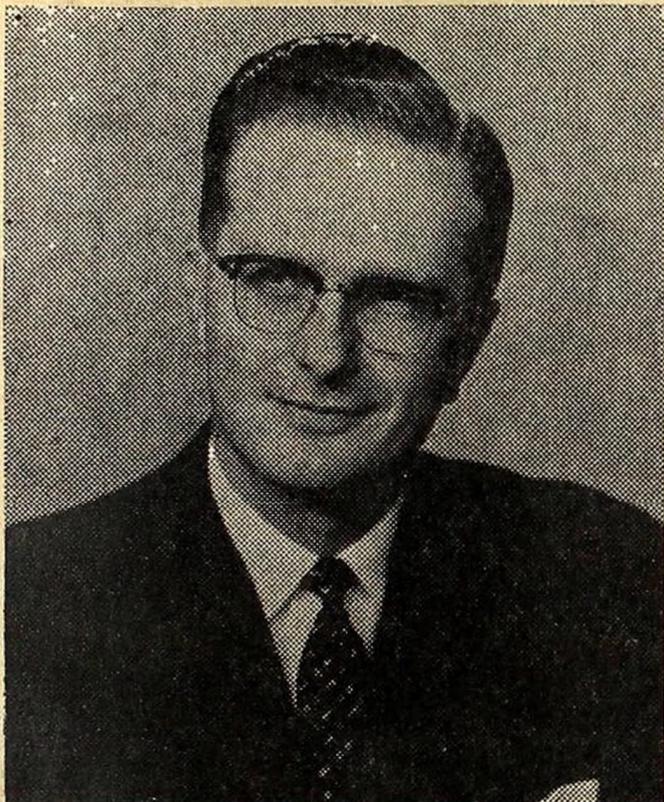


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Grady Cothen Installed As Sunday School Board President



Grady C. Cothen

NASHVILLE—Stating that “the Sunday School Board stands on the Scripture,” Grady Coulter Cothen was installed Feb. 4 as the sixth president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in the presence of approximately one thousand board employees, trustees and distinguished guests.

Following greetings from Stewart B. Simms, first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and scripture reading by Cothen’s daughter, Mrs. Don McChesney, the charge to the incoming president was made by James Abernathy, chairman of trustees of the board.

Retiring president James L. Sullivan symbolized the change of administration by presenting Cothen a medallion bearing the Sunday School Board emblem.

In responding, Cothen stated that “the Sunday School Board is involved with God in what God is doing in the world. Our purpose is his purpose, his will is our will to

the degree that we can discover it and have strength to implement it.

“The Sunday School Board stands on the Scripture,” he said. “We have no where else to stand, but may I suggest to you that we do not see it our duty to debate about it (the Scripture) nor to fight about it. We see it our duty to expound it, to expose it, to exegete it, to teach it, to preach it, to proclaim it.”

In a more personal reference he acknowledged, “I find no reason to change in my mind nor in my heart that which my parents taught me when yet I was a child: The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God. Here I stand; God help me, I can do no other.”

Cothen, along with newly-elected executive vice president W. O. Thomason, assumed responsibility for the publishing and education agency of the Southern Baptist Convention during the semi-annual meeting of the board’s trustees. (BP)

“Sullivan Years” Close . . . Leave Bright Hope For Future

NASHVILLE—“The Sullivan Years,” an era of prosperity and growth spanning two decades at the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, have come to a close with the retirement of James L. Sullivan as board president.

After serving as chief executive of the world’s largest religious publishing house for 21 years, Sullivan has stepped down at the age of 65 and handed the reins to Grady C. Cothen, who has been installed as sixth president of the board.

The retirement story began a year ago when the trustees of the board voted unanimously to name Cothen as Sullivan’s successor. Retirement for the native Mississippian became a reality Monday night, Feb. 3.

When it was announced a month ago that a retirement dinner would be held in Sullivan’s honor, reservations from friends and dignitaries across the country swamped the board. The dinner was originally planned to be held in the new 500-seat board dining room. But with over 900 ticket requests, the employee dining room on another floor in the building was needed. The program was held in the board’s 1,000-seat Van Ness Auditorium.

Sullivan entered the auditorium Monday night as a spectator watching the stage from which he had so often presided over gatherings. When all was said and done, he

walked away an honorary member of the Nashville Fire Department, a colonel on Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton’s staff, and a nominee to the sports hall of fame at Mississippi College in Clinton, his alma mater and recipient of other plaques and awards from various organizations, agencies and churches.

Mayor Beverly Briley of Nashville made the SBC statesman an honorary fireman, with red hat and all, saying, “He has spent the last 21 years fighting denominational brush-fires.”

H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of Nashville’s First Baptist Church where Sullivan is a member, stated “as a great Christian leader in the world, in addition to his own denomination, he has not been too big for the local church.” Paschall presented a plaque in recognition of Sullivan’s service to his church from the deacons of First Church.

One surprise Sullivan received in the course of the evening was the football used when Mississippi College defeated Mississippi State in 1931. The team captain for that game was none other than Jimmy Sullivan from Silver Creek, Miss. It was the first time a preacher-boy was ever captain of an athletic team at the school.

Among dignitaries, Mrs. Albert Kawamoto flew from Honolulu to represent

Hawaiian Southern Baptists by presenting a handmade lei made from several hundred small orchids.

Sullivan was presented a special facsimile edition of the Robert Aitken Bible by J. Edward Cunningham, executive secretary of the Southern Region, American Bible Society. “The ABS is deeply indebted to this man for his devotion to the Holy Scriptures,” he said. “We are grateful for his leading the board to include the ABS in its annual budget—we receive funds every year from the board for scripture translation, publication and distribution of the Word of God.” The Aitken Bible, published in 1782, was the first Bible printed in America and the only printing authorized by the U.S. Congress.

“For all our Baptist groups, we want to express appreciation for this man,” stated Robert S. Denny, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. “There are 33.5 million Baptists in the world, and for them the BWA gratefully recognizes the services and contributions of Dr. Sullivan for the promotion of fellowship, service and cooperation of Baptists among the world.”

The retirement program consisted of a multi-media presentation tracing Sullivan’s life from his birth in 1910 to today. Included were photos of major events along the way. (BP)

The Curiosity Of Angels

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Which things the angels desire to look into."—1 Peter 1:12b

Peter has been dealing with the glory of the gospel. In verses 10-12b he talks about how the prophets of the Old Testament proclaimed the sufferings of Christ for man's sin, yet they did not comprehend fully the gospel itself. They viewed it afar off. It was reserved for Christians fully to understand and experience it.

Then Peter made the statement that the gospel was the object of the curiosity of angels in heaven themselves. They "keep on desiring intensely" (present tense) "to look" into it. The basic idea in the Greek verb rendered "to look" is to "bend over." It is used of Peter, John and Mary Magdalene stooping down to look into the empty tomb (Luke 24:12; John 20:5,11). Otherwise it is used only here and in James 1:25. In the papyri it always means a rapid, cursory glance at something which is not immediately in the line of vision. Thus one must stoop down to get a glance at it. However, Kittel in his monumental work on the Greek New Testament says that this meaning does not always hold (cf. John 20:11). It hardly fits James 1:25. But he does suggest

that in 1 Peter 1:12 it can mean "inquisitive peeping" on the part of the angels. This seems to be the sense here.

Why would angels be curious to peep inquisitively into the gospel? For one thing, God had not revealed this even to angels before it took place. But even more likely is the nature of angels themselves. For they **keep on desiring** to peep into it after the event. They are God's servants who do His will absolutely. Thus they know nothing about sin or guilt and its attendant sufferings. Therefore, they cannot understand why Christ must suffer as an atonement for sin. They obeyed God in declaring Jesus' birth and resurrection. They ministered to Him following His temptation in the wilderness. But of the how and why of His suffering they knew nothing. Or knowing about it, they did not comprehend it. Yet their curiosity caused them to want to peep into its mystery. Ephesians 2:7 suggests that in future ages God's redemption of men will show or demonstrate to angels His exceeding riches of grace toward men through Christ.

This also explains why the preaching of the gospel is entrusted to redeemed people rather than to angels. Only those who have experienced the awfulness of being lost in sin and the wonderful deliverance from it can understand and effectively witness to others about the glorious gospel of grace. Verses 13-17 show how Christians should live in the light of what God has done for them.

Devotional

A Joyful Journey

By Mrs. Dorothy W. Blake
Heb. 10:19-25

How thrilling it must have been to be a Jewish citizen traveling along the highways toward Jerusalem, thinking as they walked along that God would actually be in the Temple when they arrived there.



Blake

How carefully they must have made preparations for the journey. Decisions had to be made! Shall we carry a sacrifice or buy one in the courtyard at the Temple? Will there be a well along the way or shall we carry water

enough for the whole journey? As the departure day approached one could almost feel the excitement in the homes as the men, women, and children looked longingly toward visiting the Temple and being so near to God himself.

Traveling along the dusty roads their voices were lifted in singing Psalms and praise to their Maker. They were joyful and happy.

The Temple was a beautiful sight as it glistened in the sun on top of the hill in Jerusalem. The first glimpse of it must have sent shivers down their spines and shouts of joy as they beheld its splendor. Once inside the Temple they were restrained from entering the Holy of Holies where they believed God to dwell. Only the high priest could enter and then only once a year did he go in to offer sacrifice for their sins. Even with this restraint they were happy to be in His house, and they sang and made a joyful noise to their Lord.

Do we look forward to Sundays with this same anticipation? Are we excited about going to church? Do we feel this near to God in His house?

No longer do we have a room where He is supposed to dwell, or a high priest to talk to God for us. He dwells in the heart of each believer, and Jesus is our High Priest who has made the final sacrifice for our sins.

As we assemble ourselves together to worship God we learn to love one another. Our faith in Him leads us to want others to know of His great salvation that He gives freely to all who believe in Him.

God may not be physically there to greet us on Sunday morning, but the Holy Spirit is there and our hearts should be full of praise and we should be joyful as we go to our churches each week. This Sunday won't you shout and sing—Jesus Christ is our King!

Note: Mrs. Blake is a member of the First Baptist Church in Maryville where she is a teacher of adult women.



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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Returning the name change ballot gives me the opportunity to say a very personal word to the 'editor' of B And R. I want to tell you that I think you are doing a great job with our paper! Having read this paper, or its former counterpart, for over 60 years, I think I know a good job of editing when I read it!

I especially want to thank you for the 'center fold' concerning the prospective development of the property on the lake that was donated for the purpose of building an adequate facility for the senior citizens who need this type of help. I think it is a great thing for us to undertake, and it has my prayerful support.

I am a little late, as usual, in saying so, but I want to thank you for the very comprehensive coverage that you gave it B And R to our Murfreesboro 'meeting.' I loved the pictures of my old and dear friends, Mrs. Creasman and Mrs. Douglas Ginn, bless their hearts. They still look hale and hearty! I treasure the sermons that were printed and thought they were unusually good. I had planned to attend the convention, but we had a death in the family at that time.

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Mrs. L. E. Minton
Crossville, Tenn.

SBC Pioneer Movement West

By Everett Hallum Jr.
and Kim Watson for Baptist Press

Much of what the Southern Baptist Convention is today is the result of what is generally known as the "Pioneer Movement"—the missions thrust into the states outside the old South.

The move westward represents a dynamic episode in the SBC's journey to 12.3 million members in 33 state conventions covering 50 states.

The Pioneer Movement in 1942 was little more than a wink of the convention mind. Then, the SBC was a parochial, isolationist denomination, loosely structured, theologically and ecclesiastically insecure and largely ignorant of all religious conditions nationwide until 1942.

In that year, with the convention's acceptance of California as a state convention, what would become the most rapid religious expansion in U.S. church history lurched into gear. Two events gave it immediate emphasis.

Debt Paid

First, a \$2.5 million debt that had saddled the SBC's Home Mission Board for two decades was paid off in 1943.

Second, in 1944, a new executive secretary came to direct the 25-church, 14-year-old Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. At that point the movement began advancing on dual axes, California and Arizona; and its story became intertwined with the story of a lean, clear-eyed, weathered Texan—Willis J. Ray.

Ray came to Arizona in 1944, after working in evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. When he arrived, the temperature in Phoenix was 117 degrees and he wondered if he "was in the wrong place." But his first preaching experience in his new state reassured him.

At West Van Buren church in Phoenix, Ray preached to 13 people and 12 of them

joined. One became its lay preacher.

Because the convention was struggling, Ray initiated a trust fund, challenging the convention to set aside \$25,000 to "tie up church property" and serve as seed money for growth. With this money and twice as much faith, Ray began to answer the first calls coming to him to begin work throughout the western states.

Other Churches Begun

"There wasn't any time to wait," remembers Leroy Smith, who drove 65,000 miles a year for Ray, starting churches from Utah to South Dakota

The first contact outside Arizona came from a man Ray had known in Texas. Harold Dillman, a Utahan, was moving back to Roosevelt and wanted to begin a Southern Baptist mission there.

While Ray was still in Texas, Dillman had sought \$400 for support. Ray, who'd been working with 165 churches in Texas, couldn't raise it. Now Dillman needed \$2,000 to form his mission, meeting in a ladies club building, into a church.

Ray dived into the trust fund and the first Baptist church in Utah was begun. It affiliated with the Arizona convention.

About the same time, Charles Shipp, a Southern Baptist pastor serving in a Northern Baptist church in Idaho Falls, Idaho, was fired because his sermons angered some of the deacons. One told him, "Sir you don't preach like that in this church."

"They were warm, spiritual messages," Ray says.

Idaho Work Started

The result was that about 30 people left the church with Shipp, who wrote the Home Mission Board for assistance. He was referred to Ray, who visited. "And that," says Ray, "was the beginning of Southern Baptist work in Idaho."

Oil field workers, moving into Wyoming from Oklahoma, started SBC work there. Again, they got in touch with the Home Mission Board which forwarded their request to Ray.

Meanwhile, a church was established in Billings, Mont. The work continued, and the Arizona convention stretched into the Dakotas.

A chaplain in the military started a church in Rapid City, S.D., in 1949. Work in western Nebraska also began about that time. Both states affiliated with Arizona.

New Mexico Baptists were already working in southern Colorado when Ray received his first request from the state. He passed it on to New Mexico. But the second request from Colorado Springs-Denver area, resulted in another state tying with Arizona.

The Bryant brothers, W. C. and D. A., had come from Texas to serve as pastors of churches in Colorado.

Boasts 232 Churches

By the mid-1950s, the Arizona conven-

tion covered one-fourth the land area of the continental U.S.—from the Mexican border to Canada—and the Home Mission Board leaders, Ray and others knew it had to be broken up. Caretaking was too expensive and time consuming. In 1974, it covered Arizona and southern Nevada and has 232 churches with 81,638 members, according to the 1974 SBC annual.

The Colorado convention was formed, drawing off four of the northernmost states. It began with more than 65 churches and 10,000-plus members where none had been 13 years before, and Ray was offered the job of executive secretary. He accepted and was Colorado's leader until his retirement in 1962.

The California convention, which includes northern Nevada, now has 916 churches and some 280,000 members; the Utah-Idaho convention, 67 congregations and 10,500 members; Colorado, 134 churches and 46,000 members; Kansas-Nebraska, 200 churches and 60,000 members; Northwest (covering Washington, Oregon, parts of Canada and northern Idaho), 240 churches and 46,500 members; and Northern Plains (covering Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming), 88 churches and 15,000 members.

Baptist work in Alaska and Hawaii began before either area had achieved statehood. The first Southern Baptist church in Alaska was First Baptist Church, Anchorage, organized in 1943. The Alaska Baptist Convention was organized in 1946 with messengers from three churches. In 1974, it has 37 congregations and almost 13,000 total membership.

SBC foreign missionaries sparked Hawaii Southern Baptist activity after the close of mission fields in the Orient in the 1930s and 1940s. The Hawaii Baptist Association, organized in 1943 with five churches, became a convention in 1945.

The Home Mission Board assumed direction of the effort there after statehood, which came in 1959, although the Foreign Mission Board has gradually phased out funds and missionary personnel—a process which will be complete in 1975. The convention now has some 32 churches and 10,000 members.

Work in Minnesota and Wisconsin, currently affiliated with the Texas convention, now has 40 churches and 5,800 members; and work in Iowa, sponsored by the Missouri convention, has 42 churches and 6,000 members.

The "Pioneer Movement" shifted into phase two in 1950 when, in spite of old line states' objections, the SBC moved to "serve as a source of blessing to any community or any people in the United States." Thus, the door opened again. This time wider. Where once the support was in the hundreds, now it would soar into the millions. And Southern Baptists' attentions, confronted with the nationwide challenge, began swinging eastward.

Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series on the Southern Baptist Convention expansion from 19 state conventions with 3.7 million members in 1942 to 33 state conventions with 12.3 million members covering 50 states in 1974.

75 Million Campaign- 'Blues' To Celebration

By James Lee Young

The doughboys of World War I had come home. A peace treaty had been signed at Versailles. The universal prayer was that there might never be another world war.

The Roaring 20s were poised, ready to pounce into a decade that would be stereotyped in film, literature and song as years of carefree abandon by the nation.

Underneath the hopes and false appearances of security lay hints of the impending financial disaster that was to affect the nation.

The year was 1919. Southern Baptists had plunged into an all-out fund-raising campaign to enlarge their convention work and pay all debts.

The program was called the "75 Million Campaign." The attempt to raise \$75 million paved the way for the Southern Baptist "Cooperative Program," the denomination's unified budget plan now in its 50th year of operation.

The 75 Million Campaign was the biggest undertaking by Southern Baptists up to that time. It proved at least that Southern Baptists could raise large sums of money for missions and other causes through cooperation.

It officially began May 14-18, 1919, and Southern Baptists raised \$58.6 million through the effort.

The five-year program, 1919-24, was designed to provide support for all Baptist missionary, educational and benevolent work in the Baptist state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

\$75 Million Campaign Adopted

It began at the May, 1919, SBC annual meeting in Atlanta, during which a campaign commission chaired by George Hays of Kentucky was named to consider financial aspects of the denominational program. Before the convention had ended its sessions, Hays and his committee had recommended the adoption of a campaign to raise \$75 million over a period of five years.

A motion by L. R. Scarborough of Texas recommended "that a committee of one member from each state be appointed by this Convention to plan, in cooperation with the state agencies and the organized agencies of this Convention, for a simultaneous drive to be taken each year in cash for a proportionate part of the \$75,000,000, the campaign being so arranged that the part to be raised each year shall be larger than that of the year before, and thus

secure the largest part in the last year of the five.

"We further recommend," Scarborough continued, "that this committee, in conference with the general boards and the state boards, be requested to distribute the amounts among the different objects fostered by the Conventions and state boards, outside of local church support and apportion the amounts to the various states." His motion carried, and the campaign was underway.

The first meeting of the group in charge of the campaign was held in June, 1919, in Atlanta, Ga. The group was composed of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, then a non-staff body, and the executive secretaries of the general convention agencies and state boards.

Nashville became the campaign headquarters. Offices were provided by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Scarborough, who was then president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was named the campaign's general director.

Victory Week Designated

The next seven months were given over to extensive and concerted promotion of the campaign with Nov. 30-Dec. 7, 1919, designated as Victory Week, in which the goal was to be reached.

At the May, 1920, meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Scarborough reported that in spite of bad weather, many churches had exceeded their campaign Victory Week goals. About \$93 million had been pledged, with more than \$12 million already paid in.

The campaign commission reported its work done and a "Conservation Commission of the 75 Million Campaign" was named, with Scarborough as chairman and general director. Its duty was to "co-operate and lead in the collection of the pledges and the conservation of the causes involved in the 75 Million Campaign." This conservation commission's work ended on Jan. 1, 1925.

Based on the \$93 million anticipated receipts, denominational and state agencies, in many cases, overextended themselves and by 1925 Southern Baptists were head-over-heels in debt.

CP Born In Memphis

Such was the plight of the denomination on May 13, 1925, at the SBC meeting in Memphis.

The Roaring 20s were in full swing. It was the first day of an historic session of

the SBC in Memphis. Scarborough was to give his final report on the 75 Million Campaign.

The event occurred not far from the street in Memphis memorialized by blues composer and musician W. C. Handy in the "Beale Street Blues."

Southern Baptists launched "the Cooperative Program" to get away from perennial financial blues. They revolutionized their piecemeal system of catch-as-catch-can giving and established a unified, systematic and cooperative plan of raising and allocating funds, a lifeline for mission support for many years ahead.

SBC President George White McDaniel of Richmond chaired the five-day session in Memphis. The momentum on the issues of finances and cooperation began to build in the first session on May 13.

Scarborough presented his committee's final report. The campaign had clearly not achieved its monetary goal of \$75 million in receipts. But, "It came more nearly doing so than almost any other forward movement conducted by any of the larger denominations during the period immediately following the war" (World War I), he noted.

"The 75 Million Campaign, Scarborough reported, had left Southern Baptists with "a great heritage," which was "more precious than life or gold, for them to love, pray for, care for, support, promote with great spirit of co-operation and liberality." (The cooperative movement ultimately resulted in the SBC paying all its debts in full, with interest, while some other denominations were reportedly taking discounts on loans.)

He concluded his report by calling on Southern Baptists to ensure that "all the things promoted and advanced by the campaign and dear to the heart of our Saviour shall be cared for in a more glorious fashion by Southern Baptists' great, forward, cooperative movement.

"We must not lose the things we have already wrought through the mercies and power of God; but we must do our best to bring them to a full reward," Scarborough said.

Southern Baptists paid heed. The next item of convention business saw not the end for Southern Baptists' financial blues but an important step in that direction. The Cooperative Program was voted. A new era had begun for Southern Baptists.

This year—1975—is the 50th Anniversary of that event.

'Human Dimensions' Aired On Tennessee Stations

Three Tennessee Television stations are carrying "The Human Dimensions," an award-winning series of documentaries and dramas which are produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The stations and time are listed below:

Nashville WLAC TV, 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Chattanooga WRIP TV, 9 a.m., Sunday; and Jackson CA TV, 5 p.m. Sunday.

Harold E. Ingraham Dies

Dr. Harold E. Ingraham, 76, retired Baptist Sunday School Board employee, died suddenly, Feb. 6, following a heart attack.

Ingraham served at the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1922 until his retirement in 1966. For 20 years he was associate and secretary of the Department of Sunday School Administration, and associate editor and editor of the **Sunday School Builder**. From 1944-54 Ingraham was the board's business manager. He became director of the Service Division in 1954 and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1966.

He attended the luncheon held for Grady C. Cothen, new president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, on Feb. 4.

Services were held, Feb. 8, at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, with Bob Norman, pastor, officiating. Norman was assisted by several employees of the Baptist Sunday School Board and others who are employees of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ingraham was married to the former Sybil Ley more than 50 years ago. She survives.

Other survivors in addition to his widow are a son, Frank Ingraham, Franklin; a daughter, Miss Anna Ley Ingraham, Nashville; and a sister, Miss Anna Ingraham.

The series emphasizes the spiritual point of view in its approach to current issues so that aspects of the human dilemma emerge from each episode as relevant and urgent matters of concern for contemporary America.

The new episodes include:

HORAK—The story of Josip Horak, a Baptist minister in Yugoslavia and his Christian experiences in a Communist country.

THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY—This deals with death and teaches that one cannot really begin to live until he is prepared to die.

CATHEDRALS—A study of man's expression of his feeling for God as demonstrated in the great cathedrals of Europe.

IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES—Ex-POW Captain Howard E. Rutledge details how his faith helped him survive long periods of inhumane treatment.

SANDCASTLES—This documentary explores child abuse and possible solutions to a menacing problem.

WINGS WITHIN—An account of the positive changes in the life of an Air Force officer after he became a Christian.

THE ANNIVERSARY—A documentary exploring the problem of boredom in a mechanized society. A close look is taken at the work habits and ethics of a 20th Century America.

A WALK UP THE HILL—This drama

Church Dedicated In Beirut; Southern Baptists Thanked

BEIRUT, Lebanon—The 55-member Ras Beirut Baptist church here recently dedicated a new auditorium with a seating capacity of 400. Southern Baptist missionaries were presented a plaque of appreciation for their help and for the financial support of Southern Baptists.

The new auditorium may seem a bit optimistic considering the size of the church, but 640 people crowded into it for the dedication service. A few days after the dedication a banquet was held in honor of the missionaries in Lebanon.

Southern Baptists paid for about 70 per cent of the cost of the auditorium and accompanying four-story education building. The church, located in a fashionable business district, is financing the addition of eight stories to the building and will rent them for office space. A contractor, who is a member of the church, is doing the entire building project without personal profit.

At the banquet, pastor and businessman, Philip Zacca, said, "We thank God for every missionary man or woman, who has helped in spreading the gospel of love and grace in our land."

traces the moral and spiritual aspects of medical ethics as they relate to euthanasia.

SPARROW—An examination of the pressures and changes in rural life as caused by rapid communications and increasing urbanization.

HIGH FLIGHT—Astronaut James B. Irwin, lunar module pilot on the Apollo 15 moon mission tells how his historic journey changed the direction of his life.

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"Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever" (Psa. 145:2).



Officers of Baptist Student Union at MTSU—Front row, left to right, Connie Groves, Portland, vice-president; Bobby McKnight, Murfreesboro, enlistment; Janet Wilkison, Nashville, missions; Patricia Victory, Nashville, witness; Karen Murphy, Centerville, communications.

Back row, Ircel Harrison, director of student ministries; Nancy Fitch, McMinnville, fellowship; Kathy Steakley, Winchester, fellowship; Claude Posey, graduate assistant; Joan Longwith, Lafayette, Ga., International student ministry; Keith Curd, Nashville, worship and study; Wendell Harris, president.

The First Fifty Years Of The Cooperative Program

By J. Luther Osment Sr.

Todd Hollow lies in the foothills of the great Appalachian Mountains in Polk County, Tennessee. Around the turn of the century a slip of a girl came out of Todd Hollow and entered Mossy Creek (now Carson-Newman) College. She felt the call of the Lord to enter His service and hoped the call would lead her to the mission fields of China. Her name was Lottie Moore; and, to her delight, her fellow students soon began to call her "Lottie Moon."

After her second year at Mossy Creek College, Lottie Moore was forced to leave school for lack of funds. It was while teaching school in her beloved mountains that she began to realize the Lord needed her and her loved ones needed her right in her own "back yard." She found her "Acre of Diamonds" and it is doubtful if she ever again questioned the Lord's leading. In the years to come she helped bring her own Zion Baptist Church into a place of leadership in the Tennessee Mountains and the Southern Baptist Convention, a position the church has held for more than half-a-century. Truly Lottie Moore Osment was one of the first "Home Missionaries," serving "without portfolio."

"Aunt Lottie," as the children, then the congregation, and then the people throughout the mountains began to call her, did her most effective and lasting work with the children. For almost fifty years she taught the "Card" class in Zion Church Sunday School. At the present time, six of the eight members of the Board of Deacons were once members of her "Card" class.

The older members of Zion Baptist Church today were in their teens when Aunt Lottie first introduced them to the Southern Baptist Convention and made them feel a part of it. They watched and listened as she struggled to have her church meet its quota the years of the "Seventy-Five Million Campaign," and then worked to put across the Cooperative Program during its early years. How her eyes shone as she talked, with trembling voice, of the great numbers of missionaries a systematic giving program would be able to send all over the world. She caught the vision and "painted" a vivid word picture of the millions of lost souls these missionaries would lead to Christ down through the ages.

While our larger churches have contributed much and have furnished leadership

(Note: Osment is a layman of the Zion Church.)

many Baptists believe the cradle of the Cooperative Program was in hundreds of "Zion Churches" in rural America with thousands of "Aunt Lotties" to lead them.

What a wonderful "Tower of Strength" in the Christian world the Cooperative Program has become. Fifty years ago in 1925, contributions to the Cooperative Program amounted to just \$4,698,000.00. By 1973, the 48th year of the Cooperative Program, contributions had reached an annual total of \$100,583,695.00.

As a final tribute to Lottie Moore, the "slip of a girl from Todd Hollow," those who remember her like to think she attained her girlhood dream. The Program she and others like her launched that day in 1925 has sent her flying on the wings of those contributions not only to China, but to the uttermost parts of the world—all 87 pounds of her!

18 TV, 157 Radio Stations Gave Free Air Time

Tennessee Baptists who, through the Cooperative Program gave \$119,143.92 to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's budget of \$1,902,087.75 have, in return, received some \$410,500 worth of free air time for Commission-produced programs in their state, according to Paul M. Stevens, president of the Commission.

The free air time, given by 18 television stations and 157 radio stations in the Volunteer State, was used to reach non-Christians with such offerings as "The Baptist Hour," "Powerline," "Country Crossroads," and "Master Control"* and such television productions as the award-winning "Human Dimension" series.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is the world's largest producer of religious programs for airing on radio and television public service (free) time.

"This means that the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission was able to parlay a \$119,143.92 gift into something worth \$410,500 in sharing the Gospel with non-Christians in Tennessee," said Stevens.

"The Radio-TV Commission isn't trying to replace the church, but is seeking to be an arm of the church, to reach people who would turn off a traditional church service," he said.

"We're grateful to Tennessee Baptists for the part they are having in the far-reaching ministry of this agency as we take the Gospel to the world on the airwaves."

Her Husband Had A Will

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The following experience is reported by Steve Stubblefield, Minister of Youth and Education, First Baptist Church, Bemis, and used by permission. It concerns the experience of Mrs. Ronald Reed of North Carolina and is related in her own words. It concerns immediate experiences after the death of her husband.

"In those first hours and days after Ron's passing, I knew what it was to be lonely and confused. And all those details . . . the funeral, business affairs, our home, the estate and legal affairs. How do you smile when your heart is broken? Sure, you try to think about all the good times together, but each time you are jolted back to reality and decisions, decisions, decisions.

"Then it came to me. I remembered the will we had drawn up together for 'that time' far off somewhere in the future. I hadn't thought much about will making, so I just accepted Ron's judgment. What wasn't very important yesterday was now my very existence.

"I dropped to my knees and thanked God for a Christian husband and a wise provider who didn't wait to make a will. This will helped me make so many decisions I would not have known how to make. A few pieces of paper changed my whole life when my needs became the greatest. I pray that others who share my story will also realize their need for a will to protect and support those they love and will one day leave behind."

For information regarding a Christian will write: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

New Books

Christian: Celebrate Your Sexuality by Dwight Hervey Small, Revell Co., 221 pp., \$5.95. This book is for mature Christians who are prepared to think seriously about the fundamentally biblical subject of love and marriage.

Preaching to Change Lives by Wayne Dehoney, Broadman, 124 pp., paperback, \$2.50. A collection of sermons by a man who yearns to win the lost and lead the saved into redemptive living.

Pornography, the Sexual Mirage by John W. Drakeford and Jack Hamm, Nelson Co., 188 pp., paperback. One of the best books on a most difficult subject.

Spiky, the Mini-Monster by Grace Penney, Word Book Co., 60 pp., \$2.50. A very interesting children's book.

A Reconciling People

By Dr. Roy Helton, Prof. Emeritus of Religion, Belmont College, Nashville

LESSON TEXTS: 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Gal. 6:1-7



Helton

Someone at Corinth had said that Paul was a fanatic, a crazy man. His reply to that was that if it were true, it was for God's sake. If he were in his right mind, it was for the Corinthians' sake. Perhaps one reason for their adjudging Paul crazy was that he had insisted that Christ died for all so that those who live,

might live no longer for themselves, but for Christ (vv. 13-15). To Paul, this was a call for death to self, but also an awakening to new life in Christ.

THINGS NEW IN CHRIST 2 COR. 5:16-21

A reconciling people will gain a new view of the earthly Jesus (v. 16) and will no longer measure him by mere human standards. Nor will their view of humanity in general remain the same. They will see people as persons who are worthy of their efforts to reconcile them to God. This changed viewpoint of Christ and of man results from their having become a new man in Christ themselves (v. 17). Old Standards of value pass away and new ones are formed. All this is a gift from God who reconciled man to himself and gave him a ministry of reconciliation (vv. 18-19). It is never said that God is reconciled to man. He does not need to be reconciled. Man is the one who is hostile. Reconciled man has a message for the hostile, a message of exceeding importance. It is of such high importance that the reconciled is given the rank of an ambassador to deliver this message (v. 20). God makes his appeal through his ambassadors. The tangled web of hostile attitudes today make it imperative that God's ambassadors be both loyal and skillful.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

The Christian church is a fellowship of faith and hope and love in Christ. It should never be developed along any lines of race, class, politics, or social groups. This ideal has not always been kept, but if the people of God are to be a truly reconciling fellowship, the church must never identify itself with any one group or one age. The purpose of God is to reconcile all men to

Himself and to one another in Jesus Christ. He has made that purpose clear in Jesus Christ—his incarnation, his ministry of service, his death, and resurrection. The evidence of the purpose continues in the gift of the Holy Spirit, in the command to make disciples of all nations, and in his abiding presence of Christ may not yet be fully understood by us. Yet it is clear that all we need to know concerning God's purpose is revealed in Christ. We know also that it is God's will that the gospel be proclaimed everywhere. And we know that the message and ministry of reconciliation is our primary task as a people of God.

BROTHERLY RESPONSIBILITY GAL. 6:1-7

Brother, and brotherhood are oft used words in the vocabulary of Christian people. Too often they are just that—often used words! Paul knew the problems that faced a Christian society, and he knew of the failures within the Christian churches. He knew that church members sin, and that other church members sin in the way they treat the fallen. If a man is "overtaken in a trespass" is a very descriptive phrase. It is the picture of one who slips on ice or over a tripstick. The duty of a brother in Christ in such cases is to "restore him in a spirit of gentleness." "Restore" is used of setting a bone or of removing something from the body such as a tumor or growth of some kind. Obviously such procedure requires both skill and sympathetic patience. But how often a fallen brother gets a working over with hammer and tongs! There are few good people to whom one can go and tell his story of defection and defeat and expect to get a sympathetic and therapeutic hearing.

BURDEN BEARING

The counsel to bear one another's burdens is needed in churches today. The reference to burden here is to a load which one is unable to bear alone. The Christian brother should get under the load and help such people, and many such brothers exist in churches today. They will gladly help bear the load of burdened people. Paul then warns against conceit and tells how to overcome it by testing by the true standard found only in Christ. Though others can share some of our burdens, there are some that no one can share with us (v. 5). The word used for burden here refers to a

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The Russians probably claim credit for starting Valentine's Day—just because some Soviet scientist discovered that roses are Red.

However, on this Valentine's Day there seems to be more concern over the high cost of living than the high cost of loving.

There is a reason and a rhyme for this:

Roses are red, violets are blue—
I'm worried about inflation
and so are you.

People are sad, people are
blue—

The price of sugar astounds
me

And this goes for other things,
too.

Experts say "the recession's
not too bad, conditions not
too serious"—

But the unemployed breadwin-
ners are nothing short of de-
lirious.

With the dollar shrinking and
prices out of sight,

It's easy to see: we're in a ter-
rible plight.

Still, in this moment, even on
Valentine's Day,

Let us grin and bear it and
hasten to say:

For "the good old days,"
many insist their hearts do
pine.

But dark days are brightened
when you can say, "Jesus is
mine."

soldier's pack which he is bound to carry as a soldier. There are some things others cannot share in bearing.

SOWING AND REAPING

The grim truth is that we reap what we sow. We may think we can be "footloose and fancy free" and do as we please, but sooner or later we pay. We pay in broken bodies, distorted emotions, disturbed mental processes and many other ways. The expression "God is not mocked" actually means that you cannot turn up your nose at God. We live in the kind of universe that will make us pay. The theme of Greek tragedy is, "The doer shall suffer." This is true, but God can and does forgive. However, he cannot remove the scars which sin etched upon our being. But remember there is one who knows the meaning of scars, though not for his own sins, but ours. Truly God is reconciling men unto Himself in Christ.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Greenbrier First Church ordained **Robert E. Crawford** as a deacon. The charge to the candidate and the church was given by **J. B. Caldwell**. The chairman of the deacons, **Brooks Hackney**, led in the ordination prayer. **D. R. Plank** is pastor.

Two former Tennesseans, now attending school at Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky., have been called to serve churches. **Carl E. Gallion Jr.**, formerly of Spencer, accepted the call of Callahan Church in Barbourville, Ky.; and **David Don Abernathy**, a former resident of Loudon, is the new pastor of the church at Corinth, Ky. **Abernathy** is married to the former **Alzena Wrinn** of Loudon. **Gallion** is married to the former **Cassie Sullivan** of Spencer.

James B. Henry, pastor of the Two Rivers Church in Nashville, was honored on the occasion of his 10th anniversary with the church, Feb. 2. The church observed "Jim Henry Day" with special activities including a "This Is Your Life" program featuring over 40 of the pastor's friends and associates, a gift of a cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas following the Southern Baptist Convention, a monetary gift, and designated love offerings toward the purchase of building needs for the church's new facilities in his honor. **Don Bouldin**, former associate pastor at Two Rivers, now pastor of Columbia First Church, brought the message during the evening service. A reception was held after the service.

Mrs. W. H. Catlett, **Mrs. Ben Philbeck**, **Mrs. Nina Rubin**, **Tom Lamb**, **Thomas O'Neal**, **Ken Sparks**, and **James Stamper** were ordained as deacons at Jefferson City First Church. **Wade Darby** is pastor.

Former president of Carson-Newman College for 20 years, **Harley Fite**, received the outstanding citizen of the year award at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Jefferson City. **W. L. Tarr**, chairman of the Civic Committee, pointed out the many activities of **Fite** in behalf of the community and his denomination over the past several years. Under his direction at Carson-Newman, enrollment doubled from

LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Central Church, Nashville, called **Lawrence Kelley** as associate pastor and minister of music. He comes to the position from Wyoming where he has served as pastor of several churches in the Rocky Mountain area. **Harold Bingham** is pastor.



Sullivan

Southland Church, Memphis, called **Charles W. Sullivan** as pastor. **Sullivan** comes from serving the University Church in Arlington, Tex. Ordained at the age of 19, he received the B.A. degree from Baylor University and the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has preached in 13 states and has participated in evangelistic endeavors in Australia, Indonesia, and Japan.

In Western District Association, West Paris Church called **Bill Robbins** as pastor. He is already on the field coming from Calvary Church in Brownsville. **McDavid's Grove Church** called **Hilman Walker** as pastor. He comes from Bruceton and to his first pastorate.

W. James Coile, former employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board for 13 years, has been named landscape architect in the Board's Church Architecture Department. **Coile**, who worked in the department at the board from 1956 until 1969, will become the first landscape architect since the cost recovery landscaping service was introduced last month.

about 900 in 1948 to over 1800 in 1968. He has served as president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and the Tennessee College Association.

Mrs. Grant Jones, wife of the pastor of First Church, Sevierville, was injured in a semi-head-on car truck accident which occurred in front of their home, Feb. 1. **Mrs. Jones** sustained head and neck injuries. She is in the Intensive Care Unit at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville.

CHURCHES . . .

In Western District Association, the Henry Church is in the beginning stages of a building program which will include six new classrooms and a fellowship area to be constructed as a two-story addition.

Construction has begun on an educational and day care facility for children at the Bayside Church in Harrison. The structure will be located adjacent to the church building with construction costs estimated to be near \$250,000.

Members of the Arrington Church near Franklin have begun construction on an educational building which will house eight Sunday School classrooms and a fellowship hall. The new addition will be more than double the size of the church facility and enable the congregation to expand its youth program. **Sanford Irving** is chairman of the building program; and **Thomas C. Smith Jr.** is pastor of the church.

'Baptist And Reflector' Receives New Budgets

Seven Tennessee Baptist Churches are receiving the **Baptist And Reflector** through the Trial Plan.

The associations, churches and pastors are:

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Will Power

You have entered a new year—as you appraise the situation did you do all you intended to do last year? Maybe not everything but just the important things—like making a will. You just didn't get around to it. You gambled on living and won, but thousands lost—at least their families and the causes of the Lord did.

It is estimated that seven out of eight in this country die without leaving a will. Millions upon millions of dollars pile up each week in probate courts reaching at least five billion a year. This is poor stewardship, especially for Christians who believe in speaking after death as well as during life. Making a proper will remembering the Lord and loved ones shows good sense and love for those concerns closest to our hearts.

We may live an exemplary life yet leave a cloud over our existence if through neglect we do not leave our affairs in order. Some of the hardest statements ever made about good men after death is that they failed to leave an adequate will and their families endured extreme suffering because of carelessness.

In law there are two terms dealing with many sorts—"accessory before the fact" and "accessory after the fact." If a person helps a bank robber get away, he is guilty as an "accessory after the fact." If he helps plan the robbery and takes no part in it, or merely knows it is going to happen and does not act on that knowledge, he is an "accessory before the fact." In refusing to make a will, we become "accessories before the fact." We know that we could act to

(Note: Why not contact the Tennessee Baptist Foundation today for information about preparing a will?)

prevent heartache, suffering and poor management of what God has entrusted to us, but we sit passively and do nothing.

The committee chairman after a reading of the minutes intones, "Is there any unfinished business?" The person who has procrastinated in making a will has some unfinished business that needs prompt attention. Of course the state has already proposed a will for you if you die without one. However, it is doubtful that the state's handling of your estate would be to your liking. Therefore take care of that unfinished business without delay.

As a Christian, remember the obligation to leave a portion of earthly goods for the Lord's work. Institutions and other causes in the Southern Baptist Convention will be healthier and stronger financially when believers turn good intentions into reality.

One noted biographer said he had a problem in writing his biography of the Duke of Wellington. "What," he asked himself, "would be trustworthy evidence of the kind of man Wellington actually was?" He said he found such unimpeachable evidence when he studied the stubs of Wellington's old checkbooks! There he found evidence of what the Duke really cared for.

Likewise you can tell more about a person's life, his depth and character, by reading his will than by cataloging what he did, said or where he went. It is through a will that one finally demonstrates where his love and interest really lie.

It takes will power to draw up a will. Say to yourself. **I will do it; I will do it now; I will do it now to honor the Lord and for my family's sake.**—Edgar R. Cooper, editor, **Florida Baptist Witness**.



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Life Saved, Churches Report At Honduran Baptist Meeting

MAPULACA, Honduras—In the midst of an annual meeting of the Honduras Baptist Convention here, Southern Baptist missionaries joined together to save a woman's life.

The woman, in a complicated state of labor, came asking for missionary doctor, David Harms who visits the area regularly.

Harms discovered the woman's unborn child was dead. He radioed Missionary Aviation Fellowship for a flight to take the patient to the hospital for emergency surgery.

A Ford pickup with a fiberglass cover, used by missionary Ralph Wilson, became an ambulance to take the woman to the airstrip. The cot placed in the truckbed was surrounded by the woman's relatives. Harms held the intravenous medicine he was administering as they rode on rocky mountain trails.

Thanks to immediate help, according to missionary press representative Sue Austin Wilson, a successful operation was performed in the Evangelical hospital in Siguatepeque and the woman's life was saved.

Missionaries report that many other gratifying events occurred at the convention and that Pastor Jorge Gonzalez, a graduate of the Baptist Theological Institute, and his congregation in Mapullaca "were well prepared to host" the 47 delegates and other guests coming to the three-day program.

Church members and others in the community, some who were not believers, opened their homes, providing food and lodging.

Pastors in areas which had been struck

by Hurricane Fifi in September reported that many professions of faith in Christ were made in the months following the hurricane.

Workers have been busy in the reconstruction of a school and houses, which were destroyed by the flood. They also have repaired damaged houses.

Pastor Rafael Flores of Second Baptist Church, San Pedro Sula, said that people now know who Baptists are. Before the hurricane, Baptists were not well known in the area.

Services were held during the conference in the Mapulaca Plaza, which is dominated by the huge Catholic church. A priest comes to the church once a year to marry people and baptize the babies born during that year.

A single light bulb hung from a large Ceiba tree. A series of wide concrete steps around the huge tree trunk provided a high platform for those leading the services as about 300 persons assembled in front of the platform—most standing, some sitting on benches brought from the Baptist church.

The people listened to missionary Wayne Wheeler's bass solo, "Cuan Grande Es El" ("How Great Thou Art") and sang to the accompaniment of Pastor Roman Pineda's accordion.

Also participating were A. Clark Scanlon, field representative for Middle America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and Judson Blair, guest speaker from the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex. (BP)

... Can't Believe We Sang The Whole Thing

NASHVILLE—Long winded singers may well out do traditionally verbose preachers as they sing completely through the new Baptist Hymnal—nonstop.

During the upcoming "PraiSing 75" here, March 10-13, 1975, 60 singing groups will pool their efforts to sing 30 continuous hours.

At the end of this monumental "Sing the Hymnal Through" effort, the new "Baptist Hymnal" will have been sung through in its entirety; not a word or a verse of the 512 songs or any of the responsive readings omitted.

Most of the singing will be done in the Van Ness Auditorium at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, but the final few songs will be performed in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium on the last night of "PraiSing 75."

On the last night each person present will receive a special edition copy of the new hymnal signed by the hymnal committee members.

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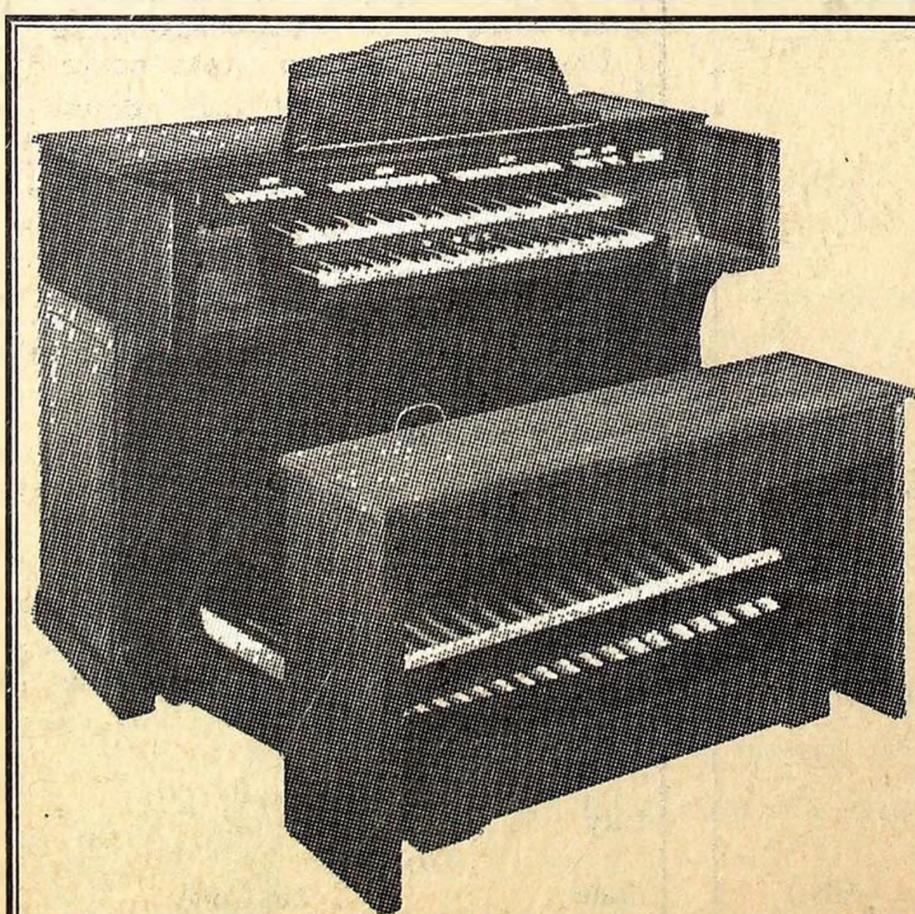
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Baptist Meeting Largest Ever At Stockholm Congress Hall

By Sven Svenson



STOCKHOLM—One of the world's largest and most functional exhibit areas will serve as the meeting place for the 13th Baptist World Congress July 8-13 at Stockholm, Sweden.

The building at Alvsjo, about six kilometers (less than five miles) from the center of Stockholm, is St. Erik's Massan. It is part of the St. Erik's Fair Ltd., owned and operated by local authorities and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. The Fair was founded in 1943, and moved to its massive new quarters in 1971.

The Massan already has served as the center for great international meetings. The Nobel Prizes were awarded there in 1972. An international biochemical congress met there in 1973. The Church of Jesus Christ held its international congress at the Massan in 1974. In addition, a wide range of Scandinavian meetings and exhibits are scheduled annually.

July's Baptist World Congress, with an estimated 10,000 participants from 80 nations, will be the largest meeting yet held at the Massan. However, the Congress will use less than half the 22,000 square meters (about 71,500 square feet) of available space for its main meeting hall.

Think of these figures to picture the size of the main hall. The width is 72 meters

(Sven Svenson is editor of Veckoposten, the Swedish Baptist magazine.)

(234 feet), and the length is 225 meters (731 feet). An American football field measures 160 feet wide and 300 feet long. The ceiling is 20 meters high (65 feet) over the stage area to permit the exhibition of full masted ships if need be, and 10 meters (32.5 feet) over the rest of the area.

For the Baptist Congress, a wall will be erected about half way back in the main hall, enough space for the expected 10,000 persons. Behind that wall (which is sound-proof to 40 decibels), there will be an exhibit and smaller meeting rooms.

In addition to the main hall, there are smaller auditoriums fully furnished with audio-visual aids and translation equipment up to five languages. There also are ample restaurant facilities.

The Massan is advantageously located in close connection with European Highway 4 and adjacent to the Alvsjo train station, which is nine minutes from the central station of Stockholm. An underground train system fans out from the central station to all of the city. The parking lot at the Massan has space for 4000 cars.

NOTICE!

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.

Chilhowee Announces Top Ten Seniors

Four Tennesseans are among those listed in the top ten of the 1975 graduating class of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, according to Hubert Smothers, academy president.

The students include: Roy P. Blaylock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Blaylock, Memphis; Marjorie Scott Swanner, Knoxville; Jo Allen Donaldson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Seymour; and Benjamin Reed, a ministerial student.

Out of state students on the honor list include Vicki Gay Brannon, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Brannon of Coal City, Ill.; Sharon Louise Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Smith, Athens, Ohio; Estella Marie Florez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Florez, Chicago, Ill.; and Gwendolyn Sue McCool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCool, Chicago, Ill. Two international students were represented on the list: Chafig Hayek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hani Hayek, Amman, Jordan; and Prin Chandravithum, Thailand.

Religious Educators To Meet In Miami Beach, June 8

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will be held in Miami Beach, Fla., June 8-9, prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sessions will be held at the Hotel Seville, located 10 blocks from the Convention Center, according to Charles A. Tidwell, current president of SBREA.

The program will include a feature reviewing "R.E. new '75", the National Conference on Church Educational Ministry held in Houston. Other sessions will feature timely educational concerns and emphases of interest to ministers of education, ministers of youth, other vocational age-group workers, associational religious education workers, and those in state and denominational work.

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water in the middle of a drought—he uses a bathtub.

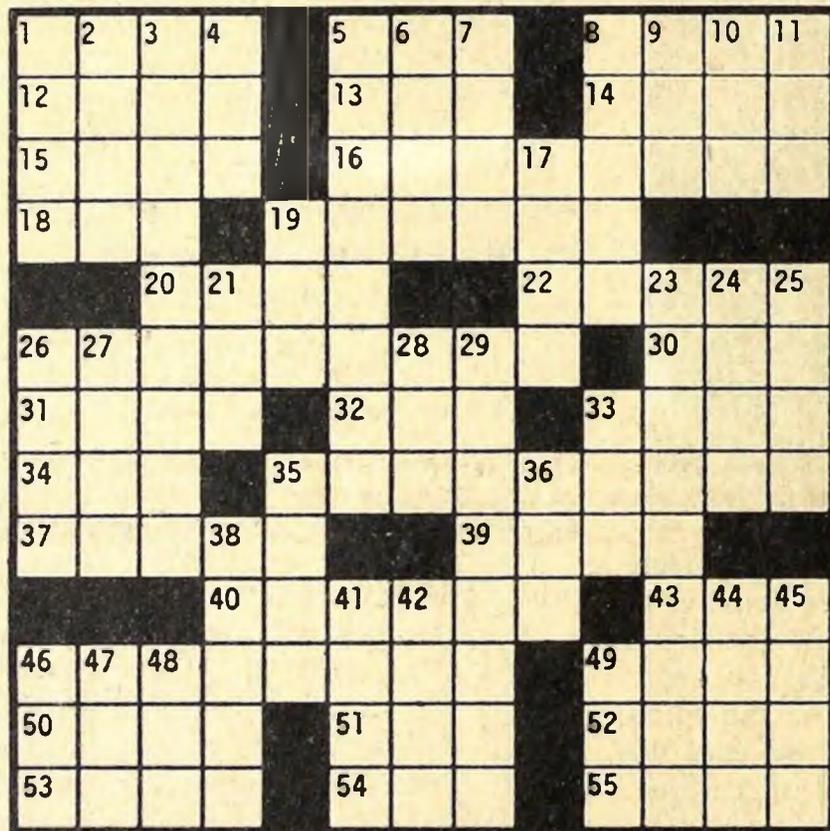
A bathtub? Why not?

Southern Baptist Missionary Louie T. Scales drives 40 miles to the Indian Ocean, fills two barrels with salt water, drives back, fills the bathtub and baptizes the new converts.

Complicated, but it gets the job done. (BP)

Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 5



ACROSS

- 1 Thinner than cambric
- 5 Wood sorrel
- 8 First murderer (Gen. 4)
- 12 Hodgepodge
- 13 Girl's nickname
- 14 Untie
- 15 It was blue (Ex. 28:28)
- 16 "that ye — into temptation" (Mt. 26)
- 18 "ye know not what ye —" (Mt. 20)
- 19 European country: poss.
- 20 Small case
- 22 Irritable
- 26 "And, having —" (Col. 1)

- 30 Son of Jether
- 31 Girl's name
- 32 Company: Sp.,abbr.
- 33 Biblical city (1 Chron. 6:73)
- 34 Famous coach
- 35 "and shewing of hard —" (Dan. 5)
- 37 "shall be your —" (Ezek. 45)
- 39 Discard
- 40 "which — the young child's life" (Mt. 2)
- 43 Indian
- 46 "to be — minded" (Rom. 8)
- 49 Foray
- 50 S-shaped moulding
- 51 Fifth sign of the Zodiac

- 52 Son of Jerahmeel (1 Chron. 2:25)
- 53 Legendary birds
- 54 Tuber
- 55 Girl's name

DOWN

- 1 Girl's name
- 2 Word of sorrow
- 3 "if the —" (Deut. 25)
- 4 NT Noah
- 5 "out of — made he" (Ex. 37)
- 6 Site of first miracle of Jesus (John 2)
- 7 Against
- 8 "there shall be no more —" (Rev. 22)
- 9 Girl's name
- 10 Japanese statesman
- 11 Negative
- 17 — en pointe: Her.
- 19 Eat
- 21 Beverage
- 23 "A minister of the —" (Heb. 8)
- 24 Corner
- 25 Sweet potatoes
- 26 Harm
- 27 White matter of the brain
- 28 One: Scot.
- 29 "and — every man" (Judg. 21)
- 33 Articles
- 35 "and —, and Koa" (Ezek. 23:23)
- 36 "as often as ye —" (1 Cor. 11)
- 38 Anglo-Saxon laborers
- 41 Arah was his son (1 Chron. 7:39)
- 42 Secluded valley
- 44 Row
- 45 Girl's name
- 46 Heart
- 47 Past
- 48 Receipt: abbr.
- 49 NT book: abbr.

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Money Better Than Goods In Baptist Relief Abroad

RICHMOND—Dollars continue to be the most rapid and efficient form for relief according to a Southern Baptist missionary formerly stationed in Bangladesh and now an area missionary in the Middle East.

Troy Bennett, one of the pioneer missionaries to Bangladesh, underscored the problems there.

"The news from Bangladesh is not good," he said. "Unless something really dramatic happens in the hearts of those able to help as well as those who receive, it seems very likely that millions will die of starvation and millions more will have to live with the awareness that 'there ought to be something we can do about it.'"

To those who would help, Bennett said, "It is best not to send material goods to our missionaries in Bangladesh unless you hear from them with clearance to receive it."

He warned those who are eager to send clothing or even food directly to Bangladesh, "Your contribution may be thrown aside somewhere for lack of permission to receive it. However, you can send money to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board."

Money received by the board for relief is immediately placed at the disposal of missionaries in the devastated area for approved relief projects.

According to information received from J. D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, missionaries in Bangladesh are helping to erect new shelters, dig shallow, fresh water wells, fund agricultural projects for long range solutions to hunger, and purchase and distribute food and medical supplies.

The Foreign Mission Board is an authorized channel for Southern Baptist overseas relief money.

"No other agency or avenue of relief provides Southern Baptists as direct a channel to needy people overseas," said Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the Board's Mission Support Division. "Because of its ongoing missionary endeavor in many of the areas threatened by famine or devastated by disaster, the Foreign Mission Board is able to translate relief funds—dollar for dollar—into relief needs without overhead or administrative costs."

Fletcher pointed out that while Southern Baptist Convention agencies are prohibited by the convention's business and financial plan from making direct appeals for relief funds, the Foreign Mission Board is encouraged by its program statement to circulate needs and publicize projects currently being funded by money given by Southern Baptists.

Fletcher, insisting that every dollar sent for relief designated for a particular place goes directly to that place, concluded, "The Foreign Mission Board is the most efficient channel Southern Baptists have."

South Named To Top Missouri Baptist Post

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark., since 1952, has been elected executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, effective Feb. 17.

South, 53, succeeds the late Earl O. Harding, who died in late 1973, and Thomas W. Nelson, director of the Missouri Baptist Foundation, who has held the top Missouri Convention post on an interim basis.

Olan Runnels of Kansas City, chairman of the convention board's search committee, said, "We feel that the leadership of Dr. South will be a major factor in the bright future we see for Baptist work in Missouri."

The Missouri Baptist Convention, affiliated with the 12.3-million member Southern Baptist Convention, is emerging from a period of discontent which generated severe criticism of convention fiscal policies and procedures. The convention, late last year, resolved the controversy in a harmonious annual meeting in Joplin at which convention structure underwent extensive reorganization.

A native of Criner, Okla., South is a cum laude graduate of Eastern New Mexico University and holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

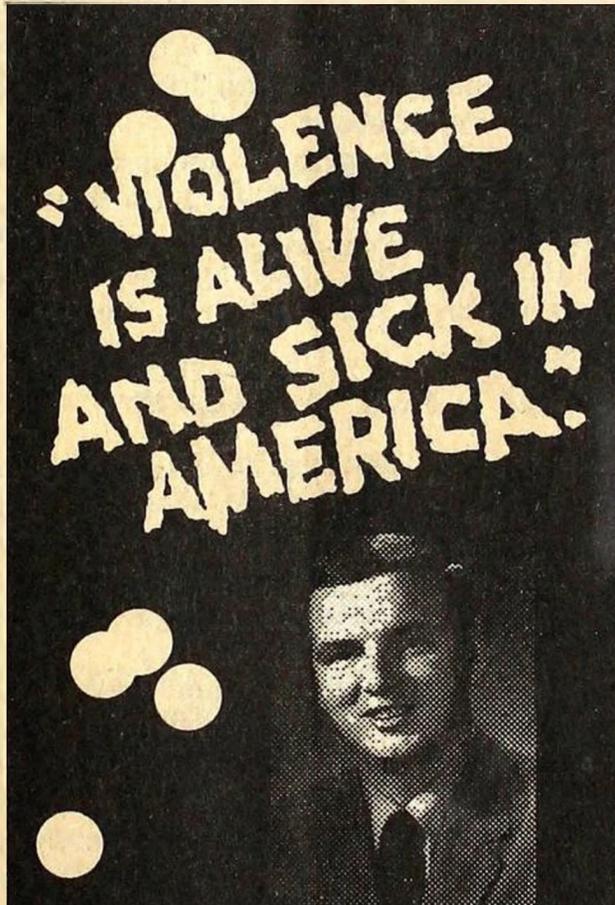
During World War II, he was a bombardier captain in the U.S. Air Force, collecting a Distinguished Flying Cross with

two clusters, an Air Medal with four clusters and two battle stars. Currently, he is a chaplain, with the rank of colonel, in the Arkansas National Guard and is past chief of the guard's chaplaincy section.

Denominational service has included the presidency of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, chairmanship of the state convention's executive committee, membership on the SBC's Executive Committee (which included chairmanship of the Executive

Committee's program subcommittee), membership on the Committee of 15 which surveyed Southern Baptist agencies and programs, presidency of Southwestern Seminary's Alumni Association, and service on boards of trustees of several Baptist institutions.

He is married to the former Verna Lois Roberts of Clovis, N.M. The Souths have a son, Gregory, a physician in the U.S. Army, and two daughters, Mrs. Mark Cop-penger, wife of an assistant professor at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and Diedra, a student at Ouachita Baptist University. (BP)



Dr. Harry Hollis, Jr., director of Family and Special Moral Concerns for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, challenges Americans to seek the Christian alternative to violence.

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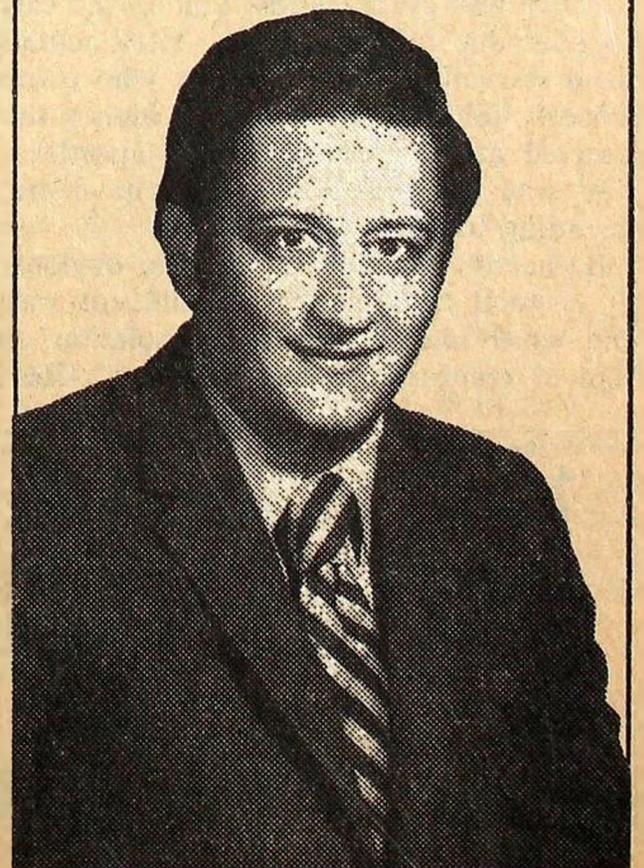
PROFILE OF A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN

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Ministering Through Encouragement

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

Basic Passages: Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-29a; 11:19-26, 15:36-41

Focal Passages: Acts 4:34-37; 9:26-27; 11:20-24; 15:36-39

Encourage means to give a lift to the mood or spirit of another. It means to boost one's morale, to inspire confidence, courage, courage and fortitude. It refers to engendering faith and a healthy outlook.



White

A word fitly spoken can encourage greatly. The right word to an individual who is down-cast can frequently turn the tide in a life.

A thoughtful deed or act can help so much but often we do not realize how much we encourage by timely action.

Our life or life-style can significantly lift the demoralized spirit of others. The way we endure tests of our courage in facing a crisis in an ugly situation can impress and bless tremendously.

Faltering faith has been strengthened, broken lives have been mended and crushed spirits have been revived by a word, a deed or an attitude of another.

Encouraging By Magnanimous Deed Acts 4:34-37

There was great distress among the early disciples due to persecution. They actually faced starvation. The disciples who owned property sold it and placed the money they received at the disposal of the apostles.

It was distributed to those in distress according to the need of each.

Barnabas, a native of Cyprus, obviously set a good example for an affluent man. The word means "son of consolation" or "son of comforting encouragement". He is

described elsewhere as a good man, full of faith and the Holy Spirit. We know that his redeeming patience with John was wiser than the impatience of Paul.

The unusual generosity and practice referred to in this passage were far from the communism of Karl Marx. It was a wholly voluntary operation, growing out of warm hearts of love and meeting a crisis of a grave nature.

A Friend in Need Acts 9:26-27

Upon Paul's first visit to Jerusalem after his epochal conversion he sought to join the apostles and disciples. They were cool toward him due to his reputation for violent persecution of Christians. It was hard for them to believe in his sincerity.

Barnabas stepped into the breach. He took Paul to the apostles, vouching for him without reservation. He confirmed the report about his wonderful conversion and subsequent ministry. This was timely in encouraging friendship and brotherly fellowship.

Encouraging Hand of Fellowship Acts 11:20-24

The disciples were dispersed by persecution and otherwise. They preached to any and all and at Antioch they met many Greeks who believed. It became a thriving Christian fellowship. This news reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem. They decided to check up on the movement.

Barnabas was sent to look into the matter. As soon as he got into the movement and saw the grace of God in and about Antioch he sensed that it was real. He was glad and encouraged them to cleave unto the Lord with resolute purpose.

He was a devout believer with great spiritual insight. In fact, his godliness and encouragement were a great asset. The work of the Lord continued with increasing success.

'I Love You'

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

My wife and I were having dinner with the children and their houseparents in one of our cottages. Following the meal while we were still sitting around the big table talking, one of our children, a five-year-old girl, came over and crawled up in my lap. She whispered in my ear, "I love you Brother Gregg." Of course, I responded with a hug and a kiss. She again whispered, "Hold me tight." As I did, I felt that I was holding that beautiful sweet little child for her father, who can see her only about twice each year; for her mother, who is in heaven; for her grandfather; and really for every Tennessee Baptist who, in Jesus Name, makes this Christian loving child care ministry possible.

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Summer Bible-Preaching Weeks Feature Blend Of Old And New

NASHVILLE—"An Old Favorite Reshaped for Our Times," theme of the 1975 Bible-Preaching Conferences at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers, illustrates the attempt to blend the "old and the new" in this summer's conferences.

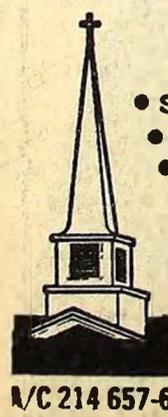
Designed for pastors, staff members, deacons, laymen and family members, the Bible-Preaching Conference at Ridgecrest is slated for Aug. 2-8 while the Glorieta conference will be held Aug. 16-22.

Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., will preach at the evening worship services at Ridgecrest. Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the featured speaker for the evening services at Glorieta.

According to Howard Foshee, secretary of the Board's Church Administration Department, "These two weeks are an attempt to revive the enthusiasm of the old Bible weeks at Ridgecrest and couple that enthusiasm with the new concepts and approaches in Bible study. Participants will be exposed to a week of preaching, Bible study and music."

Skill-development sessions will be held concerning church administration, pastoral ministries, family ministry, vocational guidance, deacon ministries, Day Care/Kindergarten, Baptist Heritage, associational clerk work, church secretarial work and youth ministry leadership.

Persons interested in attending the Bible-Preaching Conferences this summer should contact either Larry Haslam, manager of Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N.M., 87535; or Ken McAnear, manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C., 28770.



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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

One of the greatest needs of the average church today is for more and better-trained leaders. Pastors everywhere have had the experience of someone volunteering to serve in a particular job if only they could be instructed or trained in a given area of service.



Norton

Pastors and staff members do not always have time to engage in planning such training sessions, consequently the lack of capable leaders continues to be a major problem in many churches.

In view of this situation, I would like to remind you that clinics, training sessions, etc., are being carried on throughout the year, all across our state, by department leaders and staff of your convention.

For example, as I scanned our February calendar, I discovered that Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Student, Evangelism, and Music programs of various kinds are now or will be in progress during this month. Some of these activities are offered in several sections of the state, others in only one or two.

I would encourage you to keep in touch with the leaders who are responsible for the area of your specific needs, and take advantage of their programs when they are in your area. They plan these with your needs in mind and are greatly encouraged if they have been able to help you. A considerable amount of money is in our budget to provide these services, and we hope you will plan your programs to include as many as possible when they are available in your area.

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FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Baptist And Reflector offered congratulations to Pastor M. E. Ward and the Baptist church at Donelson upon the completion of a new house of worship which was formerly opened with special services.

The B.Y.P.U. of Bell Avenue Church in Knoxville celebrated its 29th birthday the first Sunday in February. The organization's first president was R. L. Mason.

20 YEARS AGO

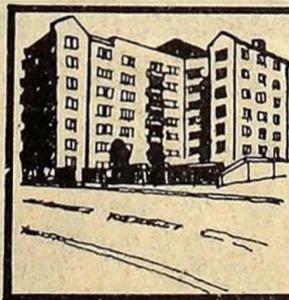
Tennessee Avenue Church, Knoxville, broke ground for a new educational unit which was to provide space for 635 people. Dillard Hagan was pastor.

Third Church, Murfreesboro, had as its guest speaker, Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

10 YEARS AGO

Cross Roads Church, Crockett Association, ordained Austin Previtt, Jesse Lee Overton, Sammy Bolding, Larry Kee as deacons. Lewis Parrish was pastor.

Funeral services for Overton A. High, 91, of Riddleton were held. A member of the Riddleton Church, he had served as a deacon for 66 years.



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Suggests Homespun Solution To Help Child Overcome Anxieties

Helping the very young child to overcome "separation anxiety" may sound like a formidable, even clinical, proposition, but one effective therapy may be good old peek-a-boo and lots of it, the American Osteopathic Association heard.



Edens

The ancient ritual of peek-a-boo, a proven chortle-getter among the diaper set of every generation, does far more than amuse a baby, Dr. Frederick J. Humphrey of Penn State University College of

Medicine told the conference. It gets baby used to the idea that mommies always come back, though they may vanish for a while, and this is a big basic lesson it may take a child years to absorb.

In peek-a-boo, reminded the psychiatrist, "the object disappears, baby becomes anxious, the object reappears and he is delighted and shows this by laughing and giggling." Enough of this and the child begins to lose the panicky feeling that out of sight is gone forever.

He also prescribes peek-a-boo sessions for young children who are wakeful and anxious at night because of "stranger anxiety," an outgrowth of separation anxiety that sometimes occurs when a child wakes at night and finds an unfamiliar babysitter bending over the crib. The ritual works in its mysterious way to reassure the youngster that lost loves do return, and that he might as well go back to sleep in the meantime.

So ingrained is the separation anxiety that affects babies after the age of six months that many children play peek-a-boo all by themselves, "even beyond the age of 4 years," says Humphrey. "They repeat the game over and over in their efforts to master the separation anxiety."

The psychiatrist has an encouraging word for mothers struggling with negative, contrary, "terrible" two-year-olds. This period, he suggests, prepares mothers to give up their babies. You might call it "separation eagerness."

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People Provide Prayer Power For President

By Stan Hasteley

WASHINGTON—President Gerald R. Ford said here that while the presidency is a lonely job, he has received encouragement from millions of citizens' assurances that they are praying for him.

Addressing the 23rd Annual National Prayer Breakfast, Ford related that on a number of occasions as he has traveled, he has heard called out the words, "We are praying for you," or, "You are in our prayers," as he mingles among crowds. He described as comforting "the satisfaction of knowing infinite numbers of people are praying for you."

The annual breakfast, which was sponsored jointly by the weekly prayer breakfast groups of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, was attended by some 3,000 government officials from all levels of American government, foreign diplomats, and other representatives from over 100 foreign countries.

In addition to Ford's remarks, the gathering also heard evangelist Billy Graham, U.S. Rep. Albert H. Quie (R., Minn.), who was the featured speaker, U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn (D., Ga.), and U.S. Rep. Richardson Poyer (D., N.C.).

Special music for the occasion was provided by the Samford University Choir under the direction of L. Gene Black, professor of music at the Southern Baptist Institution located in Birmingham, Ala.

The choir, making its first appearance at

the National Prayer Breakfast, is composed of 66 members.

Graham told the audience that America has faced three main crises in its history, the Revolutionary War, the Constitutional Convention, and the Civil War. In all three, he said, the nation's leaders found strength in prayer.

If the nation is to survive what Graham called its fourth major crisis, the present instability in the world, "it will be because we turn to God."

"There will be a way out," he said, when "we . . . become a spiritual superpower" in addition to being a military and diplomatic superpower.

Congressman Quie, who is active in a weekly prayer group at the U.S. House of Representatives, said that the key to healing the divisions in the country and the world is the power of love.

"It bothers me when I hear our nation called a Christian nation," he said, "for nations do not love, people do."

Quie identified the world's major problems as including killing, hunger, economic instability, energy shortages, and cynicism and distrust of government.

"We are prone," he said, "to look to a person or to a nation to lead us out of our troubles." He went on to warn that such confidence is misguided, even when placed in Christian leaders. "Our hope is not in Christians; it is in Christ." (BP)

Raymond B. Kennedy Dies

Raymond B. Kennedy, 73, pastor of Brogan Avenue Church, Fayetteville, died Feb. 2 in a Huntsville hospital. Kennedy suffered an extended illness and underwent surgery several years ago, but had resumed his full-time ministry. He entered the hospital Jan. 29.

Kennedy had served as pastor of Donaldson Grove, Hickory Grove, Huntland, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Beech Grove, Prospect, Kirkland, Kelleys Creek, Mulberry, Elora, Cash Point, Flint River, and had been pastor of Brogan Avenue approximately 10 years.

In August 1973 Kennedy was honored upon his 50th anniversary in the ministry with a reception in Fayetteville.

Services were held Feb. 3 at First Church, Fayetteville, with Alvie Stephenson, J. B. Patterson, Harold Benson, and Audrey Minor officiating.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Nellie Smith Kennedy, Fayetteville; six daughters, Mrs. Veronica Keem, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Ozaline Gambill and Mrs. Sybil Burdette, both of Huntland; Mrs. Margaret Smith, Ardmore; Mrs. Mary Taylor, Huntsville; and Mrs. Johnny Coggins, Fayetteville; three sons, Jack and Bryan Kennedy, both of Fayetteville; and Roy Kennedy, Los Angeles, Calif.; and a brother, Vernon Kennedy, Winchester.

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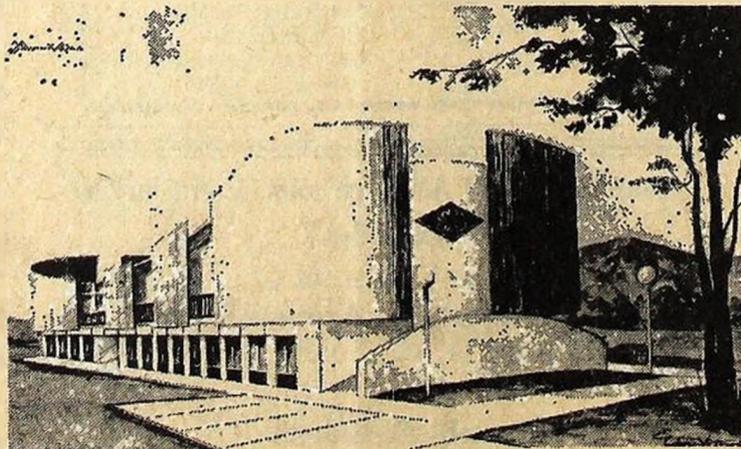
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