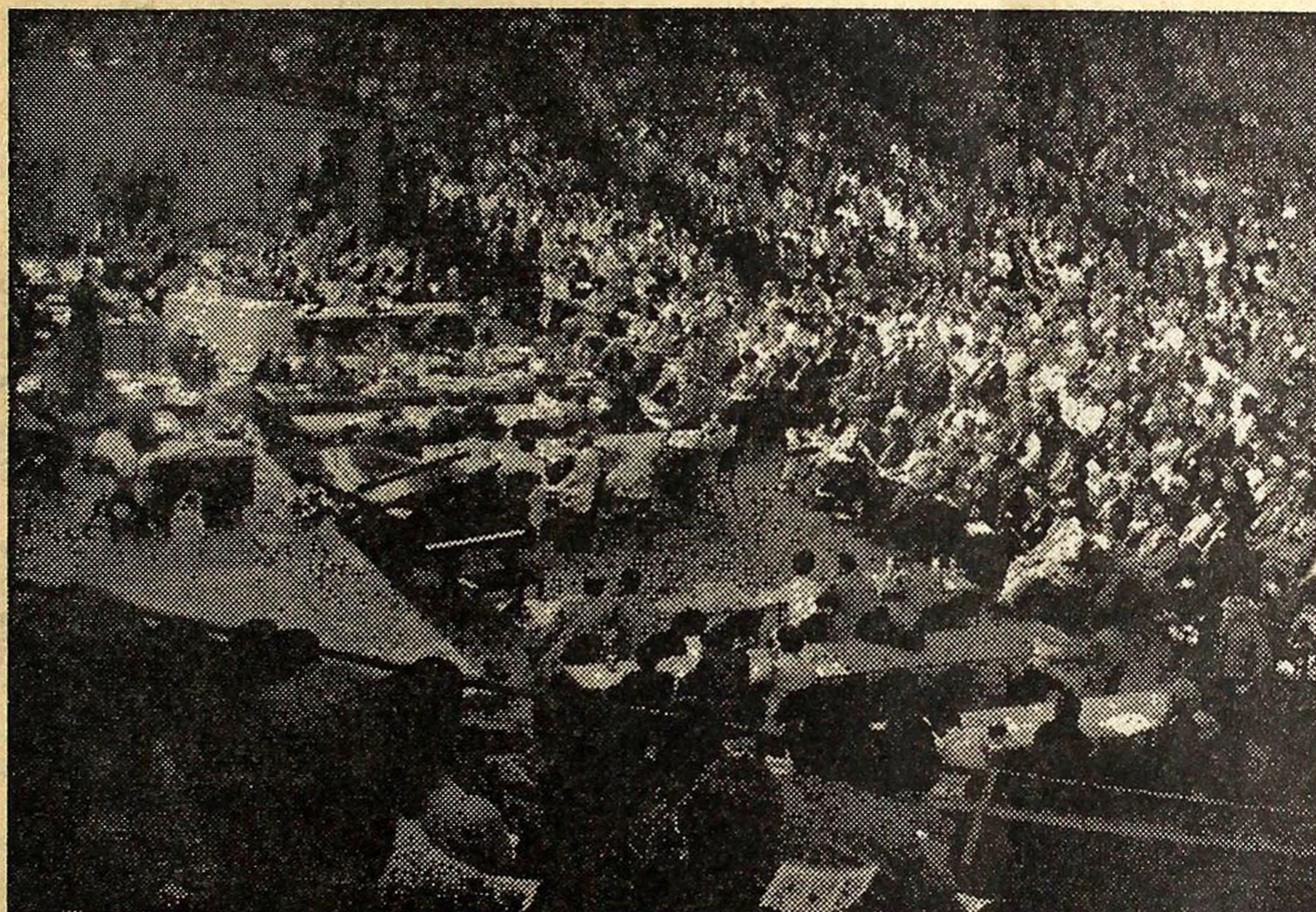


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PORTLAND CONVENTION SCENES



President Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., presiding.



Three pastors from Shelby County association: Joe Littlefield, upper left, White Station church; James M. Roberts, Oakville Memorial church; and Hugh Callens, right, Leaclair church.



"The Messengers" from Memphis perform.

Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., Named To Southern Seminary Post

Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., vice-president of Ottawa University (Baptist), Ottawa, Kans., has been elected dean of the school of religious education at The Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, Ky., effective July 1.

He will succeed Ernest J. Loessner, who retires this summer after 20 years on the faculty of the seminary and four years as dean.

Atkinson, a native of Mississippi, is a graduate of Mississippi college (Baptist) in Clinton. He holds the bachelor of divinity degree and completed residence studies toward the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. He also earned the doctor of philosophy degree from the Center for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The new dean is former director of field services for the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., and academic dean of Dallas Baptist college, Dallas, Tex. He has also been assistant to the president of Mississippi college and assistant director of public relations for New Orleans Baptist seminary.



Charles Norton, left, secretary, Church Training department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Johnnie Hall, director of Adult work, Church Training department, attend the closing session.



John W. Tresch, Jr., left, pastor, First church, Greeneville, and Benton Williams, consultant in International Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, follow proceedings of a session.



Bill Moyers, former White House press secretary and now producer of Bill Moyers Journal for the Public Broadcasting System, and W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press, at news conference.

SBC Messengers Adopt Twelve Resolutions

Messengers in attendance at the 116th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 12-14, adopted 12 resolutions.

Six resolutions were approved on Wednesday during the first segment of the report of the Resolutions Committee, John Parrott, New Mexico, chairman. These resolutions were: On appreciation for the news media; on gratitude to the host city of Portland; on appreciation for convention leaders; on southeast Asia (calling for continued prayers for lasting peace in that country); on the American Bible Society (urged Southern Baptist churches to support the society and to emphasize the need for a wider reading and sharing of God's Word); and on the use of ethnic groups on SBC agencies.

Resolutions approved by messengers on Thursday were: On alcohol and other drugs (an amendment urged messengers to write the President of the United States and that government agencies be asked for enforcement); On the Lord's Day (petitioned governing bodies of states and municipalities to take responsibility for preserving Sunday as a day of rest and human welfare—an amendment called for curtailment of employment on Sunday); on the study of the aging; on integrity and morality in the American political system (introduced by Bill Sherman, pastor, Woodmont Church, Nashville). Sherman offered an amendment which passed, and reads, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend and support governmental leaders who fulfill

their responsibilities in a moral posture while we call for the just prosecution of persons from any political party who are found guilty of maligning justice."

Other resolutions adopted Thursday were: On Christian responsibility toward the disadvantaged (those who are genuinely unable to supply their basic needs); on the place of women in Christian service— ". . . that we give full recognition to women in leadership roles in church and denominational life."

Foreign Missionaries
On Furlough In Tennessee

The following missionaries are reported as being on furlough in Tennessee according to a recent report from the Foreign Mission Board: Everett L. Parsons, 251 Harbor Dr., Hendersonville; Martha Ann Blount, 404 Eatherly Dr., Nashville; Pauline Martin, 730 Myrtle St., Kingsport; Charles E. Buckner, 204 Gilmer St., Kingsport; Rebekah Lambert, 212 Russell St., Jefferson City; Robert D. Mantooth, 218 Illinois Ave., Oak Ridge; Marshall G. Duncan, 1302 Irwin Rd., Powell; J. Earl Posey Jr., 1815 Melrose Ave., Knoxville; and Roy Starmer, 731 Banks Ave., Knoxville.

Those on furlough in Memphis include: William L. Morgan, 3277 Crete; Laurence A. Walker, 1954 Bonnie Dr., #2; and Alma E. Oates, 3366 Buchanan. Clara Williams is on furlough at Route 7, Jackson; and in Henderson are Cordell Akin Jr. and James E. Gibson, both at 481 Jacks Creek Cir.

Devotional

Our Message

Gen. 45:26-28

By Benny Jackson, Pastor
LaBelle Place Baptist Church, Memphis

The exciting message of Joseph's brothers to their father, Jacob, carries with it some of the same content that the children of God should carry to a world lost without Christ.



Jackson

Jacob is old, there is famine in the land and long since Jacob has accepted the news that a wild animal has killed his son, Joseph. His sons now returning home after a trip to Egypt to hunt food, bring him a message that is almost unbelievable, but true.

Joseph is alive! He is a ruler in Pharaoh's house and he wants Jacob and his sons to come and live with him. No wonder the Scripture tells us that Jacob was revived.

Wasn't this good news to Jacob? Can you think of anything better that he could have heard? But do you realize that the Christian has an even greater message? To a world in spiritual famine the Christian has a message to carry that Jesus is alive. He was God incarnate, He lived a sinless life, He died on a cruel cross but now He is alive. The empty tomb, the disciples, the company on the Emmaus road, Christianity, the living New Testament Church, and millions of believers who have experienced His saving power all attest to the cry—He is alive!

Jesus is not only alive, but He has been exalted to the right hand of God the Father (Eph. 1:20-21). He is Lord of lords, King of kings and God of all. He has been lifted up in order that men may be drawn to Him. Jesus is alive, He is exalted and the message that is good news for a world starving spiritually is that He invites men everywhere to come. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28. Is not this the message that the world needs to hear today? Jesus is alive, He is exalted and He is inviting men everywhere to come to Him. What a message! Christian—go tell it today!



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The Guinness Book of World Records says the longest sermon on record was delivered by a man in West Richland, Washington, lasting 48 hours and 18 minutes and including texts from every book in the Bible.

Surprisingly, a congregation of eight persons was on hand at the close. Apparently, they wanted to learn more about "eternity."

As a novel, attention-getting device, the marathon sermon may have some value. But the airline pilot has good advice for the preacher who wants to be effective: "Don't take off without a definite flight plan—don't go cruising around without a clear idea of where you are going and how to get there."

In preaching, as well as flying, the two most dangerous parts of the flight are the take-off and the landing.

An excellent preaching plan is this: Begin with something good, end with something good, and let the two be as close together as possible.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS—Newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention's 56-member Executive Committee are (left to right) Porter Routh of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ned King of Dallas, Tex., secretary; Stewart B. Sims, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greer, S.C., chairman and Charles E. Harvey, pastor of Sunset Acres Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., vice-chairman.



Kyong Soo Lee, assistant administrator of the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital of Pusan, Korea, is shown above at the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville with (left to right): Wilson Lonas, pastor, Meridian church, Knoxville; Earl Skogman, administrator; and Joe McKenry, president, Board of Trustees, ETBH. Lee completed his second week of observing American hospital procedures at the Knoxville hospital and is touring other hospitals to learn administrative and medical principles followed in this country. His tour is part of the Fraternal Partnership Program in which Baptist hospitals in other countries work with U.S. Baptist hospitals. The program is sponsored jointly by the Baptist Hospital Association and the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Roy Babb, Nashville, Ministers' Wives President

PORTLAND—William E. Hull told the Southern Baptist Conference of Ministers' Wives here that the Christian faith gives them a Magna Carta to be "women in Christ who happen to be married to a minister" rather than "ministers' wives."

"The New Testament says you are free; the walls are down; the veil of the temple is open, so make your own contribution," said Hull who is dean of the school of theology of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Claud Bowen of Greensboro, N. C., presided over the luncheon meeting which was planned by the vice-president, Mrs. Gilbert Skaar of Shelton, Wash.

Officers who will serve the Conference of Ministers' Wives next year were recognized. They are Mrs. Roy Babb, Nashville, president; Mrs. James Landes, Dallas, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Jolly, Madison, N. J., recording secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Emile Williams, Jonesboro, Ark., corresponding secretary.

They also elected a slate of officers to take charge in 1975. They are Mrs. Maurice Clayton, Jackson, Miss., president; Mrs. Conrad R. Willard, Miami, Fla., vice-president; Mrs. B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Texas, recording secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven, Miss., corresponding secretary.

Church Dedicates New Mission Field

By Charlie Warren

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Thanksgiving Day services traditionally occur in November. But Temple Baptist Church here had one in June this year.

Months ago the 120-member church began to pray that Southern Baptists would begin mission work in the Republic of Niger. When the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board recently named the Niger Republic their 77th mission field, the church decided to thank God for answering their prayers and dedicate the new work to Him.

The church's interest in the Niger Republic was aroused by Oumarou Youssoufou, a counselor with the country's embassy in Washington, D.C. Youssoufou, his wife and their three children, who have attended Temple Baptist Church for about five years, were present at the special occasion.

An offering was received during the service to help start work in Maradi, a city in the southern part of the West African Republic. The new work will center around a vocational training school.

During past months, the church has displayed a banner which read, "Temple Baptist Church prays that Niger will be our 77th missionary country."

At the thanksgiving service, the slogan was changed to read, "Temple Baptist Church prays for Niger, our 77th missionary country." The banner was later presented to the library at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va. (FMB)



Hillard Goode, pastor, Northside church, Chattanooga, and Mrs. Goode, prepare to attend sessions of the Pastors' Conference and the Woman's Missionary Union on Monday morning.

EDITORIALS

NEW HOPE FOR LESS 'SMUT'

We are delighted at the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court dealing with pornography and pornographic materials. The decision, reduced as we understand it to simple terms, declares in effect that pornography and the sale of pornographic materials and the viewing of pornographic films may be halted or restricted severely according to local customs and mores.

The decision, therefore, in effect gives more leeway to local law enforcement officers and local courts to crack down on "smut peddlers" in any given community. In our judgment there is ample room in our own capital city for considerable cleaning up in the wake of this decision. This holds true, according to our information, for other larger cities in Tennessee.

For several years, those who deal in purient materials have had a "heyday." They have evidently considered, with some apparent justification, that they were free to sell anything they wished. Now, with the Supreme Court decision, local officials certainly have a stronger hand. Early reports indicate that some so-called "Adult film houses" and "adult book stores" already are closing or planning to close. We agree with the observation of Detroit prosecutor Brooks Patterson who called the court decision a "breath of fresh air." In this area of our life, nation-wide, the air had gotten mighty stale!

LIVINGSTONE DEATH CENTENNIAL

One hundred years ago, May 1, 1873, the great missionary Dr. David Livingstone died in Zambia. A century later, memories of Livingstone's life and work still have their impact upon modern Christian missions.

Christianity Today (April 27, 1973) carries an interesting article concerning Livingstone written by Ronald Sapp, a missionary with the Zambia Christian Mission. Along with the article is another entitled "An Interview With David Livingstone" by William L. Coleman, pastor of Sterling Evangelical Mennonite church in Sterling, Kansas. Material for the "interview" was taken from a biography by William Blaikie, published in 1880 entitled "Personal Life of David Livingstone."

One of the quotations from this "interview" is worth citing for Tennessee Baptists in 1973—and for Christians everywhere. In answer to the imaginary question "How could you bring yourself to sacrifice so much for Christ?" Livingstone is quoted as saying: "Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may

make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice."

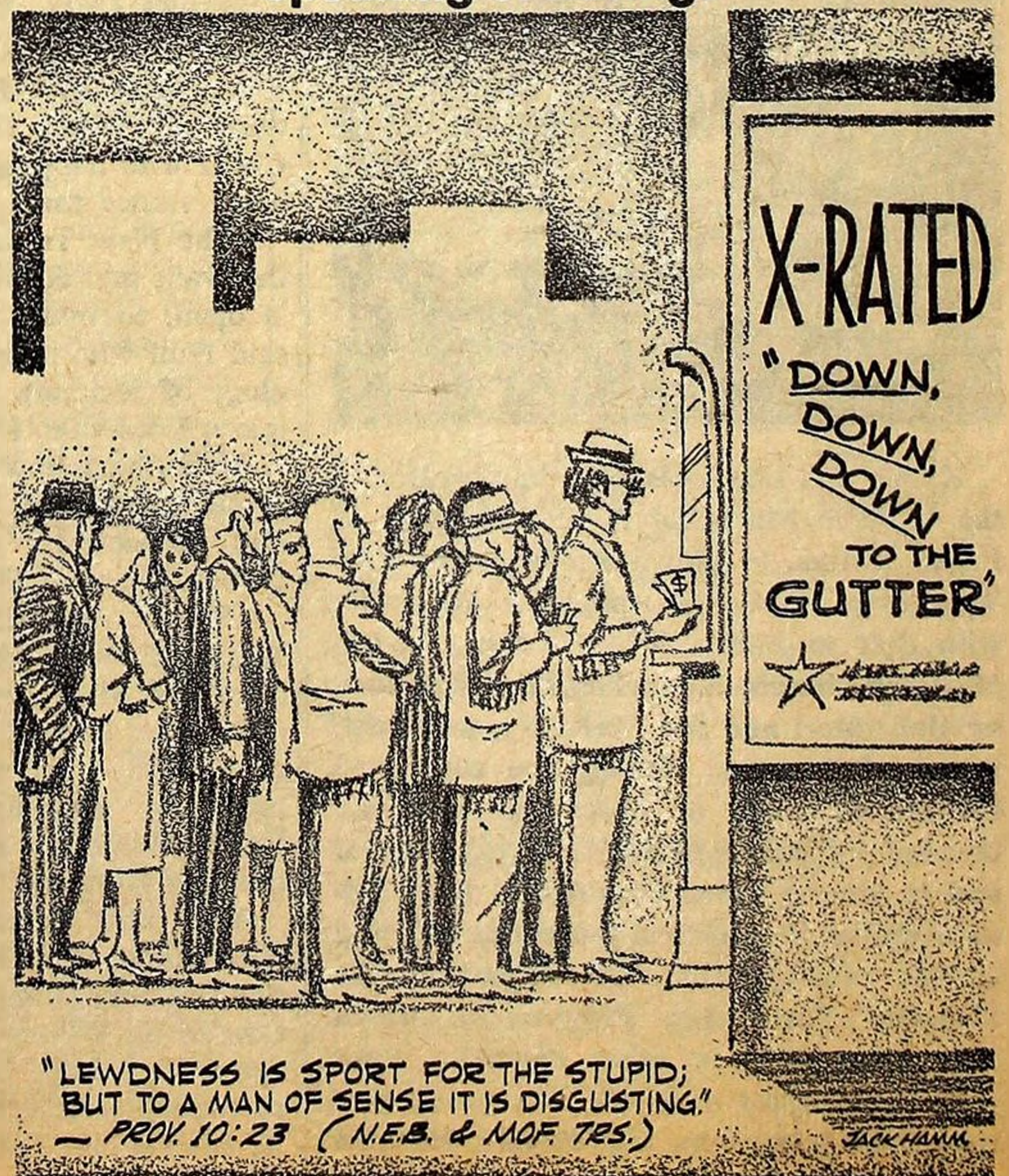
If, with all the sacrifices which Livingstone did, in fact make, he could say that, what do modern-day Christians have to say concerning sacrificial service?

EXAMPLE OF CRIME CONTROL

We seldom comment about motion pictures. Tennesseans, however, evidently have an unusual interest in a film entitled "Walking Tall." The film depicts violence with a capital V. Those in position to know assert that the events depicted are correct essentially.

Too many of us share the fear that America has already become a land of violence and a land in which disregard for law and law enforcement is the "norm" rather than the exception. This film is yet another reminder that crime can be stopped; corruption can be ended. It reminds us also that the price of doing this can, and is, usually very high. But we believe it is worth it.

Speaking of Ratings



Concerts Highlight SBC Church Music Conference

PORTLAND—Premiere performances of two new youth musicals by top Southern Baptist composers and a concert by Metropolitan Opera soloist Mary Costa, were among highlights of the two-day annual Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here.

The event featured a half-dozen concerts and several firsts, including a series of "how-to" round robin conferences in the fields of church music, youth choir tours, sound systems, publishing anthems, and others.

Named to succeed outgoing Music Conference President Carl Perry, minister of music for First Baptist church, Knoxville, Tenn., was Donald Brown, music professor at William Jewell college in Liberty, Mo.

A premiere performance involved a youth musical, "When Jesus Comes," composed by Phillip Landgrave of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

In a major address, Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Baptist church, Knoxville, where Perry serves told the musicians that "one of God's best instruments for putting and keeping harmony in life is music." He derided those in churches who criticize the music of such great composers as Johann Sebastian Bach, saying, "I have wanted to cry out, 'Bach's music isn't on trial, you are!'"

The conference presented honorary life

New Church Training Quarterly Available For Young Adults

A new Church Training quarterly, "Young Adults in Training," will be available on the July-August-September order form for church literature, according to Johnny Hall, director of adult work, Church Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The self-contained publication, which will be available for use in October, is the first quarterly of its type published for young adults in the past seven years, Hall said. It will feature study materials and training plans to help readers translate the gospel, a three-to-four session unit each quarter on issues of particular concern to young adults, and 18 to 20 individual sessions. It is a publication of the Life and Work Series.

Mrs. Emily Lansdell Weatherspoon, Former Missionary To China, Dies

Mrs. Emily Lansdell Weatherspoon, former missionary to China and president of Carver School of Missions at Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, died earlier this month in Augusta, Ga. She was 59.

A missionary teacher at the University of Shanghai, China, from 1946 until 1949, Mrs. Weatherspoon was forced to leave China during the Communist takeover in 1949. She was married to Jesse B. Weatherspoon, a faculty member at Southern seminary for almost 30 years.

memberships to two persons, but neither was able to attend. The honorary lifetime memberships went to Mrs. B. B. McKinney, widow of the late composer of hundreds of hymns and long-time secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Edmond Keith, retiring associate secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention's church music department.

An additional first for the conference was a workshop on choreography and staging led by Alex Plasschaert, a choreographer from North Ridge, Calif., who led the participants through the steps of staging a musical production. (BP)

Allen Perry; Etowah, Receives Top Ambassador Award

Allen Perry, Etowah, completed requirements recently for the Application Ambassador Service Aide Award, the fifth and final in the series of service aide awards in the Royal Ambassador program.

Perry completed a total of 750 hours of work to attain the award and received a total of \$1200 toward a scholarship to any Baptist college in Tennessee. Additionally, he was awarded a national plaque. He is 16 years old and a member of the Coghill church in Etowah where he serves as church pianist and vice president of his Royal Ambassador chapter. R. B. Bryan is pastor of the church.

Bass, Bahner, Brashear, Day Retire From C-N Faculty Posts

W. W. Bass, professor of English and chairman of the Department of English at Carson-Newman college, was named as recipient of the Lane Bryant Award for Community Service at a recent faculty awards dinner on the campus.

Bass is one of four faculty and staff members retiring this year at the school. Others include Carl Tabb Bahner, coordinator of research, J. C. Brashear, professor and chairman of the Political Science and History Department; and Mrs. Pauline Day, head resident of the Sarah Swann Dormitory since 1960.

Bass joined the Carson-Newman faculty in 1934. He is a native of McMinnville. Bahner, a graduate of the University of Chicago, Columbia university, and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, has served the school since 1937. He was the recipient of the 1969 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award at the college.

Brashear is a graduate of Western Kentucky State university, George Peabody college, and the University of North Carolina. He has been a member of the faculty since 1948. In 1965 he was granted a Ford Foundation Scholarship to the University of Texas.

Belmont College Adds Three Faculty Members



Freed

Evenson

Godwin

Three new members have been named to the Belmont college faculty for the 1973-74 school year, according to Glen Kelley, academic dean.

Mrs. Alice Marie Evenson, a Johnson City native, will serve as assistant professor of nursing. A graduate of East Tennessee State university, she has been an instructor in medical surgical nursing at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis and Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans.

Curtis B. Freed has been named assistant professor and coordinator of the second-year nursing program. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing for Men, Rutgers university, and is enrolled currently at Vanderbilt university in psychology and mental health nursing.

The third addition to the faculty will be Paul M. Godwin, a native of Hot Springs, Ark., who was named assistant professor of music. He is a graduate of Arkansas Tech and Ohio State university, from which he holds the Ph.D. degree in music theory.

Superintendents Of Missions Elect Hugh Cambliss President

PORTLAND—The Southern Baptist Association of Superintendents of Missions voted here to petition their denomination's calendar committee to find a day or week for an "associational emphasis" to be placed on the Southern Baptist Convention calendar of activities.

During the discussion it was pointed out that several state conventions already observe such a season of emphasis. It was the desire of the group to give convention-wide approval to a season of prayer for associational missions. Although no specific date was requested, it was the general consensus that some time in May or June would be appropriate.

Newly elected officers of the association are Hugh Chambliss, Huntsville, Ala., president; Lawrence Chiles, Charlotte, N.C., vice-president; C. Burt Potter, Jr., Omaha, Neb., secretary; Robert Helmich, Muskogee, Okla., treasurer; and E. D. Strahan, Champaign, Ill., editor of the publication, "The Open Circuit."

President G. Allen West, Louisville, Ky., superintendent of the Long Run Baptist Association, presided over the meeting.

Avoid Corruption In High Places, Heed Bible, Baptist Educators Told

PORTLAND—Scandals and corruption in high places can be avoided by heeding the Bible, a seminary professor told Southern Baptist religious educators here.

Joe Davis Heacock of Fort Worth, dean of the School Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, warned Baptists it would be possible to have a Watergate in their own denominational life.

Addressing 200 church ministers of religious education in churches, denominational specialists in the field, and college and seminary professors, Heacock said religious educators have the opportunity to lead in Bible-teaching programs that will bring understanding as well as information about Scripture.

"We must instill in the hearts of all our citizens the words of Exodus 31:3," he said. The verse reads, "And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship."

In another address to the Religious Education Association at the Sheraton, James L. Sullivan of Nashville, Tenn., president of the SBC Sunday School Board, said the denomination has come full cycle through rapid growth, hard work, crisis and upheaval, and adjustments to changes in national life.

"I am the most optimistic I have ever

been as a pastor and denominational leader," Sullivan said. The Sunday School Board, of which he is chief executive, publishes a majority of the denomination's literature and sponsors clinics, conferences, and other forms of guidance in religious education.

Indicating Southern Baptists may be ready for another period of growth and expansion like they experienced in the mid-1950's, Sullivan called for adopting clear objectives, training church leadership intensively, and following the example of Moses in "paying the price of leadership" to bring people to the door of the Promised Land.

SBC President Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss., businessman, told the religious educators he wished the layman were just like the race horse, Secretariat, who won the Triple Crown of racing the previous day.

"Just put him (the layman) on the track and he'd win by 30 lengths," Cooper said. But he pointed out it would take leadership to get the layman on the track.

"Let the layman know he is wanted and needed," Cooper said. "Let the layman see the challenge, and he will do something. Let the layman be called out to serve. We call the layman to be a priest, but we do not call him to take on any of the duties."

Cooper said the problem of Southern Baptists today is that too many preachers are waiting on tables, and too many laymen are doing nothing. (BP)



MINISTERS' WIVES ELECT NEW OFFICERS—Mrs. Roy Babb (seated), Nashville, Tenn., was elected president and Mrs. James Landes, Dallas, Texas, vice-president, at the Conference of Ministers' Wives, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, held in Portland, Ore., this week.



SEOUL, KOREA—Evangelist Billy Graham speaking to an estimated one million Koreans at the closing rally Sunday, June 3, in YoiDo Plaza. This is the largest crowd Graham has spoken to in his thirty year evangelistic career, and probably the largest ever assembled to hear the proclamation of the Christian Gospel. Calculating the totals were local crusade officials. In keeping with the Korean custom, most of the people walked miles to attend and then sat huddled close together on mats and papers on the blacktop surface of YoiDo Plaza.

The five-day Seoul Crusade closed with over three million hearing the gospel preached through an interpreter, another Billy, Billy Kim.

(Crusade Information Services Photo by Russ Busby)

RESPONSE TO HERITAGE

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

Scripture: Exodus 20:12; Deut. 6:6-9; Proverbs 23:22-25; Mark 7:9-13; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:5

The family is the basic unit in society. Here we receive our impressions in the most intimate circles; here we learn what it means to love and be loved. No matter what changes may come in the social order, family life will continue to have the pre-eminent place in the lives of people.

The fifth commandment, like all the others, was given to the children of Israel as they sojourned in the wilderness, facing the unknown. God had great plans for these people, but, in his wisdom, he realized that if he was to make an exemplary nation out of a disorganized rabble of people, hinged with idolatrous worship and slavish behaviour, they must begin a revision of their conduct by establishing love, reverence and respect for family life.

God Commands That Children Have A Right Attitude Toward Their Parents Ex. 20:12

Here children are told to love and honor their parents. God put this commandment in the right place. Before we can love and respect strangers, we must learn to love and respect parents, the first people we meet when welcomed into the world.

This commandment is not an arbitrary edit; it is a natural principle, having its constitutional basis in the very essence which exists between parent and children. That basis is this: the parent is to the child, in a certain sense, representative and symbol of God.

The word **honor** is "to attach weight to; to put in the place of superiority; to hold in high opinion; to reverence in the best sense of the word." To the child who is not yet of the age to plan, to think, to will, honoring of parents consists in subjection and obedience implicitly and gladly rendered. This, like every law of God, is for the child, a gracious and yet imperative requirement.

If Children Are To Respond To Heritage, The Parents Must Live Up To Their Responsibility Deut. 6:6-9

God commands that parents have His word dwelling in their heart. Having it in the heart, there must be the consistent living. Parents have the responsibility of teaching God's Word to their children. This

must be done. This is an obligation that none must shun. For these early Hebrews, the bulk of the teaching was done in the home. That is as it should be today, but in most cases this is not a reality. Those who do not thus teach in the home, have the responsibility to see that their children have the opportunity to study God's Word under competent teachers in a local church.

However, more real teaching is done by example than by word. The Hebrew children were in constant exposure to God's Word wherever and whatever the occasion in the home. Let every parent be mindful that we set before our children the proper example that will lead them to become God-fearing adults.

There Is A Mutual Relationship That Must Exist Between Parent And Child Eph. 6:1-4

Paul is very emphatic in declaring that children obey their parents. He gives no long argument, but simply states that it is the right thing to do.

Parents have an obligation to their children as well as children to their parents; if the children must obey their parents, parents should desire their children's obedience. It is possible, even for Christian parents, to be so unreasonable in their demands on their children, that the children are irritated beyond measure and wonder whether it does any good to try to please their parents and do what they say. Children should be brought up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord; since they are a heritage of the Lord their training should be undertaken with a sense of responsibility to Him, so that from their early days they may learn to worship and love Him.

The Heritage Of Godly Parents Is An Asset Beyond Measure 2 Tim. 1:5

Young Timothy had the advantage of a Godly mother and grandmother, who possessed an unfeigned faith. Paul was convinced that Timothy possessed the same quality of faith, which qualified him to preach the gospel and to carry on the work of God.

Parents should be aware that the most valuable thing they can give to their children is a Christian heritage—more important than silver and gold, or houses and land.

Children of Godly parents, who do not conduct their lives accordingly, are the most foolish people on the earth, and will surely miss the better things of life.

Tennesseans Elected

To SBC Boards, Committees

Tennesseans elected to serve on Committees, Boards, Institutions, Agencies, and Commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention as recommended by the Committee on Committees for 1973 are as follows:

Executive Committee, SBC, Thomas Henry Horrell; Baptist Sunday School Board, J. William Harbin, Raymond Langlois, John P. Gifford, Melvin Harris and Gary Anderson; Annuity Board, D. William Dodson Jr.

Southern Seminary, James G. McCluskey; Southern Baptist Foundation, Frank Ingraham, John P. Gifford and Thomas Henry Horrell; SBC Commission on American Seminary, W. Paul Hall; Historical Commission, Walter B. Shurden, James L. Talbert and Albert W. Wardin Jr.

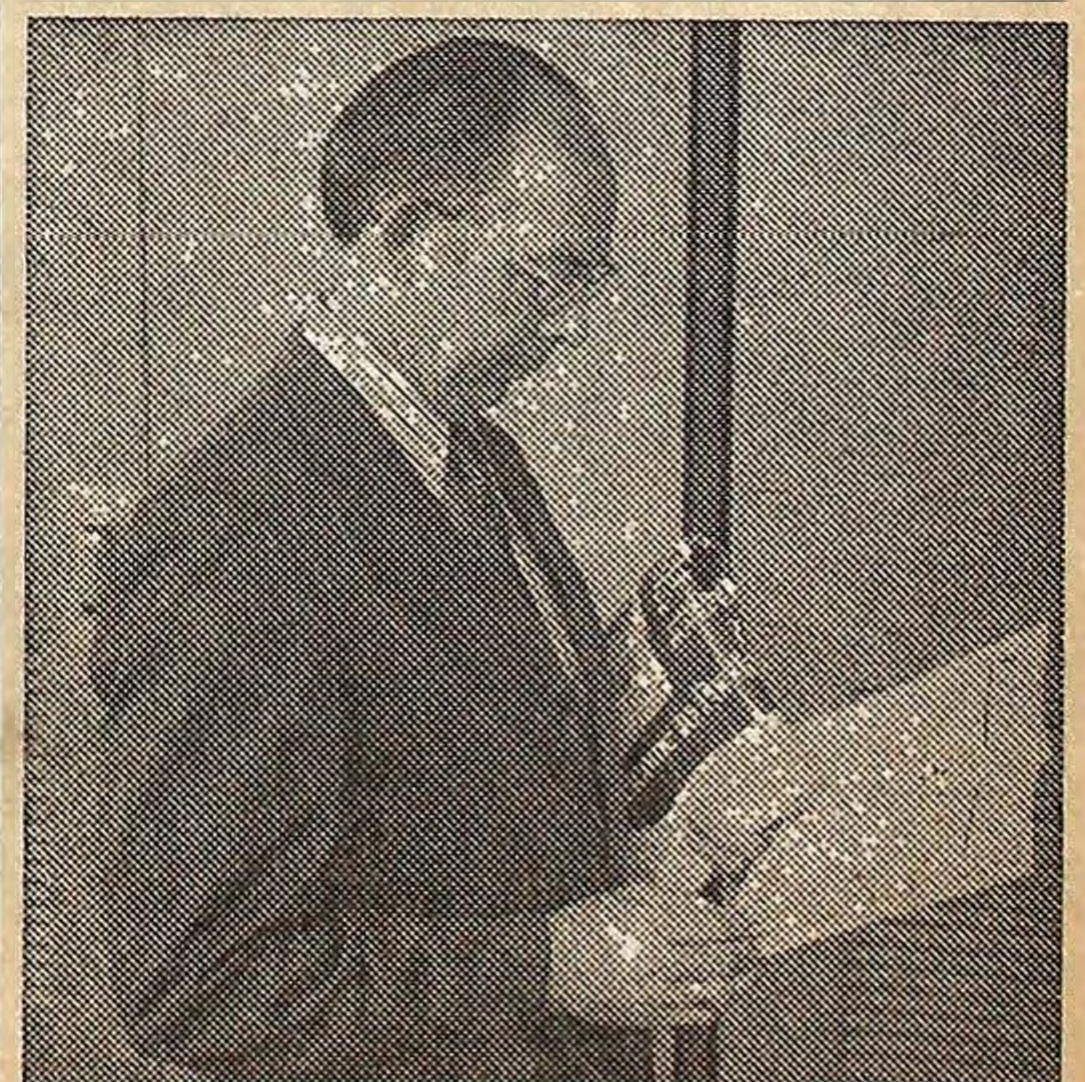
Joe Burnette Named President Of Southwestern Alumni

PORTLAND—Joe Burnette, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., was elected president of Southwestern Seminary Alumni Association June 13, at the Sheraton Hotel.

James G. Harris, pastor of University church, Fort Worth and newly-elected first vice-president of the SBC, was elected vice president of the association and president-elect. John Seelig, vice-president of the seminary, was re-elected secretary.

Jesse Fletcher, director of the mission support division of the Foreign Mission Board, who served as president during the 1972-73 year, presided.

Distinguished alumni awards were presented to James E. Coggin, pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and first vice-president of the SBC; C. Wade Freeman, secretary of the evangelism department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and H. Darold Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board. Presentations were made by J. D. Grey, W. M. Shamburger, and Warren Hultgren.



Paul Tabor, pastor First church, Lawrenceburg, looks over the Pastors' program for the Pastors' Conference.

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Tennessee News Briefs

Elizabeth Stiles, office secretary, Missions Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, is recovering following surgery in Nashville earlier this month.

David Dabbs, a member of First church, Clarksville, surrendered to the ministry on Sunday, June 10, and plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological seminary this summer. His pastor is John David Laida.

David Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stephens, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Black Oak Heights church in Knoxville last Sunday. He has been called as pastor in Lenoir City.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

James B. Brown, pastor of the Hopewell church, Savannah, accepted a call as pastor of Ford City church, Sheffield, Ala. He is already on the new field.

Highland Heights church, Memphis, called Charles Bingham as minister of music, effective July 1. He serves presently as minister of music at Woodlawn church in Austin, Tex. Bruce Coyle is pastor of the Highland Heights church.

Keith McVay has accepted the call of First church, Jackson, to serve as minister of activities. He is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana university. R. Trevis Otey is pastor.

In Clinton Association, Taylor McCreary resigned as pastor of First church, Briceville.



First church, Franklin, dedicated its new library recently, a first in the more than 150-year history of the church. Mrs. Sammie Smith, librarian, aids young Mark Smith in the selection of a book as pastor Virgil R. Peters looks on. The library opened with 350 volumes, 20 records, eight film strips, a slide projector, movie projector and screen.

George E. Capps Jr., pastor of First church, Cookeville, serving Tennessee as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission, attended the annual meeting of the Commission June 25 in Nashville. Capps is a member of the administrative, budget, and nominating committees of the Education Commission. Meetings were conducted by Randall H. Minor, president of Shorter college, Rome, Ga. Ben Fisher is executive secretary-treasurer.

First church, Union City, ordained Anthony Kim Cawley to the gospel ministry on Sunday, June 17. W. Fred Kendall II is pastor of the church.

REVIVAL RESULTS

E. D. Owen, 84, father of Carroll Owen, pastor of First church, Paris, preached an eight-day revival at the Murray Lane church in Sikeston, Mo., recently. The church reported 11 professions of faith, six additions by letter, and one commitment to full-time Christian service. Owen retired as pastor of the church in 1961. He served there more than 20 years.

Forty professions of faith were reported at the Monte Vista church, Maryville, in a revival led by Henry Lingenfelter, full-time evangelist. Dick Barrett, evangelistic singer from Bremen, Ga., led the singing. Howard G. Olive is pastor.

In the Campbell County Association, Indian Creek church held revival services with Carlos Phillips, Jacksboro, serving as evangelist. Jim Lindsay is pastor. Jellico First church was led in revival by W. Paul Hall, State Missions Department; and the Royal Blue church was led by O. P. Byrd, pastor of the High Street church, LaFollette, and Leon Byrd, pastor of the Mill Branch church, Scot County. Carl Bailey is pastor.

Former Baptist Student Union President Dies

James Perry Scruggs, Baptist Student Union president at East Tennessee State university for 1972-73, died suddenly June 20 from a ruptured aorta.

Scruggs, 23, had been employed as youth director this summer for Colonial Heights church, Ronald D. Hicks, pastor in Kingsport. A senior majoring in social services, he had been on the dean's list at ETSU. He has served as interim pastor for his home church in Mountain City during the summer of 1971 and had supplied in numerous churches in the state.

He is survived by his grandparents with whom he made his home, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eggers, Mountain City; father, Fred Scruggs, Riveria Beach, Fla.

Funeral services were held in Mountain City, June 23.

First Church, Donelson Honor W. L. Bakers

The W. L. Bakers were honored at a reception at First church, Donelson, following the evening service last Sunday at which time they were presented a money gift and an inscribed plaque to Baker for his 24 years as pastor of the church. Baker retires June 30.

Baker's first wife, Bonnie Loraine Anderson, died in December 1952. He married Olive Pearl Starke in March 1954. She is an accomplished musician and served as a member of the choir, assistant organist and pianist.

They recently moved into their new home on Sparta Hwy., Route 7, Lebanon, Tenn. He is available for interim pastorates, supply work, and revivals.

H. A. Crouch Dies

H. A. Crouch, 61, pastor of the Millersville First Baptist church, died Sunday, June 17, in Nashville.

He had served as the church's pastor for 14 years and had also been pastor of the River Road church. He was a native of Cheatham County and a graduate of George Peabody college.

Services were held June 20 in Goodlettsville with Harold Gregory, superintendent of missions for the Nashville Association, and J. H. Smothers, pastor of New Middleton church, officiating. He is survived by his widow, Earline Russell Crouch, Nashville; two sons, Joe Crouch and Albert Leroy Crouch, Nashville; two sisters; two brothers; and six grandchildren.

Union Schedules G.E.D. Test Dates

Twenty four testing days will be available at Union university, Jackson, during the next six months for persons desiring to take the General Education Development (G.E.D.) examinations for high school equivalency diplomas, according to Dr. Clyde Fugate, dean of men and director of testing.

The tests cost \$6, covering the fields of English, Social Studies, Natural Science, Literature and Math, and will be given in Barton Hall, main administration building on the campus of the Baptist college.

Reservations are not necessary, but applicants should report to the office of the dean of men no later than 8:15 a.m. on the scheduled date to make proper arrangements for taking the tests. Two days are usually required for completion of all examinations. Test dates are: July 13, 14, 20, 21; Aug. 3, 24; Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 20, 26; Nov. 13, 8, 10, 29, and Dec. 1, 6, 8, 13.

Wanted to buy: 26 used church pews twelve feet long. Write Reverend J. W. Hopper, Route 3, Louisville, Tenn.

Home Mission Board Volunteer, Son, Killed In Auto Accident

GREENWOOD, S.C.—Macie Humphrey, a Christian Service Corps volunteer for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and her college-age son were killed in an automobile accident near here.

Mrs. Humphrey was en route to the Charlotte, N.C. airport, destined for a three-week CSC assignment in Holyoke, Mass. Her son John, 18, was accompanying her to the airport.

A resident of Greenwood, Mrs. Humphrey was employed by the Connie Maxwell Children's Home, where she served as a cottage mother.

This was Mrs. Humphrey's first year as a volunteer CSC worker. She was to have worked in a week-day ministries program under the sponsorship of Emmanuel Baptist church, Holyoke.

CSC is a Home Mission Board-sponsored program for short term volunteers, who give their time and money to serve in mission projects.

John had completed his freshman year at Furman university in Greenville, S.C.

Reports on the multi-car accident indicate the car was hit while trying to avoid another crack-up, then hit a second time as Mrs. Humphrey and John were attempting to leave the wrecked vehicle.

Mrs. Humphrey was killed instantly; John was dead on arrival at Self Memorial hospital, Greenwood. (BP)

Bernard M. Weaver Selected To Head New Orleans Seminary Alumni

PORTLAND—The alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary met here for their annual alumni luncheon.

The Faculty Alumni Award for the most outstanding alumnus went to Mrs. Marjorie C. Rowden, director of public relations and assistant professor in the philosophy and religion department of William Carey college in Hattiesburg, Miss. Mrs. Rowden holds the master of religious education degree from New Orleans seminary. Prior to her present ministry, Mrs. Rowden was a missionary with her late husband in Israel.

A new slate of national officers was elected, headed by Bernard M. Weaver of Georgia, president. Others elected were Gil Barrow of Florida, vice-president; Donald Jackson of California, treasurer; and Mary Kathryn Black of Maryland, secretary.

Oregon Senate Straddles An Issue: Ban Lottery Unless Vote Says 'Yes'

SALEM, Ore.—A bill that would have permitted churches and charitable groups to hold lotteries and other gambling games was defeated in the Oregon Senate, 16 to 13.

Earlier, however, the Senate had approved an amendment to the state constitution which would end the state ban on lotteries and the legislature regulate them. It would require the approval of citizens at a referendum. (RNS)

Tennessee Baptists Serve United States Navy In Greece

Eleven Tennessee Baptists are reported serving aboard six destroyer ships based in Greece, according to Chaplain Leo Stanis of the United States Navy.

The men, who serve in squadron 12, include: Jerrell Owens, Nashville, serving on the USS Sampson; David L. Bales, Knoxville, Bobby R. Duncan, Lenoir City, and Michael W. Owens, Memphis, all serving on the USS Manley; David L. Barker, Chattanooga, Larry W. Barnett, Elizabethton, and John H. Eblen, Lenoir City, all serving on the USS Vreeland; Michael E. Cutlip, Smyrna, serving on the USS Barry; Robert N. Patterson, Westmoreland, David Sanders, Knoxville, and Philip R. Thurman, Nashville, all serving on the USS Page.

Stanis serves as chaplain for the men on the six ships. A Southern Baptist, he received his seminary training at Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary and was a pastor in North Carolina.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. James B. Annis may now be addressed at Baptist Communication Centre, P.O. Box 9109-Airport, Accra, Ghana. He is a native of Florida, and she is the former Dorothy Williams of Westmoreland, Tenn. When appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964, he was pastor of West End and Riverview churches in Washington, N.C.



Members of the Bluegrass church, Hendersonville, gathered recently for groundbreaking services of a new \$500,000 church building located on a 10-acre site on Indian Lake Road. The structure will include a worship and activities area with seating capacity of 700, church offices and library, kitchen, classrooms, and assembly rooms. The church was founded in April 1969 as a mission of First church, Hendersonville. In April 1971 it was constituted into a church. Present for the groundbreaking ceremonies were Pastor Robert Woody, far right, Courtney Wilson, pastor of First church, Hendersonville; and Harold Gregory, superintendent of missions for the Nashville Association.

Nigerian President, Former BWA Head, Visits In USA

WASHINGTON—William R. Tolbert, president of the Republic of Liberia and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, refused here to use his appearance at the National Press Club as a platform to speculate on the future of Baptists or of Christianity in Africa.

The Liberian President also refused to answer questions about the Watergate affair and its effect on U.S. foreign relations.

Tolbert is an ordained Baptist minister and is pastor of the Zion Praise Baptist Church in Bentol City, his hometown near Monrovia, where he preaches regularly when at home.

During a question and answer period following his speech at the Press Club, he was asked about Baptist strength in Liberia and whether or not Africa would become a Christian continent.

He replied that there are only about 20,000 Baptists in Liberia but that they are growing. Population of Liberia is 1.65 million.

As for religion in Africa as a whole, Tolbert replied that religion is strictly a personal experience and that he could not speak for any person other than for himself. He said he hoped that Africa would live by Christian precepts.

About Watergate, Tolbert replied that this is strictly an internal United States affair and that Liberia never interferes in the internal affairs of other nations. The

audience applauded vigorously when he gave this answer.

Tolbert's father was a slave in South Carolina when he was liberated by President Abraham Lincoln. He and his family joined other slaves in the migration movement back to Africa. The current president of Liberia was born in the settlement of Bensonville, Montesarrado County, Liberia.

The Republic of Liberia was founded in 1822, and was declared independent in 1847, thus making it the oldest independent nation on the west coast of Africa.

In his Press Club speech Tolbert praised the organization of African Unity for its role in forging a viable partnership of Third World nations dedicated to a richer life, peace, narrowing the gap with the developed world, and total emancipation of Africa.

"The simple fact is," he said, "that the Third World cannot make it without the help of the first world and the second world." Tolbert appealed to American news reporters to see this fact and to give publicity to it.

The day before his Press Club speech, Tolbert squeezed in an hour's visit to the headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance between a luncheon at the U.S. State Department and a dinner at which he received a humanitarian award. At the BWA offices Tolbert was greeted by Robert S. Denny, general secretary, and by V. Carney Hargroves, BWA president.

Denny presented Tolbert with a Bible with an inscription signed by the BWA's staff. Hargroves led in a prayer of gratitude for international Christian brotherhood and of supplication for divine leadership in both religious and governmental affairs.

Tolbert spent 20 days in the United States. While in Washington he was an honored guest of President Nixon at a White House dinner.

During his American visit he spoke in three Baptist churches: First Baptist church of San Francisco, Concord Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y., and the First Baptist church of Dallas. In Dallas he also gave the commencement address at Bishop (a black Baptist) college and spoke to the National Baptist Sunday School Convention. (BP)

H. C. Brown, Southwestern Seminary Professor Dies

WORT WORTH—H. C. Brown, 51 professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1949, died early Sunday morning, June 10, at a Fort Worth hospital following several months of hospitalization.

Brown entered Houston's St. Luke Hospital after suffering an apparent stroke and undergoing surgery on May 16.

Doctors repaired a dampened heart valve which had been implanted several years ago. Complications arising from the surgery have been identified as the cause of death.

Brown is author of a book, *Walking Toward Your Fears*, released last year, in which he chronicled the mental anguish he experienced preparing for major heart surgery in May, 1968.

Brown also wrote or contributed to 27 books as well as numerous articles and research papers.

He was a graduate of Louisiana Baptist College and held a bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary and a doctor of theology from Southwestern Seminary.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Lynn, a daughter, Kay Brown of Atlanta, Ga., and a sister, Elizabeth Brown of Bossier City, La. (BP)

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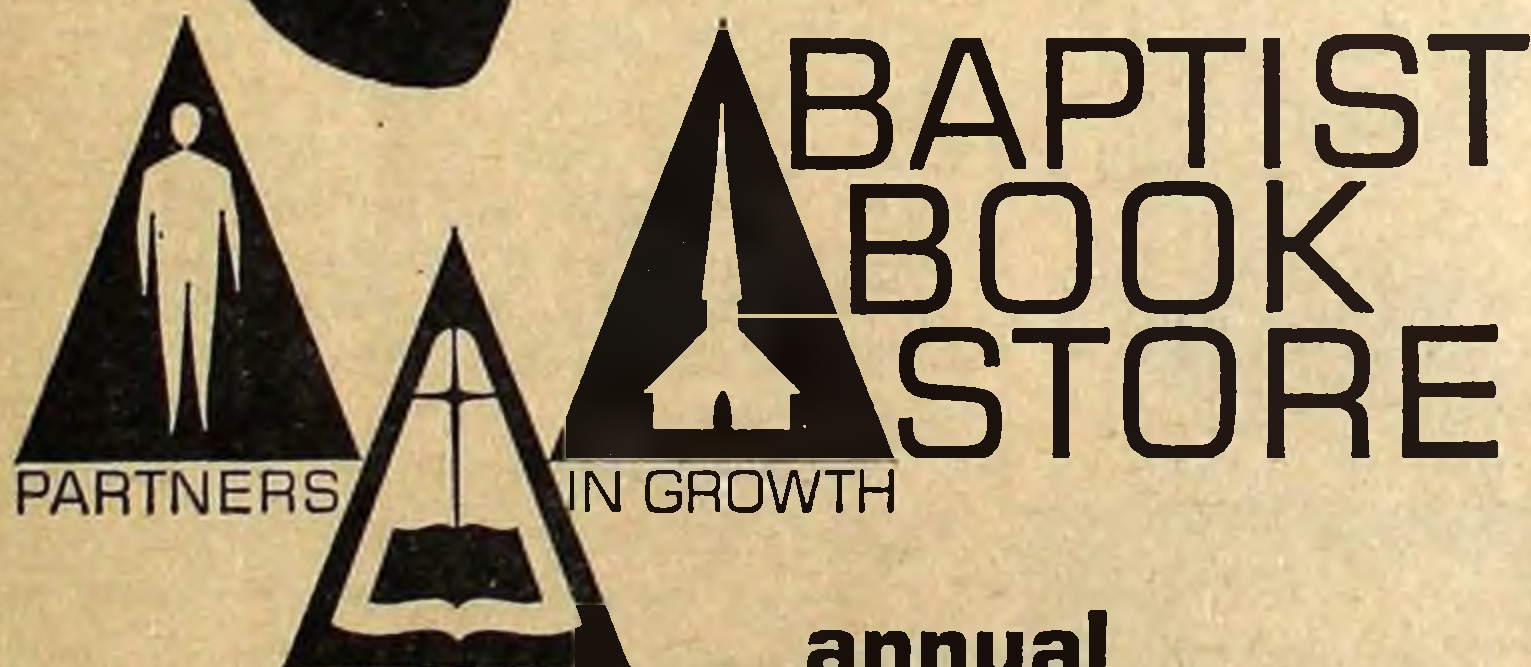
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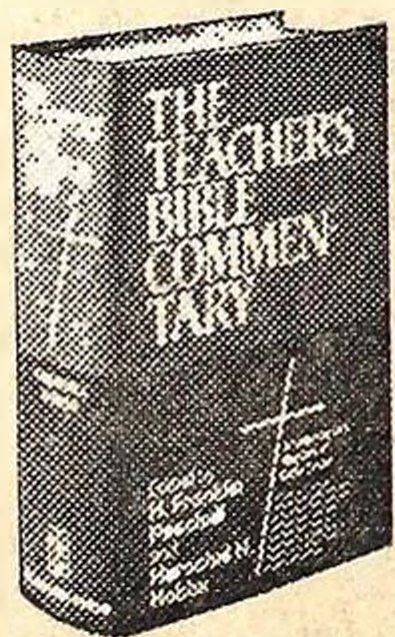
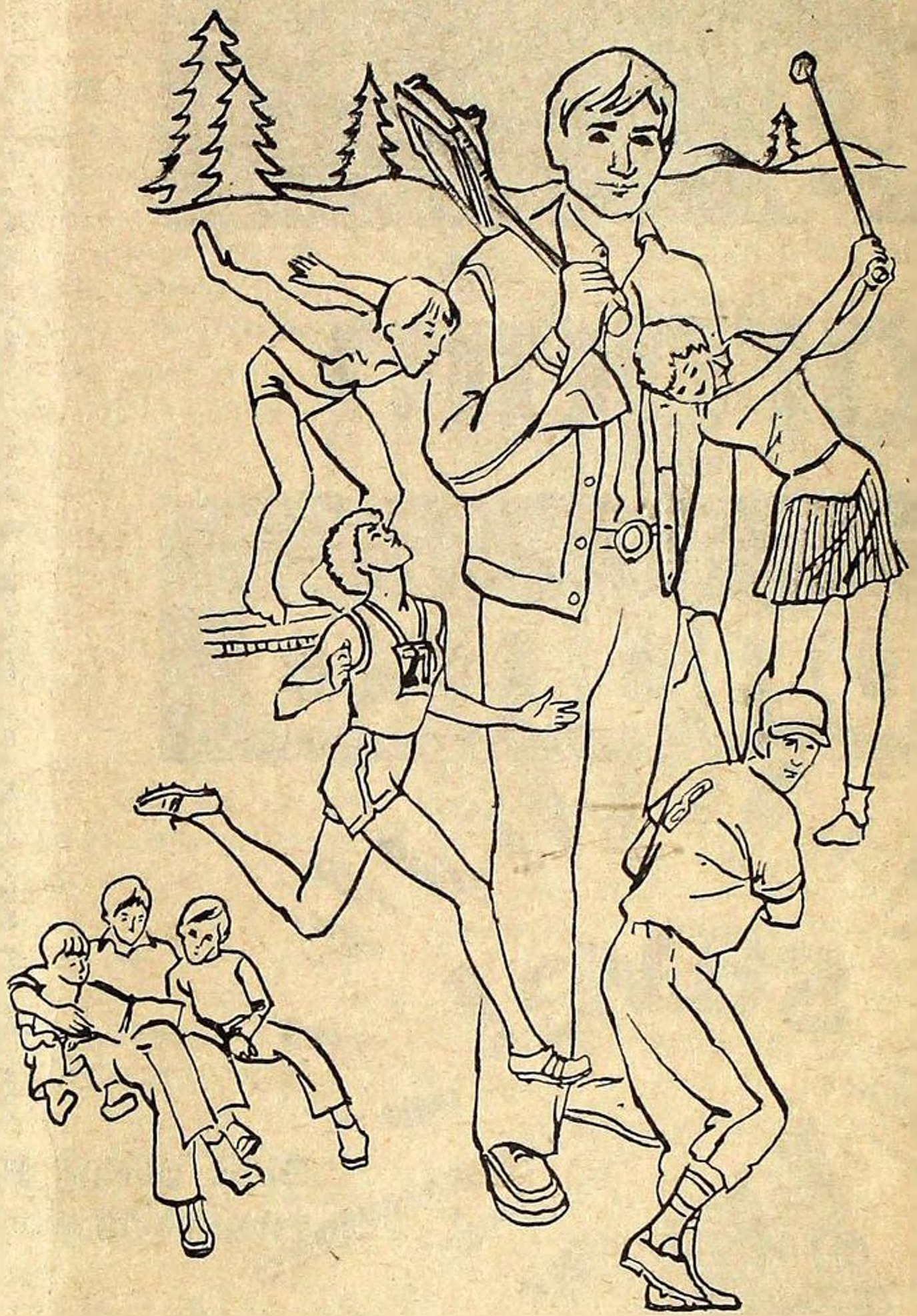
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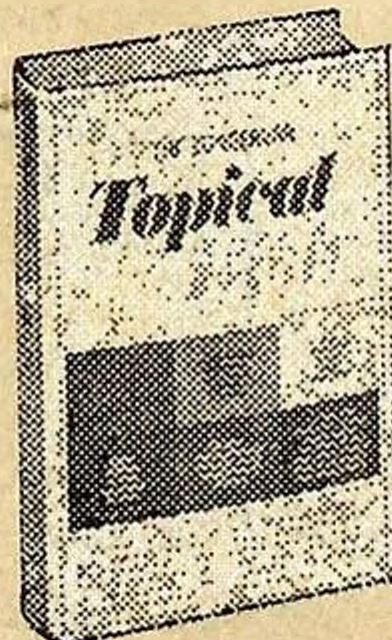
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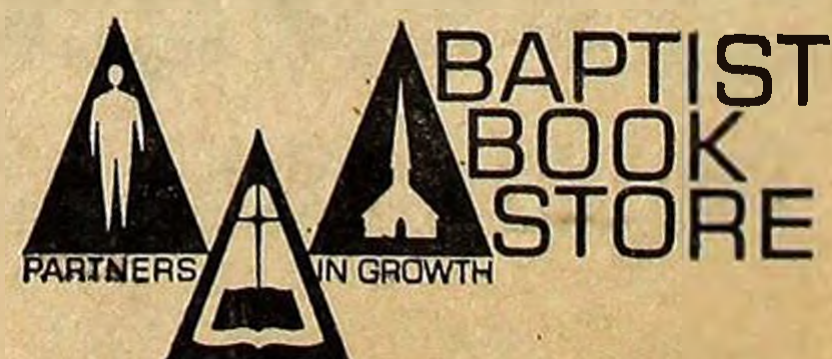


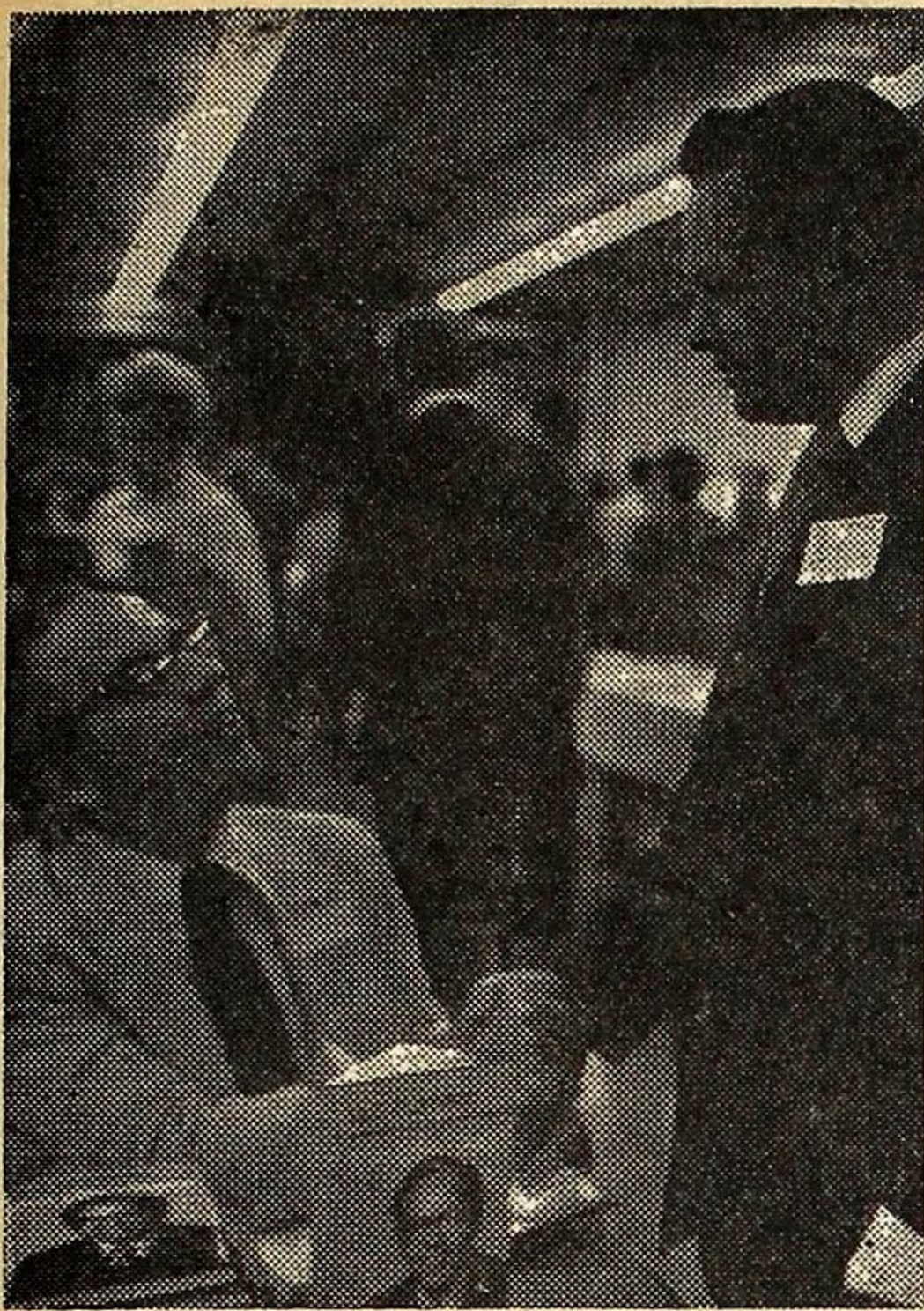
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W. O. Thomason, seated, director, Book Store division, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at autograph party during recent SBC, for his book, "The Life Givers" published by Broadman Press.

Assemblies of God Buck Trend, Cite 5.4% Increase in 1972

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—In contrast to other denominations that recorded membership declines during the past year, the Assemblies of God has reported a 5.4 per cent increase for 1972 and growth of 3 per cent for the first half of 1973.

According to the Rev. Bartlett Peterson, general secretary, last year's growth pushed adult membership in the denomination to more than 700,000 for the first time.

He reported that inclusive membership, adult members plus "adherents" is now 1.1 million in the United States. Foreign membership has soared even more, with a 10.7 per cent increase last year to bring the total up to 3.9 million.

In the United States, districts that had the highest growth rates for the Assemblies of God last year were North Carolina (21.4 per cent), Hawaii (20.1), South Texas (17.9), Kentucky (15.2), and Iowa (14.2).

The denomination has 8,871 congregations in the United States. (RNS)

Public Hearing Dates Set For Study Committee

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, will hold public hearings in the three grand divisions of Tennessee this month.

The West Tennessee meeting will be held Monday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m. at First church, Jackson, Middle Tennessee representatives will convene at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building in Brentwood, Thursday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. First church, Morristown, will be the site for the East Tennessee meeting on Tuesday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The entire committee will meet on Friday, July 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the TBC Building.

The public hearing meetings will be open to all members of TBC churches, according to Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel church, Nashville, and chairman of the committee.

Ward Joins Music Department

NASHVILLE—Jim H. Ward of Hampton, Va., recently joined the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as editor of adult and youth music materials.

Ward served the last five years as minister of music and organist at Hampton Baptist church, Hampton, Va., and also has served in Belmost Baptist church, Charlottesville, Va. as minister of music, and at Harvard-Terrace Baptist church in Fresno, Calif.

A native of Fresno, Calif., Ward is a graduate of California State university of Fresno, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

Children's Homes

HOME-COMING

By James M. Gregg,
Executive Director-Treasurer

The children and staff at our West Tennessee Branch Home at Memphis are planning a homecoming. Brother Erba A. Butler, Superintendent, said, "All who have lived or worked here, and their families, are invited to come and enjoy this special day. The date is Saturday, July 7, 1973, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M." He added, "Included in the plans for the day will be lunch, election of Alumni Officers, a brief devotional and lots of fun. If you have any old pictures or mementoes, please bring them."

Our Chattanooga Home observed homecoming two years ago and it was a tremendous success. Plans are to have such a day at the Franklin Home when the cottages are completed, perhaps next year.

Our Homes is the only home hundreds of children have ever known. Many come back for visits again and again. Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for providing these Homes and giving homeless boys and girls a home to come back to anytime they so desire.

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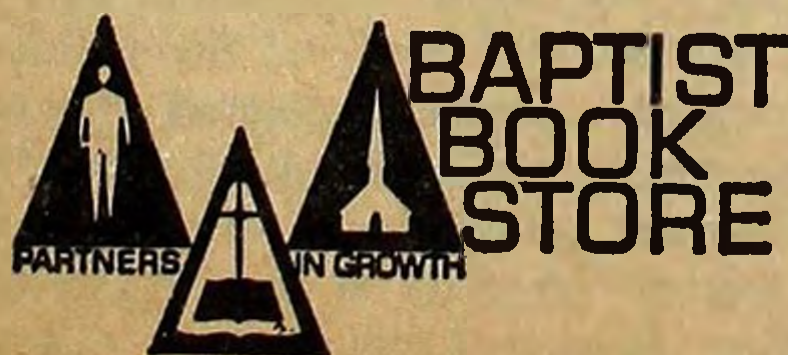
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Samuel: The Crisis Of Religious Corruption

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

Basic Passage: 1 Samuel 2-4; 7

Focal Passages: 1 Samuel 3:11-14, 18; 4:10-11, 21-22; 7:5-6, 12

Israel had what was called a theocracy or the rule of God through what was termed a judge. Samuel was judge at this time and a godly man. Eli was the high priest who with his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas directed the religious life of the people. Eli let his profligate sons take over. They misdirected the religious life of the people.

The full repercussions of religious apostasy is not obvious for some time but they surface sooner or later. At first many religious virtues are adhered to rather firmly while one or two cardinal tenets are discarded. For a while all of the desirable moral values are retained. The roots are seriously damaged however but the lovely fruits of a purer faith are acclaimed.

The damage to the roots will increase. The quality and quantity of desirable fruit will decrease. Corruption of every type will be the inevitable consequence.

Judgment Announced 1 Sam. 3:11-14, 18

God told Samuel that He was going to sweep away entirely the regime of Eli. The judgment will be so great that it will shock the entire nation.

There were two big reasons. The two sons of Eli, serving as priests had become vile; Eli, knowing this, had not restrained them.

The dear old man was informed fully of the coming judgment against his household. Personally his life was clean but he had been too permissive with his sons. God not only held the sons responsible for their sins but could not overlook Eli's failure to discipline them. Neither could he overlook the apostasy of so many of the people. The nation must come under judgment also. Eli was submissive, accrediting God with a motive of righteous judgment.

Terrible Judgment Falls

1 Sam. 4:10-11; 21-22

The ark of the Lord was used in a battle against the Philistines and they captured it. Disaster hit the force of Israel—thirty thousand were slain. Hophni and Phinehas were slain. When the news of the capture of the ark reached Eli, he fell back and broke his neck. The announced judgment became a reality in full.

Warning had been given that neither offerings nor sacrifices would avail to help them because they were so steeped and confirmed in their arrogant apostasy. Yet they sought to force God into the battle in their behalf by placing the symbol of His power and presence in the fray. It did not work but backfired on them.

Repentance Rescues Them

1 Sam. 7:5-6, 12

God's judgment on incorrigible sinners is devastating yet repentance will be honored by His mercy. God was willing to give the remnant following the terrible judgment a chance to rescue them on the basis of true repentance.

Samuel called them to Mizpah that he might call unto the Lord in their behalf. They assembled there. They performed an oblation before the Lord, confessing their sin before Him in real repentance.

The Philistines sought to take advantage of the disarmed worshippers and inflict further disasters upon them. God intervened and put them to flight. Israel pursued the matter to a decisive finish. Samuel judged Israel in peace the rest of his period of leadership. True repentance had produced great results.

Dan C. Stringer, Jr., Elected President Of Southern Alumni

PORTLAND—A pastor, a church music professor, and a prominent Bible translator were honored as "Alumni of the Year" by the Southern Baptist Theological seminary at the institution's national alumni luncheon here.

Citations were presented to James L. Monroe, pastor of First Baptist church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and James D. Woodward, dean of fine arts of Oklahoma Baptist university in Shawnee. The third recipient, Robert G. Bratcher, was unable to attend because of his chairmanship of the East Coast translation team currently at work on the Old Testament volume of "Good News for Modern Man," of which he is key translator.

Dan C. Stringer, Jr., of Portland, executive secretary of the Northwest Baptist Convention and host for the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention sessions, was tapped for the alumni association's president-elect. He will succeed incoming 1973-74 president James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist church, Pensacola, Fla. Alton H. McEachern, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist church, Louisville, Ky., was named secretary.

Presiding at the session was president John H. McClanahan, pastor of First Baptist church, Pine Bluff, Ark.



NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS' OFFICERS—New officers elected at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, which met in Portland, Ore., this week, are (left to right) William E. Young, supervisor of the children's section, church training department, Baptist Sunday School Board, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Helen May (seated), Sunday School department of Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, vice-president; Melva Cook, editorial coordinator, church services and materials division, Baptist Sunday School Board, assistant secretary-treasurer; Luke E. Williams, Jr., minister of education, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., president; and Charles A. Tidwell, associate professor of church administration, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, vice-president and president-elect.

From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

Approximately three years ago, the East Chattanooga Baptist Church in Chattanooga voted to begin a mission, subsequently purchasing property on Highway 58, near a rapidly growing residential area. A beautiful multi-purpose building was erected and at the first service held in it seventeen months ago 113 were present in Sunday School.



Norton

Bayside Baptist Chapel, as it was named, has experienced remarkable growth since that first

Sunday, with attendance now nearing the 300 mark. With a fully established program of activities, it has sought to minister to the needs of its membership and others in the community.

It was my distinct privilege last Sunday to participate in the service which constituted this mission into a church. The enthusiasm which marked this occasion was shared by members and visitors alike. We commend the mother church, East Chattanooga Baptist, for the vision which inspired this new church. Rev. Robert Stitts, the able pastor, and the membership of Bayside as well are to be congratulated for the dedicated efforts which have been put forth by them during the months of its existence.

Truly God has richly blessed in this effort and Baptists of Tennessee share in this experience of rejoicing. We will watch with eager anticipation continued reports of this new ministry and pray that the cause of Christ will be honored as this new church continues to minister to the needs of people of that community.

Tennesseans Serve On Ridgecrest Staff

Nineteen Tennesseans have been appointed to serve as staffers at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in Ridgecrest, N.C., this summer according to a recent press release.

The staffers include: Jenny Peerey, Adamsville; Phyllis Todd, Camden; Chrisie

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

First church, Knoxville, held special ceremonies in celebration of the laying of the cornerstone for the new church building. E. Y. Mullins preached the dedicatory sermon.

Junction City church voted to build a new church building under the leadership of the pastor, O. F. Huckaba. It was to contain a 360-seat auditorium and nine Sunday School rooms.

20 YEARS AGO

Leonard Sanderson was elected to serve as secretary of evangelism and promotion for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He had been serving as pastor of the First church, Maryville.

First church, Humboldt, began construction of a new \$165,000 educational complex with offices, church library, parlor, dining room, recreation hall, nursery, and classrooms facilities to accommodate 1250.

10 YEARS AGO

Carl Hixson King, a Baptist pastor in the Chattanooga area for over 65 years, died. Among others, he had served the Red Bank church and the Morris Hill church.

The LaBelle Place church in Memphis broke ground for a \$350,000 church plant on a nine acre lot near the Memphis airport. Charles Skutt was pastor.

Bishop, Camden; Roy Hedrick, Columbia; Nancy Lee Oaks, Elizabethton; Beverly Harston and Patricia Leslie, both of Jackson.

From Memphis are Becky Pitt, Steve Hopkins, Jan Ferguson, Mike Nolen, and Janet Twaddle. Others include Anne Shelton, Newport; Barbara Jean Nelson, Shelbyville; Nancy Sweet, Knoxville; Amy Gross, Johnson City; Kathey Hicks, Trenton; and Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Lowrance, Union City, camp ground managers.

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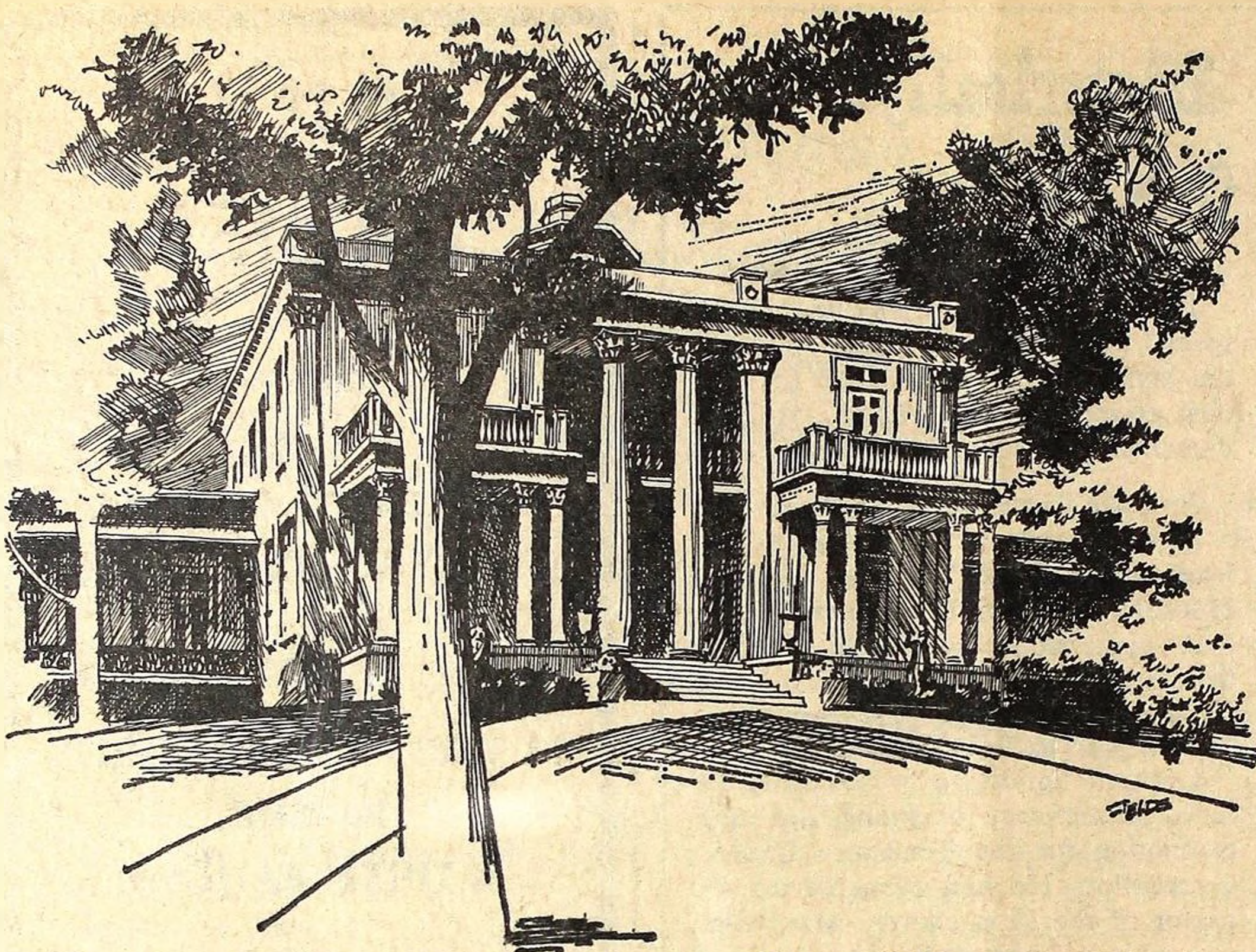
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The Belmont College Alumni Association is making available a printed brochure on the history of the Nashville landmark known as Belmont, present nucleus of the college campus, according to a recent announcement from Jim Cox, director of public relations. The brochure traces the mansion from the Acklen era through three educational institutions to occupy the site. Additionally, the alumni organization has available a 14 x 18 black and white print of the mansion, by artist Don Fields.

Baptist Pastors' Conference Slated For July 9 At Belmont

The 1973 Middle Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held July 9 in the Business Administration Building at Belmont college in Nashville, according to Gaye McGlothlen, vice-president of the organization.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Raymond M. Rigdon, director, Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of special moral concerns, Christian Life Com-

mission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be among the featured speakers on the program.

Routh will speak to the group on "Trends Inside and Outside the Convention." Rigdon will cover "Trends in Theological Education and Continuing Education Programs;" and Hollis will discuss the "Moral Climate in America Today."

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. and close at 12:00 noon. H. Eugene Cotey, pastor, First church, Murfreesboro, serves as president of the group. H. D. Standifer, superintendent of missions, Duck River Association, is secretary-treasurer.

Jerry Spencer Elected President Of SBC Evangelist's Conference

PORTLAND—Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper led a parade of speakers at the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists here in calling on their denomination to organize its resources and get excited about Jesus.

Cooper, a retired Yazoo, Miss., businessman who was re-elected to a second one-year term as president of the 12-million-member convention the previous day, said Baptists must use radio and television more if they are to reach an expected world population of six billion people by the year 2000.

Cooper and other speakers at the evangelists' conference held during an off afternoon of the three-day meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention called for Christian to "get excited about Jesus and be willing to take a little persecution for your Lord."

"If Jesus doesn't excite you, you must have callouses on your soul," said Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis, Tenn.

What's wrong in the average pulpit is too much intellect, said Rogers. "Just because a river's muddy, doesn't mean it's deep. When you hear a man preach and don't understand how to be saved, God wasn't in it."

A Fort Worth evangelist, David Stockwell, warned Christians to avoid the "tongues movement" or glossolalia, which has caused divisions in some churches.

Bill Spencer, an evangelist from Broken Bow, Okla., said, "You have something to share, but the question is, 'Are you sharing?' You don't know what you have until you give it to Jesus."

Jerry Spencer of Brownsville, Tenn., was elected president of the conference succeeding Richard Hogue of Houston.

Other new officers are Vice President John Bos, Orlando, Fla.; Secretary-Treasurer Dan Womack, Memphis, Tenn.; Music Director Ed Stalnecker of Ripley, Tenn.; assistant Music Director Bob Matthews of Lake Charles, La.; and Pastor-Advisor E. C. McDaniel, pastor of Main Street Baptist church, Jacksonville, Fla.

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