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Suspect In Hopewell Case Apparent Suicide Victim

TAINAN, Taiwan—The body of a Chinese cook who was sought in the strangulation murder of his employer, missionary Gladys Hopewell, was found March 21, on the roof of the missionary's residence in Tainan, Taiwan.

The cook, husband of Miss Hopewell's maid, had been sought by police since the missionary's body was discovered in her home March 11.

Police have attributed the man's death to suicide. An empty bottle of insecticide was found next to his body, which apparently had been on the roof several days.

According to an Associated Press report, police stated that the discovery of the man's body has closed their investigation of the murder. No motive for the crime has been established.

Miss Hopewell's body was scheduled to arrive in Talladega, Ala., by March 23.

A funeral service was tentatively set for 3:00 p.m. March 25 at First Baptist church there. James D. Belote and J. Winston Crawley of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board were to participate in the service. Burial was to be in the Pine Hill Cemetery, Talladega.

Hamilton County Church, Homes Heavily Damaged

The Executive Committee of Hamilton County Association met on Monday, March 26 in called session and voted to designate April 1, as "flood relief Sunday" at which time special offerings will be taken in the churches of the association to help those

families suffering damage done by recent flood waters, according to J. V. James, Superintendent of Missions.

Also, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, has sent Ten Thousand dollars to the relief effort, the money being directed through the office of Ralph Norton, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention. The H. M. B. is looking also at other flood damaged areas of the state. Hamilton County Association, through it's Executive Committee, has voted to provide an additional twenty-five hundred dollars according to James. It is hoped that twenty-five thousand dollars will be raised. A special committee has been appointed with Burl McMillan, pastor Ooltewah church, chairman.

Two memorial services were held in Taiwan, the first on March 15, at the Tainan student center Miss Hopewell directed.

Belote also participated in that service. Eulogies were presented by Miss Marie Conner, missionary colleague of Miss Hopewell, and Wang Dzai, professor at the nearby university.

Wang, a long-time friend of Miss Hopewell, had often assisted her by preaching at the student center chapel and by leading prayer meetings and Bible study there.

The second service, held at the Hwaining Street Baptist church, Taipei, on March 18, was attended by the U.S. ambassador to Taiwan, his wife, representatives of various mission groups, and a deacon from Grace Baptist church, Bangkok, Thailand, where Miss Hopewell served as an evangelistic worker before transferring to Taiwan. (BP)

Hardest hit by the flood waters were membership homes. A few church buildings received only minor damages. One pastor, Fate Thomas of Ridgeview church, reports 42 inches of water came into his house and virtually every piece of furniture was either inundated or floating. One of Thomas' cars was completely submerged. Thomas also reported that approximately seventeen of his church's families were either totally wiped out or received some damage. Ridgeview and a number of other churches in the association have provided refuge for many families.

Summer Missionaries Will Be Installed At BSU Spring Retreats, April 6-8, 13-15

Sixteen students from seven Baptist Student Unions in Tennessee will be installed as Baptist summer missionaries during the two spring BSU retreats, April 6-8 at Camp Carson and April 13-15 at Camp Linden.

Two BSU presidents, Miss Sandy Smith, East Tennessee Baptist Hospital; and Rick Faulkner, University of Tennessee, Martin, will plan and conduct the installation services. The theme for the retreats is "Grasping the Living Word."

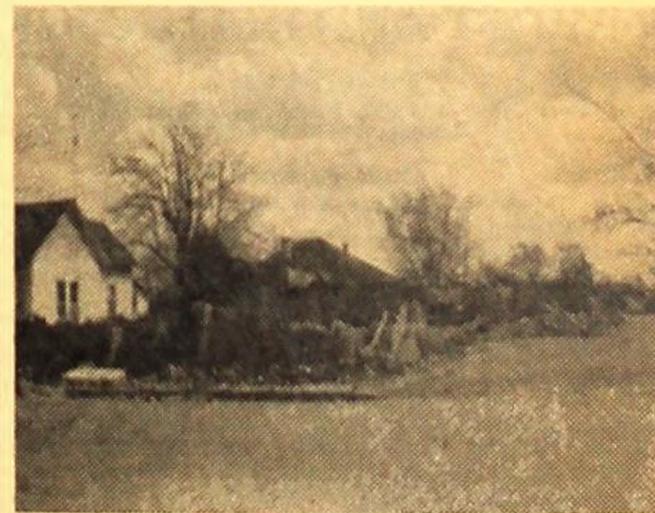
Featured speakers for the retreats will be two former Southern Baptist missionaries. Mrs. Dan Carroll, who served in Argentina from 1953-70, will speak at Linden; and Don B. McCoy, pastor of First church, Dickson, and former missionary to Brazil, will teach at Carson.

Students included in this mission outreach are: Melba Avera and Dan Stencil from Tennessee Tech; Joan Hammons, Cleveland State Community college; Thom Gray, Middle Tennessee State university;

and Sharon Humble and Linda Tawzer, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Also working are Carol Acker and Stan LeQuire, students at U.T. Knoxville. Peggy Myatt and Vickie Pack, U.T. Martin; Debby Neal, MTSU; and Freeda Davis, Cleveland State Community college. Charles Fly, Tennessee Tech, will work in Trinidad; and Elaine McClary, U.T. Knoxville, will go to the Bahamas. These students will conduct Bible schools under the direction of career missionaries.

Two overseas places, provided through the Foreign Mission Board, will be in the Middle-East and will be served by Gay Mahan, student nurse at Vanderbilt, and Betty Howell, U.T. Chattanooga.

The Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, and National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board work with the Student Department in providing areas for these students to serve, according to Glenn Yarbrough, state student secretary.



Pictured above is the remains of First church, Kenton, which was destroyed by fire March 3. Church officials attributed the cause of the fire to an antiquated baptistry heater. The church offices, educational space, sanctuary, and fellowship hall were leveled by the estimated \$120,000 fire. The congregation is meeting in Kenton High school gymnasium. Hoyt Wilson is pastor.

Study Committee Sets Public Hearing Dates

The special committee, authorized by the 1972 Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting to study the plan of trustee representation on the convention's institutions, agencies, and boards, held its organizational meeting in Nashville, March 1. Plans for carrying out its assignment were made.

The committee was instructed by the convention to hold public hearings in the three grand divisions of Tennessee. Places and dates for these were set as follows:

East Tennessee: Monday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., First church, Morristown.

West Tennessee: Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., First church, Jackson.

Middle Tennessee: Thursday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Baptist Convention Building, Brentwood.

The committee will then meet on Friday morning, the 20th, 9:00 a.m., in the TBC building, to begin formulating its report.

The public hearing meetings will be open to all members of Tennessee Baptist Convention churches. The committee hopes especially that pastors, lay men and lay women, heads of our institutions and agencies, board members, and any other interested church members, will attend and share their suggestions. All members of the study committee will be present. Notes will be kept so that the committee can later evaluate all the suggestions as it prepares its report which must be presented on the opening day of the convention when it meets

in Jackson next November. If the suggestions are presented to the committee in writing, either at the public meetings or by mail, this will be helpful.

Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel church, 222 Belle Meade Boulevard, Nashville 37205, is chairman of the committee.

Others on the committee are:

Lay Members: Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Andersonville; Robert Jelks, Paris, and James Jennings, Woodbury.

Pastor Members: W. A. Boston, Memphis; George Capps, Jr., Cookeville; and Charles Ausmus, Knoxville.

Student Government Head Named

David Alan Young, Belmont college history major, was re-elected president of the Student Government Association for 1973-74 by a recent vote of the student body.

Others elected to serve with him included: John Dorris Lasater, Mt. Juliet, vice-president; Pamela Kay Kinamon, Chattanooga, secretary; Chiew Chin Sing, East Malaysia, treasurer; John Laurens Tullock, Nashville, director of social activities; Barbara Jean Nelson, Shelbyville, director of publications; and Thomas Frank Webb, Lewisburg, director of religious activities.

Devotional

Words Of Comfort

By Hazel Scott Craft, 582 Jackson St., Kingsport, Tenn. 37660

"If it were not so, I would have told you." (John 14:2)

This statement of Jesus is a great comfort to me; for I believe he is the way, the truth, and the life; and no man cometh unto the Father but by him. This door back to God was opened for all mankind by his blood atonement he made upon the cross at Calvary around two thousand years ago. He made a blood atonement for my soul—for your soul; and he is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He will never leave those that have received him as their Saviour.

Within a few weeks Easter will be here. Again, we will celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Now, at this time, we are in a season of meditation. Meditating upon the mighty works of God our Heavenly Father. And as I stood, a few days ago, in deep meditation upon this truth—my eyes fell on a fruit-bearing tree just outside my room window. I saw bare limbs, covered with dark scaly bark, holding a mass of tangled twigs. Some were twirling into spiral shape toward heaven. A symbol of a world without God's redemption. A symbol of man trying to reach God by his own strength.

Tears filled my eyes when I saw sharp thorns sticking from the tree limbs; a reminder of the crown of thorns my Saviour wore. And as I gazed upon the tree a little closer, I saw life. Sap was in the tree bringing forth clusters of tiny buds. All were covered with a red husk. The sap was swelling the buds to burst open. Snow white blossoms could be seen peeping through. Soon the red husk would shed so the lovely blossoms could bring forth their fruit. This showed me that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

Oh—I saw it all so plainly. A lost world—Our Saviour's redeeming love. His resurrection power bringing eternal life for all mankind. And I heard his words saying, "If these things were not so, I would have told you."

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Scott is a member of First Baptist Church, Kingsport.)

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

"Keep your cool" is a pet phrase with the youth of today, but when you think about it, this is important for young and old.

Anyone who can make his opponent lose his temper can defeat him—whether it be a debate, athletic contest, or personal encounter.

A tourist guide in South America, commenting on the height of a jagged volcanic mountain, said: "This would have been our tallest mountain if it hadn't blown its top."

So it is with many persons: with eyes closed and mouths opened, they have diminished themselves by blowing their tops.

A smart old rhyme offers this excellent advice:

"A wise old owl lived in an oak;
The more he saw, the less he spoke.
The less he spoke, the more he heard—
Why can't we all be like that bird?"

It is a good question and the wisdom of it is fortified by the fact that God gave us two eyes, two ears, and only one tongue.



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Calling Nashville To Christ Crusade, April 23-May 5

By David Keel

The Nashville Christian Prayer Council, an interdenominational group of laymen concerned about calling Nashville to Christ, is sponsoring a "Calling Nashville to Christ" crusade April 23-May 5, according to Roy J. Gilleland, Secretary, Brotherhood department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, a leader in the crusade. Dr. James Hudgins (Methodist), of Miller hospital, Nashville, is acting as general chairman.

Some 125 persons were present for a fund-raising luncheon at the downtown Nashville Sheraton hotel on Monday, March 19 at which time approximately \$8000 was raised with other contributions expected to be made later.

Other methods for financing the promotion of the project come from 2800 volunteers who must pay \$1 each for the privilege of distributing the book of John (100,000 copies) in every home in Metropolitan Nashville and from committee members who have contributed or will contribute \$100 each.

\$221,287 Gift Given To Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—The largest gift from an individual in the 23-year history of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has been presented to the school by a Richmond, Virginia, Baptist layman.

Harwood Cochrane, chairman of the board of Overnite Transportation Co., has given \$221,287.50 to the Southern Baptist institution.

The money will go into the Harwood Cochrane Endowment Fund established by the seminary trustees in their annual meeting here.

Income from this gift will be used to supplement salaries of three distinguished professors and to inaugurate a scholarship program for students who will be designated as Cochrane Scholars.

Students will be selected from the scholarships on the basis of excellence in character, scholarship, commitment, and promise in Christian ministry.

In other major actions the trustees confirmed the election of Thorwald Lorenzen as assistant professor of New Testament and named J. Colin Harris to the faculty as assistant professor of Christian education. Harris is a member of the instructional staff of Meredith College.

Trustees were told that student enrollment for the fall semester was 581, the largest in the past ten years. (BP)

Inspirational Highlight

The inspirational highlight of the crusade will be the "Celebration of the Risen Lord," scheduled for Sunday, April 29, at Dudley stadium on the campus of Vanderbilt university. The convocation is scheduled for 3 p.m. and will be under the direction of Robert C. Taylor (Baptist), Nashville attorney. In connection with this service a 10,000 Youth March for Christ is planned, as well as 24 hour prayer vigils in the local churches, joint choirs, congregational singing, and special guest artists. Bill Bright, director of Campus Crusade for Christ, International, Howard Ball, director of the lay division for Campus Crusade and Doug Oldham, gospel singer, are scheduled to appear on the program.

Others involved in the crusade include: Gilleland, lay institute director, and Bruce Overton (Presbyterian), co-director, Pat Dupree (Baptist), director of the "Way House," co-general chairman; Ralph Brunson (Baptist), director, downtown Nashville YMCA, finance chairman; Crockett Watson (Presbyterian), with Dobson and Johnson, Inc., publicity chairman; Robert C. (Bob) Irby (Baptist), visitation director; Harold King, Jr. (Baptist), with the "Way House," youth director; John Ball (Presbyterian), treasurer; Mrs. John T. McCall (Presbyterian), women's committee chairman; Rev. Cortez Cooper (Presbyterian), pastor committee co-chairman; Rev. J. V. Morsch (Nazarene), pastor committee co-chairman, and others.

Bible Study—Visitation

The event schedule for the crusade includes studies in the book of John from the Bauman Bible Series on WDCN-TV, Sundays at 5:30 p.m., April 1-June 24, and visitation and book of John distribution in Nashville homes on April 20-28. Lay Witness Missions are scheduled for April 22-29 in local churches, James Kitchens (Presbyterian), director. In most of the Baptist churches participating, Lay Witnessing Schools (WIN) will be conducted on the same dates, the week also suggested for revivals in area churches.

Plans also call for reading the New Testament in its entirety, 18 hours of reading, on the steps of the State Capitol, on April 21.

April 30-May 6 are the dates for the Lay Institute for Evangelism to be held for pastors, Christian workers, laity, youth and adults at First Presbyterian church. Gilleland will be in charge of the institute and says concerning this follow-up effort, "This is where the water hits the wheel."

J. M. Crowe Elected President Of PCPA

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—J. M. Crowe, executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was elected president of the Protestant Church-Owned Publishers' Association during the organization's annual meeting here.



Crowe

Additionally, Crowe was elected to serve on the interdenominational association's eight-member executive committee.

Six other staff members of the Sunday School Board were named to other committees of the association.

The Protestant Church-Owned Publishers' Association is an independent, voluntary organization concerned with the interests of its membership, which is compiled of non-profit Protestant church-owned publishing institutions. (BP)

Earl Warren At 82: Bible Important In His Life

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Bible has played an important role in the life of former Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Although his tenure as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court saw the controversial rulings on prayer and Bible reading in public schools that caused some critics to label him as "anti-religious," Mr. Warren considers the Holy Scriptures to have been one of the molding influences on his thought.

He expressed some of his religious beliefs in an exclusive interview with the "Washington Star-News" on the eve of his 82nd birthday (March 18).

"I hope I have a religious sense," Mr. Warren commented. "I think all religions of the world have ideals that people react to when they study them and try to learn from them." (RNS)

SBC Radio-TV Commission Receives Recognition From Freedoms Foundation

Two Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission broadcasts, "Home," a film on ecology, and "Country Crossroads," a country music radio show, have been cited by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. for "outstanding accomplishment in helping to achieve a better understanding of America and Americans."

"Home," the Radio and Television Commission's ecology film from The Human Dimension series, won a George Washington Honor Medal Award for 1972 programming. "Country Crossroads" received the George Washington Distinguished Service Award for 1972 radio programming.

EDITORIAL

Cooperative Program Emphasis

A special emphasis is being placed during the month of April on the ministries of the Cooperative Program. The devaluation of the American dollar on the foreign exchange market has affected adversely our economic posture with regard to foreign missions. The ever-climbing inflationary trends in America have, and are, affecting tremendously the dollar value in terms of mission, education, and benevolent support within the United States.

Every member of every Tennessee Baptist church owes it not only to himself but to his concern for our total Christian causes to become acquainted with every aspect of the ministries of the Cooperative Program. Anytime a persons knows about Baptist work and what Baptists are trying to do, this is good. Anytime a person becomes convinced that what Baptists are trying to do is entirely within the framework, as we understand it, of New Testament teachings concerning what the individual Christian should do, what Christian bodies should do, then we are that much strengthened. There is no way for Baptist work to grow except as individual Baptists through prayer, understanding, personal interest, and financial interest give their full support to our work.

We have enough people who are critical—in fact, too many. Basically it is our conviction that the Cooperative Program is the finest channel for Christian service ever put into use by a denomination. We hesitate to use the word “devised” because we believe earnestly that this is of the Lord and that the Lord led our brethren in other years into a pattern of thought, out of which the Cooperative Program emerged.

We are several generations away from the formation of the Cooperative Program. The vested and necessary interests which were at stake in 1925 were real. At that point it was a matter of devising some plan of unity and cooperative work or risk losing all of the gains which Baptists had made in the 19th and 20th centuries. But because we are four generations away from that period in history, many have forgotten what the Cooperative Program is and why it came into being. If we do not know, or if we have forgotten why we are doing something, it becomes more difficult to do and we lose interest in what we are doing. And when we lose interest in what we are doing, our financial support goes accordingly.

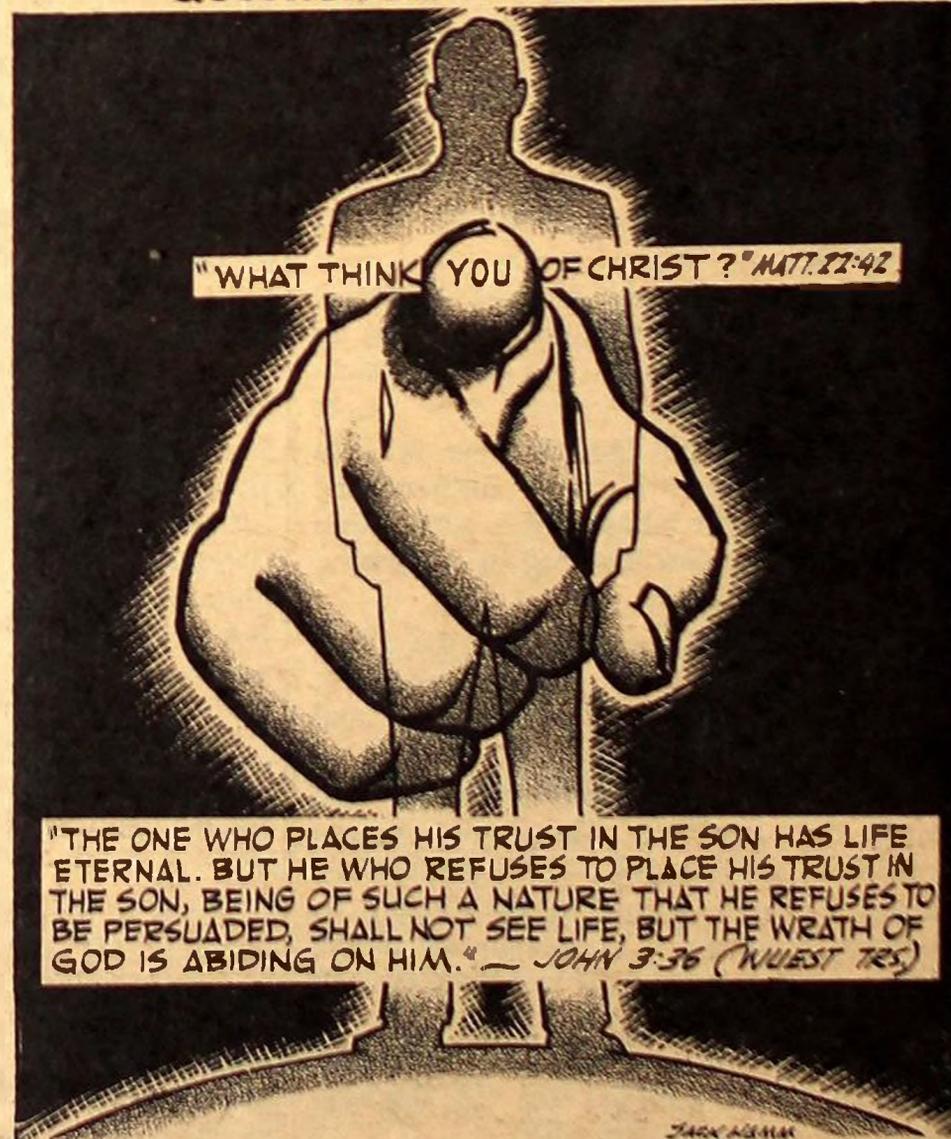
Therefore, we believe that Tennessee Baptist churches and members of our churches should be encouraged to reacquaint themselves, if necessary, with all the ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. This is a great convention. We have men in positions of responsibility within our convention structure who are strong in the faith, who

are knowledgeable concerning Baptist work, and who have a primary concern that Tennessee Baptists have an effective Christian witness. We have pastors in our churches who have the same concern and who express this concern.

One interesting and important aspect of the Cooperative Program is that getting money is **not** “the name of the game.” Securing funds in this channel ministry is simply the means of expanding and undergirding a New Testament program within the local church, the state convention, and around the world. If we lose sight of our objectives, then we lose our incentive. As long as we can retain sight of our goals and incentives then we will move forward. A pertinent phrase may be found in the Presbyterian shorter catechism. The question is raised: “What is the chief end of man?” The answer: “The chief end of man is to serve God and to glorify him forever.” As long as Tennessee Baptists, individually and collectively, remain aware of this, then we shall continue to advance for Christ’s sake.

Our institutions in our own state, our state mission program, every aspect of our local church work, all that we do for Christ’s sake must be undergirded with prayer and sincere concern.

Question Direct to the Heart



Pigeon Forge First To Host Acteens Summit Meet April 19-21

The 1973 Acteens Summit Meeting will be held at First church, Pigeon Forge, April 19-21, according to Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU executive secretary. The summit is held each year for all acteens ages 12-17.



Whitten



Skinner

Program guests for this year will include: Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain on furlough; Miss Debbie Webber, student summer missionary, East Tennessee State university, Johnson City; Mrs. William Skinner, missionary to Paraguay on leave,



Owens



McCoy

Nashville; Mrs. Carlos Owens, missionary to Tanzania on furlough; Mrs. Don McCoy, Dickson, former Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines; Richard Lusk, missionary to Hong Kong, on leave, Brownsville; Miss Karen Kinnett, former Miss



Lusk



Startup

Teenage Oklahoma City, Miss Brenda Hale, student, ETSU, former student summer missionary. Other personalities will include: Miss Martha Ann Blount, missionary to South Brazil on furlough; Miss Faye Blue, singer, educational secretary at Belmont Heights church, Nashville; and Ernest Startup, director of guidance and counseling, Harrison-Chilhowee academy.

The program will convene Thursday evening at 8:00 with registration beginning at 2:00 that afternoon.

Missionary vocations and conferences will be held Friday morning and afternoon. Sessions and study will be given in student missions, Tanzania, Paraguay, Brazil, Philippines, and Spain. Focus will be given to the theme of "Letting God Use Me."

State WMU leaders assisting in the programs will be Miss Jannie Engelmann, state GA director; Mrs. Joanne Hinton, staff member; Miss Nethery; Miss Beulah Peoples, promotion director; and Miss Louise Sparkman, state Acteens director.

Sessions will be held through Saturday morning, according to Miss Nethery.

Baptists, Catholics And Jews Participate In 'Trilogue'

A "trilogue"—three days of discussions among representatives of America's three major religious communities—began here on March 25.

It brought together 60 prominent academicians and religious leaders under the joint sponsorship of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee; the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relationships of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nashville, and the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

Bishop Joseph A. Durick of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nashville; Dr. M. Thomas Starkes, director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Department of Interfaith Witness, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, served as conference chairmen.

"Evangelism and Pluralism" was to be discussed by Father Edward H. Flannery, director of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, National Conference of Catholic Bishops; the Rev. Ron Kerr, communications director of the United Meth-

John A. Abernathy Dies; Emeritus SBC Missionary

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—John A. Abernathy, 77, missionary to China, Korea and the Philippines for 40 years, died March 19 in a local hospital. Funeral and burial were to be held here March 22.

Hot Springs had been home for Dr. and Mrs. Abernathy since they returned from Korea in 1970. They retired from active service with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1961.

Abernathy was robbed by Chinese bandits, interned by the Japanese during World

SBC Radio-TV Commission To Award Four Scholarships

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will award four scholarships, each carrying a \$500 cash value, to college students planning careers in radio, television, or films, according to Paul M. Stevens, president of the Commission.

Stevens said that the awards are given in honor of recipients of the Distinguished Communications Medal, awarded by the Radio and Television Commission each year to individuals who have distinguished themselves in some facet of communication. The scholarship is an integral feature of each award.

Stevens indicated that applicants must rank scholastically between juniors and graduate students, be preparing for a career in radio, television, or films, be a Baptist, have a B average, and supply references.

Winners will be given summer employment at the Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth if desired, he added. A special committee from the staff of the Radio-TV Commission and members of the Commission's board of trustees will decide the winners from the applications received.

50 Bills Before Congress On Private-Parochial Tax Credit

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Support continues to grow in Congress for the granting of tax credits to parents of private and parochial school children, as evidenced by the number of bills introduced so far in this session.

As of March 20, according to the new computerized legislation status service at the Capitol, 48 bills have been placed in the House hopper and two on the Senate side.

A total of six co-sponsors brings to 54 the number of Congressmen who are behind passage of the legislation. (RNS)

odist Division of Evangelism; Dr. Starkes, and Rabbi Tanenbaum.

Papers dealing with the religious implications of Racial and Social Justice were to be presented by Msgr. George G. Higgins, research director of the U.S. Catholic Conference; Dr. Lewis Rhodes, pastor of Broadway Baptist church in Knoxville, and Albert Vorspan, social action director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. (RNS)

War II and interrogated by Chinese Communists.

Prevented in 1948 from reentering China, the couple went to Korea. They were hardly settled in Seoul when North Korean Communists forced them to evacuate. After working for a short time in the Philippines these were able to return.

In 1963, after two years of retirement, the couple returned to the Philippines for a year to lead the English-language Baptist church at Clark Field. (BP)

Baptists Attempt Entertaining Evangelism On Spring Street USA

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA—Southern Baptists begin their first effort at mass media evangelism through a new television series called Spring Street USA on April 1, seeking to blend the best of variety show entertainment with short, relevant evangelistic messages.

When the video cassettes were shown informally to persons attending a recent Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting, one denominational professional sat for hours in a hallway watching the programs. "Tremendous," he kept repeating as he watched.

In Hollywood, where television professionals edited the videotapes, a top professional in the field called it the best religious programming he had ever seen.

A Cooperate Venture

An editorial in the "Christian Index" of Georgia, based on a preview of two of the 10 shows, described the series as "a cut above all religious programming of that nature." And the editor of the "Biblical Recorder" of North Carolina called it "a wholesome, effective program—refreshingly different from anything now on television."

The series is being produced cooperatively by two SBC agencies—the SBC Home Mission Board here which is responsible for content of the show, and the SBC Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, which is handling production and distribution.

"Star" of the show is host and regular speaker Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston.

Chafin, former evangelism secretary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, is constantly upstaged, however, by a talented group of 12 young people called the Spring Street Singers.

Variety Show Format

Buryl Red, president of BR Productions and Generic Music Co., of New York City, enlisted, organized and put together the Spring Street Singers. In addition, he composed much of the music used for the show.

The series uses a variety show format, with a guest star appearing on each program. "Variety" is the appropriate word, for the guest stars include a wide range of stars and groups such as former Louisiana Governor Jimmie Davis and a popular black group, Andrae Crouch and The Disciples.

Other guest stars on the first 10 programs include Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin, country music singer Connie Smith, comedian Jerry Clower, the Tom Tichenor Puppets, "Queen of the West" Dale Evans Rogers, pianist-composer-singer Ken Medema, soloist Cynthia Clawson, and movie star and recording artist Pat Boone.

Professionally, the programs are of top quality production. The camera work, color quality, staging, and editing, seem to be flawless.

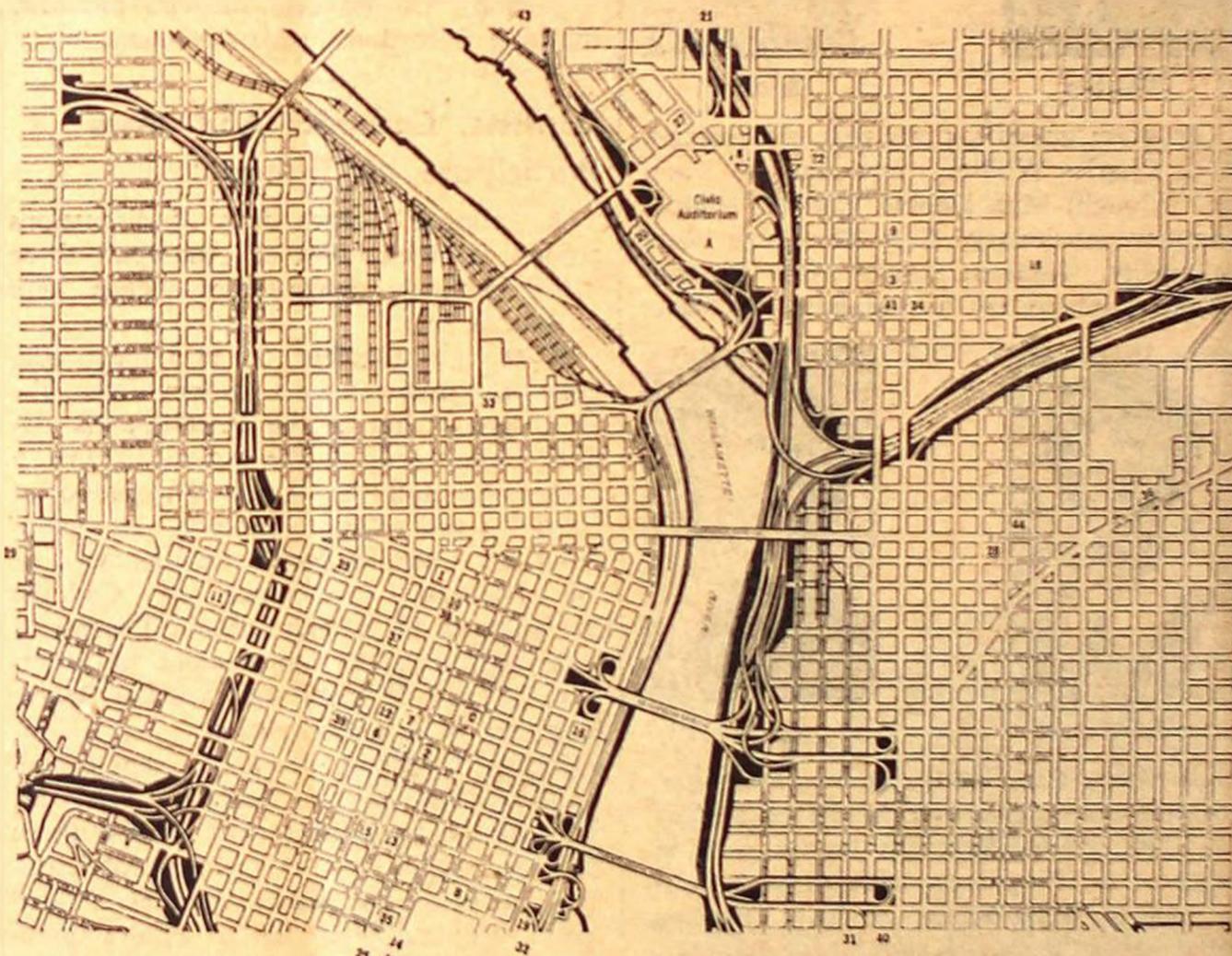
The filming for the series is being done by 21st Century Productions, a Nashville-based subsidiary of WLAC-TV. Bob Thornton of the SBC Radio-TV Commission is producer and Joe Hostetler of 21st Century is director.

Premieres In Capitol

Premiere of the series will be broadcast over WMAL-TV, Washington, D.C., at 7:30 a.m., Monday, March 26. The premiere is scheduled to coincide with the meeting of the National Association of Broadcasters to enable station managers and program directors and others from the nation's television industry to view the premiere.

During the first week of April, 12 television stations across the nation will begin carrying the weekly programs, and SBC Radio-TV officials say that by May 1 the programs will be on 30 stations. So far about one in eight of the stations is providing the time at no charge under public service broadcasting; but most of the time is being purchased.

Though every television program director who has seen it has had high praise for the professional quality of the series, most are reluctant to provide "free" time for the telecasts because of the evangelistic nature, and because they fear it would open a "Pandora's box" causing other denominations to demand equal time, commented Thornton, the producer. No other religious group, however, has matched the quality of "Spring Street," Thornton insists. (BP)



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HOTEL	SINGLES	DOUBLES	TWINS	SUITES
(1) Benson	\$16.30-27.00	\$22.00-32.00	\$26.00-32.00	\$75.00-150.00
(2) Congress	10.00-14.00	12.00-16.00	14.00-18.00	25.00-35.00
(3) Cosmopolitan	18.00	24.00	28.00	40.00
(4) Cosmopolitan Airtel	16.00	20.00	22.00	
(5) Flamingo Motel	19.50	23.50		20.00-25.00
(6) Heathman	12.00	14.00	15.00	35.00-42.00
(7) Hilton	16.50-26.50	23.50-35.50	23.50-35.50	78.50-250.00
(8) Holiday Inn		16.00	18.00	
(9) Hyatt Lodge	15.00	17.00	19.00	
(10) Imperial	9.00	12.00	15.00	
(11) Mallory	11.00-15.00	13.00-18.00	15.00-18.00	20.00
(12) Park Highland	11.00	13.00	15.00	25.00-45.00
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Southern Baptist Convention	June 12-14
Woman's Missionary Union	June 11
Pastors' Conference	June 11

Children's Homes

'But God Isn't At Our House'

By James M. Gregg
Executive Director-Treasurer

I came across the following story recently:

A little girl visited her grandfather in a distant city. Unlike the worldly home from which she came, his was a godly one where prayer and Bible reading were a daily practice. When the time came to return home, the youngster was hesitant to leave. Her mother was displeased by this and asked, "Don't you want to go with me?" "Yes, Mamma," was the reply, "but God isn't at our house. Grandpa has Him here, and I like to stay where God is."

This reminds me of a little boy who left our Home to go back to live with his mother. He waved good-bye to his house-mother and then he said, "Good-by God." God is in our Homes. The children sense His presence.

Please pray for and give through the Mother's Day Offering in your church. Posters, bulletin inserts, coin saver cards, and offering envelopes are available free on request. Also available on a free loan basis to the churches is a fifteen-minute, full-color sound movie produced on our four campuses.

Remember prayer has brought us this far—82 years—and we wait upon Him as we continue this ministry for Tennessee Baptists in Jesus' Name.

**Harrison-Chilhowee Staff
Members Receive Awards
For Special Work**

Timothy Jones, Jim L. Barnes, and William E. Davis, three interpreters for the deaf at Harrison-Chilhowee academy in Seymour, have been awarded Comprehensive Skills certificates by the nationally organized Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

The certificates were awarded on the basis of test performances at a Tennessee statewide evaluation workshop for interpreters for the deaf held in Knoxville recently. The workshop was conducted at the Southern Regional Media Center for the Deaf on the campus of the University of Tennessee.

Davis, minister to the deaf at First Church, Knoxville, has served as consultant for the Chilhowee academy program for deaf students since 1971. Jones joined the interpreter staff at the academy in 1972. Barnes is serving under appointment with the Home Mission Board as a member of the US-2 Program.

Evaluations by the Registry of Interpreters have been developed as a part of the national organization's effort to establish a National Directory of Interpreters.

Tennessee News Briefs

Kenneth W. Roberts, a student at Clear Creek Baptist school, Pineville, Ky., was called as pastor of Totz First church, Totz, Ky. Roberts is a native of Martin, Tenn., where he was a member of the Central church.

Don Edwards was ordained into the gospel ministry at the First Baptist church of Huntingdon recently. He is a former minister of youth and education for the church, and is serving presently as pastor of the Cash Creek church in Henderson, Ky. He is a student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary. **George W. Hill** is the Huntingdon pastor.



Edwards

the Huntingdon pastor.

Park Avenue church, Nashville, ordained **Gerald Price** to the gospel ministry recently. Price will graduate from Wheaton college, Wheaton, Ill. this spring. **Bob Norman**, pastor of the Belmont Heights church in Nashville, preached the ordination sermon. **Bob Mowrey** is pastor of the Park Avenue church.

In the Cumberland Plateau Association, Ozone church ordained its pastor, **Hollis Foust**, to the gospel ministry. Those forming the ordaining council included **Rupert Smith**, **Wayne Benson**, **Mont Hooper**, **Russell Honeycutt**, **Ronald Harris**, **J. C. McCoy**, **Ronald Speich**, **Allen Snow**, **T. D. Ledford**, **James Schooler**, **Glen Gibbons**, **Robert Cox**, **Kenneth Loden**, and **Missionary W. Guy Cooke**.

Robert G. Capra To Head Fund Raising Service

NASHVILLE—Robert G. Capra has been promoted to head the Stewardship Commission's church and institutional fund raising service, the commission has announced.

Capra, who has served with the Commission for over a year, previously served as assistant director of endowment and capital giving and Cooperative Program promotion.

James V. Lackey, executive director of the Stewardship Commission, said, "We are very fortunate to have a man of Capra's qualifications already on the staff and prepared to take over this important responsibility. Bob Capra is a man of integrity and good judgment." (BP)

On Sept. 3rd, 1973, I am planning a tour to the Holy Land. I would like to invite you to share this wonderful experience. For further information call or write: **Mrs. Gaines Lollar**, 500-5th Ave. N., #309, Nashville, Tenn. 37219. Phone 741-2600.

Floyd Craig, director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, will teach a course on church public relations during the 1973 summer session at Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. The two-unit course, scheduled for June 19-July 13, is titled "The Church Communicating to its Community."

Arthur Reed, long-time member of the Haleys Grove church at Crab Orchard, and chairman of the deacons, died recently.

Jerry S. Warmath, pastor of the Pulaski Heights church in Little Rock, Ark., was the guest speaker during Religious Emphasis Week conducted at Baptist Memorial hospital in Memphis this month. The theme for the week was "Living Christianity." The program is conducted annually for students, employees, and medical staff of the hospital and is transmitted to each patient room by a closed circuit television system. **Thomas P. Lane**, minister of music at Bellevue church, was in charge of the special music presented during the week.

Mrs. Mellie Welborn Harris, the oldest member of the First Baptist church in Newbern, died recently in Jackson. A lifelong resident of Newbern, Mrs. Harris was baptized at the church in 1904. Funeral services were held in Newbern with **Max Walker**, pastor, officiating. Mrs. Harris is survived by a son, **S. Paul Harris**, Newbern; two daughters, **Mrs. Glen Dillon**, Jackson, and **Mrs. Victor Stripling**, Jackson, Alabama; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Highland Park church, Columbia, called **James R. Averette** to serve as minister of education and youth. He was called from a similar position at the Cumberland church in Knoxville. Averette is a graduate of Mars Hill college where he received his B.A. degree. He received the master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary. **Bill Delaney** is pastor of the Highland Park church.

In the Hardeman County Association, **George Miller** resigned as pastor of the Esary Springs church; and **David Caldwell** has joined the staff of the Middleton church as minister of music.

Mike Davis, bus minister of First church, Clarksville, resigned to accept the call as pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, Tenn. **John David Laida** is pastor of the Clarksville church.

Ridgeview church, Knox County Association, has extended a call to **Edwin Cloud Jr.** to serve as its pastor. Cloud has been doing interim work in various churches.

Georgia Convention Staff Organize In Four Divisions

ATLANTA—Major reorganization of the Georgia Baptist Convention administrative staff creating a four division system of operation has been approved by the convention's executive committee.

The convention's executive committee function will be grouped into four divisions, effective April 1—evangelism and missions, education, church services and development and administrative promotion.

Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the convention since 1965, will head the administration-promotion division.

Bernard D. King, Georgia Baptist Brotherhood secretary since 1947, will become administrative assistant to Garrison in the administrative-promotion division.

Aubrey L. Hawkins, Georgia student work secretary for 23 years, will head the new education division.

Julian T. Pipkin, Georgia Baptist Sunday School secretary since 1967, will be director of the new division of church services and development.

Ernest J. Kelley, now assistant to the executive secretary, will direct the new division of evangelism and missions.

Four auxiliary agencies will continue to relate to the convention's executive committee under separate boards of directors. These groups are the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist Foundation, Georgia Baptist Women's Missionary Union, and Georgia Baptist Hospital.

The convention's executive committee also granted **Truett McConnell Junior College** at Cleveland, Ga., another year of "grace" to see if it can lift its enrolment and eliminate financial deficits. One year ago, enrolment had dropped below 200 students and had accumulated about \$250,000 in operating deficits in three years.

Enrolment has now jumped to more than 300 students, and much of the deficit has been erased, according to **Truett McConnell** president **Ronald E. Weitman**. The school was given another year of "probation" by the committee.

The executive committee honored **Searcy S. Garrison** and noted a citation adopted by the Georgia General Assembly (legislature) for his 18 years' service as executive secretary, and paid tribute to Georgia Convention President **John T. Tippet**, pastor of Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, Ga. (BP)

Damon Corley, former pastor of the Gath church, Central Association, is the new pastor of Mill Creek church in Nashville.

Four leadership changes were reported in the Nolachucky Association this week. These include the calling of **Glenn Ailshie** to the Concord church and **Orville Seals** to the Three Springs church. **Hugh Lee Simmons** resigned from the Beulah church, and **Elmer Lampkins** resigned from the Calvue church.

God Speaks Through Christ

By Orvind M. Dangeau, Pastor, First Baptist Church, McKenzie

Scripture Text: Isaiah 42:4-9; John 1:1-8; 1:14-18; Acts 10:34-43; Hebrews 1:1-4

Through all the centuries of Old Testament history, men longed to know the will of God for their lives. The stories of the patriarchs and prophets are records of those men seeking God's will, finding and doing it. God revealed Himself to them in different and many times, most unusual ways. At times it was through the still small voice in the quietness of the night, in the whirling mighty wind, the burning bush that was not consumed, or the belching fire and smoke from the top of a mountain. However it was, God spoke and men listened because they wanted to hear.



Dangeau

Men of today have that same desire to know what God has to say. A person may not recognize this fact, but deep inside is the desire to know God. No man can be content until that desire is satisfied. God speaks, but man must listen.

God Has Spoken (Hebrews 1:1-4)

All that man knows about God is what God has revealed, for the source of all revelation is God. Job well knew that God is not discovered, but reveals Himself, and asked, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" (Job 11:7). The Old Testament is a revelation from God. While revelation is divine, its object and means in times past are human. By dreams, visions, signs, in spoken voice and in divers' manners, God has revealed Himself to men.

God Has Spoken (Hebrews 1:1-4)

The term "progressive revelation", often heard, does not mean that God's ability to reveal Himself to man was limited, but rather that man's ability to receive that revelation was limited. The ocean is not limited by the teacup in man's hand. We find more of God in John than we do in Genesis, but the God of the one is the God of the other. The difference is in man's ability to comprehend.

Jesus is not a mere vehicle of revelation, but He is God in human form, revealing Himself. This revelation is not fragmentary, but complete. All that one has ever known or will ever know about God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is superior to all those through whom God has spoken in the past. He is the goal toward which all creation moves. He is the creator of the whole universe, the exact image of God, the sustainer of the universe which he created. He is our Redeemer, our King, and is exalted above the

angels. We are reminded that the revelation through Jesus Christ is better than the Law of Moses. Ultimately, God has spoken in His Son, and has no other word for man. Today, the inspired scripture is the speech of God to man. Listen to Him.

The Word—The Expression Of God (John 1:1-8)

John said, "In the beginning was the Word (logos) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

To us, a word is an outward manifestation of one's inner self and thoughts. This same idea was in the minds of the ancients. Thus John says that Jesus is the Divine Utterance, the Outward Expression of our only Holy God; the outward expression of the very character of God. The order and reason, and mercy, and justice, and love, and all the other attributes that existed in the mind of God had their place and meaning on earth in Jesus Christ as an expression of the mind of God. Jesus was God's expression of Himself in the flesh to men.

Jesus, John tells us, was with God in creation, and has continuing control of the universe. Even if science proves the universe to be billions of years old, that would not affect the words, "In the beginning", for whenever the beginning was, that is the time of which John is speaking.

Think on this. Jesus was equal with God. John said, "The Word was God." When John says "the Word was with God", he means literally that the Word was face to face with God; or the Word saw eye to eye with God, as though they looked at each other on an even line. But even this did not satisfy John. He simply and emphatically said, "The Word was God."

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." Jesus is the source of the life that men so desperately need.

Rev. Orvind M. Dangeau, pastor of First Baptist church, McKenzie, will be the Uniform Series Sunday School lesson writer for the next six months.

Dangeau, is a graduate of Union university and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. He has served as pastor of churches in Tennessee and Texas. Since 1963 Dangeau has been pastor of First church, McKenzie. From 1942-45 he was with the U.S. Navy (Pacific Theater). In addition to holding several denominational positions, Dangeau is now serving as chairman of the Administrative Committee, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Witness Of God

(John 1:14-18)

The Word, John declares, who always was, who always was equal with God, yes, even God Himself, came into being as flesh. God became what He had never been before. God became Jesus of Nazareth. When the word flesh is used, John means human nature, but when God became flesh, He did not cease to be what He had been before.

"He dwelt among us." Dwelt is translated tent or tabernacle and suggests a temporary dwelling. During Israel's time of worship in the tabernacle, God was said to have dwelt therein with his people in His Shekinah glory. So, for the period of the incarnation, God dwelt with men in His Shekinah glory in a tabernacle of flesh.

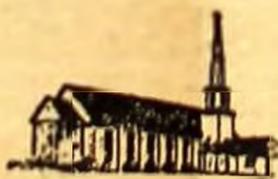
Truth means the unconcealed. Thus Jesus is the unconcealed, or the complete revelation of God. He was the "Only Begotten"—absolutely distinct from those of us who are called the "Children of God" by faith.

Now, there are certain witnesses to these great truths we have dealt with this week. There was John the Baptist, then John the Evangelist speaking on behalf of his fellow disciples and now, all of those who have, by faith, believed and committed themselves to Jesus Christ.

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SBC Colleges Train Leaders

Southern Baptist colleges have trained 2486 foreign missionaries, according to a recent paper prepared by the research staff of the Jenkins Library of the Foreign Mission Board.

Leaders in the number of missionaries produced include: Baylor university with 370; Oklahoma Baptist university with 176, and Carson-Newman college with 127. Southern Baptist theological seminaries have trained a total of 2524 missionaries

Two Tennessee RAs Named Winners In 'Crusader' Contest

Timothy Johnson and Wade Murphy, both from Tennessee were among the winners in the sixth annual Royal Ambassador photo contest sponsored by Crusader magazine.

Murphy, of Ooltewah, won first prize in the people and animals category while Johnson, from Smyrna, was third place winner in scenics.

"Hot Days Make Me Weary," Murphy's winning photograph, showed a boy resting in the fork of a tree.

Other first prizes were won by Billy Overton, Dickinson, Texas, including a special first prize for a sequence of photographs.

Second place photos were entered by Steve Moore, Durham, N.C., scenics; Tim Williams, Mableton, Ga., people and animals; Donny Overton, Dickinson, Texas, RA activities.

Stephen Sullivan, Arlington, Texas, people and animals; and Timothy Ray Smith, Ramona, Okla., RA activities, also won third prizes.

United Bible Societies Report Increase In Scripture Translations

Portions of the Scripture have been published in 1500 languages and dialects, since the invention of printing in the middle of the 15th century according to statistics compiled by the United Bible Societies.

The record figure reflects an increase of 43 languages over the previous year. Complete books of the Bible were published in 42 of the new languages in 1972.

Complete Bibles were published last year for the first time in two languages which appeared in previous language counts. They were Paite and Thado, both spoken in India, and published by the Bible Society of India.

for the foreign field, the report read.

Statistical reports for 1972-73 in Baptist colleges and seminaries show a sizeable increase of enrolment of ministerial students and other vocational Christian workers.

Over 40 Per Cent Of Union's Student Body Are Recipients Of Scholarships

Over 40 per cent of the Student Body at Union university are the recipients of scholarships for the spring semester, according to Don Morris, financial aid officer.

Awards granted were in the fields of music, athletics, leadership and special talent, junior college, nursing, and academic. The scholarships vary in amount from \$100 to all expenses including tuition, room, board, and books.

More than 50 different scholarship funds exist at Union with most of them established in memory or honor of friends of the school or in the name of special groups or companies.

Religion Around The World

AUGUSTA, Ga.—J. E. Jackson, 80, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died March 8 following an automobile accident near here. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Augusta's University hospital. Funeral services were scheduled to be held March 10 at the Rosewood Baptist church in Columbia, S.C. with burial near Johnston, S.C. Jackson had been visiting a sister and was returning home to Columbia at the time of the accident. A younger sister who was traveling with him also was injured in the crash. A missionary for nearly 40 years, Jackson served in China and the Philippines before his retirement in 1959.

MANILA, Philippines—More than 1000 persons have professed their faith in Christ following a series of evangelistic campaigns held in three separate areas of the Philippines. Of these, 853 came in connection with a "ReaLife Encounter," a city-wide crusade held in Baguio City. C. Mark Courts, pastor of the Calvary church in Winston-Salem, N.C., was the evangelist.

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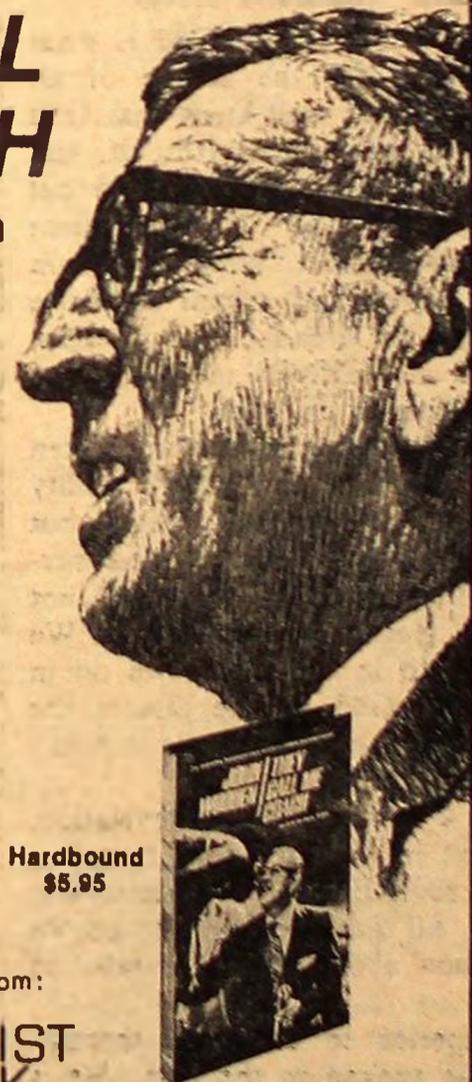
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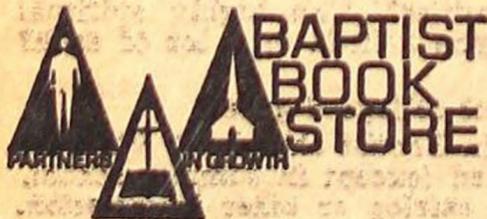
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Vignettes Of History

By W. Fred Kendall

MINISTERIAL IMPROVEMENT

In the decade of the 1830s and 1849s there were no Baptist schools in Tennessee and there was a growing cry for a great increase in educational opportunities for all of the people.

Articles appeared on "Ministerial Development" and others called it "Ministerial Improvement" but all of them were pointing to the great lack of training of so many of the men who felt called to preach. There was such a cry for pastors and for preachers. Some preachers had to pastor as many as six churches. What did they do? They organized meetings for pastors and deacons. They usually met on the fifth Sunday week ends. They assigned subjects and then discussed them. Some wrote papers and some preached.

There were several of these but we shall refer to the one in Bethel Association which was around Clarksville and covered parts of Kentucky and Tennessee. They organized the 27th and 28th of June 1845. Three interesting resolutions were passed which show the significance of these meetings.

"Whereas the unity and Christian fellowship of our churches depend, in a good degree, on the unity of sentiment and good feeling of the ministry and Deacons, Therefore, Resolved, that we the ministers and Deacons of the Bethel Association, should, and we promise to give a devoted attention to the Ministers meeting, in order to promote mutual edification, unity of sentiment, and brotherly love among the Ministers and Deacons, with an eye especially to the cause of Christ. Resolved, That we make an arrangement hereafter to stay together at said meeting at least five days. Resolved further, that in order to promote punctuality in preaching and writing on subjects for criticism, we attach a penalty to our rules for violation of them, and impose a fine for five dollars on each member, who shall fail to preach or write as appointed; fine to be imposed at the judgment of the meeting; and said fine to be appropriated at the option of the delinquent, either to Georgetown College, Union University, or our book establishment, to be given in books or money."

Quarterly Meeting Scheduled For East Tenn. Baptist Pastors

The 57th quarterly meeting of the East Tennessee Baptist Preachers' Conference has been scheduled March 29 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at First Baptist church, Jefferson City.

Herman Ellis, pastor of First Church, Rutledge, is program chairman. Main speaker for the conference will be Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary/treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Also scheduled on the program is Dr. Tom Madden, pastor, First church, Tullahoma and former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Carson-Newman College Music Department will provide special music at the conference, which will begin in First Baptist's Fellowship Hall. Those attending the conference will be the guests of Carson-Newman for the evening meal. Anyone wishing to attend the conference should make a reservation with Dr. Nat Bettis, C-N Director of Extension, at 615/475-9061.

Billy Graham Stations To Drop Commercials

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C.—Radio stations WFGM and WMIT-FM, operated by the Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation, of which evangelist Billy Graham is president, has approved a plan to drop all commercials and to operate, instead, under an entirely religious format.

No more advertising will be sought or accepted, and contributions will be solicited for the \$175,000 a year it costs to operate the stations.

The stations are heard in seven states. Mr. Graham founded WFGM in 1961. It is one of the few 50,000-watt stations in North Carolina.

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State Tuition Grant Aid Challenged

The "Tennessee Tuition Grant Program" has been challenged in Federal District Court in Nashville as being unconstitutional by Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

The group has alleged that the tuition grant program passed by the 87th General Assembly is unconstitutional on its face and application because it violates the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment and has petitioned for a three judge court to hear its case.

According to the complaint, the State Tuition Grant Program resulted in a total

of \$1,204,426 being distributed to colleges and universities in Tennessee during 1972. Of this amount, \$763,391 went to private colleges. Of this amount, \$551,047 was provided to colleges operated by religious institutions for distinctly religious purposes.

The plaintiffs object to having to pay taxes for the support of religion and religious schools, and to the State's giving financial aid for the teaching and dissemination of religious doctrine and beliefs.

Listed as defendants in the complaint are Governor Winfield Dunn and 11 other state officials, including eight officials of the Tennessee Student Assistance Agency, the special agency created to administer the grant program.

10 Largest Sunday School List Inflated, Pastor Says

FORT WORTH—A California Baptist pastor, whose church is on the list of the 10 largest Sunday Schools in the country, advocated abolishing the list.

Harold Fickett Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Vay Nuys, Calif., an independent Baptist church with more than 10,000 members, spoke at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Six out of the 10 largest Sunday schools (on the national list) include attendance at early morning worship services as the pastor's Sunday school class," Fickett charged.

He said the 17,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, largest of Southern Baptist congregations, does not inflate its totals in such a manner. (BP)

Radio And Television Commission To Honor Tennessee Broadcasters

By Evelyn Strickland, News Writer, TBC

The Tennessee Baptist Convention in cooperation with the Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Texas, are planning to recognize the broadcasters of Tennessee May 4, at a 6:30 p.m. Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Sheraton South Motel Inn, Nashville.

Speaker for the Appreciation Dinner will be Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary-treasurer-director of the Radio and Television Commission.

A plaque will be presented to the President of the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, Hugh Trotter, station manager for Radio Station WSEV, Sevierville, in behalf of the broadcasters of the more than 160 radio and television stations in Tennessee in recognition of their services and cooperation.

In addition to the broadcasters, attending the dinner will be representatives from the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, Radio and Television Commission, Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention, state and metro government and civic organizations.

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91-Year-Old Brush Creek Member Takes First Plane Ride—To Holy Land

Ninety-one-year-old Mrs. Ethel Enoch Jennings, a member of the Brush Creek Baptist church, New Salem Association, has just returned from a trip to the Holy Land and her first ride on an airplane.

"Some relatives and friends didn't think I'd come back alive, but here I am," said the Brush Creek resident as she arrived at Nashville's Municipal Airport during recent rains. She expressed joy at having seen the Holy Land, the place where Christ was born, the tomb where he was buried, and a dungeon-prison in Rome where Paul was imprisoned. She also traveled by boat on the sea of Galilee.

She has been a member of the Brush Creek church for over 50 years and has been active throughout that time. She lives with her 72-year-old brother, Reese Enoch and his wife, Eunice. She is the widow of Marvin Jennings who operated a general merchandise store and hotel in Brush Creek until his death 10 years ago. She reportedly has read the Bible through eight times.

She said that she had no fear of death while she was gone. "What better place to die than the Holy Land," she was quoted as saying before her departure. She said that the trip was something she will never forget, but indicated that she has no immediate plans for future travel. "When you're 91, you just don't plan anything too far in advance."

Luttrell Will Address Pastor's Conference

Mark Luttrell, state corrections commissioner, will deliver the major address to pastor's at the quarterly meeting of Middle Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference, April 9 at Belmont college.

He will speak on "Penal Work as a Ministry," and hold a discussion on Tennessee's penal system.

An emphasis on types of pastoral visitation will be given earlier in the session by eight area pastors including, Bill Powell, First church, Monterey; Tom Madden, First church, Tullahoma; Henry Kellogg Jr., First church, Smyrna; Jerry Thomason, Eagleville church; James McPherson, Homestead church, Crossville; Robert Woody, Bluegrass church, Hendersonville; Archie King, Southeast church, Murfreesboro; and Harold Allen, First church, Gallatin.

Eugene Cotey, pastor of First church, Murfreesboro, is president of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Pastor's Conference.

'Link' Magazine Is Honored By Freedoms Foundation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—"The Link," a monthly magazine for military personnel published by the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel here, has been awarded a bronze medallion by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

A second medallion was also given to the magazine's editor, the Rev. Edward I. Swanson.

The citation cites "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life" (RNS)

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Leonard Wedel Retires From Sunday School Board

Leonard E. Wedel, director of the Office of Personnel at the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1951, will retire April 1. He has served with the Board a total of 29 years.



Wedel

A native of Oklahoma, he earned the bachelor of arts and master of science degrees in education from the University of Oklahoma. He has also attended George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville.

The University of Tennessee in Nashville, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth.

Prior to becoming director of associational work in the Board's Training Union Department in 1944, Wedel was minister of education at Trinity church in Oklahoma City.

He serves as chairman of deacons at First Baptist church in Nashville.

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One Body, Many Members

By W. R. White

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:1-27

Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

The body of Christ is a mystical concept but is a real entity. We can only deal with it by contact with the local body or church or individuals in it. It is composed of regenerated individuals fused into the body by the Holy Spirit.

Christ is head of the body. Its life and meaning come from the head. In the physical body of man the nerves go out to every part of the body from the head. Without the head the body would have no élan vital.

The head directs the body, determines what it does, which way it goes and what it accomplishes. If there is any part of the body which does not cooperate with the head, then it is malfunctioning and there is plenty of troublesome danger ahead.

Beautiful harmony and supreme well-being is life at its best. Of course it must be remembered that members of the human body do not have the privilege of self-determination. Therefore, our analogy is only illustrative of a great truth.

Diversity in Unity 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

The body is made up of many members but is after all one body. This is true of the mystical body of Christ. Each is related to the body and each has its function. Therefore, with all their diversity, they are unified in the body.

There is great diversity in the members of the human body. This is so true of the members of the body of Christ if under the sway of the head, there is a marvelous wholeness and most healthy issue.

Dissension Among Members Absurd
1 Corinthians 12

Paul imagines each member of the body talking to the other members saying, "I have no need of thee". Carry this out with all of the body and see how ridiculous the situation becomes.

If each member of the body of Christ should seek to ignore every other member and seek to operate singly and alone, there would be helpless anarchy.

The Humblest Member Is Necessary
1 Corinthians 12

The weakest member of the body has its place. The eye is very tender, sensitive and easily injured. The eyebrow, eyelid and lashes are arranged to protect it. The hand will move quickly and almost automatically to protect it. If a member of the body is injured, the whole body and all the members go into action to help save it.

What an impressive picture of all being tied up in the bundle of life if each is a member of the body of Christ. Whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free, all become one in Christ.

Each member has an obligation to all. All for each and each for all. The members of the church should watch over with tender care the weak and wavering members of the church. Those who are spiritually strong should labor to restore the frail and failing. Too often we stand aside and criticise.

Foundation

What Happens When You Die

By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Our office has prepared a folder that gives an outline of legal provisions for the distribution of property for those who die without a will. This is not as simple as most people seem to think. Too many men have the idea that the widow inherits all of the property anyway so why have a will. This is far from the truth in most cases.

Many widows have found themselves without necessary resources available to provide for her and the children's needs because the law required that most of the estate be set aside for the children. The only way to use it is by petition to and permission by the court.

A man will find that he does not inherit the wife's estate under certain conditions. The law makes provision for each set of circumstances.

The folder, "What Happens When You Die," is free. Write for it along with information on preparing a Christian will to Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. Do it for all of those you love including the Lord.

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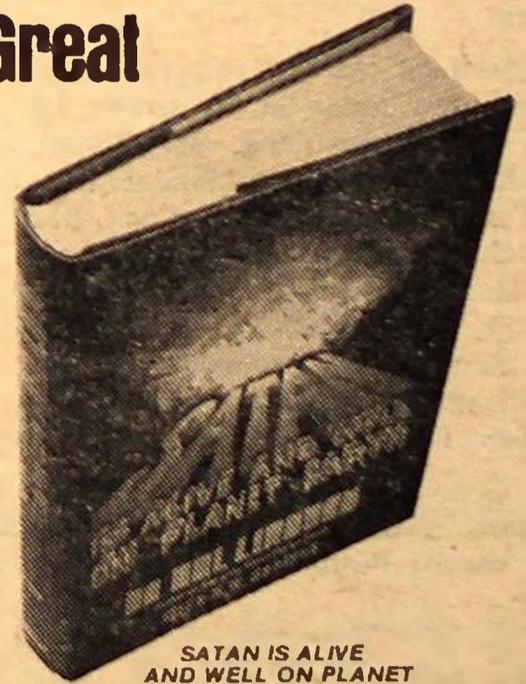
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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

One of the most valuable programs sponsored by our Church Training Department is the Christian Career Conference, scheduled this year for May 4-6 at Camp Carson and May 18-20 at Camp Linden.



Norton

Led by outstanding leaders, these conferences are planned to encourage our young people to consider a church-related vocation and to provide an atmosphere where these young men and women feel free to discuss their

interest in this field of service.

Conferences such as these have had a far-reaching influence on many of our youth in the past, and we would encourage our pastors and youth workers to give serious thought to the importance of providing their interested young people with the opportunity to attend either Camp Carson or Camp Linden on the dates scheduled.

It is not too early to begin making reservations, and if the young people in your church indicate an interest, we hope you will give them your enthusiastic support.

Aid To Sectarian Schools Opposed In Washington Meet

More than 60 organizational representatives from groups opposing government aid to religiously affiliated schools met in Washington, D.C. earlier this month for the purpose of forming a national coalition. The group held discussions which produced a consensus against both federal and state legislation to provide tax aid through the device of tax credits.

Representative James Corman (D-Cal.), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, opened the one-day conference with a report on tax credit parochial aid proposals before Congress and expressed firm opposition to all forms of government aid to sectarian schools. At a morning session, Bishop John Walker, Suffragan Bishop of Washington Episcopal Diocese, presided.

In a joint statement the group called on "all members of the United States Congress and the various state legislatures to reject all

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

Baptist And Reflector reported that 4000 Southern Baptist churches in the convention were without a pastor; 5200 churches had no place to meet; and that out of 27 denominations and divisions of denominations in the United States, Southern Baptists were twenty-fourth in per capita contributions with \$10.22 per capita gifts to all causes.

The pews were installed in the new church at Luray, Tenn., one of the final steps in the construction of the new building. C. E. Azbill was scheduled to preach the first sermon at the church on April 1. The building was practically free of debt.

20 YEARS AGO

Plans were being effected for two major crusades in Tennessee that spring. The state was divided lengthwise in order that more pastors and evangelists could be secured, according to L. G. Frey, director of missions and evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Pastor W. H. Liner was occupying the new pastor's home which had been finished debt free for the New Union church, Tennessee Valley Association. The church had 150 members.

10 YEARS AGO

Mid-State Baptist Hospital in Nashville had plans approved for the expansion of an \$8 million new wing to house 480 beds. The six-story structure was scheduled for completion in the spring of 1966. The new wing would enlarge capacity from 374 beds to 750 beds.

First church, Covington, dedicated a \$340,000 sanctuary which would seat 800. The old sanctuary had been destroyed by fire in 1961.

tax credit proposals as no more than a device to supply government aid to sectarian schools and consequently as inconsistent with constitutional principle and sound educational practice."

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Why It's Important To Let Child 'Mess Around'

It's still hard to convince mothers of the importance of giving preschoolers plenty of opportunities to work creatively with simple, basic, "art" materials. Perhaps the concept of "art activities" over-awes parents, maybe the mess that attends creativity puts them off, but the fact is that many children who have all the toys that money can buy and advertising can sell rarely have chances to get their hands on paints, clay, water, paste—or even on crayons, scissors and blank paper.

"Creativity activity develops the unconscious part of the mind, the intuitive, the imaginative," says Regina Barnett, dir. of art at Fox Valey Montessori School. "The product a child produces with his materials may eventually be discreetly discarded, but what happened to the child's mind as he worked remains with him forever."

Scribblings and early drawing are first expressions of symbolic communication, she reminds in the IMS Newsletter. "The product of the young child's creative work is a symbol of his existence, a confirmation of his identity. Creative activities are especially important to him because he doesn't yet have the forms of self-expression that are available to older children—music, dance, writing, science experimentation, etc."

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Expansion Planned At New Orleans Seminary

NEW ORLEANS—In its annual meeting, the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary approved a record \$1,846,223 budget, authorized new construction and major renovation projects on the campus, made a number of decisions relating to the school's faculty and administration, and elected a slate of officers for the year ahead.

The new budget provides for a 5.5 per cent salary increase for faculty members and \$25,000 in funds for the library to support the doctor of ministry degree program.

Construction plans approved by the board call for the erection of an 18,000 to 20,000 square foot addition to the seminary's present library, extensive remodeling of the Frost Building and a wing of the classroom building, and remodeling of the present administration building, Martin Chapel, and the music and classroom buildings.

Cost of the library construction, including furnishings and remodeling of the present library space, is estimated at \$960,000.

The board voted to add the post of dean of student affairs and director of field education to the administrative staff. Named to the new administrative post was Paul W. Stevens, who had been acting director of field education since September.

Paul William Gericke was named as director of the library. He has been serving the seminary as director of library services since 1969.

Trustees noted the retirement of H. Clayton Waddell, professor of social ethics, and Miss Nelle C. Davidson, librarian.

New Orleans attorney A. Morgan Brian was elected to his sixth year as president of the board. Floyd W. Lewis, president of Mid South Utilities in New Orleans, was re-elected vice-president.

Hugh R. Brooks of New Orleans, formerly board treasurer, was elected secretary, and David M. Walker of Baton Rouge was chosen as board treasurer. (BP)

SANFORD, N.C.—Mrs. John E. Dawkins, 77, of Mt. Gilead, N.C., died March 9 at a hospital here following a brief illness. Funeral and burial were to be held March 11 in Mt. Gilead. She was the mother of Miss Edna Frances Dawkins of Richmond, associate secretary of the Department of Promotion and Furlough Ministries for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

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