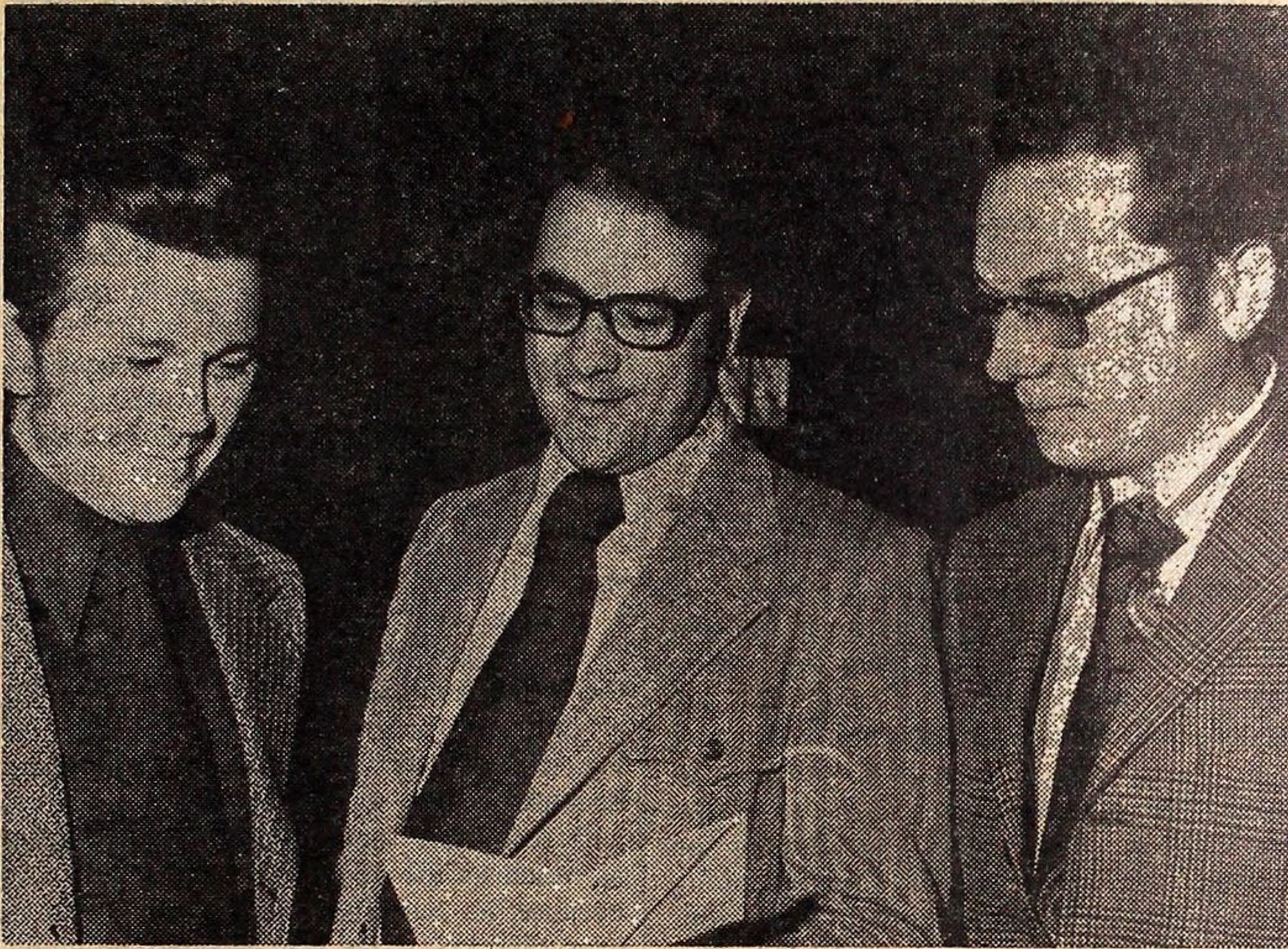


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These pastors look over the program for the State Evangelistic Conference held at Belmont Heights church, Nashville, recently. They are, left to right: Larry Smith, pastor, Westside Baptist church, Rossville, Ga.; Jack Rinks, pastor, Flintville church, Flintville; and John Shepherd, pastor, Trenton Street church, Harriman.

Layman's Night Draws Large Crowd At Closing Session Of Evangelistic Conference



Robert L. Newman, superintendent of missions, Weakley County association, addresses attendants at the supper and planning meeting for superintendents of missions, associational chairmen of evangelism, moderators, and TBC department and agency heads during the recent Evangelistic Conference.

A standing-room-only crowd gathered Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, at the Belmont Heights church in Nashville to hear the final session of the 1973 State Evangelistic Conference.

Special music was provided by the Volunteer State Chorale under the direction of Louis Ball, professor of music at Carson-Newman college. Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo., was the guest soloist for the conference.

Promoting the theme of "Sharing Christ Through Living the Word," were speakers John R. Bisagno, pastor of the First Baptist church of Houston, Tex.; and Warren C. Hultgren, pastor of the First Baptist church of Tulsa, Okla. Bisagno, speaking on "Christ the Living Word," reminded those in attendance that "the written word of God is the Bible, but the Living Word of God is Jesus." He said that Jesus did not just come to represent God or to speak for God, but that He was God. "God condescended through Christ," he stated.

Hultgren urged Christian laymen to carry Christ with them in "all their worlds," and to strengthen their lives through consistent

George Wells Allen Dies; Father Of Hohenwald Pastor

George Wells Allen, 81, of Comanche, Texas, father of Carl Allen, pastor of First church, Hohenwald, member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and chairman of the State Missions Committee, died suddenly Jan. 19.

His death came 19 days following the death of his wife, Mattie Fonville Allen, who died Dec. 31. They had been married 61 years. Allen had been a deacon 57 years and Mrs. Allen had taught Sunday school classes more than 50 years.

Services were held Jan. 21 at Friendly Baptist church, Tyler, Texas.

Vietnam Cease-Fire Affords Opportunity, Uncertainty, Says Parks

RICHMOND—The transitional period between war and peacetime in Vietnam may present new opportunities for evangelistic work and good prospects for its success in that country, according to R. Keith Parks, SBC Foreign Mission Board Secretary for Southeast Asia.

Parks said in an interview here that these opportunities could be likened to the post World War II era in Japan. At that time, he said, General Douglas MacArthur called on Christians of this country to send at least 1000 missionaries to Japan. The Japanese people were recognizing that the emperor was not God, and therefore would have been receptive to the Christian gospel. The call was not met and that receptiveness has never been as great, Parks said.

Because this transitional period has been so important in many countries, Parks added, "we feel an urgency to get as many missionaries as possible into Vietnam during this time."

The missionaries in Vietnam have continually requested additional personnel, Parks noted, and the need is doubly im-

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Bible reading and prayer. "The thrust of the gospel is carried on through the layman's faith," he added, and Christians should witness not only through proclamation but through the presence of their strength.

Dr. Dexter L. Woods, physician and member of the East Brainerd church in Chattanooga, shared his personal testimony with the group. Associations and individuals were recognized by F. M. Dowell, state evangelism secretary, and Roy J. Gilleland, state Brotherhood secretary.

THE FULNESS OF THE TIME

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." — Gal. 4:4-5.

Paul has been talking about Christians as children of God (vv. 1-3). Now he tells how we became such. It is not through the accident of natural birth, but through God's act through His eternal Son.

He speaks of this as taking place in "the fulness of the time" (cf. Eph. 1:10). Much speculation has been made trying to explain this figure. Some see it as an apocalyptic figure. Others as connoting the coming together of Roman law, Greek culture, and Jewish hope. More likely it means simply a time of God's own choosing. It could involve man's despair in not being able to save himself by the Mosaic law or any other code of law. As one has said, it was not man's progress but his need which led God to act in human history for redemption.

At this chosen time God sent forth from heaven to earth His eternal Son. As eternal, He was deity. As "becoming out of [ek, out of] a woman," He was humanity. Paul does not spell out the virgin birth. But he implies it. How else could God's Son be born out

of a woman. Thus He was the divine-human Son of God. "Becoming under law" means that He was born a Jew. "Law" here and in verse 5 is without the definite article. It refers to the law principle. In verse 4 it is the Mosaic law. In verse 5 it can refer to any system of legalism, whether Mosaic or any legal code of conduct. Note that Paul is writing of both Jews and Gentiles.

Jesus subjected Himself to law. But He does not save men by law. "To redeem" is part of a purpose clause. The verb means to buy out of the marketplace. This He did through His death and resurrection. A second purpose clause says "that we might receive the adoption of son." "The adoption of sons" means "the making of sons." It is the Roman system of making a non-son into a son. Usually the adopted one was a slave. The adopting father paid for his freedom, and assumed responsibility for any future debts, even as God paid the price to free us from legalism now and in the future. This involves God's grace. The adopted son received the privileges of sonship along with natural sons, and assumed the responsibilities of such (see Rom. 8:17-18). The new son was regarded as being born again into a new family. So Paul's legal figure corresponds to Jesus' vital figure of the new birth. Witnesses to the transaction were required. So the Holy Spirit in our hearts is



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

An outstanding Christian leader declares: "We have talked too much about the difficulties of our task and too little about the opportunities before us."

It is an accepted fact that too many professing Christians are members of "Pessimist International."

The pessimist finds fault—the optimist seeks a solution. The pessimist criticizes circumstances — the optimist changes conditions.

The pessimist disparages — the optimist encourages. The pessimist erects barriers — the optimist removes road-blocks.

As Christians, it is well to remember that nothing can defeat us when we refuse to give up on the inside.

If for no other reason, the Christian should at least want to be remembered for his smile instead of his frown. Of all people, Christians should strive to live in such a way that when they pass on, they can avoid the epitaph: "They Lived to A Gripe Old Age."

Devotional

How Much Do You Love Him?

By Zilla Hawkins, Teacher
Bolivar Junior High School, Bolivar



Hawkins

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Psalm 40:8. The slave who went to his master when he had worked out his bondage and said, "Master, I like it here; I don't want to be free; I love you; I like your house; I want to continue to serve you the rest of my life just because I love you; please, don't

send me away," reminds one of the way we should come to the Lord daily and say, "Lord, I delight to do thy will because I love You." This is the only kind of service that will bless our hearts.

If we can say with the Psalmist "I delight to do thy will" and mean it, then we will do the little insignificant jobs instead of waiting all our lives for the big, important, outstanding task which we think should be ours because we are so capable. Then the world will recognize that we are God's workers as much as the people recognized the slave because he had the hole in his ear to let everyone know he was a slave by choice because of love for his master.

Let us ask ourselves, "Are we slaves of God by choice; are we serving diligently because we love Him; how much love can others see in our lives?"

Things don't just happen to us who love God,

They're sent from His own dear hand,

That molded and shaped by events below,

We'll match the pattern He's planned!

— Fields

Show love and compassion for others today,

And do as the Savior would do;

For men may reject Him and turn from His grace

If they fail to see Jesus in you.

—Anon

the witness to it (v. 6). Thus the Christian is no longer a slave to law, but a son and heir of God (v. 7).

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Television Evangelism Show Rescheduled To Air April 1

ATLANTA—Originally set to go on the air the middle of February, "Spring Street USA," Southern Baptists' first evangelistic variety show, has been rescheduled to premiere April 1.

Special guests for the rescheduled shows include singer Pat Boone, Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin, comedian Jerry Clower, Texas Singer Cynthia Clawson, television singer Norma Zimmer and "Queen of the West" Dale Evans Rogers.

Also appearing on future shows as guest stars will be country music singer Connie Smith, pianist-composer-singer Ken Medema, music evangelist Jamall Badry, singer Jo Ann Shelton, former Louisiana Governor Jimmy Davis, vocal group Andrae Crouch and the Disciples, and the Tom Tichenor puppets.

Rescheduling of the programs will result in a wider distribution on more stations, and a continuous running program, said Fred Moseley, assistant executive secretary-treasurer and acting director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

"The films we originally had planned to premiere on Feb. 11 are ready, but we faced difficulty in finishing the second group of the series in time for completion of the first," Moseley said. "Rather than rerun the first segments so early or skip a few weeks, we felt it was preferable to move the programs up seven weeks."

The first half-hour programs feature evangelism leader Kenneth L. Chafin as host. Chafin, former director of evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board, is now pastor of South Main Baptist church, Houston. He closes each program with a brief message.

A new musical group, formed especially for the variety show the Spring Street Singers, will appear each week. Music for the telecasts is directed by Buryl Red of

New York, president of BR Productions and Generic Music Co., and one of Southern Baptists' best known composers and arrangers.

The variety program and the singing group derive their names from the 1350 Spring Street address of the Atlanta-based SBC Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board is responsible for the content of the show while the SBC Radio and TV Commission is cooperating in the production and distribution of the programs. Truett Myers of the Radio and TV Commission is producer of the show. (BP)

Foundation

It Got Buried

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Shakespeare spoke a truth that continues: "The evil that men do lives after them. The good is oft interred with their bones."

It is sad that even great Christians are soon forgotten and their testimony dies so soon after their funeral. This will be the order of things for most of us. Our Christian testimony is buried in loss of memory.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation has as one of its objectives to provide a means of keeping alive the witness of those who must pass off the stage of earthly life. A living trust, a trust in a will or the assignment of an insurance policy proceeds to be held in trust gives a permanent quality to one's expression of Christian concern. Such trust funds will remain until Jesus comes with income paid each year to the Christian Cause of the donor's choice. The check sent will bear the donor's name or the name of some loved one whom he wants to memorialize.

For further information on any of the above mentioned trust possibilities write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Texas Baptist Leader Dies in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH—Don J. Singletary, who recently took disability retirement as president and chief executive officer of the Texas Baptist Church Loan Association and the Texas Baptist Church Loan Corporation, died here after a long illness.

Singletary, 60, joined the staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in April, 1968, from a position as president and director of Tarrant State Bank.

The Church Loan Association and the Church Loan Corporation serve Texas Baptist churches by making mortgage loans for church building programs. (BP)

Million Dollar Fire Destroys Oklahoma Church

LAWTON, Okla.—An early morning fire destroyed the auditorium, chapel and most of the education facilities at First Baptist church, Lawton, Okla., with Pastor Forest Siler estimating losses at more than \$1 million.

A security patrolman discovered the fire at 3:15 a.m., Jan. 19. The fire had smoldered and smoked for two hours before breaking out into flames that shot 100 feet into the air.

Firemen fought the blaze for more than five hours, while Siler, his wife and deacon chairman Carl Fitch maintained a prayerful vigil.

"It really touches you to stand and watch something like this and hear those beautiful stained glass windows explode," Siler commented.

The flames, fanned by a brisk wind, destroyed the church's three-story auditorium building, education unit, chapel and offices. Also lost in the fire were two pipe organs, and a \$30,000 color television camera that had just been installed.

Siler said only the nursery and two or three departments escaped extensive damage. He was able to rescue and later salvage a few personal items, including his file of sermons and his library which were water and smoke-damaged.

Exact cause and first location of the fire was not immediately determined, but it was believed to have started in the education unit and spread throughout the facility.

It was the second time the Lawton church had been destroyed by fire.

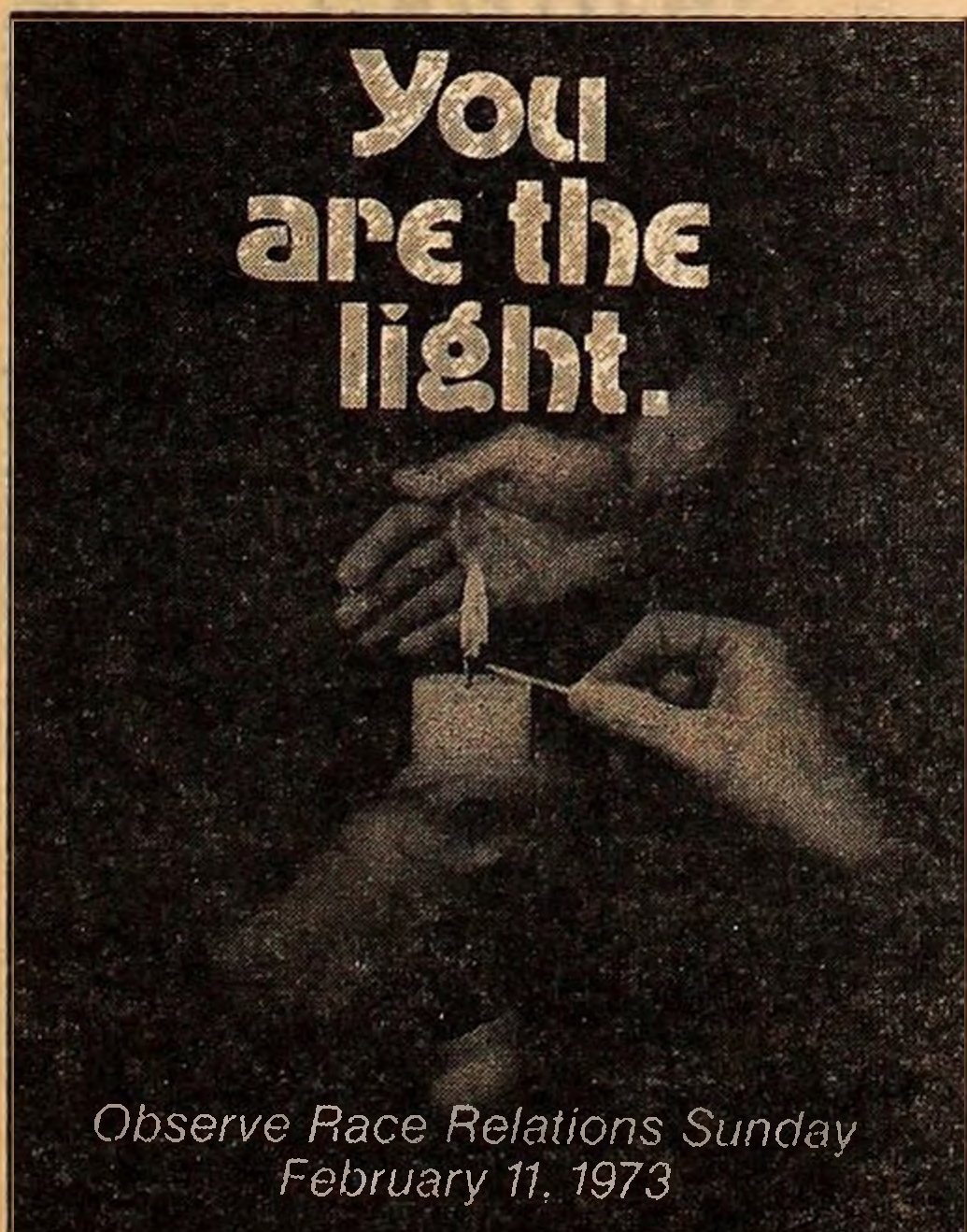
In 1954, fire destroyed the church's education unit, which was later rebuilt at a cost of \$100,000. The auditorium, which would seat 1670, was completed in 1957 at a cost of \$400,000. (BP)

'The Common Bible' Due For Spring Publication

A new edition of the Bible, "The Common Bible," will be published in the United States early this spring, according to a recent announcement from the National Council of Churches. Bearing the words, "An Ecumenical Edition," the translation will include a second edition of the Revised Standard Version, published in 1946 in this country.

With the exception of one psalm and two other short sections from the Greek Bible, the new publications will include all the literature considered Holy Scripture by Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox. Old Testament material not considered canonical by Jews and Protestants but found in Latin and Greek canons are collected in two categories between the Testaments.

The American Bible Society will be one of seven publishers to issue the RSV Common Bible, National Council officials said.



EDITORIALS

Thanksgiving For Cease-Fire

From the death of the first American soldier in Viet Nam 11 years ago—a Tennessean, until last week, America as a nation and Americans as individuals had agonized and many had been troubled in conscience and heart over the fact of war in the first place, and over the loss of American lives.

Bound by treaty agreements, what began as a "police action" mushroomed into a full-scale war which cost the nation through mid-January, 1973, 45,933 of her finest young men, killed. An additional 303,000-plus were wounded, with more than 150,000 requiring hospitalization. There is no precise accounting concerning the number of prisoners of war and/or those missing in action. Promises have been made that an accounting will be given, and that all prisoners of war will be returned within 60 days. For many, many families—including many Tennesseans—this is joyous news. There has been little communication available between these prisoners and their families. Many prayers have been offered to God concerning these prisoners, as well as those killed and wounded. The more-than-a-decade involvement, has cost the nation untold billions of dollars.

The Cease-Fire was in effect Saturday. We regret that this Cease-Fire evidently did not extend to fighting in Laos and Cambodia. Peace talks, of one type or another have been under way for some seven years; actively perhaps for four. During this period of involvement in Southeast Asia, it appears to us that the whole tenor of the American public has undergone a rather drastic change; attributable in part at least, to the confusion and dissatisfaction concerning the conflict in Viet Nam.

We give thanks to God, and we give expressions of heart-felt gratitude for the accomplishment of a Cease-Fire. It is our prayer that this will be permanent, and will extend rapidly to Laos and Cambodia.

This undeclared war has created divisiveness—hawks and doves—militants on both sides of thought concerning involvement, and could have damaged severely the unity of this nation. It just may have already. One looks back upon the military action in Korea, the Cease-Fire, and the end result—still two divided areas of a nation (two nations in effect.) One looks back further to World War II, and then to World War I, and other military engagements in which the United States has been involved. This particular action has had less moral support from the nation as a whole than any conflict in which we have been engaged, with the exception of the War Between the States, which made our own land a house divided.

The impact, side effects, sorrow, personal loss, and financial loss will be long felt and remembered by the entire nation for many years. It was perhaps necessary; none-the-less tragic. We are grateful that our national leaders were able to negotiate this settlement. We pray that it will be a lasting one.

We pray further that this nation might be spared further conflicts and military actions. We are not optimistic, but we can and do pray knowing that God still controls the universe, if His creation will be directed by Him. (JAL)

Last Living Ex-President Dies

The man who hoped to create a "Great Society", and who sought in vain to end American fighting in Viet Nam was buried last week. Former President Lyndon Baines Johnson died at the age of 64. Cause of death was a heart attack, his fourth.

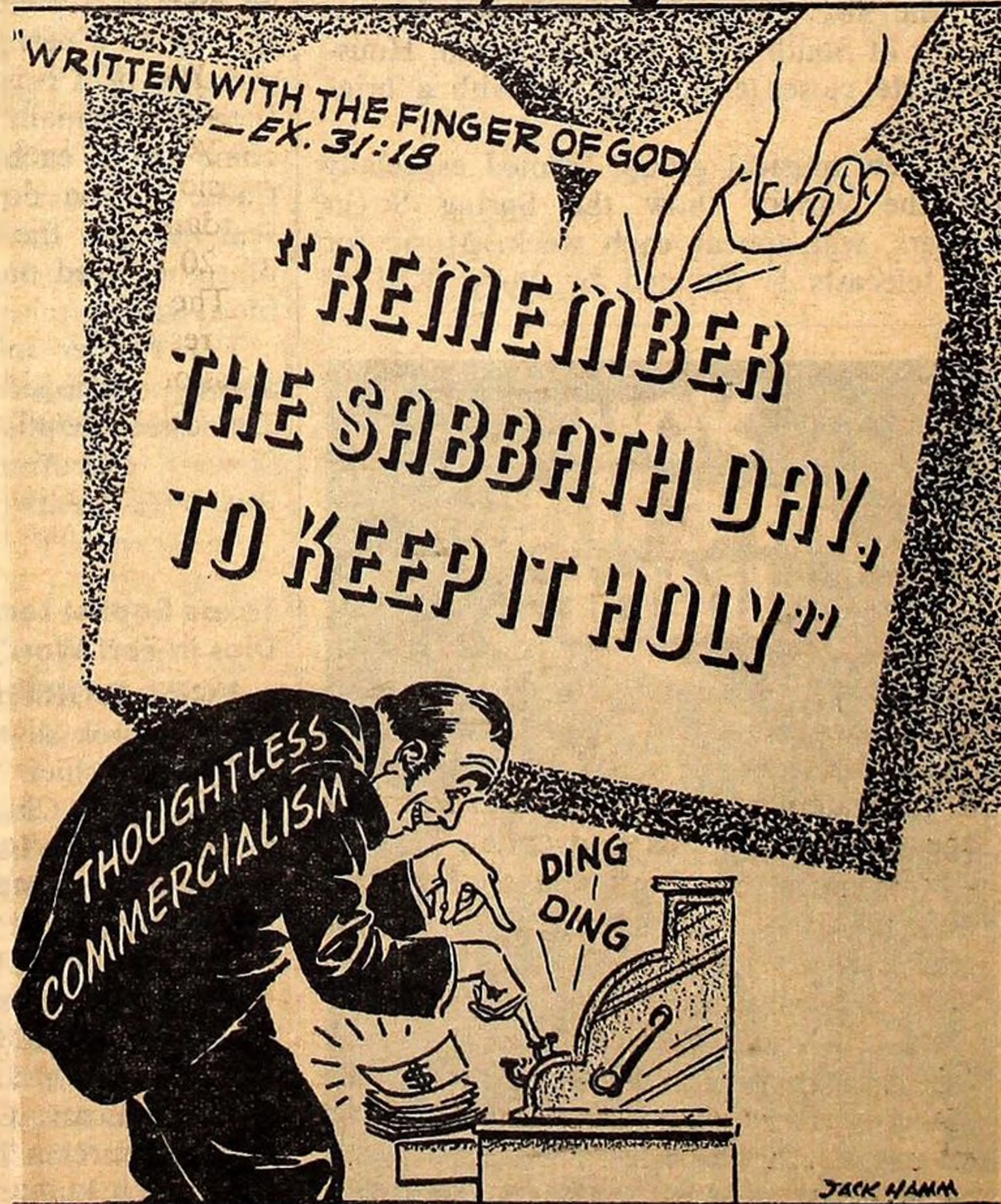
Johnson, like former President Harry S Truman, who preceded him in death less than a month ago, grew up in the rough and tumble world of politics, retiring from the presidency of the United States after his first full term in office. Johnson, apparently in disappointment and with some feeling of rejection upon the part of the American people, chose not to run for a second term. There are many who felt that he knew when he chose to retire that his physical condition would not permit an active campaign.

Johnson led this nation during a difficult period, termed by one writer "the stormiest domestic times since the Civil War . . ." The former president appeared in public rarely, and his last visit to the White House was in November, 1971, for a worship service, according to wire reports.

He sponsored strong civil rights legislation and led in enactment of legislation which affected education, housing, medicine, pensions and wages and anti-discrimination.

We join with many others in expressing sincere regret over his death at the age of 64, and we join also in prayers and expressions of sympathy to his family.

Contrary Fingers



Broadman Commentary Rates Top 1972 Story

NASHVILLE—The Philadelphia convention's refusal to ask complete recall of Broadman Bible Commentary rates as the No. 1 Southern Baptist Convention news event of 1972, according to a Baptist Press news service poll.

Taken among about 40 editors of Baptist state papers and Baptist Press bureaus, the poll reveals new attention and emphasis on laymen's role in SBC life ranks as second most important development.

Statistical projections for 1972, which include the probability that SBC churches baptized a record number of converts, were accorded third place in news prominence.

In a year when "women's lib" scored headlines in secular magazines and newspapers, the denomination's own encounter with women wanting to serve as ministers and pastors won enough votes to place it as fourth most important denominational news item.

Baptism and other doctrinal issues arising during annual fall sessions of Baptist state conventions received fifth place in news.

From sixth to tenth places, the following stories finish out the elite "top 10" SBC stories of 1972 in the ballot:

—Apollo 15 astronaut James Irwin's resignation from the space program, and his subsequent evangelism activity.

—Baptist stands on tax matters in Congress that would affect parochial schooling and tax exemptions for church gifts and property.

—Proposals to restructure, or in one case, abolish SBC agencies.

—Controversy over the denominational periodical, "Becoming."

—President Nixon's visit to the Baptist church in Moscow, and Russian Baptists' visit to Washington.

Nine ballots were not received by the deadline to be counted. Of 31 ballots cast, 27 named the debate in the denomination over the Broadman Bible Commentary among "top 10" stories of 1972. But only six votes rank it first place.

Still the commentary story won more first place ballots than any other of more than 20 events votes on. Voting was widely scattered, with 12 stories getting at least one first-place vote.

At Philadelphia last June, the convention was asked to order recall of the Commentary in its present form, on grounds it "is out of harmony with the spirit and letter of the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message adopted by this convention."

Messengers, by about a 4 to 1 margin, declined to ask for withdrawal and re-writing of the 12-volume commentary, produced by the convention's Sunday school board.

More active lay involvement in SBC affairs captured four first-place votes and got named on 25 ballots. A new lay ministries department is being created by the

SBC Brotherhood Commission, under its new executive director, Glendon McCullough, Memphis. More lay involvement in Baptist affairs has been a major theme of SBC President Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Mississippi industrialist.

Third, fourth, and fifth place stories are closely grouped and the margin of votes separating all three is narrow.

Southern Baptists encountered women's efforts to serve as ministers, even as pastors, on at least four different occasions in 1972. This continuing story received one first-place vote, named on 23 ballots.

While several Baptist bodies in America and in other countries accept women as pastors, Southern Baptist churches have traditionally refused to call women as pastors.

In addition to showing a record number of converts baptized in 1972, statistics for the year are expected to push Southern Baptists—the world's largest Baptist body and the largest Protestant group in the U.S.—past 12 million. Four first place votes; mentioned on 20 ballots.

Baptism questions before state conventions last fall centered mainly on alien immersion or non-immersion. Among other things, involved the practice of some churches which receive members from other denominations who have not been baptized by immersion. One first-place vote; marked on 23 ballots.

James Irwin, a Southern Baptist, resigned from the space program and set up an evangelistic ministry named "High Flight." He travelled widely over the world during the year meeting heads of government and speaking about his religious convictions. At year's end he was touring with a Baptist music group and appearing in Israel and Jordan. Three first-place votes; checked on 20 ballots.

The SBC "Committee of 15" recommended restructure changes for two SBC commissions. Its recommendation to abolish the Stewardship Commission was voted down at the Philadelphia convention. Two first place votes; indicated on 16 ballots.

Baptists announced they oppose pro-

Swafford Is Honored At Belmont Luncheon

Clinton H. Swafford, former mayor of Winchester, and an active layman in the First Baptist church, was named Alumnus of the Year for 1972 during an alumni luncheon held at Belmont college Jan. 27.



Swafford

Swafford, the tenth individual to be honored by the alumni association, accepted a plaque from president Tommy Frensey at the banquet attended by nearly 200 graduates of the school.

During an earlier business session, the association adopted a \$3000 operating budget for 1973 and a new constitution. The association

also named 11 persons to honorary membership in the organization, the first ever named to this honor. The new members included Mrs. Cliff Calahan, secretary to the college president; Carl J. Chaney, retired director of special assignments; Ivar Lou Myhr Duncan, professor emeritus of English; Martha Marna Graves, associate professor emeritus of Spanish; W. C. Griffith, associate professor of health and physical education; Roy A. Helton, professor of religion; Anderson Kimble, custodian, Acklen Hall; Dowey D. O'Neal, associate professor emeritus of economics; Elizabeth Wall, associate professor of music; and Dr. and Mrs. R. Kelly White, Belmont's first president and wife.

posals in Congress for tax credits for students attending parochial schools. They also oppose efforts to withdraw tax exemptions for church property and tax deductions for church gifts. Three "first;" mentioned on 18 ballots.

Those taking part in selecting the "top 10" stories designated in order of preference, from 1 to 10, what they consider the most important Baptist news events of the year.

Ballots are scored by giving first-place votes 10 points, second-place votes 9 points, and so on, with tenth-place votes getting only 1 point.

The "top 10" showed up this way in tabular form:

Place	Story	First Place	Votes	No. Ballots	Points
1	Commentary	6	27		202
2	Lay Involvement	4	25		161
3	1972 Statistics	4	20		133
4	Women Pastors	1	23		130
5	Baptism Issues	1	23		126
6	James Irwin	3	20		116
7	Tax Credits, Exemptions	3	18		97½
8	Structural Changes	2	16		96
9	"Becoming" Magazine	2	12		84
10	Nixon-Russian Baptists	2	16		70

Three first-place votes went to stories which did not receive enough other support to rank it in the "top 10." The half-point occurred when an editor split his vote among two stories, and the total points were divided equally.

Red Bank Church Honors Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton



Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton pictured at a recent reception held in their honor at the Red Bank church in Chattanooga.

Members of the Red Bank church in Chattanooga honored Dr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Norton, Dec. 31, 1972, upon the completion of his service of 25 years as pastor of the church. He is now serving in the post of executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Brentwood.

The former pastor and his wife were presented with a silver tray engraved with a picture of the church, a monetary love gift, and a scrapbook of personal letters. A reception, held at the church, attracted more than 600 persons.

During the past 25 years, the church has grown to a membership of 2000 and has experienced three major building expansions including two educational units and a sanctuary completed in 1959.

Lindsay To Head Unit At Jacksonville Seminary

Former Tennessean Homer G. Lindsay has been appointed head of the Church Administration Department at Luther Rice seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., and will teach the first course through the department this spring.

Pastor of the First Baptist church of Jacksonville for the past 32 years, Lindsay was born in Lake City, Tenn., and educated in the public schools of Knoxville. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and attended the University of Tennessee Law School. He has served as pastor of the First Baptist church, Covington, and the Avondale church in Chattanooga. He held various state leadership positions also, including moderator of the Big Hatchie Association, president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastor's Conference, and president of the Tennessee Baptist State Convention.

Special Course At Union Offered Elementary, Secondary Teachers

Prospective elementary and secondary school teachers enrolled in the abbreviated winter term at Union university are participating in a special type of physical education course designed to relate personally to the children they will be teaching. The students are engaged in activities from personal participation in badminton and volleyball to instructing handicapped children from the Happy Hollow school in a special physical education program.

According to Eugene Cantrall, chairman of the department, the students assume the roles of children from kindergarten to sixth grade and participate in games designed and supervised by other students acting as elementary school teachers. In the adapted physical education course, taught by Cantrall, children from the Happy Hollow school come to Union and are evaluated personally and guided by the college students in developing their physical abilities.

Texan Named To Head New North Carolina Council

RALEIGH, N.C.—Charles V. Petty, associate secretary of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named executive secretary of the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina here.

Petty will assume the newly-created post as the first Christian life executive secretary for North Carolina Baptists effective March 1.

A native of England, Ark., Petty is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, where he earned the doctor of theology degree in Christian ethics. (BP)

New Books

Feed My Sheep, compiled and edited by John H. Schaal, Baker, 162 pp., paper, \$1.95. A manual for Sunday School Teachers, Superintendents and Leaders.

A Commentary on The Minor Prophets by Homer Hailey, Baker, 428 pp., \$6.95.

The Epistle to the Hebrews: A Commentary by Homer A. Kent, Jr., Baker, 303 pp., \$5.95.

The Righteousness of God by Richard Bennett Sims, Exposition, 177 pp., \$7.50. Essays and Sermons on the Criteria of Validity in the Epistle to the Romans.

The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert E. Coleman, Fleming H. Revell Company, 126 pp., \$1.50. Study guide by R. J. Fish, \$.75.

Tune in . . . by Daniel R. Seagren, Baker Book House, 150 pp., \$1.25. Discussion starters for youth groups.

David Freshour Named To Serve On Student Development Council

David Freshour, Knoxville, a second year religious education student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, has been named to the executive committee of the Student Development Council at the seminary. The council was formed by interested students for the purpose of aiding the overall financial strength of the school. Various projects are planned each semester to raise support of the annual alumni fund drive.



Freshour

Maynardville Church Calls Ben H. Knisley Full Time, Completes Home

Maynardville church, Northern Baptist Association, has called Ben H. Knisley as its first full-time pastor and has completed a new pastor's home located near the church. Knisley, who comes from the Pleasant Grove Piney church in Jefferson Association, will serve as the only pastor in the Northern Association living on the field. Maynardville church is also the only church in the association to provide a pastor's home, Knisley stated.



Knisley

An open house was held at the home recently. L. D. Monroe, Claud Mynatt, Hollis Johnson, and Tad McDonald served on the building committee.

Adventists May Use U.S. Army Hospital In Saigon Pending Erection of New Unit

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As the U.S. Army phases out its facilities in Vietnam, the Seventh-day Adventist church is increasing its facilities there. In at least one instance, the Adventists may directly benefit from the Army's withdrawal. The church is currently studying with the military a plan to turn the U.S. Army Hospital in Saigon over to the Seventh-day Adventist church in Vietnam.

A report from the denomination's world headquarters here said that demand for hospital facilities on the part of the civilian population has far outstripped the supply. Although the church has been operating a 40-bed hospital in Saigon since 1955, the patient list now averages 70. The church began construction of a larger, more modern facility last year to accommodate 150 to 180 patients.

If the Adventists and the Army agree on a plan, the church would contract for the Army hospital one year at a time until its new hospital is completed. (RNS)

A New Heart And Spirit

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

Background Passages: Ezekiel 11:14-21; 36

Focal Passage: Ezekiel 36:22-32

The Dilemma of the Exiles

In 597 B.C. a group of Hebrews were taken captive in Jerusalem. In an attempt to render the city incapable of further trouble the leadership of the community was chosen for exile. Ezekiel was one of the exiles. He was a priest and a leading citizen. He fulfilled a priestly and prophetic function among the exiles in Babylon. His house by the Chebar was a popular meeting place. The elders came to receive oracles. Many others came to enjoy the oracles as works of art. The message of his oracles, however, was not popular.

This was, in part, due to Ezekiel's conception of God. He sees God as essentially "holy." He sees Israel as guilty of profaning that holiness. Because of this, God is compelled to destroy Israel.

In Oriental thought, a god and his people were so related that the fall of the people means the defeat of the god at the hands of a more powerful god. This was the charge of Israel's enemies. Israel's god had been defeated by the gods of Babylon. Not so, said Ezekiel. The exile of Israel was not the defeat of Yahweh. The exile was Yahweh's doing. He was punishing and purging His people because they had violated His holiness. When He is finished with them, He will restore them. Thus Ezekiel answers the taunts of Israel's enemies.

Ezekiel had equal difficulty in getting the exiles to see that God's punishment was redemptive. He saw the exile as an expression of God's grace to them. He saw the exiles as the true national state and not those who remain in Jerusalem. Those remaining in Jerusalem will be destroyed with the city. The remnant will come from those in exile. They will return and rebuild the state, insists Ezekiel.

The dilemma of those in exile was not physical. It appears that they were allowed to follow personal pursuits at will. They enjoyed almost full freedom. Most of them made the most of the opportunity and fared well. Some fared so well that when opportunity for return came they chose to stay in Babylon.

Their dilemma was intellectual and spiritual. Their thinking about their God had to be enlarged. Their understanding of how He governed the world had to be altered. In this new understanding was their hope.

The Hope of the Exiles

If Ezekiel was correct in his understanding of God, then there was hope. The exiles were that hope. There would be a

return. Not all would be lost. But that hope rested upon a renewed people, a changed people. God would not only gather the people, He would remake them. They would have responsive hearts. They would value holiness and live righteously. They would restore Israel.

We share the experiences of the exiles in many ways. We establish fixed patterns of thought about God and assume they are true. Changing circumstances force a constant re-evaluation of our thinking. We assume God will protect us from other peoples because they are more wicked. We assume that faithfulness on our part will assure us of good health, prosperity, fine children, and long life. We are continually discovering how little we understand God. He is always bigger than we think. We are continually forced to adapt our thinking to changing circumstances. Even so, God is essentially "holiness." We must not profane that "holiness." Even so, God is still our hope. We are responsible for righteousness but utterly dependent upon Him for the spirit and capacity for achieving it.

Construction Scheduled To Begin Soon On Doe River Church Facilities

Construction is scheduled to begin next month on a new sanctuary and educational building for Doe River church in Watauga Association, according to Miss Gertrude Hale, associational missionary. Site for the structure will be across the highway from the old location south of Elizabethton.

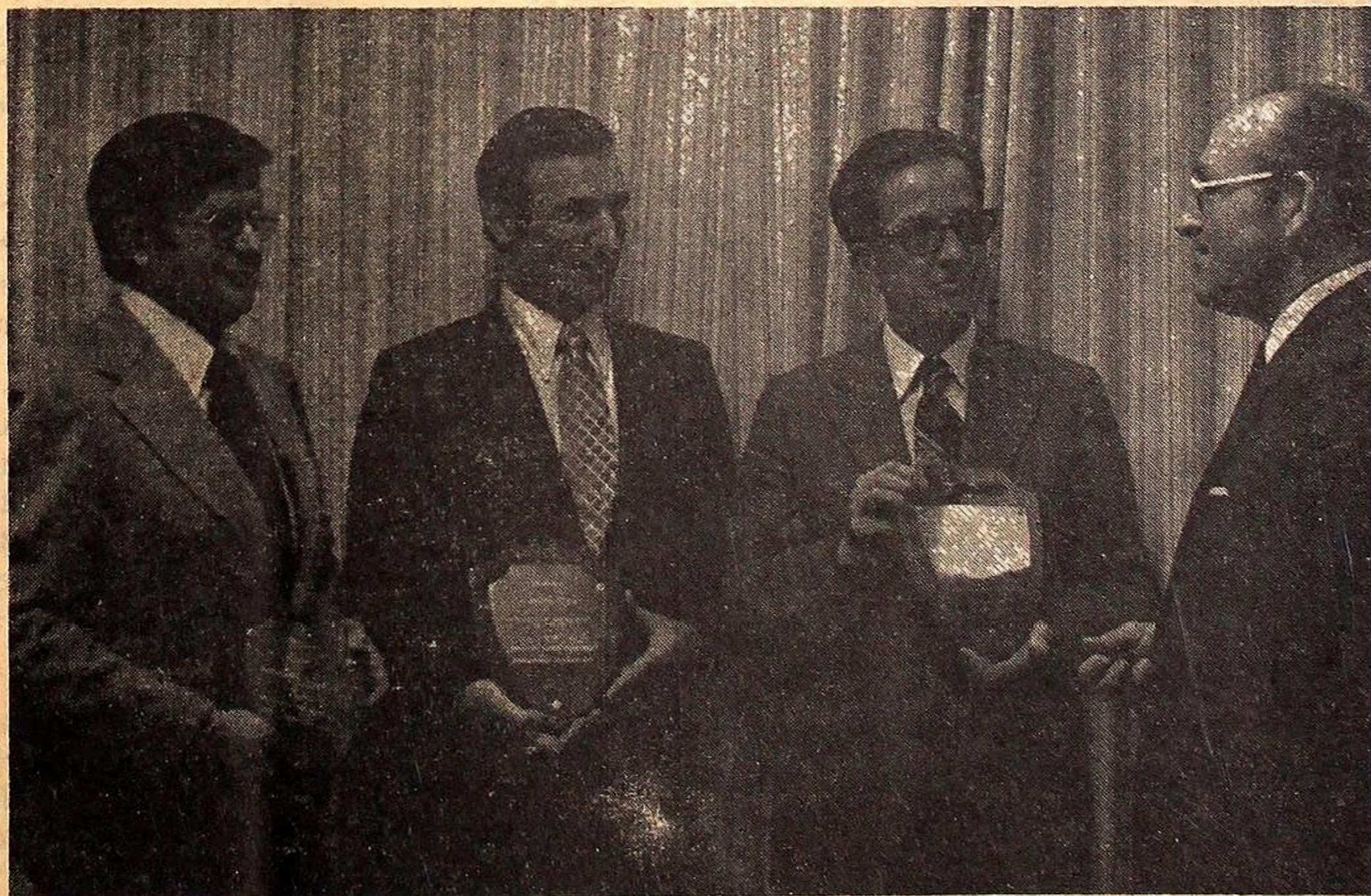
The new facility is expected to accommodate 325 in the sanctuary. Educational space will be provided for preschool, children, youth, and adults, and will cover approximately 7700 square feet.

Otto Giles is the pastor.

First Church, Covington Receives \$42,264 From Estate

COVINGTON—First Baptist church in Covington is the benefactor of an estate valued at \$42,264, according to the church's pastor, Henry West. The estate of Mrs. Earl Glover was left to the church recently, the pastor said.

In the past seven years, the Covington church has received five bequests totaling more than \$300,000, which has enabled it to pay off the indebtedness of the new sanctuary, educational building, and parsonage. Three mission churches in Montana, Minnesota, and Massachusetts, are being sponsored also by the Covington church.



Four members of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation were honored at the Board's annual meeting last week in Brentwood. Each of the four members, rotating off the board, were presented plaques of appreciation by Jonas L. Stewart, far right, executive secretary-treasurer. The men included (left to right): O. Wyndell Jones, pastor of the Highland Baptist church in Florence, Ala.; A. Bruce Coyle, pastor of the Highland Heights church in Memphis; and John O. Ellis, vice-president and trust officer of the Third National Bank in Nashville. Ellis is also retiring from the post of president of the Board. A plaque was presented, in absentia, to another board member, Floyd Delaney, Chattanooga.

Tennessee News Briefs

Yellow Creek church, Tennessee Valley Association, observed its 120th anniversary last month. A short history was presented by **Glenn Chattin**, and former pastor **Everette Powers** brought the morning message. **Roger Rothwell** is pastor.

Bobby Walker and **Powell Wilson** were ordained as deacons at Doe River church, Watauga Association, recently. Pastor **Robert Howard** gave the charge.

Members of First church, Seymour, held groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary and additional educational space recently. Expected to seat approximately 600, the new structure is adjoining the present building located near Seymour High school and Chilhowee academy. Educational space will be provided for preschool, a choir room, and office space. **Joe L. Orr** is pastor.

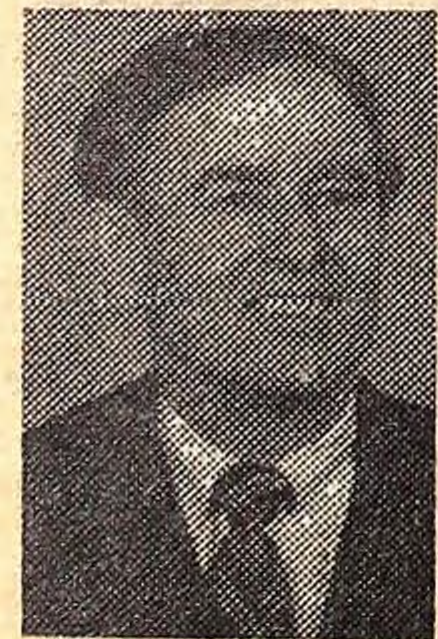
Ronald E. Reid was ordained as a deacon at First church, Alamo, Crockett County. **Robert Brown** is pastor.

Bethel church, Greenfield, licensed **Anthony McAlister** to the ministry. **G. A. Wilkerson** is the pastor.

Pastor and Mrs. **John Tresch Jr.**, First church, Greeneville, have been invited to attend the President's National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., Thursday, Feb. 1. The pastor has been invited, also, to participate in a seminar which will be held in conjunction with the breakfast.

McFarland Named To Chilhowee Head

Hubert B. Smothers, president of Harrison-Chilhowee academy, has announced the appointment of **Earl W. McFarland** as business manager of the academy, to succeed **John L. Giffin**.



McFarland, a member of First Baptist church, New Orleans, comes from service as business administrator for the Kapco Construction Co., and its affiliated company involved in construction, real estate development, and management fields. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a degree in business administration.

In denominational work, **McFarland** has served as a volunteer accountant for the New Orleans Association, a former member of the association finance committee, and as an executive board member for the association. He served, also, as president of the trustees of Southeast Baptist Assembly in Louisiana.

First church, Nashville, has authorized a study leave for **Robert N. Lowry**, minister of education, at his request, to complete final work toward a doctorate in education at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. **H. Franklin Paschall** is the pastor.

In Wilson Association, Round Lick church installed a new baptistery. **Ferman Shehane** and **Carl Russell** were ordained as deacons at the church. **Joseph Trybone** is the pastor.

In Carroll-Benton Association, Howse church has voted to build 10 additional Sunday School rooms, a choir loft, and to purchase a bus and begin a bus ministry. **Steve Atwood** is pastor. **Jim Parker**, pastor of Union Academy church, was ordained to the ministry by West Jackson church in Jackson.

T. D. Frederick, father of Mrs. **James Pulliam**, education director, First Baptist church, Bolivar, died suddenly at his home in Mobile, Ala., Jan. 16. He was 74. Services were held at Harmony Baptist church, Walnut, Miss.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

David T. Roddy, minister of music and youth at Second Baptist church in Memphis, has resigned to accept a position as minister of education at First Baptist church of Jackson, Miss. He has served the Memphis church for eight years. **James W. Hatley** is pastor of the Memphis church.

George McFadin, Humboldt, will join the staff of the Ardmore church in Memphis where he will serve as minister of music and youth. The appointment is effective this Sunday, Feb. 4.

In Bradley Association, **Clyde Crook** has resigned as pastor of Waterville church and **Sam Brooks** has resigned as pastor of Big Spring church. **Sam Melton** will serve Big Spring church as interim pastor. West Cleveland church has called **M. W. Little** as pastor.

Jim Gerhardt is the new pastor at Bath Springs church, Beech River Association. He was ordained in December by Wildersville church. **John D. Small** is serving as pastor at Bolen's chapel. The chapel is holding services each Sunday morning. **Jerry Sellers** has been called as pastor of Luray church; and **J. F. Rogers** is pastor at Sardis Ridge church.

First church, Greeneville, has called **Larry Flanagan** as minister of music. He is a graduate of Belmont college and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, and is serving as vice-president of the Volunteer State Chorale. **John W. Tresch Jr.** is pastor.

Bill Choate, former minister of music and youth at First church, Greeneville, is now serving in the same position at Colonial church, Shelby Association. **Jerry Fugate** serves as music and youth director at Mountain Terrace church in Memphis; and **Jack Beaty** will serve in the same position at Egypt church. **Ray Snider** has been called by Westhaven church to serve as minister of music, youth, and education.



Alexander

Ken Alexander has accepted the position of minister of music, education and youth at First church, McKenzie, and is already on the field. He is a native of Jackson and a graduate of Union university. He has served in positions in the Parkview church in Jackson and the Gracey Avenue church in Clarksville. **O. M. Dangeau** is pastor of the McKenzie church.

Broadway church in Maryville has called **L. G. Hutchens** as assistant to the pastor. Serving as a part-time member of the staff, his duties will encompass visitation in enlistment, evangelism, and shut-ins. **Raymond Smith** is pastor.

Three new pastors have come to churches in Loudon County Association, including **Charles A. Redmond Jr.**, to First church, Lenoir City; **Barkley Gray Jr.** to Riverview church; and **J. W. Smith** to Union Fork Creek church.

James Larry Hannah has accepted the call as pastor of First church, Huntsville. He has served as moderator of the New River Association, and is a senior at Cumberland college.

Reuben L. Trussell has accepted the call to serve as pastor of First Baptist church, Fayetteville, effective Feb. 18. He is serving presently as pastor of Hillcrest church in Dyersburg.

Murphy Martin is the new pastor at the Bruceton First church, Carroll-Benton Association. He comes from Arrington church in Arrington, Tenn.

In East Tennessee Baptist Association, Point Pleasant church has called **Robert Hopkins Jr.** as pastor. He comes from Roe Junction church in Nolachucky Association. Shady Grove church has called **James Suggs** as pastor. **Jesse Barnett** has resigned as minister of music at First church, Newport, and has moved to Houston, Texas.

In Jefferson County Association, **Kyle Cate** was called as pastor of Beaver Creek church; **Eldon Johnson** was called as interim pastor of Pleasant Grove church in Piney; and **Clarence Watson** was called as interim pastor of Flat Gap church.

SBC Brotherhood Commission Creates Lay Renewal Effort

MEMPHIS—Opportunities for experiences in lay renewal are being offered through development of a new Lay Ministries Department at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here.

James Johnson of Arlington, Tex., a Southern Baptist layman experienced in lay renewal work, will head the department on a part-time basis, according to Glendon McCullough, executive director of the commission.

Lay renewal is one of three emphases of the agency's lay ministries department, McCullough said. The other two are personal ministries and communication of lay activities.

The Evangelism Division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is cooperating with the commission to make a variety of spiritual experiences in lay renewal available to Southern Baptists, McCullough said.

Within lay renewal, the commission is emphasizing the lay witness mission, a three-month initial experience of exposing people to positive spiritual experiences in small groups and of relating to people on a personal basis, McCullough said.

In his new relationship in the denomination, Johnson works with state Brotherhood departments to train lay witness coordinators for the churches.

Some churches which have given lay witness mission an honest try have disbanded nominating committees because everyone wanted to work, Johnson said, while other churches reported giving above the budget for the first time in years.

Johnson said he also recommends a second type of renewal experience which he calls an experiment in discipline and discovery. It's a three-month program in which a church experiments by small groups in five basic Christian disciplines—Bible study, giving, prayer, ministry, and worship, following instructions on cassette tapes.

The 32-year-old Baptist layman, who operates Dallas Information Processors Corporation and Baptist Information Processors, has been active in Southern Baptist work for 14 years and interested in lay renewal for about four years. (BP)

Private Colleges Declared 'Endangered Species' For Decade

An executive vice-president for educational affairs at a private college in the United States has declared that the nation's private colleges and universities are on the "endangered species list" for the next 10 years.

The Georgetown university official, Father Edmund G. Ryan, stated that private and church-related colleges in the 1970's "suffer from a hangover" because of a lack of adequate planning in the 1960's. He cited a major problem as the spiralling cost of tuition at private schools and the resultant creation of a "new deprived group—the sons and daughters of middle-class families."

In the January article in College Management magazine, the Georgetown educator urged the establishment of financial aid for families with incomes between \$7000 and \$18,000 with three or four children of college age. Present day "needs tests" do not include these families, he said.

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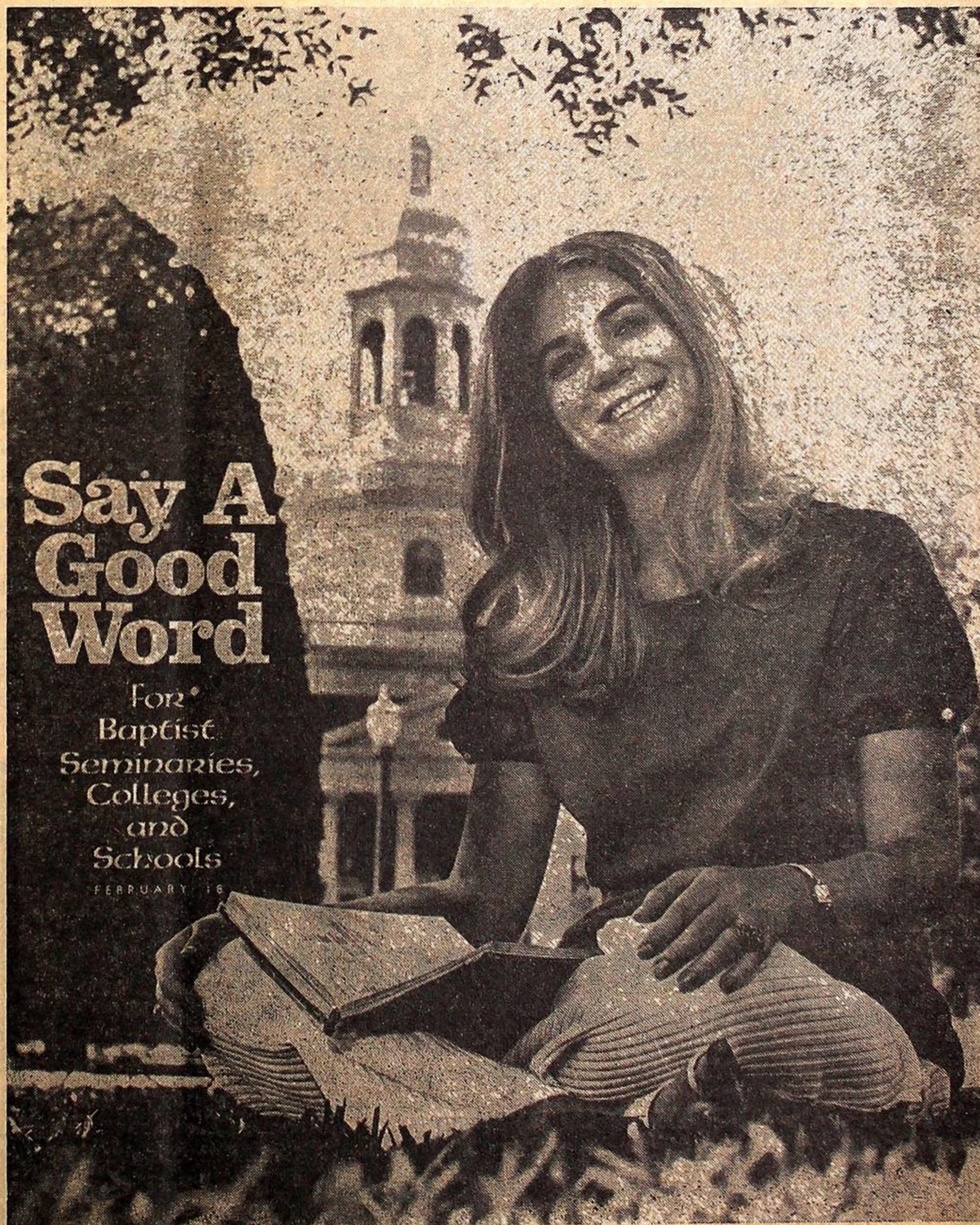
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MISSIONARY NEWS

Miss Mary Witt, missionary who has completed furlough in the States was scheduled to depart for Brazil last month. Miss Witt was born in Knoxville; and before going overseas, directed youth education at the Eudora church in Memphis. She may be contacted at Caixa 2845, 50000 Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

Reverend and Mrs. Paul E. Roaten may now be addressed at Jose Enrique Rodo 585, Florida, Uruguay. He is a Mississippian, and she is the former Betty Marbury of Brownsville, Tenn. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970, he was pastor of the Temple Heights church in Oxford, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Carroll Jr., missionaries on furlough from Jamaica, may now be addressed at Alta Loma, Apt. F-100, Alta Loma Rd., Madison, Tenn. 37115. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953, he was minister of education at South Fort Worth church in Texas.

Missionary to Brazil, Miss Alma Oates, is on furlough in the states and may be addressed at 3366 Buchanan, Memphis, Tenn. 38112. A native of Memphis, she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957, while she was serving as a WMU field worker in the St. Louis, Mo., Baptist Association.

Reverend and Mrs. W. Raymond Reynolds, missionary associates, may now be addressed at: International Baptist church,

1 Rue l'Agrace, Casteau U, Belgium. Reynolds was born in Lexington, Ky., and grew up in Johnson City, Tenn. At the time of their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last August, he was interim pastor of the Scaffold Lick Baptist church in Blocher, Ind.

Miss Ruth Ford, emeritus missionary to China and Indonesia, may now be addressed at 2080 Jackson Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38112. A native of Patterson, Ill., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1935, and retired last April.

Reverend and Mrs. James L. Burnham, missionaries who have completed a short furlough in the States, were scheduled to depart for Israel and may now be addressed at 32 Neve Reim, Neve Magen, Ramat Hasharon, Israel. He is a native of Georgia, and she is the former Mary Ann Coffey of Ducktown, Tenn.

Teacher Fired For Airing Religious Views Files Suit

COLUMBIA, N.C.—A former high school teacher who says she was fired for expressing her personal religious beliefs to her students has taken her case to a federal court.

Mrs. Mary Karen Burns, 23, filed suit in U.S. District Court here to seek reinstatement as a teacher of history, math and science at Clover High School.

After telling her science students that she accepted the theory of evolution, Mrs. Burns was dismissed. She had also told the students that she did not believe in heaven or hell.

She and her lawyers accuse the Clover school system of following "a policy and practice of refusing to hire and of terminating the employment of teachers and other school personnel on account of their religious and political beliefs." (RNS)

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Baptist Schools Escape Riots Because Of Respect, McCall Says

FORT WORTH—Baptist schools escaped the riots that have hit many other colleges and universities because students and faculty are used to treating each other with respect and compassion, Baylor University President Abner McCall said here.

"When we have problems, we talk it over," said McCall at the mid-winter meeting of Texas Baptist missions leaders here.

The Baylor president said there is a growing support in the 1970's by Baptists to send their children to Baptist schools, a feeling that wasn't so prevalent in the 1950's. He said Baylor couldn't take all the qualified students who applied in September.

McCall disputed the claims of those who have said education is the answer to all of America's problems.

"Making a man smart doesn't necessarily make him good," he said. "Sometimes it just makes him meaner and more dangerous. If everybody in the United States had a Ph.D., we wouldn't be a better people."

The reason, said McCall, is that "our problems have a moral basis. Drugs, alcohol, crime, juvenile delinquency and even unemployment problems have a moral basis."

The answer, said McCall, lies in Christian education. He noted, however, that Christian education isn't determined by how many religion courses are taught, or by academic differences. "There's no such thing as Baptist math."

"The test is how we treat each other. If we don't have the tie that binds in Christian love, we're not a Christian school," he observed.

The president of the world's largest Baptist university said research has shown there is no statistical difference between what students learn at Harvard and Yale or at any other college.

"I want to refute any idea that we're better or worse academically," he said. "We've found that learning doesn't depend so much

upon the facility or the teacher. No matter what college you go to, it depends about 95 per cent on the student."

McCall said he has advocated "limited state and federal aid for Baptist schools, but not where it involves controls."

When it comes to government aid, he said, "some people say that if you let the camel get his head in the tent, you're in trouble. Well, I tell you that the camel not only has his head in the tent, but his hump and his feet also."

McCall sees the weakest area between churches and their schools in the area of inadequate support. "With us it's sufficient, but some are barely existing," he said. (BP)


Tax Credit Bill Would Aid Parents Of College Students

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Legislation has been introduced in the Senate which would give tax relief to parents and students paying the costs of a college education at any institution, including those religiously affiliated.

Submitted by Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D.-Conn.), the measure would provide an income tax credit of up to \$325 on the first \$1500 of tuition, fees, books and supplies.

The higher education tax credit would be based on this formula: credit is given for 100 per cent of the first \$200 of expenses, 25 per cent of the next \$300, and five per cent of the next \$1000. Expenses of no more than \$1500, resulting in a maximum of \$325 in tax credit, could be claimed. (RNS)

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'WHEN FACE TO FACE WITH GOD'

(Sermon preached by Dr. Bill Sherman at the Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 14, 1973)

Text: Romans 14:12 "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Modern men are trying every way they can to kill the idea that they are answerable to God. Nowadays some people feel that they can tell God when to get on and when to get off. Well, is this the way it will be? God says contrawise. The New Testament heads modern man off at the pass. It says that "every man shall give an account of himself unto God." (Romans 14:12) Since this is so, we moderns had better ask ourselves this question—When face to face with God, what will we say?

When face to face with God, what will we say about our selling ourselves cheap? Disraeli said "every man has his price." In our day, so many of us moderns will sell our true value for kicks, money, power, position, you-name-it. Created by God with unalterable worth, we moderns spend our lives at some cheap sideshow while Christ stands to take us to the center ring under the Big Top. Cholmondeley pens of this folly . . . "Still as of old, men by themselves are priced; for thirty pieces Judas sold himself, not Christ." We best have an answer for the Almighty concerning our Faustian ways.

When face to face with God, what will we say about our tampering with the rules? God has told us what is right and what is wrong. We haven't liked His standards. We have not rejected them because we could not understand them. We have rejected them because we have understood them too well. They have not been convenient for our "enlightened age." In their place we have substituted our own moral systems more in keeping with our lower nature. God will not buy such nonsense. James Russell Lowell brings us back in focus:

"In vain we call old notions fudge,
and bend our conscience to our dealing;
The Ten Commandments will not budge,
and stealing will continue stealing."

God's right is right. To call black white does not make it so. Our sick moral natures must be made well. Even Einstein was perceptive of this point. He wrote: "The real question of our day is not in the area of Science. It is in the area of Ethics. It is much easier to denature plutonium than it is to change the nature of men." This is what Calvary is all about. Archimedes said: "Give me a lever long enough and a place to stand and I will move the world." The Cross is God's lever. By it He moves man's nature from the minus side to the plus side. This is our only hope. Should we give God the cold shoulder, we'd better have a ready answer when we stand face to face with Him about our tampering with His rules.

When face to face with God, how shall we moderns answer for our monolithic ego-

mania? Have we not said that this is the Age of Man? Have we not a classic love affair with ourselves? Have we not prescribed to the formula that "man" is the measure of all things? Have we not given God the boot? Can we continue to live with the likes of this? Not so!

Tolstoi reminds us of our creatureliness. He says, "God is He without whom one cannot live." Hammorscjold gives prophetic advice as he writes: "God does not cease to live when we cease to believe in Him, but we cease to live when we cease to believe in Him. Modern man cannot go it alone. Man as end is man undone. We are creatures. God is Creator. We are sinners. God is Saviour. We do not have to live "lives of quiet desperation." Christ can make masterpieces of our shambles. Take Dante's advice "In Him is our peace."

Finally, when we moderns stand face to face with God, what answer shall we give for failing to surrender to Him. You know, it doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian, but it takes all of him. Calvary shows us that God has not given up on the possibilities for mankind. What's the crux? Surrender! We cannot conquer life in our own strength. It takes Jesus Christ! Julian, the apostate's life was a running battle with God. He failed to surrender only to scream at his death, "Galilean, Thou hast conquered!" What a tragedy. Dare it be repeated this day? Shall someone here follow in his train?

Garrison Named Pastor Of Oklahoma City Church

OKLAHOMA CITY—C. Eugene Garrison, pastor of the First Baptist church of El Paso, Tex., has been named pastor of the First Baptist church of Oklahoma City succeeding Herschel H. Hobbs who is retiring.

Garrison, 41, will assume the pastorate on March 4, after serving for five years as pastor of the El Paso church.

Previously, he had been pastor of churches in Altus and Hobart, Okla., and Phillips and Grapevine, Tex. He is a graduate of West Texas State university, Canyon, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

What is the answer? Be it best illustrated by one of the masterpieces of the Renaissance. Michelangelo's statue of David stands in all of its majesty in a museum in Florence, Italy. All men of expertise avow this work to be one of the greatest statues of all time. What most people do not know is that Michelangelo carved this masterpiece out of a block of marble that had been discarded by another artist. Another artist had started his work, had failed, and in disgust had discarded the marble outside the city. Michelangelo discovered it, retrieved it, and made a masterpiece of it.

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Editor's Note: Dr. Sherman condensed this sermon for reprint in *Baptist And Reflector* at the request of the Editor.

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Vietnam Cease-Fire Affords Opportunity, Uncertainty

(Continued from page 1)

perative now.

The projected withdrawal of all Americans engaged in combat in South Vietnam in no way means there will be a pull-out of Southern Baptist missionaries, Parks emphasized.

He added that he feels a cautious optimism about the future of the missionaries in Vietnam, but that all signs give hope for "a reasonable time of stability without any major hostilities.

"The missionaries have never lived with anything but war and they know how to cope with that," he added, "but there is an uneasiness about the uncertainties which lie ahead." These call for "more prayerful support by the people at home."

Parks added that the missionaries probably will not feel the strong anti-American sentiment which will likely occur during the transitional period. Once the missionary is established and identified in a community, he explained, the impact of these sentiments is lessened.

Parks also noted that missionaries in Vietnam have long had their own program of Vietnamization. Missionaries do not pastor churches, Vietnamese do, he explained.

It is for this reason that the missionaries have sought an identity independent of the war efforts of the U. S. military. In 1971, the organization of missionaries was recognized as a social welfare organization by the Vietnamese government.

Currently there are 40 missionaries under assignment to Vietnam. Six are on furlough, two in missionary orientation and 32 on the field. (BP)

Medical Missions Meet Set For Houston Feb. 9-10

RICHMOND—The first of two annual medical missions conferences sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will be held in Houston, Feb. 9-10. Participants will have dialogue and fellowship with missionaries who can give them first-hand information of Southern Baptist medical work in at least eight foreign countries.

The second conference will be held in Richmond, April 6-7.

More missionaries and former missionaries, representing more countries, will be present in Houston than at past medical missions conferences, according to Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, associate secretary in the department of promotion and furloughing ministries of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Sin Of An Easy Conscience

By W. R. White

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Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 5

Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 5:1-11

Conscience is somewhat like a compass. All things being equal the compass will point to the north magnetic pole. With adequate enlightenment conscience will point toward the moral and ethical standard.



White

There is something "basic" or "given" as to conscience. Then there is given education and healthy treatment and this will heighten its accuracy in moral issues. It is like the inherent gift of music appreciation. It must be a natural endowment but can be cultivated to high responsiveness.

We may impair our conscience by direct violation or by developing a tolerance toward that which it at first vigorously condemns. Continued indifference to obvious evil is dangerous. We can develop either softness or insensibility toward sin.

We can avoid both by cultivation and recognition through proper action.

A Horrible Tolerance

1 Cor. 5:1

Sensual immorality is being tolerated in the membership of the church at Corinth. A man is living with his stepmother.

Paul says that this would not be tolerated among the heathen. He is shocked beyond words that it is being permitted in a professing Christian body.

Church discipline is about to disappear in our day. About every sin is being tolerated in the membership of our churches today. Someone has said it is very easy to get into our churches but very hard to get out.

Easy Conscience Rebuked

1 Cor. 5:2

The church at Corinth was a very proud church. It boasted of the spiritual gifts, particularly of the gift of tongues. Paul is amazed that they could be proud at all with such tolerance of such a ghastly sin in their midst.

He urges them to expel the offender promptly from their fellowship. Their tolerance was evidently giving the cause of Christ a black eye.

Immediate Action Best For All

1 Cor. 5:3-5

At their next meeting they are to turn the offender over to Satan for the destruction of the body that his spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord.

This strange statement has a mystery in it that we cannot fully explain. However, it must mean that this individual is a child of God whose stubborn persistence in such a terrible sin demands death as an adequate chastisement. Evidently the Lord will go to the extreme to salvage His child. However, it will serve both the offender's best interest and the interest of the church in the long run.

Urges Humility, Purification and Separation

1 Cor. 5:6-11

Paul urges that they turn from their pride over spiritual gifts and that they show a becoming humility due to their imperfections and tolerance of a revolting sin.

He commands a complete purging of the leaven in their fellowship that they may be

Hospital Association Cites Patient's Right To Choose Death, Bar Treatment

CHICAGO—Within the limits of state laws, a hospital patient has the right to choose death rather than treatment, according to a Patients' Bill of Rights released here by the American Hospital Association.

The 12-point document declares that the right to die by refusing treatment is as valid as the right to accept vigilant attention from physicians.

Issued on behalf of the 7000 hospitals in the association, the bill of rights was drafted by the organization's trustees, headed by Joseph V. Terenzio, executive president of the United Hospital Fund of New York and four consumer representatives. (RNS)

a clean loaf. The sinless Christ had been made a sacrifice for them.

They were not to eat or have fellowship with a brother who was guilty of immorality, idolatry, drunkenness, slandering, murder or similar sins.

He clarified this injunction as related to outside heathens. It could not apply to them as long as the Christian is living in this world in the very nature of Christian fellowship. It did apply to fellow church members who should be very different from outsiders.

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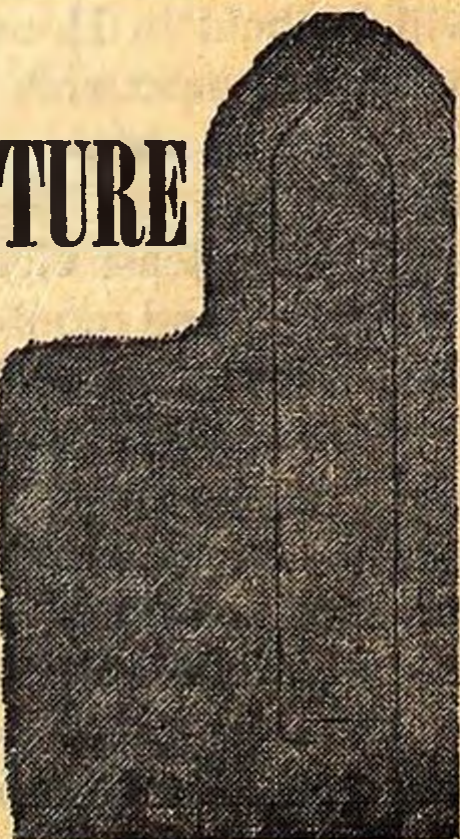
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50 YEARS AGO

The annual meeting of the Baptist Memorial hospital trustees was held, and it was reported that 8916 patients had been admitted during the previous year. A refrigerating plant had been added at a cost of \$8500. Work was being expanded to include care for crippled children, and a training school for nurses was under "full consideration."

The death of Knoxville evangelist Thomas J. Sexton, known as the "blacksmith evangelist," saddened many hearts throughout Tennessee. It was reported that he had led more than 30,000 persons to Christ and had held meetings in 45 states.

20 YEARS AGO

Jimmy Allen, a student at Union university, was elected RA secretary for Tennessee. He was a native of West Tennessee and served as pastor of the Victory Heights church in Memphis.

First church, Knoxville, had a new pastor, Charles Trentham. In the same city, the Lincoln Park church was making plans to enter its new sanctuary.

10 YEARS AGO

C. E. Autry, Home Mission Board; Wayne Ward, Southern seminary; and Ralph Norton, Chattanooga, were among the featured speakers at the state Evangelistic Conference held in Nashville. Registration reached 2014.

The Highland Heights church in Memphis held services in its new \$800,000 educational building. It was named the Slater Murphy Educational Building in honor of their pastor of 20 years.

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

Now that the State Evangelistic Conference is over, we are looking forward to the Association Evangelism Conferences which are being conducted in many areas of our state, beginning February 5.



Norton

I hope each of you will make this a matter of personal interest. It is an opportunity for many of our churches to follow up the good spirit of the State Conference and allow this evangelistic interest to permeate the entire church. Inspiration gained from these meetings can result in renewed emphasis on evangelism and the personal responsibility each of us has to share in the People Search effort.

In connection with the People Search phase of our program, it was very encouraging to see approximately 100 leaders from across our state here two weeks ago for a training session. Surely with all of the interest and prayers involved in the combined efforts to give evangelism the priority it must have, we will begin to see results in all of our churches. Won't you join me in prayer that God will send His spirit to help us achieve this goal?

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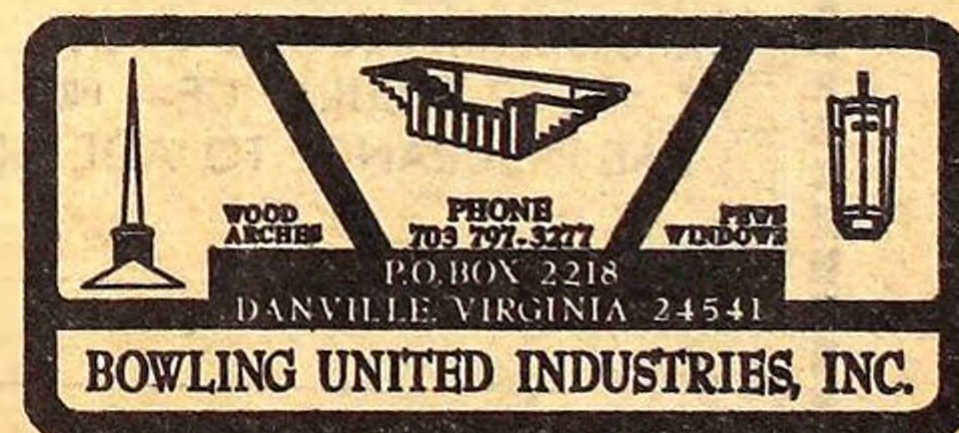


Insecure Childhood Has Delayed Impact

The years between 30 and 40 are a critical time in the lives of men and women alike, a period of psychological turmoil comparable to adolescence and old age, Dr. Kenn Rogers of Cleveland State Univ., Ohio, observed in a Nat'l. Institute of Mental Health speech.

How hard the middle-age blues hit seems to depend to a significant degree on the quality of family life the individual experiences before the age of seven, said the University of London-educated psychologist, reporting on studies conducted at England's Tavistock Clinic and in Nassau County, L.I.

The man or woman who is most vulnerable to the emotional upheavals of the crisis decade, when marriages tend to break up, careers stall or collapse, and accidents and suicides abound, is the individual who had a seriously disrupted and insecure childhood, Dr. Roger's data show. The earlier the disruption occurred, the more powerful is its delayed impact on the beleaguered middle ager.



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Baptist Leaders Rejoice At Peace, Mourn Johnson

NASHVILLE—Nearly 100 Baptist executives and leaders from throughout the nation meeting here rejoiced at the news of the announced ceasefire in Vietnam, and mourned the death of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Most of the executives and program leaders of the 19 Southern Baptist Convention agencies were in Nashville to attend the annual meeting of the 46-member SBC Inter Agency Council and the 77-member coordinating committee of the Inter-Agency Council.

Both organizations adopted a statement expressing gratitude for the announced peace settlement, and gratitude for the life and contributions of former President Johnson.

"As representatives of a cross-section of Southern Baptist life, meeting at the time of the agreed ceasefire in Indo-China, it is fitting that we express our profound gratitude to God, along with our fervent hope that the anticipated peace will be broad and lasting," the statement began.

The Baptist leaders said they joined "heartily in the general rejoicing of the people of America and the people of Indo-China, especially the families of prisoners of war and those missing in action."

In a spirit of confession, the Baptist executives acknowledged "the tragedy of war with its killing and suffering" and asked "God's forgiveness for our failure to pray enough and strive enough for peace."

"We mourn the death of former President Lyndon B. Johnson," the group stated, "with prayers of gratitude for his life and contribution to racial equality, concern for human welfare and desire for world peace."

The statement concluded by expressing good wishes and encouragement to the people in Indo-China and Christian missionaries there, assurance of prayer for a new day of enlarged opportunity for sharing God's love, and dedication anew "to an outpouring of Christian witness and ministry and a mission of reconciliation in a still troubled and needy world."

When the statement was introduced at the meeting, Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, told the group that when President Nixon made the announcement of the ceasefire agreement, a smaller group of Baptist executives interrupted a subcommittee meeting to listen to the report on radio. (BP)

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