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Paschall Chairs Committee On State Baptist Papers

LUBBOCK, Tex.—H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, Tenn., will serve as chairman of a five-person committee on ministries of state Baptist news publications, according to Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber.

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, appointed the committee at the request of messengers to the SBC last June in Dallas, who responded favorably to a motion that such a committee be named to "work with the editors of Southern Baptist Convention state papers in projecting circulation and underscoring the role and function of state papers in the life of the convention . . ."

Thirty-three state Baptist news publications, with a combined circulation of over 1.75 million, serve Southern Baptists in 33 state conventions which cover 50 states.

The committee, which will report to the 1975 convention in Miami Beach, is made up of Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and former SBC president; Andrew W. Tampling, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham; Glen E. Braswell, executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention; Richard A. Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church; and Julian Pentecost, editor of the "Religious Herald," Richmond, Va. Pentecost made the motion approved by the

SBC in Dallas.

Weber, as convention president, will serve as an ex officio member of the committee. (BP)

Sunday School Seminar To Feature Dill, Boddie

A preschool and children's Sunday School institute will be held Oct. 24-25 at Central Church of Bearden, Knoxville, according to Jesse Meek, director of preschool work for the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

All preschool and children's workers in all churches are eligible to attend the seminar.

Nancy Dill, assistant professor of education, City University of New York, Queens College, will deliver five lectures at a conference for church workers in Sunday School; and Charles Boddie, president of the American Theological Seminary in Nashville, will speak at a banquet.

Other workers will include Jack Naish, minister of education, Central Church, Miami, Fla.; Nora Padgett, consultant with Baptist Sunday School Board; Mark Moore, BSSB; Mrs. Eldon Boone, Sunday School Department, TBC; and Meek.

Love Lost In Printer's Error In Quarterly

NASHVILLE—A lot of love was lost when the printer dropped eight words from the manuscript of the October 27 session in "Baptist Adults," a quarterly for Training Union, the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday evening program of church training.

A sentence on page 20 of the periodical, published by the SBC Sunday School Board, was supposed to read; "It is not always necessary to have complete agreement, but it is necessary to have love and respect for one another."

The printer left out eight words, making the sentence read, "It is not always necessary to have love and respect for one another." The resulting thought has to be disturbing to those who take seriously the teaching of Christ to "love one another," a Sunday School Board spokesman said.

"This quarterly," said Philip B. Harris, secretary of the board's church training department, "is one which is not seen from the time the manuscript leaves our hands until the finished product is delivered."

"The arrangement has been worked out for economy in the printing process. We expect errors wherever human efforts are involved, but we hope they will be minimized, and that future changes in meaning will not be as significant as this one." (BP)

O'Brien Nominated For Top New Mexico Executive Post

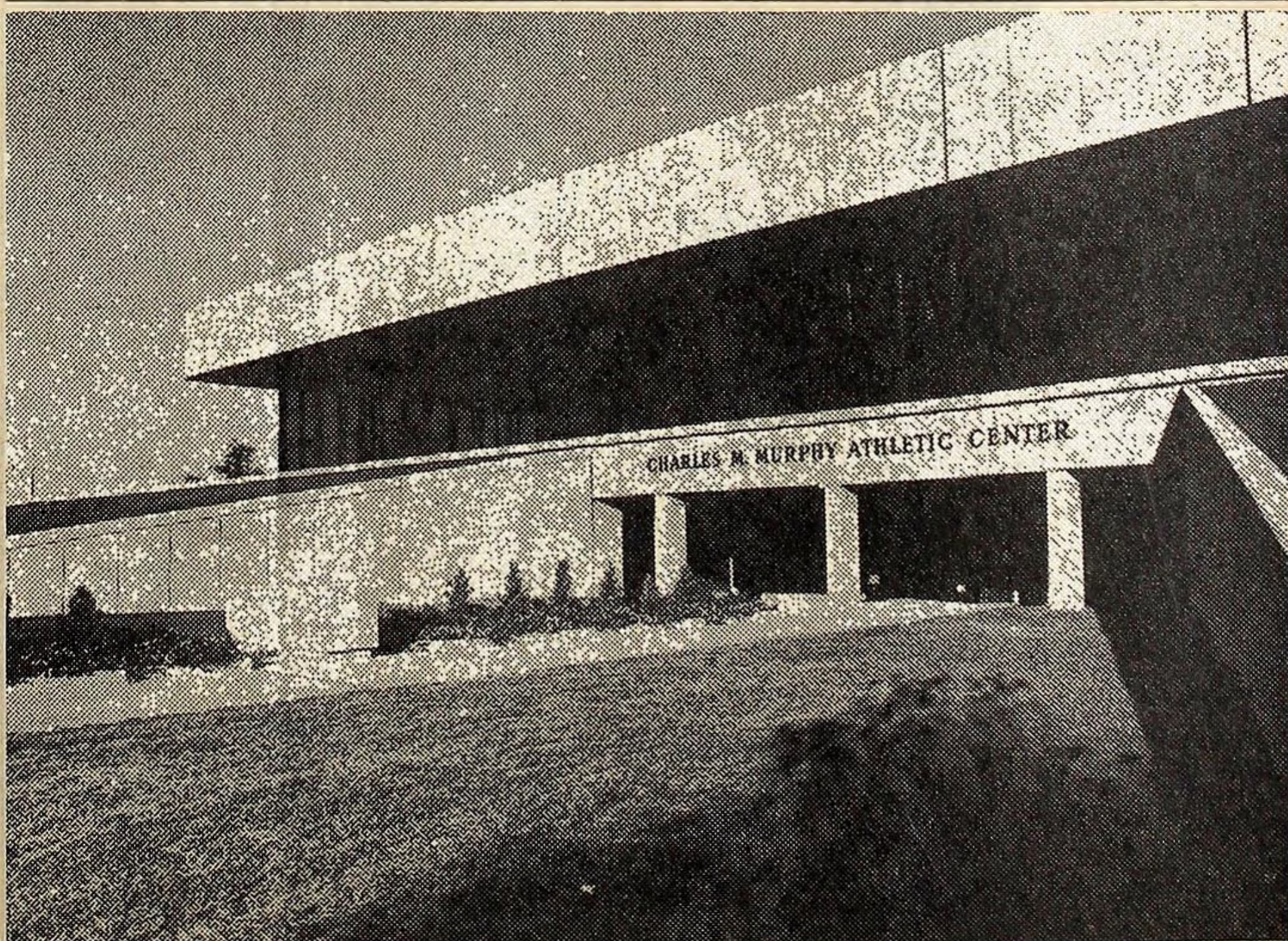
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Chester O'Brien, superintendent of missions for the Amarillo (Tex.) Baptist Association of Southern Baptist churches since 1967, will be nominated to succeed R. Y. Bradford as executive director of the New Mexico Baptist General Convention.

A search committee, after six months of meetings, voted unanimously to nominate O'Brien and will present his name for consideration at the annual meeting of the New Mexico Convention, Nov. 14. He would take office Jan. 1, 1975, if elected.

Bradford will retire Dec. 31, 1974, but the committee announced it will ask him to remain through January 15.

O'Brien, 50, is a native of Fort Worth, Tex., and graduated from high school in Big Spring, Tex.

He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Tucumcari, N.M., and was pastor of Paramount Baptist Church, Amarillo, where he had served since 1958, when he joined the Amarillo associational staff. (BP)



Tennessee Baptists will gather Nov. 12-14 for the Centennial Convention at the Charles M. Murphy Athletic Center on the Middle Tennessee State University Campus in Murfreesboro.

Joseph Powell Elected THA Chairman



Powell

Joseph H. Powell, vice president of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, was elected chairman-elect of the Tennessee Hospital Association at its 36th annual meeting held in Gatlinburg, October 1-3.

The Tennessee Hospital Association represents 165 hospitals, 45 skilled care nursing homes, and 2000 personal members. The purpose of the association is to improve the health of the people of Tennessee by assisting its membership in improving and maintaining high standards of patient care, accessible to all at reason-

able cost.

Powell, a native of Etowah, Tennessee, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee where he was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, an honorary fraternity recognizing leadership on campus. In 1955 he received a Master of Hospital Administration degree from the University of Minnesota. He has been a member of the administrative staff of Baptist Memorial Hospital, the nation's largest non-governmental hospital with its 1800 beds, since 1955.

He is a past president of the Memphis Hospital Council, a Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators, a member of the Advisory Board of Memphis Bank and Trust Company, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Memphis, and chairman of deacons at First Baptist Church, Memphis.

Maury Association Elects Don Bouldin Moderator

Donald G. Bouldin, pastor, Columbia First Church, was elected moderator for the Maury Association at its recent annual meeting. Elected to serve with Bouldin were vice moderator Robert E. LeMay, pastor, Rock Springs Church; and C. R. Judkins, member of the Highland Park Church, who was re-elected treasurer-clerk. Bouldin succeeds Dennis Lewis, pastor, Mt. Pleasant First Church, in the position of moderator.

In associational business, the executive board was increased to include the pastor

from each church and two laymen, plus the officers and organizational heads.

Speakers for the meetings were Courtney Wilson, James Moore, and Herbert Gabhart. The next meeting will be held Oct. 8-9, 1975 at Spring Hill and Columbia First Churches.



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Devotional

Do You Really Care?

By Mrs. Dorothy Hudson



Hudson

A year ago my family and I returned to the United States after living overseas for a period of four years. Before going overseas to live, many people tried to prepare us for the culture shock we might experience for the first few months in an undeveloped and strange country. However, no one prepared us for the culture shock of coming

from those undeveloped countries, with time to enjoy life at a slower pace, read books and dream dreams, back to a society of hurried meals, TV and mod clothes. From a land of bullock carts, bicycles and donkeys, we emerged into a land of super highways.

Culture shock! As I viewed rack after rack of clothing to make me look beautiful and stylish, I thought of the Indian family with one new garment a year, purchased not for style but for comfort and to cover their nakedness.

As I went to the supermarket and saw the shelves stocked with abundant supplies of food and my own grocery cart overflowing, I thanked God for my blessing. But with burdened heart, I thought of the millions dying from starvation.

As I have seen hundreds of people worshipping in our churches who have heard the gospel many times over, I thought of the man who died along the roadside without ever hearing the story of Jesus' love once.

Many times the words of a song have come to my mind—"I look around in the place that I live: I see people with so much to give—yet there are those who are dying to know, just that somebody cares. Do you really care? Do you know how to share, with people everywhere? Do you really care?"

Just as our salvation experience must be heartfelt and go beyond the superficial level in order to be real, so must our concern. Our concern must be more than a passing thought, it must be a concern that sets our souls on fire and sends us into the world to bring others to Christ!

Do you really care? Do you care enough to say as Isaiah said—Here am I, Lord, send me. Send me into my community or into the world to ease the suffering and bring the lost to Christ.

Mrs. Hudson is an adult teacher and missions action director at First Church, Jackson, and also Baptist Young Woman's director for Madison-Chester Association. She is the wife of E. H. Hudson.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Runaway inflation and the high cost of living are constant reminders that about the only thing you can do today on a shoestring is trip.

Fact is, if you make an honest dollar these days, you have to earn five.

There are still some who think that two can live as cheaply as one—but it takes two working to bring home enough money to do it.

Still, if you look far enough you can find something good in the current economic woes. As someone said, in the past few months the stock market has brought more people to their knees than the church has in the last 10 years.

But, along with others who have fixed incomes, perhaps the hardest hit is that minister who is at the lowest end of the clergy income scale. And yet, he doesn't fret.

"Right now, the pay is not much," he says, "but you can't beat that heavenly retirement plan."

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History Of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

Like other great movements Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union did not suddenly burst into being but rather slowly through the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the lives of many dedicated persons it developed.

Women have always had a special sensitivity to the needs of others. Just as the women who found the tomb empty and heard the voice commanding them to "Go tell" obeyed, so Baptist women of Tennessee with compassion for people and love for Jesus have found ways to share the message of a risen Christ.

History reveals that in the early part of the nineteenth century little groups banded themselves together to engage in mission tasks. As early as 1836 there is recorded a "Female Mite Society" at Rural Springs, Tennessee. To Brownsville, Tennessee, goes the distinction of having the first organized Missionary Society. They organized on February 25, 1872 with 16 members and have had a functioning Missionary Society for these 102 years. The motto they adopted was that of William Carey . . . "Expect great things from God—Attempt great things for God." Perhaps this was the secret of their never failing missionary zeal.

On March 7, 1882, the Baptist Ladies Missionary Society of Clarksville with thirteen members began its mission work. Mrs. Sam Northington, grandmother of Miss Mary Northington, was the first president. The Clarksville church also pioneered in youth organizations. They had "The Bright Stars Shining For the Master" and "Missionary Enquirers" which were forerunners of Mission Friends and Girls in Action.

Other early societies with continuing history are First Baptist, Morristown, organized in 1883; Del Rio in 1883; and Little Hope, Cumberland Association in 1888.

Auxiliary Relationship Established

As news came of the work by women in other states, there was a desire among Tennessee Women for a Central Committee to give direction to mission efforts in Tennessee. Such a committee was formed and subsequently appealed to the State Missions Board that it be recognized as an auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In 1886, the proposed auxiliary relationship was accepted over intense opposition of some of the brethren. One pastor said, "I always feel safer to attend the women's meetings for one never can tell what the women might take to praying for if left alone." Other pastors, however, encouraged the



Pictured above are: (left to right) Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Donelson; Miss Mary Northington, Clarksville; and Mrs. Douglas Ginn, Nashville. The three veteran WMU workers' services total 87 years.

work among the women. When the Central Committee met it found twenty-one societies in Tennessee.

While the Southern Baptist Convention was meeting in Richmond, Virginia, in May, 1888, the women met in the Sunday School room of the Broad Street Methodist Church. After much deliberation a motion was made to organize a Woman's Missionary Union,

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*By Mrs. M. K. Cobble*  
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Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Tennessee was one of ten states to vote for the motion. The purpose as set forth was "to stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches and to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes, to be disbursed by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention."

The Tennessee Baptist Convention met in Columbia, Tennessee, in October of 1888. Mrs. G. A. Lofton who had been in the Richmond organizational meeting called the women to a separate meeting there in Columbia. These women with encouragement from some of the men in October 1888 organized Tennessee WMU. The purposes as stated for WMU, Auxiliary to SBC, were adopted.

Circular letters were mailed to Tennessee pastors in an attempt to enlist more churches. From some came response but from many others there was no answer.

Began Child Care

At once the women set about special tasks. The WMU Convention met in Clarksville in 1893 and decided to help build an orphanage in Nashville. Mrs. Roger Eastman had conceived the idea. Later this home was moved to Franklin. The women

remained loyal supporters. In later years the women collected octagon soap coupons and helped build and furnish the Boys' Building on the Franklin campus. From this beginning came our Child Care Ministry with campuses at Memphis, Franklin, and Chattanooga.

The **Baptist And Reflector** was an excellent medium for reaching out across the state, and so in 1889, we found the WMU column in this paper.

Mrs. W. C. Golden, wife of the mission secretary for Tennessee, started the Season of Prayer and Special offering for State Missions in 1902. Another first for Tennessee WMU was to be the first state WMU to have this effort for state missions.

Miss Mary Northington was the first field worker to be employed. From 1909-1913 she travelled across the state by train, buggy, or wagon to organize societies. It was she who introduced the Standard of Excellence to Tennessee WMU, one year later to be adopted by WMU, SBC. Many will recall the slogan—"Be A-1 or Ashamed." All-day quarterly meetings on the associational level brought missionary messages, methods and plans as well as rich fellowship.

In 1919 Miss Margaret Buchanan as executive secretary led in launching the 75 million campaign among the women of Tennessee. They gave \$1,123,560. The first Good Will Center in Tennessee was begun by the women of Chattanooga in 1922 to be followed by centers in Nashville, Briceville, Knoxville, and Memphis. These later became Mission Centers under the auspices of the Home Mission Board and State Mission Department (with the exception of the center in Memphis now supported by Shelby County Baptists).

Observances of anniversaries were enjoyed and added to the growth of WMU. They were the Jubilate in 1913; Ruby in 1928; Golden Jubilee in 1938; and the Diamond in 1963. Mrs. C. D. Creasman wrote and directed pageants for many of these occasions.

For many years the young people's work was led by volunteers. In 1917 Agnes Whipple (Mrs. George Ridenour) was the first employed young people's leader; others who followed were Victoris Logan (Mrs. James Laws); Ruth Walden; Margaret Bruce; Nellie Tallent (Mrs. John Bolton); Laura Frances Snow; Abbie Louis Green and Beulah Peoples.

Camp Locations Set

Camping programs were an important part of the youth work. For many years college campuses, assembly grounds of other denominations, and state parks were used. When WMU planned to build its own camps, the Tennessee Baptist Convention
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(Note: Mrs. Cobble served as president of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union 1951-1957 and is a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Centennial Committee. Since her husband's retirement as pastor of First Baptist Church, Andersonville, they have resided at 3412 Luwana Lane, Knoxville, Tn. 37917.)

EDITORIAL

A True Leader

He Gave Voice To Thoughts, Beliefs, Hopes

By RICHARD N. OWEN

Baptists, not only in this state but far beyond its borders, are indebted to John D. Freeman. His many-sided ministry enriched and strengthened multitudes of lives throughout our Convention, as well as the local Church in Nashville with which his life was so closely interwoven for more than half a century. On his 90th birthday, last Feb. 24, Belmont Heights members heard him deliver the morning sermon. He first became pastor of that Nashville Church in 1923. He became its beloved Senior Minister in 1960.

Not only was his life long, but it was amazingly active and full. He had preached in a Chattanooga church just three weeks before being hospitalized Sept. 30, with a fatal illness. Old Age couldn't seem to catch up with this vigorous man. Interested in helping others, he greeted each new day with a buoyant, positive attitude. When he entered hospital rooms, patients felt a lift. He knew how to help the sick and saddened when he called. He constantly made new friends, enlarging the numerous company who already realized a friend in him. His personality was warm and outgoing. Since hands were laid on him in ordination sixty years ago he had been constantly helping others. And before that it had been the same, as he taught in high school and served also as principal at Ash-down in his native Arkansas.

Dr. Freeman was articulate. Opponents respected him, not only for his readiness in reply, but for his persuasiveness. Delegates at annual sessions of the Southern, as well as our State Convention, gave heed when he addressed those bodies. Clear and decisive, you never doubted where Dr. Freeman stood. His position was always with firmness.

Gifted and prolific as a writer he produced numerous works expressing a wide scale of interests. He wrote novels, theological treatises, doctrinal tracts, stewardship volumes, treatments of the country church, its problems and their solutions, text books, and development of lessons for Sunday school. All of these were in addition to his outstanding contribution editing **Baptist And Reflector** during 1925-33. These eight years gained for him wide recognition as a leader in denominational thought. For the next nine years his wise administration as Executive Secretary put strength into the life of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. During all this time he continued to use his talent for writing and had opportunity for further expression of it as he was named editor of Kentucky's "Western Recorder." He served for about three years in that capacity in Louisville. Then followed five years in Atlanta as secretary of field work for the rural department of our Home Mission Board. Later he taught in the Bible School at Lake-

land, Fla. and was a Visiting Professor at Central Seminary, Kansas City.

All his life was marked by readiness to apply himself. He exemplified the proverb: Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might. He worked his way through college and seminary. He won his B.A. at the University of Arkansas, his M.A. at Trinity (now Duke Univ.) and his Master of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Later several universities were happy to bestow honorary degrees. He was a man who merited them.

Common sense counsel and practicality always showed as he shared with other elected directors on various trustee boards: Union University at Jackson; American Baptist Seminary; the Old Baptist Hospital at Nashville; Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Louisville; and Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, profited from his services.

Long before the directives of the Supreme Court, Dr. Freeman actively sought better race relations and headed the Tennessee Interracial Commission in 1937-42. He fought for conditions promoting sobriety and was a director of the National Temperance Movement and of the United Dry Forces in this state. Daily papers often carried his "letters to the editor" expressing his active concern for solving civic issues and moral problems.

For more than fifty years Dr. Freeman's friendship encouraged and helped this writer. What he did for me he did, almost unconsciously, for hundreds. He advocated keeping the body fit as a temple for a sound spirit. So he urged me to get some clubs and play golf. He enjoyed the relaxation of fishing as I learned at Jones Bend near Paris.

Many young men as they began in the ministry were aided by his counsel. He encouraged churches to more adequately support their pastors. He led in seeking more democracy in denominational control. He spoke up for the man who felt himself without a voice in determining convention matters.

Dr. Freeman's warm good humor and forthrightness made him welcome wherever he went, whether in topmost circles or in the backwaters and the farthest coves of Tennessee, whose every corner he knew like the back of his hand, and whose people held him in deep respect and grateful appreciation. So often they had heard him put into words what they would like to have said. So often he wrote what they would like to have been able to put on paper. He gave voice to their thoughts, their beliefs, and their hopes. That is one of the marks of a true leader.

Note: Dr. Owen served as editor of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for eighteen years until his retirement in October 1968.

TBC To Hear Recommendation On Ministry To Aging

While celebrating the centennial of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, consideration will be given to establishing a new ministry which will include services and facilities for the aging. The following article gives some of the background which leads up to the recommendations being made by the Executive Board.

For several years, Tennessee Baptists have been concerned about programs and facilities for the aging. During the 1972 session of the Convention, the Executive Board was requested to work out the establishment of a program of ministries to the aging. The Executive Board asked the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee to study the matter. A special committee to study, composed of P. O. Davidson, chairman, Grant Jones, Courtney Wilson, Richard Smith and O. C. Rainwater, was appointed. The sub-committee report which was approved by the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee and Executive Board included the following:

"That someone be chosen by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to serve as a consultant to proceed immediately to research, study and develop plans and programs for presentation to the Convention at the earliest possible date. The study to include:

1. arrange for a conference or conferences of leaders and interested persons from across the state to explore the needs, services or facilities available and possible ministries that might be offered by the Convention;
2. study what is being done by other state conventions including allocations;
3. meet with senior citizen groups, retirees, etc;
4. study what is being done by other religious groups;
5. study what is being done by non-profit and profit organizations;
6. research services available by state and federal government;
7. conference of select group including institution representatives to assist in formulating proposal for Tennessee Baptist Program Committee;
8. present findings along with a proposal including program statement, functions and relationships to Tennessee Baptist Program Committee.

Gene Kerr was appointed by Dr. Ralph Norton to assume the responsibility and serve as consultant for this area of work.

Considerable study and research was done including a two-day conference of 30 persons from across the state. This group selected a small committee composed of the following to prepare a recommendation for the Convention: Tom Madden, chairman, Virgil Peters, Robert L. Orr, J. Ralph McIntyre, Mrs. Bob Peek, Harold Gregory,

G. H. Traylor and Gaye McGlothlen. The recommendations containing the following were approved by the Convention:

That the Tennessee Baptist Convention authorize a feasibility study of facilities for the aged which will include professional counseling and which will indicate what resources and type of facilities are necessary, and that meanwhile our Baptist people be encouraged to make contributions for the erection of such a facility using the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as the repository for their gifts

That all institutions and agencies of the Tennessee Baptist Convention correlate programs in the area of aging with the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee.

That the Executive Board be authorized and instructed to implement these recommendations on aging as soon as possible by providing necessary funds.

The Executive Board appointed Tom Madden, chairman, Virgil Peters, Gaye McGlothlen, Marvin Robertson, Bill Delaney, Mrs. Bob Peek, Clarence Stewart, Robert L. Orr and J. Ralph McIntyre to serve on a special Committee on Aging. The Board also approved a request that Gene Kerr serve as director of the program for aging and that he be permitted to devote whatever time necessary to fulfill the responsibility for developing the new ministry.

The Committee on Aging has spent much time in studying various aspects of facilities and services for the aging and asked the Program Committee to prepare a program statement based on the concept of developing facilities on a non-profit break-even basis. The committee felt this is the only way Tennessee Baptist could become involved. The philosophy would be to build the facilities without taking cooperative program funds or having a statewide campaign in the churches. This would not handicap the other activities of the Convention especially the child care and educational programs. Also it would allow the Convention to provide through a cooperative program or special offering funds for needy situations which would be administered by the Convention.

In order to establish facilities and provide services in keeping with the accepted philosophy of self sustaining development, several things will be necessary. The feasibility study and advice of a consultant in the field pointed out several of these which were reflected in the Program Committee's proposed program statements.

The Program of the Tennessee
Baptist Service
Corporation for the Elderly

Purpose

To foster care for retirees and elderly people in a Christian environment which will be conducive to creative living. The services and facilities of this program shall be designed to provide the residents with security and comfort, freedom from doubt and fear, and a sense of purpose and fulfillment so as to contribute to the spiritual and social well-being of the individual.

Functions

1. Fosters retirement centers with safe, sanitary, and satisfactory living conditions.
2. Offers creative living opportunities which include the spiritual well-being, the recreational needs, and some continuing educational opportunities for the residents.
3. Offers health, food, and social services for the enhancement of the individual.
4. Maintains health care facilities for the residents.
5. Extends services to those in need as means allow and in such ways as to preserve human dignity and worth.

Relationships

1. To the Tennessee Baptist Convention and its Executive Board through the Christian Services Committee. The directors of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation are elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention to own and operate facilities for the elderly.
2. To governmental agencies through the various licensing programs which assure that proper standards shall be maintained.
3. To the churches and associations.

One of the first needs, according to the Committee on Aging, is to establish an institution and elect a board of managers. Since so much work has already been done by the Committee on Aging, who are members of the Executive Board, it would be a big handicap not to be able to take advantage of their knowledge and experience by letting them serve as a director, however, this can only be possible if the Convention waives the new ruling that Executive Board members can not be elected to any other board. The Executive Board approved the Committee on Aging's request that permission be granted for members of the committee to serve on the board of managers in addition to the Executive Board. This will come before the Convention for action.

The next step in establishing a new institution is the adoption of a charter. One
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John D. Freeman: Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

John D. Freeman was born in Allene, Arkansas, February 25, 1884. He was educated in Hendrix Academy, graduated from the University of Arkansas, received an M.A. degree from Duke University and the Th.M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Union University and Ouachita College honored him with doctor's degrees.

He married Landis Barton, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Barton and had two daughters. He was ordained to the ministry in 1914. He taught in Arkansas high schools 1910-1912.

Freeman served in a number of pastorates. He served the West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, 1914-'15, and was enlistment evangelist in Arkansas, 1916-1918. He served as pastor at Springfield, Kentucky, 1918-1923 and at Belmont Heights, Nashville, Tennessee, 1923-1925.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention had acquired the ownership of the **Baptist And Reflector** in 1921. J. D. Moore had served as the editor and resigned in 1925. Freeman was chosen to succeed him. He served as editor until 1933. Because of the serious illness of O. E. Bryan, Freeman was named as acting executive secretary but later in the year he was named executive secretary, and O. W. Taylor succeeded him as editor.

Freeman served through the years of the great depression and gave wise and able leadership to the administration of the programs of work. Financial receipts reached their lowest level in 1933. Freeman gave great leadership in the promotion of stewardship and State Missions. Income rose each year after his first year, and all phases of the work expanded.

The Hundred Thousand Club was started by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1933 in an attempt to pay off the heavy burden of debts. Dr. Freeman successfully promoted this program in Tennessee, and the State Convention voted to divide the receipts and apply fifty per cent to the payment of the State Convention debts. This led to a successful payment of all debts in the early 1940s.

Freeman started the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. He had seen the need of such a trust organization to administer funds left to the Convention and its institutions in wills and in other substantial gifts. It was started in 1938, and he served as the first executive

secretary and treasurer of the Foundation.

W. D. Hudgins who had served for twenty-six years so ably as secretary of Sunday School work and who had developed and promoted all of the work of religious education was killed in an automobile wreck in 1934. Freeman led in the dividing of the work: Andrew Allen was elected to promote Sunday School and Brotherhood work, and Henry Rogers was secured to be secretary of the Training Union and student work. In 1940 the Brotherhood was separated into a separate department, and E. K. Wiley was chosen as the first secretary.

Freeman had seen great recovery from

the depression and the growth and progress of the work as the departments expanded. He had been a most able leader and led Tennessee Baptists into a new era. He resigned in 1942 to become the editor of the **Western Recorder**, in Kentucky, where he served several years. He then went to the Home Mission Board where he served in rural church promotion. After his retirement, he had some other successful ministries before being called as senior minister by the Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville. He observed his ninetieth birthday in February 1974 and was honored by a special day at the church.

He had a most remarkable life and ministry and it would take a volume to relate a small part of all that he accomplished. He lived a deeply dedicated life, a firm believer in the Bible as the Word of God. His message on his ninetieth birthday was on this theme of what the Bible has meant to him. He was a loyal Baptist in his convictions throughout his life and was a most loyal supporter of the denomination through the years. Only eternity will reveal the total fruitfulness of his life and work.

Pageant Author To Attend Tennessee Baptist Convention



Loulie Latimer Owens

When Tennessee Baptists began looking for someone to write their history in the form of a dramatic pageant, they could not have found anyone more qualified than South Carolina's Loulie Latimer Owens. Her reputation, as the author of the Southern Baptist Convention's "Philadelphia Heritage," seen in that city in 1972, preceded her. Not only has she written the script for that pageant, but also for commemorative pageants for various churches and state conventions.

For a number of years, she served as the curator of the South Carolina Baptist Historical Collection located at Furman University. During the South Carolina Tricentennial Celebration, she served as Researcher and Exhibit Collector for the Midlands Tricentennial Center in Columbia. She is currently a staff member of the manuscript section of the South Carolina Library located on the campus of the University of South Carolina. She has been active in the work of the Southern Baptist Historical Society and was a charter member of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, later serving as the first lady president of the commission.

Mrs. Owens will be a guest of the Convention in November and will be joining the thousands who will view her dramatic setting of our last hundred years, titled "A Flame By Night." The pageant, to be presented during the Tuesday night session, takes its theme from Exodus 13:21-22 which says, "And God led the children of Israel round by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea . . . and the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light; that they might travel by day and by night."

As the centennial pageant presents the last hundred years of Tennessee Baptist history, it is hoped that we will be able to see God's light, as it continues to lead—"the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall never put it out."

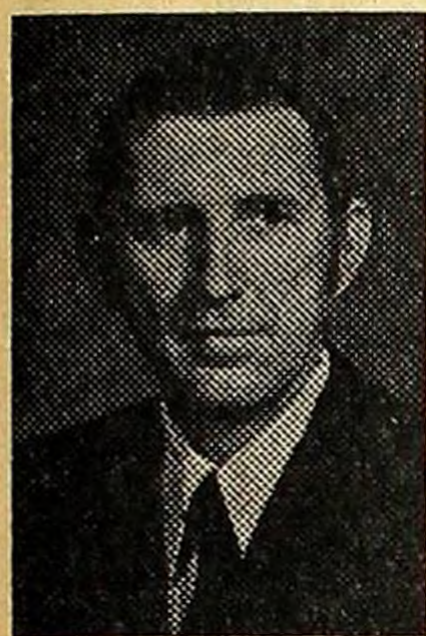
(Note: Freeman was the thirteenth secretary to serve the Tennessee Baptist Convention.)

The Living God's Concern About Justice Among Men

By Dr. Robert O. Byrd, Asst. Professor of Religion, Belmont College, Nashville

Bible Material: Amos 5:10-24; 6:4-6; 7:10-17; 8:4-6

Lesson Text: Amos 5:10-15; 8:4-6



Byrd

When our activities constantly are being interrupted by the ringing of the telephone or the caller at the door, it is only natural to wish for some privacy. When these demands on our energy and time reach a peak, it may be that we will wish to be isolated from others. To allow life's distractions and/or our own commitments to

create a wall around us which totally separates us from the persons around us is to deny the communal character of human existence. "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is . . . a part of the main" (Donne). Man's potential is achieved in encounter and interaction with God and other people, not in some kind of splendid isolation from the realities of existence.

There are many things to be learned from the book of Amos. However, two insights from this prophetic work are relevant.

TRUE RELIGION DEMANDS MORALITY

The prophetic ministry of Amos should probably be dated around 760-750 B.C. Assyria had to relax its pressure on Palestine in order to give special attention to some internal problems which had developed. This allowed Israel and some of the surrounding nations to develop significant powers. The reign of Jereboam II (786-746 B.C.) was long, peaceful and prosperous. As a result many Israelites concluded that God was particularly pleased with them. While the outward practice of religion seemed vital, it was clear to Amos that an abscess was forming which was a threat to the entire system.

Legal Justice

In Israel, religious leaders and political leaders were responsible to see that justice was available to all. Yet, Amos accused those who were charged with just such responsibility of being the very instruments for the denial of justice especially to the poor. There were no judges or courtrooms in the modern sense in which those terms are understood. The courtroom was the city gate (5:10, 12, 15). However the possibility of justice was thwarted in at least two ways.

First, the very witnesses whose testimonies

should have been most influential were despised and rejected (5:10). In addition the judges' decisions were influenced because as a result of bribery "they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right" (5:12b). This could be corrected only if the Israelites committed themselves to hate the evil, and love the good and establish judgment in the gate.

Economic and Social Justice

It was not only the political and religious leaders who had failed. Likewise, the economic sector of the Israelite economy had taken advantage of the people for the purpose of enriching itself. It was a basic tenet of the Israelite religion that everything belonged to God by right of creation. As a consequence, Amos and other Old Testament leaders continually expressed an interest in the needs of the helpless and needy persons of their society. However, such a concern was not evidenced. Instead, the poor were abused and exploited (2:6-8; 4:1; 5:11-12; 8:4-7).

Such inhumane treatment of the unfortunate is almost certain to occur whenever men forget that God is the ultimate source of everything.

Religious Compassion

It does not appear that the religious experiences of the Israelites enabled them to be caring about their fellowman. The religious ritual seems to have been practiced as a result of tradition and not out of any sense of personal dedication. As a result, those who were the cause of the prevailing injustice continued to perform religious actions. However, they were saying, "when will the new moon be gone that we may sell . . . and the sabbath . . . that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes?" (8:5-6) God's cry through his servant Amos was, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream" (5:24 RSV).

THE INADEQUACY OF HUMAN MORALITY

For Amos, true religion depended on more than the human dimension. True religion not only demands morality, it demands more. The human sphere is adequately cared for only when that care flows out of a right relationship to God (5:14-15). The church must always be under-

Film On Tennessee Baptist Work

"Tennessee Baptists Committed to the Future" is the title of the 29-minute, 16 mm colored film that will have its premiere showing at the Centennial Session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Wednesday evening, November 13, at Murfreesboro.

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going a reformation in the working out of these two dimensions of its existence. An adequate morality must always be related to and dependent upon God's grace.

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Our People and Our Churches . . .

CHURCHES . . .

Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, broke ground for a new fellowship hall recently. The structure will contain a kitchen and half a gymnasium court for recreation. The cost of the building will be \$52,000, and the plans are to be in the building by Christmas. Men serving as deacons and on the building committee include: **A. F. Walker, L. P. Edwards, F. A. Wells, E. Farris, D. Jeffers, B. Nuchols, C. McLain, R. Gilbert, D. Gambrell, C. Waldroup, S. Carter, B. Brewer, P. Bennett.** **Don Long** is pastor.

North Athens Church, McMinn Association, observed its 60th anniversary recently. Two former pastors, **David S. Webster** and **Hugh F. Ensminger**, were guest speakers. **Webster** is now associate pastor of the Valley Grove Church in Knox County and **Ensminger** is retired. **Dillard Hagan** is pastor.

In Hamilton County Association, Cross Road Church dedicated a new church building recently. **Curtis Gravely** is pastor.

Fordtown Church, Holston Association, dedicated its new educational building and held open house at the pastorium recently. **James Harris**, director of associational missions, was the guest speaker. **Eugene Duncan** is pastor. Two former pastors were guest speakers at Sulphur Springs Church when a new building was dedicated. **Frank Lethoe**, now pastor at Island Home Church in Knoxville, and **Freeman Wright**, pastor of Kingsport Glenwood Church, spoke. **John Outland** is pastor.

In Beulah Association, Macedonia Church held note burning services recently near Kenton. **Thomas Drake**, former pastor, brought the message. **Harold Burroughs** is pastor. In the same association, Wynnburg Church celebrated its 100th anniversary Oct. 20. Special services were held in connection with the observance. **Ernest Mayo** is pastor.

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REVIVAL RESULTS

Kingston First Church reported revival services resulting in 30 for baptism, 19 by letter, 60 rededication, and 12 professions of faith. The evangelist was **Vince Cervera**, Greenville, S.C. **Joe R. Stacker** is pastor.

An eight-day revival at Grandview Church, Nashville, resulted in 44 decisions, including four professions of faith, seven additions by letter, and 33 rededications. Pastor **Ted J. Ingram** was the preacher, and music director **Cliff Gibson** led the singing. The week of revival began with special homecoming services and the celebration of the ninth anniversary of the pastor.

Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, was led in revival by evangelist **Bill Edmonds**, pastor of the Trinity Church in Knoxville. The church reported 13 additions. **Don Long** is pastor.

Main Street Church, Lake City, held revival services recently. Members were led by **Owen Herndon** from Illinois, who did the preaching, and music director **Bob Knisley**. **Ray Jones Jr.** is pastor.

Hyman Appelman was the evangelist at a seven-day crusade held at Second Church in Knoxville where 41 decisions were recorded. **T. E. Gatton** is pastor.

Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus of Oklahoma City First Church, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was evangelist for a revival at Poplar Avenue Church in Memphis. Music director was **Richard O'Bryan**.

Full-time evangelist **Edward G. Robinson** completed revival services at Emmanuel Church in Bristol recently. There were 60 for baptism, 12 by letter and over 400 rededications. **Howard Robinson** is pastor.

Numerous decisions were reported in Watauga Association at a crusade conducted by **Freddie Gage**, founder of "Pulpit In The Shadows" ministry in Houston, Tex. The crusade was sponsored by the Johnson County Baptist churches. Music was directed by **Jerry Wayne Bernard**.

NOTICE!

Effective February 1, 1974, no pictures are being returned unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is sent with the picture. This is due to the increase in postal rates.

PEOPLE . . .

O. J. Bryson, a native of Cleveland, Tenn. has been named head of the Music Department at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Tex. **Bryson** was chairman of the Departments of Choral Activities and Theory at Howard Payne University for seven years.

Dillard Hagan, pastor of the North Athens Church, Athens, has been nominated by the editorial staff of the American Biographical Institute and Personalities of the South to be in the seventh edition of 1974. The edition contains more than 8000 prominent citizens from throughout the South.

Gillespie Avenue Church, Knoxville, ordained **David White** and **J. E. McCrory** as deacons recently. Interim pastor **M. K. Cobble** brought the ordination message.

Rhyme Patterson was ordained as a deacon at Lincoya Hills Church in Nashville. **David Moore** is pastor.

David R. Bell was ordained as a deacon by Hohenwald First Church. The ordination prayer was delivered by **Jerry Milam**, pastor of Wrigley Church, and the charge to the deacon and church was brought by **A. L. Wade**, pastor of Linden First Church. **Carl B. Allen** is pastor at Hohenwald.

In Lake City, Main Street Church ordained **Earl Gross, Clyde Nance, Billy Pebley, David Rogers, Curtis Sexton**, and **Kenneth Shurll** as deacons. **Ray Jones Jr.** is pastor.

Central Church, Spring City, ordained **Jack Dodson** and **Raymond Porter** as deacons. **J. B. Morris**, pastor of Dayton First Church, preached the ordination sermon, and **Ben Walker**, superintendent of missions for Tennessee Valley Association, led the ordination prayer. **Beecher Hammons** is preacher.

Tom Madden, pastor, Tullahoma First Church, will be honored on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as pastor by members of his church, Nov. 17. The guest speaker for the morning worship service will be **Ralph Norton**, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. **H. Franklin Paschall**, pastor of Nashville First Church, will speak in the evening. A reception will be held for members and friends during the afternoon.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP . . .

Terry Taylor, Lebanon, began his new duties as minister of music and youth at Carthage First Church. **Taylor** is a student at Cumberland College.

Roger Jenkins is the new minister of music at Woodbury Road Church, Murfreesboro. **Jenkins** is from Nashville and attends Middle Tennessee State University. **Lesley McClure** is pastor.

H. B. Woodward resigned as pastor of Bethpage Church, Kenton, after having served there seven years. He will do interim and supply work.

In Sevier County Association, Dupont Church called **Vestal Bennett** as pastor. He comes from the South Side Church in Holston Association. **Eddie Whaley** resigned as pastor of Red Bank First Church. The new pastor at Howard's View Church is **Ben Knight**; and **Rellie Trentham** has been called as pastor at Jones Chapel.

Free Communion Church, Clinton Association, called **Martin Gallaher** as pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Jefferson County, called **Gary Radcliff** as full-time associate pastor with special emphasis on youth and music.

In Knox County, **Oliver Wolfenbarger** has accepted the call of Marbledale Church to become pastor. He served previously at the Hoitt Avenue Church. In the same associa-

TBC To Hear Recommendations

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has been prepared and also approved by the Executive Board for recommendation to the Convention. The name selected for the new institution is Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation. This corporation will function much like our Children's Homes as it will be the corporate organization for facilities anywhere in the state, and we visualize facilities of different kinds at different locations across the state.

Of course, the key word for this new ministry is finances. It was mentioned earlier that we would not look directly to the churches, the cooperative program or the Convention for funds. This makes it necessary that we use long term financing based on each unit providing the security. This would eliminate the convention from any financial obligations but in order to make this system work and provide financing for more than one unit, the Convention will need to exempt the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation from Bylaw III, paragraph 7(b). We are asking that the Convention grant this exception.

tion, Calvary Church called **Darrell Scale** as associate pastor.

Albert Bentley resigned as pastor of Coolidge First Church to become pastor of Duck Creek Church in Sneedville, Holston Valley Association.

In Hamilton County Association, **Darrell McAlister** is the new pastor at Birchwood Church. **J. D. Carnes** served the church as interim pastor. In the same association, **David Jicka** has been called as pastor at Daisy First Church, coming from the Fairview Church in Lebanon. Woodlawn Heights Church called **A. R. Nelms** as pastor. He comes from the Stockton Valley Church in Loudon. **Raymond Griffith** resigned as pastor at Grace Avenue Church, and **Glenn H. Ellis** has been re-called as pastor at Falling Water Tabernacle. **Douglas Miller** was called as pastor of the Philadelphia Church.

Jimmy L. McCarter has accepted the call from Marble City Church, Knox County Association, and is already on the field. **Clarence Sitzler** has accepted the pastorate of Timothy Street Baptist Church; and **James Ivey** is serving as interim pastor at Little Flat Creek.

In Grainger County, **R. C. Harless** resigned as pastor at Buffalo Church and has accepted the call to serve as superintendent of missions for Northern Association at Maynardsville and Luttrell. In the same association, **Royal Walton** resigned as pastor of Mount Eager Church after serving there four years.

James Andrews has resigned Pine Grove Church, Alpha Association to accept a church in the Indian Creek Association. Also in Alpha Association, Cross Roads Church called **Bill Handcock** as pastor. He is already on the field.

South Fulton Church, Beulah Association, called **Byron O. Epps** as director of education and outreach. He is already on the field. **Gerald Stow** is pastor.

In Holston Association, the new pastor at Enon Church is **Kenneth Cline Franklin**. A native of Greene County he is a former pastor in the association. **Don Wilson**, pastor, Pinecrest Church has resigned and accepted the call of First Church, Niceville, Fla. **Ralph Childress**, music director at Glenwood Church, resigned. **Freeman Wright** is pastor. **Roy King** has been called as youth director of Southside Church. **J. C. Vestall Bennett** is pastor. **Johnny Widner** is the new music director at Telford Church. **Milford Cox** assumed the pastorate at Chinquapin Grove Church. He comes from Mash Grove Church in Baxter.

PEOPLE . . .

In Salem Association, Smithville Church ordained **Jim McCormick** as a deacon. **Ray Ridgeway** is pastor. **Ernest Bates** was ordained to the gospel ministry by New Hope Church. **James Smith** is pastor. Deacons recently ordained at the Burt Church were **Jimmy Brandon**, **Malcolm Thomas**. **Gary Rickman** is pastor. Plainview Church ordained **Robert Mullins**, **Tom Hayes** as deacons. **Alfred Pistole** is pastor.

Northside Church, Columbia, ordained **Bryant Angus**, **Floyd Phipps**, and **Lowell Tabor** as deacons recently. The ordination sermon was delivered by the pastor, **James N. Prewitt**.

In Holston Association, **J. D. Lay**, **Kyle Malone**, and **Joe Willis** were ordained as deacons at Beulah Church. **E. W. Barnes**, pastor of Fall Branch Church spoke at the service. **Hubert C. McCracken** was elected a life deacon at the same time. **Luther Reed** is pastor. In the same association, Telford Church ordained **Ted Rogers** and **Jerry Payne** as deacons. **Jimmie Rogers** is pastor. **James Harris** delivered the charge and message to the church.

Centerville First Church ordained **Leon Cobel** and **Edd Johnson** as deacons recently. Johnson's son, **Dr. Bob Johnson**, preached the ordination sermon, and Cobel's son, **Bruce Cobel**, prayed the ordination prayer.

Lookout Valley Church, Hamilton County Association, ordained **Lemuel Wade** to the gospel ministry. He is engaged presently in chaplain training at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. **Herbert Thomas** is pastor.

Members of the Alice Bell Church, Knox County Association, honored **Lavada Rhodes** upon her completion of 30 years of service as a primary teacher in the church.

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Missionary Reports On Honduras Relief Actions

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras—Long-range disaster relief is a priority in the minds of Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptists in Honduras several weeks after Hurricane Fifi devastated much of the northern coast of the country.

Within hours after the hurricane struck, every Southern Baptist missionary in the country was mobilized to help, according to A. Clark Scanlon, Foreign Mission Board field representative for Middle America, who saw the immediate disaster relief first hand as he traveled by helicopter with missionaries on relief trips.

The executive committee of the Honduras Baptist Convention asked all churches and missions to organize emergency committees to collect money, food and clothing. Among the victims are some church members who lost family members in the winds and floods, as well as many who lost everything they owned.

In two or three months, the real effect of Fifi will be felt, according to Scanlon. Although Honduras is a relatively small country, it is the second largest exporter of bananas in the world. In fact, the banana

industry comprises about 50 per cent of the country's economy.

Of the two major producers, United Fruit Company lost 90 per cent of its crops and Standard Fruit Company, 75 per cent. The corn crop on the north coast, to be harvested in November, was also destroyed. Corn is the main staple in the diet of those in rural Honduras.

Scanlon says this will cause a real hunger crisis. The country is still living on the grain stored from earlier crops so this effect has not yet been felt. Scanlon said international aid is also slowing down since hurricane disaster is no longer in the headlines.

"The most liquid assets that can be used is money," Scanlon explained. "Any other materials that might be sent would have to be screened to determine what could be used." (BP)

Messengers Re-Elect Judson Association Officers

In its recent annual associational meeting, Judson messengers re-elected John A. Lampley, pastor, Old New Hope Church, as moderator, and Harley Tidwell, pastor of the Walnut Grove Church, vice-moderator. Also re-elected were John E. Tidwell, pastor, New Hope Church, treasurer, and Edward Sullivan, a layman, as clerk.

The association now has a seminary extension center, the Calvary Bible Institute in White Bluff, according to Cecil L. Owen, superintendent of missions. Owen stated that 15 students have enrolled for the first class on "The Life of Christ."

The 1975 meeting will be held the first Friday and Saturday of October 1975.

Board Sets \$45 Million Budget And \$100,000 For World Relief

RICHMOND—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its major meeting of the year, voted a \$45,532,061 budget, approved the division of South America into two new administrative areas and appointed 27 missionaries. Among those appointed were Mr. and Mrs. David M. Dorris of Tennessee and Kentucky, to Bangladesh.

The board also appropriated \$100,000 from 1974 Cooperative Program challenge funds to serve as a fund for relief needs throughout the world. An additional \$10,000 was designated for relief in Honduras.

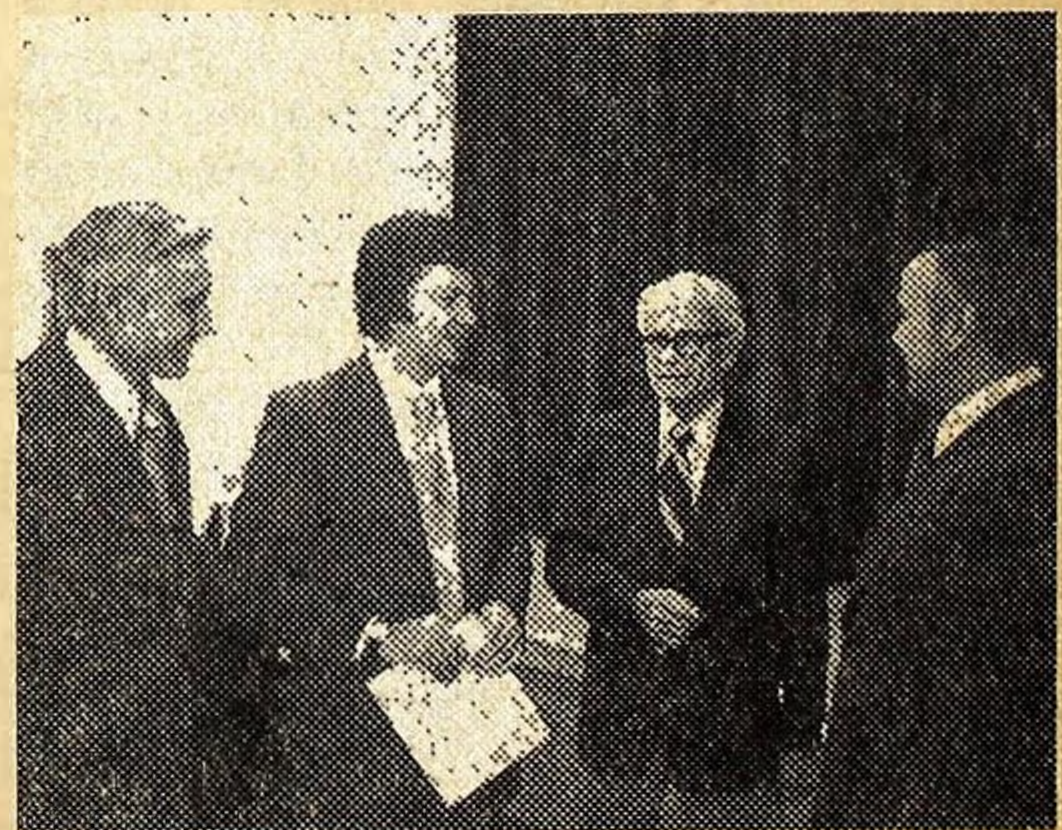
At the same time, the board recognized that additional information needs to be communicated with Southern Baptists about the Foreign Mission Board's role as a channel for relief funds to needy areas of the world.

In addition, the board heard reports from its executive secretary, area secretaries and a summary of the results of a recently conducted foreign missions awareness survey.

The 1975 budget exceeds that of 1974 by \$3,106,777. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, explained, "This \$45 million budget on the one hand is a very joyful one because it tells a story of continued outreach in 81 countries. It's a sad budget on the other hand because it tells a story of what inflation is doing.

"It takes more money to do what we did last year because of inflation," he continued. "Our problem is threefold. We have inflation in the United States, equally severe if not more severe inflation in the countries where we have work, plus the declining purchasing power of the American dollar abroad."

Cauthen emphasized to board members that over 90 per cent of the budget will be used overseas while less than 10 per cent will be spent for administrative and promotional purposes at home.



James L. Austin of Rogersville, second from left, is the newly elected president of the East Tennessee Pastors' Conference. Other officers are, left to right: Omer Painter, Greeneville, secretary; Clarence Jett, Knoxville, program chairman; and Don Mitchell, Jefferson City, treasurer.

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Home Mission Board Appoints 26 Missionary Personnel

ATLANTA—Seven missionaries and 19 missionary associates were appointed to serve in five states by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at its fall meeting here.

Sixteen were appointed by the department of language missions to serve in Texas in Spanish language work. All missionary associates, they include the following:

Enrique and Rosa Irene Alvarado of Boerne, Tex., who will work in Rocksprings, Tex.; Alfredo and Rosa Ena Bahena of San Benito, Tex., who will work in San Benito; Arturo and Marlene Casco of Santa Rosa, Tex., who will work in Santa Rosa; Ramior and Maria Espinoza of Big Wells, Tex., who will work in San Antonio.

Also, Basillo and Pauline Esquivel of Big Springs, Tex., who will work in Big Springs; Ruben and Dora Gonzalez of San Saba, Tex., who will continue to work in San Saba; Eulalio and Josephine Guerrero of Cotulla,

Tex., who will work in Cotulla; and Juan and Olga Valdez of San Antonio who will work as students in Yorktown, Tex.

Ten were appointed by the department of Christian social ministries. Missionaries appointed included Ren B. and Judy Nell Adams of Auburndale, Fla., to be consultants in Salt Lake City; Daniel and Nadine Elsom of Abilene, Tex., for service in Dallas, where he will direct urban training; Ethel Mae Haddock of Houston, Tex., assistant director of the Baptist center in Houston; and Arlie L. McDaniel Jr. and Onita Ruth McDaniel of San Francisco, to work in San Francisco, where he will serve as pastor-director at First Southern Baptist Church.

Associates appointed included George M. Gera of Louisville, Ky., to a student internship; and Fred and Nelda Wright of Pawhuska, Okla., director of the Oklahoma City Baptist Center. (BP)

History Of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

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appointed a committee to find locations and plan for State Convention-owned and operated camps for use of all departments. By 1949 two sites, Carson Springs and Linden, had been obtained and camps were built. In July, 1949, the Royal Ambassadors under the leadership of Rev. M. K. Cobble held the first camp at Camp Carson. WMU has continued to provide for much of the capital needs of these two camps through the Golden State Missions Offering and for operational expense, presently contributes approximately 41 per cent of the total camping fees paid by Tennessee Baptist departments.

Executive secretaries who efficiently directed the WMU were Miss Margaret Buchanan, Mary Northington, who is affectionately remembered for her loyal devotion to all denominational causes as well as WMU; Mary Mills; and at present Miss Mary Jane Nethery.

During these 86 years of history, 16 women have occupied the chair of president of Tennessee WMU. At present, Mrs. Bob Peek is president. Names of countless women who spent and were spent in the state, division, association, and the local church are recorded on the pages of God's book of those who were found faithful.

Numbers of missionaries testify that it was through the missionary education of WMU that they heard God's call to service.

Still other results across the years are indicated in the list of those who have been called from Tennessee to fill offices for

WMU, SBC. Mrs. W. J. Cox; Mrs. C. D. Creasman; Margaret Bruce; Mrs. William McMurry; Doris DeVault; Edith Stokely (Mrs. Lyle Moore, Jr.) Betty Brewer (Mrs. S. E. Kidd); Billie Pate; Abbie Louis Green; Katharine Bryan.

Although beginnings were small, the work of eighty-six years has grown to such proportions that total membership (not including RAs which were once a part of Woman's Missionary Union) now exceeds 71,000 and special missions offerings total approximately two million dollars.

New Books

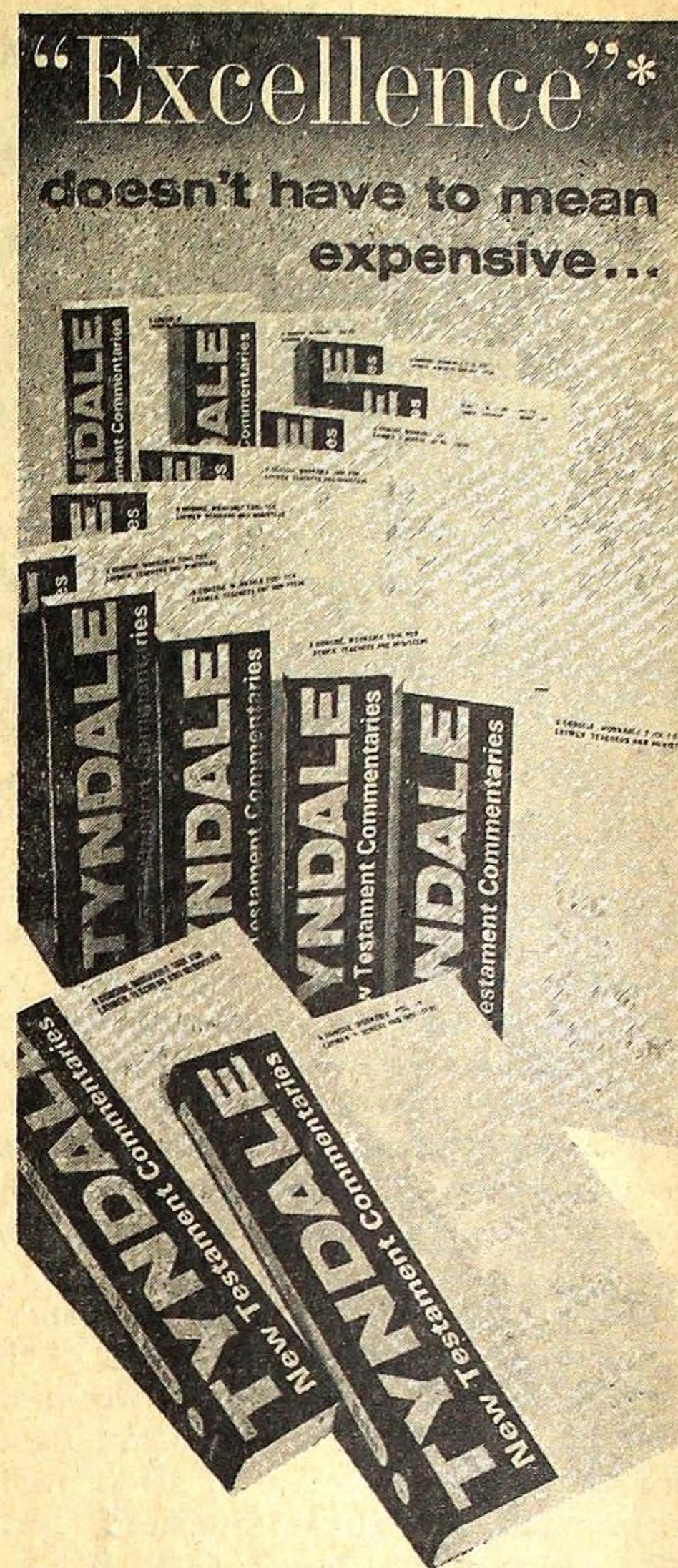
New Hope for Planet Earth by John Haggai, Nelson Co., 160 pp., \$4.95. This inspiring story tells the story of the program of the Haggai institute.

The Devil Loves a Shining Mark by Jim Vaus, Word Books, 158 pp., \$5.95. The story of Jim Vaus's life who is a wiretapper, ex-con, and gangster, suddenly becomes a changed person.

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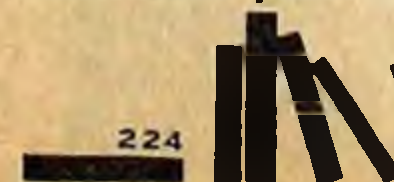
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Rutledge Named Joint Committee Chairman

WASHINGTON—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, meeting here in its semiannual session, elected as its new chairman a Southern Baptist, celebrated its 35th anniversary at a special dinner and adopted a position on human rights in American foreign policy.

The Baptist group, comprised of representatives from nine different Baptist conventions and conferences in the United States and Canada, also heard one of its associate directors warn against a new proposal in Congress to involve government in sponsorship of devotional exercises in the nation's public school classrooms.

Alpha Annual Dedicated To C. W. Peeler

The Alpha associational annual for this year was dedicated to C. W. Peeler, 90, former treasurer for the association, during the group's recent annual meeting. Peeler, who delivered a special song to the group, served for several years in associational work.

Officers elected at the sessions included moderator, Lavaughn Moody, pastor of the Lobelville Church; Jerry Milam, vice-moderator, pastor of the Wrigley Church; James Cook, treasurer, member of Hohenwald First Church; and Harvel Stockard, clerk, pastor of the Piney Church. C. P. Bates, a member of Cross Roads Church, is the former moderator.

The Highland Church in Hohenwald was accepted into membership of the association. Adonie Creel serves as pastor.

Messengers went on record as being opposed to liquor being sold in Hickman County.

The 1975 sessions are scheduled to be held at Centerville First Church, Oct. 9.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was named new chairman of the Joint Committee. Rutledge has served as a member of the Washington-based body since 1964.

Other officers named for 1974-75 were: first vice-chairman, Robert Torbet, ecumenical officer of the American Baptist Churches in the USA; second vice-chairman, Charles G. Adams, the pastor of Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., a church affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the American Baptist Churches; and recording secretary, Donald E. Anderson, editor of "The Standard," official publication of the Baptist General Conference.

The Baptist agency observed the 35th anniversary of its founding in 1939 with a dinner at Washington's First Baptist Church featuring an address by Brooks Hays, former congressman from Arkansas and member of the Joint Committee during the years he served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). (BP)

Gene P. Daniel To Represent Annuity Board At Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will be represented at the Tennessee Baptist Convention this year by Gene P. Daniel, vice president, development-agencies. The convention meets November 12-14 at Murfreesboro.

The Annuity Board representative from Dallas will present the Board's ministry in his report to the convention. The Annuity Board provides retirement protection coverage to nearly 40,000 pastors and other church-related vocational employees in Southern Baptist churches and denominational agencies.

The Board also provides hospitalization, life, and disability insurance protection for pastors and other church staff members.

As his schedule permits, the Board's representative will be available to handle individual inquiries about the Annuity Board ministry.

In addition to the Dallas-based representative, Vern Powers, the Board's state representative to Tennessee, will also be on hand to provide information and counsel.

Baptist Agency And President Ford Conflict On Tax Aid

WASHINGTON—The views of President Gerald Ford and those of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs on federal aid to parochial schools came into open conflict on the same day here.

At its semi-annual meeting the Baptist Joint Committee instructed its staff to oppose tax credits for contributions to religious bodies. It called for an in-depth study and analysis of the principles involved in such a position on tax credits.

At his press conference the same day, President Ford re-iterated his long-held views favoring federal aid to parochial schools.

The president was asked, "Specifically, what are your views on federal aid to private and parochial schools?"

"I have personally expressed, over a long period of time," Ford replied, "that I think a tax credit proposal is a good proposal." He then attacked the Supreme Court decision of last year which declared such a program to be unconstitutional. "I would hope that we could find some constitutional way in which to help private schools," the President concluded.

This line follows precisely the course frequently espoused by former President Nixon, who was most vocal in his support for federal aid to parochial schools.

A month and a half before the meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee, James E. Wood Jr., the agency's executive director, wrote to President Ford requesting a meeting with him during its October session. Wood explained in his letter to the President that this request for a consultation was in line with his announced plans to keep open the lines of communication between citizens groups and the White House.

Baptistry On Wheels In Brussels Church

BRUSSELS, Belgium—The Brussels International Baptist Church has an unusual baptistry—one that rolls on wheels.

The large steel tank was designed by a former member who is a construction engineer and built under his direction by a local firm.

Originally the baptistry was built to solve a specific problem. The church had met in rented facilities and wasn't able to make alterations to the existing structure. So they improvised. The baptistry was rolled out when needed and after the service rolled to a corner for storage and covered with plywood to make it double as a work or display table.

When the church moved to its new building in May 1973, the baptistry went with it. In order to utilize the available space the baptistry continues to roll. Now it is rolled into the center of the worship area and curtains are used to set the mood.

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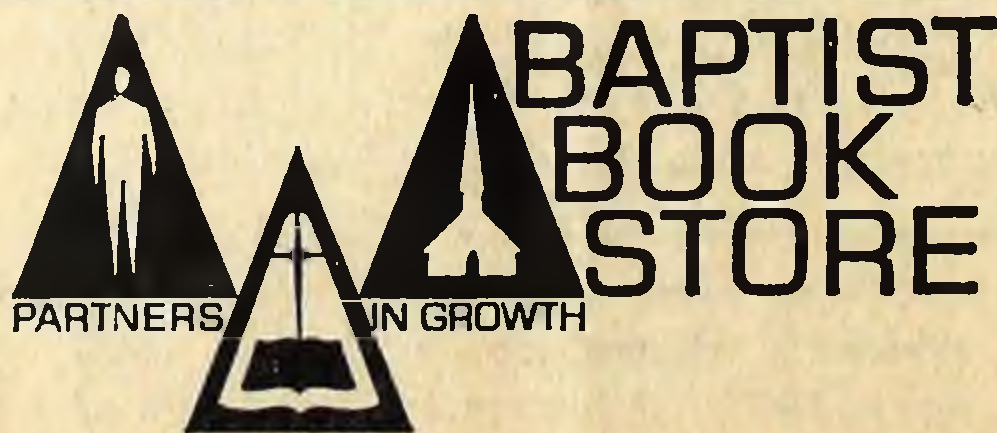
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Senior Adult Workshop Meets November 18-20, Pigeon Forge

The 1974 Senior Adult Workshop will be held at the Smoky Shadows Conference Center in Pigeon Forge, Nov. 18-20, according to Johnnie Hall Jr., Church Training Department, TBC.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday with the first session convening at 7 p.m. The Tuesday morning meet will get underway at 9:00 with afternoon tours to



Pylant



Carlson



Howington



Madden

Gatlinburg and a crafts workshop scheduled for the afternoon. The evening session will begin at 7:00. The final gathering for the group will be Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will speak on "Senior Adults on the Go in Tennessee" at the opening session. Tuesday morning will feature a Bible study by Nolan Howington, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. He will focus the study on the "Spirit-led Life" using the example of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of Jesus. Conferences will be

offered on "Take a Look at Your Family," "Take a Look at Your Church," and "Take a Look at Your Community." They will be led by Gene Wright, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Adelle Carlson, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; and Tom Madden, pastor, Tullahoma First Church.

Agnes Pylant, retired from the Baptist Sunday School Board, now residing in Florida, will lead a story time feature at each session.

Howington's Tuesday night study will explore the Holy Spirit in the church with conferences also being held. At the final meeting, Howington will speak on "The Holy Spirit in You." Participants will then choose a conference to attend and will close the sessions in a story time feature with Pylant.

Union University And First Baptist Share In Large Bequest

Union University and First Baptist Church, Jackson, have shared in a \$265,000 bequest from the estate of the late Mrs. M. T. Cates.

Mrs. Cates, a long time resident of Jackson with her husband who owned and operated M. T. Cates and Company, manufacturers of wooden implement handles, died Sept. 9, 1973. Cates died a few years before her.

In the specifications of her will, Union University received three-fourths of the estate or approximately \$200,000 and First Baptist Church the remainder.

The Cates, active members of First Baptist Church for almost 50 years, were well known throughout the area for their philanthropic endeavors. Both were Sunday School leaders and he was a life-time deacon.

Homer Waldrop, executor of the estate and attorney for Union, presented the money to officials of the college and to R. Trevis Otey, pastor of the church. The gift was presented to the First Baptist Church Sunday, October 13, during the worship service.



Mrs. Kay Aldridge (right)-Tennessee State BSU President 38 years ago (1936-1937)-recently visited the Carson-Newman campus with Jenny Harman who is currently serving as the state BSU President (1974-1975), and is a senior at Carson-Newman. Mrs. Aldridge lives in Pineville, Ky., and is married to D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School. Only three women have ever been elected President in the history of state BSU in Tennessee.

White Named Campus Chairman For Union Victory Effort

June White, chairman of the Department of Chemistry, has been named the campus division chairman for Union University's Advancement Program Victory Effort.

The Victory Effort, climactic phase of the college's \$9 million fund raising program for its new campus, is being conducted among West Tennessee churches, business and industries, and among the alumni, faculty, staff, students and other friends of the college.

Goal for the Victory Effort is \$1 million according to W. Walter Warmath, vice president for development and coordinator of the program.

"The campus campaign under the capable leadership of Dr. White is being conducted in the memory of Frank Blythe, long time business manager of the school and assistant vice president prior to his death in February," said Warmath. "Goal for our faculty, staff and students is \$50,000."

White, teaching at Union since 1968, is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and holds two degrees from the University of Southeastern Louisiana and the Ph.D. degree from Louisiana State University.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1974

Commemorating Our Heritage



Committing Our Future

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

An Example For Ministering

Basic Passage: 2 Corinthians 3:1 to 4:12

Focal Passages: 2 Corinthians 3:4-6, 18 to 4:12



White

The word minister is a most meaningful word. It is packed full of the idea of service. It means to edify or build up and bless. Yes, it carries the idea of ministering to every form of need in others in the name of Jesus for the glory of God.

Jesus made it clear that He did not come to be ministered to but to minister. He observed that false shepherds and hirelings come to steal and destroy, even to kill but He came to give life to the full.

We minister to the unsaved by every form of witnessing calculated to win them to Christ. We minister to the saved by encouraging, strengthening, stabilizing, guiding and teaching them.

Ministers of the gospel give themselves to ministering as a full time activity. The layman may be and should be a minister through his work as opportunity presents itself. Paul, like our Lord, set us an inspiring example of ministering. You have no doubt heard people say of their pastor, with a radiant face, "He is my minister". What a tribute!

Source of Our Resources
2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Paul felt that he had adequate reasons for his great ministry but knew that his sufficiency was of God and not of himself.

He cherished his divine assignment very highly. He was aware that he must make it a spiritual ministry and not one of a technical nature. He refers to it as one of the spirit and not of the letter. For the spirit

giveth life but the cold, literal letter killeth.

He considers himself a minister of the New Testament or new covenant. That is the covenant of grace and not of the law.

Sanctifications of the Minister
2 Corinthians 3:18

The minister must be ever growing in grace and in the likeness of Christ through the operation of the spirit.

The figure here is one of beholding with an unveiled face the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ and being changed into the image or likeness of Christ from one stage of glory to another. We find this all mirrored in the New Testament. While we look into this reflected glory in the word, the Holy Spirit will be sanctifying us day by day, changing us more and more like Christ. That sanctified likeness will be perfected when we see Him face to face.

The Conscientious Minister
2 Corinthians 4:1-2

Paul was very dedicated, sincere and conscientious in his ministry. He had no patience with trifling with a sacred host or playing tricks with the Word of God. He had no sensational or deceitful gimmicks. He was frank and open, depending on the unvarnished truth to be sufficient. Of course he depended on the truth to be dynamic in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christ Is the Gospel
2 Corinthians 4:3-12

Paul makes it plain that there is nothing elusive or illusive about the gospel he preaches. The trouble is in the hearer. Satan has blinded their hearts preventing the Light of the World, even Jesus Christ from illuminating and enlightening them. He has a way of blinding unbelieving hearts in order to prevent their salvation.

The true minister may have to suffer much. Satan will do his best to stain, stop or silence him.

Paul had been slandered, beaten and buffeted. He had had his ups and downs. He was daily dying to self and living for Christ. He was bearing in his body the marks of his Lord, Jesus Christ.

He was rewarded in knowing that his suffering was falling out to the furtherance of the gospel of Christ. Death might be working in him but it turned out for the spiritual life of others from Christ because of his affliction. In other words, the gospel treasure of priceless value, was being transported in an earthen vessel.

Why A Baptist World Congress?

The 13th Baptist World Congress will meet at Stockholm, Sweden, July 8-13, 1975 with an expected attendance of 10,000 persons from 80 countries. Why are these meetings held?

The constitution of the Baptist World Alliance declares that: "The Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world, exists in order more fully to show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and cooperation among its members."

International meetings are among the Alliance functions in meeting these objectives. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of BWA 1960-69, noted that a Baptist World Congress is a notable event because it provides:

AN OFFERING, in every tongue, of praise and thanksgiving to God for his grace and blessings upon us and all followers of Christ in the world. Baptists of the world ought to worship God in spirit and truth.

AN OCCASION to meet with fellow Baptists from all over the world, thereby strengthening our fellowship by personal knowledge of each other. Baptists of the world ought to know each other.

AN OPPORTUNITY to clarify our Baptist convictions and to prepare us to make an account of the hope that is in us. Baptists of the world ought to know themselves.

AN OUTPOURING of compassion and channeling of aid to people in distress. Baptists of the world ought to help each other and others in time of need.

AN ORIENTATION concerning the conditions in various parts of the world in regard to religious liberty and human rights. Baptists of the world ought to participate in safeguarding and maintaining man's God-given liberty and dignity.

AN OUTLET for bearing witness for Christ to the world whose eyes and ears will be focused on Baptists during the Congress. Every Baptist ought to be a witness.

These things are possible, with God's help, when Baptists of the world meet in Stockholm. Begin praying now for God's blessing on the Congress.



Newly-elected officers for Truett association are, left to right: Foy Phillips, moderator; L. J. Hatcher, vice moderator; Mrs. Robert England, clerk; and W. L. Crowe, treasurer.

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The Fine Line Of Successful Marriage

A friend telephoned Don Thoman. She had recently received a divorce decree from her clergyman husband after more than a decade of marriage and a number of children.

"Sometime," she said, "you are going to have to write about the fine line."

The trauma of her experience had provided the occasion for her to review her marriage, even her life—past, present and future. It had become clear to her that she, like most of us, had had many subtle turning points in her life. In retrospect, they stood out as hills and mountains on the plain of her existence.

Three clergymen and their wives parted company through divorce last year in my home town of Columbia, Missouri.

That commitment not made, the extra mile not walked, not being present when presence was important. Or the quarrel not adequately ventilated and still festering, the opportunities for intimacy overlooked, the kiss of affection not given. And **most important**, not keeping the channels of communication open and operative, foolishly allowing small, transient events to supplant irreplaceable occasions for one-to-one sharing of feelings.

Over the years all the little things, the fine line between making it and not making it, these were the elements of a dream shattered beyond repair. These are the **vital fragments** scattered, not gathered, which are the glue holding our lives, our relationships in one integrated meaningful piece.

Everyday the fine line between successful and unsuccessful marriages and human relationships is being drawn. Opportunities are fleeting and momentary. We cannot afford to miss **any openings** to intimacy and expressions of caring and concern. For most of us, there really is a **fine line** between success and failure.

NOTICE!

Effective February 1, 1974, no pictures are being returned unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is sent with the picture. This is due to the increase in postal rates.

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

For several years the James R. Graves Society at Union University had been sending the college paper "Cardinal and Cream" to the foreign fields to Union graduates who were missionaries. At one time the school had more missionaries on the field than any other Southern Baptist college.

The church at Lebanon was enjoying a revival with Pastor J. G. Hughes doing the preaching. There were reported 16 conversions and 25 other additions. S. R. Stine and his wife were leading the singing.

20 YEARS AGO

It was reported that the percentage of students in Southern Baptist colleges and universities who were studying for the ministry had more than doubled in the past seven years. The percentage had risen from 7.8 to 16.4, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission, SBC.

Norvin T. Jones accepted a call to Fellowship Church near Covington.

10 YEARS AGO

C. Homer Robinson, who served as pastor of New Hope Church, Hermitage for over six years, announced his plans to retire. He was to reside at Whites Creek and continue in supply and interim work.

Silverdale Church, Chattanooga, observed its 75th anniversary. John W. Stair was pastor of the 483 member church.

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

We cannot place too much emphasis on the Cooperative Program. The theme for this month's emphasis was carried on the cover of the **Baptist And Reflector** on October 10 and speaks of our responsibility of sharing Christ's love.



Norton

This theme: **OPERATION ONE, One Lord, One Mission, One People**, is an emphasis designed to make the members of every Southern Baptist church more aware of the mission needs of the world and

to respond in a more positive way. We hope each Baptist in our state will become more concerned about giving through the Cooperative Program and thereby increase mission support of all causes at home and around the world.

Quite by coincidence, we received a letter this month from Mr. Wymond Hurt, treasurer of the First Baptist Church, Halls, Tennessee, in which he stated that after having reached the age of 75 and having served his church in this capacity for 32 years, he is resigning from this office. But the significant statement in his letter deals with the importance of the Cooperative Program, and I quote it: "Note the explanation of the Cooperative Program distribution . . ." (referring to an enclosed copy of their budget) ". . . which served as well, in allaying any doubts of minds as to the operation of the greatest plan ever devised by any denomination for the promotion of the Gospel or our Lord and Saviour. I recommend it to other churches of our faith."

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Hurt for his long years of faithful service to his church and for this beautiful testimony to the effectiveness of the Cooperative Program during our emphasis month.

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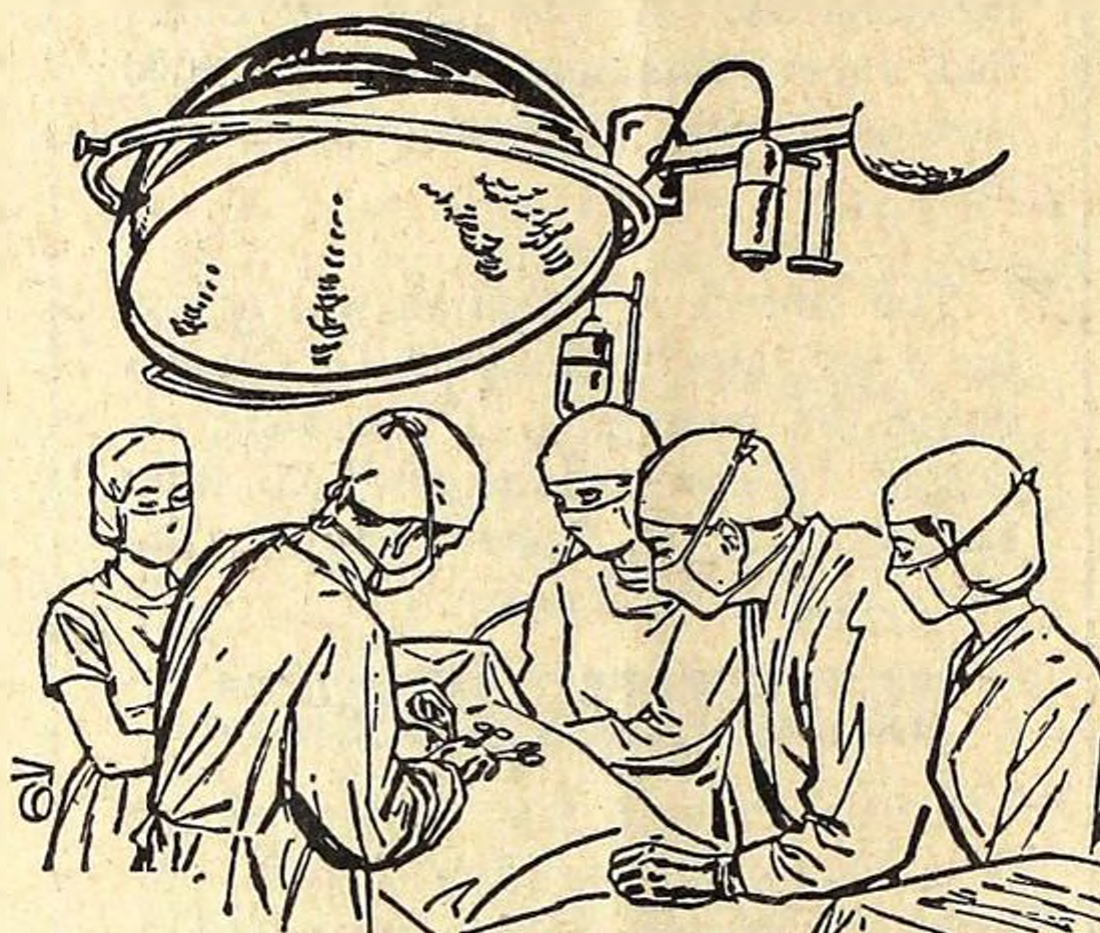
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Medical Missions Conference To Be Held Nov. 1-2

"Give Me Sight" is the theme for the Medical Missions Conference, Nov. 1-2, 1974, at Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill. The event is sponsored by Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. The purpose of the conference is to inform medical practitioners and students about needs and opportunities in missionary medicines and to get ideas from them how the program can be strengthened abroad and presented more effectively at home, according to Bill Henry, associate, Student Dept., TBC. Edna Frances Dawkins, Department of Promotion and Furlough Ministries, FMB, will coordinate the conference.

Medical missionaries who will direct the conference include Dr. Merrill D. Moore Jr., staff physician in Gaza, a graduate of Vanderbilt University and George Peabody College, Nashville. He interned at the University Hospital, Oklahoma City; did his residency at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis; and attended the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Moore's parents live in Nashville.

From the same hospital in Gaza and also on furlough is Southern Baptist missionary nurse, Bertha Jane Marshall. Prior to her assignment there in 1968, she was stationed at the Baptist Hospital in Kyoto, Japan. She is a native of Evansville, Indiana, and a graduate of the nursing school at Evansville's Deaconess Hospital. She graduated from Georgetown College and Vanderbilt University and attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lorne E. Brown, physician stationed in Kisumu, Kenya, directs a mobile medical ministry in the surrounding province. He supervises four clinics adjacent to small Baptist churches. Brown, native of Canada, is a naturalized U.S. Citizen. He attended the University of Tennessee receiving the doctor of medicine degree from Memphis. He was appointed to serve in the Middle East but was transferred to East Africa in 1958. Work in Kenya began in 1965.

Registration is open to anyone interested in medical missions. The conference is being planned for students as well as established professional practitioners, Henry stated. The Student Department, Box 347, Brentwood, is handling the pre-registrations.

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