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PROFIT AND LOSS

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But what things were gain to me, I counted loss for Christ."—Phil. 3:7

The Judaizers against whom Paul warned in verse 2 placed great emphasis upon their Jewish heritage. They accused the apostle of being a traitor to such. So in verses 4-6 he lists his own Jewish heritage in which he might have confidence in the flesh, according to the teaching of the Judaizers, and about which he might boast—had he a mind to do so.

In circumcision he was purely Jewish. Ishmaelites were circumcised in their thirteenth year; proselyte Gentiles in mature age; Jews on the eighth day after birth (Lk. 2:21). Literally, Paul said, "in circumcision an eighth-day man." "Stock of Israel" means that he was not a Gentile proselyte. He was of the tribe of Benjamin, the tribe of Saul, Israel's first king. "Hebrew of (out of) Hebrews" means that he was born of parents who adhered to Hebrew laws and customs in contrast to Hellenistic Jews who followed Greek customs. "As touching" or according to law a Pharisee. He was a conservative in his theology. With regard to zeal for Judaism, he had been a persecutor of the church (Acts 9:1ff.). His record of keeping Jewish law was blameless. Rob-

ertson says that he scored a hundred in Judaism.

For a Jew all these things would be on the credit or profit side. But when Paul became a Christian, he moved all of them to the debit or loss side of the ledger (v. 7). "Were" is an imperfect tense expressing continuous action in the past. In his pre-Christian life Paul had continuously regarded his Jewish heritage and record as profit. "Counted" renders a perfect tense of completeness. At the moment he received Christ he counted these things as loss—and he still regards them as such. The same verb in the present tense is used twice in verse 8. He keeps on counting them as loss.

They are such when compared to the "excellency" or surpassingness of his experiential knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord. For Christ he suffered the loss of all his Hebrew heritage as a means of salvation, counting it as "dung" (skubala). This word can mean this or something fit only to be flung to the dogs—so refuse of any kind. He did this that he might win or gain Christ. Like Paul, Christians should regard Christ as the supreme gain, so much so as to be willing to cast aside every human, earthly value for Him.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

It has been suggested that religion would be more popular if we could find a way to package it in spray cans.

This could be true. Even now, there are many people who seem to prefer their religion in "short bursts."

And there are still others who only make use of their religion when "under pressure."

But like many brands of hair spray, it would be necessary to have spray-can religion specially prepared for "the hard to hold." As flighty as some church members are, it would take this to "keep their religion in place all day."

Still, when you come right down to it, instant coffee, tea, and mashed potatoes may be all right, but I have some uneasy feelings about instant religion. For one thing, I just can't picture the preacher coming to the pulpit, bowing his head, and saying, "Let us spray."

Devotional

HIRED OR FIRED?

By Mrs. Robert H. Gay
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"To the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." Prov. 27:7

Once a hungry man sought employment in a city zoo. None seemingly was available until upon second thought the manager,



Mrs. Gay

seeing the size of the applicant, got an idea. Their gorilla had died the day before and he wanted to know if he would put on a gorilla suit and imitate for a few days. The desperate man agreed. He beat his chest, bellowed, and shook the bars of his cage and quickly gained the reputation of being the most intelligent gorilla the visitors had ever seen.

Everything was going just fine until one day, while swinging on his trapeze, he accidentally lost his grip and landed in the lion's den. The huge beast gave a ferocious roar. Backing away the impostor realized he couldn't cry for assistance without revealing his identity. He retreated, hoping to crawl back over the fence into his own cage. The lion, however, followed him. Finally in desperation he yelled, "Help!" Immediately the lion said in an undertone, "Shut up, stupid! You'll get us both fired!"

Are you Hungry?—Hungry for God's Word—hungry for service to God whether great or small or are you stalled in reluctance because you consider others to have greater abilities?

Are you Available for that waiting job in your church or does pride, laziness and disobedience keep you on the critical list?

Are you Seeking a place of usefulness or reclining in inferiority and self pity?

Do you desire to be "given to" instead of "giving out"?

Christian, wake up! A better world begins with you! God is still able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think. Listen as God's cry of "Help" comes through our churches. Dress up in your duty suit and get to work!

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Pictured above are the chairmen of the hostess committees for the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting to be held in Memphis' Audubon Park church, Nov. 12. From left to right are: Mrs. C. D. Basden, co-chairman, Eudora church; Mrs. John L. Jackson, nursery, Broadmoor church; Mrs. Minnie Avens, decorations, Germantown church; Mrs. Polk Davidson, signs and badges, Berclair; Mrs. Cecil Ivie, general co-chairman, LaBelle Haven church; Mrs. Chester Hart, registration, Ridgecrest; Mrs. William Wilburn, general chairman, Germantown church; Mrs. Gordon Crocker, young people's director, Rugby Hills church; Mrs. W. L. Spencer, First Aid, Glen Park church; and Mrs. Boyce L. Graham, hospitality, Audubon Park church. Also pictured are Mrs. Fred Holmes, co-chairman, hospitality, Berclair church; Mrs. W. W. Lee, check room, Raleigh church, and Mrs. W. T. Clark Jr., usher, Broadmoor church. Not pictured is Mrs. O. V. Patton, transportation and parking, White Station church.

Belmont Alumni Elect Steve Parks

Steve Parks, financial and business analyst of Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Co., was named president-elect of the Belmont college Alumni Association for 1973-74 by vote of the 2000 member association. Announcement was made this week by outgoing president Noel E. Loper, Nashville banker, who serves until Dec. 1.

Loper will be succeeded by Ron Baumgartner, minister of music at First church, Donelson, current president-elect of the alumni association.

Elected with Parks was Sue Marie Truitt, Nashville, vice-president for projects and services. Re-elected to his present office was John E. Benz, vice president for finance. Both Benz and Miss Truitt will serve two years.

Three other Nashville women will serve an additional year on the association's executive committee. They include Mrs. William T. Davis, vice president for communication; Mrs. James M. Brooks, vice president for homecoming; and Mrs. James L. Smithey, secretary.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY ENROLMENT SHOWS 1304 THIS SEMESTER

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Southern Baptists' oldest institution is still growing at the seasoned age of 114.

Southern Seminary began classes this term with 1304 students enrolled, up from 1193 at this time last fall. The nine per cent increase marks the twelfth consecutive year in which the student body has grown. In 1961 enrolment was 817.

There are 92 students from Tennessee attending the Seminary this term.

L. Taylor Daniel To Represent Annuity Board At Convention

L. Taylor Daniel, senior vice president, director in development, will represent the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board at the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Memphis, Nov. 13-15.

He will present the Board's ministry in providing retirement and insurance plans to ministers, church staff members, and employees of denominational agencies.

He will be available also, as schedule permits, to discuss various matters of Annuity Board business. Or he will explain retirement and insurance plans available to suit an individual's needs and finances, as requested.

Also available for personal contacts will be Vern Powers, Annuity Board representative for Tennessee.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Mr. Lester:

As Editor of our Baptist paper, I appeal to you in a very important issue. I am seeking out the Christian women across our nation to take a stand against the movies shown and those coming that are degrading the American home. We are contacting all churches in our area and other states to ban together for this cause.

We are sick and tired of our young people being exposed to this garbage. I have written Dr. Valentine and Miss Hunt to help where they can in this matter. We will hope the Baptist women will lead in this as we contact Methodists, Presbyterians, Church of God, and all women that are Christians. We meet on Tuesday morning for prayer and Bible study, and we know God is leading us.

Pray with us as we seek out more Christians in this matter. Thank you.

Bernice Barlew
1825 Clayton Dr.
Chattanooga, Tennessee

BAGLEY NAMED TO ALABAMA ETHICS POST

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—George E. Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention, has become the first appointee to the State of Alabama's newly-created Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission was created as a result of a tough new ethics bill passed this year by the Alabama legislature.

Commission members will be called on to interpret the new ethics law, some provisions of which are already under fire. (BP)



NASHVILLE—Miss Josephine Pile, senior editor of youth materials in the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, recently was awarded the status of Career Professional Employee for her 29 years' service and outstanding contributions to the ministry of the Sunday School Board. James L. Sullivan (left), president of the board, and Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division, are shown here with Miss Pile as she received the award.

Perfect Love

Our Bible reminds us in many ways that perfect love casts out all fear—of the known and the unknown. This same perfect love which must be an outstanding characteristic of the Christian, permits also the working out of perfect love and understanding among God's people in a secular world where such love is—to say the least—not an outstanding characteristic.

Our nation is perhaps in one of its most difficult periods in nearly 200 years of national history. We are indeed, in this editor's opinion, at a cross roads in our national life. And, we cannot point out too often how very much the unsettled conditions at a national political level leave their imprint upon religious life.

Whatever the ultimate circumstances reveal in terms of guilt or innocence, we have witnessed recently a sad spectacle in the resignation of a vice president of our nation. Full facts in this situation may never be known fully by the American public. The problems which brought about the resignation of Vice President Agnew are not new—nor are they ended with his resignation.

The events which have demanded such large-scale coverage in the news mediae do, however, contain a lesson for Christians if we take half a moment to examine events closely in the light of Biblical teachings and American legal processes. We tend to forget that one is innocent until proven guilty. At a national level, we seem to have accepted as a part of the American way of life character assassination by insinuation. Our regard for law and order, for "due process" and for careful protection of the innocent has given way, in many instances to expediency.

Lessons for Christians in our world today are all too clear—again—if we just take time to examine the world in which we live. Unless we are very careful, we are in danger as Christians of becoming so much a part of the world that the non-Christian cannot tell where "the world ends and the church begins."

Institutional or organized religion in America today is in many ways "big business." Without the element of perfect love in Christ, and the understanding and compassion which this love engenders, we have defeated the very purposes for which our lives as Christians are committed: To bring a lost world to Jesus Christ.

If we are no different from the secular world in our conduct, be it in the local church, the association, the state convention, or the Southern Baptist Convention then we

have lost that distinctiveness which sets us apart: "In the world but not of the world." Thus, if the world cannot really tell the difference in the conduct of the Christian and the non-Christian, how then may we really expect the world to believe and accept the fact that as Christians we are different, set apart, and have a unique heritage eternal and immortal?

As full-time Christian servants, we cannot—most assuredly—accomplish Christ's goals ourselves. We may serve as leaders, under shepherds, and under God's leadership provide direction and guidance. BUT, at this point we must never forget that the men and women in the pew—the laity—have a God-given and divinely-appointed responsibility also. And, parenthetically, we might add, that too many laymen today feel they are being left out of the main stream of Christian leadership. If they feel this strongly enough, we have lost their usefulness as well as their confidence. They must know and participate in our common tasks.

This editorial is not as "disjointed" as it may appear. Because, in summary, the point in this particular style of writing is to assert strongly that again, perfect love, which is the basis of understanding and cooperation, must exist between and among Christians. There is no room for pettiness, jealousy, rivalry, or other attributes associated with worldly conduct.

If we are to be what Christ would have us to be, and if we are to do His will on earth, we must be sustained and directed by the love which Christ had for those created in the image of God. We are at a turning point. Either we unite in a strong Biblical presentation of eternal truths which will bring men into a personal relation with and knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, or we are no better force for Kingdom advancement than the most worldly-oriented individuals.

It has been a long time since we have heard a strong sermon on the Second Coming, and the resultant consequences and joys. We may be nearer that time than we think. Our Bible tells us clearly that we do not know the hour nor do we know the day when the Son of Man shall appear.

It is mandatory, therefore, for us that in Christian love, we unite in presenting to a lost world the message of salvation. We cannot do this without love in our hearts for this world, its inhabitants, and concern for them recognizing that each and every one of us is God's creation!

(JAL)

'Creative Learning N'Counter' To Be Held In Knoxville, Nov. 19-20



Rigdon



Smith



Sharp



Mays

A state-wide and regional "Creative Learning N'Counter" will be held at First church, Knoxville, Nov. 19-20, for all workers in Church Training. The conference will be sponsored jointly by the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Tennessee Baptist Convention Church Training Department.

The conference will focus on group learning utilizing working together, talking, and discussing subjects while using good learning methods.

Major speakers and leaders will include: Raymond Rigdon, Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention; Margaret Sharp, Glenn Smith, Reuben Herring, Gene Wright, Ethel McIndoo, Bob McGhee, Paul Jones, Nora Padgett, all with the Baptist Sunday School Board; Kenneth Miller, Alabama Church Training Department; Mic Morrow, Kentucky Church Training Department; and Mrs. John Ham-matt, state approved worker.

Rigdon will speak in the opening session on "Motivation." Other topics of discussion will include "New Educational Ideas in Local Churches," and "Creating Learning Climate in Church."

Age group encounter conferences will be

offered for general officers with a division for under 500 church members and over 500 church members; adults; youth leaders; children's leaders; preschool teachers; youth; children; and preschoolers.

Additional instruction will be provided in drama, learning lab, posters, enlistment, and cracker counter for preschool teachers.

The conference will convene at 6:00 p.m., Nov. 19, and conclude with the 7:00 p.m. session, Nov. 20.

Belmont Aid Sets November 1 Meeting

NASHVILLE—The Belmont College Aid will hold its first meeting of the 1973-74 academic year Thursday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m. in the college's Massey Auditorium.

Mrs. E. DeVaughn Woods, president, announced a theme of "Belmont's Family Affair." Mrs. Henry Horrell, chairman, will introduce the program.

Those participating in the program include Andra and Sandra Bradley, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Bradley; Brenda, Teresa, and Dianne Thompson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson; and Dean, Mark, Delores, and Russell Richardson, sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Richardson, all of Nashville. All are current Belmont students except Dean Richardson, who graduated last spring.

The Richardson family was recently featured in a Nashville newspaper for being the first family to have all four children, plus their mother, enrolled at the same time as Belmont students. They will present an original family skit at the Belmont Aid program.

Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, Belmont president, will conclude the program with a brief address on the theme, "Requiem or Reveille?"

Following the meeting, a coffee will be held in Acklen Hall with Brentwood (Tenn.) Baptist church serving as host. Mrs. William D. Fox is chairman of hostesses for that event.

Our Cover

Eudora Baptist church, Memphis, will be the meeting place of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Nov. 13-15. It is located at 4684 Poplar Avenue. Fred M. Wood, pastor, is the president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Pastors' Conference is scheduled to meet there on November 12-13.

Royal Ambassador Week To Be Observed November 4-10

The week of Nov. 4-10 has been declared as Royal Ambassador Week in the State of Tennessee by Governor Winfield Dunn. Churches across the state and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will observe the week using Royal Ambassadors for leadership.

The date has been selected each year as the first full week in November, according to Bill Highsmith, state Royal Ambassador secretary. Highsmith said that on the opening Sunday, RAs would be used to usher, read scripture, lead in prayer, or lead the singing.

They will be repeating the pledges, and there will be recognition services for the advancement the boys have completed. Several churches have announced that they are using the evening worship service to make presentations on ways RAs are involved in mission emphasis.

Association-wide banquets will be held throughout the state with mission displays, camping trips, and other activities being planned.

Highsmith urged churches that do not have an active RA program to observe Nov. 4 as Baptist Boys' Day, calling attention to the boys in their church and emphasizing the need of having a mission organization for boys.



RICHMOND—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, presents Miss Lorene Tilford, emeritus missionary to Taiwan who served 36 years, with a certificate and love gift from the Foreign Mission Board at a recognition service in Richmond. A native of Tennessee, Miss Tilford said in her testimony that she thought it was significant that of the nine recognized, seven were single women. "I hope you'll encourage single women who feel called to be missionaries," she said.

Bradley County Association Admits Cloverleaf Church

Messengers to the Bradley County Association met in annual session earlier this month and elected Harold Smith, pastor of the Westwood church, as moderator.

Elected to serve with Smith were: vice moderator, William Spencer, pastor, First church, Charleston; treasurer, John Pay-singer, member of Valley View church; and clerk, Ernest Condee, pastor of Stuart Park church.

According to J. W. Rymer, superintendent of missions, Cloverleaf church, located east of Cleveland, was admitted into the association as a new church. Its pastor is Wayne Cooper.

The meetings were held Oct. 8-9 at First church, Westwood church, and Oak Grove church, all in Cleveland.

Nine Emeritus Foreign Missionaries Lauded For Serving 311 Years

RICHMOND—Representing a total of 311 years of service in eight foreign countries, nine emeritus missionaries were honored during a recent recognition service here.

To mark the completion of her overseas service, each retiring missionary lady was given a service pin, certificate and a love gift from the Foreign Mission Board (FMB).

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the FMB said, "They have exhibited qualities of commitment to Christ and dedication to His work which have brought blessing through the years to people on their fields of service. Their lives have been an inspiration to Christians in this country as well as abroad."

Miss Josephine Harris, a missionary to Hawaii for 27 years, organized student work there and before returning to the States, was director of university student evangelism and director of the Baptist Student Center at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. A native of Arkansas, she has lived in Louisiana and New Mexico.

Serving in Nigeria for 38 years, Miss Hattie Gardner spent the last 22 years doing evangelistic work in the Okuta area. Her responsibilities included overseeing construction of Baptist schools and churches, advising teachers and pastors, helping plan associational meetings and supervising literacy workers. A native of McBee, S.C., she taught school in North Carolina for one year prior to her appointment.

A nurse, Miss Amanda Tinkle served in Nigeria for 34 years. A native of Benton, Ark., she received her nurses training at Arkansas Baptist hospital (now Arkansas Baptist Medical center), Little Rock.

Mrs. Homer R. Littleton, completing 33 years of overseas service, was first appointed to Nigeria. She and her late husband became the first Southern Baptist missionaries in Ghana when transferred there in 1947. She is the former Ossie Price of Eastman, Ga.

Mrs. Robert F. Ricketson taught at Southern Baptist college, M'lang, Philippines, prior to returning to the States in 1972. Having served 36 years, she was first appointed to China. Her husband was president of the Philippine Baptist Theological seminary, Baguio, from 1963-66 before his death in 1970. The former Bettie Abernethy, she was born in Harmon County, Okla., and lived in Texas. Her younger son, Samuel A. Ricketson, is also a Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines.

Miss Maye Bell Taylor spent almost 35 years in Brazil as a seminary faculty member, principal of a Baptist school and director of a good will center. A Texan, she

was born in Eldorado and lived in Haskell.

A missionary for 37 years, Miss Jennie Alderman served in China and Taiwan doing evangelistic work. While in Taiwan, she worked in Keelung until 1965 and transferred to the capital city of Taipei. A native of Alcolu, S.C., she worked in a children's home in Nebo, N.C., prior to her missionary appointment.

Miss Floryne Miller, a missionary to Japan for 33 years, taught Bible classes in her home and churches in Kitakyushu. She also served in Hawaii and China during World War II. She is a native of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Miss Lorene Tilford taught English and Bible for 36 years in China and Taiwan. She studied language in Canton and Hong Kong before going to Shanghai in 1938 and later transferred to Taiwan in 1952. A native of Tennessee, she was born in Tullahoma and lived in Shelbyville and Murfreesboro.



DISCUSSING SUPERVISION—Glenn Yarbrough, left, Tennessee director of student work, discusses the doctor of ministry program with G. Willis Bennett, director of field education and Brookes professor of church and community at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Yarbrough is one of four men who will supervise doctor of ministry students during their field work requirements.



NASHVILLE—THE NEW MATERIAL SUBCOMMITTEE of the Hymnal Committee revising Baptist Hymnal met here recently to screen 500 suggestions of hymns and tunes that do not appear in the present hymnal. The recommendations of this committee will then be screened through the Theological and Doctrinal Evaluation subcommittee, and then to the full committee of 68 people for approval or disapproval.

Committee members are: (l to r, back row) Larry Black, minister of music, First Baptist church, Jackson, Miss.; Gerald Ray, minister of music, First Baptist church, Houston; Gordon Stoker of The Jordannaires, Nashville; and composer Buryl Red, New York City. First row (l to r), Mrs. Emma McCall, minister of music, Union Baptist church, Atlanta; Thad Roberts, minister of music, South Main Baptist church, Houston; William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and chairman of the Hymnal Committee; Claude H. Rhea, Samford university, Birmingham, Ala.; Donald P. Hustad, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Sharron Lyon (seated), keyboard consultant for the church music department of the Sunday School Board.

VICTORY IN SUFFERING

By Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, President, Belmont College, Nashville

Background Scripture: Romans 8
Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:31-39



Gabhart

Chapter VIII has been called by some as The Matterhorn (a horn-shaped peak rising 14,705 feet on the boundary between Switzerland and Italy) of the Holy Scripture. Paul, both in expression and content, seems to soar to heights of beauty, profundity and buoyancy. In Chapter VII we see man's failure in himself; while in Chapter VIII we discover man's victory in the Spirit.

The Inevitability and Value of Suffering

Life is not easy nor completely free of pain and suffering. Total ease and the absence of pain and suffering would not guarantee happiness and peace. Pain and suffering have value. If one broke a bone and felt no pain he might continue to bring untold harm upon himself rather than seeking the help and healing needed. Suffering is also a part of life. The problem is not what suffering does to one, but rather what it does inside of one. Longfellow once wrote, "Be still sad heart and cease repining, behind the clouds the sun is still shining. Thy fate is the common fate of all, into each heart some rain must fall, some days must be dark and dreary."

Paul, rather than dwelling upon the weakness of the flesh, the suffering of the body, points to the Holy Spirit as the indwelling Deliverer, Quickener, Guide, Assurer, Helper and Intercessor.

Accentuate the Positive, Eliminate the Negative

In Romans VIII Paul, to some at least, seems to mount a podium and with eyes closed to reality shout a bland optimism that borders on ecstasy and zealous religious fanaticism. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Paul was standing on solid ground. He had a firm basis for his proclamation. But first look at his skill in taking the threads of negation and overpowering them with assertions of God's presence and promises. This is all possible through the indwelling Spirit which inhabits the child of God.

The child of God has no need of "the spirit of bondage again to fear" because "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." (vs. 15, 16)

The Christian has no fear of aloneness, one of life's most unwanted experiences; or

futility in prayer, because "likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (v. 26).

The Christian finds through the Spirit the fulfillment of his every need, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things" (v. 32).

The Christian is no longer under condemnation as stated in verse one and reiterated in verse 34, "It is Christ . . . who also maketh intercession for us."

Not only can the Christian come through tragedy and suffering in a triumphal manner if led by the Spirit, but he will be a "super victor"—more than conqueror" (v. 37).

But once more Paul pushed the affirmations of the good things of the Spirit by closing the chapter with a marvelous statement that there can be no separation from the love of "God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (vs. 38, 39).

The whole chapter seems to ring with a divine guarantee that God through the Spirit will not forsake man nor leave him to fend for himself in a cold, non-beneficent world. In Heb. 11:1, this thought is brought out in very strong terms: "Now faith is the substance (more correctly, 'title-deed') of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In other words faith in the risen Christ gives to the Christian a title-deed to the things hoped for. And a title-deed is protection indicating possession so that which is possessed cannot be wrested from the possessor by an outsider.

The Nearness of God Through The Indwelling Spirit

Dwight L. Moody once remarked, "If I die, I am with God. If I live, God is with me. There is little difference." How true!

Hatcher Elected Truett Moderator

L. J. Hatcher, pastor of Oak Grove church in McEwen, was elected moderator of the Truett Association during its recent meeting.

Messengers met with Trace Creek church in New Johnsonville and at First church, McEwen.

William Fox, pastor of Trace Creek church, was elected new coordinator of the association. He succeeds Lauren Atkins who has been serving in the post. The association is without a superintendent of missions.

Elected to other offices were clerk, Mrs. Robert England, a member of Sylvia church, and treasurer, Leroy Crowe, a member of Waverly church.

Paul could therefore begin this chapter with the statement of no condemnation and end it with the emphasis upon no separation and include no defeat in between the two because of the Spirit's work in the Christian heart.

Throughout the lesson three simple, yet significant, truths are quite obvious. **First**, God is for the Christian. He is on the side of those who take their stand with him. When God is on man's side, man has an incomparable companion. **Second**, God is in the Christian through the person of His Spirit. The indwelling Spirit can deal adequately with human nature corrupted, directed and controlled by sin. The Spirit can help man overcome being carnally minded. He can help change the mind-set of the flesh. He can change the downbent of thought, motive and will and turn them upward upon the mind of Christ. **Third**, God is always with the Christian. The little child was right when she exclaimed to her mother, "Go ahead and turn the light out. I can see God in the dark." The hymn writer was right when he wrote, "I won't have to cross Jordan alone." The Psalmist spoke the truth also in saying, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4).

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Tennessee News Briefs

A repeat performance of the sacred opera, "Pay-Day, Someday," will be presented at the Brainerd church in Chattanooga, Sunday, Oct. 28, at 7:00 p.m., according to **J. Ralph McIntyre**, pastor. The opera, taken from the sermon of **R. G. Lee's** "Pay Day, Someday," was written by **Evelyn Gibbs**, organist at the church. The drama will be presented by the chancel choir under the direction of **Harry Hampsher**. Lead singers will include **Artie Born**, **Kent Fortenberry**, **Russell Davis**, **David Cornett**, and **Glenn Stophel**.

Information sent to **Baptist And Reflector** recently regarding the ordination of **James Phillips** to the gospel ministry was in error, according to **Mrs. Bessie Stephens**, clerk of the Liberty church, Big Emory Association. Steps were taken on Oct. 10 for initiation of the ordination on a Sunday which is yet to be named, **Mrs. Stephens** said.

Rocky Valley church, Wilson Association, dedicated its new educational wing and remodeled auditorium, Sunday, Oct. 7. Former pastor **Sam Brooks**, Cookeville, brought the dedicatory message. Other former pastors present included **Hoyt C. Huddleston**, **William H. Taylor**, and **Harry F. Nichols**. **James W. Clapp** is pastor.

Former Tennessean **Nelson Reagan** died in St. Louis, Mo. last month, according to information received from Third church, St. Louis, where he was associate pastor. Before going to Missouri, **Reagan** served as assistant to **Dr. Robert G. Lee** at the Bellevue church in Memphis. Funeral services were held in St. Louis, Sept. 26.

First church, McKenzie, ordained **Dewey Ellis** as a deacon on Sunday, Oct. 7. **O. M. Dangeau** is pastor.

Coy Brockman was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, Oct. 21, at Republican Grove church near Trezevant. **Weldon DePriest** is pastor.

Harold Allen, pastor of First church, Gallatin, is the new president of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference. Serving along with him in 1974 will be **Clyde W. Cutrer**, First church, Madison; **Lacy W. Freeman**, superintendent of missions for Robertson County Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns McIntoch, members of Springfield church, Springfield, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 14.

John C. Thomason was ordained as a deacon at Speedway Terrace church in Memphis. **Howard Rich** is pastor.

West Side church, Lake City, Clinton Association, voted to withdraw fellowship from the association. **L. V. Huskey** is pastor. **Arnold Gunter** is clerk.

Kevin Mashburn, Kenton, has completed the service aide award in ministry. The award requires 150 hours of service and carries with it a scholarship of any one of the three Baptist colleges in the state, should he desire to attend. **Mashburn** is a member of First church, Kenton, where he serves as Sunday School teacher, RA leader, and assistant pastor to **Hoyt Wilson**.

O. M. Dangeau, pastor, First church, McKenzie, marked his 10th anniversary as pastor of that church recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickman Davidson, Franklin, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary Oct. 12. They were married in 1902 in Hickman County and lived for many years in Dickson, where he received a lifetime honorary deacon certificate from the First Baptist church. He served the church as a deacon for over 50 years. Presently, he is a patient at Harris Nursing Home in Franklin, and **Mrs. Davidson** makes her home with her daughter and family, **Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Barker** in Franklin.

In Madison-Chester Association, Friendship church, Medina, is in the process of building a new auditorium. Unity church has announced plans to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church this year.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Jesse Hawkins, Fayetteville, has been called as pastor of Fairview church in Paris. He is already on the field. **Larry Higgins** of Savannah, Tenn. was called to the church as minister of music.

In Weakley County Association, **Billy Joe Patterson** is the new pastor at Ruthville church; and **Charles Wainscott** is the new pastor at Palmersville church. Bethlehem church called **Dean Doster** as pastor.

Central church, Hixson, called **Thomas E. Hill** to serve as interim minister of music and youth. **Bill Kennedy** is pastor.

Concord church, Carroll-Benton Association called **Coy Brockman** as pastor. He is already on the new field of service.

Calvary church, Humboldt, called **John D. Burke** as pastor; and Englewood church called **Trent Hall** as activities assistant. Both churches are in Madison-Chester Association. Two additional new pastors in the association are **W. H. Matthews** at Mitchell's chapel and **Dennis Buckley** at Old Friendship church.

James Keith, part-time pastor of West Nashville church in Nashville, has resigned and surrendered to preach full time. He has been employed by Neuhooff Packing Company for several years. Prior to coming to Nashville, he was pastor of the Giles Creek church in Smyrna. Both churches are part-time. **Keith** is presently without a church.

CAL GUY TO SPEAK NOV. 14 AT SOUTHWESTERN ALUMNI MEET

Alumni from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary will meet in Memphis, Nov. 14, immediately following the Wednesday afternoon session of the convention, according to **Thurman Prewett**, director of education and promotion for Shelby County association and alumni president for Tennessee.



Guy

Cal Guy, Southwestern seminary, will speak at the dinner meeting at Eudora church.

Other alumni officers include **Malcolm McDown**, pastor of Cherry Road church in Memphis, vice president; and **Mrs. E. Gordon Crocker**, Rugby Hills church, Memphis, secretary.

Tickets may be obtained at Eudora church on Monday and Tuesday of that week.

H. C. Calahan, Nashville, Dies

H. C. Calahan, husband of **Mrs. Ruth Calahan** who served as the secretary to the president of Belmont college for 16 years, died Thursday morning, Oct. 18, in Nashville.

Mrs. Calahan served Belmont college from 1957 until her retirement in 1973. Previously she was secretary to **Porter Routh**, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 20 in Nashville with **Franklin Paschall**, pastor of First church, officiating. Burial was in Lewisburg.

Mrs. Mary Boggs, 84, Baptist Writer, Dies

Mrs. Frank Boggs, mother-in-law of **James Canaday**, pastor of Central church, Johnson City, died Oct. 16 in a Johnson City hospital. She was 84.

Mrs. Boggs was a retired school teacher and worked for several years as a writer of youth material with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. She was a state approved worker in Church Training and was active in WMU work. She was the author of three religious books.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 19, at First church, Humboldt with **Raymond Boston** officiating. Burial was in Humboldt.

Mrs. Boggs is survived by two daughters: **Mrs. James Canaday** with whom she made her home in Johnson City; and **Mrs. Bob White**, Humboldt; and four grandchildren.

REPORT OF SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE ON BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

The 1973 Tennessee Baptist Convention approved the following motion made from the floor, "that a special 'Study Committee' be appointed to study our Tennessee Baptist Convention system of board and committee membership with attention to the areas of broad representation, lay-membership, tenure, and multiple individual assignments—in the light of the general practices of other major Southern Baptist State Conventions as well as the Southern Baptist Convention. That this committee shall have at least one public hearing in each Grand Division. That this committee shall report back to the Tennessee Baptist Convention the first day of the 99th Annual Session of that body in 1973. That this committee shall be named by the Committee on Committees before January 1, 1973. That this committee shall be composed of seven members with at least two members from each grand division."

The Tennessee Baptist Convention Committee on Committees met December 21, 1972 and named the following to serve on this study committee: Charles R. Ausmus, Knoxville; W. A. Boston, Memphis; George E. Capps, Jr., Cookeville; Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Knoxville; Robert Jelks, Paris; James Jennings, Woodbury; Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville.

The committee held public hearing meetings on July 16 in Jackson, July 17 in Morristown, and July 19 in Brentwood. Attendance at the meetings totalled 70, not counting the committee members, as follows: 27 pastors, 18 lay men/women, 17 representatives from our institutions and agencies, and 8 associational missionaries. The committee received 9 letters from individuals, institutions or associations.

The spirit of the public hearings was excellent. In each instance about everyone present offered suggestions, a few of these producing some discussion by the groups. The committee itself listened, offered information when requested, but did not seek to justify or defend any present plan or procedure relating to the area of its assignment. We took the position that we were to listen and later evaluate what we heard and then determine what kinds of recommendations we felt would be appropriate to make to the convention. While the attendance at the hearings was small, we felt that all of the suggestions were made in a serious vein. Some of them did reveal areas where we feel improvement can be made. Others seemed to us to be impractical for Tennessee Baptists at this time.

Based on what we heard and on our knowledge of the needs, history, and hopes of the Tennessee Baptist Convention institutions and agencies, as well as our understanding of Tennessee Baptists themselves, we have prepared our report in four sections:

- I. Proposed guidelines which the Committee on Committees and Committee on Boards might follow in carrying out their work.
- II. Proposed changes affecting membership on Convention boards and standing committees.
- III. Proposed special recommendations to the Convention.
- IV. Proposed Constitution and Bylaw changes that would be necessary to implement any of our suggestions which the Convention might approve.

I. GUIDELINES

Our study indicates that the work of the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Boards could be improved if some guidelines were established, which guidelines could be incorporated in the bylaws of the Convention. These guidelines might be:

1. Members of these committees should not nominate themselves to fill any vacancies existing on any convention standing committee or convention board.
2. Individuals over the state should be encouraged to send suggestions for nominees to these two committees, including supporting data as to their qualifications and availability.
3. A form should be printed in the Baptist state paper by which suggestions could be made to these committees, the form bearing the signature of the person making the suggestion.
4. The initial meeting of these committees each year should be announced as an "open" meeting when individuals or heads of institutions or agencies could appear before the committees to offer suggestions of and about possible nominees.
5. The head of each institution should be asked to submit the names of three persons for each vacancy to be filled on his board, with supporting data on why these persons would make suitable board members, a practice that is now being followed.
6. If the Committee on Boards considers some one else, other than a person suggested by the head of an

institution, for any vacancy on a board, the committee should confer with that official concerning the qualifications of the person being considered, it being understood that the final decision on the nomination rests with the committee.

7. The Committee on Boards should be aware of any requirements of the accrediting agencies which are related to our hospitals, colleges, academy, or childrens homes as these requirements affect the work of the committee, keeping in mind the requirements of the Tennessee Baptist Convention constitution and bylaws. If and when conflicts develop in this area, the committee shall so advise the convention and the convention shall consider ways of reconciling the conflicts.

8. These two committees should keep in mind the desirability of the following principles in making nominations: a broad representation of geographical areas, differing sizes and types of churches, a variety of professional and educational backgrounds, different age groups, with both lay men/women and ministers included.

9. These committees should not nominate a person to a Convention board or standing committee who receives a part or all of his salary from the Tennessee Baptist Convention or one of its subsidiary units.

SUMMARY OF THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION, 17 YEARS

Board or Committee	Current size	Total Individuals	Total Ministers	Total Laymen
Executive Board	75	254	227	27
Tennessee Baptist Foundation	15	51	12	39
Children's Homes	27	106	67	39
Carson-Newman College	33	103	49	54
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	21	85	66	19
Belmont College	33	117	56	61
Union University	45	117	53	64
Baptist Memorial Hospital (Tennessee members)	9	26	18	8
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital	27	97	42	55
Baptist Hospital, Nashville	27	65	17	48
Committee on Arrangements	9	69	55	14
Committee on Audits	9	45	32	13
Committee on Boards	9	52	46	6
Committee on Committees	9	70	60	10
Committee on Credentials	9	55	48	7
Committee on the Journal	9	60	46	14
Committee on Resolutions	9	50	48	2
TOTALS	375	1422	942	480

The most frequently offered suggestion was that more people should be involved in board and committee memberships. Since the total membership of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is 917,502 this suggestion has validity even though our past record in this area has been commendable.

We offer the following suggestions affecting memberships on the convention's boards and standing committees.

1. Hereafter, individuals nominated to serve on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention should not be nominated to serve on any other convention board or standing committee.

2. After present memberships expire, no individual should serve on more than one board and one standing committee at the same time, except as follows: three trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Foundation must also be members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board and the Tennessee trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, may serve on one other board of a Tennessee Baptist institution.

3. The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention should be enlarged from 75 members to 99 and the equal representation in each of the three grand divisions of Tennessee should be retained.

4. A trustee or standing committee member may be replaced at his request (upon his resignation) or for just cause (such as poor attendance record, removal from Tennessee, or reasons of a similar nature) by the Convention's Executive Board upon recommendation to it by the Committee on Boards or the Committee on Committees.

5. Membership on standing committees should be increased from 9 each, as at present, to 15 each, with the Committee on Committees nominating all standing com-

10. The Committee on Boards should no longer feel that all of its nominations should be confined to the geographical area where an institution or agency is located, but their nominees should be residents of Tennessee and members of churches affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

II. CHANGES

Our study reveals that some changes in our policies relating to membership on our boards and standing committees might properly be considered.

Some interesting background information has been assembled which has affected our study. A compilation of records which have been kept since 1955 (for the past 17 years) was made to determine the distribution on our various boards and committees between ministers and lay people. While there are now 375 places of service represented on these groups, the boards and committees have varied in size during these 17 years. The report indicates that a total of 1422 persons have served during these years. Assuming that each of 375 members had served only the six years possible before rotation, theoretically 1125 different individuals could have served during the 17 years. Actually 1422 have served.

mittees excepting itself, which committee should be nominated by the Committee on Boards.

6. Any trustee who moves from one grand division of the state to another should not be required to vacate his office, except members of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, in which instance he or she should serve to the end of the convention year as at present.

7. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention should be an ex officio member of all convention committees.

III. SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on our study, our committee makes the following three recommendations:

1. We recommend that a new standing committee, to be called "Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws," should be named according to procedures followed in naming other standing committees. This committee should periodically review the convention's procedures concerning its boards of trustees and its standing committees and it should be the committee to study any other matters relating to the convention's constitution and bylaws that may be necessary or may be referred to it by the convention.

2. We recommend that churches affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention should be encouraged to pay all, or a part, as each church determines, of the expenses of its lay members who are appointed as messengers to the convention.

3. We recommend that our institutions make a special effort to use all of their trustees, in a working relationship through the creation working of subcommittees or in such manner as each institution shall determine.

IV. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHANGES CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Article VI, Paragraph 2:

Present	Proposed
Number of Directors and Residence	Number of Directors and Residence
2. The Directors of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall be seventy-five (75) in number, at least twenty-five (25) of whom shall reside in each grand division of the state. (No change in balance of paragraph.)	2. The Directors of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall be ninety-nine (99) in number, at least thirty-three (33) of whom shall reside in each grand division of the state. (No change in balance of paragraph.)

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Present**Term of Office**

4. Any director changing residence from the grand division of the state in which such director resided at the time of election shall thereby vacate the office.

Proposed**Term of Office**

4. Any director changing residence from the grand division of the state in which such director resided at the time of election shall continue to serve only until the end of the Convention year.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS**Article II, Section A, Paragraph 2:****Present****Division**

2. Not less than one third of the members of each committee shall reside in each grand division of the state.

Proposed**Division**

2. One third of the members of each committee shall reside in each grand division of the state. If a member moves to another grand division he may serve only until the end of the Convention year.

Article II, Section A:

Add a new paragraph to be numbered 8 and to be headed Ex Officio Member:

Ex Officio Member

8. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

Article II, Section B:

In the list of Standing Committees, add these words: 8. Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws.

In the paragraph headed Membership, make the following change:

Present

Each of the Committees shall be composed of nine members.

Proposed

Each of the Committees shall be composed of fifteen members.

Article II, Section B, Division 1. Committee on Committees**Present****Membership**

Each of the Committees shall be composed of nine members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on Committees shall be appointed as follows:

a. Two thirds thereof by the Committee on Boards.

b. One third thereof by the president and two vice presidents of the Convention.

c. Vacancies on the Committee on Committees shall be filled by the president and two vice-presidents or the Committee on Boards, as the case may be, who appointed the person whose removal or the expiration of whose term created the vacancy.

Duties

a. Nominate members of all standing committees of the Convention, excepting the Committee on Committees and one third of the Committee on Boards.

b. Nominate two thirds of the Committee on Boards.

c. Publish its report in the state paper thirty days before the annual Convention.

d. Nominate or appoint, as instructed in each instance, special committees as authorized by the Convention or the president of the Convention.

Proposed**Membership**

The Committee on Committees shall be composed of fifteen members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on Committees shall be nominated as follows:

a. The Committee on Committees shall be nominated by the Committee on Boards.

b. Vacancies on the Committee on Committees shall be filled by the Committee on Boards.

Duties

a. Nominate members of all standing committees of the Convention except the Committee on Committees.

b. Retain paragraph c as paragraph b.

c. Retain paragraph d as paragraph c.

d. Refrain from nominating themselves to serve on other standing committees or special committees.

e. Refrain from nominating any individual who receives a part or all of his salary from the Tennessee Baptist Convention or one of its subsidiary units.

f. Encourage others to make suggestions for nominations for the standing committees.

g. Recognize the desirability of the principle of broad representation of committee members as nominations are made.

Article II, Section B, Division 2. Committee on Boards**Present****Membership**

The Committee on Boards shall be composed of nine members.

Nominations

Members of the Committee on Boards shall be appointed as follows:

a. Two thirds thereof by the Committee on Committees.

b. One third thereof by the president and two vice-presidents of the Convention.

c. Vacancies on the Committee on Boards shall be filled by the president and two vice-presidents or the Committee on Committees, as the case may be, who appointed the person whose removal or the expiration of whose term created the vacancy.

Duties

a. Nominate members of Convention boards and governing bodies of agencies and institutions sponsored by the Convention.

b. Nominate two thirds of the Committee on Committees.

c. Publish its report in the state paper thirty days before the annual Convention.

Proposed**Membership**

The Committee on Boards shall be composed of fifteen members.

Nominations

Members of the Committee on Boards shall be nominated as follows:

a. The Committee on Boards shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees.

b. Vacancies on the Committee on Boards shall be filled by the Committee on Committees.

Duties

a. Retain as is.

b. Nominate the Committee on Committees.

c. Retain as is.

d. Refrain from nominating themselves to serve on other boards or the Committee on Committees.

e. Make nominations within the limitations of Article III of these bylaws.

f. Secure suggestions for nominations to the various boards from as many sources as possible, such as the following:

(a) Various individual Tennessee Baptists.

(b) Heads of Tennessee Baptist institutions and agencies, specifically asking them to suggest three persons for each vacancy to be filled, conferring with these executives

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

By T. B. Maston

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But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29, RSV).

If I were a pastor I think I would frequently preach series of sermons. I would preach one or more series on the questions of the Bible: questions man has asked God, and questions that God has asked man. This incident in Luke's gospel has a lawyer asking Jesus a question. In response, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan, and then asked the lawyer a far more important question than the one lawyer had asked him.

The lawyer's question followed his summary of the law as supreme love for God and equal love for neighbor. Jesus had responded: "Do this and you will live." This did not satisfy the lawyer. He asked Jesus to define "neighbor." What he evidently wanted was a limiting of "neighbor" and hence of love. But Jesus never built any fences around his basic teachings—they were all limitless in their application.

Really, Jesus did not answer directly the lawyer's question. If there was an answer in the story it was that anyone in need, regardless of nationality or race, is our neighbor.

At the close Jesus asked the lawyer, "Which of these three [priest, Levite, Samaritan] do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer, devout Jew that he was, could not or would not say "the Samaritan." Rather, he answered, "The one who showed mercy on him."

"How can we be a good, helpful neighbor?" continues to be a far more important question than "Who is my neighbor?"

Hardeman County Plans Mission Emphasis Banquet

A missions banquet, with special emphases on foreign and home missions, will be given for churches in the Hardeman County Association by First church, Grand Junction, Nov. 16.

According to Pastor Keith Wilson, the featured speaker at the event will be a representative of the Foreign Mission Board. Additionally, several missionary families on furlough are expected to attend.

"We want to share mission information with representatives from every church in our association," Wilson stated. "We hope that the pastors from each of the churches will attend and then return to their churches and encourage members to make a gift to missions through foreign and home mission offerings."

If the committee desires to substitute other persons than those suggested.

g. Perform its work within the limitations of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and in consideration of the requirements of the accrediting agencies which are related to our hospitals, colleges, academy, and children's homes.

h. Recognize the desirability of the principle of broad representation for membership on the various boards and the Committee on Committees.

Article II, Section B, Division 3. Committee on Arrangements

Present

Membership

The Committee on Arrangements shall be composed of nine members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on Arrangements shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

Proposed

Membership

The Committee on Arrangements shall be composed of fifteen members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on Arrangements shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees.

Article II, Section B, Division 4. Committee on Credentials

Present

Membership

The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of nine members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on Credentials shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

Proposed

Membership

The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of fifteen members.

Nomination

The Committee on Credentials shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees.

Article II, Section B, Division 5. Committee on Resolutions

Present

Membership

The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of nine members, three of whom are members of the Executive Board and who have served on that Board for at least one year.

Nomination

The Committee on Resolutions shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

Proposed

Membership

The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of fifteen members, five of whom are members of the Executive Board and who have served on that Board for at least one year.

Nomination

The Committee on Resolutions shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees.

Article II, Section B, Division 6. Committee on Audits

Membership

The Committee on Audits shall be composed of nine members.

Nomination

The Committee on Audits shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

Membership

The Committee on Audits shall be composed of fifteen members.

Nomination

The Committee on Audits shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees.

Article II, Section B, Division 7. Committee on the Journal

Present

Membership

The Committee on the Journal shall be composed of nine members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on the Journal shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

Proposed

Membership

The Committee on the Journal shall be composed of fifteen members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on the Journal shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees.

Article II, Section B.

Add a new division to be numbered 8 as follows:

Proposed

8. Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws

Membership

The Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws shall be composed of fifteen members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees.

Duties

a. Periodically review the Convention's procedures concerning its boards of trustees and its standing committees reporting to the Convention as it deems necessary.

b. Study matters concerning the Convention's Constitution and Bylaws which may be referred to it by the Convention or by other sources, reporting its findings or recommendations to the Convention.

Article III, Section 2.

Present

2. No individual shall be elected after the adoption of these bylaws to serve on more than two of the governing bodies of such institutions, etc., simultaneously, excepting the Baptist Memorial Hospital whose Board members may serve on three boards. So far as possible, members serving on more than one board shall serve in varying fields.

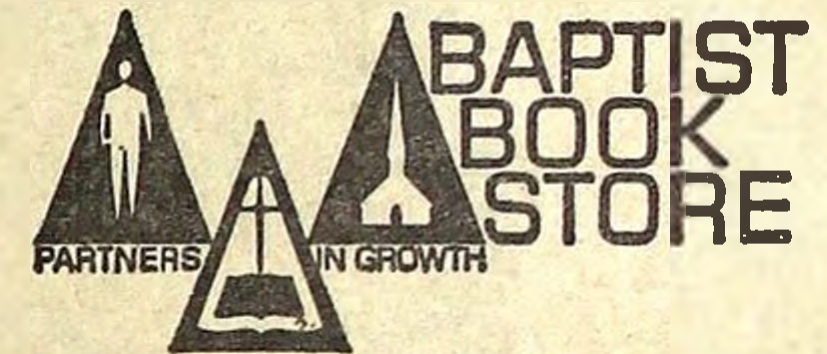
Proposed

2. No individual shall be elected after their present memberships expire to serve on more than one of the governing bodies of such institutions, etc., simultaneously, excepting the Baptist Memorial Hospital whose Board members may serve on two boards. So far as possible, members serving on more than one board shall serve in varying fields. Individuals nominated for service on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention after 1973 may not be nominated for any other Convention board or standing committee.

Trammel Re-Elected To Top Post In Salem Meet

Members of the Salem Baptist Association, meeting in annual session at the Auburn church and First church of Woodbury, re-elected Kenneth Trammel, pastor of the Calvary church in Smithville, as moderator of the association.

Elected to other top posts were: vice moderator Bobby Zumbro, pastor First church, Woodbury; clerk, Jerry Spurlock, a member of the Indian Creek church; and treasurer, Cecil Hayes, a member of the Wolf Creek church. Wayne Tarpley is superintendent of missions.



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Present

4. Retain the present paragraph and mark it number (b).

Proposed

4. (a) All members of such bodies shall be nominated and elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and said Convention shall have the right to determine the number of trustees for such bodies; shall have the right and power to elect said trustees, to fix their term of office, prescribe their qualifications, and provide the manner of filling vacancies on such bodies for any cause.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention, after showing just cause and by procedures involving due process, may by a majority vote at any regular annual session, declare the office of a member or members of such bodies vacant, and may in such case elect successors to fill the unexpired term or terms of the member or members whose office shall have thus been declared vacant.

(b) Retain the present paragraph and designate it by this number.

Article III, Section 5.

Present

5. Any member of any such body who shall leave the state shall thereby vacate his office.

Proposed

5. Any member of any such body who shall leave the state shall thereby vacate his office. Any member of any such body who shall leave a grand division of the state in which he resided at the time of election and moves to another grand division shall continue to serve until the end of his term of office. Provisions in Section 4 (b) shall apply to any additional period of service. Members of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention moving from one grand division to another shall serve only until the end of the Convention year.

Article III, Section 6.

Present

Vacancies occurring on the board of an agency or institution during a Convention year, caused by death, resignation, moving from the state, or removal, upon the request of the agency or institution on whose board the vacancy occurs, and upon recommendation of the Convention's Committee on Boards, may be filled by the election of a new member to complete the unexpired term by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Proposed

Vacancies occurring on the board of an agency or institution during a Convention year, caused by death, resignation, moving from the state, or by procedures showing just cause and involving due process, upon the request of the agency or institution on whose board the vacancy occurs, and upon recommendation of the Convention's Committee on Boards, may be filled by the election of a new member to complete the unexpired term by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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Fall Enrolment Figures At Union Announced

Students from 32 counties in Tennessee as from 18 other states are represented in the fall semester enrolment at Union university, according to Willis H. Kimzey Jr., associate academic dean at the school. A total of 906 students are taking courses on the main campus with 167 enrolled in continuing education programs in various locations in West Tennessee.

Approximately 80 per cent of the students are from Tennessee with about 10 per cent coming from Kentucky, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas. There are also 13 international students at the college.

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Groups Ask Voting Rights For Overseas Personnel

WASHINGTON—Baptists have joined a number of bipartisan groups in asking Congress to enact a law guaranteeing the right of U.S. citizens living overseas to vote in federal elections.

Some 750,000 Americans living overseas have been prevented from voting because of the variety of state election laws. These citizens include missionaries, teachers, retirees, business men and women, news correspondents and a variety of others.


James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, testified before the Senate Subcommittee on privileges and Elections of which Sen. Claiborne Pell (D.-R.I.) is chairman. He asked the Senate to act favorably on S. 2101, a bill to make it possible for overseas citizens to vote in federal elections.

Wood testified on behalf of six Baptist foreign mission boards that requested him to represent their viewpoint before the Senate committee. These were foreign mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. (BP)

Hancock Named To New Position At Golden Gate

Charles E. Hancock, instructor in pastoral care, assumed duties as associate director of professional training for Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary in Mill Valley, Calif, earlier this month.

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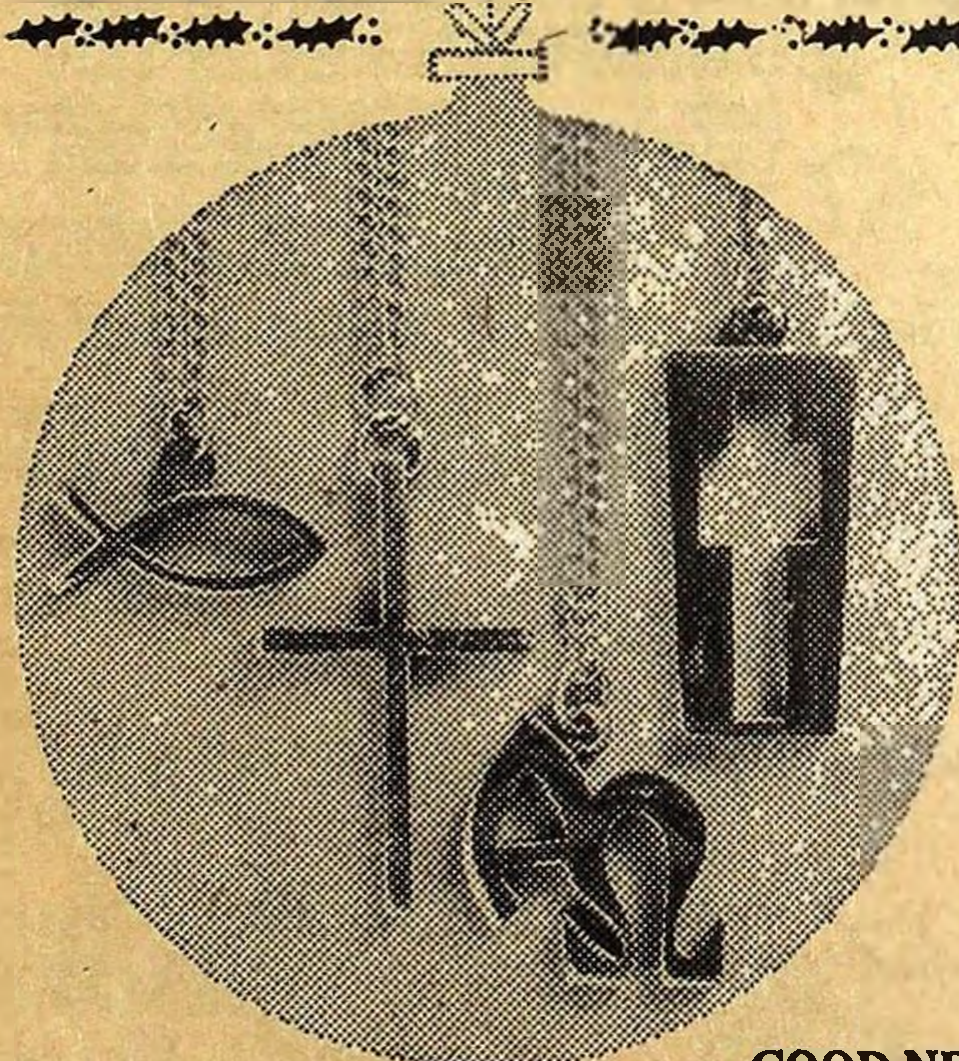
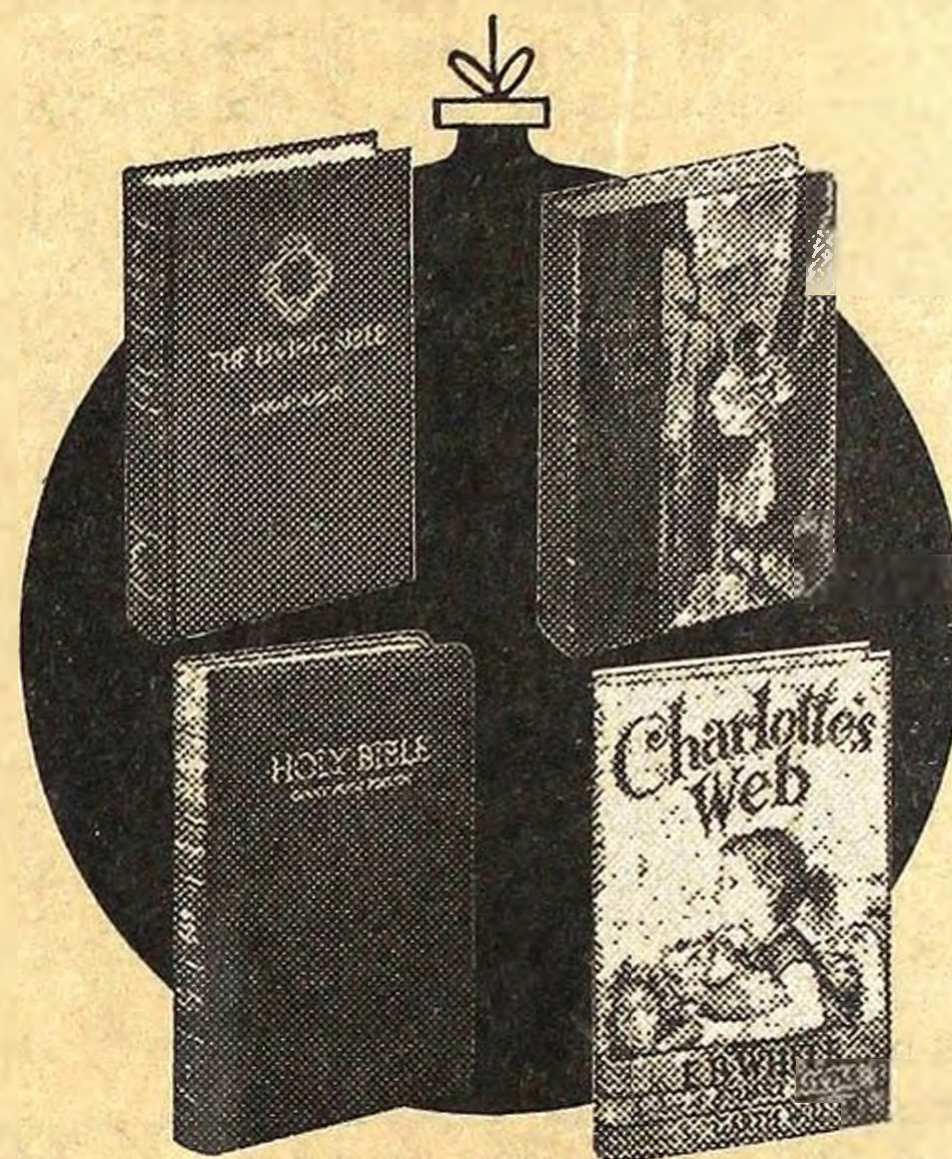
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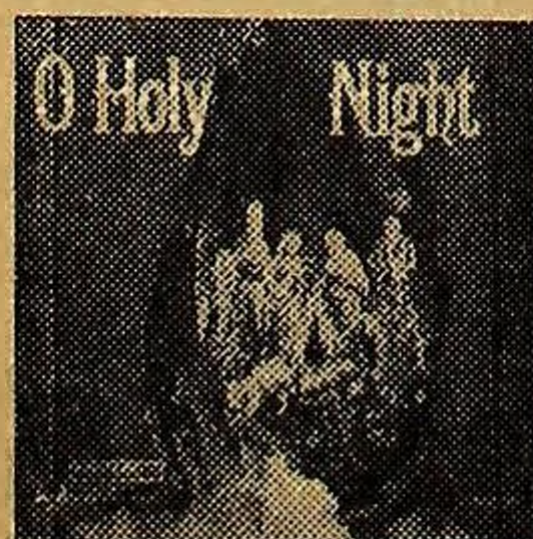
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Church Elects Deaconesses; Students Urge Female Rights

The subject of women serving as deaconesses in Southern Baptist churches has arisen on two fronts—Memphis, Tenn., where Prescott Memorial Church elected two women, and in Louisville, Ky., where seminary students affirmed “the right of the female to serve in the position of deacon in our Southern Baptist churches.”

Mrs. Annette Bickers of Memphis, and Mrs. Evelyn Estelle, of Cordova, Tenn., elected in a secret ballot along with four men from a roster of 18 names, were scheduled for ordination by the Memphis church.

In Louisville, a resolution by the student senate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary not only affirmed the right of the female to serve as a deacon but also “to interpret and to answer the call to the Christian ministry, regardless of what form that ministry may take.”

The resolution also made the “request that our local churches and their memberships, as well as the agencies and departments of our Southern Baptist Convention, support these affirmations by a more conscientious effort to consider women for all areas of Christian service and ministry.”

While not numerous in terms of more than 34,500 SBC churches, ordination of women to serve as deacons or deaconesses is not a novelty in the Southern Baptist Convention.

No exact statistics are available, but a

survey by “The Deacon”, quarterly publication of the SBC Sunday School Board, reveals some scattered Southern Baptist churches in Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, New York State, Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina, Washington, D. C., and Tennessee have ordained women as deaconesses.

At least one other church in Tennessee, First Baptist church, Oak Ridge, has a woman, the widow of a former pastor, on the deacon board.

John Trantham, pastor of the Memphis church, said he felt the church took the stance on deaconesses because of historical and biblical precedent and “because of the equality of men and women in Christ.”

The Memphis church had no written constitution until a year ago in July when a two-year committee study resulted in the adoption of the present constitution which specifies that women may be elected as deacons. It passed unanimously after a reading before the church. (BP)

Book Award Credits Due December 31

Persons holding book awards earned between Oct. 1, 1965 and Jan. 1, 1970, will have until Dec. 31, 1973 to receive two credits for each book award when they apply for one of the New Church Study Course diplomas, according to J. William Thompson, study course coordinator at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

After Jan. 1, only credits for courses in the current NCSC system can be used, he added. Requests for diplomas should be sent with evidence of book awards or course credit slips to the Awards Office at the Sunday School Board.

The NCSC became effective Jan. 1, 1970 and consists of Christian Leadership courses, Christian Development courses, and Foundational units for boys and girls. It is sponsored by departments of the Board's Church Services and Materials Division, the Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, and respective departments in state Baptist conventions.



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Fires Damaging Churches Rose Sharply In '72

BOSTON—There was a marked increase in church fires during 1972, the National Fire Protection Association announced here.

In 1972, it said, there were 4300 fires in which losses amounted to \$28,100,000.

This compared to the 1971 report in which 3400 fires caused damage amounting to \$23,300,000.

The association's annual report, covering calendar 1972, revealed that fires took an estimate 11,900 lives and cost \$2,930,000,000 in property damage.

The death toll reversed a trend almost a decade long; in 1971, the number of fire deaths, 11,850, was the lowest reported since 1963.

National Fire Protection Association data indicated that the cost per fire, per capita, is on the rise. In 1960 the figure was \$8.61 fire damage per U.S. inhabitant; in 1972 this rose to \$13.94. (RNS)

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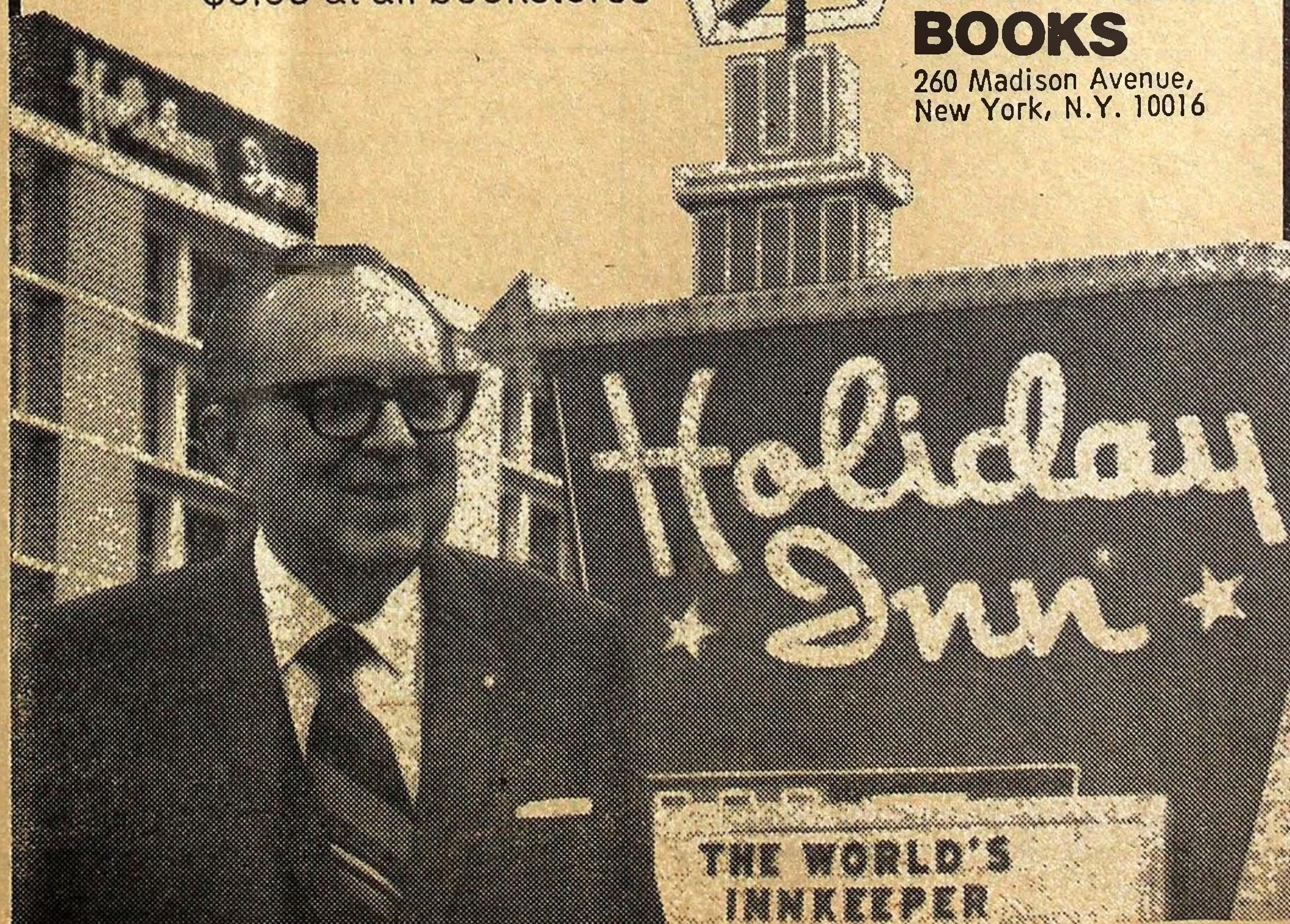
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Two Musical Groups To Perform At Student Convention

A five-member music team sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board will be one of the feature attractions at the State Baptist Student Convention, meeting Oct. 26-27 at the First Baptist church of Jackson.

The team, entitled "Grain," will perform at each of the convention sessions and will conduct a seminar on "students in missions," according to Bill Henry, associate director of the Tennessee Baptist student work.

"Grain" was organized through the work of Bill O'Brien, missionary to Indonesia, and Stanley Nelson, Foreign Mission Board. Nelson said that "Grain" is an attempt to "humanize missions" and to give students direct contact with people who have had overseas involvement. Each member of the singing team has lived abroad and has worked in connection with the Foreign Mission Board.

Music will be a strong emphasis during the convention, Henry stated. Carlys Scates, minister of music at the Jackson church, will be the congregational song leader. "Living Proof," a group of young people from the church, will appear during the Friday evening session.



A testimony from Dr. Murphy Martin, pastor of First Baptist church, Bruceton: "In keeping with the theme for the month of September, Church: the Sunday Night Place, our church closed out this month's activities with a church fellowship supper and a Church Training fair.

"I feel that you would appreciate knowing that with an enrolment of 167, we reached our goal of 126 people attending Church Training on Sunday night, Sept. 30, and averaged 104 during the month. Both our Church Training director, Mrs. Janice Lowery, and I feel that the emphasis 'Church: the Sunday Night Place,' has and will continue to be used of God in our church. We highly recommend this to any church and feel it would be a significant factor to all who are willing to put it to work for the glory of God and His church. And besides all of this, it was fun."



RICHMOND—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, presents Miss Floryne Miller, emeritus missionary to Japan who served 33 years, with a certificate and love gift from the Foreign Mission Board at a recognition service in Richmond. A native of Tennessee, she said in her testimony, "I thank Southern Baptists for giving me what surely must be one of the most exciting experiences a Christian can have."

JAMES CHEATHAM AND EARL SMITH RE-ELECTED TO COPPER BASIN ASSOCIATION POSTS

James Cheatham, pastor of the Pleasant Hill church in Copperhill, was re-elected to his second term as moderator of the Copper Basin Association at its recent annual meeting in Ducktown.

Marvin Rose, pastor of Turtletown church, was re-elected vice moderator; and Earl Smith, a member of the Grassy Creek church, was re-elected treasurer. Elected for the first time was Jack Kilpatrick, who will serve as clerk. Kilpatrick is a member of Turtletown church.

J. B. Chastain is superintendent of missions.

Personally

By James A. Lester

Last week's issue of **Baptist And Reflector** carried a brief news story which indicated that the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board had granted this editor a six months' leave of absence, beginning Nov. 1.



Lester

Perhaps the brief statement over the signature of friend and Committee Chairman Orvind Dangeau deserves a bit more explanation. During the second week in March, 1972, while driving along a Nashville thoroughfare, this editor was hit (automobile that is) on the left front side by a truck which ran a red light. Impact of the truck at the time was estimated by a state trooper, who was an eye-witness, to be approximately 40 miles an hour.

As a result of this accident, I have for some 17 or 18 months experienced rather constant pain as a result of two vertebrae evidently being damaged. With one referral to another, doctor to doctor, specialist to specialist, for a total of nine, the final analysis and suggestion, medically speaking, was that I take a period of rest from the daily "grind," which I am seeking to do.

As some readers of this news journal know, rather constant pain in itself can be a problem. The final tally is not in, but for the time being, I am grateful for this respite offered me. While I am quite able to function normally, it has become difficult to continue the constant pace demanded of an editor. Therefore, this additional word of explanation.

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Article II

Composition

The Convention shall be composed of one messenger from each cooperating church; and each church shall be entitled to one additional messenger for every one hundred members above one hundred, subject to a maximum of ten messengers from any one church. A messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed. The term "cooperating church" shall be applied to such churches as contribute financially to the Convention or its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention.—(The above appears on Page 9 of the 1972 *Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual*.)

Registration cards for messengers to the annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Memphis, November 13-15, are available in the office of Wallace E. Anderson, Recording Secretary, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn. Cards need to be ordered immediately so they can be properly signed before registering at the Convention.

Jackson Native Appointed Missionary To Middle America



Rev. and Mrs. P. Frank Crosby, Ranger, Tex., were appointed as missionaries to Middle America, Oct. 9, during a meeting in Richmond of the Foreign Mission Board. They expect to be stationed in Mexico where he will be a general evangelist.

A native of Jackson, Tenn., Crosby received the bachelor of arts degree from Union university in Jackson and is working toward a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth.

CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE SET FOR NOV. 12 AT SECOND, MEMPHIS

The Tennessee Church Music Conference will meet in Memphis on Monday, Nov. 12, at the Second Baptist church, according to Frank Charton, state music secretary. The Tennessee Vol Chorale will rehearse at 2:00 p.m.

The annual banquet for all church music conference members will be held at the church at 6:00. The program will consist of a potpourri of Memphis' Music Might assembled and presented by the Shelby Associational music director, George Wadlington.

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Authorities Puzzled By Death Of Mars Hill Coed

MARS HILL, N.C.—College officials and law enforcement authorities here are still trying to piece together and solve the mystery of a coed found dead about two miles north of the campus of Mars Hill college.

Two workmen found Sally Bell Moffitt, 18, of High Point, N.C., lying face down on a bank at the side of a newly constructed highway just out of sight of passing motorists.

An autopsy revealed the sophomore at the Southern Baptist school died of massive internal bleeding resulting from a severe blow on the back, fracturing ribs. One rib punctured a lung and another severed the pulmonary artery.

She had been dead six to eight hours before the body was discovered, fully clothed, at 8 a.m., Friday, Oct. 12.

Miss Moffitt also suffered facial wounds around the mouth and nose, but the autopsy revealed they could not have caused death. The autopsy also ruled out sexual assault.

Authorities, according to a college spokesman, believe someone may have brought the body to the site at which Miss Moffitt was found because of "indication that a vehicle had stopped on the highway and that her body had been dragged about 30 or 40 yards across fresh dirt. Her shoes left a trail across the dirt."

Investigators have not ruled out murder, the spokesman said, but "are working on the assumption she may have been killed accidentally in a fall from a car or a high place" and abandoned by someone who may have panicked.

She was last seen, leaving her dorm on campus, at 10:05 the previous night. She had not signed out, the spokesman said, probably indicating she had planned to return before midnight, the curfew for sophomore girls.

Funeral services for Miss Moffitt, the daughter of Mrs. H. A. Moffitt Jr., were held in High Point with burial there. (BP)

DWAYNE ERVIN ELECTED MODERATOR OF WILSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

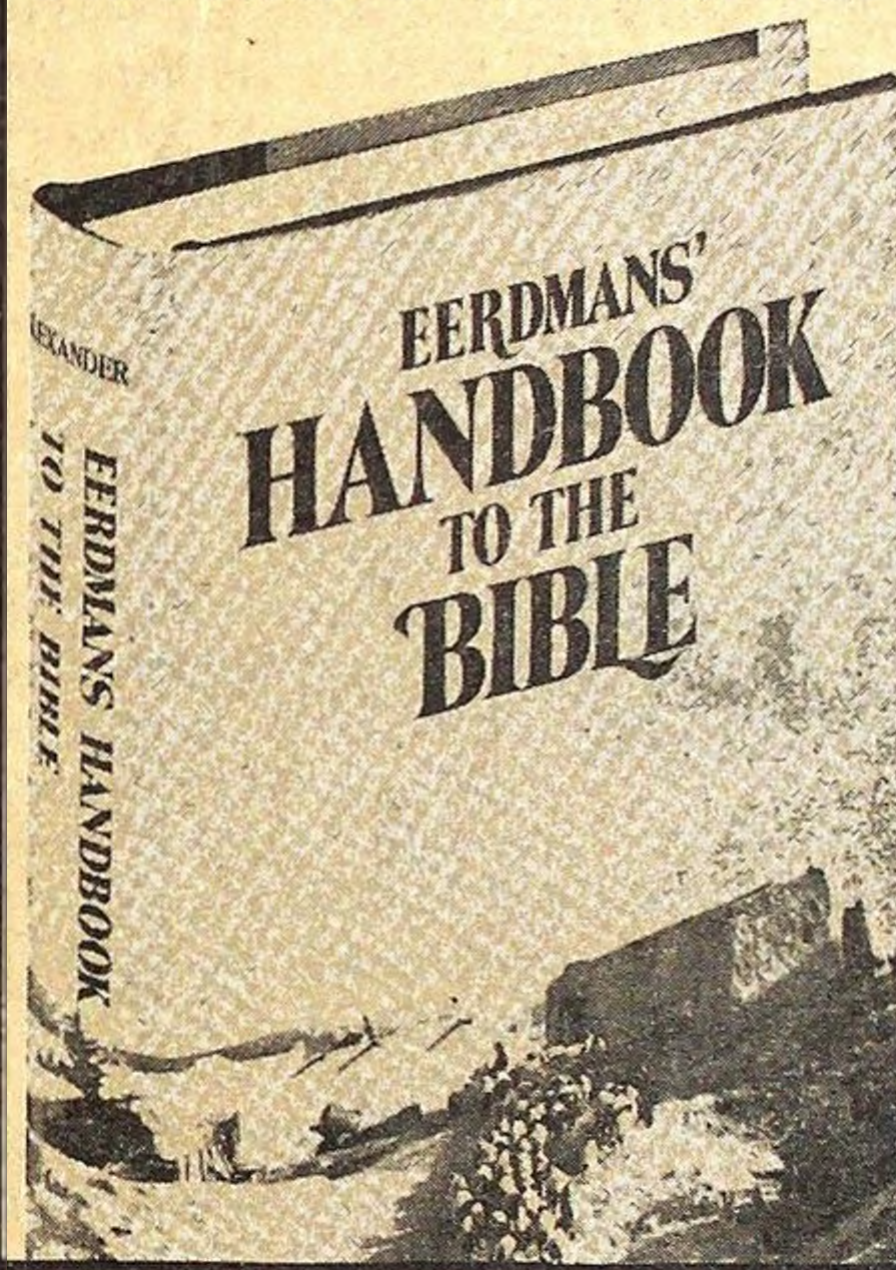
Messengers to the Weakley County Associational meeting gathered at First church, Dresden, Oct. 9-10, and elected Dwayne Ervin as moderator.

The Maranatha church, under the watch-care of the association for the past year, was accepted into the association, according to Robert Newman, superintendent of missions. The church's pastor is Herbert Vandergriff.

Other elected officers included: vice moderator, J. W. Abney; clerk, Wayne Perkins; assistant clerk, Dean Doster; and treasurer, Huron Gallimore.

Newman stated that all the churches in the association presently have a pastor.

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White

The concepts of the family and the church as units of propagation are of divine origin. The divine sanction is upon these units as the place for nurture, growth and fellowship. When both experience a healthy condition, then society is healthy. Otherwise society is weakened greatly.

In the great missionary outreach of the early disciples churches were planted in strategic centers whenever there were enough disciples in the different localities. These local churches became not only local operations—they became radiating centers for the outreach of Christian witnessing.

The first organized, operating body was composed of Jesus and the apostles. It appeared that the eleven and one hundred and nine others gathered in Jerusalem for prayer as they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This was in response to the plan of Jesus for them. They were to be empowered for world wide witnessing as a group and as individuals.

Jesus gave the cue to their strategic plan for a mighty movement of witnessing. The church concept was well inculcated in the consciousness of early believers by Jesus and the missionaries. Witnessing through the church became firmly fixed in the mind and practice of every Christian.

Occasionally when the churches have grown indifferent or have left off some emphasis, sporadic independent movements have sprung into existence. However, in time they became well-organized units similar to the existing churches in methods.

A New Radiating Center Acts 19:7-9

Jerusalem was the new radiating center in the great missionary thrust that was established by Paul under the Lord's leadership at Ephesus. It was first Jerusalem, then Antioch and then Ephesus.

In spite of John's effort to center everything around Jesus Christ after he had finished his ministry of preparation for the coming Messiah, some of his disciples continued to be known as "John's disciples". Even though they accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, they held to some of John's emphasis. They had been scattered, either by persecution or migration to far away Ephesus. Obviously as they drifted farther from the

great center in Jerusalem they neglected some of the greater emphasis of John the Baptist, like the ministry of the Holy Spirit. In fact they had certainly not heard about Pentecost. Yet they had kept alive enough truth for Paul to teach them the way of the Lord more perfectly. He led them into the main stream of the Christian movement. This had nothing to do with the validity of John's baptism. It was all that Jesus ever had.

According to the custom, Paul began his public ministry in the synagogue. This bore fruit but precipitated serious opposition also. Then Paul moved to a public meeting place—the school of Tyrannus. Jews and Greeks no doubt felt free to assemble here. Paul lectured here some two full years.

The Radiation Around Ephesus Acts 19:18-23

Paul sent Timothy and Erastus into Macedonia but he remained in Asia. His ministry continued to produce a considerable stir and valid results of a revolutionary nature. People confessed their sins and occultism was exposed by the testimony of new converts. In fact there was a great burning of books. The price of these reached, perhaps around \$10,000.

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diseased lives turn to rotten crutches and superficial panaceas rather than submit to the spiritual surgery and strong medicine of repentance, faith and regeneration.

Others are turning to the vain effort of drowning their misery by plunging deeper into morbid sex, pornography and drugs.

Elders Of Ephesus At Miletus Acts 20:17-21

Paul had been to many places. Many churches had been founded and a large number had become elders. Paul decides to go through Macedonia on his way to Jerusalem. He has previously answered the spiritual call to come into Macedonia where he had a glorious ministry and persecution. Now he is passing through Macedonia to Jerusalem for security reasons.

His farewell with the elders from Ephesus is most touching. He reminds them of his meek but diligent ministry. He charges them to feed the flocks over which God through the Holy Spirit has made them overseers and shepherds. He resists their admonition not to face the certain tragedies in Jerusalem. It is amid deep emotion that he leaves them.



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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

Last week while attending the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, it was my privilege to



Norton

be in a service which recognized and honored nine retiring missionaries. Among this group were two Tennesseans, Miss Floryne Miller and Miss Lorene Tilford. A brief testimony was given by each of these at which time they expressed appreciation to the Foreign Mission Board and all fellow-Baptists for support given them through gifts and prayers. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, in paying tribute to their commitment, spoke of their dedication and of the inspiration their lives have been to Christians in this country as well as abroad.

On the following evening a most impressive service was held at which time twenty-three new missionaries were appointed. Their testimonies were likewise filled with enthusiasm and appreciation, but were appropriately looking ahead to many years of service.

We have a deep sense of gratitude for each of these groups of missionaries—those who are retiring will continue to serve and be of service and those who are now going out exhibited qualities of commitment and dedication.

All Tennessee Baptists can share in this ministry by supporting these men and women with our gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program and special offerings. And we should pray constantly that God will direct and lead and supply their spiritual and physical needs as they serve Him throughout the years to come.

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Effects Of Psoriasis On Children Are More Than Just Skin Deep

It is not generally realized that the much advertised "heartbreak" of psoriasis can come to children, yet 12% of the nation's 8 million psoriasis patients are youngsters. Without the intervention of knowledgeable adults, the effects of the uglifying skin condition can go much deeper than "skin deep" and make it "an emotionally destructive disease" to the child who has it, warns Dr. David L. Cram, dermatologist at University of California Medical Center.

Kids can be cruel to each other. A bad case of psoriasis is not beautiful and other children may treat the youngster as an outcast with a "catching" disease. A little of this goes a long way. Before long, the scaly outbreaks on the skin are just the visible surface of the psychological problems that are distorting the child's personality development.

Parents, physicians and teachers must help the child with psoriasis to understand that he or she does **not** have a contagious disease, stresses Dr. Cram. They themselves must understand "that the skin may be sick, but the rest of the child is perfectly well." The youngster should neither be over-indulged nor over-protected.

Normal cleanliness should be expected—but not fastidiousness. In truth, too much bathing creates dryness and may worsen the condition. More important, the child mustn't be made to feel that he or she is unclean."

Psoriasis can occur at any time, but may be precipitated by a strep infection if the vulnerability to the disease is already there. Both heredity and stress are implicated in the development of psoriasis, but at present the extent of their influence is not clearly understood. Trauma also appears to play a part; psoriasis sometimes appears on the site of an injury.

The unsightly scales and intense itching usually brings the child to a physician without much delay. The condition comes and goes and, fortunately, only rarely settles on the face and hands, the skin areas on constant display.

As long as they know that the disease is not communicable and accept it as a nuisance to be cared for sensibly, youngsters will be spared the "heartbreak" of psoriasis even though they're struck with its discomforts.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

Dr. A. U. Boone, pastor of First church, Memphis, was to observe his 25th anniversary as pastor of the church. A committee consisting of Sam Holloway, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Mrs. G. L. West, W. B. Wilson, and Dr. R. L. Sanders were making arrangement for the celebration.

A revival at the Philadelphia church, Philadelphia, resulted in 50 professions of faith and 25 additions by letter. A. B. Johnson was pastor, and R. C. Huston of Knoxville was the evangelist.

20 YEARS AGO

Baker James Cauthen was named executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, succeeding the late Theron Rankin. He was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin college, Baylor university, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary.

The Greenbrier church, Robertson Association, with Pastor Tom Madden, announced that it had adopted a budget of \$24,000 and that it would send 37 per cent of that amount to the Cooperative Program. Greenbrier was a village church.

10 YEARS AGO

Hickory Grove church, Trenton, celebrated its 100th anniversary. F. D. Stone, a former pastor for 15 years, brought the devotional message during special services.

Lucius W. Hart was elected by the Board of Managers to serve as resident superintendent of the Middle Tennessee branch of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes located at Franklin.

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