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Aging Conference

Action for Aging Conference Held Nov. 1-2 in Brentwood

An Action for Aging Conference was held Nov. 1-2 at the Executive Board Building of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood. Dr. H. John Vanderbeck of Valley Forge, Pa., a graduate of Harvard University, School of Business Administration, and president of American Baptist Service Corporation, served as conference leader. Dr. Vanderbeck has served in major pastorates in various parts of the United States and has been involved professionally in the field of mortgage financing and hotel and homes administration. Gene Kerr, assistant executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, served as conference director.

The purpose of the two-day conference was to provide a comprehensive program on facilities for retirees and housing for the aging, and was open to anyone interested in services or facilities for the aging, especially churches, associations, private groups, corporations, architects, builders, contractors, developers or financial corporations.

Dr. Vanderbeck told conference attendants that "The Key is how the church relates to people." He went on to say that "If the church does not have a Christian and Scriptural base for providing for the elderly as relates to housing, then we need to leave it to developers, financiers, and entrepreneurs . . . we need to do it out of a ministry in the name of Christ." He also told the group, "The church needs to have a ministry with, to and through people . . . if we are Biblically based in our theology we will fulfill a complete ministry answering the call to 'go ye and do likewise.'"

Topics discussed during the conference were: The Sponsor; Sponsor Qualifications; Concepts of Housing and Care Programs; Legal and Financial Considerations; Role of State-Associational-Local Church Agencies; Matching Concepts with Dollars; Site Criteria; Market Analysis; Project Feasibility; Team-Architect-Attorney-Contractor-Consultant-Land Option; and Management Concepts.

Tom Madden, Tullahoma, serves as chairman of the TBC Committee on Aging. Other committee members are Charles Earl, Strawberry Plains; Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville; Ralph McIntyre, Chattanooga; Robert Orr, Dyersburg; Mrs. Bob Peek, Athens; Virgil Peters, Franklin; Marvin T.

Robertson, Bolivar; and Clarence Stewart, Pulaski.

Centennial Memento Available At Memphis Meetings

Tennessee Baptist messengers and visitors attending the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting and the Tennessee Baptist Convention will have opportunity to obtain a Centennial memento.

The Centennial Committee has arranged for a Centennial plate to be made as memorabilia of the first one hundred years of the reorganized structure of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. This is one of the activities that the Centennial Committee has planned as Tennessee Baptists observe their Centennial year in 1974.

the ten-inch plate is white with a two-inch swirl border edged in gold. The Centennial Logo is printed in blue in the center with Tennessee Baptist Convention 1874-1974 and the theme of the year: "Commemorating Our Heritage—Committing Our Future."

The Centennial plates will be available at the WMU Convention when it meets at Audubon Park Baptist Church, Memphis, Nov. 12. Also, the plates will be available at the Hospitality Booth during the Tennessee Baptist Convention at the Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis, Nov. 13-15.

Cost of the plate is \$3.00, tax included.

Sequatchie Valley Assn. Dedicates Minutes To Late J. V. Angel

Minutes of the recent annual meeting of the Sequatchie Valley Association were dedicated to the late James V. Angel, pastor of churches in the association for several years, according to Paul Keener, superintendent of missions.

Messengers to the sessions, held at First Church, Palmer, and First Southern Church, Pikeville, elected Roy Davis, pastor of the Ewtonville Church as moderator. He was elected for the first time. Others elected included: vice moderator, Dave Smith, pastor, Whitwell First; treasurer, Vivian Henry, member of Whitwell First; and clerk, Billy Cordell, member of Cartwright First.



The 1973 Tennessee Ministers' Wives' luncheon is scheduled to be held at the Audubon Park church, 4060 Park Ave., Memphis, Nov. 14, at 12 noon, according to Mrs. J. L. Miller, center, president of the organization. Other officers for this year include: Mrs. Elmer Bailey, left, vice president; and Mrs. Jerry Glisson, right, secretary. Reservations must be made by noon Tuesday.

Four Churches Pay Debts In Clinton Association

H. P. Barrington, superintendent of missions for the Clinton Association, reported at the annual associational meeting that four churches paid off church debts this year. They included: Black Oak; Norris First; Oliver Springs; and Zion. He related, also, that four ministers were ordained and six men licensed to preach during the year.

The sessions were held at Main Street Church in Lake City and Calvary Church Oak Ridge.

Troy Christopher, pastor, Norris First, was elected to serve as moderator for the coming year. George Williams, pastor, Second Church, will serve as vice moderator. Re-elected to their posts were treasurer, H. F. Lewis, member of the Clinton First Church, and Mrs. Evelyn Green, member of the Bethel Church. Mrs. Green begins her 11th year as clerk.

New church accepted into the association was Graves Gap, Briceville.

Baptist And Reflector issue of November 15 will carry the Convention Sermon by George Capps and the President's address by Fred Wood.

A WISE STRATEGY

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But when Paul perceived that the one were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question."—Acts 23:6

To determine the charge that the Jews had against Paul, the Roman tribune brought him before the Sanhedrin. Paul knew that this body was composed of Sadducees and Pharisees, who differed over many things. One major difference was with respect to the resurrection of the dead; the former denied it and the latter believed it. So Paul said that for his hope in and proclamation of this doctrine he was brought before them.

Some see in this the fact that since Paul had spoken rudely to the high priest, a Sadducee, that he had no hope of a fair hearing before them. So he touched upon this major difference in order to gain the sympathy of the Pharisees. He sought to divide and conquer. If so, he succeeded (vv. 7-10).

However, one may see another purpose in Paul's strategy. He was accused of despising the Mosaic law by teaching against it (Acts 21:21) and of taking a Gentile into the

temple (Acts 21:28-30). Neither of these was true. Actually the Jews from the Roman province of Asia, plus the Judaizers, resented Paul preaching to Gentiles both the gospel and their hope as Christians of the resurrection from the dead.

So Paul simply tried to get at the root of the matter. This was the only **crime** (?) of which he was guilty.

At any rate he succeeded in dividing the Sanhedrin. The Pharisees sided with Paul, even suggesting that an angel may have spoken to him (v. 9), something also which the Sadducees did not believe. They did not believe in angels.

From a hearing about Paul he became a bone of contention over the theological differences of these two religious groups. Apparently they engaged in a tug of war with Paul in the middle (v. 10). So much so that the tribune had to rescue him, lest he be pulled in pieces.

Whatever Paul's purpose, it succeeded. For the Roman officer took him from them to appear subsequently before a Roman tribunal. He stood a better chance of justice there than before the Sanhedrin.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In many instances, today's presentation of the Gospel is in sharp contrast to the original article.

It may be that some are giving more attention to the "gimmicks" than to the Gospel.

Promotional schemes are so widely used now that it is possible to forget that Jello—not the Gospel—comes in six delicious flavors.

The danger may be that some will "over-gimmick" and "over-promote" a candy-coated gospel that promises a "nothing-down, easy-installment" way to heaven.

Some day the indictment might read like this: mechanically way ahead and spiritually way behind.

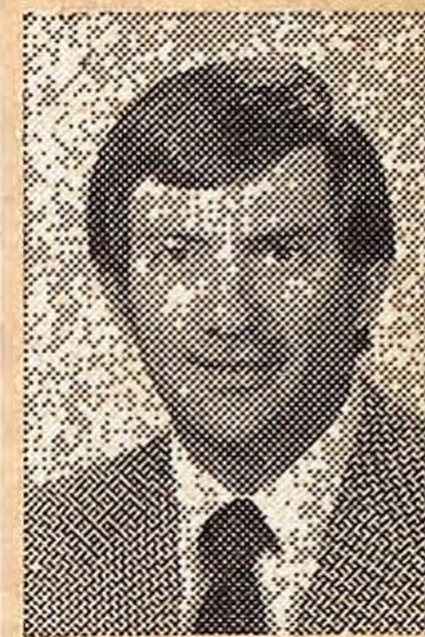
As one old-timer put it: "I can go along with a church service in a drive-in theatre, but when they start holding the baptisms in a car wash, that will be going too far!"

Devotional

Fumbling The Ball

By Jerry Hayner, Pastor
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Knoxville

Perhaps no play in football, basketball, or baseball carries with it more disappointment than the fumble. In football, it is



Hayner

called a fumble; in basketball, a turnover; in a baseball game, an error. Fumbles lose ball games. Fumbles kill a team's spirit and disappoint a team's followers.

What causes the fumble? Who knows? It's a combination of several factors—a poor exchange from one to another, a vicious collision with the opponent, care-

lessness, overambition, lack of concentration—at least these are some of the causes.

Fumbles are not just confined to the sports world. All of life can be plagued by fumbles. To fumble is to squander away an opportunity. Day after day we fumble away opportunities for the advancement of God's work in the world. Here a parent fails to set the right example for his children and after him walks a son who admires him and will copy his behaviour. There, an employee is challenged "to speak a good word for Jesus" but cowardice makes him a muted instrument. He fumbled the ball. Yonder is a potential teacher of God's word who considers selfish interests to be more important than the King's business. With great regularity he is absent from his place and a class wonders about the importance of it all. The ball is fumbled.

People who sit in the sanctuary and talk during the sermon or invitation, clip fingernails, play with babies, tease girls, or in other ways distract are fumbling the ball. Fumbling hurts the entire team and so others miss scoring.

Young people fumble away their future with immoral behaviour, lack of ambition, failure to apply themselves, and their elders do likewise. Most fumbles can be eliminated by concentration, commitment, hard work and a greater desire to win. Let's eliminate the fumble before we lose the game.

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Memphis To Host Annual Tennessee Baptist Convention Meetings

The 1973 Tennessee Baptist Convention, Pastors' Conference and Woman's Missionary Union Convention will be held in Memphis, Nov. 12-15, with the WMU Convention meeting at the Audubon Park church and the Pastors' Conference and convention congregating at the Eudora church.

Both the WMU Convention and Pastors' Conference will precede the state convention, opening Tuesday, Nov. 13.

According to George Capps, president of the Pastors' Conference, this year's sessions, to be held Monday and Tuesday, will focus on Bible studies and a new "Facing the Issue" series. Bible study leaders will include Hiram Barefoot, Union university; John H. Tullock, Belmont college; and William Blevins, Carson-Newman college. David Byrd, pastor of the West Jackson church in Jackson, will lead the discussion on "Tongues," this year's "Facing the Issue" study.

"Helps For Pastor" Slated

Allen Comish, director of Church Services and Materials Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, will conduct a session Monday evening on "Helps for the Pastor from the Denomination." Discussion from the floor will follow.



Capps



Rogers

Tuesday morning's message, "First Things First," will be delivered by William Purdue, pastor, First church, Kingsport.

Capps, pastor of First church, Cookeville, is president of the conference and will preside. Sessions will be held at 2:15 p.m. Monday, 6:45 p.m. Monday, and 8:15 a.m. Tuesday.

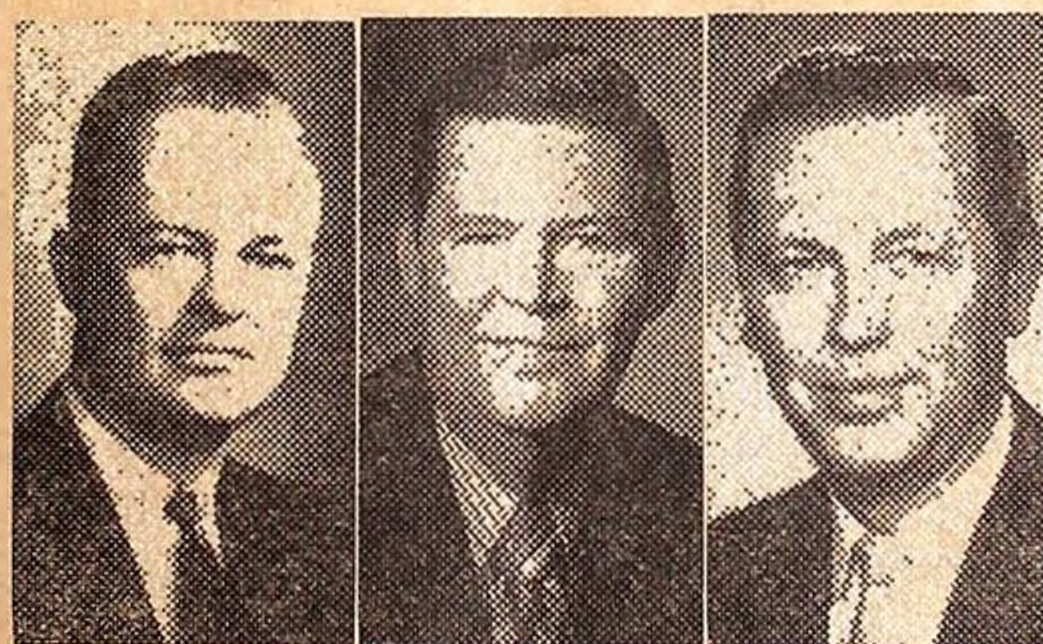
At the 85th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee women will hear Robert Fling pastor and consultant, Westchester County, New York; Mrs. Fling, president of the New York Woman's Missionary Union; Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia, Foreign Mission Board; Alma Oates, missionary to Brazil; and Margaret Bruce, former WMU Baptist Women's director for the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Robert Peek, state president, will preside at each of the three sessions, scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m.,

and 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 12. The theme for the convention will be "A Savior to Share."

Tennesseans, Kentuckian To Speak

Major speakers at the 99th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will include: Capps; Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue church, Memphis; William E. Hull, provost and dean of the School Theology, and professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological seminary; Franklin Paschall, pastor, First church, Nashville; and Fred Wood, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and pastor of the host church in Memphis.

The convention will convene Tuesday morning at 10:00 with Wood presiding.



Hull

Wood

Paschall

Reports to be given at the first session include: Credentials Committee, Committee on Arrangements, Centennial Committee, and Protection Plans. Afternoon reports will be given on TBC schools, Special Study Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Study Committee, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, presentation of the budget, Sunday School, and **Baptist And Reflector**.

Reports scheduled for Wednesday are: Executive Board, report of the treasurer, Committee on Arrangements, Committee on Boards, Committee on Committees, Baptist Hospitals, Evangelism Department, Missions Department, Woman's Missionary Union, Church Music, and Stewardship.

The final session of the convention will hear the Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Audits, Committee on the Journal, Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, Brotherhood, and Library.

Capps will deliver the convention sermon on Tuesday morning, 11:30. The president's address will be given by Wood at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday. Rogers will speak at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday. Hull's message is slated for 4:05 p.m. Wednesday. Paschall will speak at the closing session of the convention Thursday morning. Cal Guy, professor of mission, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, will give the devotionals at each of the sessions of the convention.

Raymond B. Kennedy Honored By William Carey Association

Messengers to the William Carey Association met in their 82th annual session and honored Raymond B. Kennedy, pastor of the Brogan Avenue church in Fayetteville, for 50 years in the ministry. Kennedy has served as pastor of 14 churches in the William Carey Association during 40 of his 50 years in the ministry, according to Michael Prowse, superintendent of missions.

Both the moderator, Reuben L. Trussell, and vice moderator, David Tipton, were elected to serve for the first time. Trussell is pastor of the First Baptist church of Fayetteville, and Tipton is pastor of the Cash Point church. Re-elected to serve was Mrs. Kelly Carter, a member of the Park City church. She will serve as treasurer and clerk for the coming year.

Haywood Baptist Association Elects B. J. Turner And Dale Prince Officers

Messengers to the Haywood Baptist Association met in annual session at the Allen church in Brownsville and re-elected Bill Robbins, pastor of the Calvary church, as moderator.

B. J. Turner, pastor of the Zion church, was elected for the first time as vice moderator. Also elected for the first time was Dale Prince, pastor of the Allen church, who will serve as clerk.

George Herring, a member of the Allen church, was re-elected treasurer.

Russell Joyner is superintendent of missions for the association.

Carroll Benton Association Re-elects All Officers

All officers for the Carroll Benton Association were re-elected during a recent annual meeting of messengers, according to superintendent of missions Joe Harris. Sessions were held at Enon church in McKenzie and First church, Trezevant.

Officers re-elected included: moderator, Jimmy Allison, pastor, Prospect church; vice moderator, O. M. Dangeau, pastor, First church, McKenzie; treasurer, Amos Anderson, member of First church, Huntingdon; and clerk, Mrs. Bill Rice, member of the Prospect church.

Baptists Urge Integrity For Public Officials

WASHINGTON—"Southern Baptists are deeply concerned with Biblical morality and we desire to see this morality embodied in those who lead our nation," declared Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, at a fellowship breakfast here for Baptist Congressmen.

Thirteen Baptist Congressmen and representatives of two other Baptist legislators were among those attending the breakfast, which centered on the theme, "Focus on Integrity." It was sponsored by the Christian Life Commission, the Southern Baptist social action agency.

C. Welton Gaddy of the commission staff, who led the Congressmen in a "Prayer for Integrity," said, "Our trust has been ruptured by double-talk and immoral behavior on the part of persons in high echelons of government, our minds are troubled by a tumult of crises, our wills are frustrated as we vacillate between a sense of importance as citizens and a sense of futility.

"We pray," he said, "that leaders in this room may be among those in this 93rd Congress who by moral leadership secure once again the shaking foundations of this democracy."

The Southern Baptist president said that "because of recent tragic events, public distrust of governmental leadership and cynicism regarding the political process have increased."

Cooper Expresses Gratitude

Cooper expressed gratitude that, in spite of the continuing scandals in government, "there are so many Southern Baptist Senators and Congressmen as well as other outstanding Christian leaders in the United States government."

Referring to the Southern Baptist constituency, Cooper told the Congressmen, "We are a people who quickly grow impatient with anyone who attempts to use the processes of government for personal gain, to deceive voters or violate basic personal rights and liberties given to us by almighty God and guaranteed for us by the Constitution."

In spite of Watergate and related scandals, Cooper said Baptists "still believe in this government's ability to function effectively and justly. We want to encourage the citizens who attend our churches not to withdraw but to involve themselves even more meaningfully in the political process."

Of 52 members of Congress who are Baptists, 26 had indicated plans to attend the fellowship breakfast, but at the last minute congressional duties prevented several from attending. Two former members of congress, a Methodist Congressman and 25 Baptist leaders from various parts of the country also attended.

Fellowship and Affirmative Support

Christian Life Commission Executive Secretary Foy Valentine said the primary

purpose of the breakfast was for "fellowship and affirmative support" of those in Congress who struggle to maintain integrity in public life.

Cecil E. Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C., and chairman of the Christian Life Commission, emphasized that morality is the same for Christians wherever they happen to be.

Whether people are in the backwoods of the country or in highly sophisticated areas or in Congress, "people are people and being a Christian is just being a Christian wherever you are," Sherman said.

Sherman then outlined the ethics that, he said, "all Americans need to see and a large majority of Americans want to see embodied in their governmental leaders."

"We are to love God," he said. "We are to place our loyalty to Him above all other loyalties. We are to live simply, for the clutter of many things will corrupt us. We are to tell the truth. We are to honor our families. We are to live temperate lives. We are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are to 'bear one another's burdens.' These are the great ideas of the Christian ethic."

Tennessee Congressman Attends

Gaddy, director of Christian citizenship development for the Christian Life Commission, organized the breakfast which took place in the private dining room for Congressmen in the United States Capitol.

Rep. William Jennings Bryan Dorn (D-S.C.) and Rep. Richard H. Fulton (D-Tenn.) were instrumental in making arrangements and in contacting their fellow congressmen.

Others on the program were former Congressman Brooks Hays, Rep. James M. Collins (R-Tex.), and Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

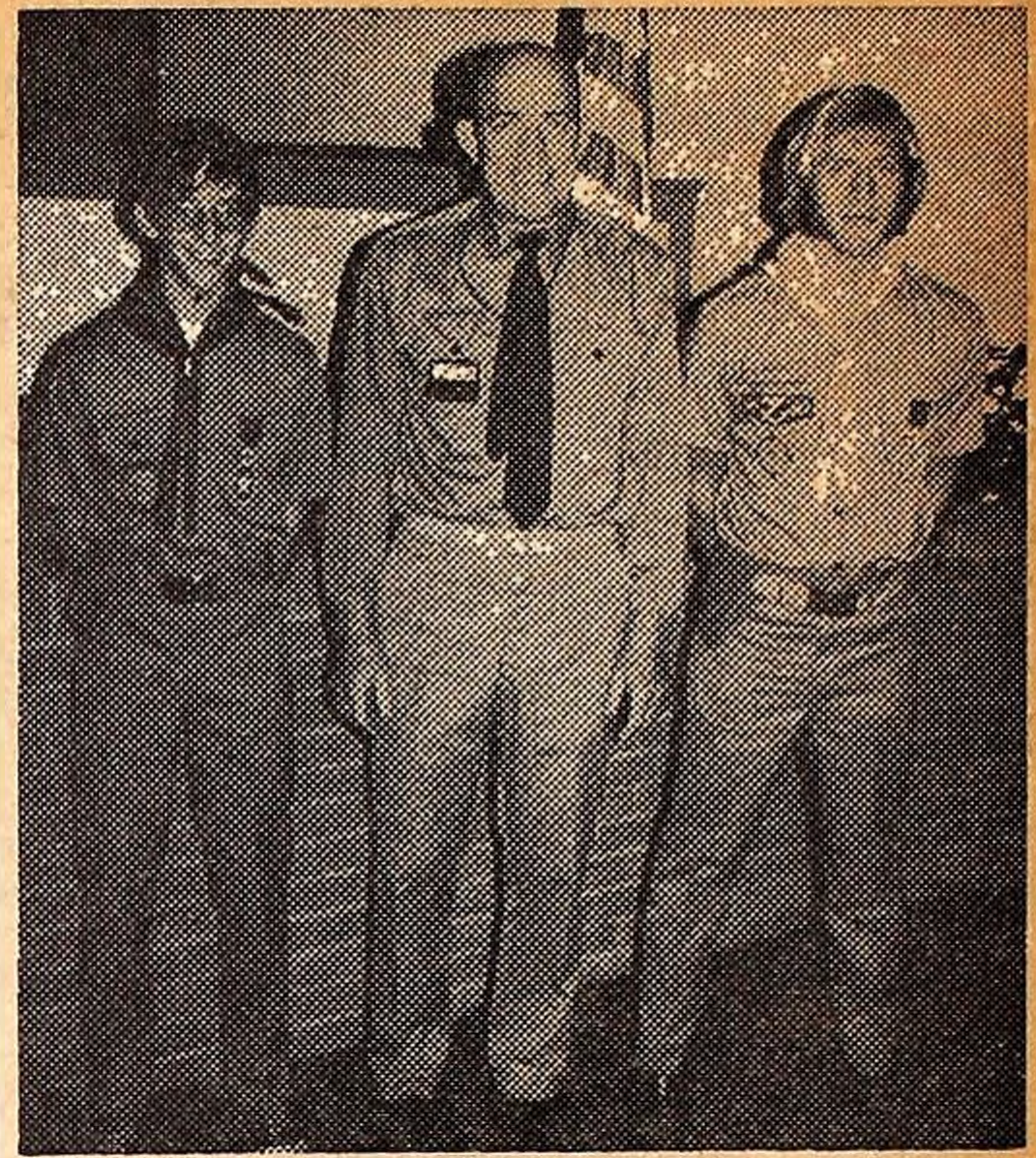
Giles Assoc. Elects Pinkelton, Re-elects Other Officers

Mack Pinkelton, pastor of the New Hope Church, Giles County Association, was elected moderator of that association at its annual meeting in Pulaski.

Officers re-elected were: vice moderator, George Willingham, pastor, Rock Springs Church; treasurer, Bobby Howell, member of the Shores Church. Mrs. George Willingham, member of the Rock Springs Church, will serve as clerk.

The Prospect Church was admitted into the association. It was organized as an independent church but was re-constituted as a cooperating church last year. Louie Wakefield is pastor.

R. E. Wilsford is superintendent of missions for the association.



Scout Benny Carroll (left) and eagle scout Lee Brewington (right), members of the Hermitage Hills church in Nashville were presented recently with scouting's highest Christian award, "The God and Country Medal." The awards, along with letters of congratulations from Southern Baptist Convention president Owen Cooper, were presented to the boys. They are pictured above with their scout master Tom Coulter, also a member of the Hermitage Hills Church. George Becvar is their pastor.

After much consideration, we are today announcing the withdrawal of our offer to donate \$5,000,000.00 to Union University. This is done with no malice on our part toward those who have opposed this offer, but because we believe it is in the best interest of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

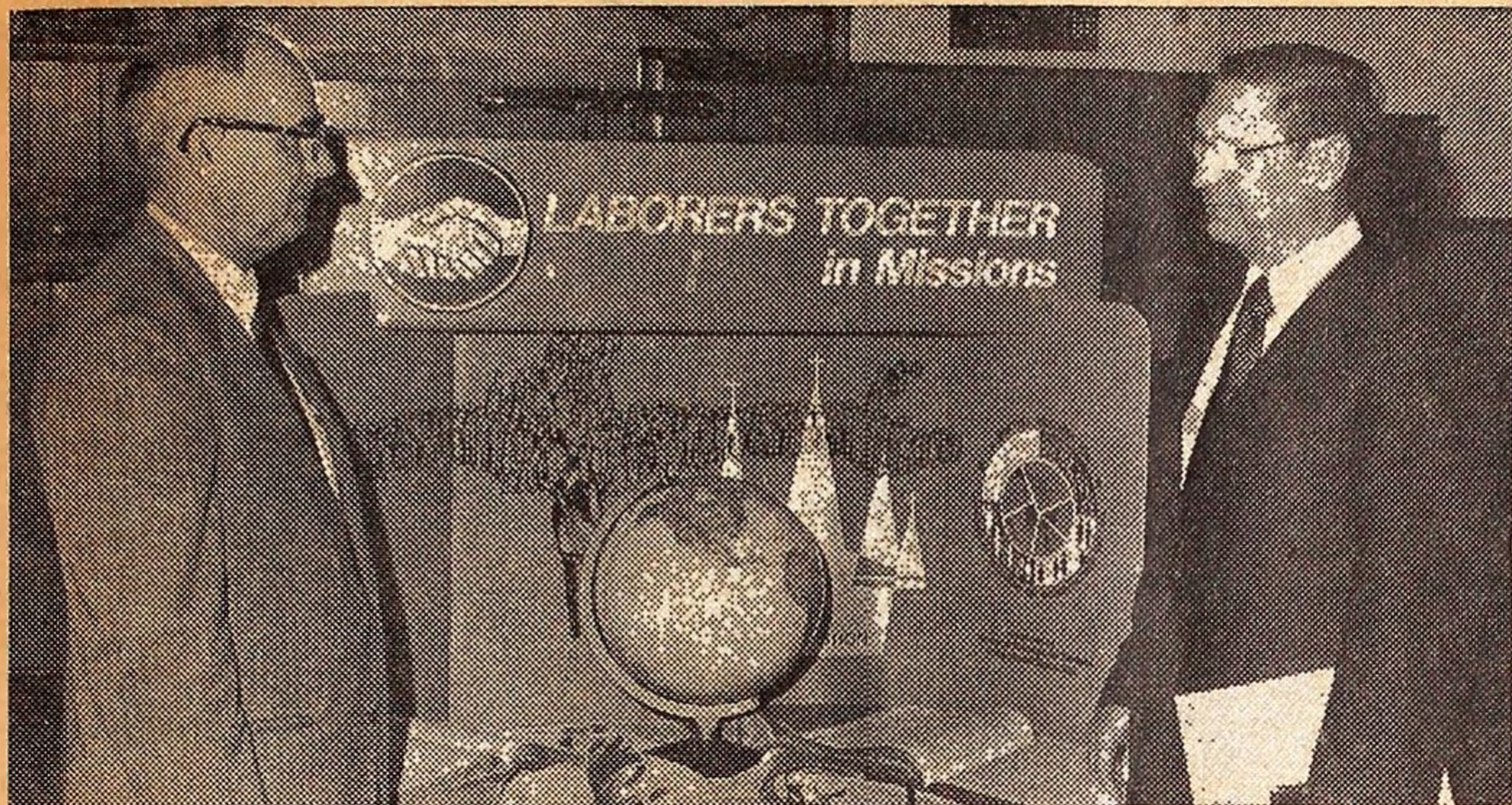
Mrs. Cockroft and I had recognized the need for a strong Christian university in the mid-south area and had offered to help finance it. We could visualize an outstanding conservative Christian university in Shelby County which would emphasize Christianity, high academic standards and loyalty to our country.

There has been organized opposition working to keep the college in Jackson. We regret that some of the opposition has misunderstood and misinterpreted our intentions and actions. Our desire was to help the college, not to hurt or hinder it. We felt our stipulations attached to the proposed gift would assist the institution and assure stability and quality.

Mrs. Cockroft and I wish the college well. I plan to continue to serve on the board of trustees, as well as assist it in its efforts to have a new campus and a quality program.

Dr. and Mrs. William B. Cockroft

Loudon County Association Observes 100th Anniversary



Glen Melton (left); Dillard Hagan (right)

The Loudon County Association held its 100th anniversary meeting, Oct. 25-26, at the New Providence Church, Riverview Church, and Union Fork Creek Church.

Special ceremonies celebrating the centennial were held following the first session. A copy of the first minutes, dated October 1873, was presented along with the oldest Bible used by the association according to Glen Melton, superintendent of missions.

Organization of the association dates back to May 1873 when a preliminary meeting was held at the New Providence Baptist Church to draw up a constitution and an abstract of principles. Cave Creek, First Loudon, New Providence, Pleasant Hill, Paw Paw Plains, Shady Grove, and Town Creek Churches were represented at that meeting. The second preliminary meeting took place on the fifth Saturday in September of that year.

The first convention associational meeting was held at New Providence Church on the second Saturday in October 1873. The introductory sermon was delivered by J. Deavers. P. L. Amos was elected as the first moderator.

Edward Lee To Head Duck River Association

Messengers to the annual sessions of the Duck River Association met recently at the Lincoln Heights Church in Tullahoma and First Church, Decherd.

Edward Lee, pastor of Rutledge Falls Church, was elected moderator. Elected to serve with Lee were: vice moderator, J. W. Audry Minor, pastor, Lincoln Heights Church; treasurer, Malcolm Hazelip, member of Tullahoma First Church; and clerk, Mrs. Leroy Barton, member of Highland Church.

According to superintendent of missions, H. D. Standifer, the Southside Church was also constituted.

The second annual session was held at Paw Paw Plains Church in 1874.

In 1955, the name of the association was changed from the original name of Providence Association of Baptists to the Loudon County Association of Missionary Baptists. On Aug. 31, 1959, the Executive Committee voted to buy a home for the missionary. It was paid for in 1967.

In this, the centennial year, the association reports construction underway on a new association office; a budget of \$15,069.52; church membership throughout the association of 11,057; and baptisms for 1973 of 355.

The moderator of the association is Dillard Hagan, pastor of First Church, Philadelphia.

Chandler Promoted In Music Department

John R. Chandler has been promoted to supervisor of the Church Music Promotion Section in the Church Music Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The section originated out of a recent reorganization of the Church Music Department that combined all field services in one section.

Foundation

The Last Chance

By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A will provides the last chance for one to let the world know the kind of man he is. It tells of his concern for his wife, his children and other dependents. It may also tell about his love for the Lord.

Without a will the widow could be left without adequate means of support. The children's part of the estate would not be easily available to her. Tax savings allowed by law may be denied. The expense of administration for the estate would be increased. She probably would have to make bond and report to the court each year to spend any part of her children's money. This is his last chance for a man to do something for his wife.

The children would be at the mercy of the court. If their mother survived she would likely be named guardian, but what if she and their father both perished in a common disaster? Would the court place the children in the home most desired by the parents? Nobody knows. This is his last chance to answer the question, "Daddy, don't you care?"

If a man die without a will he has had his last chance to give a testimony for the Lord. His will should make provision for the work of the Lord that he professes to love.

For information about preparing a Christian will write: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

This is a statement by Union University president Dr. Robert E. Craig concerning the previously announced offers relating to the advancement campaign of the college in relation to a proposed move to Shelby County.

"It is my understanding that Dr. and Mrs. William B. Cockroft are withdrawing their monetary offer because they feel it would be best for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. I have a great respect and appreciation for both the Cockrofts and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Johnson. They have sought to be generous, to insure Union University of a new campus, and have been positively Christian in their actions.

I hope all of our friends will use their talents and efforts to help us build a new campus in Jackson. We need the cooperation and support of everyone, especially the Chamber of Commerce, Jackson city officials, churches and business leaders."

A called trustee meeting will be held on November 8 for the purpose of considering the withdrawal proposal of the Cockrofts.



Members of the Duck River Association dedicated the 1973 sessions of the associational meetings to H. D. Standifer, superintendent of missions, who will retire next year from his post. Above, (from left), J. W. Audry Minor, pastor of Lincoln Heights church in Tullahoma, and Joe Mayberry, Huntland, association moderator, present a copy of the association's record books to Standifer. Looking on is Mrs. Lillie Strickland, association office secretary.

Bible Nuggets

A VISION OF GOD: CONSCIOUSNESS OF SIN

By T. B. Maston

Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts" (Isa. 6:5, KJV).

What was the source of Isaiah's consciousness of sin in his life? He gives the answer: "For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts."

Many times I have thought of Isaiah's experience and I have recalled an incident that happened when I was a student at Carson-Newman College.

My family lived on a small hillside farm about thirty miles from the college. We were share-croppers and were quite poor. My mother said on numerous occasions,

"We may not have much, but we can keep clean what we have."

One Friday afternoon when I arrived home for a weekend visit Mother's washing was still on the clothesline. As usual, it was spotlessly white. It was not dry, and she did the unusual thing and left it out overnight.

The next morning when I looked out the window of the little upstairs room everything was covered with snow: the cowshed, the barn, the toolhouse, the chickenhouse. The cedars were bending with the heavy weight of the wet snow.

Now, how did my mother's wash look the next morning? You know that it no longer looked spotlessly white. Why? Because there was something out there that was really white. The washing looked dingy.

This illustrates, at least to a limited degree, our reaction when we are conscious of being in the presence of the holy God. What a contrast between his holiness and our unholiness or uncleanness. The more conscious we are of his presence, the closer we get to him; and the more conscious we will be of how far we fall short of being what we ought to be for him.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. William Geiger Jr., missionaries to Chile on medical leave, may be addressed at 1427 Fox St., Memphis, 38111. Both natives of Memphis, she is the former Mary Jo Shelton. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966, he was minister of education in Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Shirley, missionaries to Argentina, may be addressed at Wineberg 3444, Olivos, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Both from Tennessee, he is a native of Johnson City, and she is the former Lois Parsons of Elizabethton. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Calvin Parker, missionaries to Japan, may be addressed at 1C Uehara Garden, 2-19-7 Uehara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151, Japan. He is a native of Florida, and she is the former Harriett Hale of Hamblen County, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1951.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer, missionaries to Italy, have completed furlough and returned to the field of service. They may be addressed at Via Antelao 2, 00141, Rome, Italy. Born in Oklahoma, he lived in Chattanooga. She is the former Lillie Mae Hylton of Knoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Hawkins Jr., missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough. Their address is Route 2, Columbia, Tn., 38401. A native of North Carolina, he was born in Leakesville. She is the former Mariruth Barker of Columbia.

Dr. and Mrs. William Skinner, missionaries to Paraguay, have completed a leave of absence and returned to the field. Their address is Casilla 1171, Asuncion, Paraguay. He is a native of Nashville, and she is from South Carolina.

Campbell Assn. Burns Note, Elects Building Committee

Campbell County Association met in annual session and elected Donald J. LaBelle, pastor of LaFollette First church, as moderator. Floyd Powell, pastor of West LaFollette church, will serve with him as vice moderator. Re-elected to positions in the association were Victor Henegar, Indiana Avenue church, treasurer, and Linda Cordell, Calvary church, clerk.

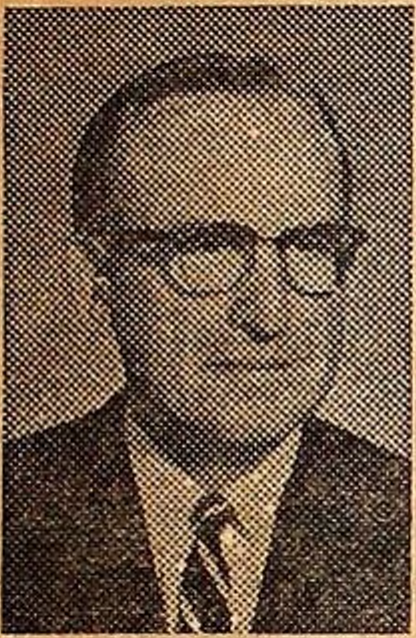
Ralph Cordell, superintendent of missions, reported that a note burning ceremony was held at the first session at the Demory church in LaFollette. A property note for the association was burned by a member of the finance committee and the treasurer. Additionally, a committee was elected to study plans for a new building.

Living Victoriously In Society

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

Background Scripture: Romans 12:14-13:14
Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:14-13:1

Today's lesson raises several most pertinent questions: Can a Christian live victoriously in a non-Christian world? Is life self-defeating amid the pressures of modern society? Since there are so many avenues of temptation, can a Christian find the high road to overcoming temptations? Can one be spiritually effective in an unspiritual environment?



Gabhart

It would be quite foolish and facetious to answer the above questions with a hasty "yes." But victory is possible.

The fight is on. For the Christian must fight on four fronts at the same time: he must learn how to live with his enemies and non-believers; he must live successfully in relation with his fellow believers; he must be an effective Christian citizen in governmental relationships; and he must learn to live humbly with himself. These four areas comprise his society, the battleground.

If Paul had chosen a subject around which to group his salient points, he might have chosen this one . . . Yield to the Good Temptations . . . for this thread seems to run throughout his discourse.

Life In Relation To The Enemy

Most Christians have at one time or another felt the sting of persecution, rebuff, rebuke or ridicule. The early Christian got it from the worshippers in the synagogue, later by the Romans and today from the materialistic humanist. The Christian must never yield to "tit for tat," "evil for evil," "an eye for an eye," or "a tooth for a tooth." Such actions merely aggravate the enemy. Natural life may be red in tooth and claw. It may be dog eat dog, a survival of the fittest, but Christ did not succumb to that way of life. He set a different example and he is the supreme example. As nails were being driven into his hands, he prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Forgiveness and love will frequently melt down hatred, scorn and evil. Retaliation through a like deed is something like saying "sickem" to a growling dog. It merely sharpens revenge and heightens encounter.

The Christian is to strive for peace. He is to do good to his enemy. He is to refrain from striking back.

Life In Relation To One's Fellow Believers

Sometimes it is as difficult, if not more so, to live victoriously with one's friends as with one's enemies. A Christian may take his fellow believers for granted. Envy and jealousy may creep in. Cold and selfish attitudes may harbor within his mind and heart. But Christianity that is not shared is stagnant. A Christian is to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep."

Harmony and humility are goals to be sought for in the Christian fellowship. High-mindedness, snobbishness and unselfishness rob the fellowship of that warmth and oneness which must exemplify Christian society. Herein Jesus spoke out very strongly: "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matt. 5:23-24) The obvious deduction is that the Christian is to take the initiative to right a wrong. He is not to wait for his brother.

Life In Relation To Government

The Christian is not to resist governmental authority, but submit to it. This is because "there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God." This does not mean that every elected official is God's choice for that position, but it does mean that the fact of government is ordered of God. The Christian, therefore, is to be in subjection to governmental authority, pay his taxes and accept his responsibilities that relate to his ruling officials as well as to those responsibilities which are personal. His responsibilities relate to co-operating with government officials in securing and promoting peace and justice, temperance and truthfulness, morality and honesty. Government would be easy if every citizen were a Christian, and if every Christian would realize his duties as a citizen.

Life In Relation To The Individual Christian

The individual Christian life grown and develops in the struggle to return good for evil in relation to his enemy, in the struggle to live in peace and love with those who rejoice and weep, and in the struggle to be a decent and devoted citizen to his city, state and nation. But he never really fully matures until he has fought through and

Cooper Urges National Day Of Prayer In 1974

RICHMOND—Southern Baptist Conventist President Owen Cooper said here he will ask the North American Baptist Fellowship to undertake organizing a nationwide day of prayer and fasting in June of 1974.

Cooper reiterated the idea he has touched on before during a surprise visit to a meeting of the Virginia Baptist General Board here.

The Mississippi layman recalled that on June 7, 1774, Virginia patriots observed a day of prayer and fasting in the famous Bruton Parish church, Williamsburg, on behalf of the sister colony of Massachusetts.

The prayer meeting in 1774 took place after Virginia's Governor Dunmore, antagonized by sympathy in the House of Burgesses for the Boston Tea Party, dissolved the House. The Boston Tea Party was a violent protest to the English Tea Tax.

Unlike 1774, Cooper's proposed prayer meeting in 1974 would not be designed as a protest but as a day of thanksgiving and recommitment to the ideals of democracy and the Christian way of life.

Fred Laughon of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, who accompanied Cooper said he hoped "Bruton Parish church would be made available for a Baptist prayer meeting, nationally televised, in 1974. When the 1774 meeting was held, Baptists were still being jailed in Virginia for preaching." (BP)

wrought out a few things in his own individual life.

Conceit is one's personal enemy. One who thinks too highly of himself will not be able to get along with others. A "know-it-all" attitude will cut one off from learning of his neighbor's woes and needs.

A Christian must be able to control his personal habits and thoughts. There can be no such thing as public purity and corporate goodness until there is personal purity and private goodness. T. S. Eliot was right when he said, "It is wrong to look for a system so perfect that no one needs be good." No system is that good, nor can it become good until there is individual goodness within the system.

The spiritual principle involved in this lesson involves the Christian in taking the offensive. Defensively, he must resist evil practices. But the best defense is a good offense. The Christian must be looking for opportunities to do good. He must buy up every such opportunity. This requires diligence and discipline.

A parting thought might be expressed in this statement: The smaller the world becomes, the bigger the man must be in all his relationships. This is no time for the Christian to play it little, the stakes for victory are too high. It is time that the Christian pray, "O Lord, cause my steps in every direction to move in perfect rhythm with Thy will."

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Tennessee News Briefs

Immanuel Church, Lawrence County Association, ordained **James L. Harney Jr.** as a deacon recently. The ordination sermon was delivered by **James L. Harney**, his father, and former pastor of Immanuel. **Tom Camp** is pastor.

Mrs. Viva Leeper, 91, mother of **Mrs. Charles DePriest**, state Sunday School preschool consultant, died at Giles County Hospital in Pulaski, last month. She was a member of the Standing Rock Church in Beech River Association. Services were conducted by **Clarence K. Stewart**, First Church, Pulaski, and were held at the McDonald Funeral Home at Linden.

In Dyer Association, Fowlkes Church held dedication services and open house for its new educational annex recently. **Morris Prince**, former pastor, brought the morning message. **Harry L. Garland** is pastor. In the same association, Macedonia Church held dedication services and open house for its new building. **Clyde Wroten** is pastor.

Duck Creek Church, Holston Valley Association, has gone full time and is providing a rented home on the field for its pastor, **Ruble Price**.

Calvary Church, Knoxville, ordained **C. S. Albert Ebenezer**, a native of India, as a deacon. Ordained along with **Ebenezer** was **John J. Ingram III**. Both men are medical doctors. **J. R. Covington** is pastor.

Calvary Church, Kingsport, ordained **David Smith** as a deacon. **Edward D. Johnson** is pastor.

First Church, Bluff City, purchased a new pastor's home. **Jerry C. Frady** is pastor.

Riley Jones, minister of music at First Church, Baileyton, and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. He

has served the church in the music capacity since 1908, and has been a deacon since 1922.

R. Trevis Otey, pastor, First Church, Jackson, has announced that the church will convert to color equipment in its television ministry and that the installation will be made in ample time for the taping of the church's annual Christmas Eve telecast. The recommendation was presented from the deacons, the finance committee, and the television committee and was approved unanimously by the church membership.

In Bradley Association, Tasso Church held dedication services for its new beautiful pastorium. The church is without a pastor at the present time. In the same association, Westwood Church organized a new WMU with **Mrs. Harold Smith** as director. **Harold Smith** is pastor.

First church, Lenoir City, ordained **Herb Linginfelter** as a deacon on Sunday, Oct. 14. **C. A. Redmond** is pastor of the church.

East Ridge Church, Chattanooga, ordained **Wayne L. Erwin** and **George F. Tucker** as deacons decently. **C. Henry Preston** is pastor of the church.

New Prospect Church, Grainger County Association, ordained **Johnny Long** and **Charles Oliver** as deacons recently. **Thomas Jarnigan** is pastor.

Ordination services were held at Hendersonville First Church for new deacons **Owen Blanton**, **Jim Edwards**, **John Riadon**, and **Jack Woodward**.

Toone Church, Hardeman Association, received a \$300 memorial gift to the church library recently. It was given by **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson**, Memphis, in memory of **Mrs. Wilson's father, Fred Brown**.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Carl Baily Scrumm is the new pastor at the Laager Church, Sequatchie Valley Association.

In Lawrence County Association, Beech Grove Church called **H. L. Jackson** as pastor. It is his first church. The Bonner-town Church called **Ben Hamilton** as pastor. He comes from Tusculumbia, Ala. Pastor **Bob McIlwain**, New Prospect Church, resigned, effective Nov. 11.

In Holston Association, **Harry T. Moore**, pastor of Greenlawn Church, resigned and moved to Cleveland. **Alan Guy**, minister of music at First Church, Bluff City, resigned and moved to Nashville. **James Dampier**, pastor at Clark Street Church, resigned. The new pastor of Greenlawn Church is **Wayland Fillers**. **Murray Jackson**, pastor of Chinquapin Grove, has resigned to accept a call to Stoney Creek Church, Elizabethton.

Several new pastors have been called to serve churches in the East Tennessee Association. They include: **Ransom Hall** coming to Pleasant Grove Church; **Ray Stokely** coming to Maple Grove Church; **Iliff Suggs** coming to Cave Hill Church; and **Frank Hux** coming to New Prospect Church. One resignation was reported. **Robert Hopkins** is leaving Point Pleasant Church.

In Stone Association, Monterey First called **Frances L. Gill** as music and youth director.

In Dyer Association, **J. O. Smothers** resigned as pastor of Finley Church and is retiring from the active pastorate. He has served Finley church for over six years and has been active in all phases of associational work. He plans to reside in Rutherford and serve in any capacity as interim or supply pastor. In the same association, **J. T. Drace** was called as pastor of Finley Church. He comes from the Madison Hall Church, Madison-Chester Association.

Sammy Putnam has accepted the call to serve as pastor of First Church, Cartwright. He was pastor previously and had left to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he graduated in 1973.

Stone Association Re-elects Raymond White Moderator

Raymond White, pastor, Eastwood Church, Stone Association, was re-elected to the post of moderator for that association during its recent annual meeting.

Elected to serve for the first time was **George Capps**, pastor, First Church, Cookeville, who will serve as vice moderator. **Vesper Judd**, pastor, Hampton Cross Roads Church, will again serve as treasurer; and **Hazel Wall**, a member of First Church, Cookeville, will serve as clerk.

The Central Emmanuel Church was received under the watchcare of the association. Its pastor is **Ray Maby**.

Johnnie Lee is superintendent of missions.



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JEFFERSON CITY—Dr. Clark Bryan, Carson-Newman College dean of students, has announced C-N's 1973-74 recipients of **Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities**. Criteria for selection to this honor are scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship, service to the school, and promise of future usefulness.

The 1973-74 recipients and their parents are: Joy Sue Blake (Mr. and Mrs. Renie Blake of Strawberry Plains, Tn.), David Chambless (Rev. and Mrs. York Chambless of Smyrna, Ga.), Dewayne Darby (Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Darby of Jefferson City, Tn.), Betty Duggan (Mr. and Mrs. Ted F. Duggan of Apison, Tn.), John Dunaway (Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Dunaway of Gatooma, Rhodesia), Julie Dye (Mr. and Mrs. James I. Dye of Greeneville, Tn.).

Peggy Hudson (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hudson of District Heights, Md.), Lee Ownby (Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Ownby, Sr. of Richmond, Va.), Brenda Reeder (Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Reeder of Nashville, Tn.), Glenda Sentell (Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sentell of Hollywood, Fla.), Wade Singletary (Mr.

and Mrs. W. H. Singletary, Sr. of Sanford, Fla.), Betty Sprinkle (Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sprinkle of Knoxville, Tn.), Lauren Beth Sprunger (Mr. and Mrs. L. Sprunger of Odessa, Texas), Judy Tarr (Mr. and Mrs. Lonas Tarr of Jefferson City, Tn.), and Virginia Travis (Jefferson City, Tn.).

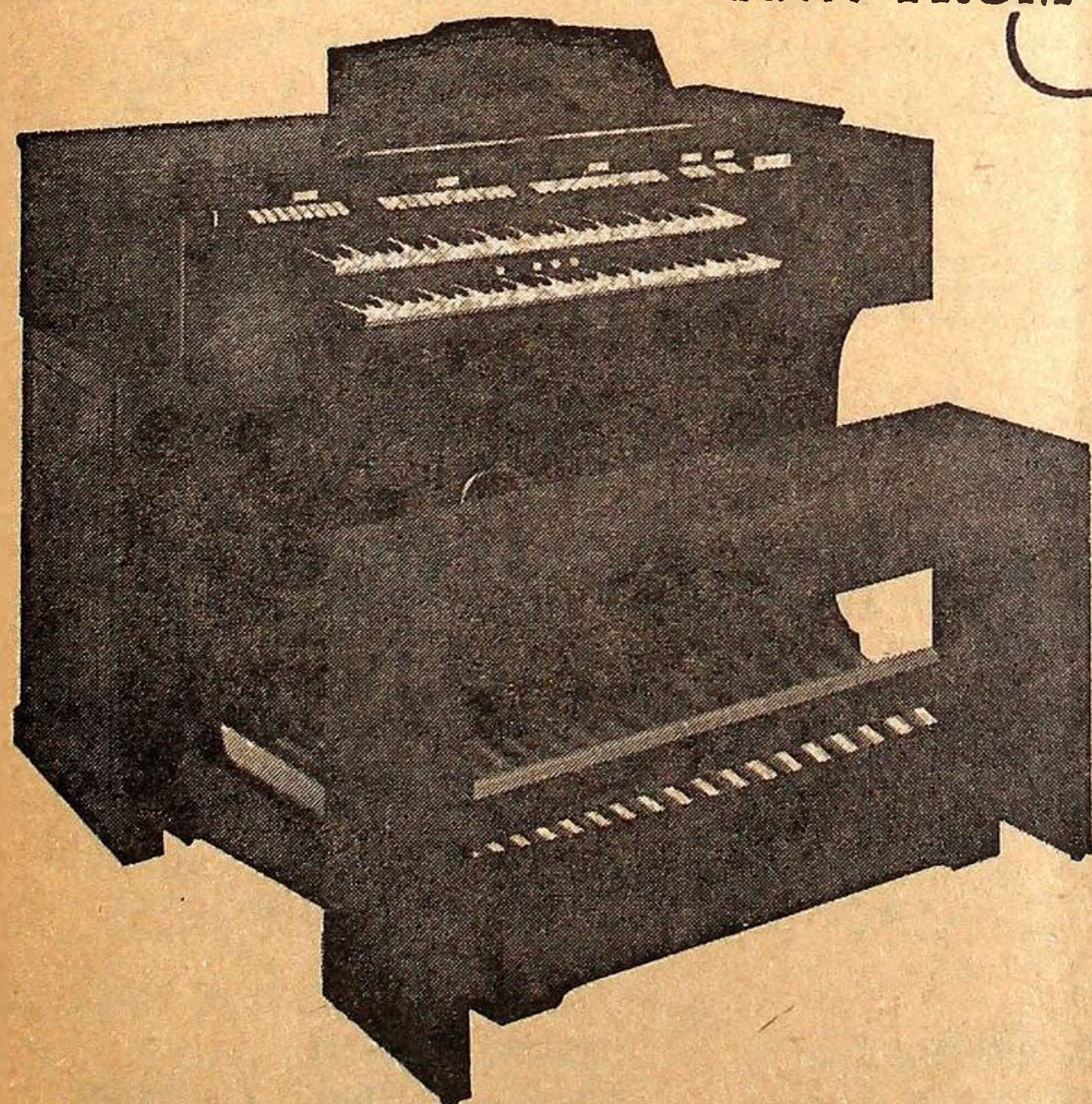
Big Hatchie Assn. Elects James Williams Moderator

Messengers to the Big Hatchie Association meeting last month heard reports of increased giving within the association in Cooperative Program, total mission giving, and total receipts, according to Teddy Evans, superintendent of missions. The association also reported an increase in church membership by letter and a decrease in baptisms over last year.

Officers elected for the coming year included: moderator James Williams, pastor of Garland church; vice moderator Paul Woodford, pastor of First church, Ripley; treasurer Mrs. Ben W. Emerson, a member of Ripley First church; and clerk Henry G. West, pastor of Covington's First church.



Bill Hill, left, chairman of deacons at Trinity church, Lebanon, presented a check for \$1350 to Pastor Ray Green recently. The check, a gift from the church, was used to help support an evangelistic crusade in Onitsha, Nigeria, where Green preached, Oct. 21-Nov. 4.



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Home Mission Board Creates Two New Staff Positions

ATLANTA—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has named Toby Druin of Raleigh, N.C., and Lyndon W. Collings of Gary, Ind., to newly created positions.

Druin, associate editor of North Carolina's "Biblical Recorder" since 1966, will become editor of the mission agency's news service, Dec. 1. Collings, superintendent of missions for Northwest Indiana Baptist Association, was elected assistant secretary of the department of church extension, effective Nov. 15.

The board also named Mrs. Katherine G. Roberson, a systems analyst from Fairfax, Ala., to direct the agency's office personnel. She succeeds Mrs. Evelyn Worley who retires in January.

Druin, 38, worked eight years with daily newspapers in Texas, including papers in

Amarillo, Borger, Wichita Falls and Waco, before earning a journalism degree from Baylor university, Waco, and serving with the school's public-relations office.

Collings, whose new responsibilities extend from the Great Lakes to Florida, has been a superintendent of missions in Indiana since 1969. He has held pastorates in Kentucky and Indiana.

The Normandy, Ky., native is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) college and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is 50.

Druin, the first Home Mission Board staffer with exclusive news responsibilities, joins an editorial department of journalists who produce the agency's magazine, "Home Missions," and mission study books as well as the news service. (BP)

New Books

The New International Version of the New Testament, Zondervan, 573 pp., cloth. Accompanying the New Testament are special information sheets to further acquaint you with the New International Version. Through this means an attempt has been made to answer the following questions: Why Another Bible Translation?, Who Are the NIV Translators?, and How Did the Translators Work?

Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons January-March, 1974 by Herschel H. Hobbs, Convention, 128 pp., paper. The book contains expository treatment of each focal passage in the Life and Work Bible studies for this quarter.

WANTED: A copy of "Visions of Victory" by R. L. McCan published by Broadman about 1966-67. If any one has a copy to sell, please write Rev. W. Glenn Tallant, North Conway Baptist Church, 1608 Sessions St., Conway, S.C. 29526.

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Radio-TV Commission Begins Program For Blacks

FORT WORTH—"Soulssearchers," a 30-minute rhythm and blues program designed specifically for black audiences and playing primarily on black stations, made its debut in late October on seven radio stations.

Produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the black-oriented show has a black co-producer, Don Huggins. Roy Lee Johnson of Fort Worth's KNOK Radio and Willie Monroe of Dallas-Fort Worth's WBAP-TV, are the show's co-hosts.

"The Radio and Television Commission has turned its production personnel and facilities to 'Soulssearchers' in an attempt to respond to requests from black Christians for a radio program aimed at the black community," said Paul M. Stevens, Radio-TV Commission president.

"We have conferred from the start with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board concerning the type of gospel-centered program that is needed. It is our desire to let this be the beginning of a relationship with our black Baptist brethren."

"Soulssearchers" is fashioned loosely after the style of "Powerline," a Radio-TV Commission show for youth which has proven

so popular with the industry that it is heard on 777 radio stations.

Johnson, in KNOK's public relations department, joined the station after graduation from high school in Fort Worth, a stint in the Air Force and broadcast training at Trimble Technical Institute.

Monroe, who grew up in Los Angeles, was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, worked on a San Francisco newspaper and traveled in Europe and Africa. His involvement in a summer study program at New York's Columbia university led to his position as newscaster with WBAP-TV.

"There's the problem of appealing to young blacks and delivering a message in their language and culture without being phoney or condescending," said Johnson. He continued firmly, "We are not going to condescend."

"The young blacks I've talked with need models, someone achieving, whom they can observe and say to themselves, 'I can aspire to that.' We want this program to relate, to encourage, to inspire and, if necessary, to educate," said Monroe.

Stations where "Soulssearchers" has already been scheduled include WCAR, Detroit; WRNO-FM, New Orleans; WSGN, Birmingham; WLOU, Louisville, Ky.; WNAH, Nashville; KDNT, Denton, Tex., and WKRO, Cairo, Ill. (BP)

Georgia Church Sponsors

High-Rise Retirement Home

DECATUR, Ga.—Clairmont Oaks, a retirement home for the elderly, sponsored by First Baptist church here has broken ground for a 298-unit facility to cost almost \$6 million.

The site, across the street from the church, is sponsored by the church through a non-profit corporation it established.

Construction is expected to be completed in early 1974. (BP)

Annuity Board President's Father Dies In Kansas

COFFEYVILLE, Kan.—Elmer E. Morgan, 81, father of a Southern Baptist denominational leader, died here of a heart attack.

He was father of Darold H. Morgan of Dallas, president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Another son, Harold, is pastor of Linn Creek Church, Linn Creek, Mo.

Other survivors include his wife, a third son and two daughters, all of Coffeyville. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. (BP)

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Stanton To Speak At
Abe Lincoln Awards

FORT WORTH—Frank Stanton, president of Columbia Broadcasting System before his retirement in March, will be featured speaker here at the fifth annual Abe Lincoln Awards to distinguished broadcasters.

The awards, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be held Feb. 7, 1974.

President Nixon appointed Stanton chairman and principal officer of the American National Red Cross in April, 1973. He remains a director of CBS as well as numerous corporations.

The former CBS executive is considered "a broadcaster's broadcaster," a strong defender of broadcast journalism and "the people's right to know." He received numerous awards for his efforts, one of the most recent being a 1972 Special George Foster Peabody Award.

During the more than 25 years that Stanton was president and chief operating officer of CBS he also served as chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Information.

The awards were established by the Radio and Television Commission in 1970 and represent the belief of its president, Paul M. Stevens, that "broadcasters can best be en-

West Virginia Baptists
Urge Honest Government

WEIRTON, W. Va.—Messengers to the annual meeting of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists here called for honesty in government, adopted a \$260,736 budget and elected a new president.

The resolution on government, citing only limited revelation of wrongdoing, urged "from a non-partisan standpoint" that all "possibly guilty" political leaders "turn from such grossly immoral practices, admit their guilt if such exists and be willing to take whatever consequences their possible, particular immoral actions call for.

"It is the only way," the resolution said, "that we may be able to return to some semblance of honest government and restoration of the confidence in the people in government."

The resolution also urged "great care . . . after much study and prayer" in selecting and voting for candidates who best seem "to fit the moral image that is desperately needed at this time in our country at all levels of government."

couraged by giving them deserved recognition for the positive role they play, as individual citizens and representatives of the industry, in the life of America." (BP)

". . . When such candidates are elected," the resolution concluded, "we pray daily that God may be so in their lives that conscience will override greed and they will carry out their responsibilities of office with deep concern for the great stewardship entrusted to them."

The budget for the young state convention, largely underwritten by assistance from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board, anticipates \$131,312 in Cooperative Program contributions from West Virginia Baptist churches. Of that figure, 21.5 per cent has been designated for the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget.

According to figures released by John I. Snedden, the West Virginia convention's executive secretary-treasurer, Cooperative Program receipts from churches in West Virginia are running 36 per cent higher through the first nine months of 1973 than during the same period last year. Cooperative Program gifts to SBC causes are 42 per cent higher for the entire fiscal year, Snedden said.

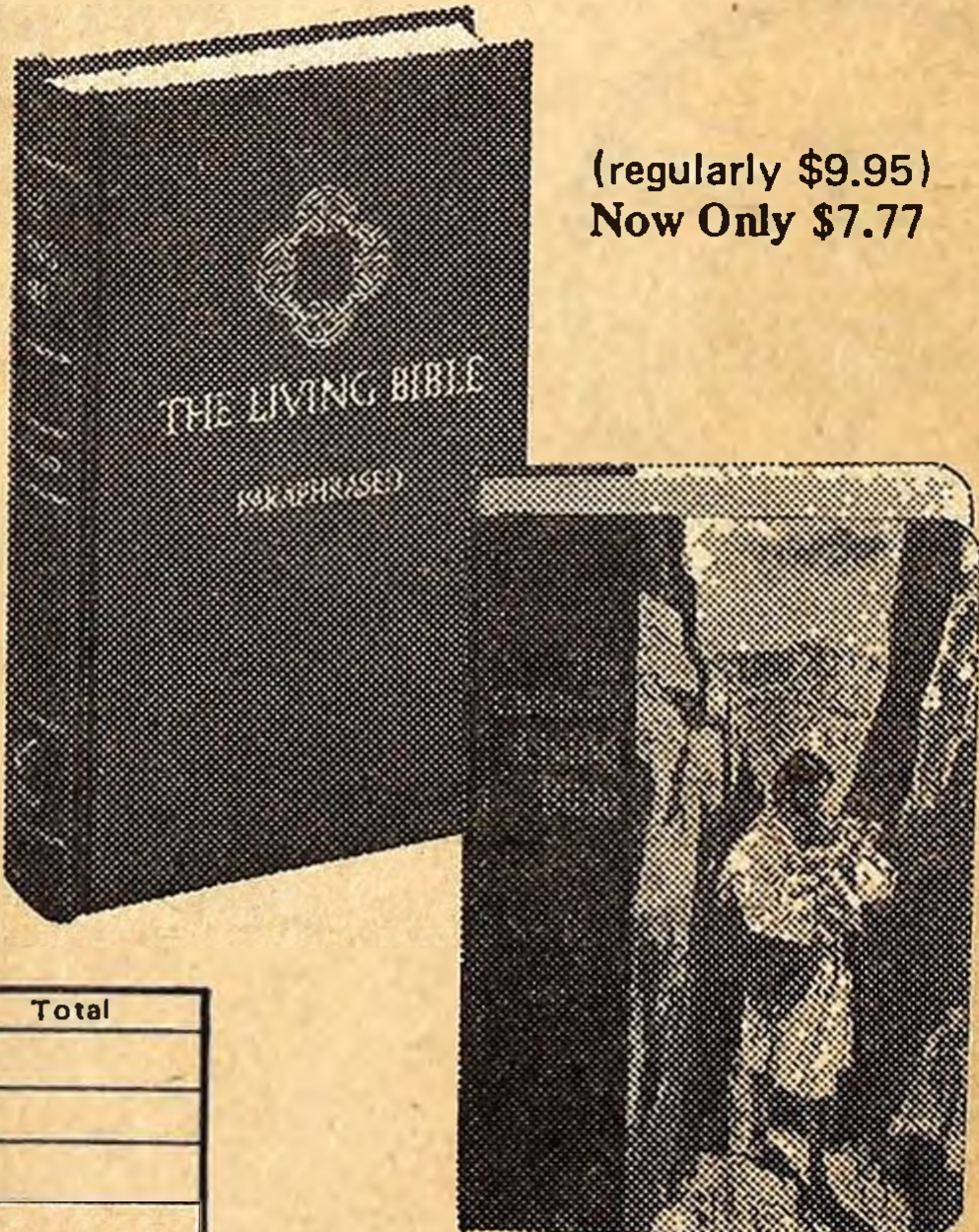
Fifty-seven churches, with some 15,000 members, make up the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. (BP)

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Haynes Joins Southwestern Seminary Administration

FORT WORTH—James D. Haynes of Rawlins, Wyo., has been named controller and director of student housing at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here.

Haynes succeeds Robert R. Doty who resigned to enter private business.

As controller, Haynes will maintain fiscal records of the seminary and oversee 700 units of married student housing.

A native of Ira, Tex., Haynes is a gradu-

ate of Howard Payne college, Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern seminary.

Since seminary graduation, he has served several pioneer Baptist churches in Wyoming and has worked as an accountant for several public accountant firms. (BP)

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Responding To Jesus' Call

By W. R. White
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Basic Passages: Matthew 4:17-25; Luke 14:15-24; Acts 1:4-8
Focal Passages: Matthew 4:18-23; Luke 14:21-23; Acts 1:4-8

A perusal of the New Testament record will reveal various reactions and responses to the call of Jesus.



White

In some cases, much will depend on the background of the individuals. Some have a background of strong prejudice, other individuals will react with a vigorous rejection or even insults. Others who are ignorant of His character will be somewhat neutral or occasionally will respond in a favorable way.

Those who have had sincere, proper preparation and are fair minded will respond readily with genuine discipleship.

People who are preoccupied with minor matters could not care less. They are totally indifferent. These are very, very difficult to impress.

There are the self-sufficient and the self-righteous. They are the most unresponsive and adamant. There is no sense of need whatever. They feel that all is well but they are sleeping the sleep of death.

Pride often precludes any meaningful response. It may be intellectual pride or social pride, pride of position or power, success or wealth.

The hold of habits or hardening of sin often locks the heart against Christ.

Drifting carelessness and neglect too often pass Jesus as if He were not in existence. He is simply ignored.

The Unfortunate Few Matthew 4:18-23

Some of those who responded to the call of Jesus did it so quickly and easily that it seemed automatic. Peter and Andrew, James and John are good examples. Yet if we examine the whole New Testament, we find that it was not so superficial as appearances would lead us to believe.

The ministry of John the Baptist and individual witnesses played a big part in the preparation for the ministry of Jesus. We are not thereby minimizing the magnificence and influence of Jesus himself.

The seeking heart and alert awareness are so essential. The Lord will be found of those individuals who seek Him with the whole heart. Many are called but few are chosen.

Unacceptable Alibis Luke 14:21-23

Jesus compares the divine invitation to a great feast to which many guests were invited. It seems that some notice had been given previously of the coming event. When all things were ready a special invitation was sent to each one. The response was a series of excuses. They were both frivolous and inane. They were considered responses but not valid ones, of course. The host was outraged and turned to others. We are to be careful about our responses to God's invitation. He came first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As a whole they rejected Him. He then turned to the nations.

Endowment For Witnessing Acts 1:7-8

Christ had given the disciples a commission for worldwide witnessing. This was an enormous assignment for a frail group which the world considered a motley assembly of "nobodies." They had neither prestige or earthly power. However, he had previously promised them that God would send them the Comforter,—"the One to stand by their side."

Now He urges them to wait in Jerusalem for the baptism of the Spirit whom the Father had promised to Him and them. It would be sent after His ascension.

The Holy Spirit would bring the unseen presence of the Father and the Son to dwell in them. That would assure them of heavenly authority and power if they would see to the filling of the Spirit at all times. The baptism of the Holy Spirit and the subsequent fillings of the Spirit would give them not only power but heavenly wisdom and guidance.

Furthermore the Holy Spirit would thrust them out as witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Galilee and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Sometimes it took the outward pressure of persecution and the inward compulsion of the Holy Spirit to thrust them out into the great missionary endeavor.

There is a special instance where it took the thrust of the Spirit only. We recall the sending out of Paul and Barnabas by the Spirit, through the brethren at Antioch, yes, of Peter who was guided to the household of Cornelius. Besides there is the hindrance of the Holy Spirit who prevented Paul from going deeper into Asia but by a vision turned him into Macedonia and deeper into Europe.

Our Lord must direct the churches today through the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their witnessing ministry. The same is true of individuals.

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

Reports from the Associational meetings which many of us here in Brentwood have been hearing over the past few weeks have been most encouraging. Visible progress is being made in many areas of the work carried on by the churches. As these reports include churches from across our state, we are convinced that the outlook is an optimistic one and that our State of Tennessee is already laying the foundation for a great centennial year for Baptists. Many churches are already formulating plans for the year of 1974 and others will be doing so in the near future.

The 99th session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention begins on November 13 in Memphis. Many of you are planning to participate in this important session. Two important issues are to be brought up and discussed. One is the report of the Special Study Committee on Boards and Standing Committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The second involves a report from the committee dealing with the program for the aged.

Each of these issues should demand serious study on the part of every messenger attending the convention. We hope you will come to the sessions with a prayer in your heart that God will lead us as we make some significant decisions which affect all of us as Tennessee Baptists.

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50 YEARS AGO

Baptist And Reflector received word of the death of Mrs. Addie Taylor Bohall, an avid reader of the state Baptist paper for more than 50 years. She died at the age of 89 after having been very active in Baptist work throughout the state.

W. A. Atchley preached the dedicatory sermon for the Millican Grove church near Sevierville in Sevier County. He paid tribute to R. E. Corum for the work he was doing in the church and for the entire county in Baptist leadership.

20 YEARS AGO

The Hamilton Association reported admitting four new churches into the association. They included: Central, Hixson, pastor E. J. Bramlett; East Chattanooga Tabernacle, pastor Plez E. Giddens; Midway church, pastor D. P. Casey; and Tremont church, pastor, J. A. Campbell.

Lockeland church, Nashville, celebrated its 50th anniversary. James Gregg was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Thelma France, a nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital for 30 years, died in Memphis. She had spent most of her nursing life as supervisor of the nurses on the fourth floor of Baptist's original building.

McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, was preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Special guests included former pastors, missionaries, and state and national Baptist leaders. Raymond Smith was pastor.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY ALUMNI REUNION SLATED FOR NOV. 14

Tennessee alumni of Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville will hold their annual fall reunion Nov. 14 at the Second Baptist church in Memphis.

William E. Hull, provost and dean of the School of Theology at Southern seminary, will be the guest speaker.

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Baptist Sunday School Board Names Youth Consultant

NASHVILLE—Bob R. Taylor, a 10-year employe of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named consultant of youth ministry coordination in the board's church administration department.

He was graduated from Baylor University, Waco, and received the master and doctor of religious education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,

ALFRED GREENE BEGINS 23RD YEAR AS MULBERRY GAP MODERATOR

Alfred Greene, pastor of New Hope church in Mulberry Gap Association, began his 23rd year of service as moderator of that association when he was re-elected to the post at the recent annual meeting. He is a member of Friendlies chapel.

Serving with Greene will be R. G. Walker, Power House church, who will serve as treasurer and clerk.

The association has no superintendent of missions.

The 1974 meeting is scheduled for the Sartain Springs church, according to Greene.

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VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

By W. Fred Kendall

Tennessee Baptists had a most difficult time in finally uniting in one Convention. It took them about one hundred years. After they organized the Convention in 1874 they had difficulty in learning the essentials of administration and what was really required if they were to work together.

They took two years to set up an administrative office and elect a Corresponding Secretary. They paid him such a small salary that he resigned after a year and a half because he could not live on it. They paid him only two thirds of what they pledged to pay him and repudiated the rest. He had made debts based on their pledges and was greatly embarrassed because he could not pay. They tried to raise the money at the next Convention to pay what they owed him. This was W. A. Montgomery.

They then elected his successor, J. F. B. Mays at a salary of \$100 per month and he had to raise his own salary and the Convention would not be responsible for it. He began his work December 3, 1878 and resigned August 12, 1879. They then decided to try to find a layman who had a business which would pay him enough income that he could fill the office gratuitously, or in other words without any salary at all. They found such a layman in John D. Anderson, a member of the Edgefield Church in Nashville. He served two and one half years without any salary.

He led the churches and pastors to see that if they were going to have a Convention which would really carry on a great program of work for Christ that they must get an able leader and pay him enough to live. They had two more men who served short terms and then they began to do the right thing and they secured able men who served much longer terms and resigned for health reasons or something other than financial bankruptcy.

News Briefs

Charles R. Livingstone, director of Church Program Organizations Group for the Baptist Sunday School Board, received special honors recently as the winner of the 1973 Oklahoma Baptist University Alumni Achievement Award. He received the award at a special alumni banquet in Shawnee.

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