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## Ralph Norton Elected New Convention Executive Secretary

Chattanooga Pastor, Tennessee Leader Named By Unanimous Vote By Board



DR. RALPH E. NORTON

Dr. Ralph E. Norton, long-time pastor of the Red Bank Baptist church, Chattanooga, is the executive secretary-treasurer-elect of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Norton was elected last week by a unanimous standing vote of the Executive Board which met in a called session to hear a recommendation on the matter from its Administrative Committee.

He will succeed Dr. W. Fred Kendall, who retires December 31st after having served as the Convention's chief executive officer for 16 years.

The new executive secretary-elect will begin his work with the Executive Board on Dec. 1, and will assume full responsibilities January 1, 1973.

A native of Chattanooga, Norton has been pastor of the Red Bank church since February, 1948, and has held numerous positions of leadership within the Convention

during his ministry.

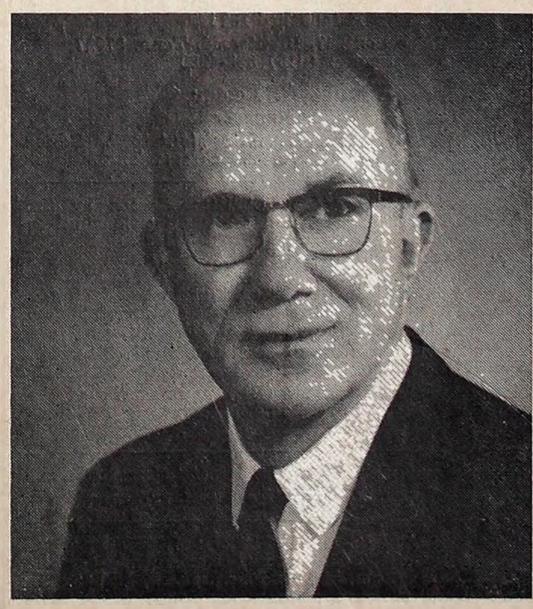
Dr. J. William Harbin, Maryville, chairman of the Administrative Committee, in bringing the report of that committee to the Executive Board, said: "We believe honestly we have found God's man." Harbin added that "Your committee has honestly tried to do a good job."

In presenting the recommendation, Harbin called upon three other members of the Administrative Committee: Orvind Dangeau, McKenzie; R. Paul Caudill, Memphis; and William H. Crook, Nashville, to explain the procedures used by the committee in arriving at the recommendation. This Committee has responsibility for recommending to the Executive Board persons nominated for the position of Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

In accepting the office, Norton said that if he were an artist, he would depict his thoughts in pictures. One would be of David the shepherd, one of Isaac on the altar, and another of Daniel in the lions' den. He said: "It doesn't matter if you're tending sheep, on the altar, or in the lions' den if it is where God wants you. . . . I simply commit to you, as I serve with you, all that I have to the glory of God."

Norton's brother Charles is long-time church training secretary for Tennessee Baptists, and has been honored frequently as a leader in Tennessee Baptist life.

The new executive secretary is married to the former Louise Wilson, of Chatta-(Continued on page 16)



W. Fred Kendall Retiring Dec. 31, 1972

## A Revealed Gospel

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"The gospel which was preached of me is not after man... but by the revelation of Jesus Christ"—Gal. 1:11-12.

Paul insists that he did not preach a hearsay or second hand gospel. He received it through a direct revelation from Jesus Christ.

This suggests that his adversaries, the Judaizers, were accusing him of not understanding the true message of the gospel. It also reflects the probability that they said he was not a true apostle.

To disprove these charges he cited three things: (1) his drastic change from being a persecutor of Christians to being an ardent servant of Christ (verses 13-15); (2) his commission to preach the gospel to Gentiles or "heathen" (verse 16a); (3) his claim that he did not confer with the apostles as to his message (verses 16b-23).

Had Paul been taught the gospel by the apostles it would mean that he was inferior to them, something that he denied emphatically (Gal. 1:1; 2:1-9). Also it would suggest the possibility that he had misunderstood their teaching. But since he received it directly from the Lord, it affirmed his apostleship and the truth of his message.

Paul knew by experience that the Mosaic law does not satisfy the deepest needs of



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the soul. He also knew that his zeal for Judaism had not made him acceptable before God. So he based his entire claim for the truth of his message upon his personal experience with Christ who saved him by grace through faith, and who revealed to him the message he should preach.

The words "to reveal Christ in me" may refer to his inward experience with Christ (Robertson says that it could read "to me"), or it may mean "in my case," referring to his vision on the Damascus road. Either makes sense. MacGorman (The Broadman Bible Commentary, Vol. 11, p. 87) says "what a definition of conversion: God's revelation of Jesus Christ, his Son, in us! Nothing less than this is enough; nothing more is possible."

That which God in Christ had wrought and revealed in Paul, he was obligated to share with others. And because it was so inward and personal, it was not subject to change by false teachers. So he stood firm for the gospel of freedom and grace. Everyone who has had this experience should pass it on, undiluted by the false teachings of men, however clever and learned they may be.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

It's interesting to reflect on the variety of things that "turn people off" from going to church.

There was the three-year-old who came home one Sunday and announced to her parents: "That does it! I'm not going to Sunday School anymore."

Shocked at this outburst, the parents, asked: "Why?"

The youngster replied, "I don't want to talk about it!"

Fearing the worst, her concerned parents pressed for the reason.

"Well," said the three-year-old, "it's like this: the nursery clay has dried out!"

The odd thing is that some adults have stopped going to church for less: "Sermon too dry?" "Sermon too long?" "Don't like the choir?" "They're always asking for money."

Considering some of the childish excuses, it may be that the real problem is not that the "clay has dried out" in the nursery, but that too many adults have not matured and moved out of the "church nursery."

At times Billy Graham is accused of making the gospel too simple. But it is the gospel of Christ made personal through his own experience. It is the gospel which Paul preached. Man may seek to complicate the gospel, but God has made it simple so that everyone may understand and be saved thereby.

#### **Devotional**

#### **Christ Cares**

By Edwin R. Alexander
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rutherford

Sadness and sorrow come to every home and every life. The wonderful thing about it is that Christ Our Lord cares. He cares



Alexander

when we're sad and lonely and our hearts are burdened down with grief. So many times we come to know that "My grace is sufficient for thee." II Cor. 12:9.

Mary and Martha of Bethany found that Christ cared in their time of bereavement as is recorded in John 11. Jesus and his disciples had gone beyond the river

Jordan for a short rest when Lazarus became sick and died. This rest was necessitated by the hostile action by the Jews but now that Lazarus was dead Jesus came right back into Judaea where the Jews had sought to kill him. Jesus knew a friend was dead and a family needed his ministry.

Martha went out to meet Jesus upon his arrival in Bethany and she secretly sought out her sister saying, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." What a comforting moment it must have been for them when the Master came. It is equally a wonderful moment to us when Christ comes to address himself to the needs in our lives.

Christ comforted the hearts of his friends because he loved them. He in this case raised their brother from the dead to the glory of God the Father. He meets the needs of our lives also because he loves us. We are undeserving of his love but how we thank him for it.

A most recent bereaved widow said, "I thought I could not live another day when my husband died. I am still alive and how I thank the Lord for being with me and helping me through the funeral. He has been so wonderful to me." Yes, Christ cares for us. He has promised to come again and claim his own.

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## Convention Plans, Speakers Are Cited

Messengers and visitors to the Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet at First Baptist church in Nashville, Tuesday, Nov. 14, for the opening session of the 98th annual convention. Sessions are scheduled to run through Thursday morning, with a special recognition service for W. Fred Kendall, on Wednesday evening. Kendall is retiring as executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention after 16 years, on Wednesday evening.

Courtney Wilson, convention president and pastor of First Baptist church, Hendersonville, will preside at all the sessions.

Reports to be included in the three-day sessions are: Tuesday, Credentials Committee, Committee on Arrangements, Protection Plans, Hospitals, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Constitution and Bylaws Study Committee, Centennial Committee, Student Department, and Children's Home; Wednesday, Committee on Arrangements, Committee on Boards, Committee on Committees, Baptist And Reflector; Thursday, Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, United Tennessee League, Camps, Committee on Resolutions, Program Services, Committee on Audits, Library, and Woman's Missionary Union.

Major addresses will be delivered to those attending by J. William Harbin, pastor, First church, Maryville; James Pleitz, pastor,



Bisagno

First church, Pensacola, Fla.; Courtney Wilson, pastor, First church, Hendersonville; W. Fred Kendall; and John R. Bisagno, pastor, First church, Houston. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of the host church, will welcome the messengers and guests at the first session. A special report will be brought by Henry G. West, pastor of First church, Covington, on

the needs of senior citizens.

Alumni meetings for the three Baptist colleges will all be held Nov. 14 with Belmont college and Union university meeting at First church following the evening session and Carson-Newman alumni gathering at the Sheraton Hotel at 9:30 p.m. A break-

## Damon Patterson Moderator In Knox

Damon Patterson, pastor of the Corryton church, was elected to succeed Joe Stacker, pastor of First church, Concord, as moderator of the Knox County Association at its 170th session held last week in Concord.

Other officers elected include: John Holland, pastor of the Salem church, vice-moderator; and Earl McCosh, pastor of the Mars Hill church, clerk.

Lawrence Trivette, who has served for 28 years as superintendent of missions in the association, will retire this year.

fast for new pastors, educational directors, and church staff members is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at First church. Pastors' wives will meet for a luncheon on Wednesday at 12:00 at First church.

#### Board Names Promotion Men For Ridgecrest, Glorieta

NASHVILLE—Two Southern Baptist Sunday School Board employes have been named to positions as program and promotion specialists for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers.

Larry Haslam, consultant in the church recreation department, will be the specialist at Ridgecrest; while Bill Lowry, supervisor of food services at Glorieta, will assume the new responsibilities there.

In their new positions, Haslam and Lowry will promote the use of the conference center facilities by board personnel, Southern Baptist Convention agency personnel, other Baptists groups and church leaders, and other appropriate groups outside the denomination. They also will be responsible for designing, promoting and conducting programmed activities and conferences.

A native of Alabama, Haslam was formerly employed by the Kentucky Baptist Convention as assistant manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad. He also was pastor of Alpine Baptist church, Alpine, Ala., and assistant manager of Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly, Talladega, Ala.

Lowry, a native of Arkansas, served as minister of education for the First Baptist churches of Muskogee, Okla.; San Antonio, Tex.; and New Orleans, La., before joining the board in staff in 1969. (BP)

## Hospital Tie To Convention Endorsed By N.C. Baptists

ASHEBORO, N. C.—A special committee of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention has recommended that North Carolina Baptist Hospital remain "a vital part of the Convention."

For the past year the hospital, which is affiliated with the School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, has been undergoing a \$42 million expansion program which, when completed, will result in the hospital's having a bigger budget than the State Convention.

The hospital's administrators clashed with officials of the Convention when they raised the possibility of seeking funds from outside sources, including the state and federal governments.

In its report, which was presented to the Convention's General Board here for action at its annual meeting in November, the committee recommended that a Baptist Medical Center Board be set up as an advisory body. (RNS)

#### N. C. Governor Backs State Aid For Private Colleges, Universities

MURFREESBORO, N.C.—Gov. Robert W. Scott of North Carolina has affirmed his commitment to state aid to private colleges and universities here and called for more private and church support of such institutions.

Speaking at a program marking the 125th anniversary of Chowan College, a United Methodist-related school here, Gov. Scott noted that this Fall, for the first time, state grants to private colleges will be allocated on a per capita basis for use as scholarships for students who live in North Carolina.

He said that the \$1 million appropriated for this purpose was a "modest beginning," and one that placed North Carolina "ahead of other Southern states in giving tangible recognition to the contributions of the private colleges and universities in the state." (RNS)

#### Belmont Alumni Set TBC Meeting

The Belmont College Alumni Association will gather Tuesday, Nov. 14, during the Tennessee Baptist Convention at Nashville's First Baptist church.

The event will follow the evening session of the convention at about 9 p.m. Emphasis will be placed on fellowship, with a buffet style party planned as the focal point. It will be held in the Young Adult Department on the second floor of the church's South Education Building.

Mrs. Arlene (Robertson) Brooks, '64, will be hostess for the evening. Tommy Frensley, '62, is president of the association.



-Radio-TV Commission Photo

CONGRATULATIONS — Max Hardin (right), minister of music at Knoxville's West Hills Baptist church, and Dr. Paul M. Stevens, (left) pres'dent of the Southern Baptist Rad'o and Television Commission, congratulate Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, as Dr. Hobbs begins his 15th year as speaker of the denomination's THE BAPTIST HOUR. Mr. Hardin attended a semi-annual meeting of the organization's board of trustees in Fort Worth. The Radio-TV Commission is the world's largest producer of religious programs for public service broadcasting.

## New Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Ralph E. Norton will become Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention January 1, 1973. Norton's election last week ended nearly a year of speculation collowing the announcement last November by Dr. W. Fred Kendall that he would retire December 31, 1972.

Norton is a long-time leader in both Tennessee and Southern Baptist Convention life. His election was by a unanimous, standing vote of the Executive Board, and followed 10 months of unprecedented and diligent work by the Administrative Committee in search of a person to recommend to the Board.

Had it not been for a rather unfortunate "leak" the secular press, Norton's election would have come as even more a surprise than it did to many. (For the record, we are satisfied that the "leak" did not come from any member of the Administrative Committee.)

To us, Ralph E. Norton is God's man for this time and for this particular position. The office of executive secretary-treasurer of a state Baptist convention difficult, to say the least. Without God's man being the position, and without the leadership of the Holy Spirit, it is an impossible task.

Other good, able, and dedicated men were considered for the position. Many of these men would have served well. However, in the economy of God, and under His leadership, we believe that unanimous action both on the part of the Administrative Communication and the Executive Board bespeaks the propriety of election.

Norton's background, training, dedication, and Christian spirit demonstrated upon many occasions fit him uniquely for this position. Upon close examination of his places of service in denominational life, it is evident that few have served in as many capacities or are as conversant with Tennessee Baptist life as is Ralph Norton. He has served with distinction in almost every elective position which Tennessee Baptists could offer over the years.

His selection by the Administrative Committee came about in such a manner that it was evident to those who became aware at a later date of the choice that this was not a decision made by a group of men alone. We believe that this committee spent as much time in earnest prayer as any similar committee has spent upon this or any other matter. This Committee, individually and collectively has distinguished itself for the work which it has done. The committee has earned the gratitude and good will of each and every Tennessee Baptist. On behalf of Tennessee Baptists, we say "Thank You" to this committee.

The election of Ralph Norton provides a unique and perhaps unusual working combination within the elective framework of Tennessee Baptist Convention life. His brother, Charles Norton, has served with distinction and effectiveness for many years as Church Training director in the Convention's program of State Missions. And, few men are more highly thought of, and few men more highly respected across Tennessee—and within the Baptist Building in Brentwood—as is Charles Norton. His own Christian spirit and able work speaks for itself. And we shall watch with appreciation as Ralph Norton leads in a team endeavor which encompasses all who serve within the building in Brentwood. For, despite what some may read, there is a good spirit of cooperation and fellowship in our own working relationships within the building.

Norton will succeed, in the person of W. Fred Kendall, a man who is without question recognized as a Christian gentleman, and who has served with distinction in this office for 16 years.

Personally, we pledge to Ralph Norton our fullest cooperation and support. We believe, and pray, that this is and will be the sentiments of each and every Tennessee Baptist.

He is indeed a servant of the servants of God; a leader in a difficult position. In many ways, the future of Tennessee Baptist cooperative work rests upon his shoulders and within his heart and able mind.

Therefore, we extend to Ralph E. Norton sincerest congratulations upon his election, assure him of our prayers and support, and request earnestly that Tennessee Baptists support him both in actual working relationships, and with daily prayers that he will be led by the Holy Spirit in each and every step he takes. (James A. Lester)



(Brotherhood Commission photo by Tim Fields)

ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK—Royal Ambassador chapters throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will celebrate Royal Ambassador Week November 5-11 by participating in special mission activity projects like this puppet show for children. Most of the 250,000 Royal Ambassadors will help in worship services and participate in campouts, father-son outings, and Royal Ambassador recognition services during the week.

#### David M. Gardner, Former 'Standard' Editor, Dies

DALLAS—David M. Gardner, editor of the "Baptist Standard" of Texas from 1944 through 1954, died in his sleep Oct. 25 at his home here. He would have been 86 on Nov. 12.

He had suffered a series of strokes more than a year earlier, and could not speak, and was losing his eyesight.

Funeral services were scheduled at 2:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at First Baptist church of Dallas where he was a member.

Officiating was W. A. Criswell, pastor of the church, assisted by E. S. James who succeeded Gardner as editor of the "Standard," and John J. Hurt, the current editor. Both Gardner and James are listed as editor emeritus on the "Standard" masthead.

The "Baptist Standard," the largest of the 33 Baptist state papers in the Southern Baptist Convention, enjoyed a period of unprecedented progress during Gardner's editorship, according to Hurt.

"He was strong in his editorial expressions and as quick to criticize Texas Baptist leadership as he was to speak against those outside the state," Hurt said. "He never evaded an issue.

Inheriting a circulation of 100,000, Gardner had almost tripled the circulation by the time he retired.

Total assets had increased from \$156,000 to more than \$1 million during his editorship. He purchased the downtown Dallas property where the "Standard" offices are located. He also started an endowment fund for the "Standard", obtaining \$100,000 from a brother as initial funds.

Born in Milan, Tenn., in 1886, he and his family moved to Texas in 1894. He was a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Later he became pastor of Baptist churches in Clarendon, and Memphis, Tex. He was pastor of Ensley Baptist church in Birmingham, Ala., for nine years, and First Baptist church, St. Petersburg, Fla., for 16 years. He left St. Petersburg in 1944 to edit the "Standard."

## Sesquicentennial Observed In Western District

Western District association observed its Sesquicentennial during its annual meeting held with First church, Paris, and Birds Creck church, Oct. 19-20, respectively. Birds Creck was the organizational site for the association in 1822.

Carroll Owen, pastor of First church, Paris. moderator of the association, presided over the Thursday evening session which emphasized the 150th anniversary of the association. Most of the program personalities were dressed in attire appropriate for the era of the association's organization.

A pageant, written by superintendent of missions James Phelps and Mrs. Phelps, depicted important dates and happenings in the life of the association.

Wade Darby, pastor, First church, Jefferson City, a native of Henry County and whose home church is Birds Creek, brought the Sesquicentennial message. He cited points of historical significance. stating that First church, Paris, was organized in 1835 when the Constitution of the United States was only 35 years old. "In this same period," he continued. "Methodism, Mormonism, and other movements were born-but a group of Baptist people dared to believe that Jesus died for everybody." Darby said further that these people formed associations, to do together what they could not do alone. He indicated that much of what we do is wrapped up in score keeping when playing the game should be our concern.

## Shepherd Is Moderator In Campbell County

Conley Shepherd, former pastor of the Whitman church in LaFollette, was named moderator of the Campbell County Association at its recent annual meeting. Donald J. LaBelle, pastor of the First Baptist church of LaFollette, was chosen as vice-moderator, and Miss Linda Cordell, was elected as clerk. The treasurer for the coming year will be Victor Henegar, Ralph Cordell is associational missionary.

The meetings were held Oct. 16-17 at the East LaFollette, Indiana Ave., and West LaFollette churches.

He told the board of directors for the weekly newsmagazine that he would retire in 10 years and in 1954 yielded the responsibilities to James.

Since 1944, he and his wife, Sadie, had made their home in Dallas. Mrs. Gardner had been in good health until about a year ago, but is now confined to her home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Earl Neelands of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Ned King of Dallas, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee; one sister, and one grandson. (BP)

### 'House Calls' By Pastor Going Out Of Style, View

PHILADELPHIA—Is visitation going out of style among the clergy?

Andrew Wallace, religion writer for the "Philadelphia Inquirer," decided to find out. After surveying a sampling of local clergy, he found that although clergy still visit persons who are ill or in mourning, they generally do not attempt to visit every member of the congregation.

"In large congregations, it is impossible just to go and make a friendly visit to every member every year," commented the Rev. Martin C. Wisznat of St. Paul's Lutheran church. If he and his two associate ministers were to make the attempt, they would have to ring 1700 doorbells. And, as Mr. Wallace pointed out, "at least half those doorbells wouldn't be answered unless the pastors announced their coming by call or card."

On the other hand, some denominations, such as the Church of the Nazarene, emphasize personal visitation as one of the prime duties of the clergy. The Rev. Ralph J. Ferrioli of First (Nazarene) church said his practice is to "constantly make calls on parishioners." Mr. Ferrioli's church has 110 members.

In other denominations, notably Pentecostal churches, lay members are encouraged
to distribute tracts door-to-door. Sometimes
whole neighborhoods are covered in this
way, even in densely populated urban areas.
This form of visitation will be in much evidence next year as part of Key 73, the
continent-wide ecumenical evangelism campaign, whose goal is to present the Gospel
to every person in North America.

Regarding pastoral visits, Roman Cathotic priests in Philadelphia usually make annual rounds in the Fall or Spring to count heads, bless homes and take up block collections.

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg of Temple Sinai said that in Judaism, the usual practice is for the congregation to seek out the rabbi for visits. He added, though, that rabbis do visit the homes of members "in times of crises" or to visit the sick and mourners.

#### Fultz is Re-elected By Cumberland Gap

Baylus Fultz, pastor of the Big Spring church, was re-elected moderator for the Cumberland Gap association, and Felter King, pastor of the Calvary church, was elected treasurer. Re-elected to the post of clerk was Mrs. White Buis, a member of the Cedar Grove church.

In other business, messengers approved a resolution whereby one layman from each church, the head of each department in association's work, and the superintendent of missions would serve on the Executive Board of the association. Another resolution established guidelines for the appointment of individual messengers from each church.

The Rev. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., of St. James United Methodist church, said he felt guilty about not making as many visits as he would like. He attributed this situation to the administrative load of church business, which he said is taking more and more of his time. How do parishioners feel about pastoral calls? One Presbyterian minister recently surveyed his lay leaders on the issue. They suggested that he spend 12 per cent of his time in home visits, which would come out to 16.5 hours in a "136½-hour work week." (RNS)

## North Carolina Names New Foundation Executive

RALEIGH, N.C.—Edwin S. Coates, a Raleigh businessman, has been named executive secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., when E. Gordon Maddrey retires Dec. 31, after 10 years in the position.

Announcement of Coates' appointment was made by the chairman of the foundation's board of directors, Wade Brown, of Raleigh.

Since 1961, Coates has been president of Engineered Farm Systems, Inc., distributor of specialized agricultural processing and materials handling systems. Previously he was an agricultural engineering specialist with the state agricultural extension service. (BP)

## Baptist Convention Organized In Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador—The Baptist Convention of Ecuador has been organized, a constitution adopted and officers elected here by messengers from 26 churches.

President of the new convention is Alberto Lopez, pastor of the local First Baptist church. Miguel Mesias, pastor of Central church, Quito, is first vice president, and Southern Baptist missionary Archie V. Jones is second vice president.

Eduardo Esteves, a Guayaquil layman, is convention secretary, and Carlos Maldonado, pastor of Garay church here, treasurer.

More than 60 Baptist churches and missions exist in Ecuador, and many have been active in local associations since 1964. A Woman's Missionary Union, laymen's organization and youth groups were already functional on a national level, according to Mrs. James C. Muse Jr., missionary press representative.

Southern Baptist missionaries began working in Ecuador in 1950. Thirty-one regular and short-term personnel are now assigned to Ecuador by the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

#### 'Miss Carson-Newman' Is Seymour Native

JEFFERSON CITY—Sharon Orr, an 18-year-old freshman from Seymour, Tenn., has been crowned Miss Carson-Newman College 1973. In addition, she won the Miss Congeniality award.

First runner-up was Pam Spivey, a junior from Kingsport, Tenn. Second runner-up was Ella Mae Davis, a junior from Newport News, Va. Miss Davis also won the swimsuit competition. This year's third runner-up was Carolyn Osler, a junior from Lanham, Md. The fourth runner-up was Debbie Maize, freshman from Louisville, Ky.

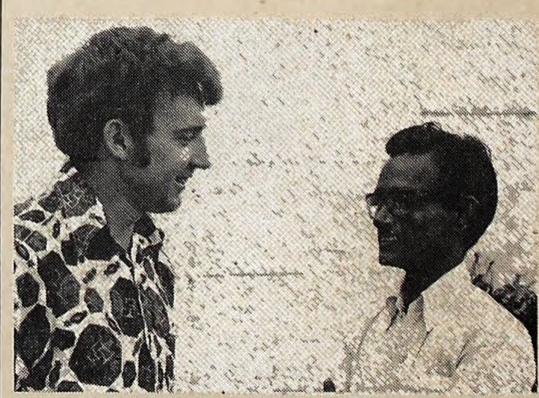
This year Nancy Braun, freshman from Orlando, Fla., and Deborah Murrell, junior from Strawberry Plains, Tenn., were cowinners of the Most Talented Non-Finalist Award.

## Grey Is Honored As 'Force For Good'

Former Southern Baptist Convention president, J. D. Grey, was presented with the New Orleans Times-Picayune Loving Cup Award for 1971 at ceremonies earlier this month in New Orleans.

Grey, a graduate of Union university in Jackson, Tenn., was given the award on the basis of his "exemplary moral force for good" in the city of New Orleans. "His energetic and effective participation and leadership in civic affairs has been outstanding. Thus his devotion to God, his country and fellow-citizens has reached far beyond his own congregation," the citation read.

The presentation of the cup was by George W. Healy Jr., editor of The Times-Picayune. Ashton Phelps, president and publisher of The Times-Picayune, presided. Grey is pastor of the First Baptist church of New Orleans.



(Photo by Charles A. Beckett)

Simon H. Sircar (right), president of the Bangladesh Baptist Union, talks with Stuart Robinson, an Australian Baptist missionary. Sircar is traveling throughout Australia trying to recruit mission volunteers for his country.

Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, November 5, 1972

## CHURCH AND STATE

By Wade E. Darby, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City

Background Passage: Daniel 6.

Focal Passages: Matthew 22:15-22; Acts 5:27-29.

## Summary Of Church And State Relationships.

The church began in an atmosphere of hostility on the part of the state. Rome did not care what god or how many gods one



Darby

might worship. In fact, Rome allowed conquered peoples to worship all their old gods. Their only requirement was that the worship of the Caesar be added. Emperor worship was a patriotic gesture. It was thought that all the people of Rome worshipping one god would be a uniting force in the empire. A bureau of the Roman government was

given the responsibility of promoting emperor worship. Some of the Caesars took their role as a god seriously.

Christianity was suspect at first because it was a part of the troublesome Jewish movement. When Christianity became a Gentile movement as well, it was not only suspect, but illegal. The church was viewed as a secret society, perhaps worshipping a foreign god. Later at least by the time of Domitian, near the close of the first century, Christians were seen as seditionists because they refused to burn a pinch of incense on an altar before a small image of the Caesar and repeat "Caesar is Lord." The Christian was persuaded that Jesus was Lord.

From its inception, until the Edict of Milan by Constantine in 313 A.D., the church was viewed by the state as a dangerous, suspicious, and illegal movement. After three hundred years of enmity, the church and the state became friends. In this new relationship, the processes were set in motion whereby the church was to conquer Rome to the extent that in the year 800 A.D. the Pope of Rome crowned Charlemagne as emperor. The alliance of church and state was complete. The empire had become the Holy Roman Empire. The church had moved from complete separation, as an enemy of the state, to complete unification and a companion in government. For the church, the latter was more disastrous than the former.

Luther signaled the end of such a relationship in 1517 when he nailed his ninety-five theses to the church door at Whillenberg and sparked the Reformation. But even the reformers stopped short of separation of church and state. The Reformed churches sought freedom from the state and a position of strength from which the powers of

government might be used to promote the purposes of the church. The Reformed churches, in general, became state churches.

Those who came to the new world brought this concept with them. The first three hundred years of the history of our country was characterized by the church trying to impose the old European way upon the new world. It would not work. Baptists, Quakers, some other religious groups, and the irreligious simply refused to have it that way. In 1791 the Constitution became the law of the land, and the first amendment was so worded in its intent as to guarantee religious liberty. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. ."

We have generally described the relationship ensuing from this law as "separation of church and state." There are at least eight things about this relationship that we must take into consideration.

One, separation of church and state does not mean that they are or should be enemies.

Two, it does not mean that the church and the state have no common interests nor goals.

Three, it does not mean that there are not some areas in which the church and state cannot cooperate for the common good.

Four, it does not mean that it is possible for the church and the state to exist in separate vacuums unrelated and unaware of each other.

Five, separation of church and state does mean that they must not use each other.

Six, it means that the government must protect and preserve religious liberty for all citizens.

Seven, it means that government must be equal in its treatment of religions and churches.

Eight, it also means that each must remember that the liberty to have no religion is an element of "religious liberty."

#### Christians Are Citizens Of Two Worlds.

Christians are "pilgrims and strangers" in the world. The Kingdom of God is a reality. Christians still believe Jesus is Lord! Yet, for the present, we live here. Secular government is a reality. Faith demands a Christian response to government. Tension is inevitable. Christians face some tedious problems in relation to secular government.

#### Some Areas Of Tension And Stress.

The areas of tension shift with the times. Some of the present-day areas of stress involve such questions as: Can the president have a prayer breakfast without effecting an establishment? Should church properties be taxed? Should income tax deductions be allowed for gifts to churches? Should ministers be exempt from military service? Should the military have chaplains from the recognized denominations? Should Internal Revenue Service have the right to define a church in order to qualify or disqualify for tax exemption? Should denominational schools use federal grants or loans? The questions are endless and the answers vary from time to time and person to person.

#### Some Principles To Remember.

Our problems in church-state relations are small. Some of our Christian brothers live under regimes which are actively opposed to religion. How To Serve God in a Marxist Land by Karl Barth and Johannes Hamel gives some insight to their problems. Biblical history describes four situations in which the people of God lived under oppressive powers: Under Assyria in the eighth century B.C.; under Babylon in the seventh and sixth centuries B.C.; under Persia in the sixth century B.C.; and under Rome in the first century A.D. Hamel, then pastor in Germany's East Zone, points out four things he has learned to remember. First, foreign powers and their rulers can be used of God in carrying out his purpose. Second, sometimes they are instruments of God's judgment and their activity is a call to repentance. Third, God can bring good out of what appears to be evil, and even in the midst of judgment, redemption is possible. Fourth, the Christian must never forget that God is Lord of history

## Thompson Named Church Study Course Coordinator

NASHVILLE—J. William Thompson, editor of "Adult Leadership" in the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named church study course coordinator.

According to Charles Livingstone, church program organization group leader, Thompson will be responsible for coordinating course content and promotion plans for the church study course.

A native of Mississippi, Thompson is a graduate of Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss. He earned the doctor of philosophy degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, and also has done graduate study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Harvard University.

Prior to joining the board in 1963, Thompson was a professor of music at Belmont College in Nashville for five years. Previously, he served on the School of Church Music faculty at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also taught choral and instrumental music in public schools in Mississippi and Tennessee.

He has served as minister of music in two Tennessee churches: First Baptist, Clarksville; and Nashville's Dalewood Baptist Church. (BP)

## Tennessee News Briefs

Billy Jakes and Wayne Garvin were ordained as deacons at the Ward's Grove church in Milton recently. Also, on Oct. 15, the church observed its 60th anniversary. J. H. Harvey is the pastor.

Robert Mulloy, associate professor of music at Belmont college, has been invited to join "The Centurymen," a singing group composed of 100 ministers of music from 24 states across the Southern Baptist Convention. Buryl Red is the music director.

Mrs. Gene Marsh and her daughter Gena, members of First church of Fountain City, Knoxville, were honored recently for a record of 10 years' and six years' attendance, respectively, in Sunday School and morning church worship services. Roy O. Jones is the pastor.



Cordell

The Campbell County Baptist Association honored Ralph Cordell, superintendent of missions, recently for having attended every session of the annual association for the past 27 years. Cordell began attending the meetings as a pastor in 1945. He is in his 13th year as superintendent of missions for the association.

The South Gate Baptist church, constimented formally on Sept. 24, 1972, was granted membership into the Nashville Association at its fall session, Oct. 17. A former mission of First church, Nashville, the church had 87 charter members. George L. Euting serves as interim pastor.

The Nashville Associational Library Conference will be held Nov. 6-7 at the Nashville Paptist Association Office at 7:00 p.m. Tames Rose and Jacqulyn Anderson will serve as course instructors in church library development plan and technical processes. The conference is sponsored jointly by the Nashville Library Associational Organization Tennessee Baptist Library services and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Members of the West Jackson church, Jackson, dedicated their new Christian Activities Center Oct. 22. John Bewley, director of Christian activities at the Broadmoor Baptist church, Jackson, Miss., brought the dedicatory message. David Q. Byrd is pastor.

First church, Clarksville, was awarded the Merit and Advanced Achievement from the Church Library Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in recognition of its library service. The award was based on the Church Library Achievement Guide. John Laida is pastor. The Judson Memorial church in Nashville ordained Joe Hannah as a deacon on Sunday night, Oct. 22. Raymond Langlois, pastor, preached the ordination sermon.



Mrs. Ousley

Inskip church, Knox-ville, recognized Mrs. E. E. Ousley recently for 45 years of continuous service as a teacher in Sunday School. She has taught since 1927 in one of the children's departments. Robert A. Sanders is pastor.

Tennessee placed fifth among states recently in recognition of Brotherhood training awards earned during the church year ending Sept. 30. Baptist men in the state earned 447 credits and a total of 4771 awards during the past 12 months, according to study course records in Nashville. Other states in the top 10 were Florida, South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma, California, Virginia, and Texas. Roy Gilleland is director of Brotherhood work in Tennessee.

J. Howard Young Jr., a Murfreesboro physician, has been appointed to the Meredith college Board of Associates in Raleigh, N.C., according to John T. Kanipe Jr., vice president for institutional advancement. The appointment will be effective Jan. 1, 1973.

Young is a member of First church in Murfreesboro, and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Young Sr. Young is assistant pastor of First church, Nashville.

Meredith is a four-year Baptist liberal arts college for women in Raleigh. John E. Weems serves as its president.

First church, Concord, held special services last Sunday in honor of the church's 80th anniversary. During the first 70 years of the church's existence, the membership grew to 300. The past 10 years, membership has gone from 300 to 1250. Miss Meryl Donavan, three-year-old department Sunday School director, was honored by the church for 28 years of continuous service as a teacher with pre-school children. Joe R. Stacker is pastor.

## Government Lay Ministry Crosses Political Lines, Nixon Aide Says

FORT WORTH—A White House aide and ordained Baptist minister told students and faculty members at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here that a lay ministry that crosses national political and religious lines lies hidden beneath the surface in the vast federal government complex.

Wallace Henley, a special assistant to President Nixon, said that as a part of this hidden religious movement in government, a

#### Baptist Student Convention Brings 400 Together At Johnson City

Over 400 students attending the State Baptist Student Convention in Johnson City last week-end heard John Westbrook, consultant on inter-racial work for the National Student Ministries of the Sunday School Board, stress the importance of "not becoming so involved in missions to the poor and disadvantaged that we neglect the real needs of the educated and cultured." The group met at Johnson City's Central Baptist church. Over 30 campuses from across the state were represented.

Speaking twice before the messengers, Westbrook stressed the importance of applying oneself to victorious living and brought his final message on the theme of the convention, "Responding to His Lordship."

David Edgar, gold medalist during the 1972 Summer Olympics, shared his testimony with students. He is a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville at the present. The minority leader of the Tennessee House of Representatives, Tom Jensen, expressed his conviction to the students about the importance of a Christian's participating in the political processes. He reminded them of the necessity of government in order to maintain human dignity and to promote human well being. Jensen called for students to use their newly granted franchise in a responsible fashion consistent with their Christian principles.

Phillip Landgrave, professor of music, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, led the music for all the sessions. He was assisted by a group of students from the School of Church Music at the seminary. A special presentation by the group, "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses," is a new musical prepared by Landgrave.

Students participated in six conference periods led by Landgrave; John Tresch, pastor of First church, Greeneville; Dr. and Mrs. Bill Purdue, First church, Kingsport; Larry Morris, Middle Tennessee State university faculty; Westbrook; and Bill Henry, associate of the Student Department of the the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Eddie Don Gambrell, a senior at Tennessee Tech university, presided at the sessions. During the business session, students determined that the 1973 convention will be held in Jackson, Oct. 26-28.

Worship services in 10 churches in the Johnson City area were conducted by the students following the convention, according to Glen Yarbrough secretary of the Student Department.

group of White House staffers meet every other week for prayer and fellowship.

Henley, an ordained Baptist minister who once was public relations director for Mobile College, a Baptist school in Mobile, Ala., said his own participation in the group was part of his Christian commitment, completely separate from his work for the president. (BP)

### Congress On World Evangelism Set At Lausanne In July 1974

ATLANTA — Evangelist Billy Graham announced here that the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelism, of which he is honorary chairman, will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, July 16-25.

The Palais de Beaulieu, the city's Congress Exhibition and Arts Center, will be the site of the meeting.

Congress organizers commented that it was considered "almost ideal" for the evangelism thrust, which is expected to draw 3500 participants, observers and newsmen.

A "Third World" location had been sought for the Congress, but the Lausanne facilities were found "best able to meet the exacting requirements of the Congress at reasonable cost," according to Mr. Graham.

Among the advantages of the Lausanne site mentioned by the Congress planners were ease of access and freedom of entry from every part of the world, and suitable facilities for hospitality and the daily work of the Congress.

Recalling the first World Congress on Evangelism, which some 1200 representatives of evangelical churches around the world attended in Berlin six years ago, Mr. Graham commented that since that event, "I have been constantly urged to help in convening another world congress on evangelization."

He added, "I think now after much prayer and consultation with churchmen, both lay and clergy, from all over the world, that

#### High Court Refuses To Hear Charge Of Salvation Army Discrimination

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear the appeal of an Atlanta woman charging sex discrimination in the Salvation Army.

Left standing were lower court rulings which held that Mrs. Billie McClure cannot invoke the equal pay provision of the 1964 Civil Rights Law because, it said, she was a volunteer "minister" and not an employee of the Salvation Army in Georgia.

Title VII of the 1964 Act exempts religious corporations, associations or societies "with respect to the employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work."

This exemption, coupled with prior U.S. Supreme Court stands discouraging federal courts from acting on questions of religious doctrine, makes the judiciary reluctant to become involved in clashes within religious groups.

Both the federal district court in Atlanta and the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans had refused to "interfere" in relations between the Salvation Army and one of its ministers, Mrs. Mc-Clure.

The litigations began in 1970. Mrs. Mc-Clure charged that the Salvation Army violated its own principles of equality between men and women and federal civil rights laws. (RNS)

the time is ripe to mobilize again all our resources under the dynamic of the Holy Spirit to hold another international Congress in 1974. We must press forward towards the evangelization of the world in our generation using every modern insight and harnessing the faith and dedication of Christian men everywhere."

Anglican Suffragan Bishop Jack Dain of Sydney, Australia, who is executive chairman of the 25-member planning committee, announced that the committee members will meet in Lausanne Dec. 4-6, 1972, to consider the program.

Early next year, he added, an office for the Congress will be established in Lausanne under the leadership of Dr. Donald E. Hoke, who has been appointed coordinating director. (RNS)

## New Orleans Alumni To Meet On Nov. 14

Tennessee alumni of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will hold their annual reunion on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1972, at 5:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Nashville.

President of the group is Donald G. Bouldin, associate pastor of Two Rivers Baptist church in Nashville. Dr. Ray P. Rust, executive assistant to the president, will represent New Orleans Seminary at the meeting.

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### Supreme Court To Hear Baptist College Case

WASHINGTON—A case involving the Baptist college of Charleston, S.C., will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court some time this session.

The case of Hunt v. McNair concerns the constitutionality of the state of South Carolina helping the Baptist college of Charleston refinance its debt and build new facilities for non-sectarian teaching with funds from a tax-free revenue bond issue.

Both the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and the full convention approved of the \$4 million bond issue by the school in a tax-free category and at a low interest rate.

Under the unique arrangement, the college agreed to deed to the state certain buildings and lands not otherwise encumbered, with two stipulations—that the college be permitted to lease the property for 30 years at no charge, and at the end of the period to repurchase the property for \$1

The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that the plan was constitutional, but the plaintiff in the case appealed the state court's ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court sent the case back to the South Carolina Supreme Court, asking that it be reconsidered to the light of 1971 U.S. Supreme Court opinions which concerned "excessive entanglements" between government and religion.

The second time around in the lower court, the earlier judgment was affirmed and the South Carolina Supreme Court again said that the plan was constitutional.

"There is no conflict between the preservation of religious freedom and the preservation of higher education," the state court declared.

In the second appeal to the high court, Richard W. Hunt, identified only as "a resident and a taxpayer" argued that the South Carolina plan violates a number of recent decisions of the court and that it specifically involves "excessive entanglement" between government and religion.

In defense of its position, the new brief filed by the state of South Carolina maintains that the issue is not one of "excessive entanglement" between government and religion.

Daniel R. McLeod, South Carolina Attorney General, argues that the case should be decided in light of earlier decisions sustaining federal grants to sectarian schools for the purpose of financing non-sectarian buildings.

"There is no . . . involvement and surveillance on the part of the state under the pro-

#### Children's Home Dedicates Cottages

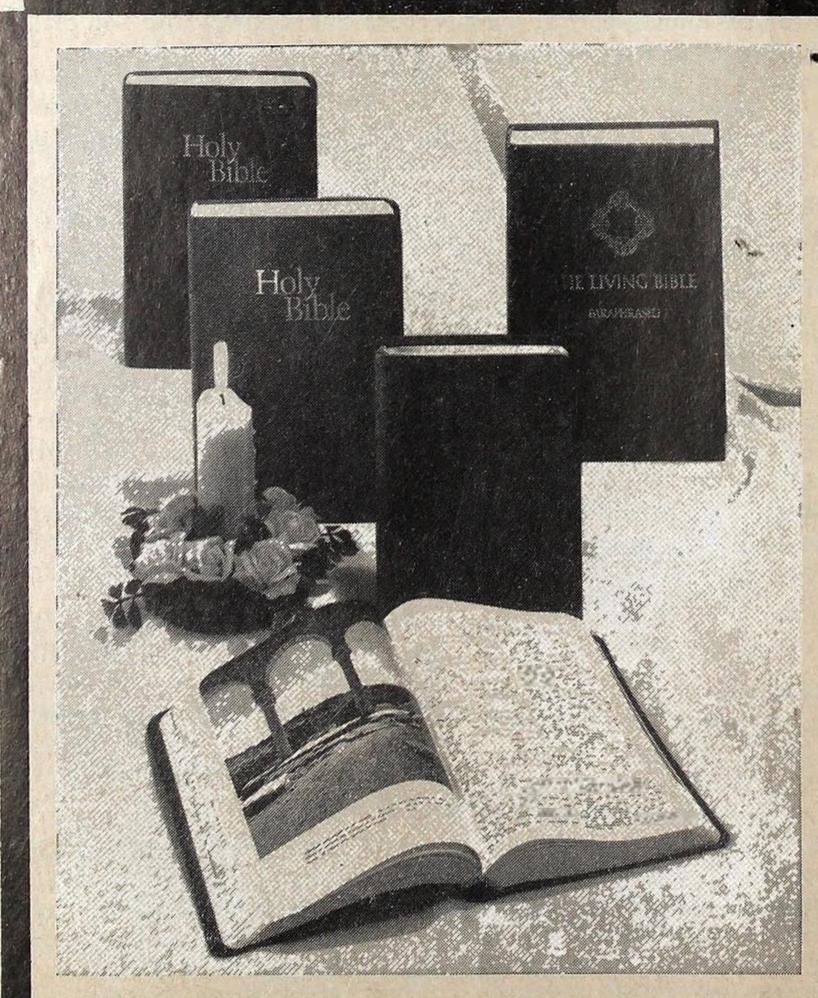
Some 300 persons attended dedication services for six new (Bidwell, Glisson, Hart, Malone, Woodmont and Eighth) cottages at the Baptist Children's Home, Franklin, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 22, according to James M. Gregg, executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. The cottages were built at a cost of approximately \$75,000 each, including furnishings.

Jerry Glisson, pastor of Leawood church, Memphis, was dedicatory speaker. Other program personalities included: Gregg; Earl Swensson, architect; John Phipps, contractor; Mrs. Henry Horrell, Frank C. Ingraham, and Virgil Peters, Children's Homes trustees; Robert E. Nelson, Franklin Home superintendent; and Mrs. Nelson.

Two more cottages are planned for the Franklin Home, according to Gregg, as well as a commissary, an administration building, gymnasium-activities building, and chapel. Future plans also call for the remodeling of Creasman Hall for staff residents.

posed financing plan of the Baptist college," McLeod declared in his brief.

No date has been set for argument before the Supreme Court. (BP)



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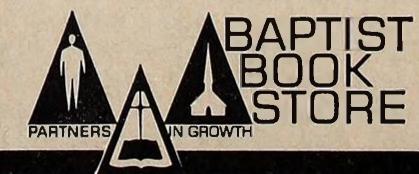
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#### Radio-TV Commission Names Tandy To Head Fund Drive

FORT WORTH—Charles D. Tandy, chairman of the board and chief executive officer for the Tandy Corp., here, has been named national chairman of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's Second Step Enlargement Program to raise \$2 million.

Tandy's appointment and acceptance were announced during the three-day annual meeting of the commission's board of trustees here.

The trustees also honored Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City who is beginning his fifteenth year as speaker on the Baptist Hour radio program, approved the selection of Carl Bates of Charlotte, N.C., as speaker on the Baptist Hour for the summer months of 1973, and adopted the use of corporate structure and titles for staff members.

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#### Children's Homes

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## Enrolment Shows Increase At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Total enrolment for the fall semester at The Southern Baptist Theological seminary is 1197. This figure represents an increase of 73 students over last year's total enrolment.

The School of Theology has the largest enrolment—780, followed by the School of Religious Education with 213, and the School of Church Music with 136. Figures for the Evening School with 68 enroled, include a number of student wives.

Students at the seminary this year come from 39 states and 13 foreign nations, representing six continents.

A total of 80 students listed Tennessee as their home state.

ask so much," said Paul M. Stevens, head of the agency.

Under the new titles approved, Stevens' title will be changed from executive director to president.

Hobbs, who retires at the end of this year as pastor of First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, addressed the trustees at a banquet held in his honor. (BP)

## Baptist Group Directs Resolutions To Russian And Israeli Governments

PETAH TIKVA, Israel—Resolutions in behalf of Russian Jews who wish to emigrate and Arab Christians who had to leave their villages in 1948 have been adopted by the Baptist Convention in Israel—the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries here.

Declaring it a basic human right for people to emigrate from a country without having to buy their way out, the Baptist group called upon the Russian government to allow Jews or any other people to emigrate from Russia to Israel or any other country without having to reimburse the Russian government for their educational expenses.

The resolution adds that emigrants should not have to pay any other tax that would hinder their leaving Russia for another country of their choice.

A second resolution petitioned Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, the cabinet and the Knesset to move with haste in implementing a high court decision granting displaced Arab Christians the right to return to the villages of Ber'em and Ikrit.

According to the resolution, the villagers were asked by the Israeli army to leave their homes temporarily during the Arab-Israeli hostilities in 1948. Despite army assurances that they would soon be allowed to return, the villagers were kept from returning.

On appeal from the villagers, the Israeli high court ruled in separate decisions in 1951 and 1952 that they could return. However, continued the resolution, the army illegally demolished the two villages, except for their churches, several months after the court's ruling. (BP)



#### Atlanta Baptists Approve Admission Of Black Church

ATLANTA—One of Atlanta's largest black congregations, plus a small integrated mission on Atlanta's South Side, were welcomed into the fellowship of the Atlanta Baptist Association here.

Union Baptist church, a 1300-member predominantly black church, and Baptist Chapel, an integrated mission, both were accepted into "watchcare" membership of the previously all-white association.

A year of "watchcare" state is routine for churches seeking membership in the association.

The association also gave unanimous approval to the proposed merger of Atlanta Baptist College and Mercer University. Final approval of the proposed merger must come from the Georgia Baptist Convention when it meets in Savannah, Nov. 13-15. (BP)





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#### Home Mission Board Names Seven National Missionaries

ATLANTA—Five new missionaries were appointed and two missionary associates were promoted to missionary status at the October meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

Appointed jointly by the Home Mission Board and the various state conventions involved were the following new missionaries.

Lionel and Anna Laura Chaddick, to work in youth and family services in Los Angeles; Fermin and Mary Flores for the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute, San Antonio; and Mrs. James Irby, to serve in Richland, Wash.

In addition, the board promoted from missionary associate to full missionary status, Frank and Nancy Thomas, who serve in the neighborhood center, Albuquer-une. N.M.

These seven are part of a national mission force of more than 2200 serving in all 50 states of the nation, plus Puerto Rico and Panama. Two-thirds of the 2200 are jointly employed by the SBC Home Mission Board and one of the 33 state conventions.

'We welcome these additions to the missonary force at work in our homeland," and Warren Wolf, director of the Home Mission Board's Division of Personnel in a statement following their appointment. (BP)

#### 71-Hour 'Bibliothon' Begins Texas Revival

PEARLAND, Tex.—Remembering an Old Testament account of a spiritual revival resulting from reading of the Books of Law, the new pastor of First Baptist church here led his congregation in the reading of the entire Bible in preparation for a week-long crusade.

Harvey Kneisel, pastor of the church near Houston, said the idea wasn't original. The second book of Chronicles tells of finding the first four books of the Bible during King Josiah's reign in the 7th century, B.C. The king had the books read to him, and then to the people, who returned to the worship of God.

On a Thursday morning, members of the First Baptist church here, began to read: "In the beginning God . . ." Each person took 30-minute turns at reading.

The "Bibliothon" continued under a magnolia tree on the church lawn during the day, and moved inside at night. The last few verses of Revelation were read in unison by the people present, finishing at 7:15 on Sunday morning.

It took 71 hours for the reading. Kneisel said he hoped it would cause a renewed interest in the Bible. He added that he felt that Bible reading had been virtually "lost" in the average American home. (BP)

#### Saigon Court Sentences Priest to Five-Year Term

SAIGON—A Saigon military court has sentenced a Roman Catholic priest to five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$75,000 for spreading "Communist propaganda" by publishing articles "detrimental to the national security."

Father Chan Tin, 57, allegedly published articles in a Catholic magazine, "Doi Dien (Confrontation)", portraying life in North Vietnam as "easier" than that in the south.

Last year, according to a Saigon Radio report, the priest organized an anti-war demonstration in Saigon.

The sentence meted out to Chan on Oct. 17 is the maximum under a new press decree issued by President Nguyen Van Thieu in August. (RNS)

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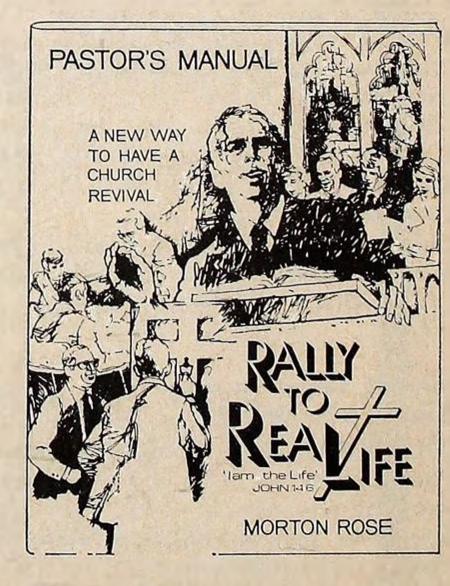
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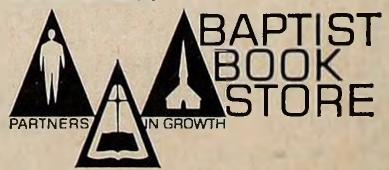
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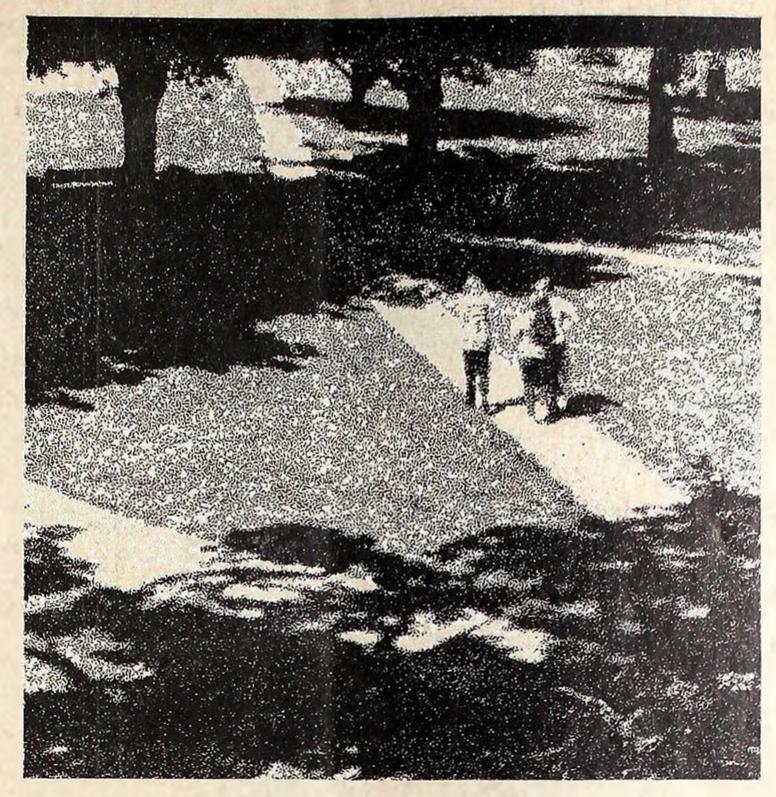
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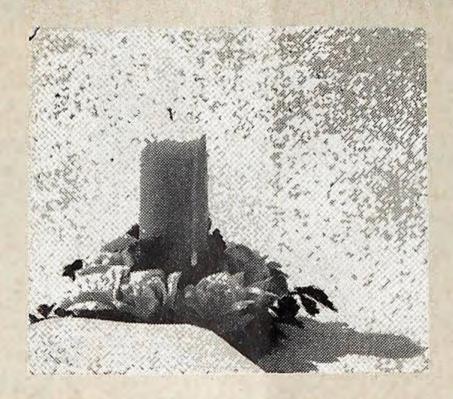
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Bible Nuggets

#### THE WIND CEASED

By T. B. Maston
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And he got into the boat with them and the winds ceased (Mark 6:51, RSV).

The disciples were having difficulty rowing their boat "for the wind was against them." Sometime "between three and six o'clock in the morning he came to them, walking on the water" (v. 48, TEV). They thought he was a ghost and were afraid. He said to them, "It is I. Don't be afraid" (v. 50, TEV). Then he got into the boat and the record says the wind ceased.

What about the winds we have to buck in our lives? If we let him step into the boat, will the winds cease or die down (TEV)? It depends on what we mean when we say "the winds ceased."

When we apply the experience of Jesus and the disciples to our own lives, we have to say that some winds do not cease; we continue in the midst of some storms. But what about the inner disturbance? What about the fear of the storms? Thank the Lord, when he is in the boat with us we can have inner calm in the midst of the storms of life. And let us never forget that he will abide in the boat with us if we will let him in. We need not be afraid of anything that life may bring if we have him in our lives.

There is a grand old song that many of us would list among our favorites. That song contains a statement that is not in harmony with experiences that many of us have had. The words of the song are: "Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there." No, we cannot leave them. Most of the time he does not remove the burdens or eliminate the storms, but thank the Lord, he is in the boat with us and when he is there we need not be afraid of the storms, however severe they may be.

## Adult Training Conference Planned In Memphis

An Adult Training Conference, sponsored by the state Church Training Department, will be held Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20-21, at the Highland Heights church in Memphis for adults from across the state.

The conference will focus on the adult, his personality, his needs, characteristics, and ministry, according to Johnnie Hall, Jr., director of Adult Work, Church Training Department.

Miss Adelle Carlson, John Hendricks, and Joe Hinkle all from the Baptist Sunday School Board; James Whaley and Vernon Cole from the Kentucky Baptist Convention; Robert S. Cook, Florida Baptist Convention; J. Clarke Hensley, Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be the featured speakers on the program. Theme for the two-day conference will be "To make a difference . . . Train, It's the Christlike thing to do."

## President Urges More Efforts To Help Handicapped Persons

WASHINGTON — President Richard Nixon has proclaimed the first week in October as national "Employ the Handicapped Week, 1972."

In a White House proclamation honoring the 25th anniversary of the observance, President Nixon praised the contribution handicapped persons have made to the progress of the nation and to local communities.

But more must be done, the President said, urging national leaders in all walks of life to continue their efforts to eliminate prejudice against the millions of handicapped persons in our society.

"We have not yet erased all the prejudice against the handicapped. We have not yet convinced every employer of their worth. We have not yet eliminated all the barriers that hamper their mobility. We have a continuing responsibility to help them towards these ends," President Nixon declared.

Since the establishment in 1947 of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped an estimated eight million handicapped men and women have entered the world of work, "the result of neighbor talking to neighbor," Nixon pointed out.

Although much has been done, there is more that must be done," the President said.

Estimates of Americans who are handicapped range from a low of 28 million persons to a high of over 50 million, according to a recent Senate committee report. These figures include at least 22 million individuals who are physically handicapped, and six million who are mentally retarded. (BP)

#### 'Baptist Times' Advocates Crackdown On Pornography

New legislation designed to crack down on pornography in Britain has been advocated by the "Baptist Times," weekly newspaper published in London.

The Baptist paper took its stand in the wake of a report issued by a private committee organized by Lord Longford, Roman Catholic layman and member of the House of Lords.

Examining the traditional arguments against a law restricting pornography, the "Baptist Times" asserted: "It is no excuse to say that these (materials) cater for a minority who are interested. Nobody in the business wants to restrict sales—the more who can be persuaded, the better it is for the profit."

The newspaper pointed out that in those sections of the Longford report that dealt with testimony on both sides of the question, "even those concerned with the pornography trade agreed that young children should be protected from it."

This, the "Baptist Times" said, was "an admission, surely, that it can have harmful effects." (EBPS)

New Books

Discoveries for Peaceful Living by David A. Ray, Fleming H. Revell Company, 159 pp., \$4.95.

The Christian and Social Action by Charles Y. Furness, Fleming H. Revell Company, 254 pp., \$8.95.

It Is Required of Stewards by John M. McBain, Broadman Press, 128 pp.

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#### Ralph Norton Elected

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nooga. They have three children: Ralph Jr., a doctor in Houston, Tex.; David, a law student at Memphis State university, and Linda, a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Norton attended elementary and high school in Ohio and Chattanooga, and is a graduate of Carson-Newman college with the bachelor of arts degree. He has the Master of Theology and the Doctor of Theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Ordained by the Central Baptist church, Chattanooga, Norton served from 1940-1942 as minister of education and youth for Central Baptist church, Chattanooga; pastor of Union Baptist church, Cynthiana, Ky., from 1942-1948, and has been at Red Bank to the present. He taught high school math in Chattanooga from 1938-1940, and was a teaching fellow in Old Testament in Seminary for three years.

Positions of denominational service include: president, Tennessee Baptist Convention. 1956; chairman, State Executive Board; member Booze-Allen-Hamilton survey committee; chairman of Program Committee of Tennessee Convention; Trustee of South-

## Henderson To Dedicate Home For Missionaries

Dedication services for the missionary home of First church, Henderson, were held Sunday, Oct. 29, according to the church's new pastor, Richard Wakefield.

Featured speaker for the 3:00 p.m. services was Don McCoy, pastor of First church, Dickson, and former missionary to Tanzania. The church is in the Madison-Chester Association.

The four-bedroom two story brick home, located adjacent to the church property, was purchased recently for use by foreign missionaries furloughing in the States. The pastor said that the house was furnished completely and that most of the needs of the missionaries would be met by church members. Cordell and Monty Akin, missionaries to Tanzania, are occupying the home at the present time.

eastern seminary, 1960-1970; trustee of Carson-Newman college.

Additionally he is on the Committee on Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention 1972-1973; moderator of the Hamilton County Baptist association, and chairman of that association's finance committee. He has served on many other association committees, and is president of the General Pastors' Conference of Chattanooga.

#### Fore Services Held; Was Long-Time Pastor

William Melvin Fore, 85, a former Tennessee pastor and Baptist leader for more than 50 years, died in Nashville recently after a brief illness.

Services were held Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Woodlawn Funeral Home in Nashville, with Robert Norman and John D. Freeman, officiating.

Fore had been a member of the Belmont Heights church in Nashville since 1967. In the 1920's he served as pastor of the White-ville Baptist church, Hardeman County Association, and the Newbern Baptist church, Dyer Association. He had been a pastor in northern Mississippi and southern Alabama also before his retirement in 1957. He was honored for 50 years in the ministry in 1962 by the Ann Street church in Mobile.

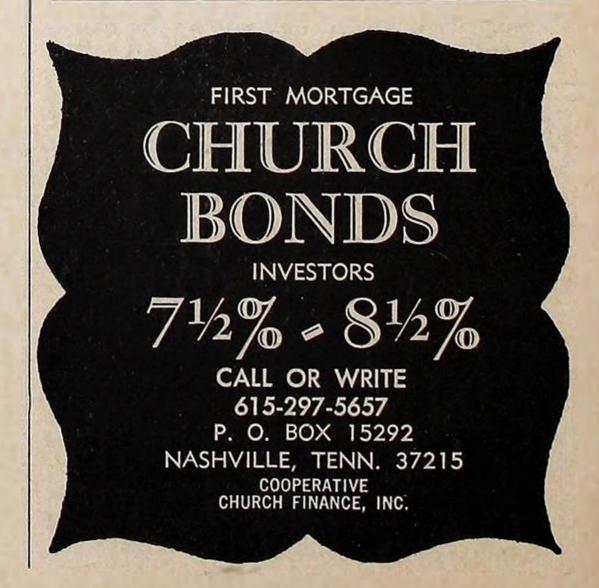
He was a graduate of Union university, New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by a son, William M. Fore Jr., Nashville; a grandson, William M. Fore III; and a sister, Mrs. T. W. Duck, Cleveland, Okla.

## Agee Is Renamed By Wilson Baptists

The 52nd annual session of the Wilson County Baptist Association was held Thursday, Oct. 19, and Friday, Oct. 20, at the Fall Creek and Hillcrest churches.

Robert D. Agee, associate pastor of the Immanuel church, was re-elected moderator. Re-elected to the post of vice-moderator was James Shutt, pastor of the Hillcrest church. Hoyte Huddleston, minister of visitation of First church, Lebanon, was elected treasurer; and James Hutchings, pastor of the Prosperity church, was re-elected clerk.

Carl Scarlett, pastor of the Southside church; Ray Greene, pastor of the Trinity church, and Carlos Owens, missionary to Tanzania, Africa, were the featured speakers for the sessions. Douglas Cather serves the association as superintendent of missions.



## Can mankind find the Way?

## "Yes" says REX HUMBARD

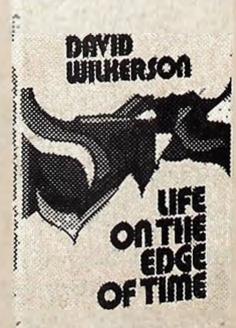
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## Two Sentenced For Murder Of Alabama Bible Salesman

pouths were sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment each here after pleading guilty to the murder of the son of Southern Baptist missionaries who was selling Bibles in Alabama to raise funds for a seminary education.

Jimmy Lorenzo Hicks and Ramon Silmon, both of Camp Hill, Ala., had been charged with the murder and robbing of Tom C. Hollingsworth II, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Hollingsworth, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina for 22 years.

Hollingsworth, 24-year-old student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, was found dead by hunters north of Camp Hill, Ala., in a wooded area so dense that search planes flying overhead could not spot his car only 200 feet away. He had been missing since June 27.

Police sources said his head had been bashed in by a blunt instrument, and the Bibles he had been selling in the area were scattered around in the woods.

Sheriff James T. Farrow said that the two youths who pled guilty to the murder had promised Hollingsworth they would purchase Bibles from him if he would drive them to their homes so they could pick up money to make the payments.

Instead, they forced him to stop the car in the woods, robbed him of \$9.07, and killed him, the sheriff charged.

Hollingsworth, a foreign missions volunteer, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth. At the time, the parents were in Bellaire, Tex., on medical furlough from their assignment in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Born in Fort Worth, Hollingsworth grew up in Gatesville, Tex., and was a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Hicks and Silmon, both 17, were first charged with first degree murder, but the charges were reduced to second degree murder when they said they would plead guilty. (BP)

#### American Baptists In West Elect Woman As President

FRESNO, Calif.—Mrs. Suzanne Rinck Armstrong, who has held several posts as an American Baptist executive and educator, has been elected president of the American Baptist Churches of the West.

She succeeds to the position from her current post as area vice-president and member of the 240-church group's board of directors.

For 33 years, Mrs. Armstrong was academic dean and chairman of the Bible Department of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. In 1962, she became an associate in field services for Colgate Rochester Divinity School when that Rochester, N.Y., seminary merged with BMTS. (RNS)



Samuel Dean, seated, pastor, First Baptist church, Jonesboro, was elected moderator of Holston Baptist Association in the 186th Annual Session October 17-18. Other officers elected were, left to right: Mrs. Tenna Eades, clerk and assistant treasurer; Stanley Johnson, minister of music and education, Colonial Heights Baptist church, assistant moderator; Luther Reed, pastor, Beulah, treasurer; and Mrs. Barbara Weber, assistant clerk.

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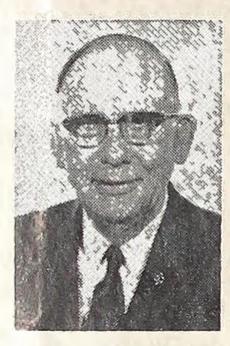
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## An Encounter With God

By W. R. White
Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Basic Passage: Genesis 27:41 to 28:22 Focal Passages: Genesis 28:10-17, 20-22

A reality is not actually ours until we experience it. Many splendid concepts may lascinate us but unless we test them out in the crucible of experience, they are not fully our own.



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We may receive many splendid ideas and truths from our parents, loved ones, friends and our culture but we need to test them, live them to know their wealth and meaning. Our life grows and becomes richer as we have personal association with God in Christ. It is possible to know God in a meaningful and satisfying

We experience material reality with our natural senses. They are not perfect in every respect at all times but they are overwhelmingly reliable in the main and for practical equirements.

We have spiritual sensibilities, faith and love and other capacities convey to us spiritual realities, even the reality of God. By studying God's word, meditation, worship, prayer, fellowship and service will strengthen our consciousness of Christ Jesus.

Often it takes great crises to deepen and neighten the awareness of God.

## Strange Setting For Encounter Gen. 28: 10-11

Jacob was traveling toward Haran, the home of his uncle and the country on the way must have been very rough at some places. Jacob slept with his head upon a pillow made of stone. This could not have been a very attractive area or one conducive to spiritual visions. But God is not limited to sanctuaries, shrines or comfortable locations. In any case you would not expect a great spiritual experience in such a place.

#### An Amazing Experience Gen. 28:12-15

Jacob saw in his dream a ladder reaching from earth to heaven. Angels ascended and descended on it. It connected earth with



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The Lord promised that his seed would become as the sands of the sea. He further assured him that through his seed would all nations be blessed. Jehovah promised that He would follow Jacob wherever he went, preserve him and return him to the land.

### Jacob Realizes The Import Of His Dream Gen. 28:16-17

He became aware of the presence of God in the place. It profoundly moved him. In fact it became an awesome experience and revelation, giving the place a marked significance.

It became to him the very sanctuary and the gate of heaven. A few rocks and a barren land can become holy and sacred when the presence of God is disclosed there.

#### A Solemn Dedication Gen. 28:20-22

In view of God's promise to be with him, to preserve and to prosper him and on the assurance that God would bring him back to his father, Jacob made a very solemn vow.

He pledged to make the Lord his God. In other words, he would be the devotee of Jehovah under all circumstances. In fact he would pay a tithe of all that he made. He would manifest full allegiance to the God of his fathers.

All real favorable encounters with God produce wholesome results. Otherwise professed encounters are spurious hallucinations unless in the form of a warning or judgment.

It produced a most favorable reaction in

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#### Greatness In Giving

By Jonas L. Stewart Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Jacob. He did not show the highest response at all times but very obviously he could never quite get away from that tremendous experience.

The Lord kept His promise in spite of the waywardness of Jacob at times. He did preserve and prosper him and his seed and He did bring them back to the land promised to his forefathers.

Jehovah had to engage Jacob in some severely corrective encounters before He could execute His promises in full.

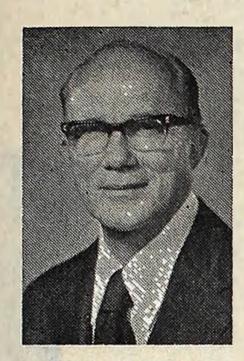




## From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

It has always been difficult to understand why mankind is so slow to recognize and admit the price that sin costs. Almost every



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day we have new proofs and evidences which cannot be denied which demonstrate the terrible price that America is paying for the lowering of moral standards. So many compromises have been made and so many have tried to call black white and evil good. Moral laws and ethical standards have been explained away and low-

ered to lower and lower levels.

Today there is a sad and rat

Today there is a sad and rather startling column in one of our daily papers. It is Sylvia Porter's column "Your Money's Worth". The whole column is given to the discussion of the cost of alcoholism in industry. It is now costing \$15,000,000,000 a year. Lost work time is costing \$10,000,000,000 and welfare payments and damage to the alcoholic's health and property is costing \$5,000,000,000.

About 9,000,000 Americans or one in every 15 over the age of 18 are alcoholics. It is estimated that on-the-job alcoholics number 4,500,000 and costs industry \$8,000,000,000 per year, double the cost just four years ago. Translated into a daily cost it is costing industry \$32,000,000 per working day. Absenteeism is from two and one-half to three times as great for the alcoholic worker as for the non-alcoholic. They also average three times as much sick pay as others, and their accident rates are much higher.

As if this were not enough, there are 28,000 fatal accidents on the highways involving drinking drivers with billions of dollars in property loss as well as the incalculable human loss. It is also estimated that 40 per cent of the home accidents are caused by drunkenness. These facts were based on a report of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to congress.

This is a terrible picture and a startling one. This is a great increase every year. This is all happening in a nation that has been told of the glories of alcohol. It has been told through the crusades of the liquor industry that all prohibition has failed and that all laws against it ought to be repealed.

Our last few state legislatures have been exposed to powerful lobbying to get more legislation passed favorable to the extension of the sale of alcohol. The county unit of the local option law was repealed so the rural areas of counties were disfranchised and denied the vote on selling liquor in the county seat towns. Liquor by the drink was

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## Late Hour TV Shows Early Childhood Habit

"It's 10 o'clock. Do you know where your children are tonight?" probes the familiar public service spot on tv.

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Results of a Fall 1970 survey of young children's viewing habits challenge to producers' assurances that their most violent shows are restricted to late evening viewing hours and therefore are not seen by many young children. Michigan State University communications researchers Thomas F. Baldwin and Colby Lewis found that late-viewing is an early childhood habit.

Their survey showed that 490,000 tod-dlers were watching Mannix and another 453,000 were watching Hawaii Five-O, both appearing at 10 p.m. A little earlier, more than one million 2-5-year-olds viewed "Adam-12," "The FBI," "Gunsmoke," "High Chaparral," "Men from Shiloh," "Mod Squad" and "Mission Impossible"—none of them bedtime fare.

"Most producers of action-adventure series did not believe children or young people viewed their programs in significant numbers," Lewis and Baldwin wrote in their report prepared for the U. S. Surgeon General's study of TV violence. "However, these men reach audiences of such size that hundreds of thousands of viewers may not be significant in their terms."

brought into our cities. It was made legal to possess larger amounts of liquor in dry counties.

Liquor is gradually coming into more cities as the people are being deceived by the golden promises of what it will do to reduce taxes, bring legal control, reduce drinking, and that it will reduce crime. It has done the opposite. Taxes have increased to take care of the terrible costs and will continue to do so.

How much longer will mankind be deceived to believe that sin does not exact a terrible cost? How much longer will America go on increasing this great problem which is taking such a toll in human lives and sending so many souls into eternity without hope? Read these facts and let history speak to you. Do you really believe them? What shall we do about it?

## Historically: From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

J. D. Moore, editor, termed liquor an "international problem" and said that the cause of temperance would not be completed until whiskey was "banned by all the peoples of the earth." The fight for prohibition "has not been finished," he said.

During the three-year period prior to the \$75 Million Campaign, (1916-1919), Tennessee Baptists gave \$2,-130,846.49 in total local contributions and \$2.694,505.85 total gifts to all causes. During the first three years of the campaign, Baptists in our state gave \$3,524,963.93 to local contributions and a total gift to all causes of \$5,919,033.96. This reflected a total increase of \$3,224,528.11.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Nashville's House of Hope had been in operation nine months and had admitted 3059 adults. Thirty-eight of the city's churches had supplied 400 volunteer workers, and there had been 104 professions of faith at the mission.

Young people at the Poplar Avenue church in Memphis held a special work day in order to remodel and renovate their newly-purchased youth building. As a result of the spirit and activity, a new class for girls was formed, and 16 young people dedicated themselves to full-time Christian service.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Chewalla church, McNairy Association, W. G. Alexander, pastor, dedicated its new church building. On the same day, the church ordained Floyd Price Jr. The building consisted of a 250-seat auditorium, nine classrooms, and a study and nursery.

Carroll C. Owen was called as pastor of First church, Paris, to succeed O. E. Turner who had retired.

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## John Wilkes To Direct European Baptist Press Service

John M. Wilkes, general secretary of the department of communications of the French Baptist Federation, has been named director of the European Baptist Press Service. He succeeds Ione Gray, of Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A., who has filled the position on an interim basis since June, 1971.

The announcement of Wilkes' appointment to the position was made Ocober 18 by C. Ronald Goulding, secretary-treasurer of the European Baptist Federation.

At the meeting of the Federation Council in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, in late August Goulding announced that negotiations were under way for a director of the Press Service. And at that time the Federation, hough the Rev. Andrew D. MacRae, then sident, acknowledged the service of Miss ay and expressed to her its appreciation "dedicated and outstanding work."

At the end of December she will return to her position as international editor and witer for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Wilkes, a Southern Baptist missionary to France since 1965, will assume responsibility for directing the Press Service on

USSR Waives 'Exit' Fees For 139 Jewish Families

MOSCOW—One hundred and thirty-nine Soviet Jewish families have been granted the right to emigrate to Israel without payment of an exit "education" fee, according to unofficial sources here.

The sources said they did not know whether this constituted a USSR move to appease outraged world opinion, or a step toward quiet abandonment of the measure introduced on Aug. 3.

The first major break in the Soviet stand on the exit fees came Oct. 18 when 19 Moscow families were informed they could emigrate without paying the fee, provided they left within 10 days. On Oct. 20, 60 more families were granted the same privilege and the following day another 60 Jewish families were told they could also leave without paying the fee. (RNS)

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Wilkes has held several positions among the Baptists of France, including the pastorate of two churches, one English-speaking. In addition, he was interim director of the Baptist Recording Studio, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, 1968-69. (EBPS)

## New York Convention Opposes Tax Credit Aid To Schools

ALBANY, N.Y.—The Baptist Convention of New York, meeting here for its third annual session, adopted a resolution urging concerned Baptists and all others who value religious freedom to

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who value religious freedom to express opposition to tax credit proposals to aid parochial schools.

Another resolution adopted by the convention called upon leaders in state and national government to exert moral influence to strengthen the moral fibre of the nation.

In other actions, the convention set a state-wide Cooperative Program goal of \$160,000 for 1973, allocating about 18 per cent (\$25,000) to Southern Baptist mission causes, and adopted a grand total \$589,000 budget for the year. Most of the budget support will come from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Paul S. James, executive secretary of the convention, reported that during the past year, the New York convention had experienced a 10 per cent increase in baptisms (conversions), a 12 per cent increase in church membership, and a 15 per cent increase in Conversion.

increase in Cooperative Program missions giving.

The convention voted to set a goal of achieving a 20 per cent increase in Sunday School enrolment to a total of 20,000 enroled by 1975, the twentieth anniversary of Southern Baptist work in New York.

The convention also voted to make establishment of church-type chapels a priority, calling on church and association leaders to increase the number of church-type chapels as a base for continuing ministries. Messengers also urged churches to accept a goal of a minimum 10 per cent budget allocation to missions through the Cooperative Program and to increase that allocation by one per cent annually.

H. C. (Bud) Schumacher, an IBM executive from New York City, was re-elected president of the convention. (BP)

#### BWA Executive Committee Picks Swiss Site For 1973 Meetings

WASHINGTON—The Baptist World Alliance has chosen Einsiedeln, Switzerland, a small town rich in religious history, as the meeting place for its 1973 sessions.

About 200 persons from 35 countries are expected to attend the sessions slated July 13-17, 1973, at Einsiedeln, population 8500.

Einsiedeln is famed for its Benedictine abbey which houses a fountain and image of Mary, the object of annual pilgrimages. Ulrich Zwingli was pastor there from 1516-18, before he broke with the Catholic church and led the reformation about 1523. (BP)

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