital.

At birth, Martine was blinded when a midwife accidentally used iodine instead of the proper eyewash. Because Martine's father, Pedro, earned only \$12 a week and had seven people to feed, medical attention seemed impossible, and none was readily available in the remote area.

18 Miles By Mule

Several Christian doctors, who regularly volunteer their time for medical mission projects in Mexico, found him in Las Truchas. The interdenominational team, led by Dr. R. B. Yeager, a dentist from Charles City, Iowa, is made up of four United Methodists, a Presbyterian, a Congregationalist, a member of the Church of Christ and a Mormon.

Martine had ridden 18 miles by mule that day last summer when the doctors were working in the 68-person community.

His bulging, stinging, sightless eyes stirred the doctors into action. After examination, they knew that unless something was done, the eyes might rupture and kill the little boy. They believed that surgery could restore sight.

Through contacts in Iowa, Dr. Yeager set up the surgery, which the University of Iowa Hospital promised to donate. A team of three prominent eye surgeons, including the chief of the hospital's retinal division, volunteered to perform the surgery.

Then Dr. Yeager contacted a friend, Priscilla Gohman of the El Paso Baptist Association. Martine was brought to El Paso, where he and his father stayed with Mrs. Gohman until Baptists could arrange to book him on a commercial flight to Dallas.

The remainder of the trip, to Iowa and back, was coordinated by Elmin Howell, who heads the Rio Grande River Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He called in Wings for Christ of Texas, an organization of Baptist pilots.

Sense Of Urgency

Knowledge that Martine's eyes could rupture at any moment heightened the urgency.

Despite high headwinds, mechanical problems and three-feet of snow which forced a mid-flight destination change in Iowa, Wings for Christ flew Martine on the life-saving mission. Pilot Harold Cain, a Fort Worth construction executive, also brought Martine back when the operation was complete two months later.

Surgeons decided against surgery on the right eye because they felt it might destroy light perception in both eyes. They hope that within a year, the left eye's sight will improve. There is no hope for the right eye.

"This proves that when Christians get together, they can accomplish something," Dr. Yeager said. "Not only that, this story has drawn response from across the country, including a letter from President Nixon."

Dr. Yeager said Martine's new cornea came from a young man who died in an automobile accident. Earlier he had donated his corneas to the Iowa Lions eyebank for use after his death.

Martine knows little English, but the talkative, bright, child made friends everywhere.

During his return trip a reporter leaned down to talk to him. His little hands grasped her. "I love you," he said in broken English.

Another asked him if he was anxious to get his sight back. "If God wills," he replied. (BP)

Youth For Christ International Elects Texas Businessman

WHEATON, Ill.—Fred Smith, a Dallas businessman, is the new chairman of the trustees of Youth for Christ International, an agency specializing in teen-age evangelism.

A management consultant, he is a director of several corporations.

Youth for Christ currently operates in 225 U.S. cities and 39 foreign countries.

Among its trustees are evangelist Billy Graham, U.S. Congressman John Anderson (D-Ill.) and Dr. Ray E. Robinson, president of Westminster Choir College, N.J. ((RNS))

Baptist Social Ministries Given Vietnamese Approval

SAIGON—South Vietnamese officials and Southern Baptist missionaries have signed an agreement approving the missionaries' program of social ministries in the country.

The agreement relieves the Baptists of some of the high taxes usually imposed on imported materials, offers possible assistance with transportation of materials within the country, eases financial transactions through specified Vietnamese banks and assigns official recognition to personnel designated to perform duties related to social ministries.

The missionaries agreed to supply, when possible, personnel, materials and services to areas where help is needed, and they will cooperate with the government and other charitable organizations in avoiding duplication of existing programs.

The Ministers of Social Welfare and Finance signed the document for the Vietnamese government. Southern Baptist Missionary Walter A. Routh, Jr., represented the Baptist Mission.

Baptists have had social welfare ministries since opening work in Vietnam in 1959. But their efforts were hampered by lack of personnel and of access to facilities for receiving supplies. They also needed official approval for such activities, according to Rondal D. Merrell, mission press representative.

Formal recognition by the government is the climax of several studies by local missionaries and stateside personnel, Merrell said. The mission has asked the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to seek a trained Christian social worker to lead the program.

Attending the formal signing ceremonies, besides Merrell and Routh, were Mrs. Routh, Herman P. Hayes, mission chairman, and Do Vinh Thanh, pastor of Faith Baptist church, Saigon. Faith Baptist church had received official commendation for its work with refugees here during and after the Tet offensives in 1968 and '69. (BP)

Priest's Mississippi River Tour Designed To Develop Inland Waterways' Ministry

NEW ORLEANS—A thousand mile "field trip" on the Mississippi River is one way in which Father Thomas A. McDonough seeks to reach 80,000 inland boatmen and show the Catholic Church's concern for them.

Father McDonough, national secretary of the Apostleship of the Sea, will ride down river aboard a tow boat hauling a string of barges from St. Louis to New Orleans.

"We already know personally many waterway workers," he explained, "and know too that some of their conditions are similar to those of men at sea, but we want to find out how we can be of service to them." (RNS)

Baptist Educators Grapple With Enrolment Trends, Tuition Gaps

NASHVILLE—The future of the private church-related college and university hangs in the balance and may depend on solving the increasing cost gap for students attending private schools and public, state-supported institutions, the directors of the Illinois and North Carolina state boards of education told Southern Baptist educators here.

The two educators analyzed before the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools trends in growing enrolments at public colleges and universities compared to decreasing (or stabilized) enrolments at church-related schools, and plans in Illinois and North Carolina for tuition-equalization programs whereby state and private schools work together.

"Unless there is some massive intervention of state and national funds, enrolments in private colleges and universities will go down in the future while enrolments in public institutions will go up," said Cameron P. West, director of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education, Raleigh.

"It is apparent that the growth pattern presented in the state campus master plans has the potential for virtually destroying the private institutions, particularly at the graduate levels," added James B. Holderman, executive director of the Illinois state Board of Higher Education, Springfield.

Statistical Projections

West backed his statements with statistical projections of enrolments prepared for the state of North Carolina, and comparative figures for most other states where Southern Baptists have colleges and universities, except in the far west.

In the past three years in North Carolina, 13,500 additional students have enrolled in colleges and universities, but only 125 additional students have gone to private higher education institutions, West said.

West attributed the enrolment increases for public schools compared to virtually the same enrolments in private schools to the increasing gap in cost to the student to attend a private school.

He said in North Carolina, the average tuition per student at a private school is \$1358 compared to \$420 for a state school. On the junior college level, the gap is even greater: an average of \$867 in private junior colleges compared to \$144 in community colleges, West said.

West issued a challenge for Baptist educators to realize that private schools are directly affected by the public policy as expressed by the legislature, the executive branch and the public institutions of any given state, and that private schools are not the masters of their own fate regarding the size and calibre of student bodies.

Gabhart Speaks

The presidents of six Baptist colleges and universities, three each responding to the two addresses, did not support or oppose the speakers' suggestions for tuition equalization legislation, but several emphasized West's plea for Baptists to become involved in the decision-making process affecting private and public school enrolments.

"Since the public policy has a great deal to do with our enrolment we had better get involved in public policy," said John Hamrick, president of the Baptist College at Charleston, S.C. Hamrick added that Baptists must work in the political structure, but they must also do a better job of "selling the product we already have."

Herbert Gabhart, president of Belmont College, Nashville, said that if Baptists "are going to maintain church-related colleges, we must seek to have college-related churches." He pointed out that legislation in Tennessee for tuition equalization was "emasculated in committee" with the legislature cutting out a \$5 million scholarship program.

"But I don't believe tuition grants will solve all our problems," Gabhart said. He added that one out of every five Tennesseans is a Baptist, and that while Baptists give \$1.74 per year per person for Baptist higher education, they pay \$44 per year each in taxes to support the state's colleges and universities. He said churches must give more support to Baptist colleges, citing one example of a church that voted to give \$80,000 or 13 per cent of its annual budget for three years, to Baptist schools.

Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., warned that much of the future of Baptist schools depends on how the Baptist school presidents and deans attending would respond to the challenge West and Holderman presented.

Grant said Baptist educators must re-examine the product they are "selling," the nature of the "market," and the nature of the "customers" to whom they sell their "product." He called for more emphasis on the "unique" aspects of higher education at a Christian-oriented college or university. (BP)

New Book

Echoes of a Passing Era by J. Harold Stephens. Folklore style. Theme: "Old-fashioned home, church and school." Order from the author at \$2.00 per copy or purchase at your book store. Author's address is 1320 Honey-suckle Drive, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.

Southwestern Seminary Adds Five New Faculty Members

FORT WORTH—Five new faculty members have been added to the staff of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here.

Three will join the seminary's School of Religious Education; one will teach in the School of Church Music, and the fifth will be a guest professor in the School of Theology.

Appointed to the faculty of the School of Religious Education were L. William Crews of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff; Alva G. Parks, minister of education at First Baptist church, Montgomery, Ala.; and Philip H. Briggs, professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

William Colson, candidate for the doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Illinois, was named to the music faculty; and Marion G. Fray, a Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Rhodesia, was appointed 1971-72 guest professor of missions. (BP)

Women's Rise To Power In Churches Draws Cautioning Note from Paper

MINNEAPOLIS—The surge of women to leadership in the churches has brought an editorial of caution from the "Minneapolis Star".

It is noted that women now head two large Protestant denominations and the National Council of Churches, that two leading Lutheran denominations are ordaining women, that the Episcopal Church is ordaining deaconesses with broader rights, and that the first woman is on her way to ordination as an American rabbi.

"Insofar as the surge accomplishes something like equalization of the roles of the two sexes in organized religion, one must applaud it," the "Star" said.

"If, however, it goes beyond that and leads, as it all too easily might, to female domination of the organized churches—if, for example, priestesses came to prevail overwhelmingly as priests and pastors have prevailed in the past—we think it would be bad for religion and for our society." (RNS)

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REVIVAL RESULTS

Ten professions of faith, one membership move, and several rededications were seen during the West Shiloh church, McNairy association, revival led by **Bob Parker** from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

J. D. Skiles of Middleton, evangelist, and **Larry Higgins** of Gravel Hill, singer, led the revival at Gravel Hill church, McNairy association. One profession of faith and several rededications were made. A revival team from Union university, Jackson, led the Youth revival.

Forty-five professions of faith, 50 rededications and 10 additions by letter highlighted the revival at First church, Adamsville. **Jerry Glisson** was the evangelist.

Counce church, McNairy association, reports 46 professions of faith, and several rededications during its recent revival.

Revival services led by **Robert Hopkins** concluded with two professions of faith and one by baptism at Beulah church, Nola-chucky association.

Calvary church, Nola-chucky association, reports 25 baptisms and five additions by letter at revival services led by **Walter Ayers**.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Dwight Simpson, graduate of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, is serving this summer as full-time Youth and Recreation director at Brainerd church, Chattanooga. **J. Ralph McIntyre** is pastor.

Earl A. Jones has resigned as pastor of Calvary church, Chattanooga.

Jim Watson, graduate of Belmont college, Nashville, is the new minister of Music and Youth at Concord church, Chattanooga. **M. Dale Larew** is pastor.

Ooltewah church, Chattanooga, has called **Tom Biggars** as full-time summer youth director. **Biggars** is a graduate of the University of Virginia and a student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville. **Burl McMillan** is pastor.

Arlington church, Arlington, has called **Dimas Diaz** as pastor.

Jack Day has become full-time pastor of Atkin church, Midland association.

Robert D. Crutcher, minister of education and youth at Central church, Chattanooga, has accepted the position of minister of youth at Mountain Brook church, Birmingham. **Quinnie B. Harper, III**, Hendersonville, will serve as assistant pastor and youth director for the summer at Central. **Ansell T. Baker** is pastor.

Six Tennesseans Graduate At New Orleans Seminary

Six Tennesseans were among the graduates from New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary taking part in commencement exercises May 13.

Those receiving degrees with their hometown and type of degree include: James Houston Clark, Clinton, master of theology; James William Pruett, Memphis, specialist in education; Coe H. Davis, Jr., Quebeck, master of religious education; Thomas Leon Reed, Chattanooga, master of religious education; James Harold Smothers, Memphis, master of religious education; Stanley Ballard Rushing, Knoxville, doctor of theology.

Sunday School

OUTREACH BY BUSES

By Wendell Price, Secretary

An extra Conference is being inserted by the Sunday School Department for Churches, Pastors and/or Church Leaders interested in acquiring buses to use in reaching persons for Bible study, preaching, recreation, music, Witnessing, Soul Winning and Church Membership.

Place: Central Church, Martin

Date: June 28

Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Workshop approach will be used. There will be presentations of materials concerning these concepts: survey, choosing routes, organizations, riders while riding, attitudes of Church members, purpose in transporting children, the use of snacks, costs, workers, officers, what this means to all the Sunday School teachers, and bus teaching Curriculum.

Philip Wilson is serving as part-time youth director at First church, Grand Junction, and Poplar Heights church, Jackson.

Joseph H. Trybone, pastor of First church, Whiteville, has accepted the call to Round Lick church, Watertown.

Sandra Morgan will serve as director of youth services at Central church, Johnson City.

George Sisler, former pastor of Baptist churches in Wardell and Hornersville, Mo., is the new minister of education and youth at Sherwood church, Memphis.

Speedway Terrace church, Memphis, has called **Howard T. Rich**, pastor of First church, Huber Heights, Dayton, Ohio.

Lamar Lifer is the new pastor at Westhaven church, Memphis.

James O. Green, pastor of Concord church, Brentwood, has been called by Scenic Hills church, Memphis.

Ridgedale church, Chattanooga, has called **Ray Cleek** as assistant pastor. **R. R. Lloyd** is pastor.

Personally

By James A. Lester



Lester

Any approach to law enforcement which is positive, friendly, and at the same time effective, is helpful and noteworthy. Such an approach is apparent in the relatively-new city which is the home of the Convention's Executive Board.

Brentwood launched out recently with a full-time, four-member police department under Chief Howard Buttrey. The refreshing aspects of this police department include the fact that the men on the force have taken especial pains to cultivate the friendship of residents, especially the teen-agers. When a busy policeman takes a few minutes for a "sandlot" game with neighborhood kids, their respect for law enforcement and for lawmen increases.

Concepts of law enforcement, and law officers have changed in recent years, and an unhealthy climate has been created. In journalism classes we were taught never to write the word "cop" for a policeman; the idea being that the term was degrading. Today, many terms and epithets are applied to lawmen, and few of these are complimentary.

The task of law enforcement is difficult. With concepts of dealing with people which embrace Christian aspects of compassion, understanding, sympathy, and genuine friendliness, we could go a long way toward restoring attitudes about law and respect for the law which are basic for the continued welfare of a democratic society.

Because of Chief Buttrey's approach, youngsters in our community have a new respect for the law. How about your community in this respect?

Missionary Child Killed In Tanzania

The only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Bedenbaugh, missionaries to Tanzania, was hit by a truck June 14 and killed instantly. The child, Lynnette, was 6; she died 10 days after her birthday.

The accident occurred in front of the Baptist Seminary of East Africa in Arusha. Mr. and Mrs. Bedenbaugh had just taken their three sons to school and returned to the seminary, where he teaches. Lynnette darted into the road and was struck by the passing vehicle.

There are far too many people who are dedicated to the work of the Lord but are not dedicated to the Lord of the work. James Robison in **Seven Ways I Can Better Serve the Lord**, a Broadman book.

Don't Lower Bars On Moral Behavior At School, Bates Warns

NASHVILLE—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention cautioned Baptist educators here against imitating public colleges and universities that have lowered the bars against drugs, sex and alcohol on the campus.

Carl E. Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C., and president of the 11.6 million-member convention, issued the warning in a major address to the annual Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools meeting here.

"Great pressure is already being brought to bear on some of our (Baptist) institutions for unrestricted drinking on the campus, and for open dormitories . . . , and there may be increasing pressure for a more tolerant view of the use of drugs," Bates said.

He commended at least three Baptist university presidents for their strong stands on such issues, saying they and others like them "are offering an option to a large number of the American public who are rightly fed up with the contemporary note of permissiveness which has created so much moral chaos, and which has wrecked the lives of so many of our young people."

Bates noted there has been a general loss of confidence in higher education, which could be attributed to campus disorders, extremist groups on the campus, the failure of many administrators to act decisively, and a general lack of communication.

He said that the 43 Baptist colleges and universities and 11 junior colleges have been "comparatively calm" through the period, but they have been troubled with some attacks of militant anti-intellectualism. They have also suffered from decreasing enrollments caused by escalating costs and lack of scholarship programs.

Bates observed that it would be difficult

Harrison-Chilhowee Graduates 24 Tennesseans

Twenty-four Tennesseans were among the 45 graduating seniors at Harrison-Chilhowee academy.

The Tennessee students include Jere Belote, Gallatin; Joe Christopher, Crossville; Larry Coxtner, Sevierville; Patricia Fain, Seymour; Peggy Flannagan, Seymour; Michael Grandstaff, Lebanon; Rhonda Hawkins, Madisonville; Susan Holder, Knoxville; Carolyn Hunter, Knoxville; Steve Kitts, Seymour; Jackie Little, Gatlinburg; Martin Lunsford, Newport; Larry Martin, Kingsport; Michael Maxwell, Goodlettsville; Marcia Money maker, Knoxville; Steve Murphy, Maryville; Emily Overton, Memphis; Alvin Stewart, Blountville; Lowell Stokely, Newport; Lynn Waid, Maryville; Charlie Williams, Cosby; Steve Williams, Sevierville; Janet Wilson, Cosby; Wayne Wilson (Valedictorian), Cosby.

to overestimate the importance of the contribution of these schools to the growth and development of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

He cautioned the Baptist college presidents attending the meeting against talking about how little Baptists give to support higher education programs, but to emphasize instead why the denomination should put more funds into their schools.

Baptists must be convinced their schools operate with a Christian purpose, and that they uniquely offer high moral standards coupled with instructions by dedicated Christian teachers, Bates told the educators.

"I am for Christian higher education because I know personally what it means to have been able to attend a Baptist college and a Baptist seminary," Bates said. "I know it is expensive to maintain schools, but have we stopped to count the cost to the denomination if we should move out of this area," he added. (BP)

Children's Homes

A LIGHT IN THE WINDOW

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

An artist once made a sketch of a wintry twilight. The trees were heavy-laden with snow; and a dreary, dark house, lonely and desolate, stood bleakly in the midst of the storm. It was a sad picture. Then taking his yellow chalk, the artist with a few quick strokes put a light in one window. The effect was magical. The entire scene was transformed into a vision of comfort and cheer. Jesus is that light in the window to bring hope to homeless boys and girls. He is the one who makes the difference in the ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. The Children's Home is an arm of our churches, it is a part of our great benevolent and missionary endeavor, and it is a redemptive ministry.

Your Mother's Day offering makes this wonderful work possible. It is a joy to report to you that through Friday, June 18, this offering totaled \$99,155. This is \$22,311 over the same period last year. For this we are so grateful to God and to Tennessee Baptists. You will recall that our budgeted goal is \$210,000. This means that we need to receive \$116,845 before July 31. Will you help if you have not already done so.

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23.

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Most FMB Missionaries Still Serve, Study Shows

RICHMOND—Seventy-one per cent of all Southern Baptist career missionaries appointed during the last 38 years are still in service, according to a longevity study released by the Mission Support Division of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board.

Career appointments from 1933 through 1970 now total 3045. Of these, 2168 are still in service along with personnel in auxiliary categories.

The longevity study is the other side of previous missionary loss studies which have showed an annual attrition in the career force of three to four per cent due to all causes—death, retirement, and resignation. Both studies covered only career missionaries.

Approximately 90 per cent of the Southern Baptist Convention's foreign mission staff is made up of the permanent force, the study showed. As of June 1, 1971, there were 291 missionaries serving in the auxiliary (non-permanent) categories—missionary journeymen, missionary associates and special project personnel.

The longevity record goes to the 76 appointees in 1947 who still have 71 per cent of their number in active service. The 1956 group, who have 15 years in service, still have nearly 75 per cent of their number active.

The studies also confirmed previous research indicating that most missionary terminations occur between the seventh and ninth years of service, which would correspond with the end of the second term.

While 1969 was the record year for total missionary appointments (262), 1963 was the record for career missionary appointments (172).

Louis Cobbs, the board's secretary for missionary personnel, and Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant, supervised the longevity and loss study for the board. They expressed the opinion that the board's record on longevity of personnel may rank favorably with that of any other agency. (BP)

Silent Prayer/Meditation Bill Wins In House As ACLU Presses Opposition

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Pennsylvania's Senate has passed, unanimously, a bill that would permit brief periods of silent prayer or meditation in public schools, but the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania is seeking to block the measure in the House of Representatives.

According to the ACLU, the measure is "patently unconstitutional." In opposing the bill, it said the New Jersey Supreme Court held an almost identical law to be unconstitutional in 1970 and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review its decision.

The Pennsylvania Senate-approved bill grants to the teacher or to the school board the authority to permit silent prayer or meditation. (RNS)

HOPE BEYOND TRAGEDY

By W. R. White
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Basic Passage: Jeremiah 30-31

**Focal Passages: Jeremiah 30:8-11, 18-19;
31:31-34**

A seventy-year period of national humiliation and irksome slavery is a long, long time. Jeremiah's glowing promises of liberation, return and restoration were indeed welcome as glorious good news to the weary hearts of the captives.

The unusual prospects of a national revival of the Hebrew people would be a springboard for and a foretaste of an ultimate golden age of surpassing glory.

In the plan of God and His scheme of things the reverses and tragedies of His people are never unrelated or isolated events. They are integral parts of a larger program of compensation and ultimate triumph. Regardless of the situation at various intervals the final finish will be magnificent indeed.

Whatever our lot now, we are not forgotten, left out or overlooked. A better and a bigger day is ahead. Beyond the tragedy there is hope for a permanent era of glad-some reality.

DELIVERED TO A NEW MASTERY Jeremiah 30:8-9

All of us have masters. In general we serve either God or Satan. Sometimes we serve the lower impulses of the flesh or the higher motivations of the spirit.

The Hebrews had served several foreign masters for some time. The encouraging word comes that they are to be delivered back to the mastery of Jehovah and the government of their own king. They are to labor in their own fields and vineyards again. They are to be freer under a greater mastery.

A TRANQUIL SECURITY RESTORED Jeremiah 30:10-12

The seed of Jacob will be brought from afar into the land of their heritage. They will be so shielded by the true and living God that none will be made afraid.

The chosen people will be severely chastised for their stubborn disobedience from time to time. They will be put out of commission as a self-determining nation, up to a point or completely for a while but as a people they will never come to a full end.

Those whom Jehovah uses as a rod to chastise them will be fully destroyed from time to time. They serve a purpose but pass on because of their exceedingly great wickedness.

Homes, even palaces, will be rebuilt in peace. The city will be restored upon its ruins in tranquility.

OLD COVENANT TO BE SUPERSEDED Jeremiah 31:31-34

God promises to replace the old covenant with a new one. This is due to the fact that it was so repeatedly broken by the people. Besides it had served its purpose. It had fused a people into a self-consciousness. It had given them a sense of unity. It revealed the need of a covenant undergirded more with divine mercy and enablement.

In the new covenant God will write His laws in the minds and hearts. He will be their God and they will be His people. This means that there will be a change of nature in the center of their being. A new disposition with affinity for righteousness and an aversion toward evil will be given them. This means a new tie between God and His people.

Informational and experiential knowledge will increase. It will reach a very idealistic reality. None will need to say, "know the Lord," for all shall know Him from the least to the greatest.

Will this come about gradually or by an epochal leap? Perhaps by both methods. For a long period it will be gradual, then as a climax it will be perfected by an epochal spontaneity or acceleration. It is said that science has made more progress in the last ten years than in all history.

We are living in the era of the new covenant. It has applied largely to the Gentiles so far. It has been very gradual and slow.

The Jew will share dramatically in its period of acceleration according to Romans, eleven. We do not understand all this but we believe it.

We have a vital experience of the new covenant according to mercy through regeneration and sanctification by the Spirit.

This is our message and blessed privilege.

Religious Education Body To Meet At Ridgecrest

The annual Eastern Religious Education Association Meeting will be held July 28-29 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assembly, according to Ernest Loessner, EREA president. Some 500 Southern Baptist church and denominational leaders are expected to attend the two-day meeting.

Ernie "Tex" Pritchard, regional manager of General Motors Manpower Development Program and a deacon in Beverly Hills Baptist church, Dallas, Tex., will be the featured speaker.

Foundation

The Widows Have It

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Since wives are outliving their husbands on an average of five to seven years they are accumulating most of the wealth. They slaved, sacrificed and saved with their late husbands. Every piece of jewelry holds a precious memory. Every dollar in the bank has a part of their love life in it. Will all the memories and all the love represented therein die when she is gone?

Every precious gift and every dollar can live on as a testimony to their love for each other and for the Lord. A memorial trust fund can be established, naming the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as trustee. This can be done now or in a will. Articles of value can be sold and added to cash, real estate, or other investments, to remain until Jesus comes in the name of a man and wife. The Foundation is chartered for this purpose and will accept a trust fund from any part or all of an estate. The income alone is paid to the Christian Cause designated by the donor. Thus the name of husband and wife remain linked together in the Lord's service as long as time lasts. Widows, don't bury your love when you die!

Write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027, and request information to help guide you in preparing a Christian Will or in establishing a living trust. No charges are made for any of our services.

Mormon's Largest Temple Rising In Washington

KENSINGTON, Md.—Construction has begun on what will be the largest Mormon temple in the world, a six-towered, \$14 million structure slated for completion in May 1974.

It will be the first temple built east of the Mississippi River in modern times. First generation adherents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints built temples at Kirkland, Ohio, and Nauvoo, Ill., in the last century before proceeding to Utah.

Mormons of the eastern United States have already raised between \$4.5 and \$5 million of the building's total cost, according to Julian Lowe, a government official who is president of the Potomac Stake, one of four Mormon jurisdictions in the capital area.

The balance of the cost, as is the customary practice with all Mormon construction, will be paid out of the national body's general funds, Lowe said.

The temple is being built on a 57-acre hilltop site in this Washington suburb. There are 13,000 Mormons in the capital area. (RNS)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

June has been a month of many activities. It is the month of many weddings and this has been traditional. The starting of



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new homes is always a major concern of the churches and of Christian young people. The home has always been the foundation of society and of the nation. It is closely related to the church and must ever be.

Father's Day was last Sunday and it was again time to think of the place of the father in the home. It is not only a time for appreciation of our fathers but also a time to see the responsibilities of true Christian fatherhood as the head of a Christian home. Never have we needed the strength and influence of strong and dedicated Christian fathers to guide and lead their children in the way of Christ more than now.

June is also the month of many Vacation Bible schools in the churches. Through the years this phase of the education program of our churches has grown tremendously. It is a very effective method of enlisting the children of the church for a time of real training and Bible study. Many thousands are reached each summer. Many boys and girls are won to Christ and many others are brought to a deeper dedication to Christ.

Our two state camps also begin their summer programs in June. Only eternity will be able to measure all the contribution our camp programs make to so many young people and boys and girls during these weeks of the summer. We have been fortunate to have such able and dedicated leaders. Many extra workers are secured from young people who want to work in a special way for Christ during the summer. Many are won to Christ and many others make decisions as to their life's work.

I served for six years on the Foreign Mission Board. I read the biographical sketches of several hundred who came up for appointment. So many of these young people pointed out that their first major interest and feeling of a call to Foreign Missions began in an RA. or a GA. state camp. Pray for these camps and the work with these young people.

Many churches are in revivals in June. We have had some good reports concerning revivals this spring, and from some of the revivals in progress now.

So, June is a month of many activities in our churches. It is a wonderful month.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Time For Strictness Is When Child Is Young

We can't like even those we love all the time, Portland, Oregon, pediatrician Lendon H. Smith assures mothers.

Mothers' intermittent feelings of dislike for their children are actually natural and normal, but cause them to struggle with enormous guilt, he has found. "But then mothers even feel guilty when their children develop colds or other medical ills, as if they are responsible for every single thing that touches a child's life."

Dr. Smith, the popular "Children's Doctor" of tv, told his audience that "the time to be strict with a child is when he's young. Then when he is older, let up on him and see if he can handle the independence."

At the present, many parents reverse the process, he noted, and provide few rules and little guidance for the young child, but futilely attempt to control, even coerce, the youngster when he's older and "it's too late."

Information Service Is Being Expanded

Expansion of the church-staff information service from the Executive-Secretary's office will be completed when biographical data sheets for pastors are returned after being mailed June 15-16.

This service, initiated by C. Winfield Rich, Memphis, chairman of the denominational cooperations committee, will provide help to the church and denominational agencies which need information concerning potential staff personnel and to the Committee on Boards and the Committee on Committees who need to fill vacancies as they occur.

This information, given by request only, will be channelled through the office of Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Never has Tennessee been more beautiful. The trees and the grass are so green. The flowers have been unusually fine. We have had good rains. God has blessed us so much more than we deserve. Let us continue to pray for a continued spiritual renewal and revival which shall be deeply rooted in our whole national life and bring America back to God and into another great era of spiritual growth.

Historically:

From the files

> 50 YEARS AGO <

Mrs. H. A. Tupper, wife of the pastor of First Baptist church, Washington, D.C., passed away after the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chattanooga. Tupper, vice-president of the convention, presided over several of the sessions.

E. L. Atwood resigned as pastor of First church, Dyersburg, to accept a position on the faculty of Tennessee College for Women in Murfreesboro.

> 20 YEARS AGO <

Senator Estes Kefauver, a member of First church, Chattanooga, was selected Father of the Year by the National Father's Day Committee.

W. F. Powell observed his 30th anniversary as pastor of First church, Nashville.

Knox County association announced plans to observe its 150th anniversary in October.

Fred F. Brown, pastor emeritus of First church, Knoxville, preached the commencement sermon at Lincoln Memorial university, Harrogate and received the honorary doctor of humanities degree.

> 10 YEARS AGO <

Ralph Bray became pastor of Westover church, Jackson. He served formerly as pastor of First Baptist church, Petal, Miss.

Tennessee Baptist Student Unions in four schools attained the distinction of First Magnitude at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assembly. These schools were: Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis; Memphis State university; Mid-State School of Nursing, Nashville; and the University of Tennessee, Martin Branch.

COCU Executive Claims 'Momentum' Is Growing For Church Union

SEATTLE—The general secretary of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) said here that he has sensed in the last three months "a growing momentum" for the plan to merge nine Protestant denominations.

Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., said that many would "like to pronounce judgment on the health of COCU," but in doing so "are not dealing with the evidence."

Some churchmen, including Dr. Martin Marty, declared recently that the COCU merger plan is virtually dead, although none of the nine denominations involved has taken final action on the union proposals. (RNS)

Editorials On SBC Praise Spirit At St. Louis Meeting

By the Baptist Press

Editorials in nearly two dozen weekly Baptist state newspapers praised the spirit of the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, with many of the editorials contrasting the attitudes at St. Louis to those displayed in Denver last year.

"There was none of the rowdiness that characterized so much of the business sessions at Denver," said the Arkansas "Baptist Newsmagazine" in an editorial evaluation. "Even those who pressed for action on the Broadman Commentary issue, the one and only hot item, though determined were, for the most part, Christian in their approach."

Last year, no less than 17 Baptist state papers criticized the attitudes of messengers to the Denver convention using such words as "unChristian," "bitter," "hostile," "vitriolic," "arrogant," "unforgiving," and "militant." This year, however, the editorials heaped praise upon the convention messengers for acting, as the Oregon-Washington editor said, "in the spirit of Christ."

Bates Praised For Calm

Nearly a dozen of the editorials gave much of the credit for the calm, peaceful and harmonious sessions to the convention's president, Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, N.C.

"The convention was not raucous," observed the "Baptist New Mexican." "There were no temper flare-ups, that I saw, and the convention conducted itself with Christian dignity and serious purpose."

Both the "Alabama Baptist" and the "Christian Index" of Georgia said editorially that the lack of conflict and the spirit of the St. Louis meeting reflected "a growing maturity" on the part of Southern Baptists.

Almost all of the weekly state papers commented on the vote of the convention (2672 to 2290) to ask the SBC Sunday School Board to "obtain another writer" to rewrite the Broadman Bible Commentary volume on Genesis and Exodus banned by the convention last year.

In an interpretation of the significance of that action, the Mississippi "Baptist Record" observed that "what is being said is far deeper than mere discontent with a commentary," and that "the messengers were speaking on a much larger issue."

"Southern Baptists are saying that they are determined to stay with the Bible believing conservatism which has characterized the convention since its beginning, and they are not willing to move toward a more liberal position," the Mississippi editor said.

"The loser in this whole episode is . . . the people who are so unsure of their own faith and whose understanding of the Bible is so shallow that they can't read another view

different from theirs without feeling threatened," said the "Capital Baptist."

Commentary Disturbing

The Virginia "Religious Herald" called the commentary action "disturbing," and observed that "dropping this pebble in the denominational waters could result in ever-widening ripples, affecting many, if not all, boards, institutions and commissions" (of the SBC).

Both the Maryland and Louisiana papers said editorially that they did not believe Southern Baptists needed a Bible commentary anyway, and that any attempt by a Baptist publishing house to interpret the scriptures in a scholarly fashion was bound to cause "a stirring in the nest."

The North Carolina "Biblical Recorder" observed that the "Broadman Commentary is really not worth all the division and misunderstanding it has caused," and that "this controversy will be resolved eventually just as others have in the past."

Commenting on the emphasis on peace and harmony at the meeting, the Texas "Baptist Standard" wrote that the determination for harmony was so intense on the first day of the convention that the Sunday School Board possibly could have on that first day got an endorsement for its plan to have the original authors revise the commentary.

"The desire for harmony did produce one action that is filled with unfortunate possibilities," said the Kentucky "Western Recorder." "Based on unprecedented interpretation of Bylaw 16 by convention parliamentarian James Bulman, President Bates ruled that any motion affecting an SBC agency or institution . . . not printed in the report of that institution must be referred to the SBC Executive Committee."

Messengers Denied Rights

The "Indiana Baptist" devoted its lead editorial to the interpretation of this bylaw, charging that Baptists "paid a tremendous price for peace" at the convention by sacrificing "the time-honored Baptist principle of the autonomy of the convention in session."

"This was the first time in the memory of convention observers that messengers were denied the right to debate and to vote on motions presented during a convention," said the Indiana editorial. "This in essence denies the convention the power to be a convention, . . . and means that the Executive Committee will be a filter of any motion by a messenger before the convention can discuss and act upon it."

"If we ever get to the place we do not trust this (democratic) process and the

messengers themselves, we have ceased to be Baptists," said the Indiana editor. "The delay in considering this basic issue (bylaw 16 interpretation) meant that this year's SBC was devoid of any business initiated by the messengers. In this respect it was not a Baptist meeting."

The Ohio "Baptist Messenger" called the bylaw interpretation "a gag rule," and observed that the St. Louis convention "may go down as one of the most 'Presbyterian' meetings Baptists ever had."

None of the editorials in the Baptist state papers agreed with the parliamentarian's interpretation of the bylaw. The Arkansas "Baptist Newsmagazine" said that the interpretation put the SBC in the "bizarre position of having refused itself the privilege of conducting its own affairs, and in effect, placing the Executive Committee over the Convention."

Bates "brought a new dimension of understanding to the presidency," said the North Carolina "Biblical Recorder."

Parliamentarian Criticized

The editorials had no praise, however, and some criticism, for the selection of James Bulman of North Carolina as parliamentarian. The Texas "Baptist Standard" called Bulman's appointment Bates' only mistake and credited Bulman for initiating the suppression at the convention with "his innovative ruling" on bylaw 16.

The "Maryland Baptist" put it in stronger words. "Dr. Bates presided under great pressure from a parliamentarian who apparently wanted to run the convention and thought he could and should in his role. If Mr. Bulman's ruling had prevailed at Denver, there could not have been one word of discussion about the Sunday School Board or the Christian Life Commission," continued the Maryland editorial. "Messengers who felt as strongly as some did at Denver would have held a public burning of Robert's Rules of Order and the Convention's bylaws with Mr. Bulman tied to a stake in the center of the fire!"

Mr. Bulman hasn't been to a convention since 1959, the year he insists he was bodily thrown out," the "Maryland Baptist" said. "It will probably be easier for the convention and Mr. Bulman if he doesn't show up again at the SBC annual meeting for the next 12 years."

The "Capital Baptist" of District of Columbia added the parliamentarian "did more to bottle up the convention actions than he did to keep it moving." The editor then made four suggestions for improving the convention next year.

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