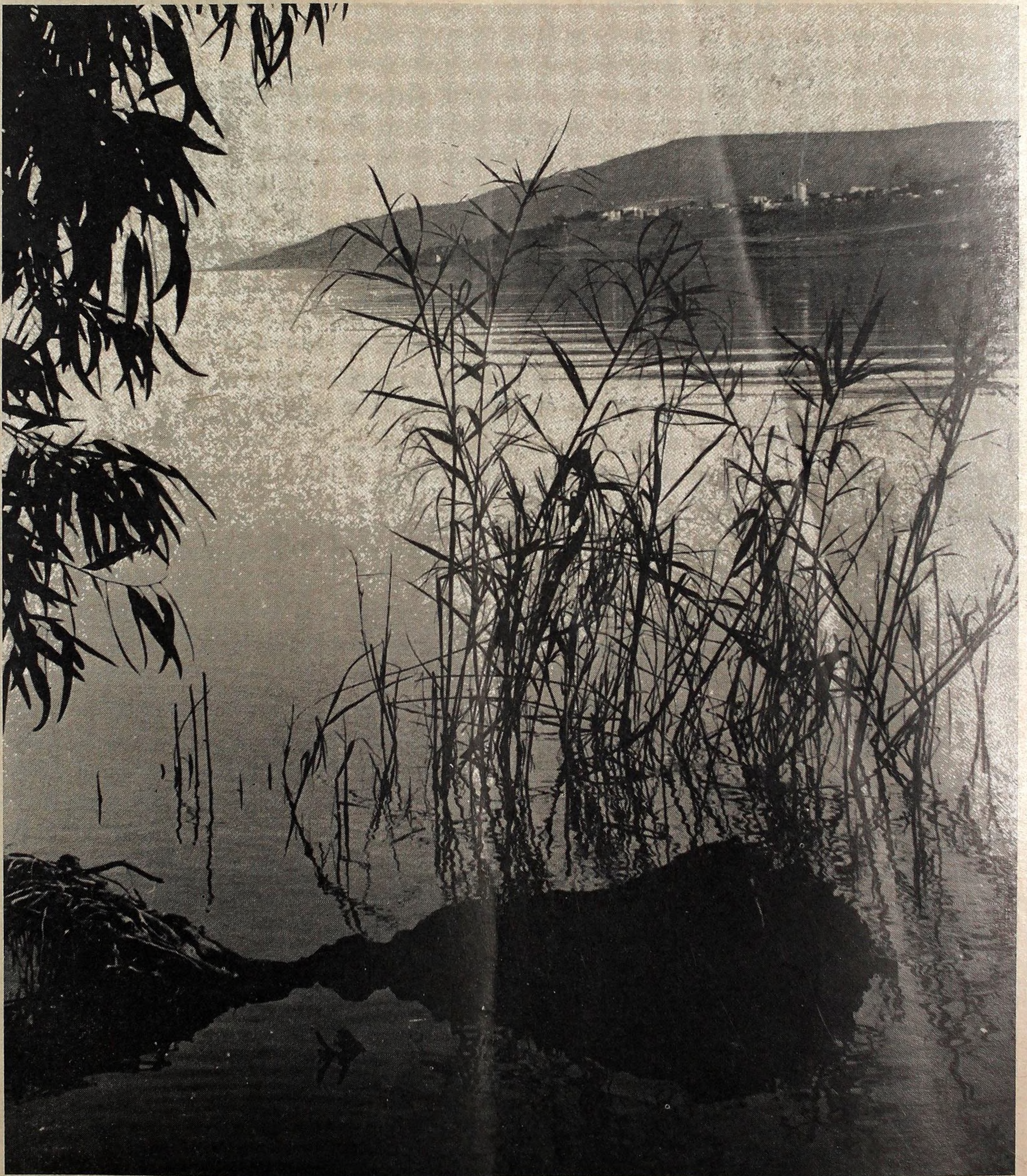


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"... The work of righteousness shall be peace . . ." (Isa. 33:17)—A view of the Sea of Galilee with Tiberias in the background.

A DREAM REALIZED

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks"—Acts 19:10

Since the beginning of his second missionary journey Paul had wanted to preach the Christian gospel in Ephesus (Acts 16:6). It was the chief city of the Roman province of Asia. Now his dream was realized. He spent at least two years and three months in an unbroken ministry there. He himself said "three years" (Acts 20:31). Three months were spent in the synagogue. Two years he was in the school of Tyrannus. Possibly he spent the other nine months using the home of Aquila and Priscilla. Against both religious and commercial opposition he succeeded in winning many converts.

In Acts 19:10 we see something of Paul's missionary strategy. He planted the work in strategic cities, and then worked out from there in surrounding areas. For all dwelling in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. "Jesus" is not in the best manuscripts. But the idea is present in "Lord."

It would seem from Paul's writings that he did not work outside Ephesus. But he sent others to plant churches in other cities and elsewhere. It is probable that during

this period the work was started in Colossae, Hieropolis, and the six churches besides Ephesus mentioned in Rev. 2-3.

Forty years after Paul's ministry in Ephesus Pliny wrote the emperor Trajan from Bithynia about Christianity. "For the contagion of this superstition has not only spread through cities, but also through villages and country places.

Living Bible, Paraphrase Of The King James Version, Has An Advance Sale of 500,000

WHEATON, Ill.—The Living Bible, a paraphrase of the Scriptures in modern English, has been completed and is available in a one-volume edition.

More than 500,000 copies of the Bible edition were sold before the presses rolled. Official publication date is Sept. 1.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

For years, it has been upsetting for man to be told that he may have descended from the monkey.

But now, with the sorry mess man has made of life, there is a strong possibility that the average "self-respecting monkey" might object to this theory.

As the story goes, three monkeys were sitting in a tree discussing the theory of evolution. One says: "Listen, you two. This rumor going around can't be true—that man descended from the monkey. Why, the very idea is a disgrace!"

Listing the things monkeys don't do, he continued: "You'll never see a monkey get drunk, drive a speeding car down the highway and kill somebody."

"And that's not all," he said, "you don't ever hear of a monkey getting angry and using a gun or knife to take another monkey's life."

"Yes," the monkey said, "man has descended—that's for sure—but he surely didn't descend from us!"

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Devotional

Discouraged?

By Philip Dougan, Pastor
Alexandria Baptist Church, Alexandria

Discouragement and worry are common enemies of man. They are the devil's favorite devices for incapacitating even the



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healthiest of mind and body. The devil knows that those who are discouraged seldom work or witness effectively for God. Many books have been written on the subject, but let me share with you a simple formula for living above worry and discouragement from God's Book—Psalm 37:1-7.

Step No. 1—"Fret not thyself because of evildoers" (vs.1). We may not like to admit it, but a lot of mental agony is caused simply from fretting about people, comparing ourselves to them, trying to reach their status, wanting to belong. Jesus told Peter (John 21:22) to get his eyes off others and follow Him. So take comfort in this wonderful fact—God has a plan for **your** life that no one else can fill. Don't lose out on life by grading yourself by others—follow God's will.

Step No. 2—"Trust in the Lord" (Ps. 37:3). Believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Believe His Word. Never have there been so many attacks on the integrity of the Bible "in high places" as in our generation. This is in line with Satan's purpose—to keep us discouraged and defeated by making us mistrust the "light to our path."

Step No. 3—"Commit thy way unto the Lord" (Ps. 37:5). This is the key. Many believe God **can**—but committal is believing God **will**, and then acting accordingly.

So, right now, take that burden or barrier to the Lord, leave it with Him, take hands off your life, give Him the reins, and you'll really live—abundantly. Only then can you take the fourth step—"Rest in the Lord" (v. 7), which promises peace of mind to those who apply this simple God-given formula.

Free Will Baptists' Theme—Growth Through Evangelism

NASHVILLE—Growth through evangelism, youth, and missionary efforts were the main concerns of the Free Will Baptists as more than 5000 attended the denomination's National Association meeting here.

Bill Jones, director of communications for the Church which has about 200,000 members, predicted that the foreign missions budget would "exceed all previous ones" and reach \$850,000. The total budget would probably surpass \$2 million, he said. (RNS)



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67 Journeymen Commissioned For Service In 33 Countries

RICHMOND—Sixty-seven new missionary journeymen were charged during a commissioning service here to go to 33 countries of the world and reach out to the people with the message that "Jesus cares for you."

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told the journeymen that Baptists send missionaries overseas "because people are there and because Jesus is concerned for all people."

"In many places there will be that which is unattractive," he said. "You will find some who were born in blind alleys unable to break out of their circumstances."

"You will not love the circumstances, but you will love the people," he predicted. "We must reach out to them to say we care."

Journeymen are college graduates no older than 26 who apply their training to critical needs abroad, a Baptist spokesman

Chilean Pastors 'Need' Experience, Not Education

In Chile, where 82.8 per cent of the Protestants are Pentecostals, pastors do not need so much education as they do experience. A man may not be required to have as much as a sixth-grade education but may have to come up with some 20 years of experience, according to an article in the Aug. 6 issue of **Christianity Today**. The article points out that the would-be Chilean pastor begins preaching in the streets and advances through seven levels of responsibility, including an assignment to a church on his own.

He is not promoted to pastor unless he succeeds in the various "steps" and demonstrates that he can leave the secular world and be financially supported by his congregation. When offered an education (formal ministerial training), the Chilean pastor refuses it, fearing to lose his status by entering some institution. The article states that there is an "appalling" lack of theological and Biblical content in their sermons. (FMB)

Decision Supporting Hargis Unit Appealed By IRS To High Court

TULSA, Okla.—Precisely one month after a federal district judge had restored the tax-exempt status of Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc., which is headed by evangelist Billy James Hargis, the Internal Revenue Service filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court.

The IRS thus sought to upset a ruling which held that the Christian Echoes National Ministry, which sponsors Dr. Hargis' Christian Crusade, a strongly anti-Communist unit, was a legitimate church ministry deserving tax exemption.

said. They work alongside career missionaries in a specific assignment for two years.

This year journeymen will go to 33 countries. Twenty-four were commissioned for Africa, 11 for East Asia, seven for Europe and the Middle East, five for Middle America and the Caribbean, 12 for South America, and eight for Southeast Asia.

Their job assignments include teaching, youth work, agricultural assistance, nursing, bookkeeping, film and television production, and secretarial work.

About half the journeymen were seniors at a college or university when selected for training last April; seven were graduate students. Nine were elementary or high school teachers, five were nurses, one was in the U. S. Army, and eight worked for businesses.

This year's contingent of journeymen is almost evenly divided between graduates of Baptist-sponsored schools and state-supported institutions.

Twenty-four of the 67 journeymen were summer missionaries under their campus Baptist Student Union program or the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board program while in college. Nine served for more than one summer in the states or overseas.

Journeyman commissioning was preceded by seven weeks of training this summer at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C.

Including the newly employed journeymen, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's total overseas force now numbers 2527. (BP)

Personally

By James A. Lester

In recent weeks a Nashville church, Belmont Heights Baptist, Bob Norman, pastor, has purchased space in **Baptist And Re-**



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flector for what I consider to be a very worthy purpose. The church, in the advertisements, is expressing an interest in students throughout the state who will be coming to Nashville for college this Fall. In the advertisement, it was pointed out that the church was interested in these students and if parents would make contact with

the church and provide necessary information, then the church would seek to enlist these students in activities of the church.

To this editor, such a move is an excellent evangelistic outreach. There is increased difficulty in securing from educational institutions the religious affiliation of their students. Especially is this true of secular institutions.

This could well serve also as a reminder to every pastor in the state to provide Student Secretary Glenn Yarbrough, Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn., 37027 with the names and addresses of Baptist students entering colleges throughout the state. If such information were provided to your Student Department, then this department is in a position to seek to enlist actively in Baptist Student Unions these students, and provide for their spiritual needs away from their home church.

Self-Help Project Launched In Mexican Handcraft Art

ZAPATA, Tex.—The River Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has launched a self-help project for Mexican-Americans which the sponsors hope will eventually support families all along the 900-mile Rio Grande River bordering Texas and Mexico.

"A Mighty River Handcrafts", a non-profit corporation, has already begun training Mexican-Americans in patchwork, sewing and ceramics. The corporation is selling the art objects on a small scale.

Elmin Howell, River Ministry coordinator for the Baptist General Convention of Texas said he hopes the project will spread from its pilot program in Zapata to other mission points along the river, and that contacts can be developed with gift shops and other retail outlets across the country to achieve a volume of sales necessary to expand the program.

The project is headquartered in Zapata near a resort area, which Howell hopes will develop into a major outlet.

"That way we can involve the artisans not only in making the handcrafts but also in sales," he explains.

Howell plans to locate handcraft and sales operations in other resort areas, although the project will not be limited to those areas.

Mexican-Americans who participate in the handcrafts instruction also attend Bible study classes sponsored by the mission. Already, at least seven professions of faith have resulted, Howell said. (BP)

EDITORIALS

Help Carry The Ball Before The Game Is Over

For 20 weeks, in recent issues, **Baptist And Reflector** carried advertisements stressing the vital role which Tennessee Baptist colleges assume in the moral, spiritual and educational realms.

We believe very strongly in Christian education—all that is embraced in that historic and meaningful phrase. At the risk of repetition, we should never forget that Baptists' concern for missions and education have been the keys to our being used of God and to our strength.

Our colleges are institutions in which every Tennessee Baptist should take pride. We do not argue the point at all that there are occasional issues which arise at the colleges, as at any place, to which some take issue. There is no quarrel with disagreement in a Christian spirit. Strong personalities—good men—have always had differing opinions. We would, however, take issue with any brittleness of spirit in dissent which hinders the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

It is our belief that everything said about our colleges, Belmont, Carson-Newman, and Union University, in the advertisements is true and merited.

If we believe in Christian education as we have said we believe, then this editorial is a challenge to every Tennessee church to take the lead in interesting at least one college student from that church to attend one of our Baptist colleges. There still is time to enrol for the Fall term.

These colleges, undergirded by our prayers, financial support and our students, hold the key in large measure to what Tennessee Baptists accomplish for Christ's sake during the remainder of this century and for all time.

An Uncertain Note

Occasionally a story of some interest has a "sleeper" in it which is ignored. Such was the case recently in a story from Ridgecrest, North Carolina, concerning the meeting of the elected trustees of the Sunday School Board.

We have the highest regard for the administrative personnel of the Board and for the trustees of the Board—each a dedicated and consecrated Christian gentleman.

It was noted, with interest, that in the story which dealt with the fact that the Board voted to conform to the directive of the Southern Baptist Convention (**Baptist And Reflector**, July 29, 1971, page 5) with regard to re-writing of Volume One of the Broadman Bible Commentary, the vote was 34 to 21.

We might question the specific action of the convention. Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, in a recent guest editorial in **Baptist And Reflector** (June 17, 1971, page 4) noted some problems in communication which, to us, are valid. It would appear that some heard what they wanted to hear; others may not have heard at all. Or, perhaps, all heard and understood exactly. We doubt the latter.

What we did find to be of great interest was the fact that when the Board met to consider the convention's directive, and voted upon it, that 21 trustees voted against

compliance with convention action! If the trumpet sounds an uncertain note, the call to arms could be mistaken for mess call. We do not quarrel with the trustees. We just noted with interest the vote!

Read Your State Paper!

Every Baptist in Tennessee should read the **Baptist And Reflector** every week! This is written not to increase subscriptions—although each new subscription is appreciated. It is written because there is ample evidence to affirm that the churches whose members read regularly their state denominational paper are the churches from which our common causes receive their greatest strength.

Every interest of our own Tennessee Baptist Convention and of the Southern Baptist Convention is presented faithfully and regularly. A sales "pitch" won't do the job. There must be a conviction that the use of a state paper by the churches is a valid ministry of communication in the Lord's work.

Baptist And Reflector belongs to no one group—no vested interest. It is an agency of our convention. Its pages reflect the responsibility of a child to a parent. We believe in what our convention is doing, and we try to tell others.

This is a request—an earnest request—for pastors and leaders in the churches to pray about this ministry. We feel, sincerely, that if the matter is approached in prayer, that many additional churches in our convention will make provision in the budgets now in preparation for including **Baptist And Reflector** as a part of the church ministry. The Every Family Plan is the way to accomplish this communications task. This is the time for planning to include this ministry in the church program for 1972.

INFAMOUS ALTERATION



SBC Mission Gifts Jump 13.8 Per Cent In July

NASHVILLE—Total mission gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes during the month of July increased 13.8 per cent, with the highest rate of giving for any July in Southern Baptist history, SBC officials said here.

The big month of giving in July brought combined contributions through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget and to specific designated causes for the first seven months of 1971 to an increase of 6.47 per cent over 1970 contributions.

Total Cooperative Program and designated gifts for the year passed the \$40 million mark by the end of July. The total was \$40,074,153, compared to \$37,638,052 in 1970, an increase of \$2.4 million or 6.47 per cent.

Cooperative Program contributions for the year exceeded 1970 gifts by \$1 million, with \$17.7 million given through the unified budget during the seven-month period. It was an increase of an even six per cent.

Designated gifts were up \$1.4 million, or 6.85 per cent to a total of \$22.3 million.

For the month of July, Cooperative Program receipts increased 9.03 per cent for a record \$2,639,022 given during July. Though the amount is a record for any July during SBC history, it falls short of the record \$2.9 given last January.

An even greater increase was reported in designated giving for July. Designated contributions increased 43.11 per cent over designations for July of 1970. Designated gifts for the month totalled \$564,876, compared to \$394,719 in July, 1970.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee which prepared the monthly report, said he did not know why contributions increased beyond expectations during July, but that SBC officials were "very encouraged" over the report.

Williams said that the increases seemed to come generally in almost all states in the SBC, with decreases reported in only a few states.

James V. Lackey, executive director of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, speculated that some of the increases might be due to increased giving by children attending summer Vacation Bible Schools throughout the denomination, but Williams said he felt it was a little too early for most Bible school contributions to arrive in the national office.

Of the \$40 million given in total contributions for the year, \$26 million has been distributed to SBC foreign mission efforts through the denomination's Foreign Mission Board. About \$17 million of the \$26 million going to

foreign missions was in designated gifts.

In addition, about \$8.5 million has gone to support the nation-wide efforts of the SBC Home Mission Board, including \$5.2 million of that amount in designated gifts.

Nineteen agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention receive financial support through the Cooperative Program unified budget.

Amounts included in the financial report do not reflect contributions to state and local Baptist mission programs, but only to national Southern Baptist Convention causes. (BP)

Oklahoma Pastor Named To SBC Stewardship Staff

NASHVILLE—Kenneth R. Mullins, pastor of Eastwood Baptist church in Tulsa, Okla., for the past nine years, has been named consultant in endowment and capital giving service for the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission here.

His appointment, effective Sept. 1, was announced by James V. Lackey, executive director of the SBC Stewardship Commission, and Ben Gill, director of the commission's endowment and capital giving service.

Mullins, who has been a part-time consultant for the commission for about three years, will have primary responsibilities in conducting capital fund raising campaigns for local Baptist churches through the "Together We Build" fund raising service, Gill said.

A native of Oklahoma, Mullins has been pastor of churches in Tulsa, Enid, Sayre, and Buffalo, Okla.; and pastor of Texas churches in Deer Creek, Joy and Fort Worth.

He is a graduate of East Central State college, Ada, Okla., and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

Southern Seminary Names Shands To Development Services Post

The Board of Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., has named O. Norman Shands of Kansas City, Mo., co-ordinator of development services, effective Sept. 1.

A native of Georgia, Shands is a former chairman of the school's Board of Trustees (as well as member), former president of national alumni association, has been pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Kansas City, Mo., First Baptist church, Spartanburg, S.C., and West End Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga.

In connection with Shands' appointment,

Tax-Exempt Status Of Lobbying Religious Groups Threatened

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A movement apparently aimed at removing the tax-exempt status of religious groups which attempt by lobbying to influence legislation in Congress has been called into question.

Delton Franz, head of the Peace Section-Washington Office of the Mennonite Central Committee, writing in the current issue of the office's bi-monthly Washington Memo said:

"The efforts of religious groups in influencing public policy is increasingly being discussed in government circles. Related to the communication of concerns to government officials by representatives of church bodies is the tax-exempt status of these religious and charitable organizations."

He held that until recently the Internal Revenue Service has not been concerned about the regulations on lobbying and tax exemption for churches. But churches, churchmen and church related agencies have been taking a more active role, he said, as molders of public opinion and policy in recent years. "This has promoted a renewal of questions on the pros and cons of limiting the voice of tax-exempt groups in the public-governmental arena," Mr. Franz said.

"The chances are probably not very great that the Internal Revenue Service will begin withdrawing the tax-exempt status of church bodies because of the thorny church-state issues involved," he said. "The larger issue, however, is whether tax exemption should carry with it a prohibition against efforts to influence the government" (RNS)

Carson-Newman Receives \$59,000

Two bequests totaling \$59,000 from wills have been received by Carson-Newman college.

The will of the late Mrs. A. J. Foster of Columbia, S.C., a graduate of Carson-Newman and a Sunday school field worker for the South Carolina Baptist convention for 30 years, provided a bequest in excess of \$32,000. Mrs. Foster, the former Lida Cecil Chiles, contributed more than a half million dollars to Baptist institutions during her lifetime, with \$165,000 going to Carson-Newman.

A bequest of \$24,000 was left by the late Sam O. Bankson of Chattanooga. Bankson, a Chattanooga realtor, was an active Baptist layman and a venerator of Carson-Newman. The college has decided to perpetuate his memory by establishing a scholarship fund in his memory.

the trustees also delegated the solicitation of all long-term endowment, wills and bequests to the Southern Seminary Foundation directed by Paul G. Kirkland,

Journeyman Walks Again After Swimming Accident

By Orville Scott

DALLAS—A Baptist missionary journeyman's miracle of faith was dramatized anew when he left Baylor Hospital here able to walk with the aid of crutches eight months after a swimming accident in Malawi left him paralyzed and nearly dead.

Larry Hughes, 24, has continually amazed doctors who initially said he couldn't live due to the severity of a spinal injury. Now he has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Hughes of Tulsa, Okla., where he will continue to undergo physical therapy for six hours a day.

Eventually Hughes plans to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, to prepare for social work, his goal before his two-year stint as a missionary journeyman ended in disaster last November after five weeks on the field.

Hughes' voyage of faith began in an African river where a much smaller man, a Malawian Christian retrieved the paralyzed journeyman from the water. Hughes head struck a submerged rock when he dived into the shallow river.

There followed a series of strange events that the young journeyman cannot explain except in the will of God. "What happened has nothing to do with me as a person," he said. "I've just stayed at this point in faith."

One of the first on the scene was a student nurse who recognized the severity of his injury and secured the aid of a Presbyterian doctor who packed the journeyman's head in a box of sand for a long trip by Land Rover.

The only doctor in the little country of Malawi who had the skills to save Hughes' life "just happened" to be at the hospital where they took the almost lifeless missionary. The doctor said he could have lived only another half hour. He performed surgery and set the bones in Hughes' neck.

Then began a series of phenomenal events in the air including fog that lifted at a London airport at the last second to permit the plane carrying Hughes to land so he could be transferred to a waiting flight.

The crew of the jet which brought him to Dallas intended to go on to Houston, but received word that a fog was covering the Texas Gulf Coast; so they landed at Dallas instead and Hughes was carried to Baylor hospital.

Hughes credits his recovery to "answered prayer." The occupational therapist assigned to his case at Baylor, Mrs. Jan Bodholdt, said "the prayer that has gone up for him has made all the difference."

The effects of young Hughes' "miracle"

on an entire church was reported by George Mosier, Larry's pastor while in college at Oklahoma State university, Stillwater.

"I've really noticed a difference in the prayer life of the members. The fact that Larry was able to live and recover has helped people at University Baptist to realize that prayers are answered today," Mosier said. (BP)

Layman's Testimony

My Life Was Changed In Witnessing

I accepted Christ in a tent revival about 45 years ago. I praise the Lord for that experience and for His love and mercy to me all these years.

I became a member of First Baptist church in Nashville 36 years ago. My life has been blessed as I found places of service and opportunities for training and growth in this church. My wife has shared these experiences with me. Our children have grown up in this church.

Something was lacking, however. I wanted to have a closed walk with the Lord, but it did not come. I went to Ridgecrest a dozen times for training and inspiration. I still was unable to find what I was seeking.

I knew I did not read my Bible enough. I did not pray enough for other people. I did not witness for my Lord by my words. I did not know how and I was timid.

Then I learned about some laymen, led by a cousin, who go into churches for lay-led revivals. They stay in the homes of members and pair with members to go out into the community to witness to lost people. Then they come back to the church for prayer and sharing before going out again. The evening services are used for testimonies.

I drove about 100 miles to one of these meetings last October. I saw a young mother and her nine-year-old daughter accept Christ in their home and heard the mother say, "I am so glad you came" as we left. I saw a young boy accept Christ sitting in a car. As we left he said, "Thank you". I haven't been the same since.

As we have gone to churches I have seen people and churches "come alive". They are not the same when the week is over and neither are we. Our lives are changed in witnessing for Jesus.

Cloyd A. Adcox
First Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee
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Deacon

CPA Executive Reports On Mail Rate Hearing

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Church-related publishers and other non-profit agencies opposing the proposed new postal rate increases—and who had hoped for a reduction—learned instead that the U.S. Postal Service may be planning another increase in mail rates.

Reporting on recent meetings with Assistant Postmaster General James W. Hargrove and the Postal Rate Commission, James A. Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association (CPA), said here that "there was no talk at all of settlement at lower rates."

Hargrove met with representatives of large mail users who are objecting to the \$1.4 billion rate increase put into effect temporarily last May.

The CPA director represented the religious press at the meeting and also testified on behalf of church publishers before a Postal Service Commission hearing on July 27.

"We say—and we hope that the Commission will sustain us—that it is simply not equitable or reasonable to require of religious non-profit publishers that they pay up to 750 per cent increase over 10 years and wind up paying 90 per cent of commercial rates in some cases," Doyle testified in his defense of preferred rates for non-profit mailers.

Doyle, in his CPA bulletin, reported that "our only hope still lies with the Postal Rate Commission."

"We hope and pray," he said, "that they will see justice in our position (that non-profit religious rates ought to be fixed at a reasonable rate somewhat below commercial rates, and that the punishing per-piece surcharge ought to be softened) and direct that non-profit rates be set at something below what the Postal Service has requested."

Doyle noted that the current per-piece surcharge under the temporary rates is 0.04 cents. It would rise to 0.2 cents per piece under the first step of increase and over 10 years would climb to 1.5 cents per piece "plus all the other increases . . ."

"Mr. Hargrove asked us to accept the presently-requested schedule of increases in the hope this would prevent another round of increases before mid-1972," Doyle wrote in the bulletin.

"There is, of course, no advantage for non-profit second class mail users in such an 'offer,' and we do not plan to respond favorably to this suggestion by Mr. Hargrove," the CPA executive said.

A stack of documents six feet high has accumulated in the hearings held by the Postal Rate Commission to determine whether the present postal rates now in effect will be made permanent. (RNS)

Liberian President's Relative Pastors Small Tennessee Church

By W. A. Reed

NASHVILLE—The brother-in-law of the new president of Liberia is pastor of a Baptist church in Tullahoma, Tenn., and works as a nurses' aide at Hubbard hospital here.

He is Eric David, a May graduate of American Baptist Theological seminary, a school operated here jointly by the Southern Baptist Convention and National Convention, USA, Inc. He plans to enter Vanderbilt Divinity School here and pursue a master of divinity degree.

David's brother-in-law is William R. Tolbert, newly-installed president of the Republic of Liberia and the immediate past president of the Baptist World Alliance. Tolbert became president of the African nation following the death of President V. S. Tubman.

Mrs. David, in an interview with the "Nashville Tennessean", said that "our life has been that of the average couple on a college campus.

"We don't want to impress people that we are so high," she said modestly. "We are just ordinary people."

Although she stressed that they have not tried to use the fact that her brother-in-law is a high-ranking African official for personal gain, Mrs. David acknowledged that being in the president's family had advantages.

"You can get in and out of the country when you wish with visas, and perhaps there are other advantages," she said.

She added that she and her husband met in Monrovia, Liberia, but were married in Nashville.

At the time of their wedding about three years ago, members of First Baptist church here gave them a shower. One of the church members who met Mrs. David there described her as "a charming, attractive lady."

David, tall and light-skinned, was described as having the appearance of an African prince.

Tolbert, who was vice president of Liberia for 20 years (since 1951), is now in the presidential palace, reportedly a \$6 million structure.

In contrast, the David's home is typically American. It is an un-numbered cottage on the campus of American Baptist Theological seminary overlooking the Cumberland River here. Mrs. David stressed that they did not want people to think they were wealthy, but were just average people.

American Baptist seminary students and some of the seminary's top officials did not know that the Davids are related to an African president, and are the equivalent of royalty.

David's sister, the former Victoria A. David, is the wife of the new Liberian presi-

dent. Mrs. Tolbert and David are the son and daughter of a distinguished Liberian jurist.

Ironically, David was working in the emergency room of Hubbard hospital as an orderly when Meharry Medical college, a Negro institution connected with Hubbard hospital, signed an agreement to help train Liberian and other African physicians. Meharry officials did not know David was the brother-in-law of the Liberian leader.

In addition to his work at Hubbard hospital, David preaches at the Mt. Zion Baptist church in Tullahoma, Tenn., about 65 miles southeast of Nashville.

Tolbert also is a Baptist pastor. Since his ordination at age 40, Tolbert has been pastor of the Zion Praise Baptist church in Bensonville, Liberia, and Mount Sinai Baptist church in the Todee District of Liberia.

Tolbert is also president of the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, and was president of the 31-million member Baptist World Alliance from 1965-70. Mrs. Tolbert is president of the Baptist women's work in Liberia.

Tolbert was in Nashville in July of 1967 for the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee meeting, about a year before the Davids moved to Nashville to attend American Baptist Theological seminary. (BP)

Editor's Note: W. A. Reed is Religion Editor for the "Nashville Tennessean."

Committee Recommends Texas Hospitals Get Federal Grants

DALLAS—A special hospital study committee has recommended that the Baptist General Convention of Texas allow its nine hospitals to accept federal grants and low interest loans to offset the difference between federal payments for services to government patients and the cost of providing the services.

After a year's study, the 58-man committee also recommended that the Texas Baptist Executive Board be empowered to release a hospital in case a financial emergency would necessitate such action before the next annual session. It would be a last resort.

The committee also recommended that hospitals be allowed to add a minority of non-Baptists to their boards of trustees to broaden badly needed community support.

The recommendations must be approved in September by the Texas Convention's Executive Board, which formed the study committee and the annual session in Houston, Oct. 26-28. (BP)

Texas Editor Is Selected To Head Union Fund Drive



John Jeter Hurt Jr., editor of the **Baptist Standard**, official publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named national chairman for the 1971-72 Annual Alumni Fund of Union University.

Hurt, a 1931 graduate of Union, is the son of the late Dr. John J. Hurt Sr., a former president. Dan Bates, director of alumni affairs at the college, said the selection of John Hurt Jr. to direct the drive is in keeping with the Alumni Association's policy of selecting a chairman who will be well known to a major portion of the thousands of alumni.

Fred Harris of Jackson, chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for the Alumni Association, said a goal of 20 per cent participation by Union alumni has been set for the new drive. Harris noted that this is a sizeable increase over the last goal of 15 per cent. The national percentage for alumni giving in U.S. colleges in 1970-71 was less than 19 per cent.

Some 14.1 per cent of Union alumni of known address contributed \$28,195.62 last year. The new monetary goal has been set at \$35,000.

Hurt started his newspaper career as a reporter for the **Jackson Sun** in Jackson, Tenn., joined the staff of the Associated Press in Nashville, was in charge of the Chattanooga and Memphis Associated Press Bureaus, and worked on the AP General Desk in New York and Atlanta.

He has traveled to Europe, Israel and South America to report on Baptist mission activities. He reported the Vatican Council II Sessions on religious liberty. In 1969 he received Union University's Distinguished Service Award for service through his profession.

Other members of the Union University Alumni Association who served as a selection committee for naming the national chairman of the annual fund are Mary Gates Craig, Curtiss Scott, Albert Stone, and Joe Woodson, all of Jackson.

Tennessee News Briefs

E. Warren Rust, a former pastor at First church, Cleveland, has resigned as pastor of Tower Grove Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., to become director of Metropolitan missions for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga. **Rust** served the Cleveland church five years before going to St. Louis.

Five Tennessee Baptists are employed for the second session on the summer staff at Glorieta Baptist Assembly this year. They are **Beverly Cook**, Chattanooga; **Guy Pealer Jr.**, Johnson City; **Ramona Roberts**, Trenton; **Billy Skelton**, Nashville; and **Judy Walls**, Memphis.

New faculty members at Belmont college include **Stephen R. Campbell**, assistant professor of mathematics and physics; **Anderson Clark**, assistant professor of English; **Relus K. Fleming**, assistant professor of business administration; and **Mrs. Martha A. Nord**, assistant professor of English. The new academic year begins Aug. 30.

New Bethel church, New Duck River association, has dedicated its new educational wing. **J. H. Pendergrass** is pastor.

East Park church, Holston association, has ordained **Samuel Campbell**, **Raymond Tanner**, **Frank Laws**, and **Samuel Freeman** as deacons.

Jerry P. James and **Arel S. Ball** have been ordained as deacons at Greenlawn church, Holston association. The church also licensed **Doug Whittenburg** to the ministry. **Robert Cutshaw Jr.** is pastor.

Bloomington church, Holston association, has voted to build a new auditorium and finance construction with a \$200,000 bond issue. Construction is expected to begin by late summer or early fall. **Joe Byrd** is pastor.

A Brotherhood has been organized by Southside church, Holston association. **Roy Hodge** was elected director. **Vestel Bennett** is pastor.

A bond burning ceremony was held July 11 in conjunction with the retirement of debt on the church building at Unaka Avenue church, Johnson City. **Chester R. Parker** is pastor.

Greene Hills chapel, a mission of First church, Greeneville, dedicated its new building recently. The 34' by 72' building which cost \$35,500, provides an auditorium, classroom space, nursery, kitchen, and bathrooms.

Calvary church, Bristol, joined in the celebration of the **Dewey Kerrs'** 25th wedding celebration. **Kerr** is pastor of the church.

Chestoa church, Holston association, recently dedicated its new, debt-free church building. **James Archer** is pastor.

Calvary Chapel mission of First church, Murfreesboro, has obtained a new Baldwin organ and Yamaha piano. The organ was given in memory of **Willie Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Blake A. Giles**, and **Bill Giles** by **Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brown** and **Robbie Giles**. **Grady Hill** of Shelbyville is pastor of the mission.

Carson-Newman college's Maples Library will serve as the site of the East Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Historical Society's meeting August 14. **Lynn E. May Jr.**, Executive Secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will discuss "Dargan-Carver Library: Southern Baptist Research Center."

East Ridge church, Chattanooga, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of service rendered by its pastor **C. Henry Preston** and his wife. **Dr. W. Fred Kendall**, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought the anniversary message.

Suck Creek church, Chattanooga, recently improved facilities and is now in the process of providing more parking space. **E. N. Smith** is pastor.

A \$1500 gift has been given to Mount Carmel church, Chattanooga, from the Hamilton County association's Church Assistance Fund. A "Mount Carmel" Fund has also been set up by the association to help the church rebuild from a fire. **Ernest Smith** is pastor of Mount Carmel.

Boulevard church, Chattanooga, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding. **Hobart M. Linkous** is pastor.

Tennessean Awarded E. S. James Scholarship

Bill Sorrell has been awarded the **Baptist Standard**—E. S. James Journalism Scholarship at Baylor university during the 1971-72 academic year.

Sorrell, the son of **H. K. Sorrell**, pastor, Brownsville church, Brownsville, and **Mrs. Sorrell**, is working as a summer intern on the staff of **Baptist And Reflector**, and plans a career in religious journalism. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi journalism society and was assistant sports information director for the Baylor Athletic department, last year and is a member of Baylor's Board of Publications. He expects to graduate next year.

Announcement of the selection was made by **Adrian Vaughan**, chairman of the Baylor Journalism department. The scholarship encourages training in religious journalism and carries the name of **E. S. James**, former **Standard** editor who was instrumental in establishing it.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

First church, Cookeville, has called **Gary Allen** as minister of music.

Ray McCall, pastor of Shelbyville Mills church, Shelbyville, has been called as pastor of Glenwood church, Nashville.

Prosperity church, Auburntown, has called **James Hutchins** as pastor.

Moving from Bayshore church, Tampa, Fla., **Dwayne Zimmer** is the new minister of education at Woodmont church, Nashville. **Bill Sherman** is pastor.

Richard Kilpatrick has been serving in the summer youth program at Brainerd church, Chattanooga. **J. Ralph McIntyre** is pastor.

Beacon church, Chattanooga, has called **Arlie Carroll** as pastor. **Carroll** was pastor of New Salem, Hamilton association.

Joe Miller, former pastor at Palmer, has been called by Dalewood church, Chattanooga.

H. Ray Mayfield Jr. is serving as interim pastor at East Lake church, Chattanooga.

Virgil Nix has resigned as pastor of Greenwood church, Chattanooga.

Lemuel Wade, music director at Lookout Valley church, Hamilton association, has resigned to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

Oakwood church, Chattanooga, has called **David L. Coffey** as minister of education and youth. **Coffey** is a native of Birmingham, Ala., and a recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. **L. L. Hall** is pastor.

Sam W. Welch, former superintendent of missions for Hamilton County association, has been named minister of evangelism, White Oak church, Chattanooga. **Ray E. Fowler** is pastor.

Home Mission Board Personnel Director Suffers Heart Attack

ATLANTA—Glendon McCullough, director of the Division of Personnel for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, suffered a mild heart attack (Aug. 2) while preparing to leave Atlanta to attend the board's annual trustee meeting in Glorieta, N. M.

Although placed in intensive care at the Georgia Baptist hospital here, McCullough's brother-in-law, Frank Kirkland of Missouri, said he was much improved, was resting comfortably, and even reading a newspaper.

Physicians described McCullough's heart attack as "mild." (BP)

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

NEW YORK—The Central Conference of American Rabbis has launched a research program to determine the Jewish commitment in marriages between Jews and non-Jews and the extent of Jewish education provided for children of mixed marriages. (RNS)

Southern Baptist missionaries on the Caribbean islands of Guadeloupe and Antigua will unite into one organization, to be called the Leeward Islands Baptist Mission, Jan. 1, 1972. "This union is for fellowship among missionaries and a wider perspective of work," said Mrs. Florence B. Frederick, missionary press representative. "Because Guadeloupe is French-speaking and a department of France and Antigua is English-speaking and independent, there cannot be much coordination of mission effort," she said. "As both missions are small it was felt a wider base was needed." Missionaries of the French West Indies Mission and the Antigua/St. Kitts station of the Trinidad and Tobago Mission met in July to approve formation of the new organization.

The Baptist Convention of Costa Rica recorded 196 baptisms for the past year at its 26th annual assembly held recently at the new Baptist campgrounds near San Jose. The 120 messengers from 19 churches and seven missions (100 per cent representation) reelected Pastor Enrique Piedra convention president. The baptismal count was the second largest ever recorded by the convention, said L. Laverne Gregory, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Army Chaplains School will offer, beginning in the Fall, two master's degrees through Long Island University, the first time this has ever been done in any of the Army's 25 service schools.

Chaplain (Col.) William V. O'Connor, commandant of the school at Fort Hamilton (Brooklyn), N.Y. described the new arrangement, which he proposed, in an interview during the 1971 Command Chaplains Conference here.

The Chaplains School, established 53 years ago, has been offering for the past several years a nine-month advanced course in the Army chaplaincy for chaplains who have been in military service from seven to 12 years, to prepare them for positions of greater responsibility. (RNS)

Charles W. Shirley and Mrs. Shirley, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, are on furlough and may be addressed at 5402 Winston St., Temple Hills, Md. 20031. Both are natives of Tennessee, Shirley from Johnson City and Mrs. Shirley is the former Lois Parsons of Elizabethton. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

Carl F. Yarnell Jr. and Mrs. Yarnell, were scheduled to leave Malaysia on July 22 for furlough in the States (address: c/o C. F. Yarnell, 468 Chicamauga Ave., Knoxville 37917). He is a native of Knoxville and she is the former Mary Pate, a native of Blaine. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

German Seminary Graduates 13

The 91-year-old Baptist Theological seminary in Hamburg, West Germany, graduated 13 students in exercises July 16. Twenty new students are expected to enrol in the seminary in the fall bringing total enrolment to 55.

During the past year the institution has spent 800,000 German marks on renovation and reconstruction of campus buildings constructed in 1947-48 when high quality building material was not available. Over the past ten months, Baptist Union churches have spent 500,000 marks in remodeling.

German Baptist Relief Gifts

Gifts equivalent to \$73,000 have been approved by Baptists of West Germany toward the development of projects recommended by the Baptist World Alliance Relief department.

Contributions, which are being made by "Bread for the World," a German-based organization, will provide \$63,000 to help finance vocational training in agriculture and auto mechanics in Liberia. The remaining \$10,000 will be used for special projects at a vocational training center in Haiti.

Six-Day Hike Nets Bishop \$80,000 For Church Repairs

BATHURST, Australia—A six-day, 130-mile hike in New South Wales by Anglican Bishop E. Kenneth Leslie, 63, netted over \$80,000 toward the \$200,000 needed for alterations to All Saints Cathedral in Bathurst.

Along Leslie's route he was called the "Pied Piper" because of the huge crowds of children that followed him through various towns. (RNS)

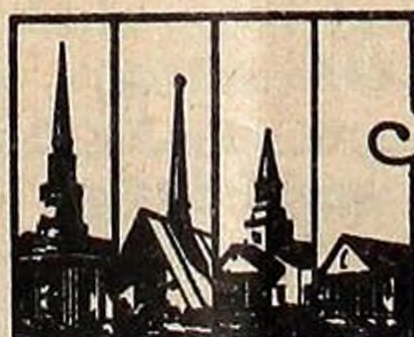


Carlos R. Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania, East Africa, and a native of Henry County, uses a chain saw contributed by Pleasant Grove church near Coalfield in helping build a pastor's house at Spilwe, Tanzania, 45 miles from Moshi where the Owens live. At the time of appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957, Owens was pastor of First church, Dover.

Baptist Hour Celebrates 30th Anniversary On Air

In September "The Baptist Hour," celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, will feature four of the most requested sermons preached on the program by Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist church, Oklahoma City, and regular speaker on the SBC Radio-Television Commission radio program for fourteen years.

The September programs also will offer listeners a free copy of a "Baptist Hour 30th Anniversary" booklet prepared by the Commission.



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Two Human Dramas Unfold Along Texas' Rio Grande

DALLAS—Maria Rayita Garcia, tiny and tormented, has gone, leaving those who loved her tinged with aching sadness but bathed in the "rayita"—little ray of sunshine—which illuminated the end of her eighth year of life.

Javier Gomez, insulated in silence during his four short years, now has a passport, doctors believe, to a new and strange world of sound.

By medical, and human, standards, these two children represent one success story and one failure for Texas Baptists from El Paso to Dallas who tried to help them.

A deaf boy will hear. A little girl died after brain surgery.

The results of these two human dramas, however, have changed the lives of many around them, and transcended the "success" or "failure" of a surgical procedure.

Lost Hearing As Infant

Javier lost his hearing as an infant when severe ear infection ruptured his ear drums in his mountain village of Creel, Mexico.

Three years passed before Mrs. Priscilla Gohman of the El Paso Baptist Association staff, found him during a mission trip.

She arranged for Javier's aunt, Julia, to bring him to an ear specialist in El Paso. During the succeeding year, Priscilla financed the 800-mile round trip each month to visit the specialist.

Texas Baptists raised funds for a tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy performed before Javier came to Dallas, at the expense of the First Baptist church, Dallas, for the delicate ear surgery.

A Christian physician, who performed the surgery at no cost, believes hearing will return completely to one ear and partial hearing to the other.

Sunday School classes at First Baptist church here will pay hospital fees and First Mexican Baptist church, Dallas, will provide lodging for Javier and his aunt during his recuperation.

It was while Javier recuperated from his tonsillectomy in Priscilla's home that two projects of the remarkable lady from El Paso simultaneously bore fruit.

Considered "Demonic"

Six-year-old Martine Madriles and his father, Pedro, arrived in El Paso en route from Iowa where Christian surgeons had restored his sight.

Pedro and Martine had stayed with Mrs. Gohman during one stop on the 1500-mile journey from Las Truchas, Mexico, to Iowa, and they visited again on the return.

Priscilla, who had constantly witnessed to the Gomez and Madriles families, shepherded them to Trinity Baptist church where

they attended two Sunday services preached by her pastor, David Rodriguez.

Martine's father and Javier's aunt both accepted Christ at the evening service.

About the size of a four-year-old, Maria Garcia suffered from a brain cyst, which had caused her father to pass her off as a "demoniac."

A Baptist physician from Dallas first diagnosed her illness while spending his vacation working in one of four mobile medical clinics operated by the Texas Baptist River Ministry. The clinic, a refurbished school bus, has been outfitted and donated by First Baptist church, Dallas.

Maria's expenses to El Paso were covered by Harold Scarbrough, El Paso Associational missionary; the Baptist physician and Jim Hill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fabens, Tex., across the Rio Grande from Maria's home in Guadalupe del Bravo, Mexico.

Although doubtful they could prolong her life, doctors in El Paso operated and removed the cyst.

Within five days, Maria had died, leaving a \$1000 medical bill which the hospital wrote off as charity. (BP)

American Baptist Mission Income Shows Six-Month Hike

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—Income for the first six months of 1971, as of June 30, for the American Baptist Mission Budget was up over the same period for 1970 by \$377,063, or 5.5 per cent.

Total income for the six months of 1971 was \$7,206,443 as compared with \$6,829,380 in 1970.

The American for Christ offering totaled \$634,250, up \$103,100, or 19.4 per cent over a year ago.

The Rev. Ralph R. Rott, executive director of the Division of World Mission Support, indicated that the June increase was \$74,407 less than the increase during May, but the income increase for the six months is \$284,353 ahead of 1967, which was the highest year on record. (ABNS)

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House Committee Said To Be Planning Subsidies For Religious Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The new school aid bill now being drafted in the House Committee on Education and Labor is reported reliably to include general aid to schools with an iron-clad provision that, despite the recent decision of the Supreme Court and despite state constitutions to the contrary, the funds must be divided with church schools. The bill calling for a possible \$5.24 billion in the next fiscal year would be in the form of general grants to school districts adjusted to the total number of students and also to the number in the poverty category and to the per capita student expenditure in the district. The new program would be in addition to programs already in effect and could rise within five years to more than 30 per cent of total school costs.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, was critical of the provision which would make subsidy to Catholic and other church schools obligatory. His comment follows:

"The new school aid bill now in formation is reliably reported to include general aid to schools with an iron-clad provision that, despite state constitutions to the contrary, the funds must be divided with church

schools. This would appear to run counter to the Supreme Court's recent ruling that government may not subsidize even the secular subjects in church schools.

"Congress does not enjoy exemption from findings of the Supreme Court. Under our system it is a prime responsibility of the Court to apply constitutional standards to the work of the legislative branch. This the Court has now done in regard to government subsidies to church schools. Congress should, of course, respect the findings of the Court and shape its school aid program accordingly.

"When Congressmen sit down with church school lobbyists they should remind them of the Court's opinion and of the barrier to church school subsidies which it has erected. The efforts of these lobbyists are clericalism, pure and simple. Their current pressures on Congress are the sort of thing we shall face continuously if its leaders do not learn how to say 'No' to predatory clerics." (C/SNS)

Nearly half of all auto deaths and injuries occur on weekends, and well over 50 per cent of all highway deaths occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., according to statistics compiled by The Travelers Insurance Companies.

Gain In 'Home Consumption' Sales Of Liquor Noted By WCTU Leader

CHICAGO—The president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union said here that the national consumption of alcoholic beverages increased by 742 million gallons from 1966 to 1970.

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, in citing Treasury Department data, said these statistics indicate "our nation's homes are becoming the 'bars' where our young people are taught that alcohol is a way of life and the spiritual integrity of the home is broken down with the help of booze."

She referred to the Treasury's figures for consumption of liquor, wine and beer in fiscal year 1970. They were: 370 million gallons of liquor, 221 million gallons of wine, 3.25 billion gallons of beer in bottles and cans for take-home and 558 million gallons of beer in barrels and kegs.

"While there was an increase in consumption of 351 million gallons of liquor, wine and beer during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970," Mrs. Tooze said, "the alarming statistic is an increase of 310 million gallons of beer sold . . . for home consumption during that same year."

She charged that "because it is 'legal' according to the law, we are permitting the nation's homes to become bars without the need for licenses." (RNS)

ALCOHOL AND THE FAMILY

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor

Audubon Park Baptist Church, Memphis

Bible Study Passage:

Jeremiah 35:1-10, 18-19

With this lesson we begin the third unit of the third quarter on the general theme: "The Bible Speaks to Human Relationships." The three lessons in this unit are concerned with the use of beverage alcohol: Alcohol and The Family, Alcohol and Society, and The Christian Community and Alcohol.

Alcoholism is one of the great problems of America. Christians constantly face the menace of beverage alcohol at conventions, clubs, parties, restaurants, on airplanes, and even in some religious communities. The makers and sellers of beverage alcohol never point out its dangers and evils. The writers of "Broadman Comments" point out that thirty to forty per cent of all delinquent youths come from homes in which excessive drinking exists; forty per cent of the problems brought before a large city family court can be attributed directly to alcoholism; fifty-five per cent of child non-support cases, in the Juvenile Court records of a southern city, are directly related to excessive drinking, and every alcoholic adversely affects the mental health of four family members.

This week's lesson introduces us to a family who refused to partake of wine and was honored by God for refusing to do so.

I. A Family That Doesn't Drink Follows Good Instruction (Jer. 35:1-7).

The Lord directed Jeremiah, the prophet, the son of Hilkiah, a priest (Jer. 1:1) to set before the house of the Rechabites wine to drink (Jer. 35:2). The whole plan was to verify the refusal of the Rechabites to drink wine.

The Rechabites were descendents of the Kenite Jethro, who was the father-in-law of Moses (I Chron. 2:55; Judges 1:16). They had entered the promised land with the Jews and had lived among them. Rechab was the father of the tribe and the father of Jonadab (Jehonadab) who made an alliance with John (II Kings 10:15) to eradicate Baal worship in Israel. Jonadab was a strong believer in the simple life. He in-

structed his sons to continue to dwell in tents and not to plant crops or drink wine. His ancestors followed his instruction without question. The instructions, if followed, would keep the Rechabites from the evils which had befallen others. The descendents of Jonadab didn't drink and they knew the reasons why.

We would do well to follow the instructions of our Heavenly Father in regard to beverage alcohol, strong drink. Sons and daughters would do well to follow the instructions of Christian parents who teach abstinence.

II. A Family That Doesn't Drink Sets The Right Example (Jer. 35:8-10).

The first forty-five chapters of Jeremiah contain prophecies recorded against Judah and Jerusalem. The last six chapters, chapters forty-six through fifty-one, contain prophecies against the nations.

Jeremiah must have wondered how God intended to accomplish His purpose with Israel when he was instructed to put wine before a nomadic tribe who didn't drink and had been commanded not to drink. Two hundred years had elapsed since Jonadab gave his instructions to the Rechabites. The Rechabites had been faithful, had been obedient to the commands.

The faithfulness to the commands would be used by God to teach a much needed lesson. The contrast between Judah's disobedience to God and the Rechabites obedience to the instruction of Jonadab was easily seen (Jer. 35:12-17). The Rechabites had set the right example in faithfulness to instruction. Israel had failed to listen to God. Disobedience to God will bring rejection.

The family who follows God and doesn't drink always sets the right example. The obedient family is the one that God will honor.

III. A Family That Doesn't Drink Will Be Rewarded (Jer. 35:18-19).

God's promise to Jonadab and his family, the Rechabites was they "shall not want a man to stand before me forever" (Jer. 35:19). The phrase "to stand before me" is

Baptist Alliance Chooses Stockholm Congress Site

WOLFVILLE, Nova Scotia—Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee members from 26 countries meeting here elected two new staff members, advanced plans for a world mission of reconciliation, and chose Stockholm, Sweden, as the place for the next Baptist World Congress.

The 13th Baptist World Congress, expected to attract 10,000 delegates from 70 countries, will meet at Stockholm in July, 1975. The site was chosen by the committee over Dusseldorf, Germany.


The Alliance Executive Committee, meeting for annual session at Acadia university here, voted plans for implementing a World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ. The reconciliation effort, emphasizing both evangelism and harmony in human affairs, was endorsed by the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo in July, 1970.

Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., (U.S.A.), was named general chairman to guide the four-year effort culminating in 1975. (BP)

used to describe a ministry before God (Gen. 18:22; Deut. 10:8, 18:5, 7). The phrase could refer to the functions of a priest. It could refer to service in general. Because of their integrity, the sobriety of the Rechabites, they would always have a place in the service of God.

Every indication points out that the Rechabites were adopted into the nation, probably as proselytes. Some believe they were joined with the tribe of Levi; some believe they were joined with the tribe of Judah (I Chron. 2:55).

Twenty-four million dollars are spent each year to entice people to drink and to create an acceptable climate for drinking. Some church members drink. Some church members own businesses which sell alcoholic beverages. The Bible says "be filled with the Spirit" and "not drunk with wine" (Eph. 5:15-20). A Holy Spirit directed family will be led away from alcohol, will not use it, will not sell it. God will bless a Christian family for setting the right example about wine, about alcoholic beverages!

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Miss Roxie Jacobs Honored At Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly



Miss Margaret Sharp, right, presents Miss Roxie a silver bowl on behalf of co-workers.

Miss Roxie Jacobs, Tennessee Baptist Convention retiree, was honored with Roxie Jacobs Day at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assembly during the Second Church Training Leadership and Youth Conference which was held July 14-21. During the evening service on July 17 the Church Training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention presented her with a plaque in appreciation for her years of service on the Ridgecrest faculty. She has served on either the Junior or Intermediate leadership faculty every year from the first convention-wide BYPU Conference in 1934 until 1970.

In addition to the plaque, Miss Roxie was presented two books of letters from State Church Training secretaries and associates and Church Training department personnel from the Sunday School Board, past and present. Belmont Heights church, Nashville, where she holds membership, gave her

Cooperative Program

What To Expect

William C. Summar
Secretary of Stewardship

What do you expect from the new Postal Service? Pastors can expect a postman to bring a packet from the Stewardship Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention about Sept. 1, containing sample materials and suggestions for the observance of Cooperative Program Month in October.

This is the first of six articles appearing in the **Baptist And Reflector** on the subjects of the weekly emphases for the observance of Cooperative Program Month in October. The succeeding articles will provide pertinent facts pertaining to the Cooperative Program.

Cooperative Program Month is not for the purpose of promoting a special offering for the Cooperative Program. It is for the purpose of praying about world missions, and studying to learn about the Cooperative Program—what it is and what it is not.

The thrilling and exciting story of the Cooperative Program must be told over and over again if all Tennessee Baptists are to hear it, and no one can afford to miss it.

an orchid. Also, co-workers on the faculty through the years presented her with a silver bowl and a check. She responded to the expressions of love and best wishes with 3100 registered guests in attendance.

Miss Roxie worked for the Tennessee Baptist Convention for 35 years, beginning in the office of **Baptist And Reflector**. She served later as Junior-Intermediate director in the Training Union department, the position from which she retired 17 years ago.

Miss Roxie has also been honored with the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, and holds the distinction of being the only woman so honored.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Revival services led by a Union university youth team resulted in four rededications and one profession of faith at First Indian church, Big Hatchie association.

Eight professions of faith and four additions highlighted the revival led by **Bob Simmons** at First church, Bell Buckle. **Robert Spencer** is pastor.

Clyde Cobb of Memphis led revival services at Williamsport church, Maury association that resulted in 13 decisions for baptism and four for rededication. **Frank Britton** is pastor.

Carson-Newman college students **Wade Singleterry** and **Fred Campbell** led weekend revival services at Bethel church, Johnson City, that resulted in nine professions of faith and two by letter. **Lester Shomaker** is pastor.

Six professions of faith and several rededications were made during recent revival services at Ramah church, Wilson County association. During the revival, **Donnie Curtiss**, 15, son of **Billy Curtiss**, pastor of the church, surrendered to the ministry.

Children's Homes

Good News

By James M. Gregg, Director

The good news is that Tennessee Baptists gave a total of \$226,483.34 for the Children's Homes 1971 Mother's Day Offering. This is a record offering and is \$34,203 above the 1970 total. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

During the same period we received \$47,374.73 in designated funds, most of which was for the Franklin Home Campaign.

Thank you and God bless you Tennessee Baptists.

Price Returns To Teaching Full-Time At SBC Seminary

NEW ORLEANS—John M. Price, dean of the School of Religious Education at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary here, has asked to be relieved of administrative duties as dean in order to return to full-time teaching duties.

Beginning with the fall term, Price will carry a regular teaching load in the seminary's department of psychology and counseling, according to President Grady C. Cothen.

Cothen explained that Price had been recently hospitalized, and the reduction of his administrative work load was at the suggestion of his physician.

"Dr. Price has served in a supervisory capacity at the seminary for more than 20 years," Cothen said. "He deserves every opportunity we can afford him to experience a complete recovery." (BP)

North Fork church, New Duck River association, reported three professions of faith during its recent revival.

Revival services led by **Paul Taber** at Longview church, New Duck River association, resulted in six professions of faith. **Willie Neal** is pastor.

Five rededications were made during Youth revival services at Monteagle church, Duck River association.



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Race And Christian Fellowship

By W. R. White

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Basic Passages: Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28

Focal Passages: Ephesians 2:11-19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

The presence of race consciousness was evident in the earliest era of human existence. It has developed racial prejudice and has been a nagging problem throughout history. Evidently events in human experience over a long era developed and accentuated it. It is not so much inherent as inherited. Small children do not seem to have it. Apparently race prejudice is handed down by elders from generation to generation.

Racial characteristics have existed from antiquity. There is no reason to try to eliminate them. We should not dislike others because they are unlike us naturally in many respects.

Christianity began by blotting out antagonisms that root themselves in certain marked differences. The Jews and the Gentiles had a number of differences that were arbitrary and artificial. They were not inherent or permanent. They had a temporary teaching function anticipating spiritual truths. We refer to circumcision and symbolic cleansings as illustrations.

Differences in deeper religious concepts created difference in motivations and practices. These were valid differences. However, they were not meant to block all change even by conversion. They were certainly not meant to be causes of personal and racial friction.

CHRIST MAKES AVAILABLE ALL GRACE TO ALL PEOPLE Eph. 2:11-13

The Gentiles were thought by Jews not to have access to God's main grace unless they first became Jews through circumcision, particularly.

They did not have available to them the oracles of God, delivered to the Jews. Therefore, they did not believe in the one true and living God. They had no concept or knowledge of the Christ. Therefore they were without hope. Even some professing Christian Jews wanted to keep the barrier of circumcision between Gentiles and the full grace of God in Christ. They must first submit to this and other Jewish rites in order to come to God in Christ, they believed.

The Gentiles were strangers to the covenant of divine grace and its promises. They were outside the pale.

Spiritually and in understanding the Jews were nigh but the Gentiles were far off.

The inspired apostle declares that now those who were one time far off have been

made nigh through the blood of Christ. All grace is made immediately available to them.

CHRIST CREATES ONE OUT OF TWO Ephesians 2:14-19

There is a high wall of partition between Jew and Gentile. Christ reconciles this problem by breaking down this wall of division. The law of rules and regulations had created enmity between Jew and Gentile but Christ in His flesh removed this cause of friction—the two are made one through His sacrifice. It was His aim to reconcile the two in one body to God through the cross on which He slew the enemy.

ALL CHRISTIANS ARE ONE IN CHRIST 1 Cor. 12:12-13

There are many members but all are one in the body of Christ. It is like the unity of the person of Christ. Whether Jew or Gentile, male or female, bond or free, all are one in the mystical body of Christ. They have been baptized in that body by the Holy Spirit. All are made to drink in one Spirit.

OBSERVATIONS:

These great doctrines and basic principles must be implemented into our fellowship. Christ died to make it a possibility. He prayed His greatest prayer for its actuality in life. See John 17.

There was a time when strife and bitter sectarianism between denominations was a scandal. Except in a few spots as in Northern Ireland, that has practically disappeared. Our most serious problem along this line today exists in nearly every group of Christians of the same fellowship and in local congregations.

There were plenty of divisions among early Christians such as at Corinth. However, in time such fellowship and devotion grew among Christians that they became the marvel of the world and the ages in this regard.

With human nature like it is and the presence of a new freedom in Christ, it requires much godliness and love to develop such a sweet fellowship as Christ envisioned. However, it would fill our churches with the saved and with seekers.

We should never minimize the truth but we should magnify our oneness in Christ so that the whole world would marvel again. O, Divine Spirit, reproduce it again among us!

Foundation

A Frequent Experience

By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

In a certain city of Tennessee there lived a contented, gentle, dedicated Christian. Living all alone his needs were few. Untrained in any skill his earnings came by hard and consistent labor. The first love of this man was the church that had ministered to his needs so unselfishly.

Upon his death others recalled having heard him say that he wanted the church to have his assets when he died. But alas, like many others, he had no will. This means that his church cannot collect one dime of his assets.

Relatives who ignored him so completely in life suddenly came alive when they learned that he had a \$10,000 savings account. At the last report 130 people were filing claims as next of kin.

The funeral was an elaborate affair that was arranged by the funeral home and completely out of character with the way he had lived.

Many modest and some more elaborate estates are being dissipated by extravagant expenditures and greedy relatives.

This could have been avoided by a properly prepared Christian Will. For information about preparing a Will to protect your estate for the Lord's work, write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Baylor, U.S., Japanese School Sign Exchange Pact

WACO, Tex.—An agreement of fraternal relations and exchange was signed here by Baylor university and Seinan Gakuin university in Fukuoka, Japan, both Baptist institutions.

Under the preliminary provisions, student and faculty exchange is planned. Full details on interrelations will be worked out in the future.

Dr. Elichi Funokoshi, president of Seinan Gakuin university, and Dr. Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor, signed the document in ceremonies held here. The student exchange program is designed to benefit Baylor students in Asian and international studies and Japanese students in American and international study programs. (RNS)

Council Of Christian Education To Be Merged Into WCC

LIMA, Peru—The World Council of Christian Education (WCCE) which traces its origins to 1889, voted here to merge its activities into the World Council of Churches.

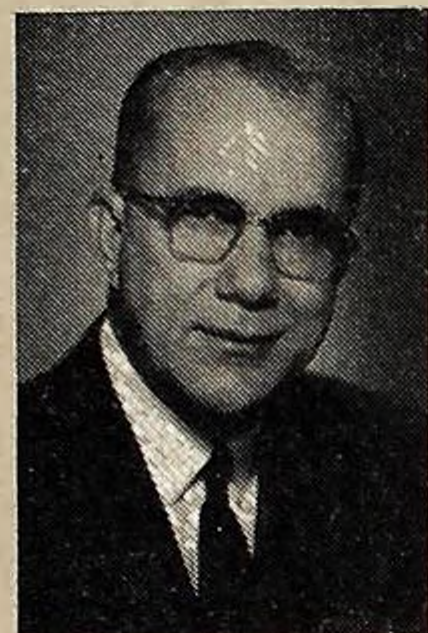
The vote was 158 to 7, with two abstentions, in support of the long-planned move.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, WCC general secretary, and other World Council officials welcomed the WCCE. (RNS)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Next week we shall be reviewing the budget requests again. The Cooperative Program budget for the Tennessee Baptist Convention is what its name implies—a united and cooperative budget for the support of all of our work. One third of it goes to the Southern Baptist Convention and two thirds of it provides for the needs in Tennessee. The largest amount of the state budget goes for the support of the four schools. We have 11 institutions and nine of them share in the budget. The budget also supports the work of the state Convention. Protection plans, State Mission programs and Baptist Student work are the largest items in this budget.



Kendall

Inflation continues to be a tremendous problem. Costs continue to rise, and salaries and the cost of competent personnel continues to increase. It is difficult to show how inflation can increase the budgets so much and yet when one works with them he can see that the increase in postage, the increase in insurance, the increase in social security and many others are items over which we have no control.

Budget requests are prepared by all agencies, institutions, and departments. They are prepared on a format furnished by this office. They are returned to my office by the middle of July. They are then prepared for study and review by the proper Executive Board Committees. Each committee member is furnished with a copy of the budgets he will review with his committee.

Next week the committees will meet to review the budget requests. On Monday the Christian Services Committee will review the budget requests of the Children's Homes and the Hospitals. On Tuesday the Education Committee will review the budget requests of the four schools. Thursday the State Missions Committee will review the budgets of all the departments of State Missions and the WMU. On Friday the Administrative Committee will review the budget requests for the Administrative Offices, the General Convention services, the **Baptist And Reflector** and the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

On Sept. 9 the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee will meet and receive the report of all of these committees and the budget requests from all areas. They have the responsibility of determining what the total budget will be for 1971-1972. They set the goal and then face the hard task of determining how much the budget requests are above this goal. They then have

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Family Living

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Lack of Fathering Found Factor In Male Suicides

The indispensability of fathers to growing sons was reemphasized in findings of a Harvard-University of Pennsylvania study of students who committed suicide during or after college years. The risk of suicide was increased by 50% for students who had lost their fathers through death or divorce in their pre-college years, reported Dr. Ralph S. Paffenbarger Jr., chief of the California State Department of Health Bureau of Chronic Diseases.

Of the 318 suicides studied, 23% of the boys were fatherless because of death or marriage separation, said the researcher. Loss of a mother during pre-college days did not appear to be as important a factor in male suicide.

"The strongest familial trait predictive of suicide was early loss of a father or his reduced accessibility, depriving the son of male guidance, companionship, security or a needed disciplinary influence," noted Dr. Paffenbarger.

Another factor increasing the suicide risk was boarding school attendance before college, the investigators found. This may be taken as another measure of paternal deprivation. It may impose a pattern of conformity leading to eventual monotony and discouragement, or signify monetary wealth substituted for essential family relationships.

Among suicides whose fathers had lived with them during childhood and adolescence, having a father who had been a college man himself and had entered a profession seemed to have acted as an additional risk factor.

to establish priorities as to where the most urgent needs are and request a reworking of the budgets so that they will not go beyond the total goal. This is a big responsibility and it requires the fine cooperation and prayerful concern of all for the needs are always greater than anticipated income for the coming year.

This year the budget requests are all in, and they total an increase of about \$400,000 over this year. It will probably be recommended that the budget be increased next year by about \$275,000. This is a large increase. The state's share will only be \$182,666.66. You can see that this will not meet the \$400,000 in requests but will

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

First church, Nashville, Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor, voted to completely renovate facilities, both interior and exterior, including a gallery extending on three sides of the auditorium. A stipulation was that the balconies would be a memorial to the late pastor, Dr. Allen Fort.

J. K. Haynes resigned as superintendent of Bible Work and Church Extension at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, to become pastor of First church, Elizabethton.

20 YEARS AGO

Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., elected Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, as president. McCall succeeded the late Dr. Ellis A. Fuller. At 36, McCall was the youngest man ever elected to the presidency of the seminary, his alma mater. While in Nashville, he served as executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

First church, Jellico, ordained R. Raymond Lloyd Jr., into the gospel ministry. Lloyd served as pastor of Caney Ford church, Harriman, and was a second-year student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

10 YEARS AGO

The Charles Thompkins and Bill Hayes families of West Chicago, Ill., drove 250 miles to join the First Baptist church of Bethalto, Ill. The two families were helping develop a West Chicago mission of the church.

David K. Alexander was named secretary of the Student department of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at the board's annual meeting held at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assembly.

have to be reduced to meet that amount.

Pray for these committees as they strive with the great needs all about us and seek to prepare the best possible budgets so that we can get the most possible accomplished for our Lord with the resources we have. Pray for the churches as they prepare their budgets that they will make every attempt to increase their giving through the Cooperative Program to the great needs all about us.

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