

Belmont To Conduct Middle Tennessee Drive

BY DAVID KEEL

The education committee of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has voted unanimously to allow Belmont college, Nashville, to promote a drive among the convention's churches within the Middle Tennessee area, for funds to rebuild historic Blanton Hall which was destroyed by fire on Dec. 30, according to Herbert C. Gabhart, Belmont president. The date set for the special effort is Feb. 18, or, in the words of Gabhart, "Any Sunday acceptable to the local churches." In this emergency, the convention's 15-member Administrative Committee, O. M. Dangeau, chairman, acting ad interim for the executive board approved the committee's action. Wade Darby, pastor, First church, Jefferson City, serves as chairman of the education committee.

Others serving on the education committee are: Alfred T. Royer, Shelbyville, vice chairman; Jerry Glisson, Memphis; Bill Delaney, Columbia; Ray Fowler, Chattanooga; Herbert Higdon, Dyer; Archie King, Murfreesboro; Jack May, Memphis; James McCluskey, Knoxville; Lee Morris, Oak Ridge; Carroll Owen, Paris; Robert A. Sanders, Knoxville; and Clarence Stewart, Pulaski; ex officio.

Gabhart has appointed an advisory committee to serve in the promotion of the special drive in Middle Tennessee. This committee consists of: H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First church, Nashville, chairman; Tom Madden, pastor, First church, Tullahoma; Bob Mowery, pastor,

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SBC Missionaries Begin Work In Windward Islands Mission

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados—With the arrival of a Southern Baptist Convention couple to begin a ministry here, missionaries of the SBC Foreign Mission Board are now represented in every English-speaking country of the Caribbean area.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Womack, missionary associates of the board, arrived here in December as the first missionaries of the newly formed Windward Islands Mission.

They will be responsible for a Baptist outreach not only in Barbados but on four more islands in the mission, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada and Dominica. They will begin their work through an existing evangelical church near here.

The five islands have a combined population of about 700,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Womack were employed as missionary associates of the board in April 1971, but until recently they had been unable to get residence permits for Barbados. They served in Antigua for most of 1972, before relocating in Barbados.

Womack was previously pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bermuda for more than seven years. Both he and his wife are natives of Fredericktown, Mo.

Charles W. Bryan, SBC Foreign Mission Board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said there are 3035 students enrolled in a Baptist-sponsored Bible correspondence course in the eastern Caribbean area, and they will be contacted regarding the beginning of work in the new mission. (BP)

Annuity Board Raises Benefits 6 Per Cent

DALLAS—The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here has permanently increased 8378 annuitant benefit payments by six per cent, Board President Darold H. Morgan reported.

This increase became effective with January 1973 payments.

It means a combined net increase annually of nearly \$400,000 Morgan said.

Before the six per cent hike, annual payments to these annuitants was \$6,360,978. Afterward, it rose to \$6,742,645.

Expressed in individual terms, it means an annuitant whose monthly benefit was \$100 before the hike will now receive \$106, Morgan said.

The six per cent increase became possible "because of a new accepted accounting procedure for recording the valuation of the assets of the board," according to Morgan.

"This action reflects once again the concern of all the Annuity Board that we provide our annuitants now with every possible dollar in benefits, being aware of the continuing pressure of inflation," the board president said.

He told annuitants the increase will not affect payment of a "13th check" near year's end. The "13th check" will be paid next December if income from investments of retirement funds is sufficient.

There is some overlapping of individuals in the 8378 accounts being increased, since some annuitants draw income from two or more plans included in the hike.

The increase applied generally to basic pension income. It does not include education benefits, special supplemental benefits, and relief grants, Morgan said. (BP)

Arizona College President Moves to Dallas College

DALLAS—Arthur Tyson, president of Grand Canyon college, a Southern Baptist school in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past six years, has been named director of development at Dallas Baptist college.

Tyson, a native of Calvert, Tex., was president of Mary Hardin-Baylor college, Belton, Tex., 1954-66, and is a former history professor at East Texas Baptist college, Marshall, Tex.

His work at Dallas Baptist, according to the college's president, Charles Pitts, will include fund raising, development and public relations work with many groups and individuals, including pastors, Baptist laymen, businessmen, foundations, civic groups and alumni. (BP)

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham"—Gal. 3:7.

Jews thought that they were in God's kingdom by their genetic relationship to Abraham (see Matt. 3:9). And circumcision was the sign of that relationship. Hence the Judaizers' insistence that Gentiles must be circumcised before believing in Jesus as Savior. But Paul shows that even Abraham was saved by grace through faith (Gal. 3:6). He believed God, and it was put down to his account as being in the state of being justified before God.

Paul shows that Abraham's faith was related to God's promise to give him a son in his old age (Gal. 3:8). He develops this idea more fully in Romans 4, showing that this event took place prior to the giving of the rite of circumcision. Thus it was by faith and not by circumcision that Abraham was saved. To a Jew this would be the most vital evidence that circumcision is not required for salvation.

Now in verse 7 Paul says, "You know therefore." "Know" translates the verb to know by experience, that experience being his citation of Abraham's faith. So the true sons of Abraham are those who "out of

faith" have received the blessings promised to Abraham and his descendants.

The Judaizers were insisting that for Gentiles to participate in these, they must be circumcised and live under Moses' law. Paul insisted that this was unnecessary. Of course, the blessings were interpreted in terms of salvation.

Faith, not works, then, is the characteristic that determines who is a child of Abraham. MacGorman (**Broadman Commentary**, Vol. II, p. 98) says "a circumcised Jew without faith is not a son of Abraham; an uncircumcised Gentile with faith is. Indeed, faith as trusting response to God's call has ever been the way in which men have been put right with God."

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The "Wall Street Journal" reports an estimated 40,000 clergymen are preaching one million dollars worth of "canned" sermons purchased from sermon-selling firms.

This possibly explains the surprise of a pulpit committee some months ago, visiting two different churches on consecutive Sundays and hearing both preachers deliver the same sermon. There was a red-faced preacher somewhere in the homiletical woodpile.

Of course, there are pulpit plagiarists who take the criticism of such questionable practice in stride. As one said: "When better books of sermons are published, better sermons will be preached."

Still, it's difficult to accept the idea of instant coffee, instant potatoes, and instant sermons. Preachers should realize that sermons—like coffee—are better after they have "perked" a while.

Besides, in the interest of economy, churches might decide to eliminate the preacher's salary, mail printed copies of the sermon service to every home, and replace his pastoral counseling with a subscription to Dear Abby.

Devotional

Delegation Stops

By Archie D. King
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Murfreesboro

Tennessee is indeed fortunate to have many wonderful leaders in churches, associations, and denominational work. One of



King

the first things a good leader has to learn to do is delegate responsibility. However, pressures come to leaders and they are tempted to try to delegate some God given assignments that it is impossible to delegate to someone else. Churches feel pressures and they, too, try to employ leaders to carry out assignments the Lord has

given to individual Christians in that congregation.

This idea of delegating responsibility is sometimes called "passing the buck", if our only interest is to be relieved of the responsibility we received. This always weakens the progress of Kingdom Service. In order for us to have lives pleasing to the Lord, and lives that will be used in winning the lost; we must not try to delegate responsibility in at least three areas:

First, we can never be "effective" Christians without Personal Worship. Crowded schedules keep these moments hard to find, but they are necessary to be a Christian with Commitment and Vision. The Psalmist said, "O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. . . ."

Secondly, Christians must have time for Bible Study even as Timothy was instructed "to study to show himself approved unto God. . . ." These times too are hard to find, but we cannot delegate personal study.

Thirdly, Jesus said, "Ye are my Witnesses". Christians should be ready to help others to be good witnesses, but witnessing is far more than instructing others.

These are wonderful days to serve our Lord, and all Christian leaders in any phase of the work must learn to delegate responsibility. However, we must remember that some Commands from our Lord stop with the individual Christian. In these areas—Delegation Stops.

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SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Up In First Quarter

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention ended the first quarter of its new fiscal year here with a 4.91 per cent increase in contributions through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget.

For the first three months of the fiscal year, gifts through the Cooperative Program totaled \$8,005,404, an increase of \$374,382 or 4.91 percent over contributions for the same three-month period in 1971-72.

Southern Baptist leaders are greatly encouraged, since it will take an average increase of 4.7 percent to meet the 1972-73 total budget needs of \$32.6 million, said John H. Williams, director of financial planning for the SBC Executive Committee.

Williams reported that Cooperative Program gifts during the month of December increased by 14.21 percent over contributions for December of 1971, with \$2.9 million given to missions through the Cooperative Program during the month.

The \$369,336 increase for the month (14.21 percent) offset an 8.32 percent decrease in Cooperative Program giving for the month of November. Williams said that several states sent in two checks during December rather than November.

In addition to the \$8 million given through the Cooperative Program unified budget, Southern Baptists during the first quarter of the fiscal year gave \$903,699 to designated, specific world mission causes. It

was an increase of \$148,972 or 19.74 percent.

The combined world mission gifts, including both Cooperative Program budget contributions and designated gifts to specific causes, totaled \$8.9 million, an increase of \$523,354 or 6.24 percent for the three-month period.

Amounts included in the report, prepared by the SBC Executive Committee, reflect only contributions to world and nation-wide Southern Baptist missions causes and do not include gifts to support local and state mission efforts by Southern Baptists. (BP)

New Books

Scripture-Based Crossword Puzzles by Gretchen Whitlow, Baker, 49 pp., paper, \$1.50.

Know Your Hymns Quiz Book by Frederick Hall, Baker, 140 pp., paper, \$1.50.

Quiz Book on the Bible by Arthur W. Kelly, Baker, 142 pp., paper, \$1.50.

For Instance by Donald T. Kauffman, Baker, 263 pp., paper, \$2.95.

The Public Speaker's Handbook of Humor by Helen and Larry Eisenberg, Baker, 319 pp., \$2.95.

Old Wine in New Bottles by John F. Havlick, Broadman, 93 pp., paper.

Episcopal Church Gift Cause Controversy Between Indian

ETHETE, Wyoming—A donation of money and buildings to an Indian reservation for by the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming has stirred a smoldering controversy between two tribes living on the reservation.

In October, the diocese donated 50 acres of land, including a gymnasium and office building, to the Wind River Indian Reservation here to be used for an Indian high school. The land had originally been donated to the Church several years ago in the will of Michael Whitehawk, an Indian, "as long as the Church continues to educate Indian children."

In donating the land, the Episcopal diocese legally turned it over to the Wind River Education Association, which is composed of representatives of both the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes, which share the reservation.

Despite this dual representation, however, Elizabeth Holmgren, interagency coordinator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Education Programs in Washington, D.C., says that the Association "predominantly represents the Arapahoes." The donation thus stirred controversy over whether both tribes would have equal use of the land and buildings.

According to Ms. Holmgren, the Arapahoes and Shoshones are "arch enemies from I guess centuries back; certainly since the time since the federal government made the perhaps error of deciding to implant two separate, ancient feuding tribes on one reservation." (RNS)

Texas Foundation Executive To Return to Law Practice

DALLAS—George L. Shearin, associate secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas, has resigned to return to private law practice here, following 11 years with the foundation.

As associate secretary, Shearin helped establish numerous trusts and funds administered by the foundation for the benefit of Baptist institutions and agencies.

Shearin left his Waco law practice in 1955 to join the Texas Baptist Executive Board as endowment secretary and later as the first director of the Texas Baptist Stewardship Division. In those positions, Shearin worked closely with the foundation before being named associate secretary in 1961.

As stewardship chairman at First Baptist church, Dallas, Shearin recently directed the church's 1973 budget campaign for \$3,027,043, which was oversubscribed. He has also spoken at Baptist conferences in several states.

Shearin is a member of several national committees majoring in tax-encouraged giving and estate planning. Recently he has devoted considerable time to a study of proposed legislation affecting philanthropy. (BP)



Westerly Heights church, Johnson City, held a note-burning ceremony for their \$20,250 pastorium recently. Participants in the ceremony were, left to right: Steve Waycaster, Mac Ruston, both trustees; M. J. Ross, pastor; Cecil Baskette, chairman of trustees; and Buck Legg, trustee.

EDITORIALS

Two Faces Of The Saints

"Consistency, thou art a jewel." This old and wise phrase has application even now upon our effectiveness as Christian witnesses. Personal experience and observation has led us to a knowledge of human nature which at times we wish, frankly, we did not possess. Occasion for this editorial perhaps stems from a sermon heard recently which placed some emphasis upon the "i-Thou" encounter with God from which flows strength to be what God expects of us in EVERY AREA OF LIFE.

Christians everywhere—in all walks of life—should be aware that consistency in Christian character, nature and conduct is a major factor in the long-range impact of our witness. The deacon, the Sunday School teacher, the pastor, or the church custodian, and every member is involved in the matter of saints having two faces.

It is one thing to attend church, smile, greet fellow Christians with what we could hope is genuine piety and concern and Christian love. It is quite another matter when the same individuals leave the fellowship of believers, go their separate ways, and in going these separate ways become someone different. As James reminds us, faith without works is comparable to the man who looks into a mirror, turns away from the mirror and quickly—(or immediately) forgets who he was. (past tense) For in James' view, and correctly so, since he wrote under inspiration of God, without works (deeds) to back up our faith, we are not the same person—we forget who we were because our nature is different.

Tennessee Ernie Ford had a hit recording some years ago which featured the idea of owing one's soul to the company store. He probably knew from knowledge, as we have observed: (—To put a current problem into focus from a reference point in time—). In other years, some of our "sainted" church leaders prayed powerfully in church. On the plantation which they owned, the company store did indeed serve as their vehicle of bondage, though not seen as such. It was not conducive to good Christian relationships then—and it is not now—to see both sides of the face of the saints.

The Christian who assumes an air of divine superiority and piousness in a crowd—at church, or at other religious gatherings, and then goes to his place of business and cuts as many "corners" as can be done legally—if not ethically, is still in the best tradition of "company store management". Although, this was not a universal rule by any means, and is not so to be construed.

Again, the same holds true with the Christian who can deal in all patience and love with problems of Sunday School class members, or church members, and then go home and display an abysmal ignorance of the personal and spiritual needs of the immediate family circle. Many of us are guilty at this point. The patience which we exhibit in some relationships would in other cases appear to reverse itself into impatience and dogmatism in personal life which we ourselves would not condone or be a party to in our own religious life.

To summarize: This editorial is, in effect, a plea for Christians to be consistent so that in every area of life the

price paid as an atonement for our sins is not wasted or distorted. There is far too much at stake—a lost world, to be precise—for us to risk as saints of God having two faces, which by comparison are inconsistent.

For the Christian especially, patience, love, understanding are as necessary at work and in the home as within the circle of public church life. There can be no other way, really, if we are what we say we are!

Attend, Support Evangelism Conference

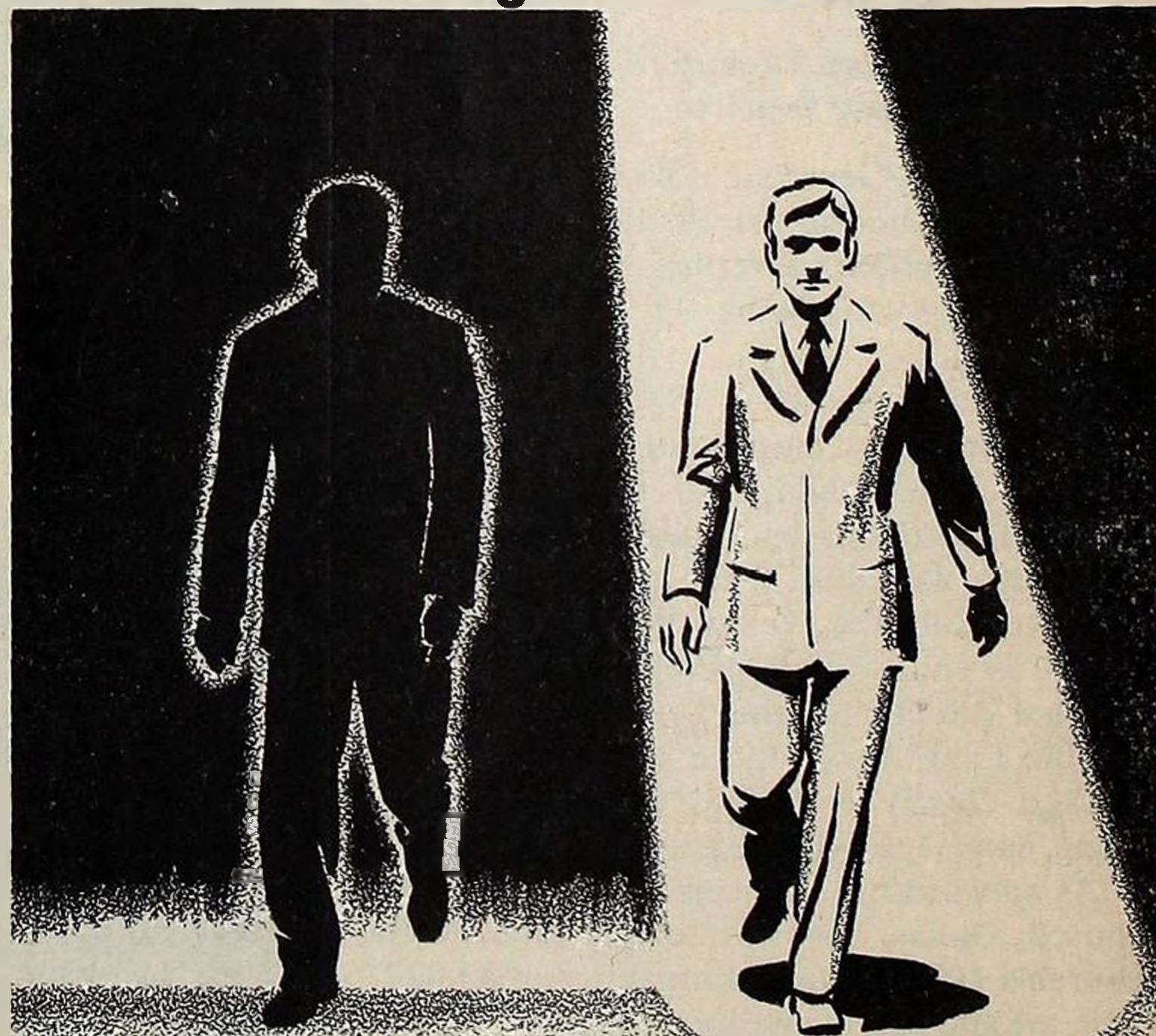
The annual Tennessee Baptist Convention Evangelistic Conference is scheduled at Belmont Heights Baptist church, Nashville, January 22-23.

Evangelism Secretary F. M. Dowell has prepared an excellent program, with a good choice of inspirational speakers. The conference, which attracts some 2500 pastors and laymen annually, is designed as a time when an especial emphasis is placed upon the primacy of evangelism in the local church. Many pastors are aided in thinking through their own local church program of evangelism for the year as they listen to speakers well known for their emphasis upon evangelism and their leadership in this area.

If the churches have not made provision for their pastors to attend, then there is a little time left for them to do so. Every church will benefit from the pastor attendance at these meetings.

And, this series of conferences should be upon the hearts and minds and in the prayers of all Tennessee Baptists.

"God is Light"—1 John 1:5



"IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM, AND WALK IN DARKNESS, WE LIE AND DO NOT THE TRUTH:

"BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN."
— 1 JOHN 1:6,7

JACK HAMM

Board Adds To Nicaraguan Relief; Cauthen Reports 1972 Net Loss

RICHMOND—Major actions of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its January meeting here included appropriating \$10,000 for relief of Nicaraguan Baptists who suffered losses from the recent earthquake, appointing one new missionary and reappointing a couple who served formerly, and electing a fourth regional personnel representative.

Board members also heard reports on the agency's overseas personnel situation in light of last year's net loss in number of missionaries. Another report reviewed Southern Baptist actions so far in response to the Nicaraguan earthquake.

In his report, executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen said: "While we rejoice in the appointment of 171 missionaries in 1972, we are grieved because of missionary losses through the year, leaving our total number of missionaries at a lower point than when the year began."

For more than three decades the board has recorded annual net gains. At the end of 1972 the missionary force numbered 2507, which is 19 fewer than one year earlier.

Cauthen reminded board members that of the 171 appointments in 1972, 66 were missionary journeymen. "This means that more career missionaries who make up the main body of missionary strength are urgently needed," he said.

3000 By End Of '70s

Pointing out that the board now has before it requests for 800 new missionaries from the mission organizations overseas, Cauthen declared that Southern Baptists should "aim to go well beyond a staff of 3000 missionaries by the close of the 1970's," and that the board should anticipate the appointment of more than 200 in 1973.

"We must do everything possible to lay the call of missions upon the hearts of peo-



Lloyd O. Barker, center, Tennessee president of Southern Baptist Theological seminary alumni, met recently on the Southern seminary campus in Louisville to discuss alumni activities with President Duke K. McCall, right, and national alumni President John H. McClanahan of Arkansas, left.

ple in seminaries, colleges, churches, youth gatherings, and particularly young pastors, and other workers whose appointment for missionary service could be accomplished at an early time," said Cauthen.

He added that 1972 will be looked back upon with gratitude to Southern Baptists for their stewardship which made possible the strengthening of missionary financial support.

He told board members that "remarkable reports are coming from all parts of the SBC concerning the recent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Nicaraguan Relief

Cauthen and his wife were scheduled to leave Jan. 11 for a visit to Southern Baptist Missions in India, Bangladesh and Iran. Cauthen was to speak at the dedication and official opening of a new 78-bed Baptist hospital in Bangalore, India, Jan. 15. They will return to the states Jan. 31.

The \$10,000 relief appropriation for Nicaraguan Baptists included official board action on \$5000 previously authorized by Cauthen.

Besides food, blood plasma and medicines purchased and prepared for shipment in Guatemala City, Southern Baptists provided through the board a utility truck which was shipped by plane from San Antonio, Tex.

The vehicle will be used by the Baptist hospital in Managua as an ambulance and supply carrier. The hospital was destroyed in the quake, but quick evacuation of patients and staff members prevented any loss of life.

The utility truck was purchased for the board by Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio.

The SBC has no missionaries in Nicaragua, El Salvador or British Honduras, but it is represented in the other Central American nations.

Missionary Personnel

Miss Mary Jo French, presently of St. Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Oneida, Ky., was appointed a missionary to Peru. She expects to be librarian and dean of women at the Baptist Theological Institute in Trujillo, Peru.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Laffoon of Raytown, Mo., were reappointed to East Africa.

R. Allen Orr, Baptist campus minister at the University of Colorado, Boulder, was elected a regional personnel representative, effective April 15. He will be based in Kansas City, Mo.

The board approved a recommendation of its committee on Europe and the Middle East that Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary of the SBC, be invited to teach in the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary, Barcelona, February through May of this year. (BP)

Book Dealing With History Of Church, Nashville, Receives Award

"The First Baptist Church of Nashville, 1820-1970," a book written by Lynfor May Jr., received a merit award as



May

select publication during the recent annual meeting of the American Association of State and Local History. The book was published by the First Baptist church as part of the sesquicentennial observance in 1970. Merit awards are made for outstanding publication both in the United States and Canada.

Official presentation of the certificate of commendation was made at the church last month with H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, and Loren R. Williams, chairman of the church history committee present. May, who was commissioned by the church to write the book, was awarded a certificate of commendation as the author. He is the executive secretary-treasurer of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mission Institute Scheduled

Feb. 15-17, Camp Cedamore, Ky.

A mission institute featuring training in 20 areas of mission action will be conducted for Baptists in this region, Feb. 15-17 at Camp Cedamore near Bagdad, Ky., according to W. J. Isbell, director of the Baptist Men's Division of the Brotherhood Commission.

Five institutes in various sections of the country will lead Southern Baptists in the specialized subjects. The institutes are being sponsored jointly by the Brotherhood Commission, the Home Mission Board, the Christian Life Commission, state Brotherhood Departments, and Baptist associations. Participants attending the conferences will be asked to conduct similar work in their associations for church leaders.

Program specialists from the Home Mission Board will conduct the conferences, and will give training in the characteristics of the target group, how to find persons in it, how to organize and prepare a mission action group to witness and minister, resources available to the mission action group, and in-service training.

Tenn. Chapter, New Orleans Alumni To Have Fellowship Luncheon Jan. 23

Tennessee alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary will have a fellowship luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 23, following the morning session of the State Evangelism Conference in Nashville. The luncheon will be held in the banquet room of the cafeteria at Belmont college.

Jim Dusek, pastor of the Saturn Drive church in Nashville, serves as president of the Tennessee chapter.

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

LONDON—Philip B. Clayton, an Anglican priest who served as chaplain to England's Kings George V and VI and Queen Elizabeth II, died recently in London. He was 87. Clayton, who died in his sleep, was the founder of "TOC-H," a Christian serviceman's organization with 2000 branches throughout the world. In 1953, he visited the United States and was received by President Eisenhower. It was the first formal visit received by the President from a foreign clergyman.

NASHVILLE—Harvey Brown, Patton, Mo., has been elected manager of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary Baptist Book Store in Louisville. He has served as president of the Virginia Baptist Religious Education Association and was minister of education at Buechel Park church in Louisville, First Baptist church of Roanoke, Va., and South Norfolk church, Chesapeake, Va. He is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State college and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary.

WACO, Texas—Grant Teaff, Baylor university football coach, was named coach of the year by the Southwest Conference recently. In the Baptist deacon's first year as head coach at the school, the team won more games than they had won in three previous seasons, compiling a 5-6 won-lost record.

LENS, France—Robert Farelly, pastor for 40 years at Lens, died Nov. 13 at the age of 78. He became pastor of the Baptist congregation in 1921 and served also as professor in a Baptist theological school in Paris. He wrote more than 30 books and hundreds of articles and short stories. He became pastor of the church following the War of 1914-18 which destroyed the church's building and most of the city of Lens. Thus, his initial task was that of reconstruction.

FORT WORTH, Texas—A series of 30- and 60-second inspirational spot announcements will be released this month by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and will be available to all television stations in the United States, according to Paul M. Stevens, director. Also available will be a series of 10, 20, and 30 second spots featuring the cartoon character, JOT, of the Radio-TV Commission. The series will feature James L. Pleitz, Pensacola, Fla., and cartoonist Stan Lynde.

NAZARETH, Israel—A record number of baptisms have been reported in Israel during the first 11 months of 1972. Forty-one baptisms were reported during the period. A mission strategy day was held at the Baptist Village near Tel Aviv last month to study methods of evangelism, and plans are being made for lay witness training to begin in January, spokesmen report.

TEHERAN, Iran—The first Baptist church to be started in Iran was begun with 16 members recently, according to Dwight L. Baker, Southern Baptist missionary to Israel. Baker is living in Teheran for two months to help the congregation get started. Roger Coley, chairman of the church council, said that he believed another 12 persons would join during December and January. The congregation plans to constitute itself into a full-fledged church in late January during a scheduled visit by Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Persons who have joined the provisional church will become charter members at that time.

Evangelical Theological Society Elects Dr. Arthur Lewis

ST. PAUL—Dr. Arthur Lewis, professor of Old Testament at Bethel College, was elected president of the Evangelical Theological Society at the unit's 24th annual meeting held at Bethel College and Theological seminary in suburban Arden Hills.

Dr. Lewis succeeds Dr. Robert Saucy, professor of systematic theology at Talbot Theological seminary, La Mirada, Calif.

In an address to the meeting, Dr. Saucy said that theology too often is not getting into the church and to the average man.

"In our perspective (of religion)," he said, "every man basically is his own theologian and as such, knowledge of theology is necessary for life." (RNS)

Cardinal Persuades Hijacker To Leave Plane, Surrender

BALTIMORE—"The whole thing just didn't make any sense," said a Roman Catholic priest here who accompanied Cardinal Lawrence Shehan to nearby Friendship International Airport, where the Baltimore prelate helped persuade a skyjacker to surrender to the FBI.

The apparently unloaded gun, his "stunned" appearance, the way he took over the plane, his timidity and unsure behavior all "gave the impression it was a spur-of-the-moment thing," said Msgr. Paul Love, rector of the Basilica of the Assumption, where the cardinal resides.

The hijacker, identified as Charles A. Wenige, 37, held two stewardesses hostage for two hours until Thomas Farrow, head of the FBI's Baltimore office, exchanged himself for the women. Mr. Wenige reportedly had hid in the lavatory of the Piedmont airlines flight from Atlanta until the passengers and pilots had left.

Msgr. Love told Religious News Service that he personally remembered Wenige from St. William of York Parish, Baltimore, where the priest had served as assistant pastor from 1960 to 1964. "I just remembered his face, but I couldn't tell you when or in what context I last saw him."

The basilica's rector said Cardinal Shehan received a call from the FBI about 7 p.m. (Jan. 2), explaining that the hijacker wanted to see him. "The cardinal agreed to go and we drove to the airport and were met by a group of FBI agents." (RNS)



Dr. Robert E. Craig, right, president of Union university, Jackson, Tennessee, accepts a check for \$4000 from Wayne Austin, treasurer, Mt. Tirzah Baptist church, Newbern. The church's contribution was the result of a Harvest Day offering for Union's Advancement Campaign and was made to fulfill a three-year pledge in advance. Pastor of the church is Rev. Walter Taylor, left.

God's Concern For His People

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

Background Passages: Ezekiel 34

Focal Passages: Ezekiel 34:1-2, 7-15

The Prophet as a Watchman

For over ten years Ezekiel and his fellow-captives in Babylon tried to interpret and reconcile themselves to their fate. In the process, the prophet functioned as an ancient watchman on the wall. He was responsible for the well-being of the community. It was his duty to be alert to and to point out any dangers. The welfare of the people was at stake. We considered the function of the prophet Ezekiel in a previous lesson.

Ezekiel tried to teach the exiles that God was not unjust in using pagan Babylon to punish his people. It is not injustice when a holy God chastises his people.

Ezekiel tried to teach them that God was not using a double standard, one for Israel and another for the Chaldeans. He assured them that eventually Babylon would be judged by the same standard as Israel.

Ezekiel tried to point out to the exiles that their captivity was an expression of God's grace in that they would be spared the suffering and the death that would come to those remaining in Jerusalem.

When the news came to Babylon that Jerusalem had fallen, Ezekiel had an added responsibility. He had the task of preparing the exiles for return and restoration. They were the remnant that could share in God's purpose. The lesson today discusses the role of rulers in the past and their share in Israel's future.

The King as a Shepherd

The nomadic past of Israel provided Ezekiel a perfect illustration for the role of a king. He was a shepherd. As the shepherd leads and is responsible for the well-being of the sheep, the king should lead and be responsible for the welfare of the people. Israel's kings had failed. Some were better than others, but as a line and a group they had all failed. Forced labor, excessive taxation, and a general disregard for social justice had characterized the rule of most of the kings.

As shepherds, they neglected the sheep. They did not feed them. (Ez. 34:2) As shepherds, they were immune to the hurts of the sheep. Their diseases and wounds were not recognized and treated. (Ez. 34:4) The shepherds, had fed themselves instead of the sheep. They had used the sheep rather than care for them. They ruled them with force and cruelty. (Ez. 34:2, 4)

Ezekiel declared that Yahweh was bringing the rule of the kings to a close. He was taking the sheep from their care. In the

future He would be their Shepherd. He would love and care for them.

Ezekiel looked forward to restoration and the new reign of God under "my servant David a prince among them." (Ez. 34:24) The phrase "my servant David" implies the fulfillment of the promises of God to David and that God will be represented, not misrepresented, in the future.

Ezekiel was saying that the restoration of national life would not restore the rulers to their privileged position. This is more than barring Jehoiachin's descendants from the throne. He is announcing that no man shall rule Israel. God will be their King.

Perhaps this is a clue to Israel's intense sense of democracy. Under the Persian and Greek rule of Judah there was no official head of the Jewish people. In 140 B.C. the people gave Simon the Hashmonean, the position of leader and high priest until a prophet should come, but the title King was carefully withheld. Simon's son, John Hyrcanns assumed the title King but he was bitterly opposed by the Pharisees. The Hashmonean priest-kings fell in 63 B.C. to be followed by the half-Edomite Herods whose claim to the throne was the power of Rome behind them. The Jews, to this day, seem to have accepted the principle that only a King of God's anointing shall rule them. Orthodox Israel is yet awaiting that King.

The People as Sheep

The prophet is a watchman. The King is a shepherd. The people are sheep. Some are strong and healthy. Some are sick and need care. Some are hurt and injured. Some are weak and need protection. The strong have a responsibility to the weak. The healthy have a responsibility to the sick. All have a responsibility to respond to the leadership God gives.

In general, leadership had failed Israel. But, in fact, Israel had generally failed to respond to whatever leadership she had known. The people, too, were equally to blame with the Kings for Israel's moral and political plight.

God Is Pictured as the Ideal Shepherd

"And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God." (Ez. 34:31) "The Lord is my Shepherd..." (Ps. 23:1) All human leadership is imperfect. There is a leadership available to man, however, that transcends human imperfections. Man can know God and His presence. Man can know God's will. Man can experience God's love and leadership. Any man can become a sheep in God's flock and know Him as the good Shepherd.

L. E. Lawson Named To New Mexico Post

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—L. E. Lawson, director of evangelism and Brotherhood for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, has accepted a position here as associate in the Division of Mission Ministries for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

Lawson, a former New Mexican, will assume the position here Feb. 1. He has worked with Indiana Baptists in Indianapolis since 1968.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, he has been pastor of Baptist churches in Marietta, Okla., Mesquite, Grand Prairie, and Lewisville, Tex., and Littleton, Colo. (BP)

Rockefeller Asks Life Terms For Hard Drug 'Pushers'

ALBANY, N.Y.—Asserting that the time has come for "brutal honesty" regarding narcotics, New York State's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller has proposed a series of tough narcotics laws that would provide mandatory life prison sentences for "pushers" of hard drugs.

"Virtually every poll of public concerns documents that the number one growing concern of the American people is crime and drugs—coupled with an all-pervasive fear for the safety of their person and their property," Gov. Rockefeller said in his "State of the State" message.

"This reign of terror cannot be tolerated."

The governor's recommendations also included life prison sentences for violent crimes committed by persons under the influence of hard drugs, and a \$1000 cash reward for information leading to conviction of hard drug pushers.

Under the proposed plan, teen-age pushers of hard drugs would not be protected by the youthful offender law. However, they would be eligible for parole consideration after 15 years' imprisonment.

Adults convicted of illegal trafficking of hard drugs would not be eligible for probation or suspension of sentence, nor could they plead guilty to a lesser charge. (RNS)

It was teachings such as these that enabled Israel in exile to learn that their God was not the God of Israel, Palestine, and the Temple, alone. They learned that God was in Babylon just as He was in Palestine. They learned that they could find God without going to the Temple. They were ultimately to learn that He was God of the nations as well as Israel. The captivity cured Israel of idolatry and helped her spiritualize her religion. Her faith and worship no longer depended upon places and things. Israel had the opportunity in Babylon to learn that God is everywhere. He is God everywhere, and any of His creatures can know and experience Him, anyplace, anytime.

Tennessee News Briefs

First church, Woodland Mills, ordained **Larry Gray** and **Neil Fowler** as deacons recently. **R. E. Wylie** is the pastor.

Alan Perry and **Doyle Puett**, both of Etowah, have completed the requirements for the Worship Ambassador Service Aide Award. Both boys have now received four service aide awards requiring 150 hours of service. **Perry** and **Puett** are members of the Coghill church which organized an RA chapter in 1971. The Ambassador Service Aide Award is part of the RA program for boys ages 15-17.

At the request of the Temple church in Paris, **Jack Gregory** was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Park Avenue church in Nashville. **Gregory** was called as minister of music and youth by the Paris church. **Bob Mowrey** is pastor of the Park Avenue church.

Central church, Johnson City, ordained **William Jenkins**, **Charles Willingham**, **Victor Feathers**, and **William Kennedy** as deacons. **James Canaday** is the pastor.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

In the Duck River Association, **Bobby Barnett** of Ardmore, has become minister of music for the First Baptist church in Decherd. **Ralph Conway** is the new pastor of the Cross Roads church in Winchester; and **Roy Findley** is minister of music and youth at First church in the same city. **Lucius Hart**, Nashville, was called as interim pastor of the Highland church.

Robert K. Barr, professor of music at Murray State university, will serve as interim minister of music at First church, Paris. **Barr**, director of choral activities at the university, has conducted festivals and choral clinics in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida, and Missouri. **Carroll C. Owen** is pastor.

Charles C. Arnold has resigned as pastor of First church, Counce, McNairy Association, to return to the Judson church in Walker, La. **Arnold** came to Counce from the Judson church.

In the Beulah Association, **William Walker** has accepted the call of the Beulah church to serve as interim pastor. The New Concord church has called **Donald Scott** of Bradford as pastor. He is a graduate of Union university, and has served as a mission pastor. **Robert Wall**, Fulton, Ky., was called as pastor of the New Home church; and **Dale Fletcher** has assumed the position of pastor of the New Salem church.

Calvary church, Chattanooga, has called **Wayne Coker** as minister of education, according to Pastor **Roger Hobbs**. He is from Atlanta, Ga.

First church, Jackson, ordained **Nevil Jordan** and **Jack Holland** as deacons recently. **Trevis Otey** is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Joe L. Orr, wife of the pastor of Chilhowee Baptist church, Seymour, died suddenly Monday, Jan. 8. Funeral services were held Jan. 11 at the First church.

Dr. O. L. Rives, a Baptist minister and Carson-Newman college professor emeritus of Bible and religious education, of Jefferson City, died Nov. 29 of last year. **Baptist And Reflector** for Dec. 14, 1972 carried the story on the death of Dr. Rives but the date was reported erroneously as Feb. 29.

Rev. V. R. Butler Dies

Rev. Vertis Raulston Butler, 64, pastor of Station Camp Baptist church, and guidance counselor at Hendersonville Senior High school, died Jan. 8 at Sumner County Memorial hospital after suffering a heart attack Jan. 4.

Services were held Jan. 10 at First church, Hendersonville, with Courtney Wilson, pastor, and Harold Ford, pastor of Whitsett Chapel church, officiating.

He was married to the former Miss Carline Massey of Madison. Other survivors include three sons, William J., Garland Ray, and Vertis R. Jr., all of Hendersonville.

135 Channels Telecast Program Launching Key 73

NEW YORK—Key 73, the continent-wide evangelism thrust planned for 1973, was officially launched Jan. 6 with a half-hour television special "Faith in Action."

The documentary film includes testimonies on how commitment to Christ gives meaning to life by a Seattle judge, two Florida college students, a black official of the U.S. Department of Labor and a lay official of Catholic Charities in Chicago.

According to a Key 73 statement, the target audience for the film "can be described as those people who are trying to live a meaningful life in the midst of what often seems to be an urban-technological crossword puzzle. They are worried about drugs and crime, wars and racial problems, high taxes and overcrowded schools, lack of security."

"They feel caught in a materialistic value system," the statement said. "They have lost the sense of the supernatural. Many of them have a personal anguish over old beliefs that have collapsed. They sense that there must be a God, and they want some answers from, or about Him, that can have meaning within their frustrated lives."

The television program is being shown on 135 stations across the country. More than 200,000 congregations are participating in Key 73. (RNS)

Nurse Returns To Serve In Area Near Where Father Was Beheaded

MINNEAPOLIS—A Minneapolis nurse has gone back to Honduras to serve at a clinic about 50 miles from the jungles of nearby Nicaragua where she hid out as a child after her father was beheaded by bandits.

Ruth E. Bregenzer, freshman nursing instructor at St. Mary's Junior college here, will serve at a Moravian mission clinic at Ahuas, Honduras, helping to train a native nurse and visiting at other clinics along a river.

She served at the same clinic in 1958-62.

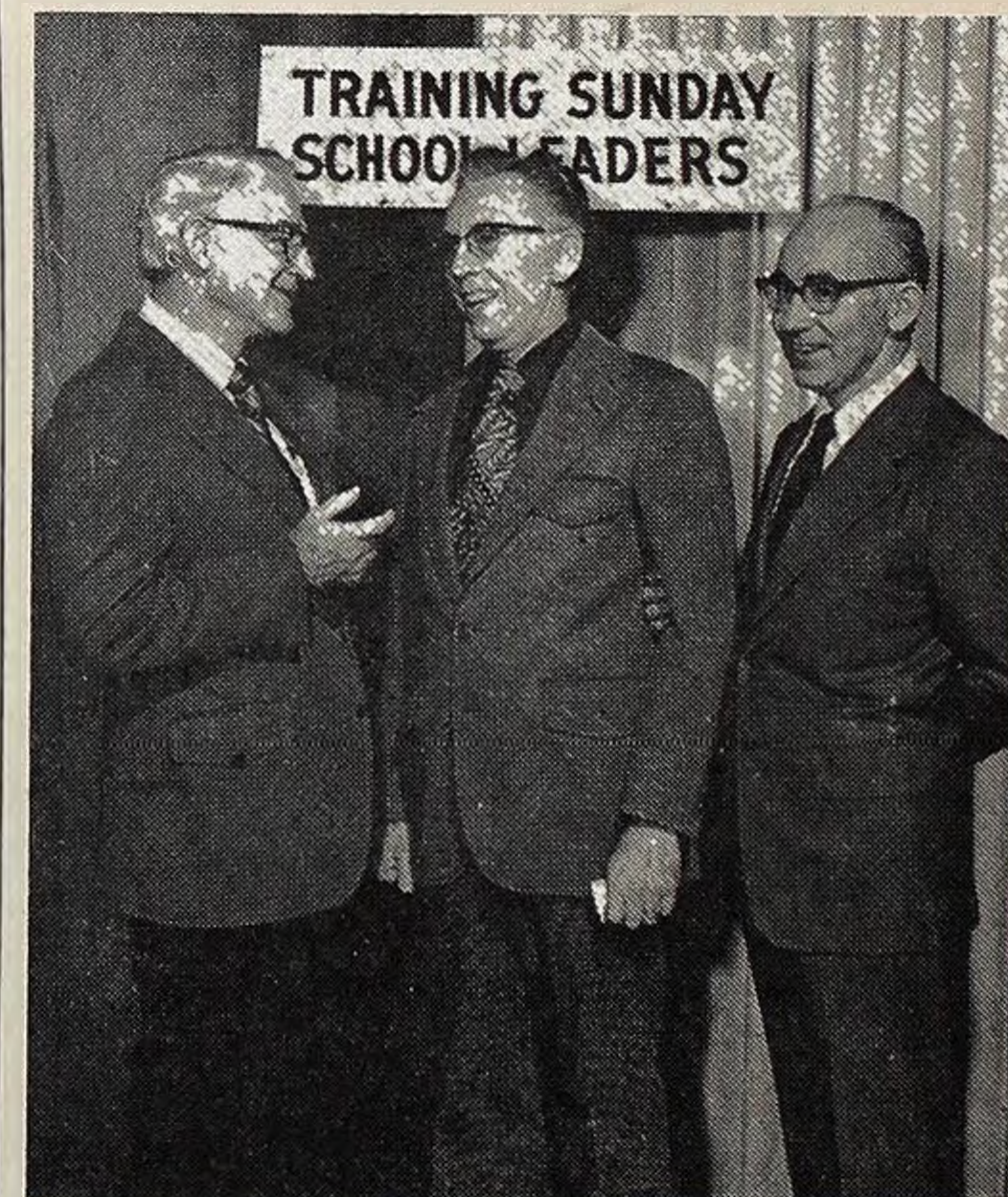
Miss Bregenzer was born in Nicaragua of missionary parents who had come from Germany.

During the American "invasion" of Nicaragua in 1931, bandits came to their mission station with instructions, she said, to eat her and torture her mother and grandmother before killing her father.

She, her brother, her mother and grandmother fled into the bush while her father stayed behind, hoping to convert the bandits. The family was told that the bandits threw knives at him, tried to shoot him but their guns jammed, and finally used a sword to behead him.

Friendly natives hid her and the other members of her family for five weeks in the jungles. Later, they recovered her father's body and gave him a Christian burial.

Miss Bregenzer said she feels returning to Honduras is what the Lord wants her to do. (RNS)



Wendell Price, center, Tennessee Sunday School secretary, talks with **A. V. Washburn**, left, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, and **Don Trotter**, manager of the Sunday School department, at the recent state Sunday School secretaries retreat in Tennessee. State secretaries and their associates from 32 states in the Southern Baptist Convention met to lay plans for Sunday School work.

Union's Campaign Exceeds \$3,000,000

More than \$3 million has been raised through gifts and pledges for the Advancement Campaign for a new campus for Union university in Jackson, according to the school's president, Robert Craig.

The campaign goal of \$8 million will enable the school to develop on a new location of 284 acres on U.S. 45 Bypass, northwest of Jackson.

Craig stated that 172 churches in West Tennessee have made pledges and contributions to the campaign, which is divided into 15 associations incorporating 21 counties. Challenge goals for the associations were established previously.

SBC Leaders Slated For 'The Baptist Hour'

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis; Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; John J. Smarge, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Commission; and Donald Haines, a Commission trustee, will discuss trends and opportunities involving Christian laymen on "The Baptist Hour," radio program scheduled for airing Jan. 28 on more than 400 radio stations throughout the United States.

Emphasis will be made on lay persons in witnessing, mission tasks involving laymen, and lay missionaries. McCullough said that the Brotherhood Commission will recommend to church and associational Brotherhood groups that the number of stations carrying "The Baptist Hour" be increased.

Leaders in the campaign will meet Jan. 16 on the campus to discuss the progress made thus far and future planning, Craig said.

Children's Homes

"Do You Need To Change Your Will"

By James M. Gregg
Executive Director-Treasurer

An elderly grandfather, wealthy but quite deaf, decided at last to buy one of those "newfangled" hearing aids. Two weeks afterward he stopped at the store where he had bought the device and reported to the delight of the manager that he could now pick up conversation quite easily, even in the next room. "Your relatives must be very happy to know that you can hear so much better," beamed the proprietor. "Oh, I haven't told them yet," the man chuckled. "I've just been sitting around listening—and you know what? I've changed my will twice!"

It could be that you need to hear better the Lord's words to us concerning good stewards and change your will to include His causes. Two of the new cottages at our Franklin Home were made possible by two of God's servants who realized their Christian stewardship extended beyond death. Beautiful bronze plaques bear constant reminders of this fact on the Charles Bidwell and Henry Glisson cottages. They will live on in the lives of little children who will be privileged to be a member of the Homes big family. Thank you for all you do for us.

Asian Distribution Of Bibles Set New Record In 1972

LONDON—Bible societies in the Asia-Pacific Region of the United Bible Societies distributed a record total of more than 51 million copies of the Bible and portions of the Bible in the year ending Oct. 31.

An announcement from UBS headquarters here said the total included 909,357 Bibles, 3,995,313 New Testaments, 10,853,146 Gospels or other complete books of the Bible, and 35,960,374 copies of Scripture selections.

The Asia-Pacific Region societies in 1968 set the goal of distributing 75 million copies annually by 1975.

"There is every hope," the announcement said, "that this target will be surpassed as they move on to their next new target of 150 million by 1980—one contribution to the global target of 500 million by 1980 adopted at the UBS World Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, last September." (RNS)

Texas Baptists Name Latin Language Missions Head

DALLAS—Leobarda Estrada Sr. will become the first Latin American to head Texas Baptists' language missions work in the history of the 1.9 million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Estrada, 58, now of Syracuse, N.Y., will succeed the retired Dallas P. Lee.

Since 1970, Estrada has directed language missions for the Baptist General Convention of New York, where he worked with 16 language groups. Before that, the native of Culiacan, Sinola, Mexico, directed language missions in New York City for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for eight years.

Estrada's main duties will include coordinating programs related to language groups in all Texas Baptist departments and divisions, said Charles Lee Williamson, director of the convention's Missions Division. (BP)

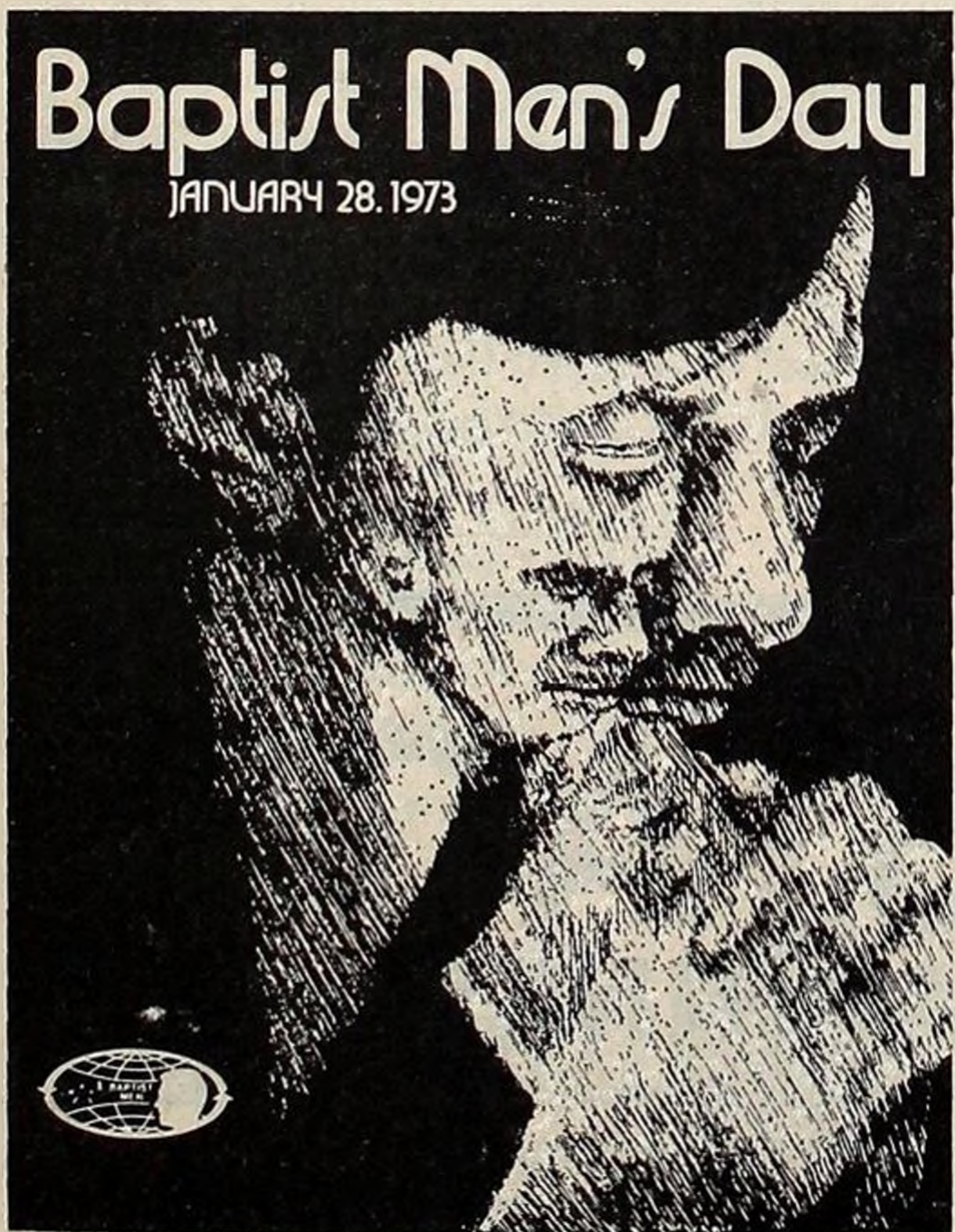
Belmont To Conduct Middle Tenn. Drive

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Park Avenue church, Nashville; and Tom Mayberry, pastor, Cross Roads church, Centerville.

The president of the Baptist school also reported that the college's Board of Trustees, faculty and students have already given approximately \$115,000. The school will have to raise some \$750,000 in addition to the anticipated insurance settlement.

Concerning the effort to raise necessary funds to build facilities to replace Blanton, Gabhart had this to say: "The generous support of the churches of Middle Tennessee will strengthen the hand of the school's officials as calls are made upon foundations, industry, and private donors."



—Thousands of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will recognize their men during special worship services and other programs on the fourth Sunday in January. The day is set aside annually to encourage churches to honor men who are contributing significantly to the life and work of their church.

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Parochial Aid Battle Looms In 93rd Congress

WASHINGTON—A lively battle for tax credit aid to private and parochial schools looms on the horizon as the 93rd Congress got under way on January 3.

In the House of Representatives, Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford (R., Mich.), Rep. Herman T. Schneebeli (R., Pa.) and Rep. James Burke (D., Mass.) introduced a bill which would give parents a tax credit of 50 per cent for tuition paid to send their children to a non-profit elementary or secondary school up to a limit of \$200 per child.

In the Senate, Sen. Abe Ribicoff (D., Conn.) introduced an identical bill. The same bill was approved during the last Congress by the House Ways and Means Committee. No action was taken, however, in the Senate where Ribicoff had introduced the same measure.

James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, declared that "the proposed legislation must not be seen as aid to parents but as financial aid to nonpublic schools, the vast majority of which are parochial schools."

Wood pointed out that the Baptist Joint Committee has a record of opposition to tax credit aid to parochial schools. The committee testified against such a measure before the House Ways and Means Committee last August.

At its October semi-annual meeting last year, Wood said, the Baptist Joint Committee reaffirmed its opposition and respectively requested that the committee on ways and means refuse tax credits out of consideration of the American tradition of religious liberty and separation of church and state."

The Baptist executive requested that "expressions of opposition from all sectors of American society should be communicated to members of Congress."

Commenting on the prospects for his bill in the House of Representatives, Ford said he thought the prospects for passage were "fairly good," particularly since it is backed by the House Ways and Means chairman Wilbur Mills (D., Ark.).

Ribicoff made no prediction for the bill's chances in the Senate, but the tax credit idea is supported heavily by President Nixon's administration.

The traditional arguments were used both by Ford and Ribicoff in support of some

form of public aid to the private schools. These are: parents should be helped to exercise freedom of choice in education for their children; parents should be relieved of part of the double financial load when they send their children to private schools; if the parochial schools close it will cost the public many millions of dollars to absorb their pupils.

Opposition to the tax credit plan for parochial schools will be voiced not only by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs but by numerous other religious, civil liberties and educational organizations. These will include the National Education Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

A coalition of many such organizations has been formed and organized opposition to tax credit proposals will be expressed vigorously. (BP)

Churchmen Say Religion Can 'Arouse' Man To Better Society

CHICAGO—A group of 80 nationally known religious leaders looking into contemporary trends in America's religious thought were told here that "religion can arouse men and women to a vision of a new and better society, and organize them to fight for radical change."

But, warned Dr. John E. Biersdorf, director of church ministry for the National Council of Churches, "religious experience . . . can support personal rigidity or bigotry" as well.

Dr. Biersdorf, director of a project which culminated in a four-day conference entitled "INSEARCH—The Future of Religion in America," submitted a 95-page report based on a year's research that raised basic questions confronting anyone concerned about the future of religion in American life. (RNS)

Letter

December 28, 1972

Executive Board
Tennessee Baptist Convention
P.O. Box 647
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Dear Brethren,

As Dr. Ralph E. Norton assumes his duties as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention we commend him to you with the warmest of Christian love and fellowship.

Dr. Norton has served us well in the Hamilton County Association. He has led us in a very capable way as Moderator of our Association, he has served on most every committee in our Association, he has been Chairman of many Committees and has for a number of years been Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Trustee for the Association.

He was faithful in attending our Associational Meetings, the Executive Committee Meetings and the Pastors Conferences.

His loyalty, devotion and dedication to the Lord's work is an example for any to follow.

As Dr. Norton leaves, he leaves us a rich Baptist heritage, a life of service, a worthy contribution in a large and sound church at Red Bank, and a hard and difficult place to fill.

We appreciate him and pledge him our support and cooperation as we labour together for the advancement of the Lord's work in Tennessee and around the world.

Yours in Christ,
Ralph McIntire
Ray Fowler
Herman Callahan
C. Henry Preston, Chairman

Rabbi Says Liberal Protestants, Jews Must Rebuild Social Justice Unity

NEW YORK—A coalition that existed among Jews and liberal Protestants in the social justice campaigns of the 1960s has come apart and must be rebuilt "from the ground up," according to a rabbi writing in a Protestant magazine here.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, said the alienation has resulted because the mainline Protestant Churches "have failed their Jewish neighbors or virtually every Jewish priority concern." (RNS)

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A Sympathetic Saviour

By T. B. Maston

Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning" (Heb. 4:15, RSV).

This is a verse that has meant a great deal to me as I am sure it has to many of you. It has been a favorite of mine from my adolescent days. It has been hard for me to understand how Jesus could have been tempted in every respect as I have been. The fact that he has does not necessarily mean that he had every particular temptation that we have. It evidently means that he felt the tug or threat of every type of temptation that comes to any of us. After all, he was human as well as divine. The perfect life he lived would have been meaningless if the temptations he had were not real.

The fact that he was tempted "in every way" (TEV) in which we are tempted means that he can understand and sympathize when temptations come to us. He can enter into these situations with us. We can talk with him, knowing that he will understand.

The fact that he was tempted "in every respect . . . yet without sinning" is our hope for victory over temptations. We can have power to overcome if we will let him share his power with us. Naturally, there must be on our part a sincere desire to have the victory. The lack of such desire is a major factor in our recurring failures.

It is glorious also to know that he understands when we fail to resist the temptation and fall into sin. It is John who says: "But if anyone does sin we have Jesus Christ, the righteous, who pleads for us with the Father" (1 John 2:1, TEV).

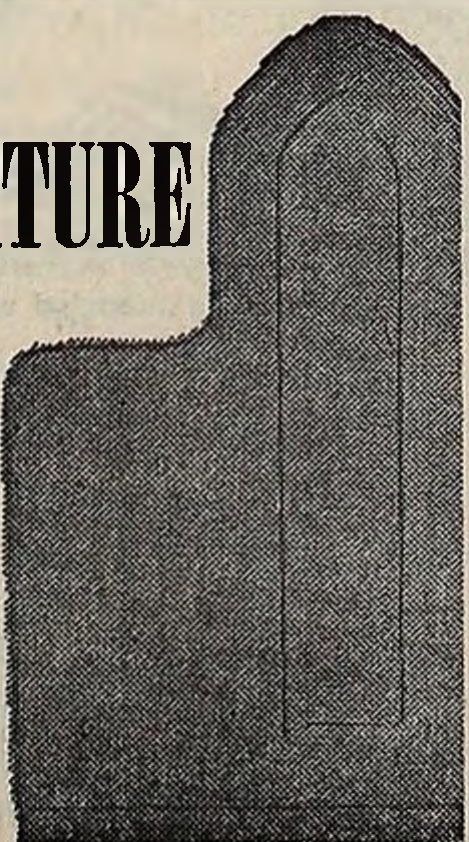
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Humbard's 'Cathedral of Tomorrow' Raises Mortgage Debt To \$6,700,000

AKRON—The Rev. Rex Humbard's famed Cathedral of Tomorrow has raised its mortgage debt to more than \$6.7 million in the last 12 months.

While the mortgage soared, work on the cathedral's massive TV and restaurant tower has halted.

The land on which the church sits, and the carpeting and fixtures inside, are mortgaged. The church's holdings in a girdle company and electronics and plastics firms are listed on the mortgage papers as collateral, the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" reported.

Construction of Mr. Humbard's \$4-million tower next to the glass and black marble church in suburban Cuyahoga Falls has stopped considerably short of its goal.

It was to have been the tallest structure in Ohio, a 750-foot finger pointing at the sky. Cleveland's Terminal Tower is now the tallest in the state, at 708 feet.

Humbard's tower was to house a TV studio and 250-seat revolving restaurant that served only non-alcoholic beverages at the 560-foot level. There was to have been an illuminated cross on top.

The Cathedral of Tomorrow suffered a serious blow in fund-raising efforts last week when Ohio's State Commerce Department charged that the church had sold at least \$1.5 million in illegal unregistered securities in Ohio.

According to Commerce Department officials, the cathedral's security sales have also been banned in Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon and Wisconsin. The church's lawyer, Charles R. Iden, said the sales would be stopped. He said the church's net worth is "on the good side," but added that the cash flow is "on the bad side."

Foundation

She Refused The Money

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

As reported by a Texas paper a certain man had no friends, no wife, and only one living relative.

Not long ago he offered the \$50,000 which he has in savings to the relative, a niece who lives in Kansas. He says, "She wrote back and flatly refused the money. She has a pension and doesn't want to hassle with lawyers. She advised me to take a trip around the world. I don't want to go around the world." He says, "It's almost funny. I never had much luck at anything and now I can't even give my money away." He retired ten years ago on a pension—all he needs.

The Lord's work could use that money. Our schools and mission programs suffer for funds. Little children need food, clothes and a Christian home. Millions of dollars accumulate in probate courts every year that nobody claims. Much is tied up in lawsuits because no wills are there to direct the disposition of the estate. Greedy relatives fight it out for possession.

All of God's children would be well advised to prepare a Christian will, leaving assets to provide for all dependants and to benefit the Lord's work forever. Our office is glad to provide information about preparing a Christian will. Write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

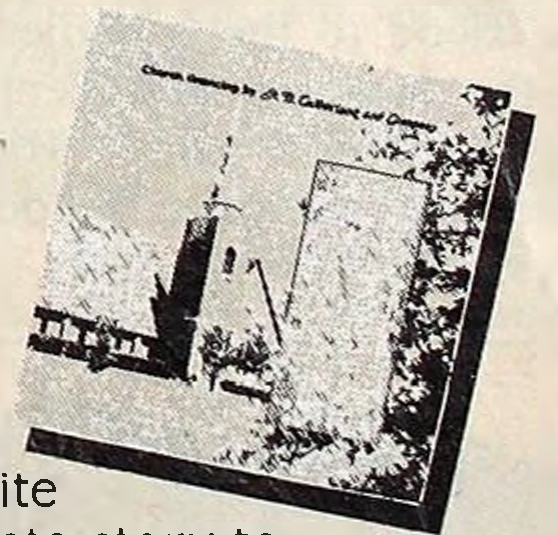
The Ohio Commerce Department said the church's net worth is "on the negative side." (RNS)

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Norton To Open Evangelism Meet

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will open the 27th annual session of the Tennessee State Evangelistic Conference Monday afternoon, Jan. 22, with a message on "Believing the Word." The five-session conference will convene at the Belmont Heights church in Nashville, at 2:00 p.m. and conclude the evening of Jan. 23.

Cal Guy, professor of Missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, will lead a Bible study at each of the sessions. Music will be under the direction of Frank Charton, state music secretary, with a special service in song by the Volunteer State Chorale Tuesday evening. Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo., will be the featured soloist.

Other speakers on the program will include George R. Beasley-Murray, president of Spurgeon's college in London, England; Warren C. Hultgren, pastor, First church, Tulsa, Okla.; John F. Havlik, associate Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board; John Bisagno, pastor, First church, Houston; Glenn Yarbrough, state student secretary; and Denzel Dukes, pastor, First church, Milan. Tim Sumners, associate pastor, First church, Morristown; and Robert Campbell, pastor, First church, Rockwood, will be included also. Testimonies will be

Baptist Hospital Graduates Seven

AJLOUN, Jordan—Seven students have been graduated from the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing here. The five men and two women were the school's 15th graduating class. Diplomas were awarded by Miss Maurine Perryman, Southern Baptist missionary and chairman of the hospital's board of trustees. Miss Violet Popp, a missionary and nursing school director, told the graduates: "The nurse is a companion to the weak, a friend to the friendless, an inspiration to the hopeless and depressed, and a comfort to those in pain." Miss Leila Atiyeh, instructor, presented school pins to the graduates.

given by Mike Copen, a member of the Springfield church in Springfield, and Dexter L. Woods, a member of the East Brainerd church in Chattanooga.

Laymen's Night will be held Tuesday with a special recognition by F. M. Dowell, state Evangelism secretary, and Roy Gilleland, state Brotherhood secretary.

Noel Loper Named President Of Belmont Alumni Association

Noel Loper, head of the tax department in the trust division of First American National Bank, was elected president of the Belmont college alumni association for 1973. He will take office Jan. 27, succeeding outgoing president Tommy Frensley, head basketball coach at Hillsboro High school in Nashville.

A Hendersonville resident, Loper earned the B.S. degree from Belmont in 1961.

Ronald Baumgartner, minister of music at First church in Donelson, was named president-elect by vote of the group. He is slated to become president in 1974.

Other officers elected included Mrs. James L. Smithey, Nashville, secretary; Mrs. William T. Davis, Madison, vice president in charge of communication; Mrs. Jack A. Wheeler, Brentwood, vice president in charge of projects and services; John E. Benz, Hendersonville, vice president in charge of finance; and Mrs. James M. Brooks, Nashville, vice president in charge of homecoming.

The officers are scheduled to be installed at an alumni luncheon Jan. 27 during the college's annual homecoming observance.

Foreign Mission Board Names R. Allen Orr Regional Personnel Representative

R. Allen Orr, Baptist campus minister at the University of Colorado in Boulder, was elected a regional personnel representative of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond last week.

One of five regional officials, he will counsel with persons and groups interested in foreign mission service and will channel qualified volunteers into screening procedures leading toward missionary appointment. His assigned territory will cover 20 states in the western, midwestern, and north central sections of the United States. He assumes his new post April 15.

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Students and adults throughout Tennessee and surrounding states will be given the opportunity to participate in the General Education Development test center at Union university from now through Aug. 24, according to an announcement from James A. Pate, director of testing and professor of education.

Established in 1947, the GED battery of tests is used to appraise the educational development of adults who have not completed their formal high school education. More than a dozen different type exams may be utilized, including the American College Test, College Entrance Examination Board, the Graduate Record Exam, English Proficiency Test, General Education Development Test, Undergraduate Program, College-level Examination Program, etc. Union serves as one of the few GED test centers in West Tennessee.

"The successful completion of the five tests in the GED examination package fulfills the requirements for a GED high school equivalency diploma," Pate stated. The battery of tests covers English, social studies, natural science, literature, and math.

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Tennessee League Survey Reveals Two Greatest Youth Problems

By Phil Padgett

In a survey conducted by United Tennessee League, some 800 teenagers across the state were asked to name what they considered the greatest problems facing young people today. You can believe we received a variety of answers ranging from parents to pornography; from sex to school and social standards. However, when results were tabulated, the major problems were none of these. Most teenagers said they were alcohol and drugs.

Results showed they believe more young people get into trouble and lose their direction because of alcohol than any other thing. They picked the tremendous increase in drug abuse among high school students a close second. From our experiences of counseling thousands of young people and conducting programs in hundreds of schools each year for many years, we agree.

The legal and illegal use of drugs is not new, but for many years drug addiction seemed confined to the so-called "other side of the tracks." Most of us never gave a second thought to the possibility that the boy next door or the beautiful girl across the street would be using drugs, or that any day our own child might come home stoned. This possibility has now become reality in every city in Tennessee and drug abuse among teenagers is being discovered in the most remote rural areas of our state.

Why would today's young people blow their minds on drugs when they have been classified the most intelligent generation in history? This bothered us, so we asked the same group: Why are young people turning to drugs? Once again answers varied from peer group pressure to a temporary escape from reality. These didn't worry us too much for every generation has tried some thing for kicks. However, they listed some reasons that did bother us! Many said teenagers are using drugs because they were reared in a drug-oriented world, by permissive parents, amidst adult hypocrisy. They said they couldn't see much difference between mom's diet pill, dad's martini and teenagers shooting speed or smoking pot.

This should prompt us to quit placing all the blame on irresponsible teenagers or inadequate laws, and accept our own share of responsibility as parents and church leaders. It's going to take some real commitment by all of us to solve the drug problem—and that includes law enforcement, school, church and home.

Even with the tremendous increase in the use of other drugs, the nation's most abused drug is still beverage alcohol. Beer, wine, whiskey, etc. all contain a habit-forming narcotic called ethyl alcohol which now claims over 9 million alcoholics, is a contributing cause in over 50 per cent of highway fatalities, 60 per cent of major crimes

and responsible for over one third of all arrests. Now legal for 18-year-olds, this has greatly increased teenage drinking.

Increased youth problems provide our churches with greater opportunities to minister. Teenagers are aimlessly searching and experimenting seeking solutions to their complicated problems. We must lovingly lead them to discover that the answer to life's problems cannot be found by popping a pill, smoking grass or drinking alcohol. The answer can be found only in Jesus Christ.

United Tennessee League has developed a meaningful program called a Teen-Parent Conference dealing with major youth problems, including not only drugs and alcohol but also the communication gap, boy-girl relationships, and double standards. This program involving discussions, excellent films and question-answer periods, has been used with great success by over 50 churches. Why not contact us at 804 Church Street, Nashville, 37203, and let us discuss such a Conference for your church?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Padgett is executive director of the United Tennessee League. This article was written at the request of the editor.

Harper Shannon Named Birmingham Pastor

BIRMINGHAM—Harper Shannon, former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, has been named pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham.

Shannon, for the past 10 years, has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.

A native of Birmingham, Shannon is returning, effective Jan. 10, to the church where he was converted, and where he preached his first formal sermon at the age of 14. (BP)

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Jesus Christ The Eternal Same by H. H. Hargrove, Vantage Press, Inc., \$3.95.

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WHOSE IS THE CHURCH

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

Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 3
Focal Passages: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11, 16-23

To whom does the church belong? Sometimes she seems to belong to the world; sometimes she appears to belong to the pastor. At other times you would think she belongs to the deacons. Perhaps at still other times some leaders would act like she belongs to the denomination or hierarchy.



White

Well, a real New Testament church belongs to Christ and God. That is why we have the expression in the New Testament "Churches of Christ" (Rom. 16:16) and at other times, "Church of God" (Acts 2:20).

The church is the betrothed bride of Christ. She should be separate to Him and from any rival to Him and His glory. She has been purchased by His precious blood. She is not her own. Flirting with a pagan world is scandalous and disastrous.

The church is called the body of Christ. He is the head and should direct in all things.

Church of Christ and Church of God denotes ownership, not proper names. It would be like referring to the married companion of Jim Jones as the wife of Jim Jones, using the term "wife" as her real name.

Churches Created By The Lord 1 Cor. 3:5-8

The ministers of the gospel preach the word, and win believers. God saves and constitutes them into the body of Christ. Accommodating external organizations may be set up by ministers but the real development is the work of God or it is spurious.

One may plant, another may water but God gives the increase. That is—ministers plant the seed, ministers water the soil but God through the Holy Spirit causes the seed to germinate and come forth. He uses human agents in a divine process. God is the One who makes it all succeed in genuine results. Ministers and workers will get their own rewards in the end.

Christ Is The Foundation Of The Church 1 Cor. 3:9-11

We are co-laborers with God but the church is God's vineyard and God's building. We work as a team with God and others in the glorious process but over and underneath is God.

A real church has only one true foundation—that is Jesus Christ. He undergirds her and is underneath her. All other ground is sinking sand. He is the firm foundation that standeth sure.

The Church Is The Spiritual Temple Of God 1 Cor. 3:16-23

The church is the temple of God, built of spiritual stones in which dwell the Holy Spirit. After the temple of Solomon was built the king dedicated it with a remarkable prayer. Following this, Jehovah filled the Holy of Holies with the Shekinah glory of His presence and sanctified it as His. Because of this the people were to regard the temple with holy awe and were never to defile it.

Jesus gathered the material which had been prepared by John the Baptist and Himself, constituting His church which He filled with the Holy Spirit for functioning power on an interim basis. This group had a season of prayer. The baptism of the Holy Spirit came for the age of the church, at Pentecost.

In spiritual concerns the wisdom of God is imparted by the Holy Spirit from above. Worldly wisdom is foolishness in God's sight just as divine wisdom is foolishness to carnal and natural man.

He is not discounting human wisdom in material matters nor is He discrediting common sense on any account. He is seeking to make it clear that the spiritual slant on spiritual and great basic realities must

SBC-Produced Program Slated For Television

FORT WORTH—"Legacy," an hour-long documentary program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here in association with the National Broadcasting Co., will be shown by the NBC-TV network on Sunday, Jan. 21.

The program, filmed in the Netherlands, is designed to show the enduring contribution to America and the world of the Dutch people of the 17th century and today. It is the first of NBC's hour-long religious specials for 1973.

Narrated by Alexander Scourby, "Legacy" presents the portrait of Dutch people through the works of such modern artists as Appel and Mondrian, as well as Van Gogh, Rembrandt, and Vermeer. The film will also show Pilgrim's Church in Amsterdam and Anne Frank's House.

Emphasized in "Legacy" are the Dutch traits of hard work, a love of life, and above all, a love of political and religious freedom.

The program is slated on the network for broadcast at 8:30 p.m., EST, Jan. 21, but local stations may vary the time of showing, according to Radio-TV Commission officials. (BP)

not be replaced by the limited insights of the natural man.

The division in the fellowship in the church at Corinth is shown to be so unnecessary and even ridiculous. In fact, everything worth having that lasts, they have in Christ, including the ministers over which they were disputing.

Since they belong to Christ, all true and enduring values belong to them such as life, death, things present and things to come. In Christ they have the mastery of all experience of time and eternity. All they need to do is claim them in the name of Christ.



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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

A concerted effort is being made by our Sunday School Department to encourage a "People Search" by the leaders and members of our churches throughout the state. Surely we all agree that a search for people to make decisions for Christ is the very center of all our evangelistic efforts. We must share the word NOW!



Norton

This responsibility not only belongs to our pastors and other staff members, but to teachers, deacons, class officers and actually to the entire membership of our churches. We cannot pass this task on to others—it is personal, and Baptists throughout our state in all phases of our church programs need to become more involved in this effort. There is a continual need to review and renew our emphases and push forward in a more dynamic way.

The State Evangelistic Conference is planned to stimulate us along these lines. Beginning Monday, January 22, and continuing through Tuesday evening, January 23, we will be hearing messages that should challenge and inspire us to go back to our churches with a renewed zeal to put forth greater effort than ever before to search for the people who need the message of Christ.

I hope you will be much in prayer for this conference. Plan to attend as many of the services as possible. We look forward to seeing many laymen from across our State present for the Laymen's Night service on Tuesday evening.

Reagan Signs Tax Credit Bill; ACLU To Ask Court Test

SACRAMENTO—A spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union, citing a recent Ohio federal court decision, has promised a court challenge of California's recently enacted tax credit law providing aid to parents for non-public school children.

The ACLU statement followed the signing by Gov. Ronald Reagan of the measure which provides tax credits of up to \$125 per child to parents of children in non-public elementary and secondary school in California.

Msgr. John S. Cummins, executive director of the California Catholic Conference, which strongly supported the law, said that backers of the law expected a court test. He conceded that the California law is similar to the Ohio tax credit law that was recently declared unconstitutional by the federal court panel. (RNS)

In Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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How Colds Are Transmitted Among Family Members

Hands, not coughs or sneezes, are the most efficient distributors of the rhinoviruses that cause 30 to 40% of colds, the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy heard here. The tissues of the eye and nose are especially receptive to rhinoviruses, so if you can persuade family members not to rub eyes or pick at noses when someone in the household has a cold, the cold may be stopped—well, cold, said Dr. J. Owen Hendley of University of Virginia Medical School.

The research team headed by Hendley and Dr. J. M. Gwaltney also found that non-porous surface such as stainless steel, plastic or Formica sustain rhinoviruses for at least 3 hours. By that time, there were no viruses surviving on porous materials like cotton, or, surprisingly, paper handkerchiefs.

Rhinoviruses thrive on human skin, particularly the pads of the fingers which, we humans being the itchy, twitchy types we are, inevitably get to the eyes and nose and provide the cold viruses with a new host or hostess.

Two Clergymen In Congress Head Capital Congregation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The 93rd Congress will have at least two men who will maintain a regular Sunday preaching schedule, in addition to their Congressional duties.

They are Rep. John Buchanan (R.-Ala.), a Southern Baptist preacher serving Riverside Baptist church here, and Delegate Walter Fauntroy (D.-D.C.), senior minister of New Bethel Baptist church here, affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Fauntroy, 38, has continued preaching at all-black New Bethel Baptist (except for occasional out-of-town engagements) since he was first elected to Congress as the District of Columbia's non-voting delegate in March 1971. He was re-elected in November, as was Buchanan.

The Alabama Congressman accepted a call to take over the pulpit of the late Rev. Frank Foster who was killed with his wife Sara in a private airplane crash in May, and he has been there since. (RNS)

Historically:

From the files

> 50 YEARS AGO <

Citizens of Jackson raised nearly \$30,000 for the construction of an additional building on the Union University campus to house the preparatory department and the business college. Crowded conditions, (an attendance of 886.) necessitated the added building.

B. R. Womack, a Baptist minister for 55 years, died at Baptist Memorial Hospital. He had served as pastor of Nashville's Central church and First church, Memphis. It was said of him that "he never did anything but preach and teach the Bible."

> 20 YEARS AGO <

The DeSoto Heights church in Memphis, formerly the Louisiana Street church, occupied its new \$60,000 building in that city. Lloyd Shelton was the pastor.

The Southern Baptist Convention share of Cooperative Program receipts in 1952 reached over \$9 million, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee. The goal for the year had been \$10 million, but the gain over the preceding year did make possible a total of \$1,384,047.82 for the advance programs of the mission boards.

> 10 YEARS AGO <

A Tennessee Baptist, Herbert B. Orr, was the first recipient of a March of Dimes health career scholarship in the United States to win his M.D. degree, according to state officials of the national foundation.

Repair work was continuing on the balcony of the First Baptist church of Jefferson City which had collapsed during a pre-Christmas chapel program at the church. At the time of the mishap, about 100 students were in the south balcony, but only 25 received minor injuries.

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Mission Board Administrator Urges 'Aggressive Expansion'

RICHMOND—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for West Africa, H. Cornell Goerner, has called upon the board to "initiate an aggressive program of expansion in West Africa," where there has been a gradual decline in the number of Southern Baptist missionaries over the past five years.

At the same time, said Goerner, "We should certainly continue to take full advantage of the rising tide of interest in Eastern and Southern Africa," where the missionary force has been increasing.

He said the responsiveness of people in Eastern and Southern African countries to evangelistic preaching partly accounts for the comparatively large number of missionary volunteers for that area.

Goerner's remarks were made in an eight-page report presented to members of the board during their January meeting here.

People With Needs

After reviewing Southern Baptist work in Africa in recent years, Goerner turned to the future and suggested some goals and strategies for 1973 and the mid-'70s.

He was secretary for all of Africa south of the Sahara for 15 years. At his request, last June the board divided its administration of Africa into West Africa and Eastern and Southern Africa, and named Goerner secretary of the former, effective Jan. 1.

A secretary for Eastern and Southern

Africa is expected to be named later this year. Meanwhile, Goerner will remain as administrative head of both areas.

"But it has people—people with fears and agonizing needs. People for whom Christ died," he continued.

"It is my conviction that we as Southern Baptists should be doing far more than we have done to present the claims of Christ to the peoples of West Africa."

Personnel Decline

Then, despite the beginning of work in new countries of the area and the appointment of a small number of new personnel, the Southern Baptist force in West Africa began to drop.

This decline was due to the attrition of the missionary staff in Nigeria, said Goerner.

By the end of 1966 there was an all-time high of 252 Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria. The eruption of civil war in 1967 and the intensified spirit of nationalism since the war have "created problems which make it extremely difficult to get new personnel into the country," Goerner said.

Consequently, the missionary staff in Nigeria has declined to its present 151, of whom 100 are on the field and the others in the states on furlough or medical leave.

Personnel Relocation

"Despite the rapid transition to indigenous Nigerian leadership, there is still

Missionaries In India Reduced By 21% Over 4-Year Period

NEW DELHI—Foreign Christian missionaries in India numbered 5053 at the beginning of 1972, according to a statement in Parliament by Deputy Home Minister F. H. Mohsin.

The 1972 total represents a 21 per cent drop in the number of missionaries in the country since 1968, when they numbered 6420.

The decrease is believed to be due to the Indian government's policy of "progressive Indianization" of foreign Christian missionaries.

The government has adopted a strict policy of screening all new missionary applicants for entry to determine whether the services of the foreign applicant are really "essential" for the country and for the church concerned, or whether Indian personnel are available for the same tasks.

In another official statement in Parliament, the government released figures of foreign funds received by Christian missionaries in India.

According to the report, individual missionaries and church institutions received the equivalent of \$45,799,100 in 1970, and \$65,294,200 in 1971.

According to an unofficial report, a goodly portion of the funds received is believed by many to be changed into Indian currency on the "unofficial money market" at rates "considerably higher" than those offered by the official exchange." (RNS)

much that can be done by qualified missionary personnel, and we should not despair of strengthening our Nigerian mission staff," Goerner said.

Meanwhile, missionaries who have served in Nigeria and cannot re-enter, for whatever reason, should be redeployed to other mission fields, he continued.

The board should first try to relocate them in another West African country, Goerner said, but if that is impossible, then to a country of Eastern and Southern Africa. In some cases, experienced personnel from Nigeria might be reassigned to another part of the world, he added.

Apart from Nigeria, Southern Baptist work needs to be expanded and strengthened in other West African nations, with major emphasis on the Francophone, or French-speaking, countries, Goerner said. (BP)



(BP) Photo by Jim Newton

Prime Minister Gold Meir of Israel accepts an inscribed photograph and an Israeli flag from the moon during a presentation by Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin in Tel Aviv. When Irwin told Mrs. Meir that to look at the earth and see its beauty from the vantagepoint of the moon is to "feel you are looking at the earth with the eyes of God," Mrs. Meir nodded, saying "I felt like this at Mt. Sinai" when she saw the Holy Land as Moses must have seen it when he received the Ten Commandments.

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