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Nine Tennessee media centers earn distinguished awards

NASHVILLE—A total of nine Tennessee church media centers were awarded certificates of distinguished recognition by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church library department recently for achieving required standards of excellence.

The Tennessee churches include four Knoxville churches: McCalla Avenue Church, Edith Harrison, director; Oakwood Church, Mrs. J. B. Duff, director; Sevier Heights Church, Mrs. Carson Thompson,

director; and Central Church of Bearden, Pearl Cosson, director.

Also recognized were First Church, Newport, Mrs. Robert Farmer, director; Donelson First Church, Mrs. Foster Cook, director; Morris Hill Church, Chattanooga, Mrs. Charles Armour, director; First Church, Murfreesboro; and Whitehaven Church, Memphis, Mrs. W. H. Carney, director.

In addition to the distinguished recognition, which is the highest rating possible, 73 merit and 33 advanced recognitions were presented to Tennessee church media centers this year.

The Church Library Achievement Guide, shown in the Church Library Record and Plan Book, contains criteria for achievement in the areas of programming, organization, physical resources, finances, records and reports, leadership training, relationship of library services to other church services and planning and evaluation.

Church media center staff members may use the Church Library Achievement Guide to evaluate their program, as well as to plan for the next year. Evaluations are sent to the Sunday School Board's church library department, which awards the certificate.

Former Sunday school lesson writer dies

W. R. White, who wrote the Life and Work Series Sunday School Lessons for Baptist and Reflector for many years until Jan. 1, 1977, died March 24 in Waco, Texas. He was 84.

White provided landmark leadership for the Baptist General Convention of Texas as executive secretary during the depression years of 1929-31 and for Baylor University as president during postwar transition years of 1948-61.

He also served as pastor of First Baptist Churches of Greenville, Tex., Lubbock, Tex., Oklahoma City, and Austin, Tex., and of Broadway Church in Fort Worth during his multi-faceted career of Christian service. First, Waco, honored him last November with an appreciation day for his 29 years of membership there.

A graduate of Howard Payne College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, White received honorary degrees from Howard Payne, Baylor, Hardin-Simmons University, University of Alabama, and Bishop College of Dallas.

White's beloved Baylor, which presented him with its elite Founders Medal in 1972, was the major arena for his educational leadership. He was chancellor there for two years before being named president emeritus in 1963.

Other posts held by White included serving as president of Hardin-Simmons University, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, chairman of the board of trustees for Bishop College in Dallas, and president of Texas Baptists.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Odera White of Waco.

Executive Board member, J. Barton Mount, dies

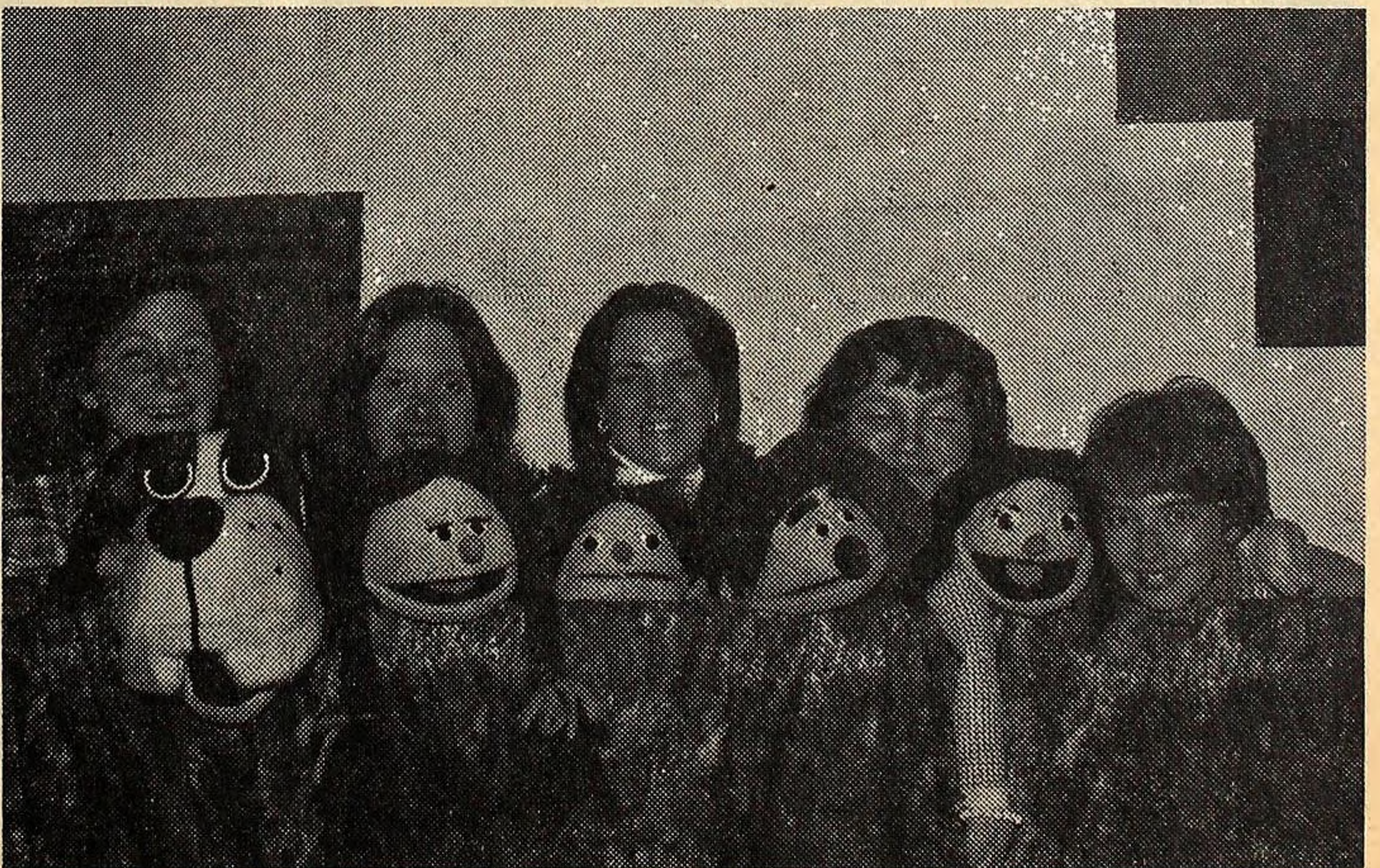
J. Barton Mount, businessman of Route 5, Mountain City, (Shouns Community), and member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, died of a heart attack March 26 in Johnson City Memorial Hospital. He was 71.

A member of Pleasant Grove Church, Mount was chairman of the deacons, secretary-treasurer of the church, chairman of the finance committee, vice-moderator of the church, chairman of the house and grounds committee, and secretary-treasurer of the church cemetery committee. He had served as superintendent of the Sunday School for more than 20 years and was past moderator of the Watauga Baptist Association.

The son of the late C. K. and May Belle Brown Mount, pioneers of Mountain City, Mount was a graduate of Fishburn Military School, Waynesboro, Va., and Beam Business College, Gastonia, N.C. He also attended Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn.

In 1929 he was married to Mary Sue Muse. She survives.

Services were held March 28 at Pleasant Grove Church with Judge B. Johnson, pastor, and Tom Worley, retired minister, officiating.



Members of the Belmont College Baptist Student Union puppet team will perform at the Royal Ambassador Congress in Nashville this Saturday. The group consists of Donna Rowe, Vicki Jackson, Sue Lawson, Rissa Nave, and Kathy Powell.

RAs to convene in Nashville this weekend for Congress

Tours of Nashville, election of officers, and instruction on camping will kick off the activities for the 1977 Royal Ambassador Congress, April 8-9 in Nashville. Royal Ambassadors in grades 4-12 from across the state will attend the event at Belmont Heights Church.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday with the Baptist bookstore, congress store, and displays open concurrently. Election booths will open at 9 a.m.

The annual RA Speakout competition will be held in the chapel of the church at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Following the parade of flags, a devotional, and a dramatic presentation on Friday evening, Robert Norman will speak to the entire congress on "A Challenge to Commitment." Norman is pastor of the host church.

The highlight of the Saturday morning session, beginning at 9:00, will be an address by pro-football quarterback Neal Jeffrey, San Diego Chargers. Jeffrey will speak on "Can Christ Count On You?" The recipient of numerous sports awards, the athlete was varsity quarterback for Baylor University from 1971-74. In 1975 he played in the Cotton Bowl against Penn State and in the

Coaches' All American Game. He enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in January 1977.

Also featured on the Saturday morning program will be the Baptist Student Union puppet team from Belmont College. The team, consisting of Donna Rowe, Rissa Nave, Tricia Russell, Sue Lawson, Jackie Aho, Donna Rowland, Vicki Jackson, and Kathy Powell, travels to churches throughout the area with their ministry.

Presentation of awards, speakout winner, Congress report, and installation of new officers will close the activities for the congress.

Special music will be brought by Bill and Linda Cates, Nashville, and the orchestra of the Belmont Heights Church under the direction of Frank Marshall.

A special breakfast for RAs doing work on their service aide awards will be held at Belmont College Saturday morning at 7:00.

The Congress is sponsored annually by the Brotherhood Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention. According to Roy Gilleland, general chairman of the RA congress committee, there will be no pinewood derby at the Congress this year.



To many Southern Baptists, Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department, is better known as "Mr. Church Training"—a nickname the state of Tennessee made "official" on his new license plate. He will retire July 1 after 17 years as head of the Southern Baptist Convention's church training program.

MTBHS schedules luncheon meet

The Middle Tennessee Baptist Historical Society will meet at 12 noon, April 11, in the president's dining room at Belmont College, Nashville.

A highlight of the meeting will be the "History of Belmont Heights Baptist Church." According to Albert Wardin Jr., president of the Historical Administration Council of the MTBHS, the meeting is open to any one who wishes to attend.

The administrative council will meet at 1:30 p.m. following the MTBHS meeting.

Ex-Tennessean named editor of 'Church Training' magazine

NASHVILLE—Richard Sims, pastor of the North Atlanta Church, Atlanta, since 1967, is the new editor of **Church Training** magazine in the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A native of Tennessee, Sims attended Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, and received the B.S. degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He also holds the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and a Th.D. diploma from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.

He has served in several denominational positions, including membership on the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board.



Pastor, Paul M. Broyles, center, receives a gift of appreciation from members of Pleasant Grove Church, Limestone, on the occasion of his 20th anniversary with the church. Looking on is W. Paul Hall, who led a weekend revival at the church during the anniversary. Presenting the gift on behalf of the membership is Linda Marsh, Sunday School director.

Former Buddhist monk called Baptist leader of Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand—Wan Petchsongkram, converted Buddhist monk whose zeal and speaking ability have caused him to be called "the Thai Billy Graham," is emerging as one of the outstanding leaders among Baptists in Thailand.

Within the past year he has been elected president of both the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary in Bangkok and the Association of Baptist Churches in Thailand. In addition, he is in great demand as a speaker throughout Thailand, having preached in 50 of the country's 72 provinces.

Now the Thailand Baptist Convention has singled him out as the speaker for a five-night convention-wide revival to be held in Bangkok May 4-8.

Petchsongkram's experiences as a Buddhist monk give him avenues for witnessing to Buddhist friends and acquaintances and telling them "Christ is the answer," according to Southern Baptist missionary Mrs. Robert R. Stewart, press representative for Thailand.

Petchsongkram went to live in a Buddhist temple when he was six years old and assisted the monks there in their daily rounds until he was 17. Then he became a student monk and studied Buddhist teachings. He was ordained a Buddhist monk at age 21 and attained the high rank of "Barian 5" within the following five years.

However, he had entered monkhood to please his relatives and get an education. He grew tired and unfulfilled. He left the temple and acquired a teaching position at a temple school, according to Mrs. Stewart. Because of misplaced funds, there was not enough money to pay the teachers so his job at the temple school did not last long.

On the way back and forth to the temple school, Petchsongkram had noticed the Thonburi Baptist Chapel sign which said, "Come unto me ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Having decided to go by to see what was being taught, he went in. He enrolled in an English class and in some other activities of the Baptist chapel. He wanted to know what caused Christians to love and help others, according to Mrs. Stewart.

After going to the chapel only a short time, he made a profession of faith. "He hadn't really believed at that time, but was impressed with the members' warmth and fellowship and he wanted to find out what made them that way," Mrs. Stewart said. He "wanted to really understand it (Christianity) and felt like he could not really see the inside workings of the group unless he were fully accepted as a member and was baptized."

He did not tell his wife until a year later, and she did not accept Christ for three more years. At that time they were living on the chapel property and Petchsongkram was caretaker for the chapel.

He learned about the seminary and enrolled. It was at the end of his second year when he really came to know Christ, according to Mrs. Stewart.

In his third year, Petchsongkram was called as pastor of the Bangkla Baptist Church. After having been a Christian for only a month, his wife became a pastor's wife. They served the Bangkla church for more than seven years.

Today, Mrs. Stewart says the former Buddhist monk is in great demand for Christian revivals, camps, Bible conferences, leadership conferences, and schools. (BP)

UT Martin students assist Tex. church

Inner-city missions became more real to five students and U. T. Martin as they helped to renovate the Ervay Baptist Church and Center in downtown Dallas, Tex. The spring vacation project included laying carpet, cleaning, hanging drapes, painting, and minor repairs. A highlight was working in afternoon Bible Clubs. Puppet shows were presented for the clubs and the family night.

The students lived in an apartment in this historic church built originally to hold the meetings of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The area is in transition.

These missions experiences are educational and a ministry. The project was funded by the student summer missions program of the Baptist Student Unions of Tennessee.

Adam Hall is BSU director at the Martin campus.

Priest-led mob destroys tent erected for Ecuador crusade

TAMBO, Ecuador—Three men reported to be Roman Catholic priests led a mob of Indians in an attack on a Baptist revival tent here, according to Mrs. James C. Muse, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Two nationals were injured in the incident on March 20 and the tent was almost totally destroyed.

Outright conflict between Baptists and Catholics on the mission field today is unusual, according to spokesmen at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in Richmond, Va. In many countries, they even cooperate in some projects, such as Bible distribution.

The tent meetings had been scheduled as an evangelistic thrust to the Quechua-speaking Indians here, despite previous persecution of believers in the area.

The man who led the group of about 500 rural Indians entered the tent late Sunday afternoon while final preparations were being made for the first service of the campaign. Dressed as an Indian, he marched forward authoritatively and demanded immediate departure of the tent and everyone with it, according to Mrs. Muse.

The mob followed him, tearing down everything, even splitting one of the large wooden support beams. People of the area identified this leader and two others in the group as men they knew to be Roman Catholic priests.

Mrs. Muse said the leaders further threat-

ened that if everything was not gone by the following day they would be back to burn it all and there would be bloodshed. At the same time, anti-North American messages were voiced over the loudspeaker of the Catholic Church.

When Southern Baptist Missionary James C. Muse Jr. sensed trouble was coming, he went to get help from Canar, some 15 miles away. Police there came back to Tambo with Muse, only to find the worst of the damage had been done.

The men at the tent had tried to tell the mob that legal written permission had been given by the proper authorities to conduct the evangelistic services in the tent.

The town law officers stood up to the leader and told him clearly that he was breaking the law, but it seemed to make no difference, according to Mrs. Muse. Afterwards, the constable wrote an official denouncement to the governor of the province.

Luis Torres, the Ecuadorian who supervises maintenance of the tent and its erection for tent revivals, received a hard blow to his head during the incident. Another man was injured by a rock. (BP)

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Church Training to introduce new book series this summer

NASHVILLE—Four new books on developing a Church Training program will be premiered this summer at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers during the annual Church Training Leadership Conferences.

The new series, written and compiled by personnel in the Sunday School Board's church training department, will be available June 1.

Popularly known as the Developing Series, the new books are an attempt to meet the need expressed by many church leaders for practical and easy-to-follow administrative suggestions, according to Philip B. Harris, secretary of the church training department.

"The administrative books church training leaders are now using, were published in 1969," Harris explains. "Those books gave major attention to program philosophy at the beginning of the '70s. The new series will give major emphasis to how-to ideas and suggestions to help leaders conduct and promote the various training opportunities they need."

The new series includes **Developing Your Church Training Program**, for church train-

ing general officers; **Developing Your Adult Church Training Program**, for adult leaders and members; **Developing Your Youth Church Training Program**, for youth leaders; and **Developing Your Children's Church Training Program**, for children's leaders.

A fifth book, **Youth Developing A Church Training Group**, will be available for the youth conferences, June 4-10 at Glorieta, and June 11-17 at Ridgecrest.

The Church Training Leadership Conferences will be July 30-Aug. 5 at Glorieta, and July 9-15 at Ridgecrest.

CLC staffer accepts Texas pastorate

NASHVILLE—C. Welton Gaddy, director of Christian citizen development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has accepted the pastorate of the 5000-member Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., effective May 29.

Gaddy succeeds John Claypool, a former CLC chairman, who left the Broadway church pastorate in December 1976 to become pastor of Northminister Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss. The CLC staffer will be the Fort Worth church's 17th pastor.

A native of Paris, Tenn., Gaddy has been with the commission since January 1973. Previously, he was a pastor in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee, served as a college instructor, and was instructor of Christian preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

A graduate of Union University, Gaddy earned the bachelor of divinity, master of theology, and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

East pastors' conference slated for April 14

The East Tennessee Pastors' Conference is scheduled for April 14 in the chapel of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville.

The program begins at 9:59 a.m. with A. A. Carlton of Lenoir City, leading the music. Highlighting the program will be T. B. Maston, retired professor of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, speaking on "The Preacher and Contemporary Moral Issues" at 10:30, and he will have a question and answer session in the afternoon.

There will be a tour of the hospital, and lunch and fellowship will be provided by the hospital.

Chaplain Bill Justice, East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, will speak to the group on "Ministry in Crises Situations." The program will close following a time of worship and inspiration by Jack McEwen, pastor of First Church, Chattanooga.

Retired pastor, missionary Evie Tucker, dies

Evie Tucker, retired minister, died March 24 in Livingston. He was 89.

Tucker had served as a minister for more than 50 years. He came to Tennessee from Kentucky in 1926 to serve as pastor of First Church, Livingston. He later served as associational missionary of Riverside Association and as pastor of several churches in the association.

He is survived by his widow, Ada Hankins Tucker, Livingston; five daughters, Mrs. Beryl Little, Ft. Meade, Fla.; Mrs. Elizabeth Twyman, Livingston; Mrs. Esther Creasman, Charlotte, N.C.; Mrs. Lena Pennington, Johnson City; and Dr. Sarah Tucker, Terre Haute, Ind.; and one son, Hearly W. Tucker, Clinton.

Services were held March 26 at Memorial Church, Livingston, with Wilmer Evans, pastor, and Oscar Davis, retired minister, officiating.

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Tennessee Religious Education Association schedules annual retreat for May 12-13

The Tennessee Baptist Religious Education Association will be meeting in a retreat May 12-13 at Montgomery Bell State Park. Two events are sponsored by this group each year—one is a retreat in the spring of the year and the other is a banquet held during the state convention meeting in the fall.

The association is for all those involved in any way in the field of religious education in the state of Tennessee. This could be in the local church or in some capacity of our denomination.

Fellowship, instruction, and inspiration are the main objectives of the group. Outstanding leaders in the education field are frequent program personalities as the cause of religious education is furthered throughout our state.

Reservations for the two-day retreat can be made by mailing a \$2.00 fee for individuals or \$3.00 for a couple to Mrs. Paul Fox, P.O. 369, Gallatin, Tenn. 37006. Sessions begin with supper at 5:30 p.m. May 12 and close at 12 noon May 13.

Pari-mutuel gambling bill gains in General Assembly

Pari-mutuel gambling on race horses in Tennessee took one step toward becoming a reality when the state Senate's Local Government Committee gave their approval to a proposed new law.

The bill must next go to the Senate's Finance Committee before it could come to a vote on the floor of the Senate.

As proposed, the bill would allow voters in urban counties to decide by referendum whether or not they wanted pari-mutuel gambling race tracks in that county. Counties which would be involved would be Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby.

Sen. Jim White of Memphis, who introduced the bill, claims the proposed gambling law would be a boon to tourism and revenue to the state.

Recently the Executive Board of the Shelby County Baptist Association unanimously approved a strong resolution opposing the legalization of betting on horse races in the state.

Two other anti-gambling bills before the Tennessee General Assembly are also said to be receiving "favorable" treatment.

A bill which would have outlawed gambling on pinball machines was killed by the House's Commerce Committee, when that group voted for the second time to postpone action on the bill. The proposed law has been approved by the Senate. The reason given for the postponement was to give more time to study the matter.

Another bill which would have increased penalties for staging and betting on animal fights (particularly cock fights) was sidelined when the House's Agriculture Committee voted to delay action on the bill indefinitely.

Arizona pastor accepts church post at Hixson

Arizona pastor Bobby Douglas was called as pastor of Hixson First Church. He comes from First Southern Church in Scottsdale, Ariz.

A native of Mississippi, Douglas earned the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Fred T. Evans dies, retired minister

Fred Turner Evans, 86, of Lebanon, a Baptist minister for more than 50 years, died March 29. He suffered a stroke a few weeks earlier.

The first church he served was in Luray, and since then he has served congregations throughout Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas. Hohenwald First Church was the last church he served before retiring about 16 years ago.

Evans wrote a column "As the Saying Goes," which appeared frequently in the **Lebanon Democrat**.

A native of Sumner County, Evans attended Union University, Jackson, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

He was married to the former Stella Smith who died in 1965. He later married Clemanza Sanders, who survives.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Charlie Mann of Nacogdoches, Tex.; and Mrs. Robert E. Lee, Lebanon; and a step-daughter, Mrs. Sam Reynolds, Atlanta, Ga.

Services were held March 30 with Donald Owens, pastor of Immanuel Church, Lebanon, officiating.

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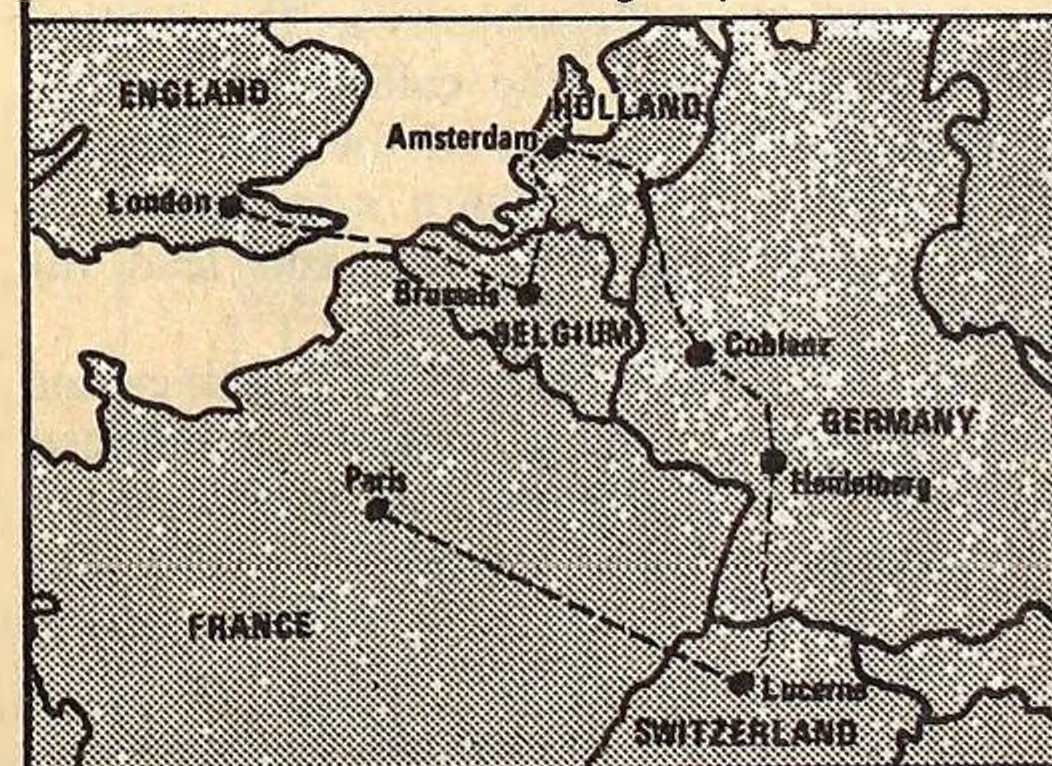
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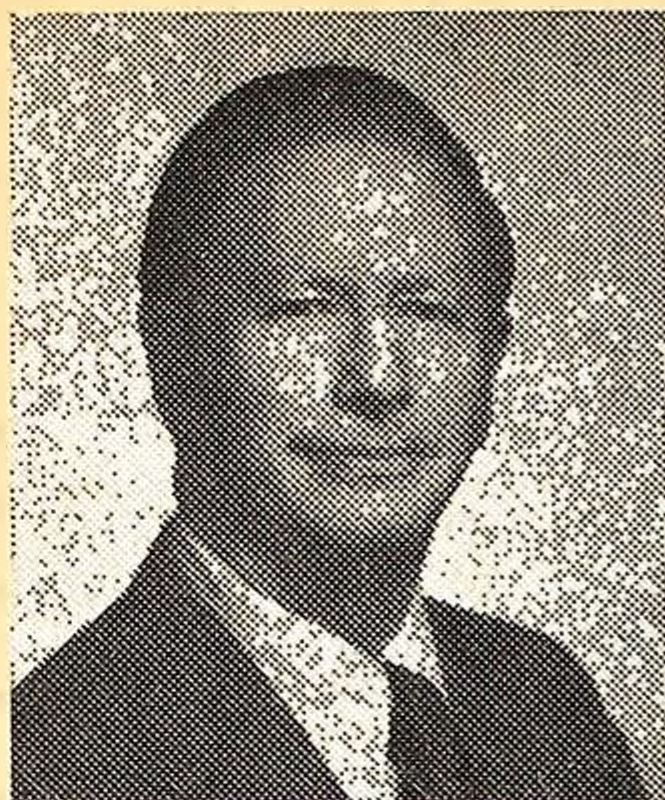
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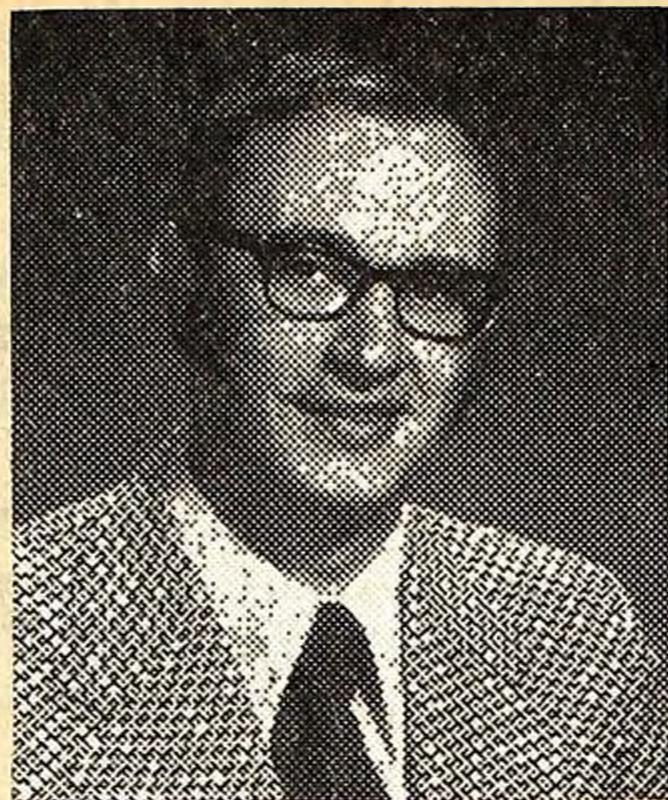
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Christian career conference to be held at Camp Carson

Baptist young people in Tennessee will be given the chance to explore various church-related and secular vocational opportunities at the 1977 Christian Career Conference April 29-May 1 at Camp Carson. The conference, designed for senior high youth (ages 15-17) is sponsored by the Church Training Dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Registration will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, Johnnie Hall, Church Training director, stated. A banquet for the young people will be held in the dining hall at 7 p.m. The conference will close following lunch on Sunday.

George Capps, Education Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, will speak to the group on "The Bible Makes It Clear." He will cover such subjects as the Biblical meaning of calling, the calling to discipleship, and the living out of the discipleship. Additionally, he will share information on various Christian vocations, and lead the closing message on Sunday.

Youth will explore their personalities and examine their talents, abilities, and interests with the help of James McCluskey, pastor, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville. The East Tennessee pastor will lead the group in "Knowing Myself Makes It Clear."

Robert Dale, Baptist Sunday School Board, will give an overview of the current trends of the job market and explain options for future careers in various fields. He is supervisor of the career guidance section of the Church Administration Dept. at the board.

Testimonies will be given by Carter Davis, foreign missionary to Granada, Caribbean Islands; and Jim Lee, Lawrenceburg. Lee is a senior all-state football player and has signed a grant-in-aid with Washburn University of Topeka.

A special session on exploring missions and summer job opportunities will feature conversation with mission personnel. Randy

Hurst, a US-2 appointee to Sevierville, will deal with home missions; and Nan Owens, former missionary to Nigeria, will explain the work of the foreign missionary. Opportunities for careers in student missions will be given by Bill Henry, Student Dept., TBC. Other leaders will deal with Vacation Bible School, summer music work, and mission organizations.

David Whipple, Cleveland First Church, will direct a short drama based on events in the seventh chapter of Amos. The drama will deal with the work of a young man in today's church.

Reservations for the three-day conference should be made through the Church Training Dept., TBC, Hall stated.

Tennessee musicians are home after Brazilian mission tour

Five Tennessee ministers of music are back in the Volunteer State after a 15-day mission tour of Brazil that included singing to standing room only audiences in temperatures that soared to 115 degrees.

The men—members of "The Century-men," the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's men's singing group—are Joel Duncan, Jackson First Church; Kent Jackson, Trinity Church, Memphis; and Chattanooga's Harry Hampsher, Brainerd Church; Jack Kay, First Church, and David Richardson, Concord Church.

The mission tour was co-sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. The group sang concerts in eight cities before an estimated total crowd of 33,000 people, plus an unestimated television audience.

"In Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, the

Georgia church ordains Ron Baumgartner

Ron E. Baumgartner was ordained to the music ministry recently by Davis Chapel Church, Austell, Ga. He serves the church as minister of music and youth.

Baumgartner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baumgartner of Harriman, served three Tennessee churches and a Kentucky church before going to Georgia. The churches were First, Donelson; Scottsville, Scottsville, Ky.; Hermitage Hills, Hermitage; and Southside, Gallatin.

Leslie Baumgartner, director of missions for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and uncle of Ron, preached the sermon.

Baumgartner is a graduate of Belmont College and served as president of the Alumni Association in 1973-74.

Baptist programs broadcast in largest Mexico cities

MEXICO CITY, Mexico—Baptist radio programs are being broadcast free in Mexico's three largest cities.

The program "Did You Know?" is on the air in Mexico City, Monterrey, and Guadalajara.

"The manager of a radio station in Guadalajara heard the program on a station in Monterrey and like it so much he contacted us to ask if his station could have it also," said David P. Daniell, Southern Baptist representative to Mexico.

"Did You Know?" is a daily five-minute educational program that seeks to communicate Christian principles in light of surprising facts about the world we live in.

concerts were given television coverage which not only promoted the tour but gave additional exposure to Baptist work in that area," said Malcolm Edwards, the Commission's assistant vice president of program music, and business manager of "The Century-men."

One of the Sunday afternoons a concert was scheduled as part of an evangelistic rally at the First Baptist Church of Sao Goncalo, across the bay from Rio in an auditorium which seated about 1500. Attendance was conservatively estimated at 2000. All possible standing room was taken. The temperature was 105 degrees, the program was 45 minutes late starting and it lasted two hours.

Before the 15-day tour ended the men had presented concerts in Recife, Rio de Janeiro, Volta Redonda, Curitiba, Sao Paulo, Campinas, and Brasilia.

Baptists examine 'Priorities' at Christian Life Seminar

JACKSON, Miss. — Southern Baptists from across the nation spent three days at a national seminar here confronting an array of complicated moral issues—and deciding whether Christians have any fresh thoughts and acts to bring to bear on them.

Theologian Roger Shinn, professor of social ethics at New York's Union Theological Seminary, asked the pivotal question: "Are the churches capable of clear and prophetic thinking about contemporary crises of humanity" or are they "so compromised by existing systems that they cannot find freedom for fresh thoughts and acts?"

More than 500 persons from 25 states took on no easy task as they grappled with moral priorities in such wide ranging areas as economics, race relations, media, preaching, churchmanship, feeding the hungry, nurturing families, global human rights, and male-female roles.

No consensus on complicated issues developed—nor was it expected to develop according to the seminar's sponsor, the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission.

"Informed conversation of priorities is our goal," said Christian Life Commission staffer, C. Welton Gaddy. "We have not intended," added Foy Valentine, the Commission's chief executive, "to assume anything . . . in regard to the church. We started out with a strong emphasis on evangelism, ended with an emphasis on the Christian faith, and dealt in between with specific moral issues in the context of our conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord."

The seminar confronted ways Christians can apply biblical admonitions to reach out to needs of others when no absolute blueprint exists.

"The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount do not in themselves tell us whether to let the SST land in America, how to come to an agreement in the SALT talks, . . . how to get more food to Bangladesh, or whether to permit gene-splitting," Shinn said.

He declared that the "issue of justice is starkly neglected" and that valid, unbiased information is lacking in human efforts to make difficult moral decisions.

The question is not whether we list the order of priorities, it is: "Will we as Christians avoid the dry rot of cynicism, which keeps us from doing anything," declared Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.

U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers (Ark.) and a top State Department official both backed President Carter's firm stand for global human rights as a part of public policy.

Concern for human rights is not a passing fad in the United States declared Datus C. Proper, officer in charge of the office of policy planning of the Latin American Bureau of the State Department. "I would

like to get the message around the world that people who want to have good relations with this country know we are going to take human rights pretty seriously," Proper said.

A New York newsman, Hal Wingo, news editor of *People* magazine, dealt with the moral dilemma of combatting pornography.

Convictions and jail sentences, he declared in reference to the recent conviction of *Hustler* magazine publisher Larry Flynt, are not the way to deal with pornography. He said he would like to see that "piece of smut . . . drummed out of business . . . by people not buying what he (Flynt) has to offer."

Wingo, son of a Texas Baptist minister, said Flynt is "guilty of gross taste but when tastes become a criminal offense, punishable by prison . . . the wagons of censorship will begin to draw into an 'even tighter circle from which none of us will escape.'"

Scanzoni—John and Letha—a husband/wife team of family and marriage experts from Bloomington, Ind., said the church must come to grips with the Christian dimension of liberation of women.

Tennessean promoted to assistant editor

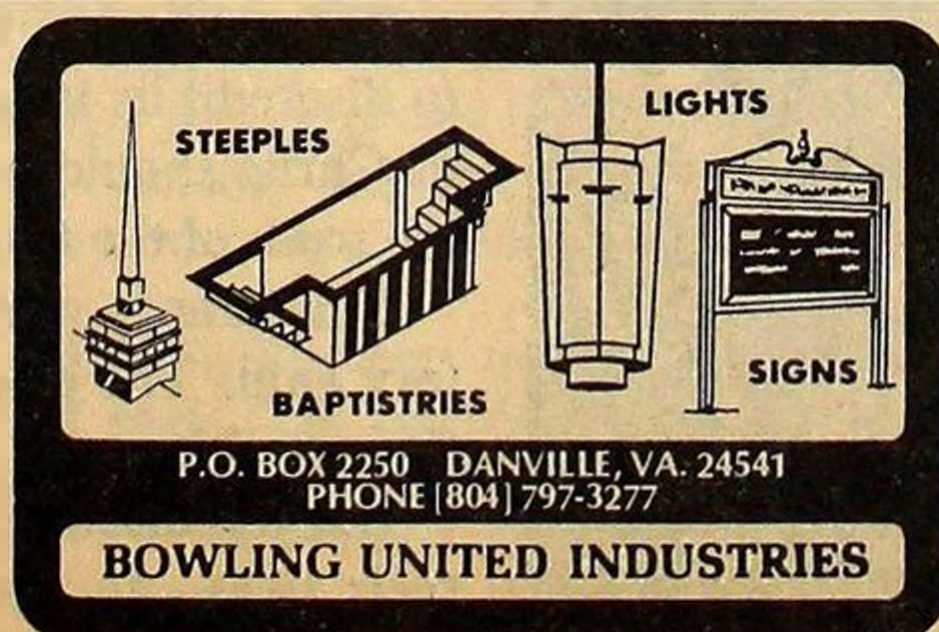
NASHVILLE—Helen Sims Smaw, manuscript assistant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department since 1973, has been promoted to assistant editor in the same department.

A native of Tennessee, Smaw was employed as a bookkeeper in Madison. Earlier, she taught school in Nashville.

A graduate of Belmont College, Smaw attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and received the M.R.E. degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

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Traditionally, women "have been permitted to cook church dinners but not serve the Lord's Supper," declared Letha Scanzoni, an author and lecturer.

In the course of their discussion on the moral dimensions of male-female relationships, they blasted the hierarchical male-over-female relationships espoused by certain persons on Christian lecture circuits. John Scanzoni, professor of sociology at Indiana University, compared that kind of domination to the kind Hitler instituted in Nazi Germany.

John Killinger, professor of preaching at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Krister Stendahl, dean of Harvard University Divinity School, spoke to the moral dilemmas of preaching and churchmanship.

Killinger called for ministers to free their minds of old habits, familiar routines, and respond keenly to a fresh spirit of the times as a priority in preaching the gospel.

Federal Communications Commissioner Benjamin Hooks, president-elect of the NAACP, warned his predominantly white audience that the civil rights battle is not over—even though "many whites of good will" think it is.

Hooks, a Baptist minister from Memphis, denounced violence as a method for achieving equality, but said this country must still work to eliminate prejudice and reminded his audience that hatred would do them in more quickly than drinking or smoking. (BP)

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Witnesses to Christ's resurrection

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But, God was not through!

Jesus Christ came forth from that tomb on the first Easter. His resurrected body was seen by many before His ascension into heaven 40 days later.

The gospel writers and commentaries recount 11 appearances of the risen Saviour—all of which were significant testimonies that “He is risen!”

Five of these appearances came on that first Sunday: to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to those two on the road to Emmaus, to Peter, and to 10 disciples that night. The following Sunday, Jesus came to 11 disciples. Other recorded appearances are indicated to seven disciples beside the Sea of Galilee, to the 11 and to 500 on a mountain in Galilee, to James, to many at the ascension, and a special appearance to Paul.

All of these listed appearances were to early believers and without doubt gave great assurance to them as they faced

persecution, displacement, and obedience to the Great Commission.

But there were other witnesses which we often overlook—and these witnesses may give more credence to the resurrection than the 11 appearances usually cited. This is the testimony of the **guards at the tomb.**

You will recall that after the crucifixion, the chief priests and Pharisees came to Pilate and reminded him of Jesus’ promise to rise from the grave. They asked the Roman governor for special guards “lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away and say unto the people, ‘He is risen from the dead’ ” (Matt. 27:64).

Pilate told the Jewish officials that they had their own soldiers which could be used for such a task. The guards went to the garden, sealed the tomb, and stayed to guard it.

After the women left the tomb on Easter morning, the soldiers returned to their bosses (the chief priests) with a report of the happenings. We can only imagine what all is involved in their testimony of “all the things that were done” (Matt. 28:11)—the earthquake, the angel rolling away the huge stone and speaking to the women, and perhaps the sight of Jesus Himself!

There are two evidences to the effectiveness of the guards’ testimony.

(1) The chief priests bribed the guards with “large money” to say they fell asleep while on guard duty (the penalty of which was usually death) and even promised to protect them if the governor found out about their napping while on duty.

(2) Some scholars see a direct relationship between the guards’ testimony and the conversion of “a great company of priests” (Acts 6:7).

The bribing of the guards was a necessary part of the scheme of the Jewish religious leaders. They had worked hard in futile attempts to discredit Jesus during His ministry, even to attributing His works to Satan. They had sought to twist His teachings to place Jesus in opposition to Scripture. When these strategies failed, they devised a plan to have Him crucified.

Now—if after all this, Jesus was alive—they would surely lose “both our place and nation” (John 11:48). Jesus’ resurrection would be unquestionable proof that He was all that He claimed.

To the chief priests and Pharisees, Jesus’ resurrection attested that He was the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, the promised Messiah, the Lord of heaven and earth. To them, **the resurrection was crucial.**

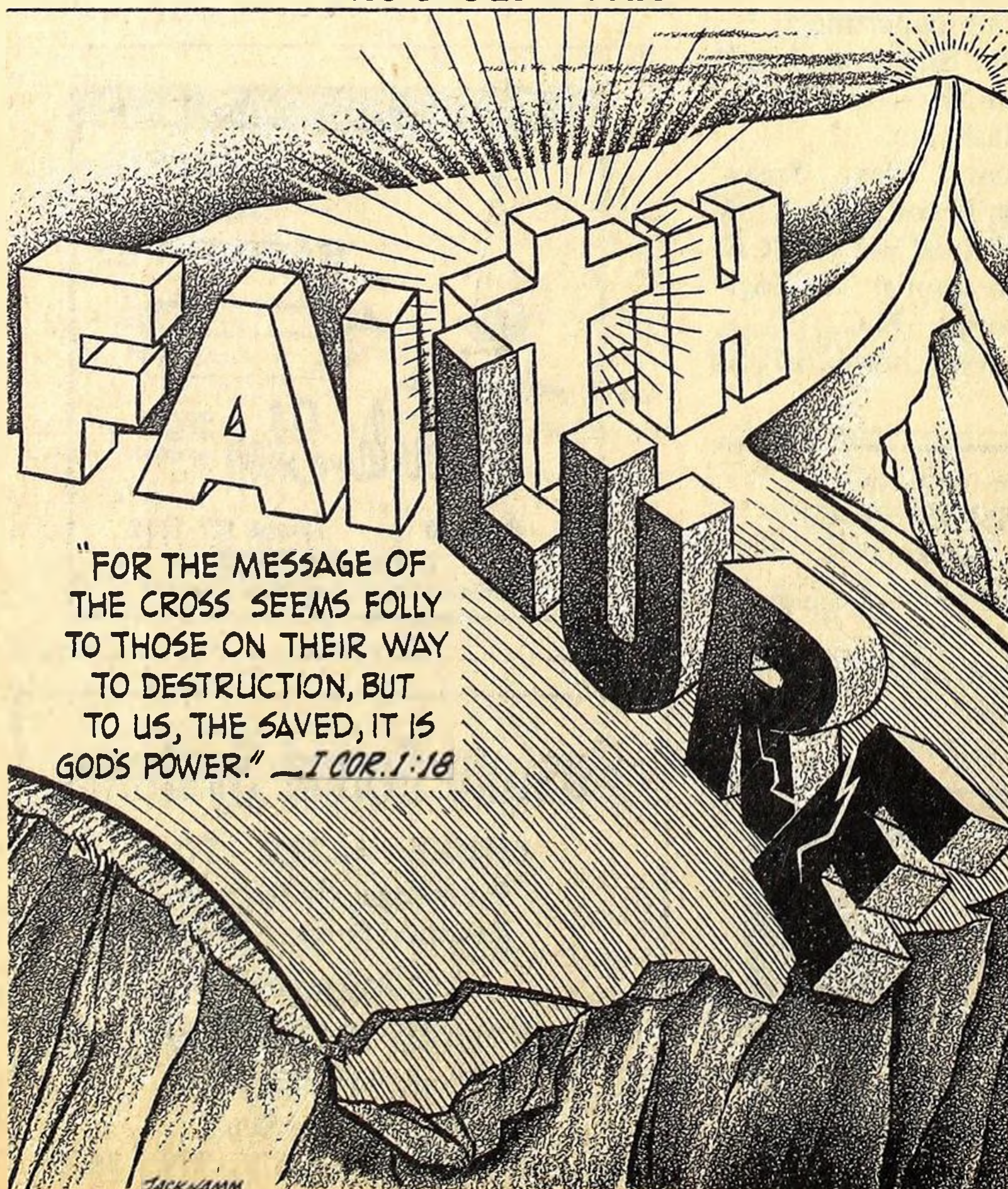
How important is the fact of the resurrection to you?

Those who deny this significant event still go to great lengths to discredit its importance. Surely, those of us who are followers of Christ should be just as emphatic and energetic in spreading the truth of the resurrection.

The guards were willing to deny the resurrection for monetary gain. The chief priests denied the resurrection to preserve their position.

But the disciples were willing to give all that they had—even their lives—to proclaim that “He is risen!”

The Great Divide



Cicero's comment



By the editor

Several years ago 14 families of Speedway Church, Indianapolis, "adopted" 14 public health officials from foreign lands who were studying at nearby Indiana University medical school.

My family had the joyous experience of getting to know a quiet, smiling Buddhist from Thailand named U Thai.

During his six months in Indianapolis, U Thai was in our home several times. We took him sightseeing and, of course, to our church.

His first church service was on Easter.

In his youth, U Thai had attended a Catholic mission school briefly and knew a little about the Christian faith. As we waited for the service to begin, I tried to explain why Easter was an important day to Christians.

In halting English, U Thai responded by saying, "Your church is much different from a Catholic church."

Trying to build on his interest, I expounded on the features of our building which would differ from a Catholic church—simple design, pulpit in the center, the location of the choir, etc.

He waited patiently and, pointing to a stained glass window which depicted a simple cross, said, "Yes, that's true. But I was thinking about **your cross doesn't have a man on it.**"

Startled, I realized that while I was engaged in a discourse on church architecture, U Thai had focused on the truth of Easter and the foundation of the Christian faith—**the cross of Jesus is empty!**

Jesus was condemned to be crucified on a cross. He was nailed to that cross. He was there on that cross in ridicule while His life ebbed from His body.

But, Jesus is no longer on that cross.

The empty cross has a significant meaning to Christians. We must never forget that on that cross Jesus paid the price for our disobedience of God's law, and He died **once**. And that **once** was more than 1900 years ago. In His own words, **"It is finished!"**

Jesus was on that cross. But now He is in heaven interceding for us before the throne of God.

He died—the cross is empty!

He arose—the tomb is empty!

Hallelujah!

Letters to the Editor...

Letters on any religion-related subject are welcomed. Letters of over 300 words will not be used. Other letters may be shortened at the discretion of the editor. No unsigned letters will be printed, but writer's name will be withheld for sufficient reason. Letters must contain complete address.

Should hire Baptists

Dear editor:

You printed an article about the Brotherhood Commission selecting a new director of business services section (March 24). The article stated that the person is a Methodist.

It seems very much out of order for the commission, which looks to fellow Baptists for funding, to hire non-Baptists, especially in such a responsible position. It is high time that our denominational agencies realized that they exist only to serve Baptists and Baptist churches. If they are going to look to us for funds, then they should look to us for manpower as well.

This attitude of arrogant independence is one of the reasons that once active laymen are staying away from our churches in great numbers.

Leslie J. Murphy
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Women in the church

Dear editor:

I have been reading with interest and curiosity the letters of March 24 issue concerning woman's place in the church. Many of our churches would have closed long ago had it not been for the work of its women.

I don't believe women were intended to preach or be deacons in the church.

We went on our second consecutive crusade to the Caribbean in January with Bob Harrington. I met a Jewish lady. She was very interested in my work in the church, and I was explaining to her about it and she said, "You could be ordained." I told her even if I could, I wouldn't; that was for the men, and we women could do so many things with the children.

I was walking in the woods at the age of 10, and "Somebody touched me." It was the hand of the Lord. He hunted me, I wasn't looking for Him. He not only wanted me to take up my cross and follow Him, but also to work for Him. But, of course, I had to go through a training period—grade school, high school, Carson-Newman College—but my church gave me my first Sunday School class when I was a junior in high school, and I've been serving Him gladly ever since in church and the association.

I did research work on the Scripture where Paul said, "Let women keep silent in the churches." Back in his day it was the custom for the women (because of low estate in the sight of men) to sit in the balconies

of the synagogues, and they could not hear, and they would call out, "Louder, louder," and that is why the Apostle Paul said this.

It is advisable to study the history and customs of the times.

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Pray for the government

Dear editor:

If this country ever gets back on its feet, everyone in the USA better pray to God the Son for the government to know right from wrong, from the citizens of this nation to the officials in Washington. This means the senators to President Jimmy Carter.

Whatever you all do, do it wholeheartedly, pray, read your Bible, and believe with all your might in the power of the Son of God to do all things.

Blessed are the poor in heart for they will be comforted. Blessed are the ones who believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The meek shall be in God's hands. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son for your sins.

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Legislature passes death penalty bill

A bill to allow capital punishment in Tennessee was approved by the House of Representatives of the state's General Assembly on March 30. The vote, which came following a three-hour emotional debate, was 70-29.

Earlier, the proposed law had been approved by the Senate.

The bill is expected to be vetoed by Gov. Ray Blanton, who has stated publicly that he is opposed to the death penalty. Capitol Hill observers believe that there are enough votes in the House and Senate to override the governor's expected veto.

The measure would permit the sentence of death by electrocution in cases of first-degree murder.

Two attempts to amend the bill before the vote were unsuccessful. One would have substituted death by fatal injection, rather than electrocution. The other unsuccessful amendment would have added adultery as a capital offense.

The Deity-Humanity of Christ

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."—Colossians 2:9

In Colossians Paul was writing to refute the Gnostic heresy concerning Jesus Christ. The Docetic (from the Greek word *dokeo*, I seem) Gnostics said that Christ did not have a real flesh and blood body; He only seemed to have one. They denied the humanity of Christ. The Cerinthian (from their leader Cerinthus) Gnostics said that Christ was neither born nor did He die. Deity came upon Jesus at His baptism and left Him on the cross (Matt. 3:16; 27:46). They denied the deity of Jesus. Those today who deny either the Deity or Humanity of Jesus Christ are not advanced thinkers. They but parrot this philosophy which arose in the first century A.D. Paul calls it a philosophy characterized by empty deceit (Col. 2:8).

Colossians 2:9 is perhaps the greatest statement on the deity of Jesus and the humanity of Christ found in the New Testament. Let us take it apart and then put it together again.

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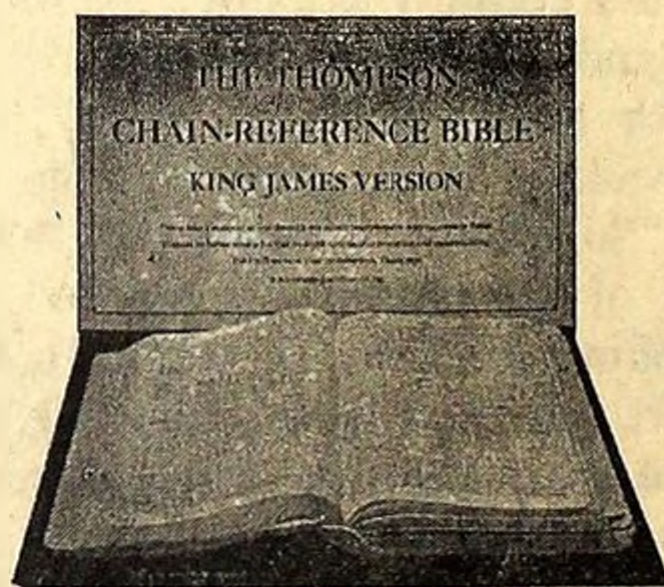
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"In Him" is in the emphatic position and should read "In Him alone" or "In Him and in no one else." "Dwelleth" is a present tense expressing permanent dwelling as in a house. "All" without the definite article, as here, means every single part. "Fulness" was a favorite word of the Gnostics. It means the very essence of something. It denoted the sum-total of *gnosis* or knowledge in their graduated system. When used of God it refers to the very essence of full deity. Paul adopted this word and gave it a Christian meaning (see Eph. 1:22-23; also John 1:16). "The Godhead" means the state of being God. "Bodily" means bodily form.

Thus this verse may read, "For in Him and in no one else is permanently at home every single part of the very essence of deity, the state of being God in bodily form." Thus we see here in Christ the absolute and unique essence of deity, the state of being God. And he is revealed to us in bodily form in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Truly He is the Word or Christ who became flesh that in Him we may see God in His loving, redeeming, and serving nature.

It would be impossible to marshal human language to say more in such brief form about the full Deity-Humanity of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote this under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. No one can honestly deny the divine-human nature of our Lord in the light of this tremendous verse. Combining the thought of verses 8-9 Paul says that we should not judge Christ by our philosophy; we should judge our philosophy by Christ.



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At Calvary

By Doris Clark

Since the time Christ was born, lived, died, and was raised again, the word "Calvary" has had special meaning to the Christian. Although the actual word, "Calvary," is not too often used in the Bible, the extensive use of this word now must signify the weightiness of this place called Calvary. I have not heard this word used in a secular way, but always in connection with Christ or the church.



Doris Clark

When I think of Calvary, I think of the cross, a hill, Christ, death to sin, new life in Him, sacrifice, suffering, love, crown, servant, etc. When I think of man's relationship to Calvary, I think of Barabbas, the vilest of criminals, as he was led out of the dark dungeon into the light. As he shielded his eyes and looked toward Calvary, he must have said, almost hysterically, "Who is He? That's my cross! Someone's dying in my place!"

Christ died in the place of Barabbas and also in our stead, with the sin of all the world on His shoulders that we might have eternal life.

I am one of those fortunate ones whose church bears the name "Calvary," and in the foyer of our church building are the words, "Life and happiness can be found at Calvary." Thus, we are reminded that through Christ's tremendous sacrifice at Calvary we can find mercy and pardon, and we can reflect our gratitude through undying love and supreme devotion to Him through His church.

When we really face the significance of Calvary, we will commit ourselves more completely to Christ and His cause. Romans 12:1 says: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Or, in the *Living Bible*, "When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask?"

Mrs. Clark is president of the West Tennessee Ministers Wives' Fellowship and wife of Paul B. Clark Sr., pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson.

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Easter Sunday brings once again dismay and consternation at God's stunt artists who concoct various schemes to promote attendance at sunrise services.

It is appalling—but not appealing—to see the ways in which the central moment of the Christian year is celebrated.

For example, one service held in a mountainous region is billed as "the highest Easter sunrise service in the nation."

Another, held below sea level is billed as—you guessed it—"the lowest."

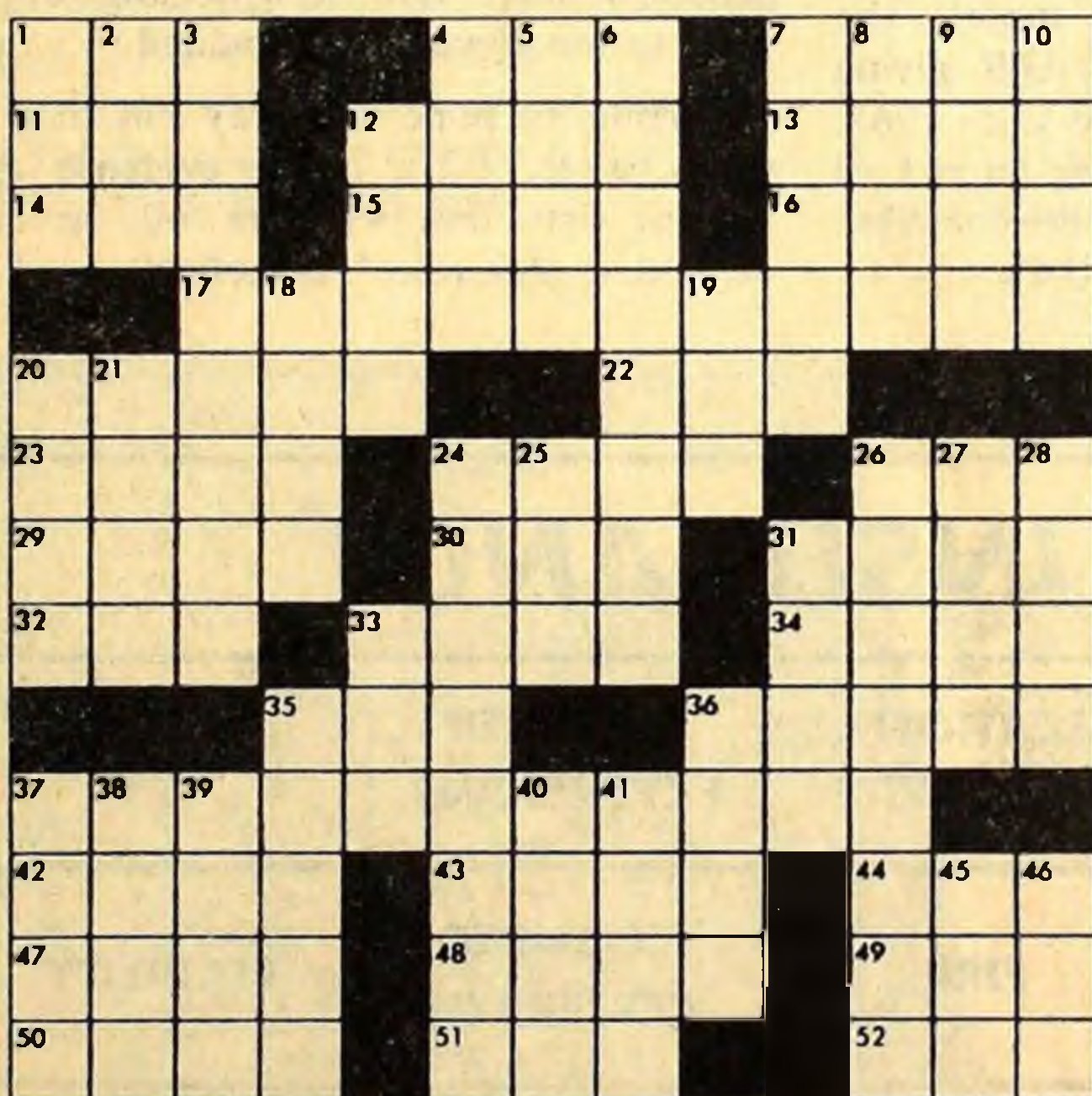
Still another Easter sunrise service reached its climax with the release of helium-filled balloons "bearing messages of hope and joy." Yet another featured a 12-foot red, white, and blue neon cross.

Perhaps first prize should go to the organizers of the sunrise service on horseback, with special awards given for the best Easter bonnet worn by a horse.

However, the "Most Accommodating Easter Sunrise Service" was the one held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the benefit of those who like to sleep late.

Bible Puzzle

Answers on Page 14



ACROSS

- 1 "No — hath seen God" (1 John 4:12)
- 4 Load water plane: abbr.
- 7 Aura
- 11 Danish coin
- 12 Gaze
- 13 Toward the mouth
- 14 "— of heaven" (Dan. 4)
- 15 Collected anecdotal items: pl. suffix
- 16 It is of God (1 John 4:7)
- 17 "— of God" (Luke 9)
- 20 Take it away (Prov. 25:4)
- 22 Very long time

- 23 "— of all evil" (1 Tim. 6)

- 24 Manner
- 26 Gone by
- 29 Beards
- 30 It has no strength (Job 26:2)
- 31 Ivan or Nicholas
- 32 Manuscripts: abbr.
- 33 Prefix for cede or date
- 34 Strong feeling (Psa. 139:22)
- 35 Peer curiously
- 36 They disfigure them (Matt. 6:16)
- 37 "which is the —" (Rev. 21)
- 42 Wasted
- 43 Air: comb. form
- 44 Weather word

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- 47 Ballyhoo
- 48 Time period (Rev. 9:15)
- 49 Haitian voodoo diety
- 50 Uncles in Scotland
- 51 Some citizens: abbr.
- 52 Place (Judg. 1:27)

DOWN

- 1 Modern
- 2 Land measure
- 3 "— and sabbaths" (Isa. 1)
- 4 The elder daughter (Gen. 29:16)
- 5 Road: Brit.
- 6 "— to bring" (Acts 23)
- 7 City (Josh. 21:15)
- 8 In a line
- 9 Wash
- 10 Russian river
- 12 Nursery rhyme characters
- 18 Adherents to an ism
- 19 American poet
- 20 Mite
- 21 "two — of oxen" (2 Chron. 4)
- 24 "he was seen —" (Acts 13)
- 25 Scrap
- 26 "I spake —" (1 Cor. 13)
- 27 Beautiful (Acts 3:2)
- 28 Unrefined metals
- 31 Pronoun
- 33 Alder
- 35 Byron and Keats
- 36 Cloudless
- 37 Locate
- 38 Esau (Gen. 36:1)
- 39 Hint
- 40 Clean beast (Deut. 14:5)
- 41 Time periods
- 45 Bird sound
- 46 Sense organ

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Tom Stringfield, Monterey, Sunday school superintendent for Stone Association, organized new Sunday schools at Mill Creek and Sand Springs. J. S. Roberson was superintendent at Mill Creek and Mrs. B. P. Dixon at Sand Springs.

North Etowah Church, Etowah, called S. W. Rutledge as pastor effective April 1.

25 YEARS AGO

Lobelville Church was organized in Maury County Association. Douglas Sowards was pastor.

Spring Hill Church was constituted in Henderson County near Darden. J. D. Altom of Jackson was called as pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

The congregation at Grace Church, Knoxville, dedicated its new educational building and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church. Alfred T. Royer was pastor.

Belmont College, Nashville, was the recipient of a 600-acre tract of land adjacent to the Dripping Springs Golf and Country Club near Monterey. It was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright.

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American Bible Society passes 114-million Scriptures in 1976

NEW YORK—Scripture distribution in the United States through the American Bible Society reached 114,769,046 copies in 1976, according to its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention, released here.

The U.S. figure alone represents an increase of 5,299,625 over 1975 and helped to push the worldwide member United Bible Societies total to 340 million—a new record, the report noted.

The ABS report lauded Southern Baptists' role in producing of the "Good News Bible," in Today's English Version, "a style of language readily understood by most people."

It was in November 1961 that M. Wendell Belew of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board suggested a need for Scriptures "translated for the fourth grade level." A month later, the project was underway under the direction of Robert G. Bratcher, a Southern Baptist.

The New Testament was published in 1966 and the entire "Good News Bible" in December 1976. One million copies of the new translation were circulated in December alone, one month after publication, and ABS officials expect distribution to soar to a record 10 million copies within the first year. Strong support for distribution has come from Southern Baptist churches, conventions and agencies, the report indicated.

The ABS budget for 1976 was \$13.6 million, the largest in its history, which was an increase of \$675,000 over 1975.

Income from churches was \$1.7 million of which \$275,631 came from Southern Baptists, who continued their "steady level of support," according to the report. The denomination was second in ABS giving at the yearend for the first time since 1963. The American Lutheran Church topped all groups supporting the ABS, with contributions of \$343,627 for 1976. (BP)

'Signs not encouraging for renewed mission to Vietnam'

RICHMOND—Does Vietnam's willingness to return the bodies of a dozen Americans who had been listed as missing in action signal the beginning of a new opportunity to have missions work in that country?

William R. Wakefield, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Southeast Asia, thinks not.

"I do not see the returning of the bodies as an encouragement toward the hope of Vietnam being opened to missionaries again," he said. "There doesn't appear to be an opportunity under the present government for the return of missionaries."

Wakefield compared the Vietnam situation with that of China. "While we have had a great desire to re-enter and begin sharing the gospel again in China, this has not been possible. Communist countries generally have not been willing to grant visas to missionaries," he added.

"While we hope and pray this may some day change, there is no evidence at the present time that Vietnam will be an exception to this rule," Wakefield noted. (BP)

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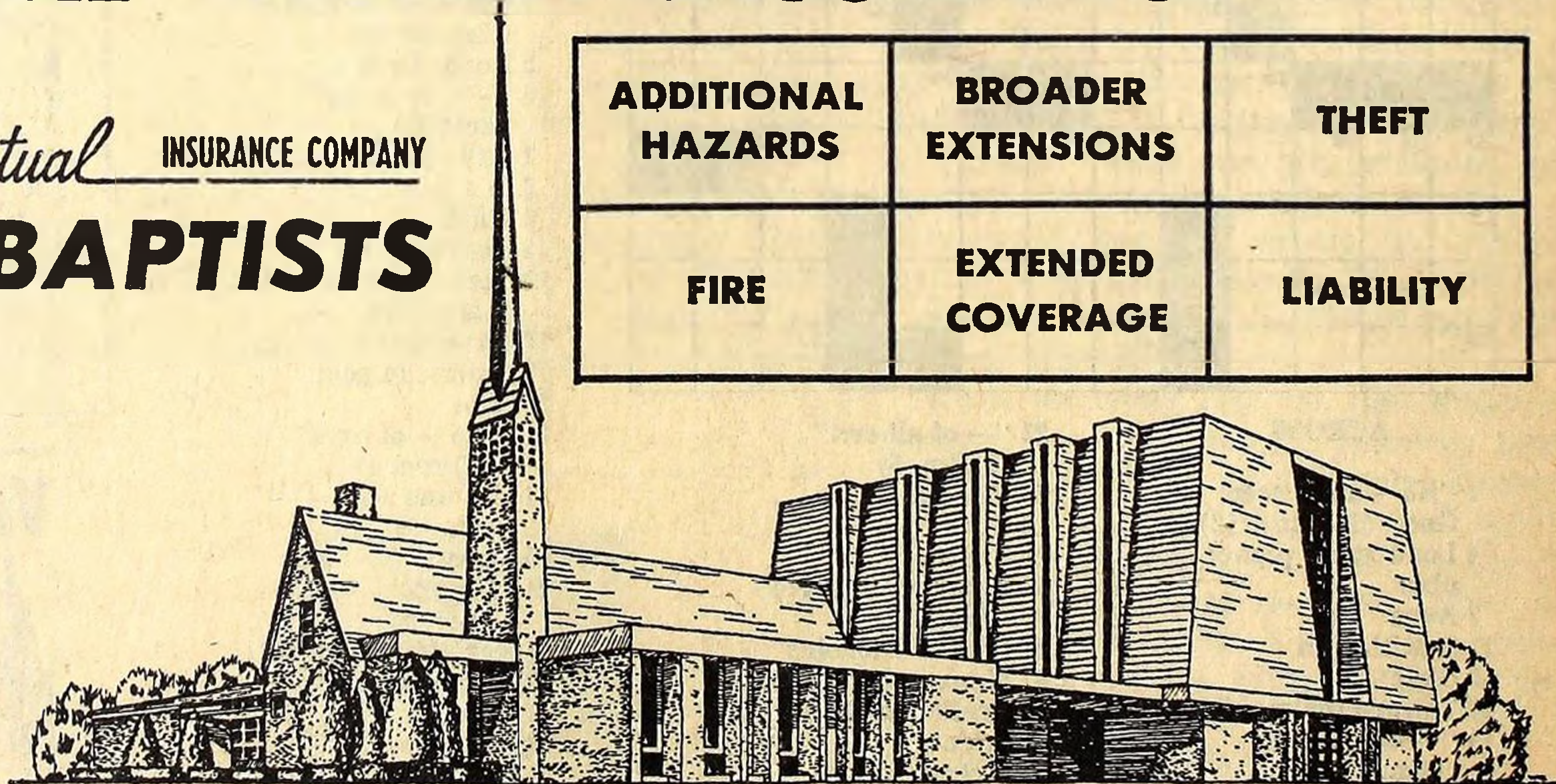
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Tennessee Cooperative Program gifts reported 6 percent above last year

March mission gifts through the Cooperative Program were above the monthly goal but slightly below March of last year, according to Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

When the books for the month closed last Thursday, Norton stated that Cooperative Program receipts for March were \$906,735.83, which is 15.8 percent above the monthly goal of \$783,333.33 as set by the state convention. Messengers to the 1976 TBC adopted a \$9.4-million goal for 1977.

The Tennessee executive secretary-treasurer said March 1977 mission gifts through the Cooperative Program were 2.5 percent below March 1976, when \$930,332.16 was received.

Receipts for the first five months of the budget year (Nov. 1976-March 1977) were \$4,162,410.72. Norton noted that this amount was 10.7 percent larger than receipts for the same five months of last year, when \$3,758,867.69 was given.

He added that receipts for the first five months of the budget year are six percent above the five-month goal pace adopted by the state convention. The goal for five months would be \$3,916,666.67.

Norton expressed his continuing appreciation for the mission concern of Tennessee Baptists, noting that this concern by churches and their members can be seen in their increasing support of the denomination's missions and ministries.

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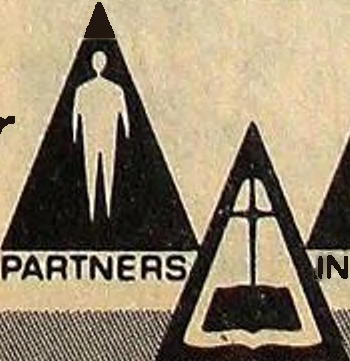
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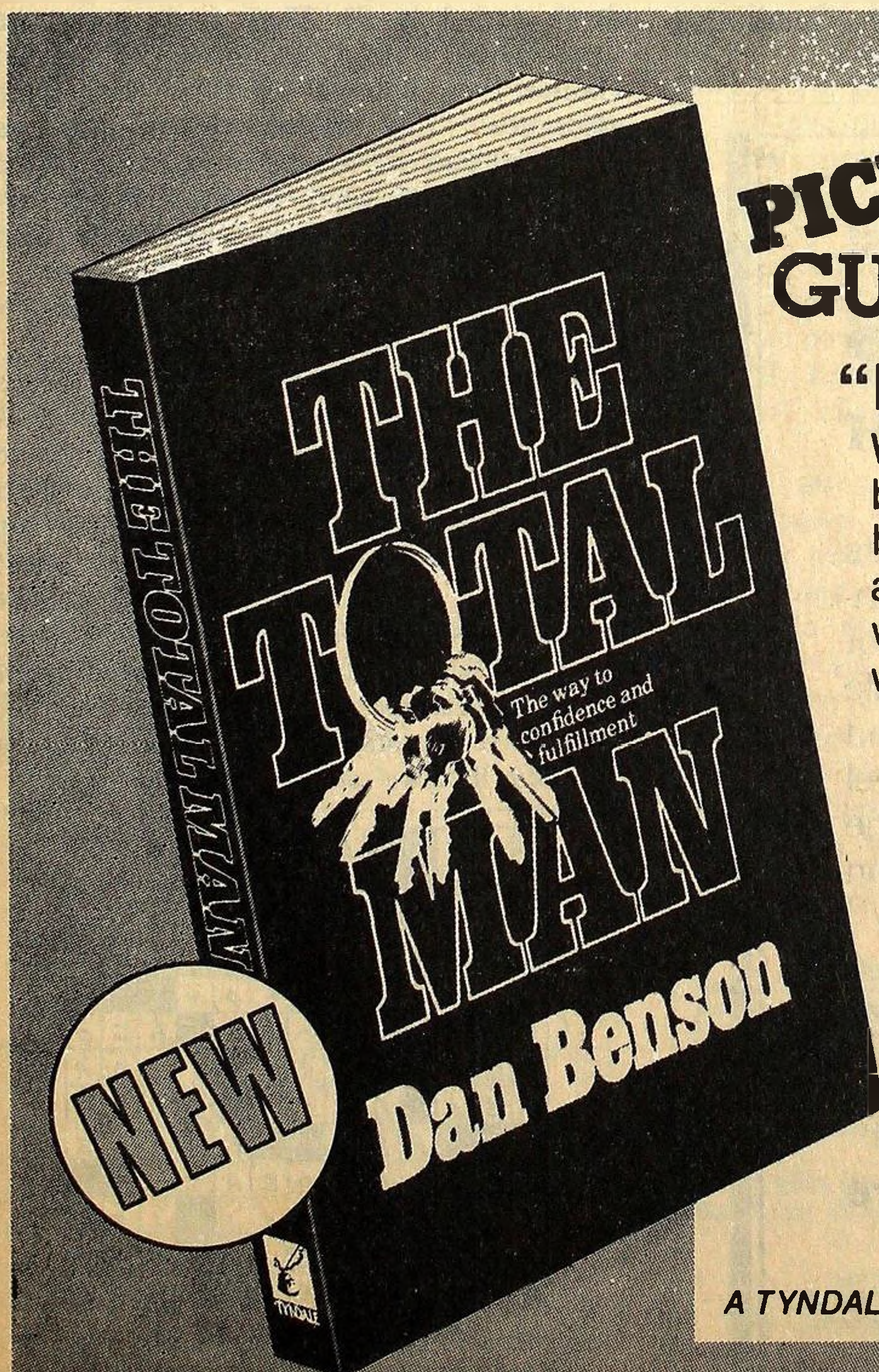
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Jesus lives

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Text: Mark 15:42-16:8

Central to everything we say and do is the testimony that "He has risen!" It is the content of the "Good News"; the substance of all hope. It touches every dimension of life. It is the turning point of all time; so much so that we worship on resurrection day every week. If at times we have had some difficulty at properly estimating "Emmanuel," God with us; we have had no difficulty with the resurrection, "God for us."

In the resurrection God has given a resounding "Yes" to humanity. Let evil do its worst. God has done more. He has provided first-fruits. Death cannot hold that which is God's. The enemy's camp is invaded, and the last slaver put out of business. These lessons break upon us in Christ, in the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning. This is the joy breaking upon the early and late followers of Jesus.

As It Always Was

For Joseph of Arimathaea, for Mary

Magdalene, Mary, and Salome, the old, old enemy had returned. Joseph had looked and looked for the kingdom. So had the Mary's and Salome and many others. And just when they thought they had found its King, the cruelest blow of all, He was snatched away. Now the whole world reeked of death, so that later, when it is recorded, the numbing effects can still be felt—dead body, linen shroud, rock tomb, stone door, grieving witnesses, embalming spices, and more. Old necessities forced upon man, as in his sin he needs take care of the "arrangements," while all the time his heart is breaking.

But that's just the way it always was. At least, that's the way it was until God did something about the cold finality of death's grip. And He did it for people like Joseph, the night visitor, and others. He did it for us. God has raised Him from the dead. There is a warning here and a redeeming, such that we must celebrate.

The Enemy

Death has always been the symbol of cold finality. In death we are only what we have come to be and there is no undoing of it. That there is no land of beginning again is loud and clear in death. The sting of sin is not death; rather the sting of death is sin. The real pain of death is that we are coldly, finally fixed in our sin. The fresh promise of a new day has vanished. Death sticks us with sin forever.

No wonder the resurrection changed everything. For now no longer are we condemned to be only what we are. Because Christ has risen, there are no cold finalities, no graves marked by unchanging stone. There is flesh and blood, life, and possibility again! "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard" what we shall become, for God is for us.

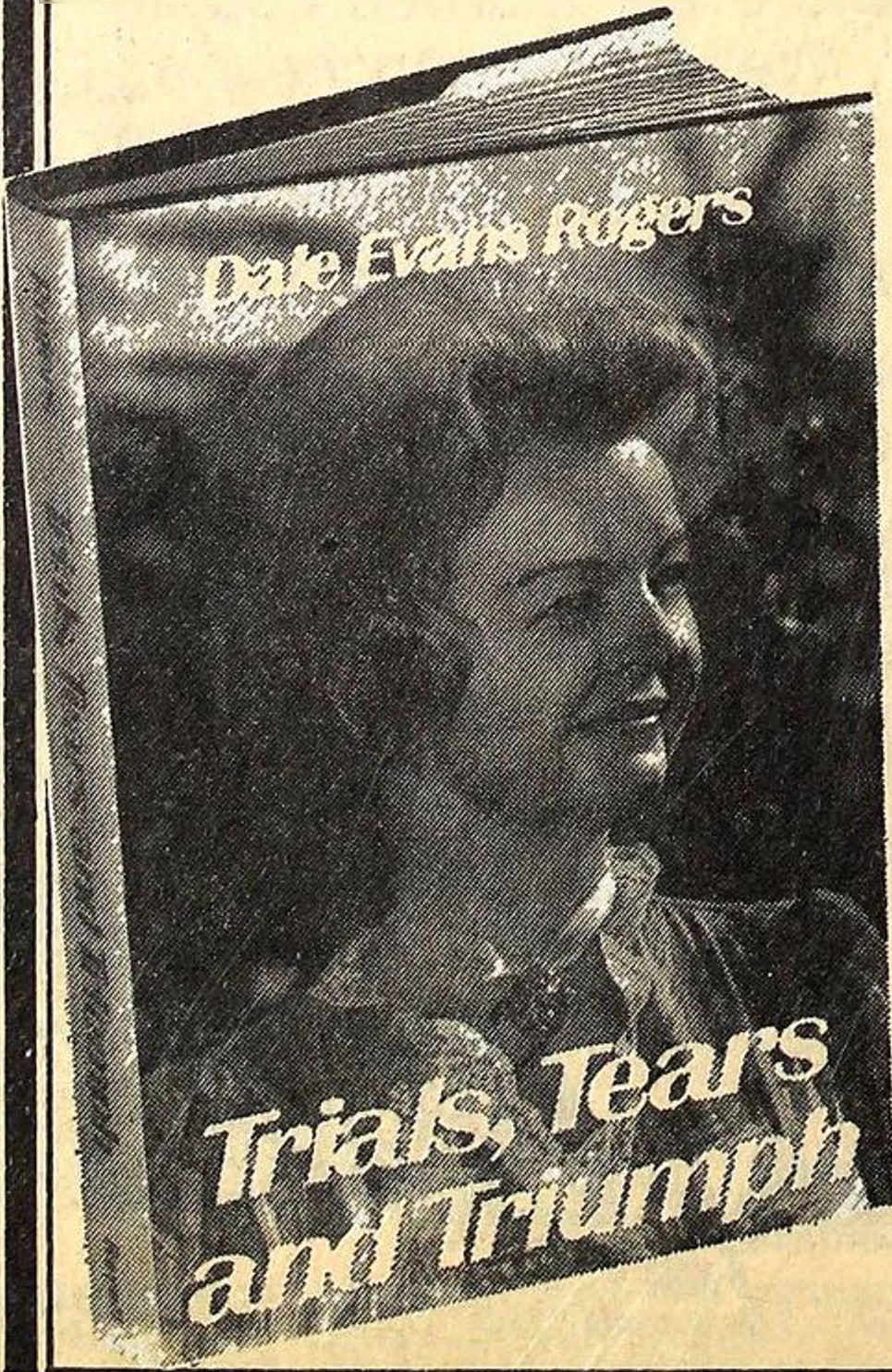
It is for such a reason that the angel told the women, "He is not here." When God raised Him from the dead, He was saying that in Christ there is no stopping place for God's Man. Death is never welcomed as a release from, and terminus for, life. It is now in Christ relegated to a way-station on the pilgrim's journey. It still hurts, but it cannot stop God's Man.

The Ongoing

So the angel told the women to go tell this to the disciples. They thought Jesus' death ended it all. They must now take stock again. "He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him." In such an assurance as this, the followers of Jesus are reminded that we are never at home where we are or with what we are. Having destroyed the fixative powers of death, God ever goes before us in Christ. He calls us to Himself, to another place, to another dimension of life.

So it is that we celebrate that "Jesus lives." Death even cannot stop the pilgrimage to the city of God. We shall be made like Him, not like ourselves. We are flesh and not stone, for God is for us. He has risen, and we of all creation are most blessed. But a final word is said. We cannot stay at Jerusalem. He goes before us, and we must follow. Having been delivered from death, we cannot stay as we are. We too, shall be resurrected in Him. The enemy is defeated, and we are again on the move.

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"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways" (Psa. 128:1).

Mary Magdalene—witness of the Risen Lord

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Basic Passages: Mark 15:40-47; Luke 8:1-3; John 20:1-18
Focal Passages: John 20:1-1, 11-18

By human standards Mary Magdalene was not the most likely choice to be the first witness of the resurrection. The testimony of a woman was not authoritative in that day and place. Moreover, this woman had once been possessed by demons (Luke 8:1-3). But the people who should have known Jesus, the religious leaders, had not known Him in the hours just before His death. Now in the first hours of His resurrected life, the first to see Him was not to be one of those who were wise and powerful but one who needed Him and was determined to find Him. The Living Lord shows Himself to such persons, those who mourn and are meek.

Discovery Of The Empty Tomb (John 20:1-2)

Mary Magdalene came to the tomb very early, before daylight. The Synoptic Gospels indicate that she and the other women wanted to do what they could to care for the body of Jesus. The fact that she came before the others indicates that her grief might have been more intense than theirs. The Master Who had delivered her from the evil powers that gripped her life had come to mean everything to her. Going to the burial place may have been a symbolic action expressing her desire to be close to Him. At any rate, it was all that she could do.

Mary found the tomb empty, at least it seemed so since the stone had been rolled away. As far as we know she did not go in at this point. She assumed someone had taken the body. Grave robbery was not unusual, especially when the tomb was one known to belong to a wealthy man like Joseph of Arimathea. Mary immediately ran to seek the help of Peter and John.

Encounter With Angels (John 20:11-13)

After Peter and John had confirmed for themselves the fact that the tomb was empty, Mary Magdalene stayed at the scene. She seems to have been frustrated and perplexed. She could not bring herself to leave and do nothing, so she peered a little more carefully into the tomb. Through her tears, she saw two angels, who asked, "Why are you weeping?" Presumably they did not need the information. Perhaps their question was intended to challenge her despair and

to prepare her to consider another alternative.

Mary's answer shows that she still had no idea that Jesus was alive. She did, however, refer to Him as her Lord. She had enough faith to trust Him even when, as far as she knew, He was dead. She still clung to the theory of a grave robbery.

The Great Discovery (John 20:14-17a)

As Mary uttered her dejected words, she turned away in defeat. She perceived a figure in the gray light of dawn and thought that it must be the gardener. Immediately her mind leaped to a new explanation for what had happened. Perhaps the gardener had thought Jesus' body did not belong in his Master's tomb and had removed it. She, therefore, asked the whereabouts of the body so that she might recover it.

Jesus' response to Mary was just one word, her name, and apparently this was enough to bring recognition. Perhaps she had heard Him speak her name in just this way when He had delivered her from the demonic power which had enslaved her. She certainly knew His voice well. Just as Jesus had said, His sheep know His voice (John 10:4).

Mary responded with a word, "Rabboni," an intensive form of the word "Rabbi," meaning teacher. The quoting of the very words used gives a dramatic touch of realism to the narrative at this point. As she said this, Mary probably fell before Him in reverence and awe and reached out to grasp His feet. Jesus rejected this attempt to relate to Him physically. Mary had been intent on finding the body of Jesus. Now Jesus began to teach her that His bodily

presence was not the goal His disciples should focus on. Instead He was about to ascend to the Father. In His resurrection He rose above earthly limitations.
In speaking of His ascension to "my Father and your Father . . . my God and your God," Jesus held Himself distinct from the disciples and at the same time affirmed that His Father and God was the same Father and God Who offered fellowship to them.

Go And Tell (John 20:17b-18)

Jesus directed Mary's attention from her effort to hold on to Him to her task, to go and tell His brethren. He now called them, not servants or even friends, but brothers—in spite of the fact that they had failed Him in so many ways. Every valid spiritual experience must result in such service and practical application. A vision of Jesus is not an end in itself but is to be shared with others, and in sharing with others we experience Jesus.

Mary did go, and her simple statement to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," became the prototype and model for all Christian witnessing. We go where people are, and we tell what we have experienced. It would provide some balance if those who want to enforce literally Paul's instructions for women to keep silent in church would imagine the scene when Mary came into the room where the disciples were gathered and began to proclaim her good news. What a sermon that must have been!

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Missionaries make changes in troubled African areas

RICHMOND—Adapting to meet Africa's changing conditions, Southern Baptist missionaries have evacuated from one area in Rhodesia but are returning in a limited way to work in Uganda.

Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for

eastern and southern Africa, described the changes as he returned from a three-week tour of his area.

Political activity in the Sessami area of northwestern Rhodesia led three Southern Baptist missionaries to close the mission station in Gokwe, Saunders said. Missionary nurse Carolyn Roberson of Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Karl D. Babb of Florida have left Gokwe and will operate out of neighboring Sanyati. The Babbs, appointed for religious education work, have been in language study in Sessami.

A Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) couple at Gokwe, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Steiger, also evacuated, Saunders reported. Steiger flew out the MAF plane which had been used by Southern Baptists to operate clinics in the Sessami area. The clinics will still be operated from a base at the Baptist hospital at Sanyati, with the plane also being based there.

In Uganda, Southern Baptist missionaries have returned, where possible, in order to keep the door open for future work and to encourage the Baptist people there, Davis said.

G. Webster Carroll of West Virginia, one of three missionary men who went back into Uganda on March 13, has been given a special three-month pass to remain in the country while his new work permit is being processed. Carroll's wife and children are still in Kenya.

—even at junior high age—have never learned how big their bodies are," points out Dr. Loyce Willett, a psychologist-consultant in physical education to the Oklahoma City public schools. "Some children try and try again to squeeze into spaces several times too small for them, while others look at a space twice the size of their bodies and think they can't fit into it."

Lack of awareness of "personal space" makes kids bump into other people and furniture, she observes. The result is injury to persons, damage to property and erosion of self-esteem as a child sees himself as "clumsy."

Lack of knowledge of what one's body can and can't do is a significant factor in accidents. Many children don't know, for example, how long it takes them to get across a street, which can lead to dangerous misjudgments. Youngsters who don't know how much ground they can cover in a given time experience playground failures which eventually result in a failure of confidence. The playground drop-out has never learned to use his body efficiently.

"We're trying to create a connection between body and mind," says Dr. Willett. The Greeks were very aware of the link; Americans are rediscovering it.

Harry B. Garvin of Texas came back out of Uganda on March 17 but plans to go in and out of Uganda from time to time to assist in work in Soroti. He and his family are temporarily meeting a need for missionary personnel in Embu, Kenya.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice of Virginia, whose work permit from the Uganda government is good for another two years, were scheduled to return from Kenya in late March to continue their work in Jinja. Rice is business manager and treasurer for the Uganda missionaries.

The missionaries reported that worship services at the Uganda Baptist churches are continuing without interference. (BP)

North Brazil seminary celebrates 75 years

RECIFE, Brazil—The North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated its 75th anniversary its week-long ceremonies here.

Baker J. Cauthen, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's executive director, was the main speaker for the event celebrating the founding 52 years ago of one of the oldest Baptist seminaries in South America.

The institution was founded April 1, 1902 in the home of Southern Baptist Missionary Solomon Ginsburg. Today, it offers degrees in theology, religious education and sacred music. The seminary has a day school, night school and correspondence courses. Students from every Brazilian state and some from Portugal are enrolled in the correspondence courses.

Southern Baptist missionary David Mein of Georgia is the seminary's president. (BP)

Laughs

A young husband arrived home and found his wife in tears.

"I've had a terrible day," she told him. "The baby cut his first tooth and a little later he took his first step and fell and knocked out his tooth. Then he said his first word, and you should have heard it!"

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When the teacher asked the little boy if he were animal, vegetable or mineral, he answered proudly, "Vegetable. I'm a human bean."

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Family Living

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See tie between physical activity and success in the classroom

Accumulating experience with children with learning problems is shattering the stereotype of the stoop-shouldered scholar whose physical prowess is confined to page-turning. Instead, it is seen that the child who achieves academically is likely to have the precise hand-eye coordination and good muscular control which makes him a paragon on the playground as well as a learner in the classroom.

The proper content of a school gym program may be a matter for debate at present, but the need for children to develop control over their bodies becomes clearer all the time. The result is an upsurge of classes in movement-training, some organized especially for children with learning problems, some available to all youngsters in the class.

An example of movement-training for kids with learning difficulties might be the classes run by Missouri Southern College teachers-in-training. Here Joplin youngsters in academic trouble are helped to build such basic body skills as hopping, skipping, running forward, backward and sideways; balancing, pushing and pulling; catching, throwing and bouncing balls; jumping, etc. Improved physical control appears to increase self-confidence in many areas and to affect academic performance positively.

An example of the new emphasis on body-training for everybody might be the adaptation of the 15-year-old British "movement education" method which is part of the kindergarten experience offered to many Oklahoma City, Okla., five-year-olds. In these classes, youngsters learn the dimensions of their own "personal space," the psychological space within which each individual moves, in addition to the skills described above. Kids practice walking, hopping, skipping and running around in all directions without touching each other.

"Surveys have shown that many children

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