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Tennessee Baptists Vote New Department, Elect Owen President

Tennessee Baptists adopted a record Co-operative Program budget of \$8,450,000, approved by a narrow margin the establishment of a Church-Ministers Information Department, and elected Carroll C. Owen, Paris First Church pastor, as convention president. Owen succeeds Eugene Cotey, pastor, First Church, Murfreesboro.

Meeting in Chattanooga, the convention began its second century as a continuous organized body.

The Cooperative Program figure reflects an \$850,000 increase over last year's approved budget.

After considerable debate from the floor at the Wednesday session, messengers voted by ballot, 250 to 238, for the establishment of the Church-Ministers Information Department. According to the Executive Board of the TBC, the purpose of the department will be to offer liaison services between TBC churches and ministers, upon request, in the form of information and counsel.

Elected to serve with Owen in convention offices were: first vice president Bob Mowrey, pastor, Nashville Park Avenue Church; second vice president Bill Kennedy, pastor, Central Church, Hixson; treasurer Ralph Norton; recording secretary Wallace Anderson; and statistical secretary Gene Kerr.

Others nominated for the presidential post included: Edwin Deusner, pastor, Lexington First Church; W. Fred Kendall II, pastor, Union City First Church; and Robert Orr, pastor, Dyersburg First Church. Others nominated for first vice-president were Bill Kennedy, Richard Patton, pastor, Portland First Church; and Robert W. Campbell, Rockwood First Church. Herbert Higdon, pastor, Dyer First Church, was also nominated for second vice-president.

It was voted to change the number of the directors of the Executive Board from 75 to 99 in number, of which 25 shall reside in each of the three grand divisions of the state. The remaining 24 members shall be, as nearly as possible, distributed in proportion to the Baptist population in these grand divisions as reported to the preceding Convention.

*The motion was made and carried that Article V of the constitution be changed to read: "The Convention shall meet annually. The dates and places shall be determined at an annual Convention," and that "The

Convention officers, the executive board, and the committee on arrangements acting in a body may, in case of grave emergency, change the place and time of or cancel a regular meeting of the Convention."

*Under Article VII of the constitution, a change was proposed that "The Convention may adopt such Bylaws, not in conflict with this constitution, as it deems advisable, provided no change in Bylaws shall be adopted on the day presented nor later than the second day of the Convention."

*An amendment on Article VIII was proposed to read: "This Constitution, except Article IV which remains forever intact, may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting provided: (1) that no amendment may be considered after the second day of the convention and (2) that an amendment shall be so approved by the Convention at which it is presented and the next annual Convention." The amendment carried.

It was approved that the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. be included in the list of Boards, Institutions, and Agencies of the Convention whose trustees, directors, or

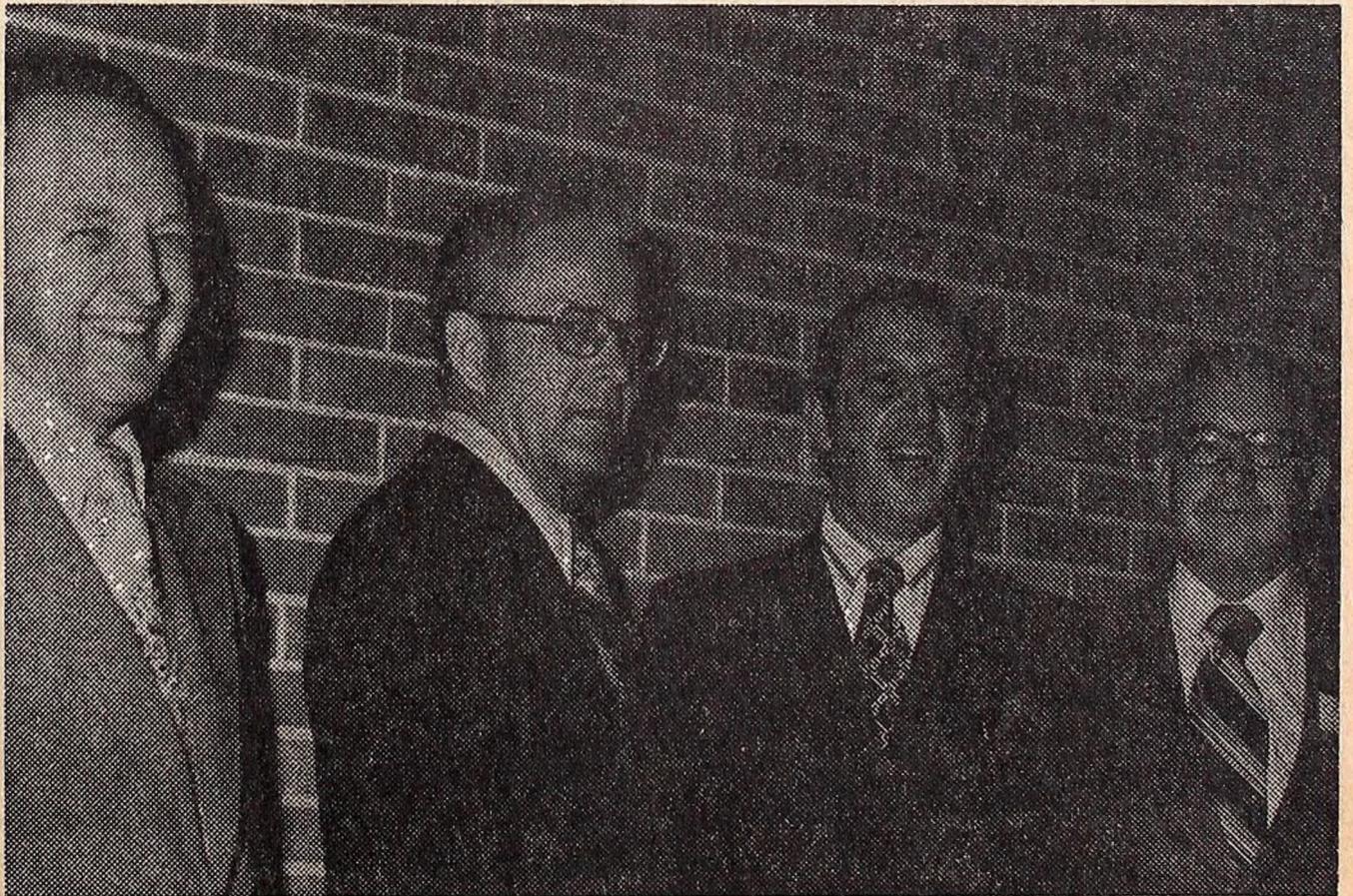
governing body shall be elected by the Convention.

Added to bylaw V amendments was the proposed change that no bylaw amendment shall be considered or voted on after the second day of the Convention.

Under miscellaneous business, messengers voted to send appropriate birthday greetings to Robert G. Lee on the occasion of his 89th birthday. The current Tennessee Baptist Convention annual will be dedicated to Charles Norton, director, Church Training Department, who will retire Dec. 31, and Mary Northington, state executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union for 30 years, who died in Nov. 1974.

John Buell, Knoxville, made a motion that the special study committee appointed by a previous convention, be dissolved at the end of the session. The motion carried.

Malcolm McDowell, Memphis, made a motion that a committee be appointed to study the matter of the convention writing checks between Oct. 31 and the approval of the next year's budget at the annual meeting. The purpose of the study is that there is no budget from Nov. 1 until the convention approves it.



New Tennessee Baptist Convention officers elected at last week's sessions included: left to right, Bob Mowrey, Nashville, first vice president; Carroll Owen, Paris, president. Eugene Cotey, Murfreesboro, second from right, is the outgoing president. J. Arnold Porter, right, Madison, was elected vice president of the executive board. The second vice president, Bill Kennedy, Hixson, was not available for picture.

*Approved but final approval must be given by the 1976 convention.

Personal Commitment

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keeping yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."—Jude 20-21

Here is Jude's spiritual formula for his readers to follow in resisting the heretical teachings and practices of the Gnostics. It deals with their personal commitment. In verses 22-23 he gives his formula for helping others who evidently have fallen victim to the evil wiles and ways of the Gnostics (see next article).

"Ye" is emphatic, setting the readers over against the heretics. And "but" is adversative with the same effect. Note that in these verses Jude includes the Trinity: God, Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus Christ.

But the heart of these verses is in the verb forms. There are three present participles: "building up," "praying," and "looking for." They are to have the habit of doing these things. "Keep" is an aorist imperative of urgency. It means to guard or preserve from harm (see v.1). In verse 1 they are guarded by Jesus Christ as to their salvation. Here they are to guard themselves as to the steadfastness of their adherence to the Christian faith. So here is divine sovereignty and human responsibility.

They are to be constantly building up themselves in Christian truth by knowing it

and living it. Likewise they are to live lives of prayer in the sphere of the Holy Spirit. This is related to their "building up." And they are to be looking forward constantly to receiving mercy rather than judgment from God such as the heretics will receive.

Thus through personal commitment they will be strengthened against the wiles of false teachers. What Jude says to his contemporaries applies to Christians today.

Emery Farmer Re-elected New Duck River Moderator

Emery O. Farmer was re-elected to serve as moderator for New Duck River Association recently. He is pastor at Cornersville First.

Jack Jones, pastor, New Bethel, will serve as vice moderator; and Paul Rogers, member, Southside, will serve as treasurer.

Mrs. Robert Mizell, a member of Shelbyville First Church, will serve as clerk.

The spring session of the associational meeting will be held April 20 at Bell Buckle First Church. Fall sessions will be held Oct. 25-26 at Shelbyville and Lewisburg First Churches. Robert H. Mizell is director of missions.

Discipline

By Ann Boston

A few days ago my children seemed to be in an extremely difficult mood, especially the one, who her daddy says is 13 going on



Boston

16, and our seven-year-old daughter, who strives so hard to be a boy you never know what to expect. A few other typical household problems seemed to be arising at a faster rate than usual. I remarked to my husband (and not very calmly) that I just didn't believe the Lord meant for life to be like this. Oh yes, I left out the typical

"preacher's house" problems.

Of course, I knew I loved my children dearly and wouldn't trade places with anyone, and it really bothered me when I felt this way. Several days after that I had another mother express much the same feelings to me.

Later that week I was preparing a devotional for a prayer retreat, and I came across this thought in the Royal Service, that answered a lot of my doubts. Mark 8:34 says "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." When I found this thought in the Royal Service devotional section, it was as if it was just speaking to my needs.

Isn't it a wonderful thing that those of us who know the Lord know he provides the help and answers when we take time to seek Him. For years, as the writer suggested in this article, I had thought of God teaching His people discipline through some major crisis. But here the writer suggested, "perhaps it is just the rearing of a normal, active family that will show us our ugly dispositions, our inadequacies, our lack of love and patience."

This thought meant much to me in the days to follow. Now instead of grumbling when things go wrong, I have been able to thank God for this discipline and rejoice when God working through me overcomes some of these daily problems. I find myself praying each morning, God you know I am not capable of meeting the daily demands myself. Will you take my life today and live through me.

Mrs. Boston is the wife of Raymond Boston, the pastor of First Baptist Church, Humboldt.

Pulpit To Penny

By Jim Griffith

The United States Treasury is considering a plan to mint two-cent pieces, starting next year.

Some would give the plan quick approval. For the disgruntled individual who always speaks his mind, this new coin could make it even easier to put in his two-cents worth.

Of course, it is understood that the new coin is designed to "take some of the pressure off pennies" and this is certainly needed—when you consider how tightly some people hold on to their pennies.

The church is the only place where the penny is still big money and if this goes through, it will be even bigger. In fact, with a two-cent piece in circulation, some will be compelled to give twice as much to the church as they did last year.

But still, one wonders what will happen to the old saying, "a penny for your thoughts." At the new rate of exchange, you could be paying twice what the transaction is actually worth.



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Retiring Convention Employees Recognized At State Meet

Charles Norton, James M. Gregg, William C. Summar, and Elizabeth Stiles were honored at the state convention last week for service to Tennessee Baptists. The four will retire Dec. 31 with a combined tenure of employment of nearly 60 years.

Norton came to the Tennessee Baptist Convention as director of the Baptist Training Union and Student Union Dept. (now Church Training Dept.) Jan. 1, 1943. He is the senior member on the TBC staff.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College, he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While in the pastorate, he led the Tabernacle and Tyner Churches in Chattanooga and also served as associational missionary for Ocoee Association (now Hamilton and Bradley Associations).

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and younger brother to Charles, presented an inscribed silver tray to the Church Training director on behalf of Tennessee Baptists.

Gregg, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc., was presented a walnut plaque in appreciation for 14 years of service.

A native of Georgia, he attended Watauga Academy in Butler, Tenn., Mars Hill College (N.C.), Carson-Newman College, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was ordained by Temple Church, Johnson City, was associate pastor, Central Church, Johnson City; pastor, Calvary Church, Bristol; and pastor, Lockeland Church, Nashville. He held the Lockeland pastorate for 12 years before accepting the convention call. He has been a member of several association, state, and SBC boards.

Summar, director, Stewardship Department, came to the position in June of 1969. Before coming to the state convention offices, he was pastor of Robertsville Church in Oak Ridge. Other pastorates he held included Mt. Pleasant First Church, Selmer First Church, and Franklin First Church.

He attended Carson-Newman College and is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served with the Foreign Mission Board in 1968 conducting evangelistic conferences in Jamaica, West Indies.

Summar received an inscribed plaque on behalf of Tennessee Baptists.

Elizabeth Stiles, office secretary in the Missions Department, has served since 1959. Prior to coming to Nashville, she was secretary at Greeneville First Church for seven years. She was also owner and agent of the Stiles Insurance Agency in Greeneville and was secretary for McWherter & Emerson Insurance Agency, Greeneville. She served as secretary in the Nashville Baptist Association offices from 1958-59.

Stiles was presented with an engraved silver bowl for her years of service with the convention.

Each of the four employees are to be honored at a retirement luncheon by other staff members of the executive board building before they retire on Dec. 31.

Annuity Board Issues Another '13th Check'

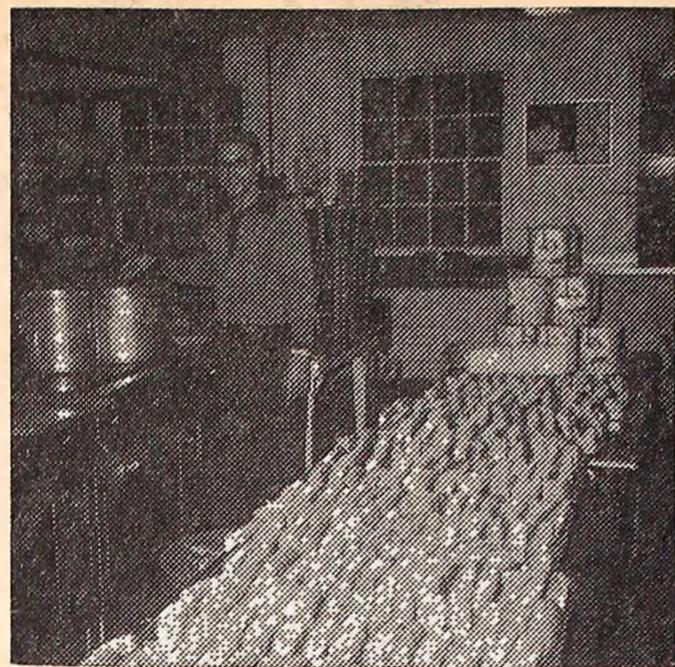
DALLAS—More than 9,000 annuitants will be getting an extra month's benefit this year through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Trustees of the Annuity Board have voted a "13th check" amounting to 8 and one-third percent of the annual benefit in plans qualifying for the extra payment, board president Darold H. Morgan announced.

The disbursement, in early December, will amount to about \$750,000. Annuitants must have been enrolled as of Sept. 30 in one of the qualifying plans to receive the "13th check."

The "13th check," so called because it is paid above the 12 regular benefit checks for the year, dates back to 1967, when it was first issued. It has been paid every year since, although it is not a contractual obligation.

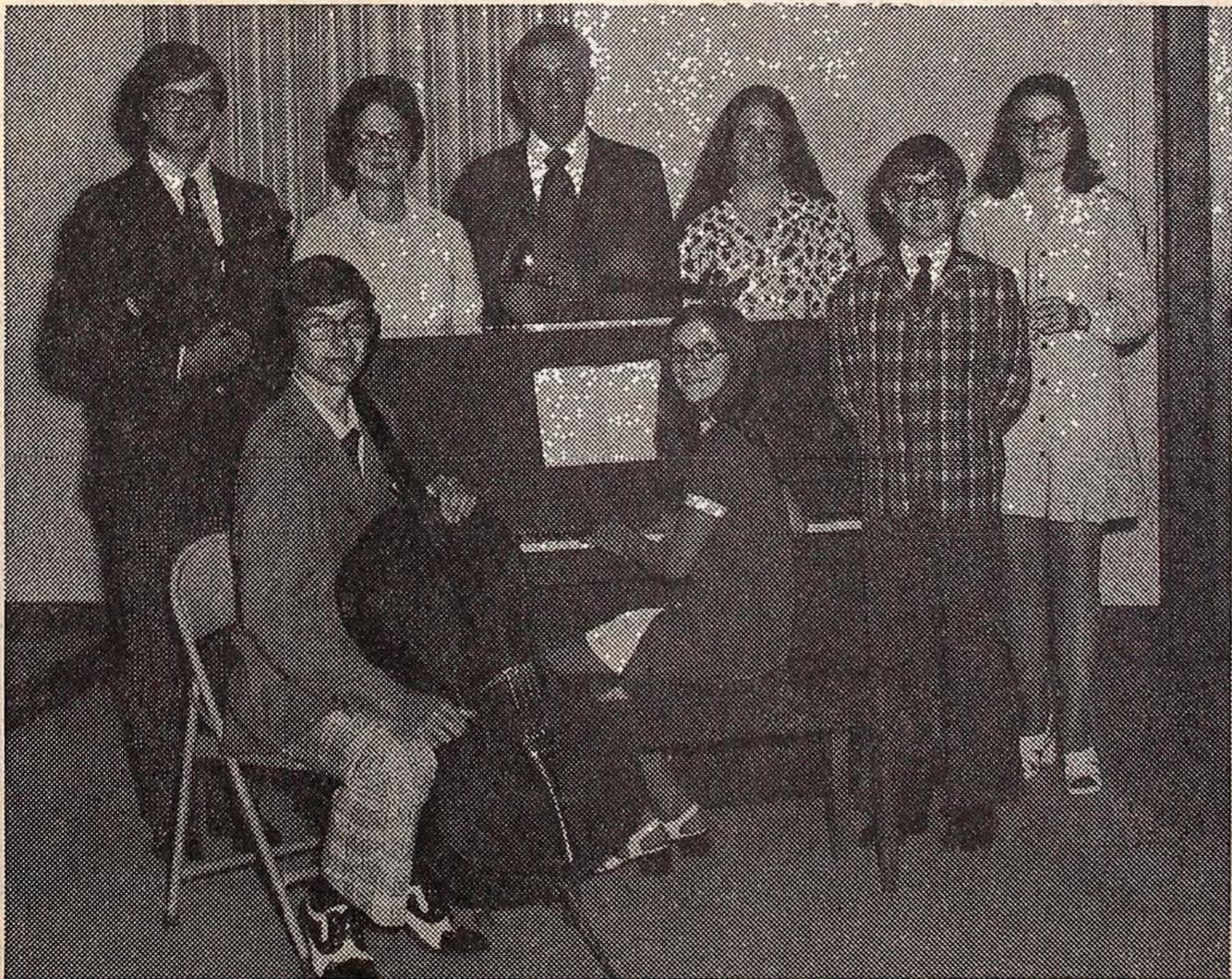
This check helps annuitants to grapple



A Man and Boy Retreat was held at Camp Linden Oct. 17-18 by the Nashville Associational Brotherhood in cooperation with their Regional Brotherhood. There were approximately 200 men and boys present. The meeting included worship, training, fellowship, and missions. The leaders were Don Mauldin, Smith Robertson, Bill Robertson, and their committees. Bill is shown above with over 600 hot dogs consumed at one meal.

with the rising costs of everyday living, a board spokesman said. The amount of interest paid on investments determines the size of the additional check.

The annuitants are retired or disabled ministers and denominational workers, or their widows. (BP)



The William Robinson family, Kingsport First Church, will bring the devotional meditations at each session of the Church Training Spectacular, Nov. 28-29 at Nashville First Church. Robinson is minister of music at the Kingsport Church.

WMU Elects Mrs. Claude Jennings New President

By Eura Rich Lannom

CHATTANOOGA—Woman's Missionary Union meeting in its 87th annual session Nov. 10 at East Ridge Church here elected Mrs. Claude D. (Jewell) Jennings president. She succeeds Mrs. Bob Peek of Athens who steps down after serving four years as state president. Theme for this year's convention was "Let Freedom Ring."

A native of Chattanooga, Mrs. Jennings is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bennett who still reside here. Besides being active in WMU at First Church, Lebanon, she and her husband both teach a Sunday school class and sing in the choir. Jennings

is an investment counselor. They have four children, Mrs. James C. (Gloria) Robinson, Lebanon; Jennie Lee, a student at U.T., Knoxville; Chrissa, a Belmont College student; and Doug, 14, a student at Lebanon Junior High School.

Four regional vice presidents were reelected to serve with Mrs. Jennings. They are Mrs. George Clark, Jackson, Southwestern; Mrs. Mabel Davenport, Rogersville, Northeastern; Mrs. Robert Gay, Lawrenceburg, South Central; and Mrs. Guy Hale, Maryville, Eastern. Mrs. Vern Powers of Brentwood was also reelected to serve as recording secretary.

In addition four new regional vice presidents were elected. They include Mrs. James Bell, Gallatin, North Central; Mrs. M. L. Hicks, Madisonville, Southeastern; Mrs. Thomas King, Dyer, Northwestern; and Mrs. Fred Rolater, Murfreesboro, Central.

Meditations were brought by Miss Juliette Mather, retired missions executive, now living at Granville, Ohio. In the morning session she spoke of Annie Armstrong and Fannie Heck as "Amazing Women of Vision and Action." She referred to Mrs. J. W. Cox and Kathleen Mallory as "Inspiring Women of Courage and Sacrifice" in the afternoon session, and at the evening session she cited Marie Mathis and Alma Hunt as "Untiring Women of Faith and Zeal."

Tennessee musicians included Hershel Spivey, minister of music at the East Ridge church who directed music at all sessions, and Sarah Baker, organist, Brentwood. The evening pre-session music was presented by Something Special a choral group from Carson-Newman College, and they also sang during the evening meeting. Mrs. Bert (Sandy) Rambo, concert artist from Lynchburg, Va., accompanied by Larry Shaw, a student of Mrs. Rambo's, provided music throughout the convention.

Tom Henry, Mrs. Jennings' pastor, speaking of the WMU in his church said, "I love

WMU. I call it enthusiastic support. I get turned on with signs in our church." He continued, "The effectual fervent prayer of righteous women in our church availeth much. I love WMU because it represents people doing work of Jesus Christ."

Skits were used in the presentations of Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Acteens, and Baptist Young Women. The work of Baptist Women was also presented. These presentations were under the direction of Jannie Engelmann, Nan Owens and Beulah Peoples, all members of the WMU staff.

Mary Jane Nethery brought the annual Report of the Executive Secretary. Miss Nethery enthusiastically told the women, "We are on the verge of new enrollment and a new day in WMU. Baptist Young Women is growing by leaps and bounds."

Miss Nethery paid tribute to Miss Mary Northington, retired WMU executive secretary, who died Nov. 28, 1974.

Hamilton Association led the state in study course credits earned for the past two years.

Speaking on "The Gospel of Freedom in Italy," Mrs. William C. Ruchti reminded her listeners that "We are freed to live. We are free as Christians for service. Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." She said that every election in Italy becomes more communistic. Mrs. Ruchti warned, "Our highest freedom is spiritual."

Mrs. George Beasley-Murray, international woman's leader and speaker of Louisville, Ky. and a native of England, said that it was a wonderful peace to be where God wants you to be. She went on to say that foreigners could be hurt over some misunderstandings because of cultural backgrounds.

She compared England to be about the size of Tennessee. "Our women's work is a very evangelistic work and is an arm of the church. Your big mission field is your men, and it seems that they let you down. Our pastors and men would know as much about missions as our women." She reminded her audience not only to pray for the missionaries but to pray also for the National Christians.

Serving as pages were Lori Gross, Janice DeSha, Stephanie Vick, Karen Mashburn and Cindy Mays. Janice Peek, daughter of Mrs. Peek, served as personal page for her mother.

Evangelist Gene Williams of Lynchburg, Va., read the Great Commission and declared, "We have done a poor job of going and telling. The very thought that young people around the world are dying and going to hell is enough for us to go and tell."

Mrs. Powers presented Mrs. Peek with a beautiful wristwatch on behalf of Tennessee WMUers for her dedication and years of faithful service as president.

Jesse C. Fletcher, formerly with the Foreign Mission Board and now pastor of First Church, Knoxville, brought the closing address.

This year's registration reached 836.



New officers of Woman's Missionary Union are front row, left to right, Mrs. Vern Powers, recording secretary; Mrs. Claude Jennings, president; and vice presidents Mrs. George Clark; back row, Mrs. Fred Rolater, Mrs. Thomas King, Mrs. M. L. Hicks, Mrs. Robert Gay, Mrs. John Davenport, Jr., and Mrs. Guy Hale. Not pictured is Mrs. James Bell.

Three Knoxvilleians To Lead Pastors' Conference In 1976

By Bobbie Durham

CHATTANOOGA—Three Knoxville pastors were elected to lead the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference for 1975-76 at their annual meeting here last week. Richard Allison, pastor of South Knoxville Church, was elected president to succeed J. B. Morris, pastor, Dayton First Church. Morris turned the president's gavel over to Allison at the evening session which concluded the conference.

The newly elected vice president is Damon Patterson, pastor, Corryton Church, Knoxville. Billy Edmonds, pastor, Trinity Church, Knoxville, will serve as secretary. They succeed H. K. Sorrell, Brownsville pastor, and Bob Johnson, Nashville Saturn Drive pastor, in the respective posts.

The 1974-75 officers instituted a president's address to be given at the pastors' conference, the first time this has been done since the organization of the conference.

Jack McEwen, pastor, Chattanooga First Church, gave the welcome for the host church, and J. V. James, Hamilton County director of missions, gave the association welcome.

J. J. Owens, professor of Old Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered an overview on the Book of Hosea for the pastors. Hosea is scheduled for use in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in the January Bible study.

Hosea Explored

Relating the basics of the book, Owens said that Hosea tells of the love of God and of the distinctiveness of those who worship Him. Outlining the 14 chapters, he said that chapter one, verses 1-2 tell what the book is about; chapter 1, verse 3 to chapter 4 parallels the story of Hosea and Israel; and chapters 4-14 focus on the detail and history of the nation that God was seeking to change.

He emphasized that Hosea and Amos were preaching in the northern part of the country, and Isaiah and Micah were preaching at the same time in the southern part of the country. The four should be studied together, he stressed. He pointed out that the experiences of Hosea and the experiences of the nation Israel ran on parallel lines throughout the story.

"Hosea was to proclaim the doom of Israel unless she repented. God would not be just a little god in the life of that nation. If He could not be God to them, He would give them up.

"We are sometimes like the nation Israel," Owens declared. "We put so much emphasis upon receiving the promises of God and do nothing about accepting some responsibility and knowledge from God."

Four messages, focusing on freedom, dealt with an historical approach, a contemporary approach, and freedom in the pulpit.

Vigilance, Freedom's Price

McEwen emphasized that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom. "We must have freedom of God's involvement in a nation under freedom," he declared. Alluding to Rome and Babylon, the Chattanooga pastor said that God is not obligated to use us as a great nation, and that should we neglect this freedom, God would not use us.

Robert Campbell, pastor, Rockwood First Church, spoke on "Let the Church Be Free." He said that wherever the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom and liberty. He called on fellow pastors and laymen to maintain a firm stand for total separation of church and state where neither dictates to the other. The church must be free from political entanglements and community pressure and must be able to proclaim the gospel, he stressed.

George Horton, pastor, Second Church, Union City, asked the pastors, "How free

is the pulpit in your church?" He charged that pastors should be free to speak whatever they want, but that freedom must come with responsibility to be God's spokesman. "You asked for a free pulpit, and you have it. But we must shoulder the responsibility for prophetic preaching in our pulpits." He suggested preaching comfort for the afflicted and affliction for the comforted.

In the president's address, Morris outlined the limits, demands, and results of freedom.

Freedom Demands Courage

When a pastor discovers freedom, he can become a servant of God, can like himself and what he does, and can rid himself of hindrances in preaching the message of God, he assured the men. He listed the limits of freedom in relation to a pastor as affection for an affluent society, conformity to the standards set by people, distortion of self image, and a sense of insecurity. "Freedom demands that we be courageous and that we be men of love," he concluded. "We should never stop to count the cost when we are preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ," he said.

Special music at the sessions was brought by choirs from the Red Bank Church in Chattanooga, Dayton First Church, and "Something Special" singing group from Carson-Newman College. Music was under the direction of Guy Bates, Chattanooga Red Bank Church, and Don Hill, Dayton First Church.



Richard Allison, left, new president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference, begins discussing plans for the year with other new officers. Center is Damon Patterson, pastor, Corryton Church, Knoxville, who will serve as vice president; and Billy Edmonds, pastor, Trinity Church, Knoxville, secretary. Allison, pastor, South Knoxville Church, succeeded J. B. Morris as conference president.

Eugene Hill--Missionary: A Man Of Unwavering Faith

By Ruth Fowler

RICHMOND—He was orphaned at 13, imprisoned in China during the Communist takeover and even lost four of his five children. But in the midst of these and other difficulties, Eugene L. Hill has not wavered.

After 40 years of service to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Hill will retire Dec. 31 from his present post as secretary of the department of missionary education. During the board's October meeting, he was presented with a bound volume of letters from 321 Baptist leaders, Chinese friends, missionary colleagues, co-workers and other associates. A second larger volume is being prepared. The board also awarded Hill a 40-year service pin, along with a financial gift of appreciation.

"He is a man of great resourcefulness," said Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary. "I measure him as the kind of man you can put in the middle of a problem situation and it will begin to get organized . . . as a man who loves the preaching of the gospel . . . as a man who loves to teach and train workers. During those difficult years in China, Gene Hill never quailed."

Honored with him was his wife, Louise Heirich Hill, who served with him during the 20 years they spent as missionaries in China and Malaya (now part of Malaysia). The Hills are members of Richmond's Ginter Park Baptist Church and have continued a ministry to Chinese people in Richmond.

Oklahoma Native

Born in Texas, Hill moved to Oklahoma with his family as an infant. His parents lived in a rural area where his mother taught him to read and write from the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress. He also read from the Foreign Mission Journal and the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger during his early years of schooling.

When Hill was 10, his mother died. Just after his 13th birthday, his father died, leaving him to help care for five younger brothers.

Graduated from high school at age 15, he was already accepted in his home church as a young leader and therefore fit for election as a messenger to the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis. There he witnessed the organization of the Cooperative Program, the unified budget plan that was to help finance his nearly 41 years of mission service.

Young Hill, while working in the oilfields

for two years after high school, led his first congregation—a crew of roustabouts who listened as he read and explained scripture during the Sunday lunch hour. Converts among his fellow employees became the nucleus of a church which still exists in north Texas.

At 17, Hill returned to school to prepare for the ministry. He was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He met his wife during his senior year in college and they were married two years later after she graduated.

Soon after moving to his first full-time pastorate in Horse Cave, Ky., the Hills received a phone call from C. E. Maddrey, then the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, asking if they would accept a call to serve as missionaries in China. At the time of their engagement, they had agreed to be missionaries if God called them. They visited board headquarters in Richmond and were appointed. Three weeks after appointment they were on their way to China. Hill was 25 years old; his wife, 22.

Hill In China During The Japanese-Chinese War

During their first term in China, the Japanese-Chinese War began. During the war, Graves Theological Seminary, where Hill taught, remained open until the city where it was located, Canton, fell to the Japanese.

During this siege, Mrs. Hill went to safer neutral territory, in another part of Canton. Hill remained in Tung Shan, part of Canton. Each thought the other might have been killed. When Hill was able to get back to his wife, she was not at home but in the hospital. Their son had been born early. They were later separated by the war for almost a year.

The Hills lost three children in infancy and a fourth, the one born during the siege of Canton, died from a fall from a motel window. Their fifth child, also a son, lives in Montreal with his wife and three sons, and is a university professor.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Americans had to flee Japanese-controlled China. The Hills went on furlough and returned to China when the war ended.

The second term in China was a period of rebuilding. Missionaries worked to reopen and reorganize the work. It was not long though before a Communist takeover of

Holt Succeeds Cooper In Campbell Assn.

Kendreth V. Holt, pastor, Indiana Avenue Church, LaFollette was elected moderator of Campbell County Association to succeed Audra Cooper. Cooper is pastor of Demory Church, LaFollette.

Also elected for the first time was vice moderator Roy Vincent, pastor, Newcomb Church.

Re-elected to their posts were Victor Henegar, member, Indiana Avenue Church; and clerk Linda Cordell, member, Calvary Church, LaFollette.

A recognition of the retirements of Charles Norton, James M. Gregg, and W. C. Summar was made. The three men are retiring this year from Tennessee Baptist Convention posts in Brentwood.

Director of missions Ralph Cordell reported that the 1976 sessions would be held at Coolidge First Church, LaFollette First Church, and Demory Church, Oct. 18-19.

China became evident. It was during this time that the well-known Southern Baptist missionary physician Bill Wallace died in a communist prison.

Hill spent a number of hours in prison himself, being questioned about the activities of himself and other missionaries.

Some concern existed over whether or not the Hills would be allowed to leave China. Hill had made it possible for other missionaries to go by promising to accept their punishment if the Communist government discovered any crime they had committed. At last, the Baptist hospital offered itself as security, permitting Hill, his wife and son to leave soon thereafter.

Their third term of missionary service was among the Chinese people in Malaya. During this term, Cauthen contacted Hill suggesting that he accept an administrative position with the Foreign Mission Board's home office. Hill accepted. The year was 1956.

His next 20 years of service included many changes in the department of missionary education and promotion which he heads. Among them was the growth of the department to include separate offices for promotion and furlough ministries, publications, press and public relations, resources and services, program and product development, and The Commission, a mission magazine published by the board.

At the beginning of 1976, Hill will leave the board, but not the active ministry. After considering many offers of preaching and teaching and other academic positions, both on and off the mission field, Hill has decided to write a detailed account of his mission service and the advance of Southern Baptist missionary efforts.

Truly, no other man is qualified to write such an account.

Placing Self Before Others

By Mike Awalt, Associate Professor and Acting Chairman,
Department of Religion and Philosophy, Belmont College, Nashville
Genesis 43-44 Focal Passage 44:18-23; 30-34

On a couple of occasions in the past few lessons, we have noticed a strong emphasis in the patriarchal stories (particularly the Joseph cycle) on God's providence and his capacity to bring meaning and purpose out of seemingly dead-end situations. The last lesson ended with what appeared, on the surface at least, to be a hopeless situation. Joseph is stranded in an Egyptian prison.

Protected and led by the providence of God, however, Joseph gains the attention of the King because of his ability to interpret the perplexing and disturbing dreams of the King. The Pharaoh is impressed with Joseph's interpretation of the dreams and his insight into the prospective problems facing Egypt. The Pharaoh appoints him as second in command over all of Egypt and gives him the responsibility of preparing the nation for the approaching drought. The writer indicates that the reason this occurs is because God is watching over Joseph. This same attribute of God is expressed in Ps. 121: "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

When the drought and time of famine occurs, Jacob sends his sons (except Benjamin) to Egypt to purchase grain. An interesting twist of fate occurs as the ten brothers who had plotted to get rid of Joseph and who apparently are still bothered by guilt and remorse (Gen. 42:21-23) must appear before the brother they wronged to request food and grain. They do not recognize Joseph, and in a puzzlement to the reader, Joseph does not reveal himself to them.

Gradually, however, the reader becomes aware of what Joseph is doing. He is testing his brothers, anxious to see if they have undergone any change of character in the years that have passed. He accuses the brothers of being spies, holds Simeon in prison as collateral, and demands that they bring Benjamin with them when they return. The brothers return home and in some very sensitive and moving dialogue convince their father to allow Benjamin to return with them.

When they arrive in Egypt, Joseph greets them with open arms and invites them to share a feast with him. At the meal Benjamin is given preferential treatment—"Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs." It appears that Joseph is reduplicating the setting of the earlier crime and favoritism to the younger son.

After the festive meal, Joseph has his servant fill the brothers' sacks with food, return their money, and place his cup in Benjamin's sack. As they leave, Joseph has his servant overtake them, accuse Benjamin of thievery, and return them to the city. The cup that was placed in Benjamin's sack was a divining cup. It was a sacred object used for predicting the future. The theft of a sacred object was considered by the ancients as a whole, as well as the Old Testament in particular, to be a very serious offense and was punishable by death.

The reason behind Joseph's testing becomes obvious. Will the brothers sell Benjamin out just as they had done to Joseph years earlier? Will they desire their own security and release so strongly, that they will allow Benjamin to be sacrificed for their safety? Will they once again break their father's heart by giving up the son whose life is bound up with his life?

However, this time the brothers respond quite differently. In a passionate plea Judah expresses to Joseph the situation of his personal family life. He tells of the sorrow his father had undergone after the loss of his son and that to lose Benjamin would surely be more than he could bear. Judah then makes a proposal. He will remain in Benjamin's place and will serve as a slave, if Joseph will simply let Benjamin return to his father. It becomes evident that Judah values his father's well-being and happiness and his love and relationship to Benjamin more than he does his own desires, even his own life.

Joseph's test then has produced the information he was seeking. Indeed there has been a change in the character of the brothers. Men who earlier would sell their brother for a few pieces of silver now are willing to give up their own lives to protect the life of yet another younger brother.

This fascinating passage expresses the feeling that a person or family can not function at a level of total self-satisfaction and attain any kind of genuine, lasting meaning in life. A basic tenet of the Judeo-Christian religion is that the "other" is im-

portant to me as a person, not as a thing to be used.

Psychological egoism has argued that a person only acts for his own benefit. He never does anything for anyone else unless he feels he can benefit from it. This story expresses just the opposite. Judah performs a self-sacrificing act out of his dedication to and love for his father. He places the welfare of his father and younger brother above his own life. This element of concern for the welfare of others is expressed often in the Bible and is seen paradigmatically in the life of Jesus. He becomes the "man for others" and the demand comes to us that we, also, should attempt to become genuinely concerned with others.

Bruce Succeeds Mount As Watauga Assn. Moderator

Leslie Bruce, pastor, Grace Church, was elected moderator of the Watauga Association during its recent annual session. Elected to serve with Bruce were: vice moderator Floyd Ishee, pastor, Union Church; treasurer Martha Maugans, member, Oak Street Church; and clerk Burna Buckles, member North Side Church.

Bruce succeeds a layman, J. B. Mount, Pleasant Grove Church, as moderator.

Special recognition was paid to James Gregg, retiring executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. Gregg spoke at the meeting.

The 1976 sessions will be held Oct. 21-22 at Sinking Creek Church. Gertrude Hale is director of missions for Watauga Association.

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LEADERSHIP . . .

Piedmont Church, Jefferson Association, called **Fred Emert** as minister of music and youth. He was formerly music director at Wilsonville Church, Newport. He is already on the new field of service. **James H. Royston** is pastor. **David Elam**, ministerial student at Carson-Newman College, is serving an internship in youth and education at Piedmont.

In Stone Association, **Clarence Phillips** has been called as pastor of Hampton Cross Roads Church.



Desmond R. Hargis has joined the staff of Springfield Church, Springfield, as minister of education and outreach. He comes to the position from Second Church, Hopkinsville, Ky. **John D. Adams** is the Springfield pastor.

Hargis

James B. McElroy, minister of music at Forest Church, Forest, Miss., and professor of music at Clarke College, Newton, Miss., has accepted the call of West Jackson Church to become minister of music, effective Jan. 1. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned the masters in church music degree. Since graduating from seminary, he has done graduate work and has taught music at Clarke College, a Baptist junior college. He has been active in state and associational work. **Lore McElroy**, his wife, has been extended a call to serve as assistant organist and assistant pianist. **David Q. Byrd** is pastor.

Dan Parker has resigned as pastor of Maple Valley Church, Alpha Association. He plans to do interim supply or full-time pastoral work.

Larry Hardin is the new music director at Sulphur Springs Church, Holston Association. **A. Tom Crawford** serves the church as interim pastor.

The new pastor of Valley Hills Church, Bristol, is **Louis Kincaid**. He was formerly pastor of New Salem Church, Limestone.

Dennis Edward Kenney, a native of Greeneville, has accepted the call as pastor of Bluff City First Church. A graduate of Tusculum College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has served churches in Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and Georgia. He comes to Bluff City from Atlanta.

Gerald Chandler is the new pastor at East Watauga Church, Holston Association. He

CHURCHES . . .

Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, voted to increase missions giving to 14 percent of the total income for the 1975-76 church year, according to pastor **Don Long**. This year the church set a record in total offerings and missions giving with \$10,500 being contributed through missions. The church built a fellowship hall with recreation facilities and started a junior church which averages 60 in attendance.

Piedmont Church, Jefferson Association, observed homecoming with over 200 in attendance. The speaker was **Dillard Brown**, former pastor of the church and retired director of missions for McMinn Association. **Glenn Toomey**, director of Missions, Nola-chucky Association and former pastor, also spoke. Former pastor **Sam Knisley** was present for the occasion. **James H. Royston** serves the church as pastor.

An associational wide youth music festival was held by churches in William Carey Association, the first of its kind in Tennessee according to **Frank Charton**, state church music director. First Church, Fayetteville, took the class A trophy, and Stewart's Chapel Church won the class B trophy and the banner for the church with highest attendance. Charton presented the awards. The festival was attended by nearly 250 youth and adults. **Lawton Neely**, director of music for Fayetteville First Church, is the associational youth and music director. Director of missions is **Phillip E. Rosenbaum**.

Lakeview Church, Chilhowee Association, held dedication services for debt free facilities recently. **Herbert T. McKeehan** is pastor.

Ball Camp Church, Knox County Association, announced plans for an educational building. The structure will be 60 x 70 ft. on two stories. Construction cost is estimated at \$150,000.

has served the Higgins Chapel as pastor and was instrumental in the reactivating and building of the new church at Shady Grove.

Meadowbrook Church, Chilhowee Association, called **Ben H. Reed** as pastor.

Floyd A. Havens resigned as pastor at Hopewell Church, Chilhowee Association.

Roseberry Church, Knox County Association, called **Kenneth W. Shinlever** as pastor. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brookhill Church, McMinn Association, called **W. A. Callihan** as pastor.

Johnny Owens resigned as pastor of Rock Hill Church, Beech River Association.

PEOPLE . . .

Brinson Swan Jr., minister of music and youth, Greeneville First Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry in services at his church. In the same service, **Leonard T. Simpson** was ordained a deacon. **James E. Harris**, director of missions, Holston Association, presented the charge to the church, and **James W. Best**, church pastor, gave the charge to the candidates.

Roy Banks was ordained as a deacon at Calvary Church, Erwin. The charge to the candidate was given by **Bobby Hamilton**, Big Stone Gap, Va. **Dearing Garner** is pastor at Calvary.

Cottontown Church, Bledsoe Association, ordained **Roger Dale Richardson**, **Hayden Wayne Padgett**, and **James Richard Mahon** as deacons. **James W. Roland** is pastor.

Gordonsville First Church ordained **Terry White**, **David Haynes**, and **Millard Hooper** as deacons. **Orlie J. Wood** is pastor.

Westmoreland First Church held ordination services for **Ron Carter** and **Bill Couch**. **Carter** was ordained to the gospel ministry, and **Couch** to the diaconate. **Donald Moore**, pastor, First Southern Church, Evansville, Ind., preached the ordination message. **Arlie E. Spalding** is pastor.

Gaylon Yates is scheduled to be ordained as a deacon at Beacon Church, Beech River Association. **Donald Bain** is pastor.

Walnut Grove Church, McMinn Association, ordained **Creed O'Daniel** as a deacon. **John S. Powers**, pastor, presented a Bible to **O'Daniel**.

Walnut Grove Church, McMinn Association, completed a \$33,000 parsonage. **John S. Powers** is pastor.

New Chapel Church, Beech River Association, held dedication services for a new building. **Wilkey Jones** is pastor.

Mt. Zion Church, Decaturville, organized a Woman's Missionary Union. **Terry Broadway** is pastor.

Cottontown Church, Bledsoe Association, has let a contract to construct a baptistry, choir loft, three classrooms, and install central heat and air conditioning, and new electrical system. Cost of the project will be approximately \$12,730, according to pastor **James Roland**.

Members of Piedmont Church, Jefferson Association, adopted a new budget for 1975-76 which includes 27 percent to go to missions causes through the Cooperative Program, and four percent to associational missions. Additionally, they will give one percent to Carson-Newman College. **James H. Royston** is pastor.

Don Mauldin Named To Church Training Post

Don E. Mauldin was elected director of adult work for the Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, effective Jan. 1. His election came during the meeting of the State Missions Committee in Chattanooga, Nov. 10. He will succeed Johnnie Hall, who will become director of the department following the retirement of Charles Norton, Dec. 31.



Mauldin

Mauldin has been director of church development, Nashville Baptist Association, since 1970. Prior to that he served as minister of education at Woodmont Church, Nashville. A native of Greenville, S.C., he served as minister of education at First Church, Clinton, and First Church, Lancaster, both in S.C.

He is a graduate of Furman University and received the Masters of Religious Education degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary in 1959.

Mauldin served as a member of the Centennial Committee, TBC. He was Sunday school director of Nashville Baptist Association, 1969-70; and as vice president of the Tennessee Religious Association, 1968-72.

He is married to the former Carolyn Reece, and they have two daughters, Karen Lou and Lillian Lane.

Three Honored At Assn. For Faithful Attendance

Three persons were recognized for outstanding faithfulness to their association recently during the annual meeting of East Tennessee Baptist Association. Scott Tarlton, Pine Springs, has not missed an annual associational meeting in 20 years. S. E. Loxley, 91 years of age, and Mrs. Sallay Sweeten, also 91, attend the annual meetings regularly and have not missed in numerous years.

Northport pastor James H. Kinser was elected to serve as moderator, and Pleasant Grove pastor Ransom Hall, was elected vice moderator. Grady Dennis, a member of English Creek Church, will serve as treasurer; and Mrs. Clay Laws, a member of Pigeon Valley Church, will serve as clerk.

J. H. Stogner, director of missions, reported that the 1976 sessions will be held Oct. 22-23 at Pleasant Grove, Wilsonville, and Camp David Churches.

Holston Association Holds Meeting, Elects Officers

Greene Hills Church and Walnut Grove Church applied for membership into Holston Association during its recent annual meeting, according to James E. Harris, director of missions. Greene Hills is without a pastor, and J. D. McGee serves at Walnut Grove.

Officers elected to lead the association included: moderator E. W. Barnes, pastor, Boone Trail Church. He succeeds Omer Painter, Blountville First Church. Serving with Barnes will be vice moderator Kelter Mullins, pastor, Erwin Central Church; treasurer Chester Parker, pastor, Unaka Avenue Church; and clerk Tenna Eades, a member of University Parkway Church. Sarah Tydings will serve as assistant clerk. She is a member of Bowmantown Church. The 1976 sessions will be held Oct. 12-13.

Eight Missions Directors Honored At Convention

Eight directors of missions from Tennessee were recognized last week during the Executive Board report at the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Five of the eight receiving recognition retired from their posts last year, and the additional three are scheduled to retire Dec. 31, 1975. Plaques will be given to the eight honorees.

By tenure of service, the directors included: Harold Gregory, 36 years; Gertrude Hale, 34 years; Robert Newman, 34 years; Dillard Brown, 24 years; Teddy Evans, 23 years; H. D. Standifer, 18 years; J. W. Rymer, 15 years; and Robert Burchfield, 14 years.

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Foreign Board Appoints 16; Approves \$215,000 For Relief

RICHMOND—The appropriation of \$215,000 for world relief and the appointment of 16 missionaries highlighted the November meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Relief appropriations for 1975 now total \$1,176,564.

Bangladesh will receive \$200,000 of November's relief appropriations. Projects for food production, food distribution and the rehabilitation of families will each consume \$60,000, totaling \$180,000. An additional \$20,000 will go to family planning information and education.

Other relief funds approved include \$10,000 for relief needs in Angola to be administered through the Baptist World Alliance, and \$5,000 for upgrading dairy goat stock at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center in the Philippines.

The appointment of 16 missionaries to serve in eight countries was held at Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va., before more than 1,000 people. The total number of missionaries appointed to date during 1975 is 237.

The board also heard an update on studies

of "bold new plans" in which the board is currently engaged.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, commended the work of a coordinating committee presently involved in compiling input from 13 work groups into one document which will be presented for the board's consideration at the December meeting. The work groups, each composed of board members and staff members, have met during recent months to discuss special topics leading to recommendations to the coordinating committee.

"I think we're going to see, as a result of this process, some of the most thorough work that we have had the privilege of enjoying," Cauthen said.

The strategy planning eventually will result in a report to the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk.

In other action, the board approved a plan for the internationalization of the board of trustees of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., and awarded medical receptorships to five students.

Effective Jan. 1, 1977, the board of

trustees for the El Paso publishing house will include six missionaries and six Latin American Baptists from countries where publishing house literature is used. Currently, trustee membership is limited to missionaries.

Medical receptorships, an arrangement in which the board provides short-term overseas opportunities for qualified medical students, were awarded to Chris L. Feucht and Andy M. Norman, students at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta; M. Thomas (Tom) Cutrell, III., University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas; John S. Mustol, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Clydette L. Powell, John Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.

Among those appointed as career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. J. Larry Cox. Mrs. Cox, the former Cheryl Keathley, is a native of Memphis. Her husband is a native of Miss. (BP)



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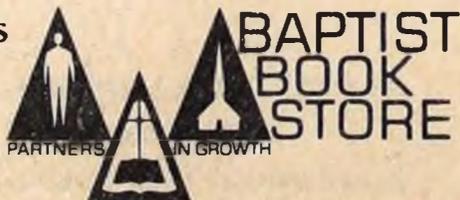
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Convention Employees Honored For Service

Ten Tennessee Baptist Convention employees received special recognition during the Executive Board report last week for service to the convention.

For 25 years' service Martha Grove, director of accounting, was awarded an inscribed silver tray.

Three employees were recognized for 20 years' service. They were Dot M. Fore, executive assistant, Tennessee Baptist Foundation; Helen Kennedy, director of children's work, Church Training Department; and Frank Charton, director, Church Music Department. Mrs. Fore was presented an opal pendant and Mrs. Kennedy, a turquoise pendant. Charton received cuff links with a

sapphire stone.

For 15 years' service Leslie Baumgartner, director, Missions Department, was the recipient of an inscribed walnut plaque.

Lyn Brasfield, director of youth work,

Sunday School Department, Wendell Price, director, Sunday School Department, and Evelyn Strickland, public relations coordinator, were honored for 10 years' service. All three received a desk pen set.

Two others received inscribed cuff links. They were Ircel Harrison, Baptist Student director, Middle Tennessee State University, and W. Paul Hall, associate, Missions Department. They each served five years.

R. L. Gentry Elected Bradley Assn. Moderator

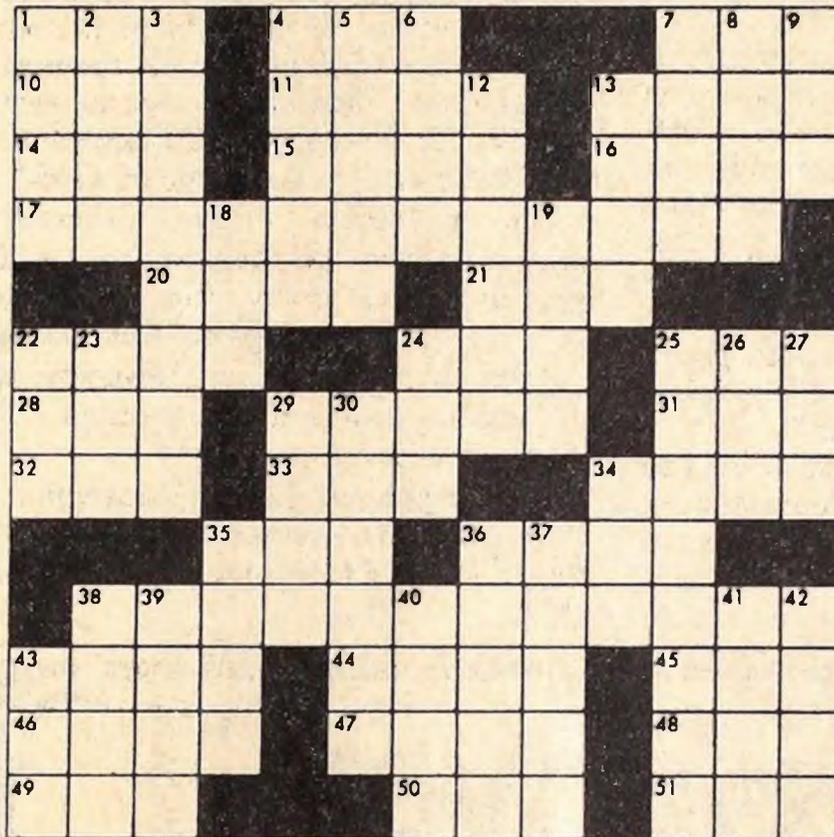
Bradley Association met with the Clingan Ridge, Hopewell, and Big Spring Churches and elected R. L. Gentry to serve as moderator for the coming year. Erwin Townsend was elected vice moderator.

Wayne Adkisson will serve as clerk, and John Paysinger as treasurer.

Harold Smith was honored with a plaque for his past service as moderator. Raleigh Brady serves as director of missions for the association.

Bible Puzzle Page

Answers On Page 13



50 Russia: abbr.
51 Make lace

DOWN

- 1 — shall dwell with the lamb (Isa. 11:6)
- 2 Pertaining to a time period
- 3 Do not forget God's (Psa. 103:2)
- 4 "and honour, and power, and —" (Rev. 7)
- 5 Feminine name
- 6 Strange
- 7 Left side of the ship
- 8 Biblical verbs
- 9 Units of measure: Abbr.
- 12 Lay it aside (1 Pet. 2:1)
- 13 "I have suffered the —" (Phil. 3)
- 18 Day of rest: abbr.
- 19 One
- 22 Man has not seen him (John 1:18)
- 23 Owner of the lunch (John 6:9)
- 24 Government agency: abbr.
- 25 "and ye shall —" (Matt. 11)
- 26 Possessive pronoun
- 27 Gazelle
- 29 Walk
- 30 God gave it (Eccl. 5:19)
- 34 Ea, Bel and —
- 35 Numbers
- 36 Man in the Bible (Num. 3:24; poss.)
- 37 Fall flower
- 38 Story
- 39 He built Jericho (1 Ki. 16:34)
- 40 Time periods
- 41 Lamb
- 42 Sea
- 43 Heart

ACROSS

- 1 Spider's work (Isa. 59:5)
- 4 Miss West
- 7 "for this cause — ye tribute" (Rom. 13)
- 10 One of 50: abbr.
- 11 The same: L.
- 13 "be baptized in the name of the —" (Acts 10)
- 14 Swedish territorial division
- 15 Ehud's father (Judg. 3:15)
- 16 Table scraps
- 17 "abstain from —" (1 Pet. 2)
- 20 Final outcome
- 21 Outs' opposites
- 22 Flippant
- 24 Sicilian seaport
- 25 Kind of leaves (Gen. 3:7)
- 28 Cereal grain
- 29 "a — savour of Christ" (2 Cor. 2)
- 31 Japanese statesman
- 32 Dentist: abbr.
- 33 Detective: slang
- 34 Handle
- 35 Beverage
- 36 Divided by lot (Acts 13:19)
- 38 "enjoy — — of sin" (Heb. 11)
- 43 Tiller of the ground (Gen. 4:2)
- 44 Waste allowance
- 45 High note
- 46 Madrid cheers
- 47 American patriot
- 48 They had none (Acts 3:6; abbr.)
- 49 Christianity, for one: abbr.

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Messages At Convention Sessions Cover Religious Freedom, Hope

Speaking at two sessions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Chattanooga, last week, Manuel Scott, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, covered the topics of "Christ and the Counter-Culture" and the hope of the Christian.

He stated that the characteristics of Western culture are sin sickness, quantitiveness, success orientation, humor saturation, and materialism. Relating the nature of the hope that Christ gives, the pastor said that we can have hope for a new and better earth and hope of everlasting life. "It is important that our pilgrimage be linked with lofty hopes," he encouraged. He spoke to an overflow crowd at the Wednesday night session.

"Hope For The Church"

Basing his remarks on Eph. 5:18, Trevis Otey, pastor, Jackson First Church, spoke on "Hope for the Church." "God demands from everyone of us who is a Christian that he be filled with the Holy Spirit. No where in the Bible, however, are we told to be: indwelled by the Holy Spirit, baptized by the Holy Spirit, sealed by the Holy Spirit, or tongue speakers. We are told not to grieve the Holy Spirit, not quench the Holy Spirit, and to be filled with the Spirit."

Carolyn Weatherford, the first woman to address the Tennessee Baptist Convention in its history, said that today's Baptist women can support the work of the Southern Baptist Convention and can provide a con-

science work force, organization, and materials necessary to the successful completion of the convention's work.

Freedom, Responsibility

Weatherford, who is executive secretary of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, said that women, in accepting freedom in Christ must also accept the responsibility of commitment to Him.

Mowrey spoke to messengers and visitors at the final session. Focusing on the life of Jesus, he said that Christ was born into the world primarily to die, differing from our purpose which is primarily to live.

Christ's entire mission was the cross, he stated. "If we do not understand the cross, the glory of it, the necessity of it, the love of it: if we do not understand the meaning of the cross, then we do not understand anything about the New Testament or the Old Testament or the ways of God."

The convention sermon, delivered by James Canaday, and the president's address, given by Eugene Cotey, were carried in the Nov. 13 issue of **Baptist And Reflector**.

Hyran Barefoot, Union University, Dept. of Religion, delivered the devotions at each of the sessions.

Total registered for the convention was 2130. The 1976 convention will be held at West Jackson Church in Jackson, Nov. 16-18.

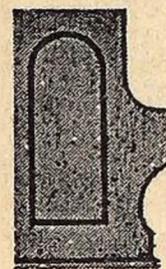
Six Tennessee Boys Earn National RA Award

Six Royal Ambassadors from Tennessee have earned the Service Aide National award this year and were presented a plaque at the Tennessee Baptist Convention which met in Chattanooga, Nov. 11-13.

The boys included: Monty Dukes and Creed Seay, Piedmont Church, Dandridge; Wayne Trentham and Terry Large, Northport Church, Newport; Lamar Thomas and Scott Malone, Central Church, Chattanooga.

This award is based upon the completion of five Service Aide awards. Each award requires 150 hours of service or a total of 750 hours. It also carries with it a \$1200 scholarship to any one of the more than 20 Baptist colleges across the nation.

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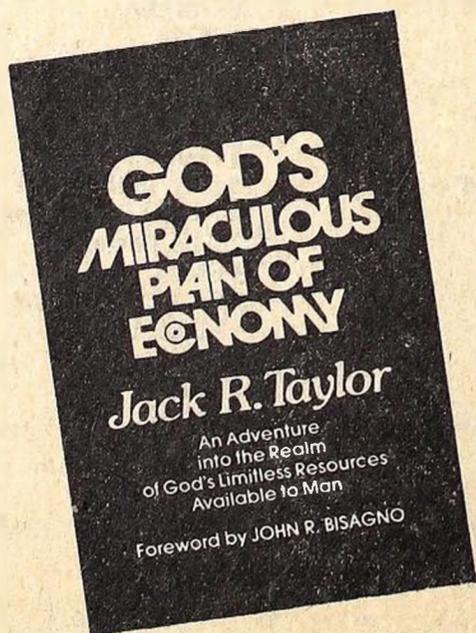
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Eleven Board Members Receive Recognition, Plaques

Eleven members rotating off the Executive Board at the close of this convention year were presented plaques for years of service rendered during the pre-convention meeting of the Executive Board held last Monday afternoon in Chattanooga. Ralph Norton, executive secretary treasurer recognized the members and presented the plaques.

Receiving the plaques were Raymond Boston, pastor, First Church, Humboldt, seven years; James Harney, pastor, Union Hill Church, Goodlettsville, eight years; Anderson McCulley, First Church, Sweetwater, six years; R. T. Martin, layman, Nashville, six years; Joseph T. Nickell, pastor, First Church, Crossville, six years; W. Fred Kendall II, pastor, First Church, Union City, six years.

Others included R. Trevis Otey, pastor, First Church, Jackson, six years; Dillard West, pastor, Pleasant Grove Church, Covington, seven years; Keith Wilson, pastor, First Church, Grand Junction, six years; Elmer Crosby, First Church, Sparta, three years; and J. C. Chapman, pastor, Litz Manor Church, Kingsport, three years.

Executive Board Elects John Churchman President

John Churchman stepped up from vice president of the Executive Board to president during the organizational meeting of the Board Wednesday afternoon following the afternoon session of the Convention. Churchman succeeds George E. Capps, Jr.

Other officers elected were J. Arnold Porter as vice president and Ray Fowler, recording secretary. Porter, pastor of Parkway Church, Madison, has held the position of recording secretary the past two years. Fowler is pastor of White Oak Church, Chattanooga, and he succeeds J. Arnold Porter.

The annual December meeting was scheduled for Dec. 11 and 12.

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"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40).

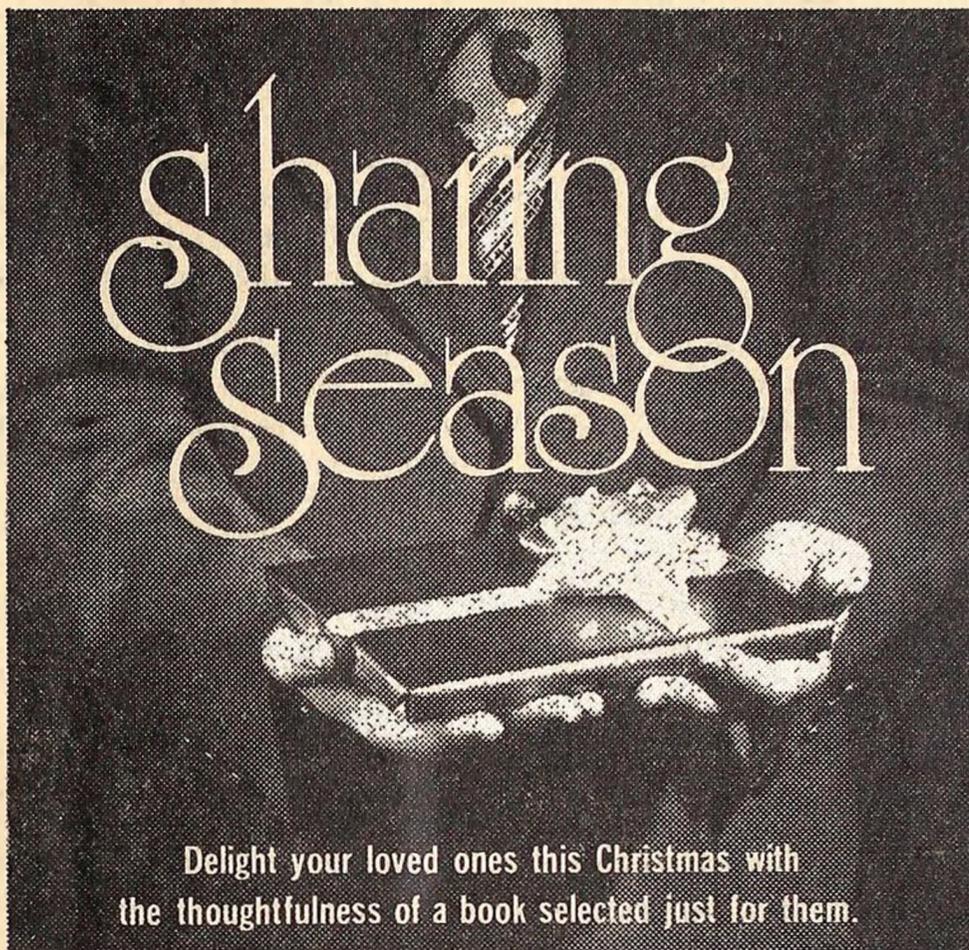
CP Paperweights Given To Five TBC Employees

Five state leaders were presented paperweights from the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention on Thursday morning during the Convention. Those receiving the paperweights were Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer; W. C. Summar, director, Stewardship Department; Roy Gilleland, director, Brotherhood Department; Mary Jane Nethery, executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union; and Eura Lannom, acting editor, Baptist And Reflector.

George Capps, director of denominational relations, Education Commission,

SBC, presented the paperweights on behalf of the Stewardship Commission.

The Brotherhood Commission obtained pieces of granite from the municipal auditorium in Memphis, where the Cooperative Program was adopted in 1925. Since then the Stewardship Commission had these large pieces cut, polished and converted into attractive paperweights with the Cooperative Program's 50th anniversary logo imbedded in lucite and affixed to the top. These were presented to the recipients because of their support of the Cooperative Program in Tennessee this year.



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Your priorities make all the difference. They should be thoroughly examined frequently. We can easily deceive ourselves about our priorities. Theoretically, we can consider our priorities to be very desirable and commendable when, in practice, we may be missing the mark completely.

Our natural ways can not be trusted. The flesh is so strong and the material may be so immediate and attractive.

The pressure of our environment can be so powerful. The spirit of the world is never the Spirit of God. Sometimes, the environment may have a number of attractive preferences, but either this association or the motives may favor you.

Saving So You Cannot Lose—Matthew 6:19-21

Earthly riches have an almost irresistible appeal to most people. They are so tangible and immediate. They give many extra elements and advantages.

Heavenly riches seem so far off and impractical to the natural man.

Earthly treasures are not deeply satisfying in the long run. They are so deceptive and ephemeral. They tend to blind us to true riches. They master and mold most people. They come to be a corrupting tyrant. They capture and often curse our hearts. Heavenly riches edify, bless and last. In the long run they deeply satisfy. These treasures keep your aims elevated.

Clear Or Cloudy Vision—Matthew 6:22-23

We know the agony of impaired eyesight. We see much but do not see enough. We cannot see the full reactions of the beautiful colors or the minute features of the fact. Ordinary printing cannot be read.

Defective spiritual vision is far more unfortunate. We cannot see things in their true light or as they actually are. Inability to focus on spiritual truth is the worst form of darkness or blindness.

Exalting God Above Mammon—Matthew 6:24

Deifying material values is very common. We deify that to which we give superior allegiance above God. We may not do it theoretically but we do it in practice and devotion. There can be no divided allegiance. We cannot serve God with mammon. Supreme allegiance must be given to God alone.

Anxiety Or Trust—Matthew 6:25-30

It seems that Jesus is saying here not to pay any attention to your material needs. Just leave them to the Lord. He illustrates from other creatures that are so well cared for by the Lord. Yet, they never worry about such things. Well, they are not equipped to do as much about it as is man.

We must remember that they do do something. The squirrel stores up his nuts for winter and the bees store up honey for the future. Other animals forage and hustle for many needs. They use the instincts and resources given them. Man is much better equipped due to his brains. In quiet confidence he should use his great resources trusting in God.

The Great Priority—Matthew 6:31-34

The great pursuit of man is the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Life must not be cluttered and cursed by the cares of this world.

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New Pastors Honored At Fayette Assn. Meet

David Goode, pastor, Feathers Chapel Church, was re-elected moderator for Fayette Association. Other officers, also re-elected, included vice moderator Allen Lazenby, member, Williston Church; and treasurer and clerk Mrs. Layton Watson, member Gallaway First Church.

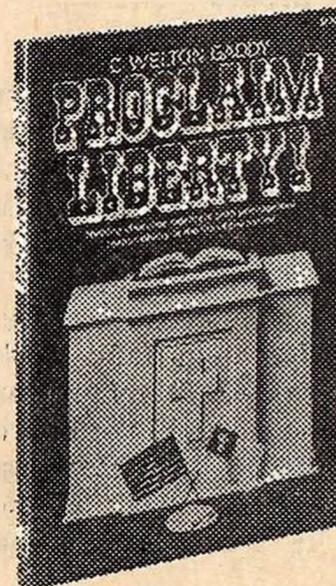
Special recognition was paid to new pastors Ned Davis, Frank Wood, Norvil Jones, Alvin Jackson, Wade Taylor, and Thurman Shutt.

Mt. Moriah and Rossville Churches will co-host the 1976 sessions, Oct. 21-22, according to Raymond R. Hollaway, director of missions.



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Causes Of Non-Communication

What causes serious breakdowns in communication between husbands and wives? Dr. Theodore Rubin offers some answers in his new book, **Dr. Rubin Please Make Me Happy**, The Common-Sense Book of Mental Health.

Dr. Rubin lists what he considers to be the 12 most prevalent factors common to many marriages (though more than one factor may be involved).

1. Couples who never really had anything to talk about because they had very little in common when they married.

2. Those with common interests at the beginning of their marriage but where one or both of the couples has taken a radically different route; one partner may have grown while the other remained stagnant.

3. Men who are so heavily involved in their business or profession to the point where it preoccupies them even at home, even though they don't discuss business matters with their spouse.

4. Men who believe their wives don't really care about what they have to say.

5. Couples who are the victims of "price deadlocks" where the first one to break the silence will lose face.

Further, there are these additional factors:

6. Chauvinistic men who feel women "don't really understand" such subjects as politics, business or world affairs, so they don't discuss them with their wives.

7. Men who feel a threat to their manliness if they share their worries and anxieties with their wives.

8. Men fearful of talking because previous encounters have led to emotional outbursts either on their part or the part of their wife.

9. Men who regard their wives with resentment because they see in them a symbol of a lack of their single freedom and adult responsibility.

10. Men whose work makes them exhausted and drained and come home at night too tired to talk, especially about child

Hill, Martin Re-elected To Top Posts

The moderator and vice moderator for Carroll-Benton Association were both re-elected for second terms of service during the association's recent annual meet. George Hill, pastor, Huntingdon First Church, and Murphy Martin, pastor, Bruceton First Church, will serve in the respective posts.

Amos Anderson, member, Huntingdon First Church; and Mrs. Bill Rice, member, Prospect Church, will serve as treasurer and clerk.

According to Joe Harris, director of missions, the 1976 sessions will be held at Bruceton First Church and McLemoresville Church on Oct. 18-19.

or household problems.

11. Men who use silence and withdrawal as prime defense against anxiety and depression—though at these times talking could be most helpful in giving them the emotional release, support and relief they need.

Rubin also has some advice for wives on how to handle uncommunicative husbands. He believes that from the very beginning of their relationship couples must talk "if they are to have a common communicating language. By that I mean a language that includes common interests, emotional investment, and understanding. It is important that they have a language that easily conveys hostilities, fears, problems, worries, loves, appetites, etc. I feel this kind of common language cannot happen or develop without practice."

When a wife senses a lack of communication developing she must tell her husband or she may be bypassing an opportunity for real intimacy and closeness. It is often up to the wife to realize that lack of communication is neither feminine nor masculine but a human problem and she must work with her husband to open them both up to meaningful communication and personal interaction.

In long-standing cases of silence and non-communication the couple must honestly and openly discuss their differences, complaints, hurts and misunderstandings. Sometimes such complete airings are possible only through the intervention of a psycho-therapist.

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Nearly 400 messengers enrolled for the 51st annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Robert Pyle, Johnson City, gave the welcoming address, and the young people of various churches throughout the city presented a pageant.

At the meeting of the WMU convention in Johnson City, it was voted to change the Week of Prayer for foreign missions from January to December. At that time there were 1305 WMU societies in the state.

20 YEARS AGO

H. Franklin Paschall accepted the call of Nashville First Church, effective Jan. 1, 1956. A native of Kentucky, he had served as pastor of Bowling Green First Church.

A six-month-old baby boy found a home with Pastor and Mrs. David Q. Byrd, West Jackson Church, Jackson. He was named John Timothy.

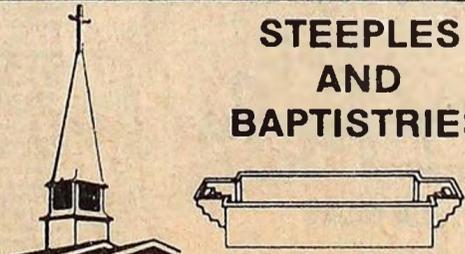
10 YEARS AGO

Rev. and Mrs. Buford M. Bull celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He had served as a pastor for 43 years and at that time was interim pastor at Oakwood Church, Knoxville.

Donelson First Church ordained Bob Churchwell and Barney Hawkins as deacons.

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New Haven Church Voted Into Clinton Membership

New Haven Church, Clinton, was voted into membership of Clinton Association recently at the annual meeting. The pastor at New Haven is Fred Bean.

Re-elected to serve as moderator was Paul Pratt, a member of South Clinton Church. Glenn C. Gamble, pastor, Zion Church, will serve as vice moderator.

Harold F. Lewis, member, Clinton First Church, was elected treasurer, and Evelyn Green, member, Bethel Church, was elected clerk.

The 1976 sessions will be held Oct. 21-22 at Robertsville, Mt. Pleasant, and Lake City First Churches, according to H. P. Barrington, director of missions.

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