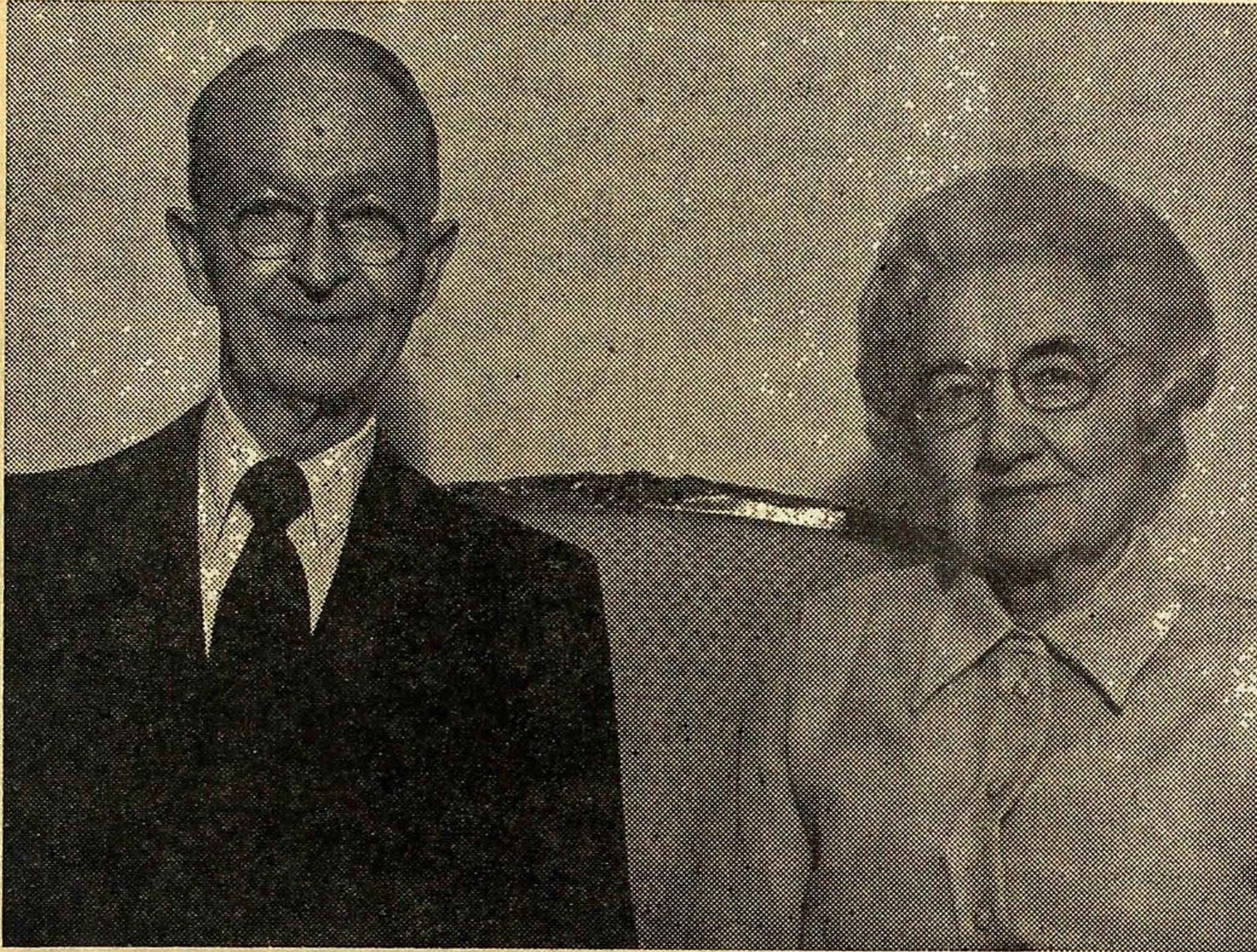


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Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Daniel, Nashville, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Tuesday, July 17. Daniel served 29 years with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. From 1927-38 he was field worker and served in promoting Sunday School, Training Union, and layman's work. He became state Sunday School secretary in 1938 and served until 1944. During that year he was selected to serve as secretary of enlargement at the Sunday School Board. In 1950 he was called back to serve as the Sunday School secretary of the state convention where he served until his retirement in December 1962.

An open house and reception have been planned for the couple by their children, Mrs. Edward Stewart, Myrtle Grove, Fla., and James Daniel, Nashville. It will be held Sunday, July 22, in their son's home.

Missouri Convention Moves To Restructure

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—In the face of mounting criticism of its staff and operating procedures, the Missouri Baptist Convention Board has made some preliminary moves toward restructuring its work.

Actions by the 51-member board were taken in a regular meeting here while awaiting the results of a special audit of the convention's 1970, 1971 and 1972 financial records.

Controversy among Baptists of the state during the last several months has revolved around Earl O. Harding, the board's executive secretary, the accounting procedures used in the convention's offices here and the administration of \$53,150 in expenditures under the 1971 budget.

Harding told the board's 13-member executive committee prior to the two-day board meeting that he is returning \$40,000 of an interest-free home loan of \$62,500 that was advanced to him from convention funds in 1968. He stated he has arranged for a private loan on his residence.

During the first day of the board meeting, Harding apparently suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. Nurses at St. Mary's hospital said that he was under intensive care but not in critical condition.

Votes Of Confidence Given

Votes of confidence in Harding had been given in early April by the board and again in late May by the board's executive committee.

The board here adopted several recommendations by a "committee to study structure and re-organization," chaired by Samuel E. Maddox of St. Joseph, Mo.

The actions call for election rather than appointment of members and officers of the executive committee, attendance by any

Knight Named Editor Of 'Home Life'

George W. Knight, editor of **Proclaim** and **The Deacon** for almost five years, has been named editor of **Home Life** magazine succeeding Joe W. Burton who retired in October 1972.

A native of Alabama, Knight joined the the Sunday School Board in 1968. He came from Middletown, Ky., where for two years he was assistant editor of the "Western Recorder," the Kentucky Baptist news journal. Previously he was news director for Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville.

Knight earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Alabama. He holds the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Southern seminary.

Home Life is a Christian family magazine published monthly by the Sunday School Board. Its circulation is approximately 800,000. (BP)

board member at any session of the executive committee and prompt completion and formal approval of executive committee minutes with immediate distribution to the full board.

The board likewise voted to publish the salary grades of employees and reaffirmed the rights of Missouri Baptist people to know about salary provisions.

A personnel committee was also authorized from the executive committee to work with the executive secretary on personnel policies and decisions.

The convention board authorized the restructure committee to continue its work and to include the advice and assistance of "pastors, ministers of education, directors of missions and laymen."

The board turned down a recommendation of its education committee that the 35 percent of its Cooperative Program (unified budget) funds presently going to Southern Baptist Convention causes be reduced to 30 per cent. The committee had recommended that the five percent be added to the money supporting the four Baptist colleges in the state.

Audit Being Prepared

The board heard but took no action on a letter from the First Baptist church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., expressing concern about the administration of the convention's affairs and calling for the resignation of Harding.

The church clerk read the letter and reported that it expressed a vote by the church in regular business session. W. T.

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A Formula For Christian Fellowship

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory."—Phil. 2:3.

In Phil. 2:1-4 Paul urges his readers to be of one mind and spirit, each seeking the good for others rather than for himself. It should be noted that Paul had more joy out of the church in Philippi than from any other. While there were minor problems in the fellowship of the church (Phil. 4:2), there was never a strained relationship between Paul and the church.

In 2:1 the apostle used four "if" clauses. In the Greek text it is evident that Paul assumes these conditions to be true; consolation in Christ; comfort of love; fellowship of the Spirit; bowels and mercies or tender mercies. These all speak of a wholesome church fellowship. On this basis he says that if they continue to have unity of thought and feeling, being of one accord and mind, they will fill full his joy in

them. To this end he exhorts them to let no strife or empty glory mar their fellowship. Contrariwise they must be humble and not self-seeking. Rather they must each seek the welfare of others.

Such an attitude will produce harmony in any church fellowship. And this will not only fill the pastor and members with joy; it will be a source of glory to God.

Miss Marian Sanders Dies

Miss Marian Sanders, Southern Baptist representative to Mexico, died of leukemia at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans on July 4. She was 49 years old.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, she had served as librarian and teacher at the Mexican Baptist Theological seminary in Torreon since 1956 and had been an officer in the Torreon Baptist Association and secretary of the Mexican Baptist Mission.

Funeral services were held July 5 at the First Baptist church in Lafayette, La. Burial services were held July 6 at Colston Branch Baptist church, Bamberg, S.C., her native home.

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

With the woman's lib movement gathering steam and getting into full swing, some churches are debating the role of women in ecclesiastical structures.

Actually, to upgrade the place of women in the church is not necessary. It is already widely recognized that they are essential to the operation of the church.

Personally, I do not know what churches would do without women and, furthermore, we would not like to try.

But no matter where you stand on the issue, you have to admire the mental quickness of one minister who was discussing Women's Lib with one of the ladies of his church. The woman argued that the church was pro male.

To make her point, she said, "Why do they say Amen instead of Awomen?"

The minister calmly replied, "Because we sing hymns, and not hers."

Devotional

THE CROSS

By Edna R. Odom

Without inspiration where are we? Only God can give the inspiration that lifts, blesses, refreshes. Each moment, each day, He should be allowed to live through us. God's standard should be our goal, but the only person who can meet this standard is the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, it all depends on how much of us we allow Him to control. We need to remember that God is not a half way Saviour. If Christ is allowed to come into our hearts, He does not save part, He saves all of us. Truly, the Cross is our inspiration!

Imagine, life without a challenge! Today, many people seemingly live an "existence" kind of life. Why is this? Our eyes are turned toward self and material things. If our eyes look at the Cross we see life's true meaning. Its arms sweep across the world. Are we heeding? Do we feel the challenge? He said to go, to tell, to share with a lost world His great love. We need to be on fire for Christ. He died that we might live eternally for and with Him. We have the greatest message ever given to mankind. What are we doing with it? If we let our opportunities to witness slip by, we have not met the challenge God blessed us with. Indeed, the Cross is our challenge!

Does our life have purpose? If not, Christ longs for the opportunity to open our life channel and breathe new life into us. He alone brings purpose, for He alone can save.

As we step back and take a second look at the Cross, how do we feel? Is it our inspiration, our challenge, our purpose. If not, something is wrong. Have we accepted Him or rejected Him? It is definitely a matter of life or death.

(Editor's Note: Miss Odom is a member of Speedway Terrace Baptist church, Memphis, where she is teacher of the Miriam Adult Class.)

Board Of Regents Chancellor To Be Belmont Speaker

Cecil C. Humphreys, chancellor, Tennessee State Board of Regents, is slated to be principal speaker for the summer commencement at Belmont college, Aug. 10, Herbert C. Gabhart, president, announced recently.

Exercises will be held in Massey Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. It will be the school's 21st graduate class, and the 2000th senior to graduate from the school will receive his diploma that night.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR Brings You News First

Trueblood Warns Of Dangers To Christian Colleges

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—“The Christian college is meant to be a peculiar kind of pumping station on the life-line of civilization,” noted author Elton Trueblood told Southern Baptist educators from throughout the nation.

In lectures to the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools here, Trueblood told 200 Baptist educators from 65 Baptist schools that the future of the Christian college is in grave danger, and warned them to take an aggressive stance in preserving their tradition.

He cited four evidences of decline among Christian colleges, listing the decline of the influence of chapel services, moral permissiveness on the campus, the paradox of intolerance, and the lowering of academic and personal standards.

Trueblood warned the educators not to look down on the influence of required chapel attendance, or to fall into the trap of advocating voluntary chapel. Theoretically, voluntary chapel is better but it doesn't work, he said. Attendance goes down, quality speakers cannot be attracted, and the program dies.

Decries Manners Decline

In addition to decrying moral permissiveness in sex on the campus, and the lowering of academic standards at colleges and universities, Trueblood decried the decline of manners among students, and the poor use of English grammar by students.

“At some colleges there is more drug pushing than there is in the world,” Trueblood lamented.

He noted that whereas there is much tolerance regarding sexual attitudes and actions among today's students, there is extreme intolerance of ideas.



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—New officers of the SBC Education Commission elected at the annual meeting recently are: Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana college, Pineville, president; Mrs. David M. Crowley, Jr., president of Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc., Dallas, Texas, vice-chairman; and Rev. George E. Capps, Jr., pastor of First Baptist church, Cookeville, Tennessee, secretary.

As an example he cited a protest against the war in Southeast Asia during which there was vociferous shouting and chants against the government's policies, but there was not one speaker representing the other side. This, he argued, is a denial of reason and intelligence.

“Complete freedom, if it is empty freedom, always leads to decay,” Trueblood said. “Freedom must not be empty, it must be controlled by an ultimate purpose.”

He issued a plea for non-conformity, urging the Baptist college presidents to be willing to be unpopular, to maintain high standards and be willing to stand up for them despite opposition.

The Christian college can work in a magnitude which no state or tax supported institution can. It provides an option people would never otherwise have, he said, urging the educators to “keep more options open.”

Dual Education

Explaining that Christian colleges must offer a combination of the intellectual and the spiritual, the noted author called the word “and” the “holy conjunction.”

We too often say “or,” feeling that we must have devotion “or” rationality, when both are necessary. You need both a warm heart “and” a clear head, he emphasized. Don't be ashamed of either piety or intellectual toughness.

Advocating the combination of a liberal arts and a vocational education, Trueblood told how these two were combined in his friend, Herbert Hoover. When Hoover first entered Stanford, he planned to study geology. Advised to study Latin also, Hoover and his wife later made the first translation of a Roman work on metallurgy, combining both facets of his education.

“I believe it is possible to have an education that is both vocational and liberal,” the educator said, “the vocational providing motivation and the liberal arts providing breadth. Christian collegians are not in an ivory tower; they should produce new government employees, doctors and engineers because vocation is a Christian idea.

But we need the liberal education to apply the lessons of history to today, he added. “If you are only contemporary you have no experience on which to draw. If you are merely ancient you will not be pertinent,” Trueblood said.

In a dialogue session afterwards he said the term “liberal” has come to a disturbing connotation and another word may be needed. We want education that is “liberating.” One which liberates us from the limitations of geography and time, he said.

The written word helps us break from prejudices of the 20th century to any century where we can obtain help from other people and cultures, he added.

Trueblood outlined six ways in which he

Dallas Housing Adequate; 16,000 Baptists Expected

NASHVILLE—The 1974 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, June 11-13 is expected to register 16,000 “messengers” and the Dallas Housing Bureau promises that there will be adequate hotel and motel rooms for this throng.

A large percentage of the rooms committed for Southern Baptist Convention use during that week will be located convenient to the Dallas Memorial Auditorium and Convention Center where the sessions will be held, housing authorities say.

Requests for rooms at Dallas for the convention will not be processed until after Nov. 1, 1973, according to the Housing Bureau.

Room reservation forms will be available at Baptist state convention offices by October 1, 1973. The October issue of “The Baptist Program,” SBC promotion monthly, will carry full housing information and reservation forms.

Block reservations for charter flights and other groups will not exceed fifty per cent of the rooms allocated for convention use by any hotel or motel, according to John H. Williams, SBC Executive Committee staff member who works with convention physical arrangements.

In keeping with an action of the Southern Baptist Convention at Portland, Ore., the Dallas hotels and motels have been instructed to assign no more than 75 per cent of their total rooms for reservations through the Housing Bureau.

“This does not necessarily mean that the 25 per cent (or more) remaining rooms in a given hotel will be available to individual Baptists for the period of the convention, as this would be a decision of the hotels,” Williams added.

Tennessee Baptist Golfers' Tournament Slated For Sept. 13-14

The 1973 Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 13-14 at Henry Horton State Park, according to a recent announcement from Gene Kerr, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer.

Players must be employed by a Baptist church, association, convention, or a subsidiary unit of a convention in order to be eligible to play, Kerr said. All players must register by Sept. 1.

thought Christian colleges can contribute to the educational system saying that they should reject the purely contemporary, support the idea of strict requirements, choose the right kind of professors, emphasize manners as part of education, maintain the ideal of chastity, and teach a rational theology. (BP)

EDITORIALS

Guest Editorial

Commemorating Our Heritage Committing Our Future

By Tom Madden, Chairman
Centennial Committee

For more than two years the Centennial Committee has been planning towards a worthy, spiritual and challenging observance of 1974 and the 100 years' existence of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. From the outset the committee has felt a keen sense of stewardship. It is believed by the committee that God desires the one hundredth year of our convention to be the most fruitful year of the century and to provide spiritual stimulus to launch the second century.

The committee further recognized that in order to accomplish the desired goals, it would need the fullest cooperation of all departments, agencies, institutions, associations and churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Centennial Committee is receiving the full and unreserved support of all. Every department and agency of the convention has set, and is working toward, worthy goals to be reached in 1974. As we come close to November, 1973 and the actual beginning of our hundredth year a most urgent appeal is made to the more than 2700 Baptist churches and the more than 900,000 members to undergird all activities and programs of the Centennial year with daily prayer.

It is hoped that plans have been made, or will be made shortly, for every church to participate in the Centennial Simultaneous Revival. For the western half of Tennessee the suggested date is March 24-April 7 and for the eastern half it is April 14-28. It is to be remembered that our convention has been built upon the foundation of reaching people for Jesus.

Gospels of John, 200,000 of them, have been ordered for distribution throughout Tennessee. Along with the Gospel of John, the booklet will contain a letter from our Executive Secretary, Dr. Ralph Norton, a two-page condensation of the history of Tennessee Baptists, written by Dr. Kendall, a copy of the "Baptist Faith and Message," a map of Tennessee with the location of our Baptist institutions marked. These copies will sell for not more than 10¢ and will be ready by January 1, 1974. They are being printed by the American Bible Society.

April 10-11, 1874 is the date the convention was organized. It is planned to have an unveiling of a historical marker on the site in Murfreesboro on this date. The Centennial Issue of the **Baptist And Reflector** will be released on this date also. This issue will be approximately 100 pages and will carry the history, achievements and growth of churches, institutions, and associations. It will make a monumental contribution to all Tennessee Baptists.

The actual convention itself will be held in the Convocation Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro on November 12-14, 1974. The program will include a pageant of the History of the Tennessee Baptist Convention written by Mrs. Ollie J. Owens (Minnie Belle) of South Carolina and the first

showing of a 30-minute film of the present Tennessee Baptist Convention. The production is being filmed at the present time. "A History of Tennessee Baptists" written by Dr. Kendall will go on sale and Dr. Kendall plans to be present to autograph all copies sold during the convention. A Parade of Flags by the associations, with each flag carrying the organization date of the association, is also being planned.

The Centennial Committee urgently asks all of our people to undergird the centennial year with prayers and renewed efforts of soul winning and stewardship. It most assuredly welcomes helpful suggestions. We hope that many thousands (the Center seats 12,000) will attend the actual convention November 12-14, 1974 as Tennessee Baptists Commemorate our Heritage and Commit our Future to Him.

Guest Editorial

Baptist Support Of Child Care

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director-Treasurer
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.

Since Mrs. Roger Eastman established the Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home in Nashville, eighty-two years ago, Baptists of our state have given moral and financial support to this great ministry of providing a home and care for orphaned and homeless boys and girls. Baptists have given this Christ-honoring child care an even greater support—prayer support. This is our first need.

For many years two special offerings per year were approved and received—at Mother's Day and Christmas. Then, for as many more years, at Thanksgiving only. In 1963 we asked for and received permission from the Tennessee Baptist Convention to change the offering back to Mother's Day. The wisdom of this change has been verified again and again.

Each year when the Children's Homes Board of Trustees prepares its budget, the needs beyond the much appreciated Co-operative Program support is anticipated and programmed in the budget. Of necessity, this offering is not limited to Mother's Day proper. Because of revivals and other conflicts, many churches must set another day or week for the promotion and receiving of these love gifts for little children who cannot live in their own homes and those who do not have a home. Also since most of these funds are sent through Dr. Norton's office and always reach us one month late, the Mother's Day Offering spans the third convention quarter—May, June and July.

Baptists of Tennessee have made it possible for us to reach and exceed our budgeted goal for the past two years. We praise God for this. We are within \$16,553.76 of our 1973 goal of \$280,000.00 and our books are open for this purpose through July 31. There are enough of our churches which have not had time to receive the Children's Homes Offering to put us over the top again this year. As you pray, ask God to make this come to pass.

39 Missionaries Appointed To Serve In 17 Countries

RICHMOND—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board added 39 new persons to its overseas force during its July meeting here. This number, combined with 75 missionary journeymen expected to be commissioned in July, will be a record increase of missionaries in a single month.

"The appointment of such a large number of new missionaries is due to accelerated gifts to foreign missions and to an increased interest among Southern Baptist young people and young adults," said Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board.

The new missionaries include four who have previously served as missionary journeymen, three who are children of missionaries, and two who were previously US-2 home missionaries.

In other actions, the board appropriated the final \$2,191,646 of the record \$19,664,972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to the seven administrative areas of overseas mission work, appropriated \$2400 for famine relief in drought stricken West Africa, and approved an additional \$60,000 in emergency compensation adjustments in 25 countries. This was another in a recurring series of such adjustments

since the first dollar devaluation in 1971.

The board also paid tribute to the late L. Howard Jenkins who was a board member for 48 years including 30 years as president before ending his tenure in 1963. Jenkins died in June.

H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for West Africa, presented a report about the trend toward Africanization and self-support among churches and institutions in West Africa, particularly Nigeria.

The 15 new missionary couples, three single missionaries, two missionary associate couples, and one special project couple were appointed in a night service in the chapel at board headquarters here following an afternoon business session. They will serve in 17 foreign countries.

Appointed as missionaries were Miss Virginia R. Adian of Fort Worth, Tex., to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony of Montgomery, Ala., to the Middle East; Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Crane of Rocky Mount, N.C., to Southeast Asia; Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Hawkins of Archer City, Tex., to Venezuela; Mr. and Mrs. Larry N. Keaton of Gastonia, N.C., to Spain; Mr.

and Mrs. Jim H. Lassiter of Fort Worth, Tex., to Vietnam.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Michael Newton of Broussard, La., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. (Pat) Patterson of Chestertown, Md., to Ecuador; Miss Ann Pearce of Dillon, S.C., to Paraguay; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Perry of Excelsior Springs, Mo., to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold A. Peterson of Stockton, Mo., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Phillips of Garner, N.C., to France.

And, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Pirtle of Brunswick, Ga., to Yemen; Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Rhoads of Kansas City, Mo., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schellenberg of Friendswood, Tex., to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shehane of Tishomingo, Okla., to the Leeward Islands; Miss Betty Ann Smith of Roanoke, Va., to Brazil; and Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Snell of Dothan, Ala., to Trinidad.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. Bob J. Daugherty of Nashville, Tenn., to Japan; and Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniel Jr., of Natchez, Miss., to Korea.

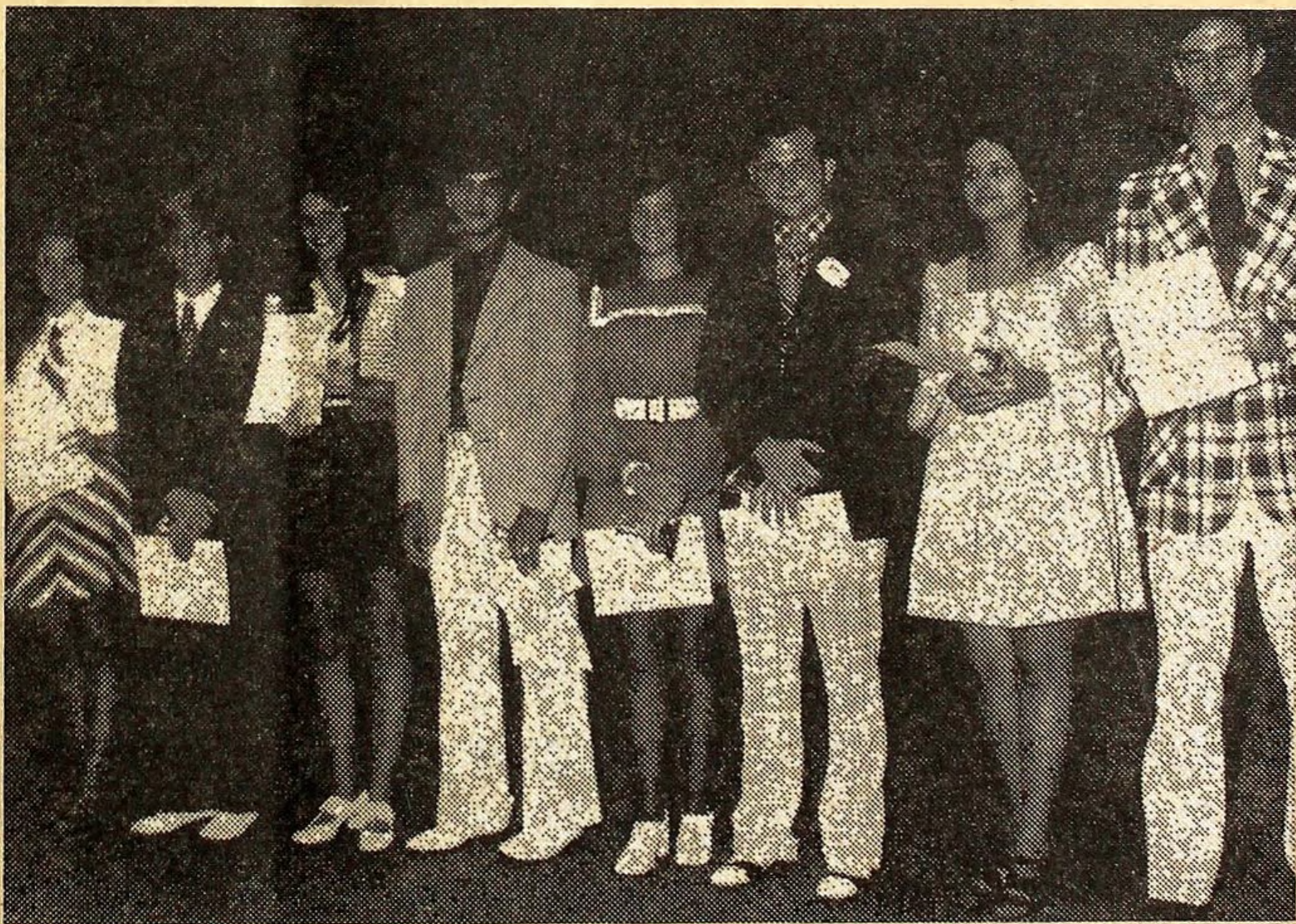
Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Mitchell of Pine Bluff, Ark., were employed as special project dentists to Bowswana.

Conferences To Aid Pastors Planned

Two conferences, designed to help the pastor become more effective in his ministry, will be held in Tennessee, according to a recent announcement by Johnnie Hall Jr., church administration consultant in the Church Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A "Pastoral Ministries Workshop" will be held Aug. 27-31, at the Unaka Avenue church, Johnson City. Emphasis at the conference will be upon aid for the pastor who is the only staff member in the church. Program personnel will include Brooks Faulkner, consultant in the Church Ministries section of the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; and Harry Kellogg, pastor, First church, Smyrna.

The second conference, "Improving Your Preaching," will be directed by James Barry, consultant in Pastoral Ministries section, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. He will be assisted by Clyde E. Fant, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary; Harold T. Bryson, pastor, First church, Carthage, Miss.; Jim Henry, Pastor, Two Rivers church, Nashville; and Robert Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights church, Nashville. The conference will be held Sept. 10-14, Church Program Training Center, Baptist Sunday School Board.



The Tennessee Baptist Convention Youth Speakers' Tournament, held in Brentwood July 6, was won by Cindy Rose, a member of First church, Cookeville. Second place award went to Charles Lewis, Bellevue church, Memphis. Speakers participating in the tournament included (L to R): Miss Rose, Stone Association; Hal Ingraham, Belmont Heights church, Nashville, Nashville Association; Paula McGaha, Central church, Hixson, Hamilton Association; Lyndell Parks, Shelbyville Mills church, New Duck River Association; Debbie Tyler, Manley church, Morristown, Nolachucky Association; Dwayne Stevens, First church, Dyersburg, Dyer Association; Glenda Ford, Oakwood church, Knoxville, Knox Association; and Lewis, Shelby Association.

Miss Rose, who spoke on "Think of It and Smile," will represent Tennessee in the Youth Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest, July 15-21. The State Speakers' Tournament is sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

'SOMETIMES I'M SPEECHLESS'

By Theo Sommerkamp

Not that I have nothing to say, I do; and it's important. And I don't have laryngitis or stage fright. My courage is bold, my vocal chords in fine shape; but I can't be heard over the tumult of other voices which drown me out.

Once in a while I do get a chance to say something, uninterrupted; but the result is worse even than not getting a chance to speak. I'm told afterward—when I overhear the whispers in the hallways—"He's about the finest fellow we know. We don't question a second what he says is true, but we're too busy to bother with what he has in mind."

An invitation to "come back next year" is always courteous and seems to be cordial; but you can detect the insincerity, that it's just being diplomatic, tactful.

Yet people who need me are depending on me to tell their story for them. And

2500 Unwed Mothers Aided By Sellers Home

NEW ORLEANS, La.—An overflow crowd of more than 140 guests helped Sellers Baptist Home celebrate the silver anniversary of its adoption program—and the coming of its director, Mrs. Allegra Laprairie—in ceremonies here July 1.

Sellers Home and Adoption Center is a Southern Baptist sponsored residence for unwed mothers, as well as an adoption agency for their children.

In its 25 years as an adoption center residence, Sellers Home has arranged for the adoption of more than 1800 babies to Southern Baptist families, as well as providing for 2500 young women during their pregnancies. Hundreds of others have been counseled.

Highlight of the ceremonies was the presentation of a portrait of Mrs. Laprairie to the home. The oil portrait, painted by New Orleans' artist Pedro Casanave, honored the woman who came in 1948 to Sellers to begin the adoption program and has been the home's director since 1951.

Featured speaker was Clovis Brantley, associate in the Home Mission Board's Department of Christian Social Ministries, and the director of Sellers' Home at the time Mrs. Laprairie was hired.

The combination home-adoption center had its beginnings in 1933, when it was founded by J. W. Newbrough, as a home for unwed mothers and female prison transients. At that time it was called Women's Emergency Home.

Services of the home began to change in 1940, when prison transients were no longer accepted; in 1948, with the coming of Mrs. Laprairie, it became a licensed adoption agency. (BP)

if I'm denied an attentive hearing or am rebuffed, what do I go back and tell—

—that young fellow whose home life has been disrupted and is counting on me to give him a Christian atmosphere at a children's home to grow up in?

—the mother of that teen-age girl who is desperately ill and requires extensive hospital care, but who hasn't the means to pay for more than a fraction of its cost?

—to the high school graduate who's been called to preach and needs help for college and seminary training?

—to the person who has never heard about Jesus, but who has a strange hungering in his heart which (though he doesn't know it) can be satisfied only by the Master? and only if some preacher or missionary has the chance to tell him?

At other times, and other places, I come back happy and excited. I have won the imagination of my listeners. More than that, their support. I have great ideas, big plans . . .

I can free a pastor from the burden of a job in a department store that he must have in order to support his family. Now he can use that valuable time to visit prospects, unchurched.

I can fill up some of the slack in a growing foreign mission program where money is always scarcer than opportunities to proclaim the Word.

I can cut down the growing gap between population and converts caused by the population explosion. As I help more preachers and missionaries go forth, they will win more converts to Christ.

I can insure that Baptist colleges and schools can keep up quality Christian education despite the pressures of growing enrollment and skyrocketing operating costs.

Who am I? It's not hard to guess that I am the Cooperative Program. And though I'm pretty lively, and what I do has much to do with people, I'm not a person at all.

Your voice is my voice. My very life and health depend on you. If you support me with your gifts and prayers, then tell others about me and encourage them to do the same. If sometimes I'm not heard, could it be that you haven't helped me out?

If you look at it this way, it's not just the child in the Baptist's children's home, the sick girl in the Baptist hospital, the ministerial student in the Baptist college, and the man out there longing for the gospel who need me.

You need me, too—even though you say, "I'm not homeless, or ill, or a student preacher; and I have accepted Christ."

It's precisely at this last part that you need me. As a Christian you want to help carry out the Great Commission. You recognize from the discourse of Jesus that "as you have done it unto one of the least

Spilman Dedication Service Planned At Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Dedication services for the newly remodeled B. W. Spilman Auditorium will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C., July 30, 1973, at 11 a.m.

Principal speakers will be James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and A. V. Washburn, secretary of the board's Sunday School department.

Included in the service will be a dedication recital on the new Allen Organ by Miss Sharron Lyon, keyboard consultant in the church music department of the Sunday School Board.

The auditorium has two new pianos, air conditioning and a complete new sound and lighting system designed for multimedia and dramatic presentation in addition to normal usage.

Other persons on the program include William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department, J. M. Crowe, vice-president of the board, Bob M. Boyd, director of the board's conference center division, H. E. Ingraham, a retiree of the Sunday School Board and Ken McAnear, manager of the conference center.

The renovated auditorium replaces the old Spilman Auditorium built in 1938 and expanded in 1952. Seating capacity is still approximately 2600. Spilman Auditorium was named after B. W. Spilman, founder of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. In July, 1972, the name was changed to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center to emphasize and communicate the year-round operation of Ridgecrest.

Remodeling work began in the spring of 1972. Work had to be curtailed during the summer months due to conferences in progress, but resumed immediately upon completion of the summer schedule. All work should be completed before dedication services July 30.

of these my brethren"—such as the ones just mentioned—"you have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

As your Cooperative Program, I can help you follow Christ's command, "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

[Editor's Note: Mr. Sommerkamp is with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.]

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

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Proper Regard For Ownership

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

Scripture Text: Exodus 20:15; Amos 8:4-6; Luke 19:1-10

Stealing is a very hard subject to approach because so many people are guilty of it without a full realization of their guilt. This commandment deals with man's right to own private property without anyone taking it from him.

As the children of Israel journeyed from Egypt toward the promised land, they did not have riches as we have them today, but they did have things of their own, and these things were their private property. A careful study of the Bible reveals that the right to own private property is a God-given right. This property may be reduced to a numbered ration card, a permit to stand in line, or some other symbol of a slave state, but even then that card, tickets or permit becomes valuable, necessary property.

In the light of this, it is very easy to see the reason God had for giving this commandment. He is simply saying that it is perfectly all right for men to own property and that it is wrong to take from that man the property which belongs to him.

The Commandment—Ex. 20:15

The commandment was given when the Israelites were in flight from Egypt. They had very few possessions, but what they had they cherished. God realized that these people must learn the value of individual property, no matter how poor and insignificant it seemed to be. It was theirs; it was all they had, and so He said through Moses: "Thou shalt not steal".

There were grave penalties for those who stole from their neighbors on this flight from Egypt through the forty years of travail in the wilderness, before the people came into the Promised Land.

A close study will reveal that stealing can be interpreted as far more than merely taking something in the blackness of the night that belongs to someone else, or robbing at gunpoint.

The Prophet, Amos, Deals With The Sin Of Stealing Within The Trading Community—Amos 8:4-6

Amos cried out against the unscrupulous merchants who would take advantage of the poor and needy. Through the centuries these have been the prey to those who place riches as their supreme motive of life. In recent years there have been efforts to correct this exploitation. Government, social organizations and churches have made great strides in this area. There is still much that needs to be done. The one who would exploit the less fortunate is as much a thief as the person who climbs

through your window at night and steals the clothes from your closet. Amos cried out with fervor against this, and that cry needs to be heard still.

Amos pointed out the worldliness of the merchants who chafed at the interruption which holy days brought to their profits. He was emphasizing the superficiality of these men who threatened the spirit of the sabbath as well as the well-being of the helpless.

In these verses three methods of cheating the public are mentioned. The ephah was a measure for grain equaling about 8 gallons. By using a false bottom or by reducing the size of the container, the merchant could increase his profit. This, in our country is corrected by a standard of weights and measures enforced by the government. The shekel was a unit of weight which could be made heavier, forcing the buyer to place more silver on the balances. Another method of cheating was by rigging the balances so as to falsify the amount placed on the scales. Many times inferior grain was mixed with the chaff and sold to the poor. This was surely in violation of the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal."

In addition to all this, the merchant would take into slavery or servitude the wife and children, along with the man, in payment of his debt.

Not only are the poor always with us, they are exploited in much the same way. One may find himself swallowed up by those who present "heaven on earth" opportunities to buy more than he can pay for—commissions, fees, interest, insurance and fine print can result in loss of possessions long paid for.

Jesus Makes The Difference—Luke 19:1-10

Here is the story of a man who had been guilty of the exploitation of his fellowmen, and the difference Jesus makes in a life. He was forgiven of his sin, and set about to make restitution for anything he had wrongfully taken by restoring fourfold. Not only repaying what he had taken, but also giving to the poor.

You understand of course that man can steal from man, both tangible and the intangible. He can also steal from God. There is not space to really elaborate on this subject, but perhaps enough has been said to start you thinking.

Where there is a violation of this commandment, Jesus is the answer.



JACKSON, MISS.—KELLY ELECTED MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE—Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist church, Jackson, Miss., July 5 was elected as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, effective Nov. 14, and will succeed W. D. Hudgins who will retire Nov. 13. Kelly, who was elected at a special called meeting of the board, is currently chairman of the board's Executive Committee.

Foundation

IT PLEASES US

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

It pleases us when we can be of service. Many friends are calling upon us to serve as trustee for estate assets, to invest funds for life income or to provide information about such services.

Sometimes our office is flooded with work. We get behind in trying to meet all demands. We even get tired occasionally. But these are the kinds of problems we like. We are pleased because we are kept busy.

It pleases us that many of the Lord's choice people are now leaving estates to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in trust with the income to be paid to schools, children's homes, and other mission causes. Interest in Christian wills is growing as evidenced by the number of inquiries received in our office.

It pleases us that we now are privileged to administer approximately six million dollars in such funds. Each fund is a sacred trust and is administered as a continuing witness for many who are now in heaven.

It will please us for you to write our office asking for information about what you should do to prepare a Christian will. Our address: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Tennessee News Briefs

Union university will hold its annual summer orientation and registration program for incoming freshmen for the fall term on July 27. **Lewis Sewell**, dean of religious affairs at Union, will preside at the one day meeting which will feature presentations by staff and faculty members on various facets of college life, including the academic, religious and social areas. A special program for parents will be led by **Bill Bates**, director of estate planning.

Bill Highsmith, state Royal Ambassador secretary, is attending the second annual Brazilian national Royal Ambassador Congress in Rio de Janeiro this week. He went upon invitation from **Alvin Hatton**, missionary to Brazil and RA worker.

The youth chorale of the Alta Loma church, Madison, completed a tour to Ohio where they sang for the Rochester 54th homecoming celebration. They presented the musical "Come Together" by **Jimmy and Carol Owens**. The chorale is under the direction of **Phil Jewett**. **Lloyd Bardowell** is pastor of the church.

Ricky Suter, serving currently as minister of music at Center Point church, Springfield, made public his call to the gospel ministry Sunday, July 8. Pastor of the church is **John Lepper**.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Spring Creek Road church, Chattanooga, was led in revival by **Dick Baker** of Decatur, Ga. Several decisions were reported. **Elmer J. Foust** is pastor.

Madison Creek church, Goodlettsville, reported four additions during a recent revival. **Doug Anderson**, Hendersonville, was the evangelist, and special music was provided by members of the Doug Anderson evangelistic team. **Gene Grooms** led the singing. **W. W. Harrison** is pastor of the church.

Elmer J. Foust, pastor of the Spring Creek Road church, Chattanooga, served as evangelist for revival at First church, Ringgold, Ga. last month. **James Cooley** led the music.

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In the Nolachucky Association, **Dwight Guy** was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Manley church. He is the new pastor at Concord church. In the same association, **Bill Wilkerson**, assistant pastor of the Buffalo Trail church, was ordained July 1 at the Talbott church.

Leroy Moore, father-in-law of **Leslie Werner**, BSU Director at UT-Chattanooga, died Wednesday, July 11. **Werner** lived in Hixson, Tenn.

George N. Turner, father of **Helen Clifton**, office secretary, Program Services division of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, died Wednesday, July 11. Funeral services were held Friday, July 13, at First church, Pulaski.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Jesse H. Newton resigned as pastor of First church, Collierville, after serving there for 12 years. The church is in the Shelby Association. **Newton** plans to serve in supply and interim work.

The new pastor of the Colonial church in Memphis is **Harris K. Counce Jr.** He came to the position from the Iuka church in Iuka, Miss., where he has served for six years. The church's former pastor, **Hollis D. Jordan**, pastor since the church was constituted in 1954, retired at the end of 1972.

Mark LeMay was called as minister of music and youth of the Antioch First church recently. He plans to enter Belmont college this fall.

Joey Rosas has accepted the call to become pastor of the Calvary church in Memphis and is already on the field. **Rosas** is a graduate of Mid-South Bible college and is attending Memphis State university.

Tom Caldwell, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, is serving as summer youth director at the Whitten Memorial church in Memphis. **J. E. Tanksley** is pastor.

In the Nolachucky Association, **C. S. Hodge** has been called as interim minister of music at Hillcrest church. **Hubert Bunch** resigned at the Cedar Creek church to accept the call as pastor of the Robertson Creek church.

Aubrey Hay, pastor of the Good Shepherd church, Amherst, Ohio, has been called as pastor of the Oakwood church in Knoxville. He will be on the field August 5.

James Brown, pastor of the Hopewell church, Hardin County Association, resigned to become pastor of the Ford City church, Sheffield, Ala.

Larry R. Merideth is the new minister of youth and activities at First church, Kingsport. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university and Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

In the Campbell County Association, **Fred Garner**, pastor of the Indiana Avenue church, LaFollette, resigned to become pastor of First church, Friendsville. He served the LaFollette church for four years. First church, Jacksboro, called **Jack Pennington** of Clayton, N.C., as pastor. He is a recent seminary graduate and is already on the new church field.

Numerous leadership changes were reported in the Madison-Chester Association recently. **Steven E. Stubblefield**, Louisville, Ky., was called to serve as minister of youth and education at First church, Bemis. He is a graduate of Union college, Barbourville, Ky., and received the Master of Religious Education degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville. **Nolen Smith** resigned the Calvary church in Humboldt to accept the call of the Raleigh church, Raleigh, Ill. The Calvary church, Jackson, called **Donald W. Martin** as minister of music and youth; and First church, Henderson, called **Trevis Otey Jr.** as summer youth director.

Rufus H. Moore, pastor of the Highland Park church, resigned to place his ministry in the Methodist church. **Moore** has been serving also as a member of the Executive Board of the TBC. **Joe T. Naylor** resigned as pastor of the Parkburg church to become pastor of the Southside church in Dyersburg.

David Irby, Union university, is serving as interim pastor at Parkview, and **Bill Bates**, Union university, is interim pastor at the Pleasant Hill church. **Ron Harber**, youth director at the Poplar Heights church, resigned to accept work at Adamsville. **Murray J. Long** was called as pastor of the Bethel church and is already on the field.

Missouri Convention

(Continued from Page 1)

Holland, a former president of the Missouri Baptist Convention, is pastor of the church.

Frank E. Myers, pastor of the First Baptist church, Warrensburg, Mo., and chairman of the convention board, indicated that the special audit of the convention's financial records now in progress would be distributed to the 51 members of the board immediately on its completion.

Within two weeks after board members receive the audit a special board meeting will be called to consider its implications, he said.

The audit is expected to be finished around the first of August. (BP)

J. M. Dawson, Baptist Statesman, Dies At 94

CORSICANA, Tex.—J. M. Dawson, who gained a national reputation as a Baptist spokesman for religious liberty, died here at the age of 94. He had been hospitalized for 10 days after a fall.

In 1946 at age 67, he became the first executive director of what is now known as the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., and served for seven years.

"Dr. Dawson was a pioneer in the development in Washington of a joint witness to Baptist concerns for separation of church and state," said John W. Baker, associate director in charge of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee.

"His voice and wisdom will be sorely missed by all of those who attempt to follow in his footsteps," said Baker.

For more than 31 years previously Dawson was pastor of First Baptist church,

Waco, Tex.

During that period he served as publicity director for the "75 Million Campaign," an effort to raise \$75 million for Southern Baptist Convention causes, 1919-24.

He was also chairman of the SBC Executive Committee in 1945.

Founder Of Americans United

A major impetus to his interest in religious liberty came in 1944-45, when he was chosen to represent U.S. Baptists at the founding of the United Nations in San Francisco.

In 1945, he carried petitions with more than 100,000 signatures calling for a declaration of religious liberty to be incorporated in the U.N. charter.

He was a founder of Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the J. M. Dawson chair of religious liberty and studies at his alma mater, Baylor university, Waco.

Dawson wrote thousands of articles and book reviews. He completed the last of his 12 books at age 89. It was his best known volume, "America's Way in Church, State and Society," published by The McMillan Co.

He began his writing career in the late 1890's as a prize-winning country correspondent for the "Dallas Morning News."

He turned down a staff position with that

paper to study for the ministry at Baylor university, from which he graduated in 1904. Later he was religious book editor for the "Dallas News", southwestern correspondent for "The Christian Century" and book editor of the "Homiletics Review."

Dawson was editor of the "Baptist Standard" for one year, 1907-08, taking the helm of the Texas Baptist publication, when he merged his "Western Evangel," published in Abilene, Tex., with the Dallas-based "Standard."

Founded Hospital Also

While an undergraduate at Baylor, Dawson founded the campus newspaper, the "Baylor Lariat," and the school's yearbook, the "Roundup."

During his tenure at pastor of First Baptist church, Waco, he was a founder of the Hillcrest Baptist hospital there.

Dawson, who was to have been honored as an outstanding Baylor alumnus during 1973 homecoming activities, was born June 21, 1879, in Maypearl, Tex., the oldest of 13 children of a tenant farmer. He received his early education from his mother.

Funeral services were conducted in Waco, by Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist church there. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco.

Dawson is survived by two daughters, three sons, four sisters, two brothers, 17 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

His wife, the former Willie Turner of Dallas, was a widely known church leader and speaker. Mrs. Dawson died in 1963. (BP)

Cooperative Program

The Success Story

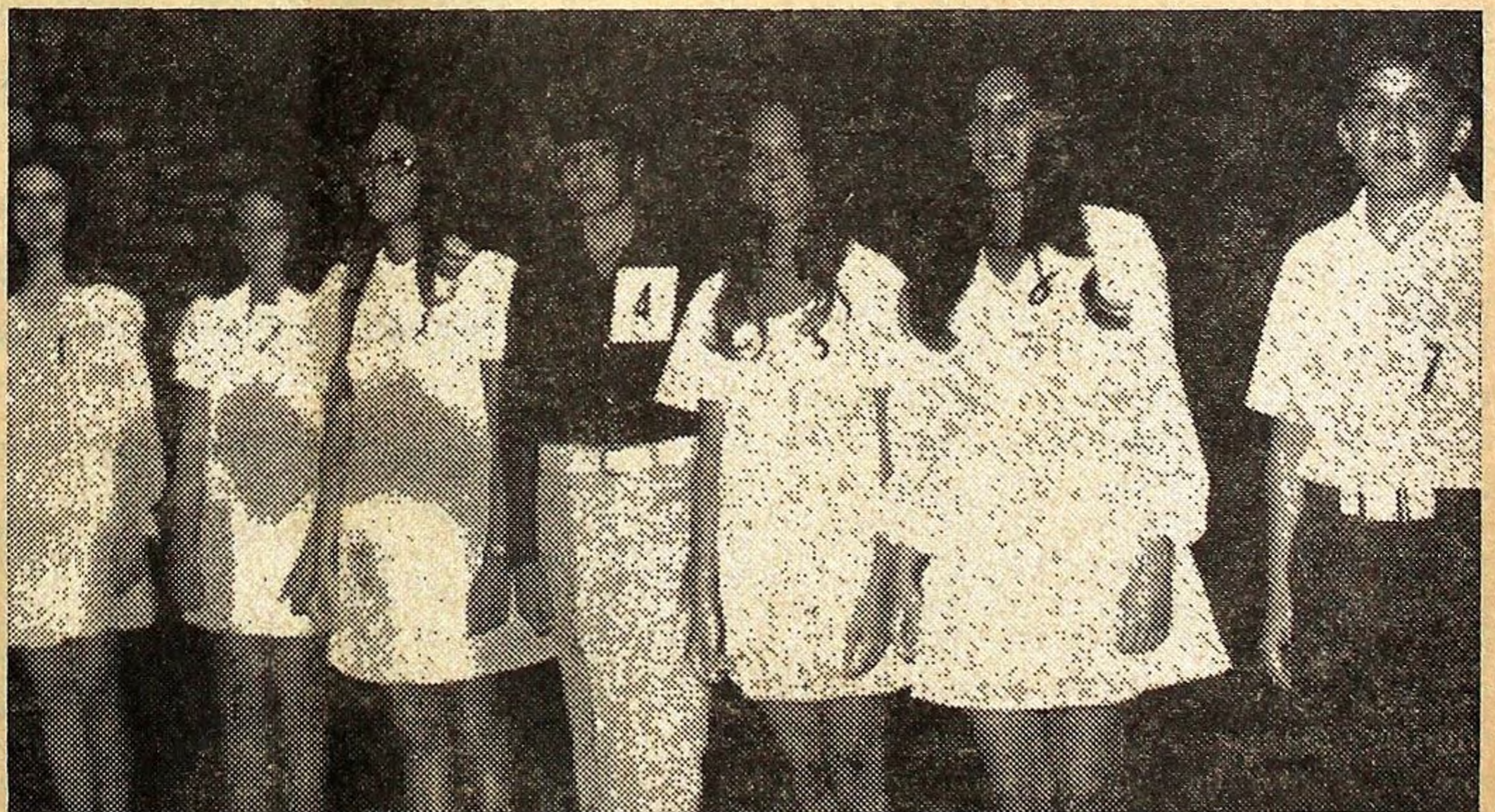
By W. C. Summar, Secretary
Stewardship Dept., TBC

Tennessee Baptists shared \$4,582,521.48 from their church offerings through the Cooperative Program during the first eight months of the fiscal year, November 1972-June 1973. Last year to date, they had shared \$4,266,550.60, an increase of \$315,970.88 or 7.41%. Funds received are 72% of the annual budget. A year ago 71% of the annual budget had been received. The present budget is \$360,000 larger.

Anything less than this increase would be a decrease in what the Cooperative Program dollars could purchase in mission services on the world mission market. Due to greatly increased prices with inflated and devalued dollars, adjustments have been mandatory in associational, state, home and foreign missions. This has been done without any reduction in mission services.

This is ground for all of us to praise God and thank the churches for sufficient Cooperative Program funds to enable continued advance in world missions.

Now, what about the remaining four months, July - October? To me it never looked brighter. God is in it. This is His work. We are laborers together with Him. There is to be no let up from the church leaders in telling the success story of the Cooperative Program. Churches will liberally respond when they know the story. Recently a pastor told me that his church increased Cooperative Program giving 8% on changing from a set dollar to a percentage giving. The Spirit of Christ prompts liberal sharing of church receipts through the Cooperative Program.



Tennessee young people participating in the State Youth Bible Drill in Brentwood July 6 included (L to R): Betsy Pierce, Rugby Hills church, Memphis, Shelby Association; Anita Bottoms, Shellsford church, McMinnville, Central Association; Kathy Smith, Shelbyville Mills church, New Duck River Association; Jeff Moore, Pond Grove church, Rockwood, Big Emory Association; Sharon Pearson, Grace church, Morristown, Nolachucky Association; Kathy Edwards, Emmanuel church, Humboldt, Gibson Association; and Jeff Ross, Brainerd church, Chattanooga, Hamilton Association.

First place award went to Betsy Pierce, and alternate award was received by Jeff Moore. Betsy will represent Tennessee in the Youth Bible Drill held July 15-21 at Ridgecrest. The Bible Drill is sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Cooperative Program Receipts Up 7.4 Per Cent Thru June

NASHVILLE—Gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes increased substantially in June bringing the total Cooperative Program contributions to \$25,379,441.88 for the first nine months of the fiscal year, an increase of 7.4 per cent.

Cooperative Program receipts for the month of June amounted to \$2,995,143.54,

a 12.06 per cent increase. The Cooperative Program is the denomination's unified budget.

Designated giving for Southern Baptist national causes was up 57.48 per cent to \$2,534,390.02 during June.

Porter Routh, SBC Executive Committee's executive secretary-treasurer, commented, "The spirit of compassion and cooperation expressed in the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, is reflected in the receipts from the states in June."

He pointed out that designated gifts for the first nine months of the fiscal year were up 1.16 per cent, to \$25,025,990.92, largely because of special offerings for home and foreign missions. Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions amounted to \$5,728,586 through June.

The combined total for Cooperative Program contributions, which are undesignated, and designated gifts through June amounted to \$50,529,533.56, an increase of 4.21 per cent.

The amounts reflected in the financial report prepared by the SBC Executive Committee do not include funds contributed to local and state Baptist mission efforts. The report includes only financial support for national and worldwide Baptist mission efforts. (BP)

Bible Nuggets

The Measure Of A Man

By T. B. Maston

Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

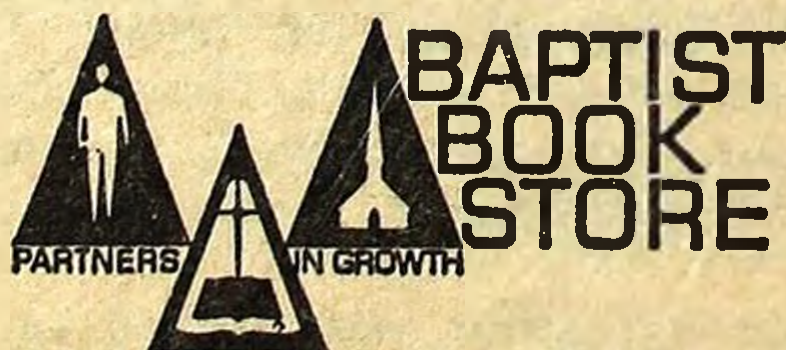
Until we all attain . . . to a mature manhood and to a perfect measure of Christ's moral stature (Eph. 4:13, Williams).

The preceding scripture is in that marvelous passage about the work of the prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers. Paul said that their task was to equip the saints of God's people and that the latter, along with the former, were to do the work of ministry. An important phase of that work was and is that we may attain a "perfect measure of Christ's moral stature."

The more we move in that direction, the clearer we will see that we are far from attaining to that stature. We do not expect to measure up fully even when we reach the end of life's journey. We do believe, however, that this is a standard by which a Christian should measure his life. No other standard is adequate; and none other will continue to challenge us as we mature in and for Christ.

How tall do we stand when measured by "Christ's moral stature"? How tall in the home? In the church? In the community? What is possibly more important: Are we taller today than yesterday? This week than last week? This month than last month? This year than last year?

The supreme question is not "Are we mature?" but "Are we moving toward 'mature manhood,' measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ" (NEB). The answer we can give to this question depends on the vitality of our relationship to the one who is not only the measure of our maturity but also the means by which we mature or grow.



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MISSIONARY NEWS

GAZA—The Gaza Baptist Mission has leased facilities on the Mediterranean Sea here to be used as a Baptist recreation center. A former casino (local name for any club or restaurant), the center provides summer recreational facilities for Baptist hospital employees and their families and is used for church-related retreats and conferences. On Sunday afternoons informal services at the center are attended by about 90 people, many who would not come to services on the hospital compound, according to Mrs. Merrill Moore, Southern Baptist missionary. Area missionaries share responsibility for operation of the center and are available for personal conferences and witnessing. They jokingly refer to the center as "the world's only Baptist casino."

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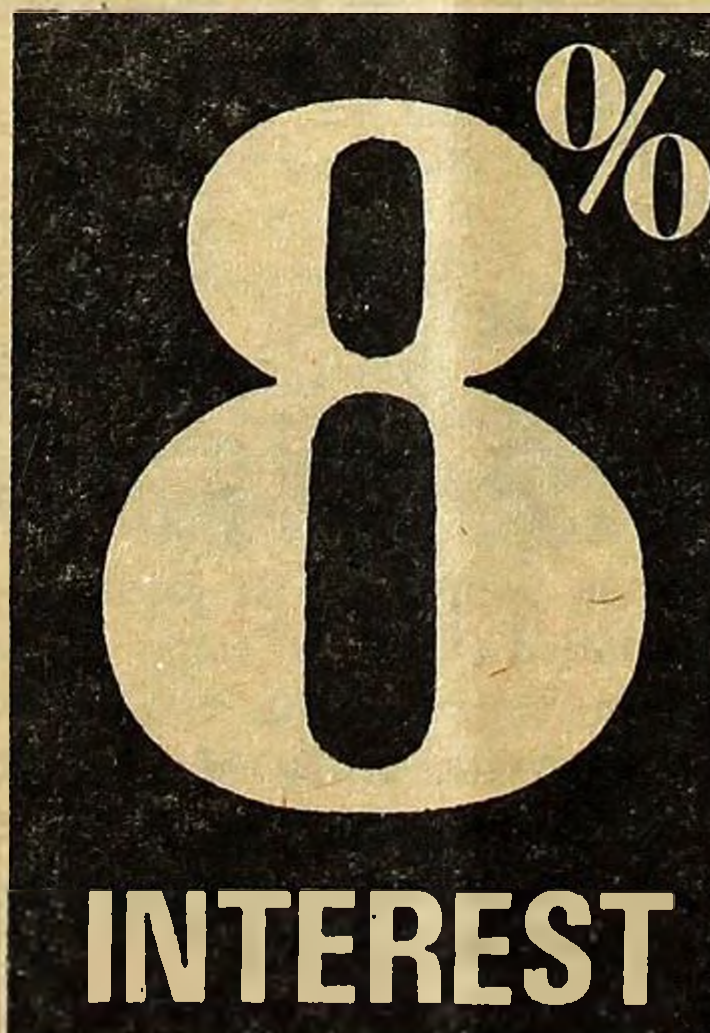
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The man he was counseling said he took the Bible from the body of a dead German soldier during combat in France in 1944. Mr. Waggoner reported. (RNS)

MISSIONARY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt M. Parker, missionaries to Brazil, were scheduled to arrive July 7 for furlough in the States. They may be addressed at 1504 Ault Rd., Knoxville 37914. He is from Knoxville, and she is the former Cosette Carter of Pigeon Forge.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Morgan may be addressed at Caixa 1041, 88000 Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Both Tennesseans, she is the former Noretta Smith. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964, he was pastor of the Southland church, Memphis.

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• **White-Collar Blues:** A survey of 2821 executives reveals an "alarming" 52 per cent of supervisory managers consider their work "at best, unsatisfying." Other findings from the American Management Association's study are as follows: 30 per cent of the executives believe business activities "have adversely affected their health in the last five years." Less than 30 per cent of the businessmen were able to say they had "never been expected to compromise personal principles to conform to organizational standards." Half of these people believe that a dynamic personality and the ability to sell oneself are "more highly valued attributes in business today" than "a reputation for honesty or strong moral conviction." (Wall Street Journal, 5/29/73)

NEW BOOKS

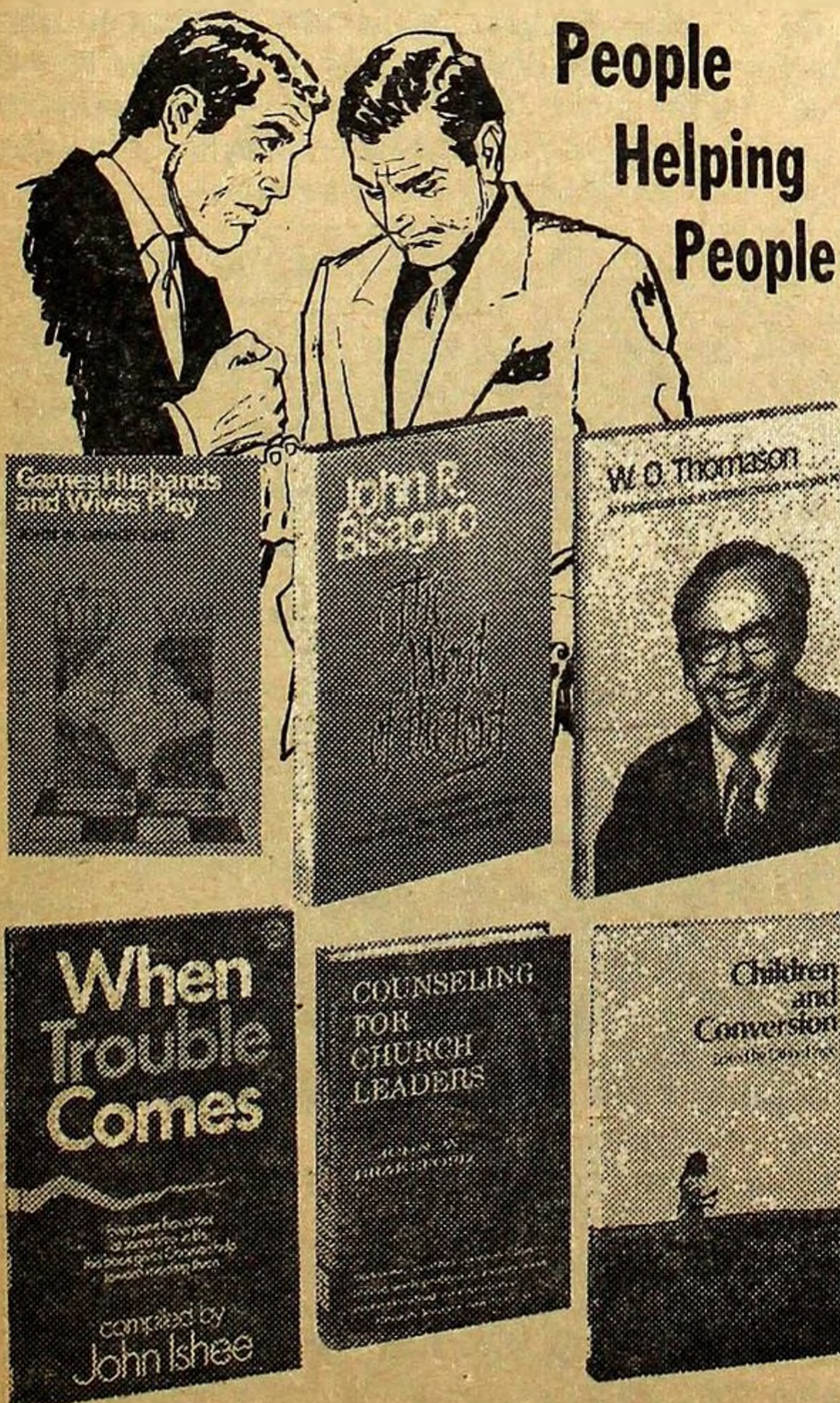
Covenant and Hope by Eric C. Rust, Word, 192 pp., \$5.95. Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel—The author draws out the theological content of the oracles of each prophet and relates it to the historical situation in which it was originally given.

The End of Youngblood Johnson by Aaron (Youngblood) Johnson as told to Jamie Buckingham, Revell, 190 pp., \$4.95. The dramatic life story of Youngblood Johnson—heroin addict, Mafia agent, pimp—and his astonishing transformation into Aaron Johnson—a dynamic young black preacher.

6,000 Sermon Illustrations by Elon Foster, Baker, 704 pp., \$7.95. Illustrations arranged alphabetically under more than 1200 entries.

Invasion of Demons by John C. Hagee, Revell, 158 pp., \$2.95, paper. The author tells of his many sensational experiences with the devil, including a terrifying gun battle in his church, and instructs Christians on ways of resisting Satan's attacks.

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Tennessee Baptist Convention Personnel Hold Workshop

By Eura Lannom

The Public Relations Workshop for personnel in public relations areas in the Tennessee Baptist Convention was held at Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill, July 11-13.

The group heard Anne Franklin, director of public relations, Baptist hospital, Nashville, talk on "Special Events" in which she told about the recent celebration of Baptist hospital's 25th anniversary of operation under the ownership of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. She shared promotional ideas used in connection with the celebration.

Ray Miller, director of communications, Tennessee Hospital Association, Inc., Nashville, discussed "Planning and Its Importance in the Effective Public Relations Program."

At the dinner meeting Wednesday evening Gene Kerr, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, presided. The speaker for the occasion was Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC. Using "Cooperation in Communications" as his subject, Norton emphasized the importance of cooperation one with another. In closing he said, "May our spirit in public relations be in such a

North Carolina Again Leads In Registration

NASHVILLE—Final tabulation for the Southern Baptist Convention June meeting in Portland, Ore., indicates that North Carolina provided 1042 of the 8871 "messengers" registered.

Attendance at the meeting was the lowest since 1951 when 6493 Baptists registered at San Francisco.

A record high of 16,678 for the convention was set in 1969 at New Orleans.

Officials commented that the low attendance this year was due to the convention city being at a distance from southern and southeastern states which have large Baptist populations.

The big North Carolina delegation was due to the convenience of several chartered planes from that state, officials said.

There were 1398 registered from North Carolina at the 1972 meeting of the convention in Philadelphia, constituting the largest state group there also.

Texas Baptists were the second most numerous group at the Portland Convention, with 940 registered, according to W. Fred Kendall, convention registration secretary.

The Northwest Baptist Convention, hosting the 1973 meeting, covers two states and provided the third largest delegation with 625 registered, 225 from Oregon and 400 from Washington.

Close behind were California, 548; Alabama, 528; South Carolina, 516; and Tennessee, 514. (BP)

way that we have cooperation—that by what helps you, helps me, what helps me helps you, and all together we minister in Christ."

Brooks Parker Jr. explained the importance of setting up the right kind of exhibits, booths and displays in order to create interest in people. Parker is chief, Communication and Education Section, Tennessee Mid-South Regional Medical Program, Vanderbilt university, Nashville.

Martin Bradley, manager, Research Services Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, shared "Uses of the Opinion Research" by discussing and answering questions of the group in regard to surveys.

Speaking on "Working With Associational Missionaries," Paul Hall, associate, Missions Dept., TBC, reminded his audience "Not to forget that the missionary is a person in his own right, one who can think for himself and the people God sent him to serve. He is closer to the needs and nature of the people and is often in better position to make recommendations as to program. We must continue to recognize the autonomy of the association."

A. P. Minshew, Tom Minter, Hubert Smothers and Carl Tipton were elected as a committee to plan next year's workshop. Tom Minter, director of public and denominations relations, East Tennessee Baptist hospital, Knoxville and Carl Tipton, director of public relations, Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, were chosen as co-chairmen. Minshew is vice president for Development, Carson-Newman college, and

Hubert Smothers is president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, Seymour.

The next meeting will be held July 10-12, 1974 in the Knoxville area. Place is to be announced later. The 1975 workshop will be held in West Tennessee and it will be hosted by James M. Gregg, executive director, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., Brentwood. Motion was made and seconded that Gene Kerr would appoint a chairman each year and the workshops would be scheduled two years in advance, rotating in the following order, namely, East Tennessee, West Tennessee and Middle Tennessee. Gene Baker, director of public relations, Union university, Jackson, was appointed chairman for the 1975 workshop and Phil Pitt, assistant to the president for development and planning, Belmont college, Nashville, is the chairman for 1976.

Claude O'Shields, vice-president, Time-Rite, Inc., Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission, Wilmington, N.C., explained the services Radio and Television offer the Baptist institutions and how one can better work with the Radio and Television media.

Don Elliott, president, Don Elliott and Associates, Nashville, discussed fund drives and how they could be more effective.

"How to Work With Public Relations Agencies" was the closing message by Warren Weierman, director of Interpretative Services, Davis-Newman-Payne Advertising Agency, Knoxville. Weierman presented in dialogue how an outside agency can assist the public relations program within the institution through advertising, fund raising and recruitment.



Members of the First Baptist church of Kenton broke ground Sunday, July 1, for a new \$292,000 church complex. Work on the structure began July 11 with construction estimated to take 10 to 12 months.

Present for the ceremonies were (from left to right): Hoyt Wilson, pastor; Finley Linnell, chairman of deacons; Kevin Mashburn, youth representative; Kenneth Sparkman, Gibson County superintendent of missions; Joe Lynn West, Brotherhood director; Allen Searcey, contractor; Ralph Perryman, chairman of the building committee; Mary Jenkins, W.M.U. director; and Ella Keathely, oldest resident member.

Increases In Attendance Noted In Sunday School, Youth Group, And Camping Education Ministry

Sunday schools and other areas of Christian education are flourishing in today's society, according to a series of articles in a special issue of "Christianity Today," interdenominational magazine.

Kenneth Gangel, director of the School of Christian Education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill., reported that an informal survey of denominational Christian-education offices shows steady growth in Sunday schools and other education ministries of evangelical churches.

Major aspects of the report were: an increase in Sunday school attendance reported by 70 per cent of the denominations; an increase in youth group attendance reported by 80 per cent of the surveyed denominations; and a growth of the camping education ministry. The only ministry reporting a negative growth was vacation Bible school.

In another article, Elmer Towns, former vice president of Lynchburg Baptist college and author of 20 books on Christian education, noted rapid growth among fundamentalists. He pointed out that they are starting new colleges and seminaries at the rate of one a week, with more than sixty institutions opened in the last two years.

Craig Ellison, assistant psychology professor at Westmont college in California, warned that quality rather than quantity should be the goal of Christian education. "The individualized work of the Holy Spirit may become subordinate to the standardized approaches of presenting salvation or standardized teaching materials and mass instructional techniques," he said.



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By James M. Gregg
Executive Director-Treasurer

The Executive Committee of our Board of Trustees met last week. We provided lunch for the group at the Sheraton South Motor Inn in Nashville. As I was signing the meal ticket, the beautiful young cashier said, "O, you are from the Baptist Children's Home." I said, "Yes, do you know about our Homes?" She replied, "No, but I was reared in the Kennedy Home at Kinston, N. C." Then she related how much that Home had meant to her. She was overjoyed as if she had met a relative or an old friend. Indeed she had met a friend. I know well the Superintendent who was there when she lived at Kennedy, as well as the present Superintendent. This is one of the North Carolina Baptist Homes.

This story could be retold again and again about our own Tennessee Baptist Homes' children. Those who were given a home, a chance in life and an introduction to Jesus. This, you Tennessee Baptists make possible.

Thank you for your Mother's Day Offering which was, through July 12, \$266,286.-68. We now need only \$13,713.32 to reach our goal. If you were missed you can still have a part in this operational budget offering which closes July 31. You can mail your gift to me at 8601 Franklin Rd., Brentwood, TN. 37027

Five Tennesseans Receive Music Awards From Southern

Tennesseans received five of seven awards given during this year's honors awards program for the School of Church Music at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

Named as the most outstanding student in both voice and music history and literature was Stephen Frederic Hall, Harriman. He is a 1971 graduate of Belmont college. Paul William Rutledge, McKenzie, was recognized as the most outstanding student in piano. He is a 1971 graduate of Union university. Another Union graduate, James Kenneth Bryan, Memphis, received the award as the most outstanding student in music theory and composition.

David S. Deaderick, Chattanooga, was named the most outstanding student in conducting. He is a graduate of King college, Bristol.

The final Tennessee recipient was Susan Kay Rowland, Knoxville, who was named the most outstanding student in performance, one of the school's five academic majors.

All of the students received the awards from G. Maurice Hinson, acting dean of the School of Church Music.



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Micaiah: Peril Of False Security

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

Basic Passage: 1 Kings 22

Focal Passages: 1 Kings 22:1-3, 6, 16-17, 28-29, 34-35

We need to beware of being influenced by those who advise us to do or expect what they suspect we want to do or would like to see happen. They sustain us in our wilful thinking but are not interested in giving us the truth.

To want to feel safe when it is not backed by fact is to deceive ourselves into a very dangerous situation. The downfall of many can be traced to this form of false security.

There are plenty of people who will delight our ears in order to please us and win our esteem. They are not our true friends but our worst enemies. It is better to have those who are brutally frank than those who can smoothly make plausible that which has no basis in truth.

False prophets are very numerous today. Too many people are listening to them. At times false prophecy may appear for a while as plausible and correct but inevitably disillusionment and tragedy will ensue.

Courting Trouble—1 Kings 22:1-3

Some people go out of their way to court trouble. At least the King of Israel should have let a fortunate situation rest until he got into a better spiritual situation for moving into battle with Syria. For three years there had been peace between Israel and Syria.

He set his heart on taking Ramoth-gilead back from the Syrians. He mentioned it to his associates and when Jehoshaphat visited him, he mentioned it to him. In fact he was very much interested in having Jehoshaphat join him in the venture.

Accommodating Prophets—1 Kings 22:6

Jehoshaphat seemed to help his sister Hebrew nation. However, he wanted to know how the Lord looked on the matter.

The king of Israel called his prophets before him and some four hundred assembled to be at his service. He presented to them the matter of retaking Ramoth-gilead. He asked for their counsel and they were supposed to give him the mind of the Lord on the matter.

The prophets were quick to assure Ahab and Jehoshaphat that the attack to recover Ramoth-gilead would be most successful. They affirmed that the Lord would give them their objective. Jehoshaphat wanted more assurance. He inquired about the possibility of other prophetic information.

Ahab reluctantly told him about one oth-

er prophet but frankly admitted that he hated him because he never had anything good to say about him. However, Jehoshaphat insisted on hearing him.

Bad News For The King—1 Kings 22:15-17

Micaiah toyed with Ahab at first but Ahab would have no cynicism and demanded the truth. Micaiah then said that he saw the forces of Israel scattered as sheep without a shepherd. They had no leader or master and were advised to return home without marching upon Ramoth-gilead. Whereupon Ahab observed to Jehoshaphat that it turned out just as he had warned him. He observed that Micaiah was being true to form in prophesying evil against him.

Disregarded Warning And Disaster—1 Kings 22:28-29, 34-35

Micaiah had faithfully warned Ahab that if he and others wanted to return in peace, they had better give up the project against the Syrians. This courageous counsel was completely disregarded. He went headlong into ignominious defeat.

Ahab lost his life, dying in his chariot that was soaked with his blood. His army was routed and ordered to return home.

New Church Study Course Accepts Unused Book Awards

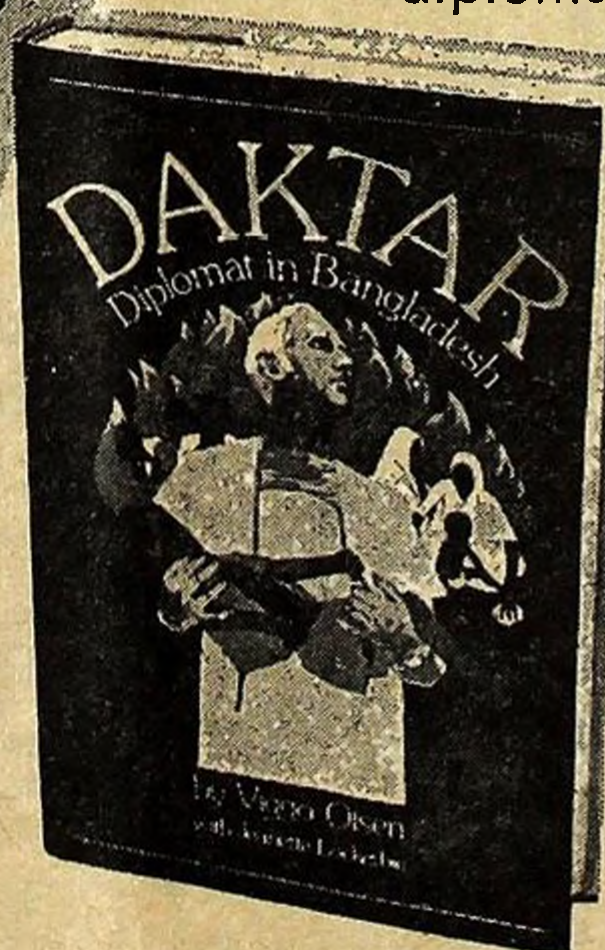
NASHVILLE—Church Study Course book awards earned by members of Southern Baptist churches between Oct. 1, 1965, and Jan. 1, 1970, can be applied toward diplomas in the New Church Study Course.

According to J. William Thompson, study course coordinator at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, holders of the old book awards may receive two credits for each award that has not been applied toward a diploma or seal in the former Church Study Course system. The board's awards office will give two credits for each book award in the former system and will apply the credits to an appropriate subject area in the New Church Study Course.

Initiated in Jan. 1, 1970, the New Church Study Course consists of Christian Leadership Courses and Christian Development Courses, including non-credit Foundational Units for Children and Preschoolers. The study course is promoted through the board's church services and materials division, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, and by respective departments in state conventions affiliated with the SBC.

His ambition caused him to follow the advice of false prophets. All of it ended in a ghastly debacle which could have been avoided had he listened to the one lonely, true prophet of God. Men are too apt to follow those who tell them what they want to hear.

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From the Executive Secretary

By Mrs. Ralph E. Norton

It is a rare occasion when a pastor's wife has the opportunity to meet with wives of other pastors and enjoy times of fellowship and sharing of mutual interests.



Norton

Several pastors' wives took advantage of such an opportunity recently when they accompanied their husbands to Belmont college to participate in the Middle Tennessee Preachers' School. Among other activities and classes, they shared in a period of study for wives in which the supportive role of a

pastor's wife was discussed freely.

Beginning with the first session on Monday, it was evident that there existed a very real hunger for fellowship with others in similar circumstances. Unlike the pastor-husband who may have frequent times for fellowship with other pastors, the wife has only rare occasions when she can spend time with even a neighboring pastor's wife. The daily routine within the home, along with school, community and church-related activities, does not provide time for this much-needed outlet. Consequently, many of the needs of a pastor's wife are not fulfilled and the deep-seated desires to "talk to somebody" are not realized.

The week together was spent in an effort to meet some of these needs. In discussing the role of a pastor's wife, we discovered through sharing our experiences that we faced many of the same problems which others have had which served to encourage and strengthen us. As we compared difficulties with the many joys which come our way, we were convinced that the role of a pastor's wife was not only challenging but fulfilling as well.

What a wonderful experience it would be if all the pastors' wives in our state could have frequent opportunities for fellowship. It would be a tremendous source

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Parents Of Seriously Defective Still Wish Child To Live

A survey of 1100 parents of babies with serious birth defects showed that the majority—81%—would still choose life for their offspring even if alternatives were offered. However, a significant number—1 in 7—admitted that they would not let their defective youngsters live if it were possible to bring death about by withholding medical care.

All parents in the survey, a first of its kind conducted by Dr. Chester A. Swinyard, prof. of rehabilitation medicine at N.Y. University Medical Center, have babies with spinal bifida, a condition in which the spine does not close and which often involves partial paralysis and absence of bladder and bowel control.

Until recently, most children with this defect soon died of brain or kidney damage. New medical approaches now prevent much of the brain damage and enable spina bifida victims to live, but their abnormalities generally make normal life difficult or impossible.

Seventy per cent of parents rejected the idea of a hospital "God Committee" empowered to decide whether a defective baby should live; 22% said they would favor such a committee. Three out of 5 couples said they would opt for abortion if they knew the wife was carrying a grossly defective child.

of inner strength which would reflect on the ministry of the pastor-husband as well as have an influence for good on the members of the church.

(Written by Mrs. Ralph Norton, wife of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer at his request. Mrs. Norton led the conference referred to above.)

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The sermon of A. U. Boone, pastor of First church, Memphis, for nearly 25 years, was broadcast over the radio throughout Tennessee. His subject was "The Evolution of Christian Experience." As a result of the sermon, many Baptists hastened to purchase their own radio sets.

E. Marshall Joyner, 80, pastor in the Southwestern District Association for over 50 years, died near West Point, Tennessee. He had served numerous churches and both associational and state positions.

20 YEARS AGO

The new mission of First church, Lawrenceburg, held ground-breaking ceremonies in East Lawrenceburg, marking the beginning of construction of an auditorium and Sunday School rooms. H. J. Rushing was pastor of First church.

Glenwood church, Nashville, observed its first anniversary with 132 members and 238 Sunday School members. The church was meeting in the home of P. B. Tichenor, but plans were underway for a new building. Grady Randolph was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Editor Richard N. Owen said that no man is properly educated until he attains a personal knowledge of the "Unchanging God," no matter how brilliant his attainments in other fields. Regardless of the changing world situation, Owen said, human nature remains the same.

Members of the West Jackson church dedicated their new, block-long, educational building valued at \$400,000. Special ceremonies were held for the structure which contained 26 departments, 110 rooms, and provided for 925 in Sunday School. David Q. Byrd was pastor.

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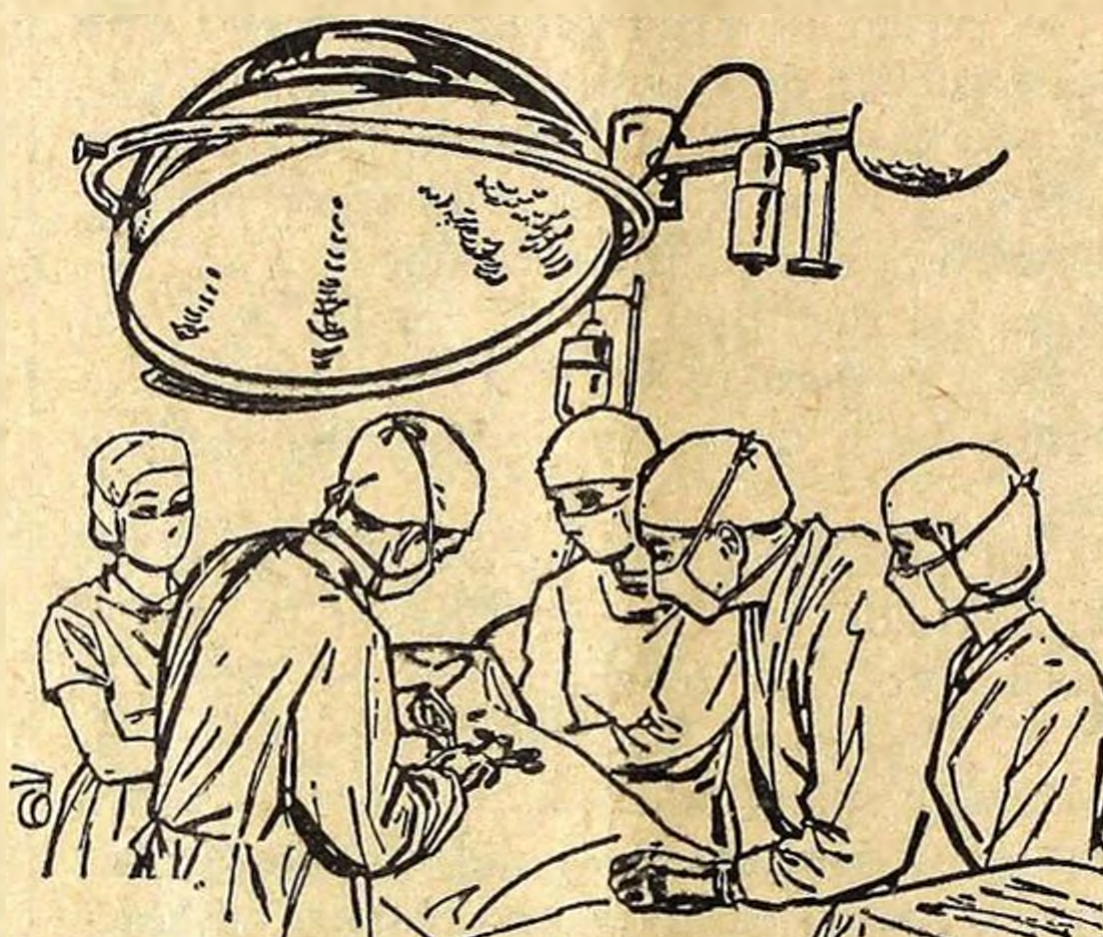
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Former POW Scores 'Treason'; Relates Importance Of Faith

By David A. Risinger

DALLAS—"The most severe test of faith for POWs came when 'treasonous Americans' visited Hanoi representing themselves as the voice of America," Capt. Howard Rutledge told 22,000 Texas youths.

Rutledge, a naval captain from San Diego, Calif., who was imprisoned in North Vietnam for 7½ years, spoke at the three regional youth conferences sponsored in as many weeks by the Texas Baptist evangelism division.

Taking sharp exception to the Hanoi visitors as the "true voice of America," Rutledge said the national media inflated their importance.

Before audiences in Dallas, San Antonio and Odessa, Tex., Rutledge confessed that he prayed for the first time in 20 years as he parachuted from his downed plane over North Vietnam in 1965.

"For the next 7½ years, I nurtured a spiritual seed planted when I was a boy growing up in the Baptist church," he explained.

His first years of imprisonment in Hanoi were in complete isolation.

"Like a blind man who is forced to develop other senses to replace his useless eyes, a man in isolation must quit regretting what he can't do and build a new life around what he can do."

Rutledge explained that this time alone produced thoughts and a new closeness to God that he would never have experienced otherwise.

"Reduced to its simplest terms," Rutledge continued, "we were sustained, first, by faith in a living God, dedication to country, devotion of families and dependence on one another."

Rutledge planned on his return home to be active in his church, First Southern church of Clairemont in San Diego. But numerous speaking engagements have allowed him to worship with that congregation only a few times.

Enrolment in graduate school this fall will scale down appearances.

Rutledge's story of imprisonment and the family who waited back home is available in a book, "In the Presence of Mine Enemies."

His wife, Phyllis, three daughters and one son dealt courageously with life without father, explains Rutledge, even when a tragic swimming accident rendered his son, John, now 20, paralyzed from his neck down. (BP)

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