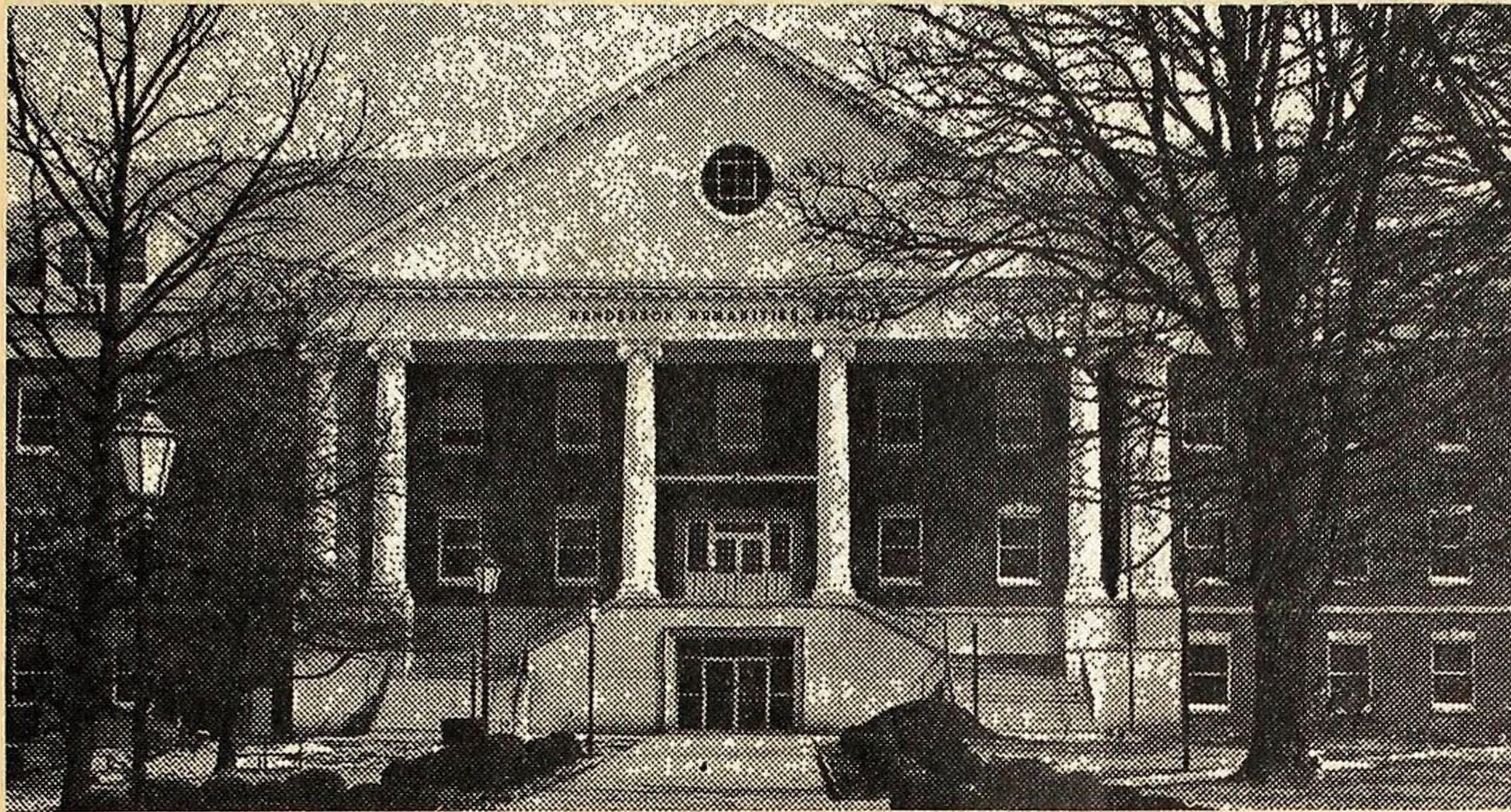


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NEW BUILDING—The new Henderson Humanities Building at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, was dedicated during services last Thursday.

Henderson Building dedicated at Carson-Newman College

Henderson Humanities Building at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, was officially dedicated last Thursday during services in the building's Gentry Auditorium.

The structure, which sits in the heart of the Baptist campus, replaces a building which was destroyed by fire on Jan. 16, 1974.

In addition to the 528-seat auditorium, the new building will house the departments of religion, foreign language, English, philosophy, speech and drama.

Paul D. Brewer, chairman of the humanities division, expressed appreciation for the new facility which he described as "a place

where we can be with each other, our books, and our students in a learning atmosphere." He went on to remind those attending the dedication service that "the college is not a building, but people who are learning together."

Others participating in the service were William J. Purdue, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees; Joe R. Haynes, former chairman; John A. Fincher, college president; T. B. Maston, an alumnus who taught for many years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Grant L. Jones, member of the Advisory Board; and two professors, Robert R. Turner and William L. Blevins.

The building, as was the structure it replaces, is named for John T. Henderson, who was Carson-Newman president from 1892-1903. The auditorium is named for W. L. Gentry, president from 1917-1919.

The \$3.2-million cost of the new facility was partially covered by insurance on the building which burned. A funds campaign is underway to provide the remainder.

At the dedication service Fincher recognized members of the families of Henderson and Gentry, trustees, Advisory Board members, Alumni Association officers, development council members, campaign workers, current and retired faculty members, and employees of the architectural and construction firms.

IRS extends time to file Form 990

WASHINGTON—Certain church-related organizations required to file annual information Form 990 have been given an extension of time, according to an announcement by the Internal Revenue Service here.

The extension of time to file Form 990 applies to church-related organizations that are not integrated auxiliaries of churches and that are covered by a group exemption letter issued by the IRS to a church central or parent organization.

Prior to this year, these organizations were exempt from filing Form 990. However, earlier this year, IRS announced a rule defining "integrated auxiliaries of churches" and made it effective immediately.

The IRS announcement said that "the extension is granted to enable these organizations to establish record keeping systems."

Specifically, the announcement said, "organizations with a filing deadline of May 15, 1977, have been given a three-month extension to August 15, 1977; those with a June 15, 1977, filing deadline have a two-month extension to August 15; and those with a filing deadline of July 15, 1977, have a one-month extension to August 15."

The extension, which is automatic for these filing deadline dates, does not apply to church-related organizations required to file Form 990 after July 15, 1977.

"Church-related organizations covered by this announcement should include the church's central or parent organization the Form 990 when filing," IRS said. (BP)

Cumberland association holds first semi-annual meeting

Cumberland Association held its first semi-annual session in history April 18 at St. Bethlehem Church, Cumberland, with 25 of the association's 35 churches represented.

The speaker was Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

In addition to the election of officers, the messengers passed resolutions in opposition to pari-mutuel gambling in Tennessee and to the issuing of alcohol beverage licenses to establishments where youth and families dine.

Court upholds 'witnesses' in license plate contest

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court ruled here that states may not require citizens to display slogans on their automobile license plates when they conflict with religious beliefs. The high court's decision was specifically directed at the state of New Hampshire, where privately owned autos must display the state motto, "Live Free or Die."

George and Maxine Maynard, practicing Jehovah's Witnesses, had argued earlier that the slogan was contrary to their beliefs. (BP)



FAMILY—Many Tennessee Baptist churches will hold special studies during the May 1-8 Christian Home Week observance.

Christian Home Week scheduled for church observance May 1-8

NASHVILLE—Christian family money management is the central theme for this year's Family Enrichment Series books and Christian Home Week, May 1-8, according to Lee Sizemore, editor of the Family Enrichment Series in the family ministry department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Christian Home Week provides a time for church members to study and enrich family relationships. The special emphasis week has been an annual event since the early 1940's, but only since 1975 has the Sunday School Board provided special curriculum materials for churches to use during the week.

The Family Enrichment Series includes five books relating to Christian family money management for first graders through adults. Studies also are available for preschoolers and senior adults.

"This is the first time that a graded approach has been used toward Christian money management," Sizemore said. "And it's the first time the Sunday School Board has done anything on money management for grade school children. The study provides a biblical foundation for Christian stewardship."

Staying in the Black Financially, by John D. Boskas, vice president of public re-

lations, Southern Baptist Annuity Board, will cover principles of family money management through the use of case study examples and workbook exercises. Sizemore said studies have shown that family finances are the second major causes of divorce.

Ann Pollard Williamson, professor of education at North Texas State University, Denton, wrote: **\$: A Handbook on Money for Youth** for older youth.

Dad, About My Allowance . . ., by Tom Clark, youth materials editor in the Sunday School department at the Sunday School Board, was written for younger youth.

If I Had a Money Tree was written for older children by Robert G. Fulbright, director of the Bible Teaching Division of the Sunday School Board and previously supervisor of the children's section, Sunday School department and manager of the Broadman products department. The book discusses the use of money and Christian stewardship on the level of the 9-11-year-old.

The book for younger children, **My Family's Money**, was written by Louise Caldwell, who has written for first and second grade Bible curriculum.

Life in the Senior Years, by Adelle Carlson, is for senior adults and is a large-print book, a first for the family ministry department. Miss Carlson is a senior adult ministry consultant in the family ministry department.

Doris Rouse, a kindergarten teacher for the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, wrote **My Family and Our Church** for preschoolers.

Belmont graduate appointed by HMB

ATLANTA—Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have appointed 47 persons to mission service during the April meeting of the executive committee here.

The board appointed six persons as missionaries and four persons as missionary associates and approved 16 college graduates as US-2 missionaries (to serve two year terms) and 21 persons as mission pastors to receive aid. Seventeen of the 21 will receive church pastoral aid and four will receive language pastoral aid.

Named missionaries were: Joe and Gloria De Leon of Tucson, Ariz.; Ray and Joyce Slaughter of Lewisburg, W. Va.; and Linda and Mike Roberts of Blockton, Iowa.

Mrs. Slaughter, the former Joyce Barks of Butler County, Ky., is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville. The couple will continue to live in southern West Virginia, where he will be an area missionary for the HMB's rural-urban department and the West Virginia Baptist Convention. (BP)

Three ministers' brother, Garfield Smothers, dies

Garfield Smothers, 71, Grand Chain, Ill., died April 7 following a lengthy illness.

A native of Carroll County, Smothers was one of four preacher brothers. Two brothers, also retired, live in Tennessee. They are Hubert Smothers, Alexandria, and J. O. Smothers, Rutherford. Dewitt Smothers, the other brother, lives in Lake Charles, La.

A graduate of Harrison Chilhowee Academy, Seymour, Smothers had served as pastor of churches in Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Illinois for 36 years prior to his retirement from Hillerman Church (Ill.) in 1967.

Other survivors include his widow, Myrtle, a daughter, Bonnie Johnson, both of Grand Chain, Ill.; a son, Donald, and a sister, Estle Taylor, both of Metropolis, Ill.; and another sister, Eva Castleman of Dyer.

HMB appoints 16 US-2ers; one to serve in Memphis

ATLANTA—Sixteen college graduates have been appointed as US-2 missionaries by the executive committee of the directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the April meeting here.

One of the 16 will serve in Tennessee. He is Michael Duval, a native of Virginia and a graduate of the University of Richmond, who was appointed to work for the next two years at the Memphis Correctional Center. (BP)

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SPADERS—Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation break ground to symbolize the beginning of construction of the Belmont Plaza retirement apartment in Nashville. The ground breaking service was held April 17.

TBSC begins construction of first retirement hi-rise

Ground breaking ceremonies were held April 17 near Belmont College for the construction of Belmont Plaza, a 123-unit high-rise apartment complex for senior citi-

zens. The facility is being developed by the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp.

Construction on the eight-story structure is scheduled to begin the end of April

completion expected in approximately 14 months. Construction and financing costs will be \$5 million.

Present at the ceremonies were representatives from Earl Swensson Architects Inc., Nashville; contracting firm of Joe M. Rodgers and Associates Inc., Nashville; and Third National Mortgage and Third National Bank. Murray Hatcher represented the J. C. Bradford and Co., Nashville. Members of the board of directors, TBSC, participated in the ground breaking.

Gene Kerr, executive director, TBSC, presided at the ceremonies along with Wade E. Darby, assistant executive director.

J. Ralph McIntyre, Chattanooga, chairman of the board, said in a message to the group that a program of ministry to the aging had gone untouched by Tennessee Baptists for years. "I weep as I think of the generations which could not be blessed by this ministry, but I rejoice at those to come whom we will serve," he stated.

He reminded those in attendance that the Tennessee Baptist Convention and its agencies and institutions were merely extensions of the work of the local church. "Every church in the convention will have a part in this ministry. In that, we find its reality," he concluded.

Dedicatory prayers were led by Gaye McGlothlen, chairman, executive committee, TBSC, and Tom Madden, director, convention ministries division, TBC.

Kerr told **Baptist and Reflector** that the TBSC would begin accepting reservations for occupancy this month. He stipulated that the facility is for persons 62 years of age and above.



SPEAKER—J. Ralph McIntyre, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and chairman of the trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation, was speaker at the ground breaking service of Belmont Plaza.

Nearly 1,000 black students attend annual retreat on Memphis campus

MEMPHIS—Speakers at the 32nd annual meeting of the National Baptist Student Union retreat held here recently at Lemoyne-Owen College, challenged nearly 1,000 black students to "maintain constant dialogue between blacks and whites to achieve better understanding."

The National Baptist Student Union retreat is held each year as a time of fellowship and leadership training for Christian black students, according to John Corbitt, National Baptist Student Union director and part-time consultant in inter-racial ministries for National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Personnel and resources for the retreat are provided by the Southern Baptist Home Mission and Sunday School Boards.

In a special-interest seminar on world hunger, David S. Burgess, senior officer for the United Nations Children's Fund, urged students to become involved in efforts for world hunger relief, especially through local churches.

Referring to President Carter's stand on human rights, Burgess emphasized that "food is a basic human right and should be part of the human rights issue."

Other keynote speakers included Harold E. Ford, U.S. Congressman from Tennessee, who encouraged students to become active in politics; J. C. Williams, chaplain, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; Ed Wheeler, associate director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Home Mission Board; and Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries.

Attendance at the National Baptist Student Union retreat has increased noticeably since 1974, when 200 persons participated in the weekend meeting. Also, the number of campuses represented has risen from 19 to this year's total of 66.

Next year's National Baptist Student Union retreat will be held April 7-9 in Knoxville.

Southern Baptist boards to cooperate in starting Sunday Schools, chapels

NASHVILLE—The need for additional Sunday Schools and churches to compensate for rapidly rising population is the basis for a newly-announced cooperative effort of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School and Home Mission Boards.

Grady C. Cothen and William G. Tanner, executive heads of the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards respectively, said the two agencies want to work with state Baptist convention and association leadership in a thrust to begin thousands of new Sunday day Schools, according to Cothen.

The sponsoring church, association, state convention and the Sunday School Board will work together in campaigns to start and organize new Sunday Schools.

ACTION, the Sunday School enrollment plan to enroll anyone, anywhere, anytime, as long as they agree to being enrolled, will be one of the major tools used by the Sunday School Board in establishing new Sunday Schools, according to Cothen.

"The Sunday School Board has placed a high priority on starting new Sunday Schools," Cothen said, "and working with the Home Mission Board will add a new dimension to this area of our work."

The Home Mission Board will work with the sponsoring church, association, and state convention to develop the new Sunday

Schools into church-type missions.

Tanner said that rising population in the United States has made the need evident for the Home Mission Board to accelerate programs to keep up with growth.

"We hope that in the near future Southern Baptist churches will be present in nearly every community in our nation," Tanner said.

"This cooperative effort seems to be a natural move to utilize the resources of both agencies to realize that goal," Tanner added.

According to Tanner and Cothen, every effort will be made to coordinate the programs of the Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board to make it easier for state leaders of these programs to work together in this effort.

State Baptist convention personnel will be asked to coordinate the involvements of associations and the two SBC agencies.

"**Bold Mission: Let the Church Reach Out**," the 1977-79 Southern Baptist Convention emphasis, was a primary reason for beginning the cooperative effort.

Tanner and Cothen said that the program will be implemented "as quickly as possible so new Sunday Schools and churches can be established to help Southern Baptists in their goal of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ." (BP)

More rooms offered for Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The picture has brightened somewhat on availability of rooms for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting here in June, but they are still going fast, reports Billy D. Malesovas, convention manager.

Malesovas, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said 5794 out of 6603 available rooms had been assigned to 12,478 people as of April 14.

He urged persons expecting to attend the SBC, June 14-16, and its auxiliary meetings, beginning June 12, in Kansas City, to make reservations as soon as possible.

The 6603 rooms represent a 400 increase over the previous figure of 6200 from the SBC Housing Bureau, which has been trying its best to accommodate messengers to the SBC, Malesovas said. He noted also that some block rooms have been released, making more rooms close to the convention center complex available as of April 14.

Malesovas said the SBC Housing Bureau, at 1221 Baltimore St., Kansas City 64105, will only accept reservations in writing, not by telephone, until one week before the convention, when telephone calls will be accepted if rooms are still available. He urged persons expecting to attend to secure housing forms from state Baptist convention offices. (BP)

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DEDICATION—This new facility of Fellowship Church, Milan, was dedicated recently during special services.

New facilities dedicated at Fellowship, Milan

Members of Fellowship Church in Milan dedicated new facilities recently valued at near \$100,000.

According to Russell Hight, chairman of the building committee, the new building is the first phase of a three phase project underway by the church. The facility includes a sanctuary which will seat 185, office space, pastor's study, educational space, and kitchen facilities. The sanctuary can be expanded to seat 250, Hight said.

Phase two of the project will be an edu-

cational wing, and phase three will be the construction of a permanent auditorium.

The architect dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, served as consultants on the project, and Brasfield Construction Co., Jackson, was sub-contractor for the framing.

The church was constituted in December 1974 and received \$3000 from the Tennessee Baptist Convention church lot fund the following year to help them purchase property.

Edward Marbury is pastor at Fellowship.



NEW MISSIONARY APPOINTEES—Among the 18 missionaries appointed April 19 during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., 9 have Tennessee ties. They are (first row) Mr. and Mrs. R. Dwight Bass, (second row, left to right) Mr. and Mrs. R. H. (Bob) Dowling; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm G. Nichols, (third row, left to right) Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Jim) Simmons; Anne Sliger; and Mary Lois Summers.

Nine of 18 new missionaries report ties with Tennessee

ATLANTA—Eighteen new missionaries were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board April 19 during a meeting of that board held in the Omni International auditorium here.

Nine of these new appointees have ties with Tennessee, having lived, served, or attended colleges in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dwight Bass are living in Harriman, where he is youth director at the South Harriman Church. They will be assigned to East Africa, where he will be a secondary school teacher.

A native of Harriman, he is a graduate of University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and will receive his master's degree from that institution in June. He has been a teacher

in Roane County Schools, Kingston.

Mrs. Bass is the former Joyce Stevens of Chattanooga. She is attending Roane State Community College.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dowling were appointed to Chile, where he will be a special education teacher. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and a former school teacher in Bristol City Schools. She taught school in Elizabethton.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm G. Nichols were employed as missionary associates assigned to Korea, where he will work as a dentist. He was born in Knoxville and attended the University of Tennessee there, before receiving a doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Tennessee in Memphis. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Nursing, Memphis, and was employed as a registered nurse at Fort Sanders Hospital, Knoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simmons were appointed to work in general evangelism in Okinawa. He attended Belmont College, Nashville.

Anne Sliger was appointed as a missionary to Rhodesia, where she will be a radio and television programmer. She is a graduate of Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga.

Mary Summers was appointed to serve as a music teacher at the Baptist seminary in North Brazil. She attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and once served as assistant voice professor at Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Extension education group approves change of name

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Extension Education Association changed its name to the Southern Baptist Adult Education Association and elected officers, during their annual meeting here.

Elected president was Walter Draughon Jr., dean of Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla.; Billy H. Adams of Atlanta, state secretary for the Georgia Baptist Education Extension Program, vice-president; and Bob I. Johnson of Nashville, associate director of extension center education, Seminary Extension Department, secretary-treasurer. (BP)

Duncan named head of Baptist school

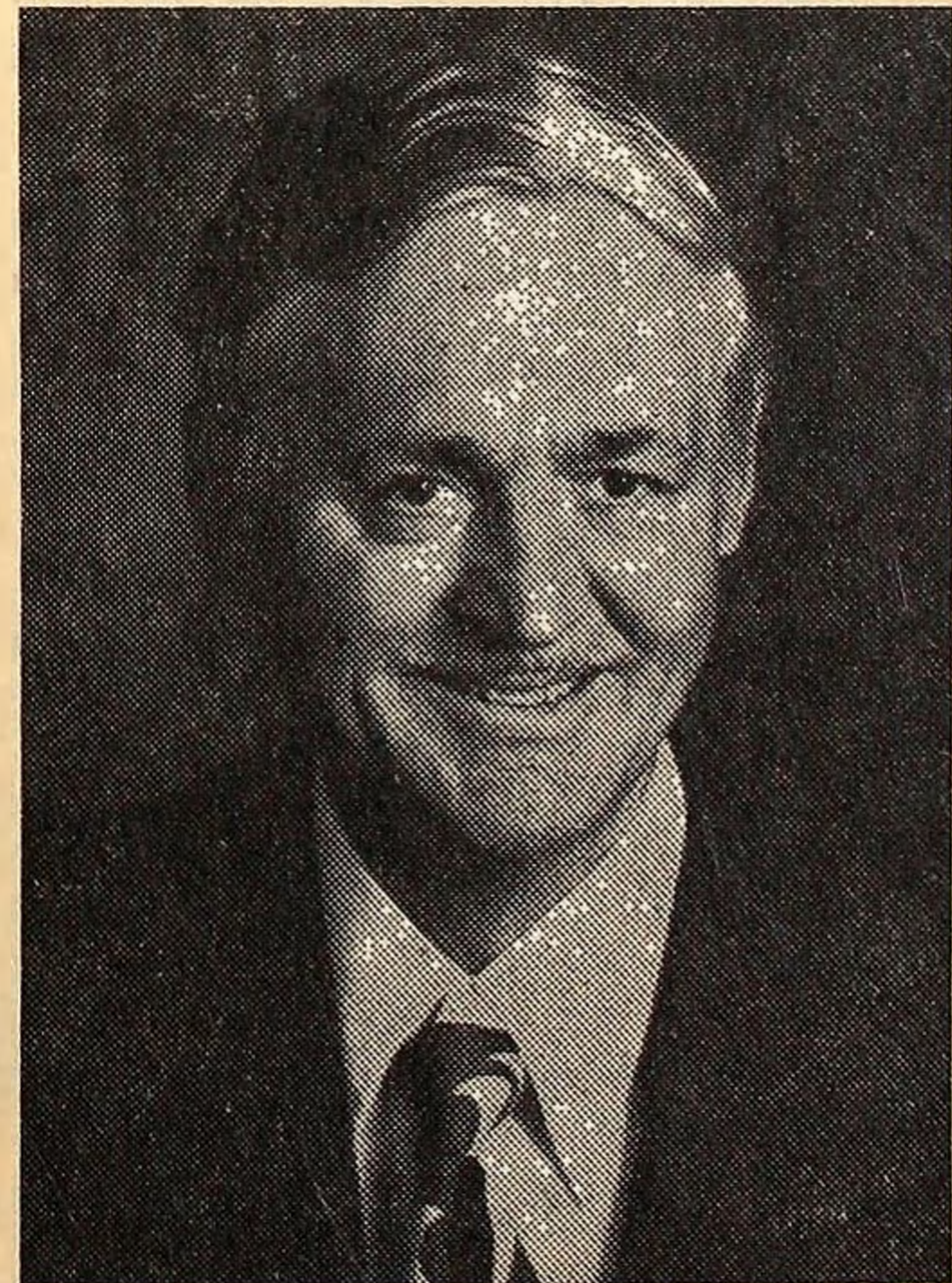
DELAND, Fla.—Pope A. Duncan, president of Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Ga., since 1971, has been elected president of Stetson University, a Baptist school here.

The 56-year-old veteran educator and administrator will assume his responsibilities as the seventh president of Florida's oldest institution of higher learning, about July 1. He succeeds John E. Johns, who left last summer to accept the presidency of Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

Duncan, a Glasgow, Ky., native, served as president of South Georgia College, 1964-68, when he joined the Georgia Southern administration as vice president. Before that, he was professor of church history at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., 1953-63.

Duncan has also served as dean, Brunswick (Ga.) College; professor of religion at Stetson on two occasions, 1946-48 and 1949-53; director of religious activities, 1945-46, and professor of church history, 1948-49, at Mercer University; fellow in church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1944-45; and assistant and then instructor in physics at the University of Georgia, 1938-41, during undergraduate college days.

He earned a bachelor of science in physics and math and master of science in physics from the University of Georgia and master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has done post doctoral study at Union Theological Seminary, the University of Zurich and Oxford University.



POPE A. DUNCAN
New president of Stetson

Our People and Our Churches . . .

Leadership . . .

Una church, Nashville, called **Eddie Clay** as youth director. **Hiram LeMay** is pastor.

Ralph Grindstaff resigned as pastor of Old Piney Grove Church, Maryville.

L. G. Hutchens resigned as pastor of Louisville Church, Louisville.

Allegheny Church, Maryville, called **Owen Evans** as pastor.

James W. McCulla resigned as pastor of Rockford Church, Rockford.

Ben Reed resigned as pastor of Meadowbrook Church, Maryville.

R. T. Roberts resigned as pastor of Big Spring Church, Bradley Association. He plans to enter the field of evangelism full-time.

Murfreesboro First Church called **Ken Castleberry** as summer youth worker. A native of Chattanooga, he is scheduled to graduate from Middle Tennessee State University this spring. **Eugene Cotey** is pastor of Murfreesboro First.

Carl Byrd resigned as pastor of Cross Bridges Church, Maury Association.

Piney Church, Alpha Association, called **Jack Andrews** as pastor.

Dan Parker was called as pastor of New Hope Mission, Alpha Association. The mission is sponsored by Hohenwald First Church.

Hickory Withe First Church called **L. E. Boydston** as youth director.

Oak Grove Church, Fayette Association, called **Mike Hollaway** as youth director. **Alvin Jackson** is pastor.

Oakview Church, Chilhowee Association, called **Charles Bailey** as pastor. He was a member of Dotson Memorial Church, Maryville, where he was ordained.

Immanuel Church, Chilhowee Association, called **Benny Hagie** as pastor. He comes from Monroe County.

Laurel Grove Church, Clinton Association, called **James N. Harness** as pastor.

McKenzie First Church called **Johnny Burleson** as summer youth worker. He is a junior at Union University and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burleson, McKenzie

First Church. He will work with **Ken Alexander**, minister of music, education and youth, and with pastor **John Adams**.

Greg Yancey resigned as pastor of Calvary Church, Campbell County Association, to enter evangelism full-time. He served as Royal Ambassador director for the association.

David Bayer resigned as pastor of Johnson's Grove Church, Beulah Association.

New Concord Church, Kenton, called **Thurman Penick** as pastor. He is already on the field.

Billy Bush resigned as pastor of Wilsonville Church, Newport, to accept the call of Haley's Grove Church at Crab Orchard. He served on various committees for East Tennessee Association, and was chairman of the missions committee when he resigned.

Mt. Zion Church, Hartford, called **Clifford Blanken** as pastor.

Mt. Ararat Church, Beech River Association, called **Loren Locke** as pastor. He comes from Morris Chapel Church in Shiloh Association.

New Prospect Church, Morris Chapel, called **Keith Kincaid** as pastor. He is a student at Union University.

Ted Morgan was called as director of activities and youth to Red Bank Church, Chattanooga. He will work with all program

Memphis native named to receive HMB aid

ATLANTA—Twenty-one mission pastors have been approved to receive aid during the April meeting of the executive committee of the directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

Seventeen will receive Church Pastoral Aid, a salary supplement designed to enable a new mission congregation to have a full-time pastor to lead them to self support, from the department of church extension at the Home Mission Board.

Four will receive Language Pastoral Aid, also a supplement for new congregations, from the language missions department. Persons receiving CPA and LPA are listed among the Board's missionaries.

Among those approved to receive CPA was Toby Everett of Memphis, who is to serve in Mankato, Kans.

organizations and all ages in the newly created position at the church. He comes to Chattanooga from North Peachtree Church of Atlanta. **Fred A. Steelman** is pastor.

Charles Smith, was called as pastor of Old Friendship Church, Finger. He is already on the field.

Bill Stone, a student at Union University, is the new music and youth director at Sanford Hill Church, Henderson. He is from Mississippi.

Cloverleaf Church, Bradley Association, called **Wayne Cooper** as pastor.

Lon Goodin, pastor of Cohulla Church, Cleveland, resigned.

Albert Bentley accepted the call to serve as pastor of Gravelly Church, Holston Association. A native of Hawkins County, he comes to Gravelly from Duck Creek Church, Holston Valley Association. He also served as pastor of Southside Church in Middlesboro, Ky. and was moderator of Bell Association.

George L. Naylor, pastor of Alder Springs Church, LaFollette, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Glenwood Church, Oak Ridge.

Long Hollow Church, Campbell County Association, ordained **O. D. Hill** to the gospel ministry and **James B. Summers** as a deacon. **Theodore Carroll** is pastor.

Lawrence Grove Church, Maury Association, ordained **Ralph Latta** as a deacon.

Mifflin Church, Beech Bluff, called **Tommy Stegall** as director of music.

Regional evangelism director appointed for western states

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A. C. Queen, editor of the **Penn.-Jersey Baptist**, publication of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, will become regional director of evangelism in Carson City, Nev., May 1.

Queen, a veteran of 34 years of pastoral and denominational service, will serve under appointment as a missionary associate of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He will work in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho, cooperating with the evangelism departments of the Arizona and California Baptist conventions. (BP)

The slain Lamb

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."—Revelation 13:8

Though this verse is in the last book in the Bible, it points our minds back into eternity prior to creation. At the time of the creation of the universe the Lamb or Christ had already been slain. The word "slain" means to have the throat cut. Of course, Christ died on a cross. But the figure depicts the way that sacrificial lambs were slain by cutting their throats (Rev. 5:6). The point is that Christ was the sacrificial Lamb even before the creation of the world and man. It was "from [apo] the foundation of the world," but it points to an event prior to that time.

An all-wise God knew that man whom he would create would sin and need a Savior. In the council chamber of the God-head the Son willingly agreed to be that Savior (John 10:18). Since this required the death of an innocent victim, this requirement was met in the Son in eternity. How? We do not know. It may be seen as done in the will of the Son. In his heart Abraham had already sacrificed Isaac before he held the blade poised for plunging it into his son's heart (Gen. 22:10). Had not God stopped him it would have become a historical reality. The point here is that God in Christ made atonement before he created man. Thus forgiveness was in God's heart before sin was in man's heart. The Son became God's **anointed one** or Christ to provide a means for man's redemption.

Raymond Smith announces August retirement plans

Raymond Smith, pastor of Broadway Church, Maryville, since 1968, announced that he will retire from the active ministry of that church Aug. 1. He plans to reside in Maryville and will do evangelistic and supply work and conduct Bible conferences.

A member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, he is also the first vice-president for the convention. Previously he was moderator of Chilhowee Association and trustee for Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy and East Tennessee Baptist Hospital. He is chairman of the evangelism committee for Chilhowee Association.

Before coming to Maryville he was pastor of McCalla Avenue Church in Knoxville. Other pastorates included churches in Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee Avenue Church, Knoxville. He has been in the ministry for 45 years and has conducted 225 revivals throughout the United States and overseas.

He is a native of Kentucky and was ordained to the gospel ministry in that state.

However, that which took place in eternity must be wrought out in the arena of time. This was necessary if time-bound man was to comprehend and receive by faith that which God had provided.

The author of Hebrews applies the words of Psalm 40:6-8 to express this idea (Heb. 10:5-7). "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not [did not will or wish], but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings . . . for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

This is a definite reference to the incarnation of Christ as Jesus of Nazareth. Animal sacrifice was but a type pointing to the supreme sacrifice of the Lamb of God. God did not will animal sacrifice as his atoning work. Such involved the unwilling death of brute animals with no concept of what was involved in their death. The atonement could be made only by a sinless person who willingly and knowingly gave his life for man's redemption. He took upon himself the sins of others and bore them as his own.

It was thus that John the Baptist could say, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Language missionary sought for TBC staff

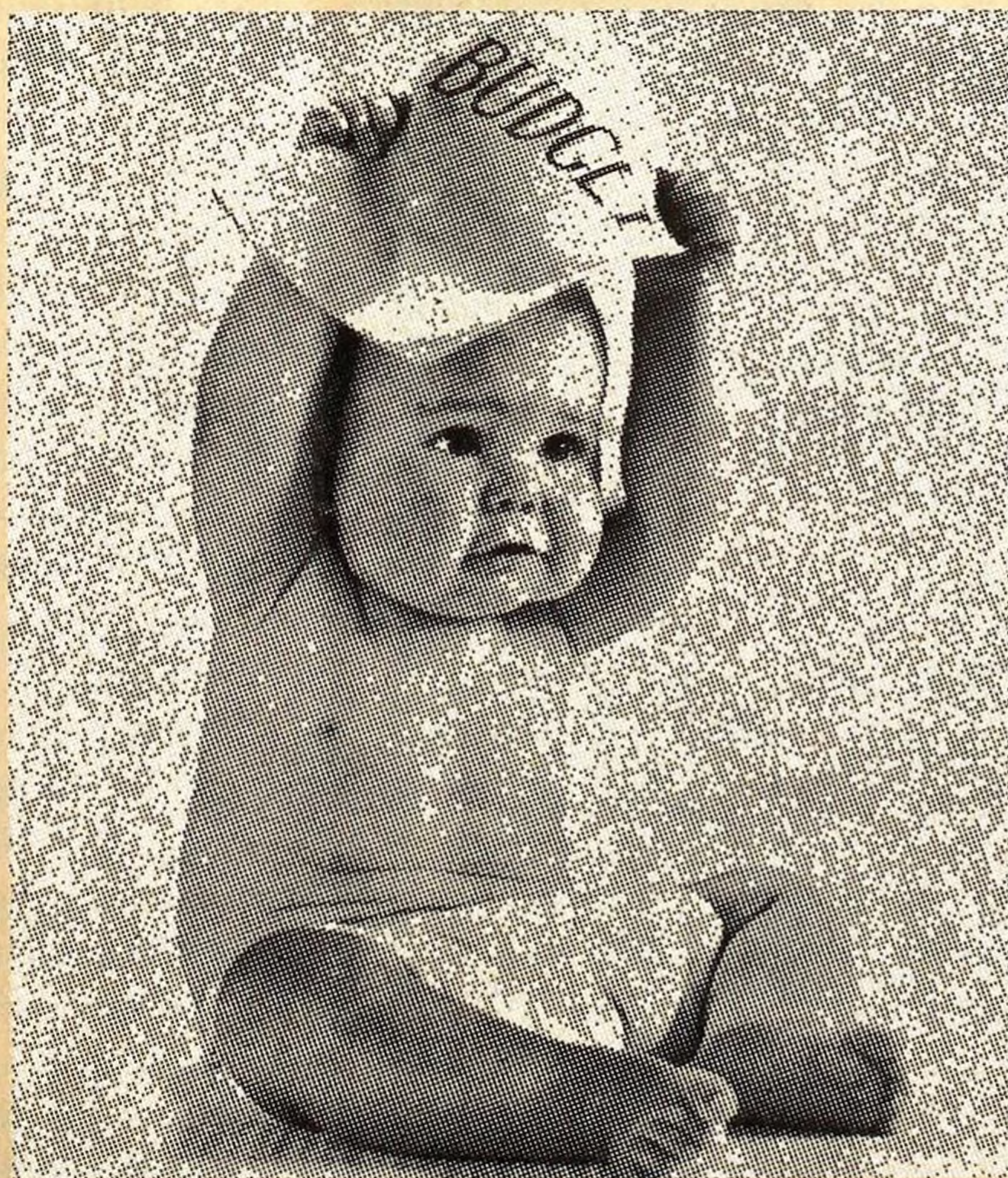
A new position was created and adjustments made in the positions of two present employees of the missions department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention at a recent meeting of the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board.

In cooperation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board a program associate will be added to the TBC missions department to assume leadership in developing a program of language missions and interfaith witness. The committee will seek to find a person who is bilingual.

Paul Hall, the present program associate, will be promoted to associate director of the missions department. Hall will continue to be responsible for cooperative ministries with National Baptists and Christian social ministries, and will have additional responsibilities in the administration of the department's work.

Jarvis Hearn, missionary to the deaf, will be transferred to work out of the TBC office in Brentwood. He presently resides in Seymour.

In other action, the State Missions Committee adopted a statement on "Bold Mission Thrust in Tennessee," which emphasizes the need for expansion in the areas of new churches, stronger relationships with National Baptists, ministries among ethnic groups, witnessing to non-evangelicals and non-Christians, and a spiritual ministry to the blind.



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Wilder 'welshes' on gambling stand

Last week your new editor received a formal introduction to "Politics, Tennessee Style."

On Monday, our April 21 issue rolled off the press with an editorial, "Commendable stand." It was short, but significant. It was based on those elements that grasp attention—politics, morality, conflict, motherhood, and a deliberate action based on personal conviction.

Lt. Gov. John Wilder had been placed in a critical position. A bill which would allow gambling on horse races in Tennessee was before the nine-member Senate Finance Committee. If the committee approved, SB 250 would come to the full Senate for consideration; if the committee did not approve, the questionable bill doubtless would die in the committee for this session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

On April 12 the committee met, with Wilder attending.

One member of the committee was absent. After discussion, the remaining eight senators voted—and the vote was tied (four to four).

The dramatic spotlight focused on Wilder. He would be called upon to cast the deciding vote—to vote "Yes" would send the bill to the Senate floor; to vote "No" or not vote would keep the bill in committee.

Rising to the occasion, Wilder bared his conscience. He was opposed to gambling. His mother had convinced him it was wrong. He stood for principle against pressure, political powers, and promised pennies. SB 250 was apparently dead. Even its

sponsor decided to withdraw the bill from consideration until next year.

Overcome with appreciation at a heroic stand by a high state official, your editor decided to commend this action editorially. **Why not praise our officials when they do something difficult and decisive?**

Then came Tuesday, April 19.

Wilder backed down, stating that he is now ready to vote FOR the bill in committee—the gamblers' term is "welshed."

Wilder's press secretary told us last Wednesday that (1) Wilder is "totally opposed" to gambling in any form, and (2) when the Finance Committee re-considers SB 250, Wilder probably won't have to vote since the vote probably won't be a tie this time.

In Tennessee the lieutenant governor is a senator who is elected to that post by his fellow senators. This means that he votes on bills as do other senators.

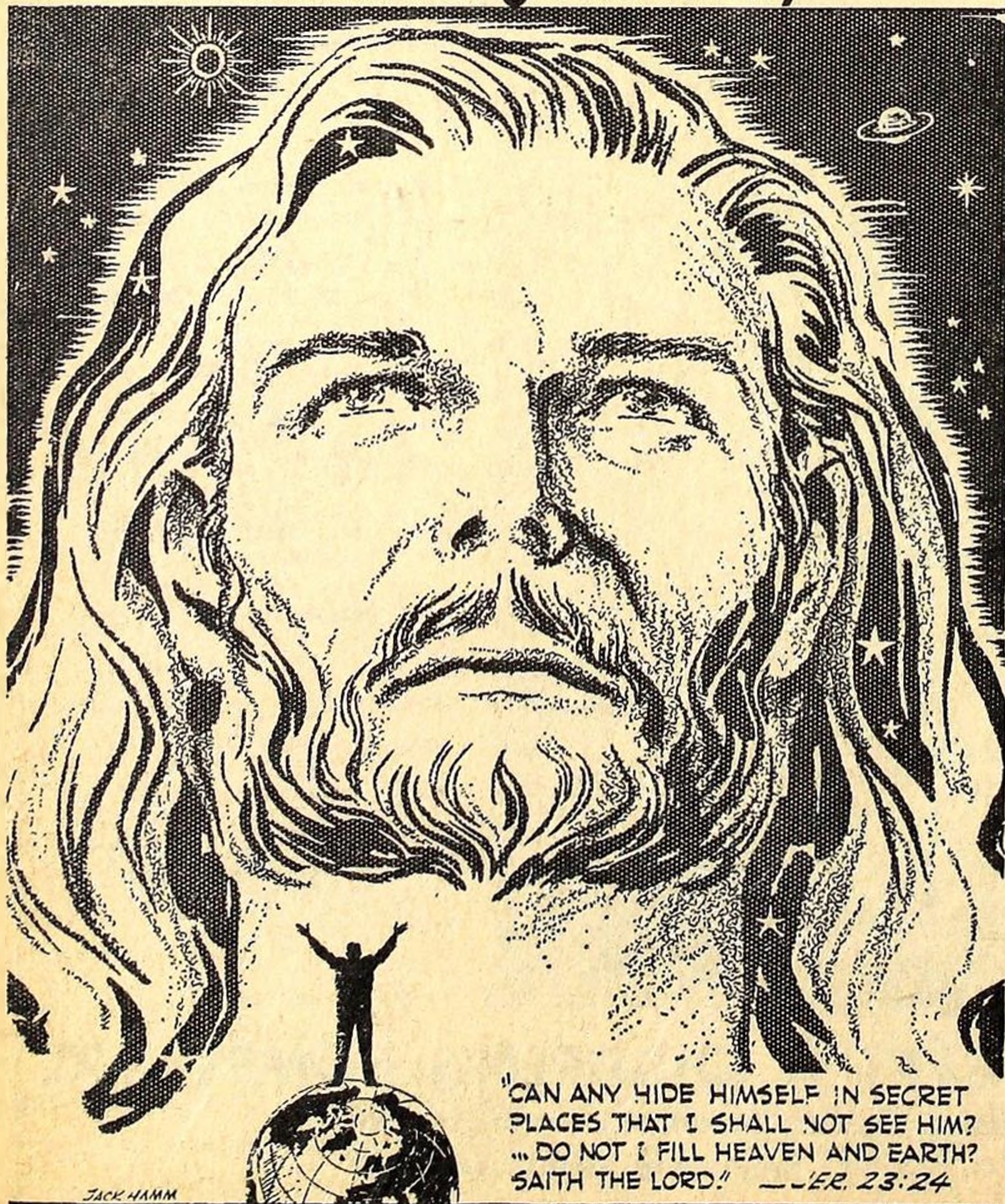
Wilder has promised (as of April 21) that he would vote AGAINST SB 250 if the bill comes to a Senate vote.

In spite of his insistence that he has not changed his position on gambling, you can see that in one week Wilder shifted from a "commendable stand" which had apparently killed pari-mutuel betting for this session to the making of a statement which **probably has resurrected SB 250!**

Most political observers feel that pari-mutuel gambling will now come to vote in the 1977 General Assembly. We hope and pray that our other legislators will search their consciences and take a "commendable stand"—**and keep standing!**

Urge your senators to vote against SB 250 and your representatives to vote against the House companion bill, HB 675.

Permeating Personality



Missions spirit

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a report of last week's appointment service of our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which was held in Atlanta.

One factor that is especially significant to Tennesseans is that one-half of that group—**nine of the 18**—have definite ties with the Volunteer State.

As we conclude Life Commitment Month, observed each April throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, we should be grateful that our state's churches and colleges have been used of God to confront these with the claims of God on their lives. The fact that nine of the 18 have lived, served, or attended schools here is a testimony to the growing missionary spirit of Tennessee Southern Baptists.

As we thank God for calling these out from among us to more challenging fields of services, we should also commit ourselves to even greater prayer and financial support. Obviously the same missionary concern which challenged the commitment of these new missionaries will lead to more commitment on our part to study, to pray, and to give so that the missionary army of Southern Baptists can fulfill the task to which God has called them.

Cicero's comment



By the editor

Cicero was invited to meet with the History Committee of **Shady Path Baptist Church**, who are in the process of writing the 100-year history of the congregation.

"Thanks for inviting me," I said. "It is always good for a church to compile its history and share it with others."

The chairman of the committee, **Izzy Stearns**, responded that the committee was getting a lot of advice and having some problems.

"What problems?," Cicero asked.

"Well, **Ada Lyons**, our church clerk, has all the minutes books," Stearns said, "and she won't let us use them, unless we promise to mention her and her family in every chapter."

A member of the committee, **X. Pressley**, offered that he had solved that one. They could have only one chapter and mention Ada in a footnote.

Another committee member, "**Skip**" **E. Vents**, was concerned that some people wanted the book to be factual—even to reporting the church splits, fired pastors, etc. But he had a solution. "We could use dates as titles for each chapter; like this, **Chapter One 1877-1885; Chapter Two 1892-1906; Chapter Three 1909-1921; Chapter Four 1927-1934; Epilogue 1936-1940.**"

Cicero wondered why the book would end with 1940.

"We have some members who have been here since 1941," responded **C. Faltz**.

"What other problems do you have?," inquired Cicero.

"One church member, **Roe Mantic**, wants us to use a historical novel approach with fictitious names and events," sighed Stearns. "Then there's **Horace Word**, who wants us to report **ONLY** the church fights. And, our assigned helpers are proving to be handicaps—**Miss Takken** is doing the typing, and **Kent Spell** is our proof reader."

Before I left, the committee had compromised on a solution. Each of the 100 families in the church would be assigned one of the 100 years to write a one-page history of that year. These would be compiled into a 100-page book. I can hardly wait.

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.

SBC registration

Dear Editor:

I need to get a letter to every church and pastor in Tennessee urging them to get registration cards for the Southern Baptist Convention from the Tennessee Baptist Convention executive secretary's office.

Churches should check Article III of the SBC Constitution and Bylaw No. 1. Messengers should be elected by the churches and a card filled out for each messenger and signed by the pastor or moderator. After the convention these cards are microfilmed as a permanent record for the convention, so we must have a card for each messenger.

Each year there has been much confusion about this matter. Many claim that the states have not let them know that they had the registration cards or they did not know where to get them. Many years more than 5,000 messengers have come to the SBC without any credentials, and it is too much to ask the Credentials Committee to interview this many individuals.

There will be an attempt to pre-register many this year, but many others will not follow this pattern.

It will be a great help if every messenger would bring a properly-filled out registration card this year. It will take only about a minute to register if they do.

W. Fred Kendall
5836 Robert E. Lee Dr.
Nashville TN 37215

Fred Kendall is registration secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention. (editor)

Beliefs from the Bible

Dear editor:

Would you let me comment on the letters from Marie Griffin and Donald Foster (March 24).

I agree with Donald and am sure if more people would read their Bible to get their instructions on how to live a Christian life that would please God (and) there wouldn't be so many "beliefs" of their own as if God will change His plans, reason, and conditions, just to go along with their beliefs.

If your or our beliefs aren't based on what "thus sayeth the Lord" in the Bible, then they are misleading and confusing. They cause discord, disbelief, and strife.

Some people believe anything you believe

is all right, but not so. It must be based on Scripture. If anything was all right, there would not have been any reason for Christ to be born, crucified, rise from the dead, and go back to heaven. They had many different "beliefs" before. Do you believe it's all right to sacrifice little children "to an angry God" by throwing them in the fire? Well, some people do. That's what our Bibles are for—to show us the right way for every belief (and) instructions in every act of service for God and man.

The Bible is the only record we have of God, and Lord Jesus Christ, where we came from, and where we are going. So, read it, believe it, follow it—all of it.

Mrs. James Kelley
100 Broadway, Apt. 204
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

If your question is to me personally, no, I don't believe it's all right to sacrifice little children to an angry god by throwing them in the fire. (editor)

SBC evangelists set conference

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Southern Baptist Evangelists Conference, here June 15 in the Music Hall in the Kansas City convention complex, will feature a variety of evangelists and evangelistic singers.

The annual meeting will come during a break in the schedule of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, June 14-16, in H. Roe Bartle building in the complex.

The conference will convene in the Music Hall for a 1 p.m. concert by music evangelists, followed at 2 p.m. by a series of speakers and musicians.

Speakers include Wayne Bristow, an evangelist from Lubbock, Tex.; Bob Kendig, evangelist from Memphis, Tenn.; Angel Martinez, evangelist from Ft. Smith, Ark., and Billie Hanks Jr., president of International Evangelism Association, Ft. Worth.

Other program features include special music by evangelistic singers Bette Stal-necker, Jamall Badry and Steve Taylor and a musical group called "Truth." C. B. Hogue, director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will welcome participants. (BP)

SBC Home Mission Board allocates \$25,000 for tornado, flood victims

ATLANTA — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has made \$25,000 available to help victims of tornadoes and flooding in Alabama.

Tornadoes hit four cities in Alabama, April 4, causing death, injury, and destruction.

"The extent of the damage is unbelievable," said George E. Bagley, executive secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, adding that officials estimate requests for aid will exceed \$150,000. Alabama Baptists have made \$75,999 available, he said.

According to Bagley, tornadoes caused damage in Birmingham, Pell City, Gadsden, and Fort Payne. The twisters were coupled with heavy rains which caused flooding and water damage.

The Birmingham tornado killed 21 persons, injured another 200, and left some 1000 families homeless. Bagley said some 200 homes were destroyed, another 100 badly damaged and some 200 slightly damaged.

In Pell City, two persons were killed, one was injured and 400 persons left homeless. Five homes were destroyed, 376 sustained major damage and 17 slightly damaged. In Gadsden, flooding affected 200 families. Ten homes were destroyed, 40 badly damaged and 170 slightly damaged. A number of homes were damaged in Fort Payne.

Paul Adkins, the Home Mission Board's coordinator of disaster relief, lauded Alabama Baptists for their response to the disaster. He noted that the board works with and through state conventions in relief operations.

So far this year (1977), the board has provided \$56,000 in aid to seven state conventions: West Virginia flood relief, \$3000; New England, cold weather aid, \$1000; New York, cold weather aid, \$10,000; Ohio, cold weather aid, \$2000; Pennsylvania-South Jersey, cold weather aid, \$5000; Florida, aid for migrants hurt by the cold weather, \$10,000; and Alabama, tornado aid, \$25,000. (BP)

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Missionary's sentence upheld in Korea court

TAEJON, Korea—A Korean appellate court here has upheld a lower court decision in the November trial of Southern Baptist Missionary Rolla M. (Ronnie) Bradley, following an appeal by the prosecutor.

In the original trial, Nov. 1, 1976, the lower court found Bradley negligent and fined him approximately \$200 in the traffic fatality case. His license, which has since been returned, was suspended automatically. Bradley was accused of negligence when his car supposedly sideswiped a drunken pedestrian and caused his death in February 1976.

The prosecutor, who had demanded a 10-month sentence for Bradley's alleged part in the mishap, appealed the court's decision. However, in appellate court action on April 7, the lower court's decision stood, according to George H. Hays, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretary for East Asia.

Other than establishing that Bradley's car was in the general vicinity of the accident, all evidence was circumstantial, according to Hays. "Neither Bradley nor the Korean pastor riding with him was aware an accident had occurred," Hays said.

The road near the demilitarized zone, north of Seoul, where the accident was supposed to have occurred, is in very poor condition and the night of the alleged accident was also rainy and visibility was poor. (BP)

Devotional

In everything give thanks

By Shirley Grindstaff

"... in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).

Thank you, Lord, for this pain. That's quite a statement, isn't it? When we're well, we might think it would be an easy one to make.

Many times in my life, I've heard people make the statement of how they were thankful for their blessings, and also for the valleys they had trodden. This always seemed so strange to me, because I didn't understand why we must be thankful for pain and dreadful things.

But, then God gave me a valley—a valley of pain that lasted and lasted and weeks turned into months and slowly, I began to learn about valleys. In this valley, God showed me many things. Three I will share:

- (1) All pain and suffering are not a result of sin in our life.
- (2) Just as gold must go through a refining process so that the dross is removed and the purest gold emerges, so it is in a Christian's life. We must be tempered in the Master's oven, so that we can be the best Christian there is.
- (3) There are times when we are drawn aside to find a time of total dependence on God and Him, alone.

Even after realizing all these things, and when normally simple duties cause excruciating pain to crush through my body, how did I learn to thank God for my pain?

First, I had to realize I was not alone, that even while I suffered, God understood and that He, too, was suffering with me (Heb. 4:15).

Secondly, I had to realize that He only asked for reasonable service, and He knew my heart and my desire to serve Him.

Thirdly, when His purpose in my valley was finished, I could then ascend to the mountaintop.

So, now I can thank God for this pain. It did not rid me of the pain, but I know that it made it much easier to bear. I was not alone—for you see as both the song and Scriptures say "He is the lily of the valley."

Mrs. Grindstaff is a Sunday school teacher at Biltmore Church, Elizabethton, and BYA director for Wautaga Association.

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Pulpit To Pew

by Jim Griffith

According to the chief of podiatry at a Philadelphia medical center: "Whiling away the time in a rocking chair is not only the next best thing to walking, it also improves the blood circulation in the feet and legs."

This news should be well received by most people—even Baptists—inasmuch as sitting is part of their doctrine.

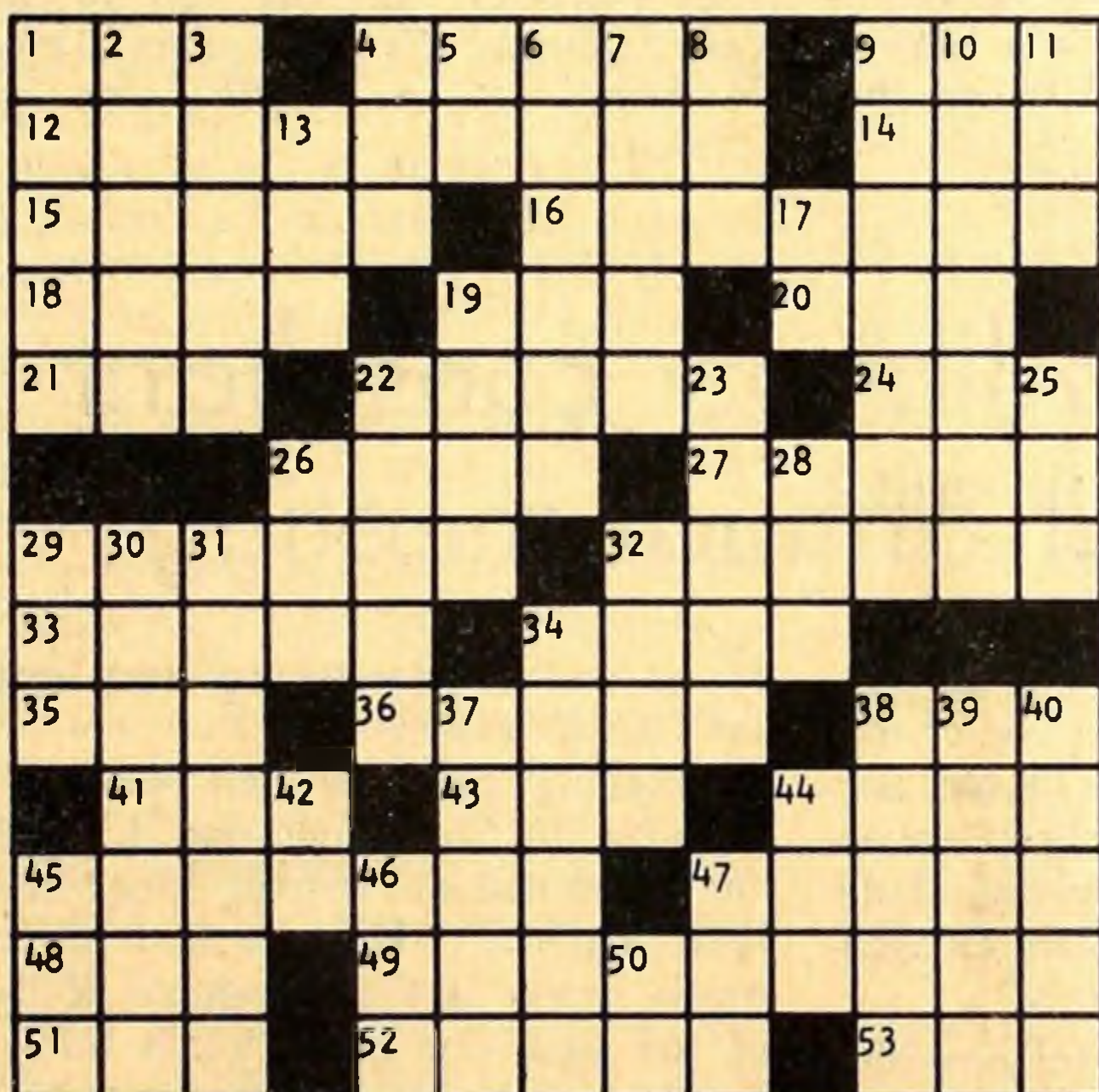
Hereafter, when the wife says to her husband: "Hop out of that rocking chair and get busy," he can be quick to reply: "Remember, dear, I'm just following doctor's orders!"

With most folks I know, it is certain that "physically rocking for healing" is going to be more popular than "musically rocking and rolling."

But I like the word spoken by a long-time preacher who had worked hard for over 40 years. Approaching retirement, he said: "I'm going to retire to the front porch, sit down in my rocking chair, and in a year or two I may even rock a little."

Bible Puzzle

Answers on Page 14



ACROSS

- 1 Turkish title
- 4 Paul's destination (Acts 27:1)
- 9 Outdo
- 12 "we trust in the —" (1 Tim. 4:10)
- 14 Nigerian ruler
- 15 Liangs
- 16 "was an — made" (Acts 14)
- 18 Miss Bancroft
- 19 Presidential nickname
- 20 Anger
- 21 Privileges: abbr.
- 22 "commit to your —" (Luke 16)
- 24 Amula
- 26 — and so
- 27 Sent by the Lord (Acts 12:11)

- 29 God came unto him (Num. 22:20)
- 32 "— of God" (Jas. 2)
- 33 Oily substance
- 34 Word with freeze or fry
- 35 The Matterhorn
- 36 Ibsen's heroine: poss.
- 38 Thing (L.)
- 41 Son of Benjamin (Gen. 46:21)
- 43 Bridle part
- 44 "take thee a —" (Ezek. 4)
- 45 "— as ye eat" (1 Cor. 11)
- 47 Golden or bald
- 48 Pronoun
- 49 "continued —" (John 8)
- 51 Speak

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Today's Cryptoverse Clue: A equals D

- 52 Birds have them (Luke 9:58)
- 53 Teaspoonfuls: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Noah built one (Gen. 8:20)
- 2 Anak (Num. 13:33)
- 3 Plain (Amos 1:5; poss.)
- 4 — and outs
- 5 Communication: abbr.
- 6 Prophet (Acts 21:10)
- 7 Fails to win
- 8 Units of measure: abbr.
- 9 "be of good —" (Ezra 10:4)
- 10 "And Moses chose —" (Ex. 18)
- 11 Mike's partner
- 13 French island
- 17 Three-toed sloth
- 19 Kind of lily
- 22 Bush: comb. form
- 23 Parable subject (Matt. 13:36)
- 25 City official: abbr.
- 26 Greek letter
- 28 — and tuck
- 29 Snake
- 30 "throughout —" (Acts 19)
- 31 Disease
- 32 Daring deed
- 34 "meats and —" (Heb. 9:10)
- 37 Fat
- 38 "judgments are —" (Psa. 119:75)
- 39 New York island
- 40 Appears
- 42 Defender of the Faith: abbr.
- 44 Children's game
- 45 Exclamations
- 46 Light brown
- 47 Printer's measures
- 50 Pronoun

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

J. B. Alexander was the new pastor of the church at Bruceton.

J. H. Delaney had been called as pastor of Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville. The church was in the process of a building program, and services were held in the basement. Cost of completing the building was expected to be \$10,000.

25 YEARS AGO

Parkburg Church, Jackson had completed a new house of worship which would seat 300 and 100 more could be accommodated by chairs. New pews and pulpit furniture had been installed. George W. Crawford was pastor.

James S. Taylor was the new missionary for East Tennessee Baptist Association.

10 YEARS AGO

John W. Tresch Jr., assistant professor of history at Belmont College, had accepted the call to become pastor of First Church, Smithville.

Central Church, Johnson City, called Samuel D. Dean as associate pastor. Following graduation from Southern Seminary he planned to begin his new work in June. James A. Canaday was pastor.

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Pioneer RAs to congregate in East Tenn. next month

The second annual pioneer Royal Ambassador congress will be held May 20-21 at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, according to Paul Hall, missions dept., Tennessee Baptist Convention. The congress is designed for boys in grades 7-12 or ages 12-17.

Sessions will be held in Gentry auditorium of the new Henderson Humanities building on the C-N campus, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. in the men's residence hall. The congress will adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.

Missionaries scheduled to appear on the program include William J. Damon, Curitiba, Brazil, and John P. Griggs, Rhodesia.

Damon is head of the department of religious education at Parana Baptist Theological Seminary and A. B. Deter Baptist Bible Institute. He is also minister of religious education and music at Carjuru Baptist Church in Curitiba.

Griggs' work involves overseeing the work of the established church in Rhodesia, working with their African pastors, and beginning new churches. One of his main projects has been the translation and assembly of a Baptist choir book in two major African languages. He also has conducted music clinics in various areas to help the choirs learn the hymns.

Missions conferences will feature dialogue

Interim BSU director named at Memphis State

Phillip R. Martin, minister of music at Parkway Village Church, Memphis, was named interim Baptist Student Union director at Memphis State University this month.

He succeeds Paul Lee, BSU director who resigned in March to become associate in the department of campus ministry, Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Mrs. Jim Newton, Baptist student center, Memphis State, was appointed assistant to the interim director.



John P. Griggs



William J. Damon

with the missionaries, information on fields of service, and mission opportunities.

Chris Jones, coach at Jefferson County High School, is also scheduled to be on the program along with magician Sidney McGee, Jefferson City.

Devotional messages will be given by Brent and Scott Frazier and Ricky Denton, all of Dandridge.

Competitive recreation activities will be held in Holt field house on the campus Saturday.

Reservations for the congress should be made through the Tennessee Baptist Convention no later than May 10, Hall said.

A congress for boys in West Tennessee will be held in Jackson, Aug. 5-6. Boys in Middle Tennessee may attend either congress.

Church honors pastor, plans ground breaking

Members of Hopewell Church, Savannah, held special services in their newly enlarged sanctuary, made plans for a ground breaking, and honored their pastor on his anniversary with the church recently.

The auditorium was expanded to seat an additional 150 people, according to pastor John R. Walker. Other improvements were the installation of carpeting, a baptistry, and painting the auditorium.

Future plans call for a groundbreaking service to begin construction of a two-story educational building.

The Walker family was honored at a reception during which they were presented household and monetary gifts and food. The Baptist men of the church presented Walker with a receipt indicating full payment on his remaining seminary courses. The pastor is beginning his fourth year at the church.

New church library consultant presented at annual meeting

Jean Adkinson, named recently as consultant for church library services church recreation, and the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, Tennessee Baptist Convention, was introduced to participants at the 15th annual TBC Church Library Convention in Nashville, April 15.

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, announced the appointment of Adkinson, who is employed as a manuscript assistant for the church library dept., BSSB. She will assume her new post May 2, and will work under the convention ministries division of the convention.

A graduate of Troy State University in Troy, Ala., she received the master's degree in education media from the University of South Alabama. Prior to employment at the Sunday School Board, she was on the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, outreach director for Mobile (Ala.) First Church, and a teacher in the elementary grades of Georgiana, Ala.

New officers elected at the convention were: president R. E. Loftin, Nashville; vice-president Mrs. Raymond McCarty, Memphis; program chairman Mrs. J. W. Harrison, Knoxville; secretary Mrs. W. C. Hylander, Memphis; and historian Vaughtie Rowland, Chattanooga.

Speakers for the convention were Grady Cothen, president, Baptist Sunday School

Board, and Raymond Langlois, pastor, Judson Church, Nashville.

Recalling that the first written words were the 10 Commandments, Langlois told the group that the written word has always been important. He said that the church media center is the repository of the best of the past—for both church history and Baptist history. He predicted that the media center would become the hub of the church. Finally, he challenged the library personnel to expand their ideas regarding the functions of the church library media center.

Cothen afforded the library a high place in the educational ministry of the church in his remarks to the group. He then shared several ideas under study at the Sunday School Board in using church media.

Marianne Hawkins, Nashville, and Tom Brown, Murfreesboro, offered ideas on the media center ministering to persons.

Various conferences were offered which gave practical helps in audiovisuals, outreach, administration, classification and cataloging, and establishment of a media center. Conference leaders were Carlton Carter, Keith Mee, and Glynn Hill, church library dept., BSSB; Mrs. Joe Gresham, Memphis, Frances Lee, Nashville, Mrs. Lawrence Freeman, Murfreesboro, and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Knoxville.

The convention was held at Woodmont Church. Mrs. T. F. Register was the hostess.

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens
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Women's embrace of pornography threat to children

Today's children may grow up with more sexual kinks than the Victorians if women continue to go along with the campaign to push pornography as healthy stuff for healthy people, cautions Dr. Margaret Mead. In particular, the anthropologist sees acceptance of the "new" soft-core porn created especially for women as a step backward for women and a serious setback for children's chances of developing positive attitudes toward sex.

"As long as man had to guard his tongue in the presence of women and access to pornography was virtually limited to special spheres of the masculine world, the age-old rules that safeguarded most women automatically protected most children, both girls and boys," she observed in her *Redbook* column.

All this changed as soon as "women insisted on the same right to be preyed upon and exploited as men," says Mead. The child is now confronted with pornographic approaches and material in local stores, in magazine and newspaper advertising, in movies and increasingly, on TV. In "liberated" females, porn may turn up on the coffee table.

"I think women have accepted the pornography so seductively offered them out of a kind of confusion. In their demand for rights, women have seized on negative as well as positive aspects of masculine life, just as if whatever men do, women must do too . . .

"What really is important is that no matter how dressed up and no matter how much healthy people are told they should enjoy hard-core and soft-core pornography, it is negative"—a reversion to the unwholesome feelings and attitudes about sex from the underground of the past.

Do women intend to become exploitative pornographers in their own right? asks Mead. Are they still caught by the outworn beliefs about sex they so vigorously deny? Or are women ready to work for liberation—a true liberation for the next generation of adults?

Unless women free themselves from the past and stop—by their acceptance of pornography as healthy—institutionalizing the very attitudes that perpetuated sexual problems for other generations, children may be headed for a rough time emotionally, Dr. Mead warns.

Southern Baptist church debts top \$1-billion for first time

ATLANTA—Southern Baptist church debt passed the \$1 billion mark for the first time in history, directors of the denominations Home Mission Board were told here.

"It's taking more and more to do less and less," said Robert Kilgore, director of the board's division of church loans. "Passing the \$1 billion mark is a milepoint for us," he added. "I don't know if that's good or bad."

According to figures, Kilgore distributed during the monthly meeting of the board's executive committee, 16,563 churches, which reported church debt, reflected an aggregate debt of \$1,025,762,663 during 1976, an average of \$61,931. The denomination has a total of 35,073 churches, according to 1976 statistics.

Comparisons indicate that more reporting churches—16,995—had less debt in 1972. Then, total church debt was \$871,757,011, an average of \$51,295. The denomination had 34,534 churches in 1972.

The figures were prepared by the department of research services of the Baptist Sunday School Board from information contained in the uniform church letters submitted by affiliated churches each October.

Total receipts increased, Kilgore said, in 1972. The 33,125 churches reporting had receipts of \$1,645,959,837.

Kilgore, whose division deals with mission churches as well as constituted bodies, noted some concern over comparative figures on mission churches. In 1972, he said, some 1,237 churches spent \$4,353,290, to support their missions. By 1976, 750 churches reported spending \$4,783,321 for the mission support.

"This appears to be a trend. Fewer and fewer churches sponsor missions, but the cost for the sponsoring church continues to rise," he said. (BP)

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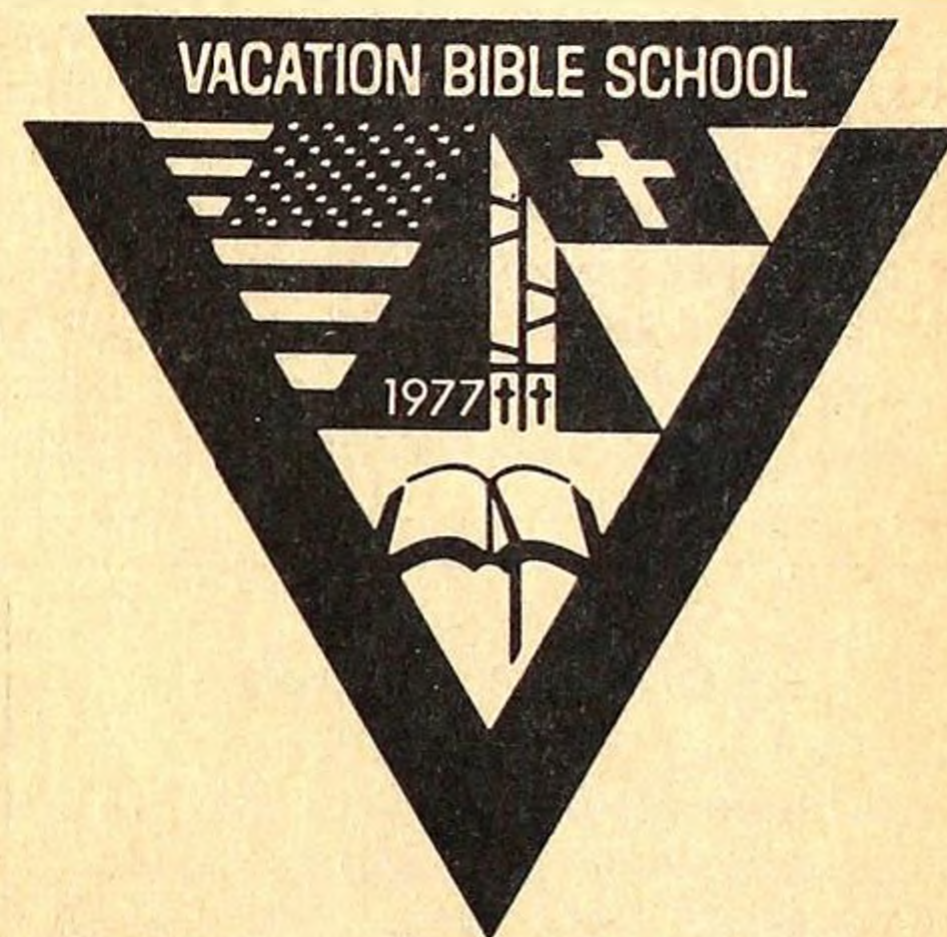
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Tests of faith

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Text: James 1:1-15

Trials are man's common lot. How these trials are met, however, is a most uncommon thing. The child provides, in his undisguised humanity, the best laboratory for observation. When faced with a situation beyond his abilities, some children immediately lose interest and shift attention to some other problem. Others begin to cry in self-pity and frustration. Others, putting tongue between teeth, redouble their efforts. Still others, like Charlie Brown, in the midst of broken kites and snarled twine mutter, "Good grief." These responses and a thousand others mark all of us.

James, however, did not leave it at that, for there is another response which he affirmed to be appropriate to the Christian. He noted that God in Christ has added a dimension of purpose to man's life. Trials are no longer absolute frustrations. They have become tools for fashioning a life "lacking in nothing." The Christian actively, not passively, endures, for he sees trials

as leading somewhere. He approaches them as "all joy," inasmuch as by means of them he receives the "crown of life," that is, the winner's laurels. But the journey from the pain of trials to the joy of the winner's circle is only accomplished by steadfastness.

Steadfastness in Wisdom

Steadfastness is no goal in itself. A rock and a fool are both steadfast. For this reason James talked of a steadfastness in wisdom, a constancy in wisdom which leads the Christian to growth through trial. Ignorance has little merit in Christianity; foolishness even less. So, James noted the graciousness of God which supplies steadfastness in wisdom. "If you lack wisdom, ask God." The Christian does not abide the fool in himself, nor applaud it in others.

Wisdom, which begins in the fear of the Lord, is completed in the singleminded adoption of God's ways. This is to say that the wise man is the man of faith. He does not doubt that God's ways are the correct ways. He is not driven and tossed, double-minded, and unstable. He has asked and received stability in life. He is straightforward, since God's ways are now his ways. As a tree grows by putting down roots deep within the firm earth, so the Christian grows, even when buffeted by trials. For who can fear a trial which but hammers life deeper into God's way?

Steadfastness in Estimation

How easy to miscalculate! And the results are often catastrophic. If I estimate wrongly the distance between your automobile and mine, the result can be deadly. If I estimate that a person is honest and he is not, the result can be disastrous. But what James noted is the estimation given by Jesus Christ of life itself. The first shall be last and the last first. This is God's estimation. The servant, the poor, and the "have-nots" are exalted. The masters, the rich and powerful, will fade away. James

noted that trials keep us steadfast in this estimation. Trials make us see as God sees. Count it all joy, then!

Even once seeing as God sees, though, has not prevented Christians from forgetting. So badly have we forgotten at times that we revert to the natural way of estimating, where Christianity is confirmed by the riches of the rich and power of the powerful: "He must be worth listening to. See how successful he is!" James contended this is a mistake, a terrible, tragic mistake. The rich and powerful have not the trials which produce steadfastness. Rooted in power and money, they cannot survive midst trials. Only the lowly is exalted in God's kingdom, for he is steadfast in God.

Steadfastness in Temptation

The joy of trials comes, according to James, inasmuch as the Christian knows the source of his temptations. Knowing the source does not prevent temptation, but knowing the source does allow the Christian to be forewarned. It is the peculiar nature of our wills that responsibility is shifted elsewhere, whenever possible. Adam told God it was the woman's fault; and Eve insisted it was God's, because he had made the serpent. Steadfastness in temptation is in part to accept responsibility for what is ours. Seduced by our own desires, we must at least know them as our own.

Knowing the source of temptation to be our own desires allows us to realize God's presence, even in temptation. God is not our enemy, slinging arrows of temptation at us from his stronghold of righteousness. He stands with us, even when we are enticed. He, too, suffered the trial of temptation that we might not be alone in ours. It is this sort of reality which allows all trials, even those of temptation, to be joyfully endured for the sake of the steadfastness produced in our lives.

So it is that tests become for the Christian learning experiences. Trials produce that sort of singleness of devotion which senses the essential sturdiness of the Christian life. Only angels experience no trials, and the Christian is joyful to be a man. Refusing the experiment of angelism, he rejoices in the here and now, as the proper place for the making of a soul.

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"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation" (Jas. 1:12).

Guidelines for public worship

By David C. George, Pastor
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Basic Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Focal Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

As Paul continued his instructions to Timothy concerning leadership of the church at Ephesus, he began to focus on specific matters that applied to the situation in that place. This makes the letters to Timothy very helpful to us, because they are pointed and practical. It also means, however, that we must be extra-careful in interpreting them to take into account the special situation in Ephesus and the ways in which our situation may differ from theirs. A very specific, practical letter by its very nature cannot tell us everything we need to know about the detailed matters it discusses.

This week's lesson concerns what the church should do when it meets to worship. It was a Gentile church with a pagan background. There was little of the foundation for worship there which the Jewish Christians had from their Old Testament and synagogue training. The only worship many of the Ephesians knew was what went on in the great temple of the goddess Diana where priestesses led worshippers in immoral rites to please the goddess. How then should they worship as Christians?

Prayer for All (verses 1-2)

Paul's first plea is for well-rounded public prayer. Pagan worship was magical, seeking to act out things which would cause the deity to respond in a certain way. Christians need not resort to such practices. They simply need to ask God to do His will in human life. They are to be careful to extend the circle of their prayers beyond themselves and their own concerns. Prayer should be made for all mankind and especially for public officials, those who have power over the lives of others. The Ephesian Christians were under Roman rule, and as the book of Revelation tells us, this could sometimes complicate their Christian life.

Such prayer, Paul indicates, will have a practical effect on the lives of those who pray. In relation to their fellow men, they will live at peace. In relation to God, their lives will demonstrate godly characteristics. This, and not the frenzied ceremonies of paganism, will be pleasing to God. This orderly, prayerful worship is what God approves and accepts.

Salvation for All (Verses 4-7)

As the believers worship they are to remember that God is a redeeming God. He has power to rescue persons from the lost ways of paganism, and He wills to do this in the lives of all, whatever their religious

or cultural background. The mediator between God and man is not a priest in a temple, but Jesus Christ. There are not many gods, as the Romans thought, or many mediators, as the Gnostic false teachers thought. The only act that can unite God and man is the act of Christ in giving himself for our redemption.

This theological and evangelistic emphasis on the Christian mission is to be at the heart of our worship. Worship is appropriate response to God who has thus acted to bring us into right relationship with Himself. Worship which loses sight of this can go off in many directions which are meaningless or even harmful.

Appropriate Behavior for All (Verses 8-15)

Pagan religion tends to indulge the natural desires of humanity and to make little moral and ethical demand on the worshipper. Biblical faith requires that the hands stretched forth in prayer be holy hands. The actions of worship must be accompanied by actions of holy and helpful living. Such prayer will of necessity rule out the anger and quarreling which were apparently a problem when the Ephesians gathered and disagreed about how to conduct their worship.

The role of women was a problem in the Ephesian church. Women had a very limited role in ancient society. Very few had the background to be teachers or leaders. Jesus gave new recognition and opportunity to women, and Paul himself wrote to the Galatians that in Christ there

35 members constitute church in Lebanon

Calvary Church, Lebanon, organized last month with 35 charter members. The organizational meeting was held at Faith Rescue Mission with interim pastor W. L. Baker presiding.

Billie Friel, pastor, Mt. Juliet First Church, spoke to the group. Doug Cather and Walter Smithwick were also on the program, along with Hubert Murray, who presented the organizational history.

Officers elected were Murray, chairman of deacons, Warren Murray, treasurer, and Kathy White, clerk.

The congregation plans to continue meeting at the rescue mission until they can obtain facilities.

is neither male nor female, but all are one in Christ (Gal. 3:28). Just how far and how fast to carry this new freedom for women was a problem in the church then, and churches today are still working toward resolving the issue. Because Paul sets forth a strict rule here in 1 Timothy, he is often quoted as placing women under severe restrictions. Clearly some careful, thorough interpretation is called for.

The problem in Ephesus was complicated by the background of paganism and the worship of the goddess Diana (Artemis, to the Greeks, but really a form of the Asian Mother Goddess at Ephesus). The Asian form of this religion was a cult of fertility served by thousands of female slaves, often prostitutes, in the temple at Ephesus and elsewhere throughout Asia Minor. Because the role of women in religion had this association, it was urgent that Christian women make an extra effort not to give any appearance of serving their God in such a way. For a woman to lead in worship in that situation was not appropriate, even though in other situations a woman like Priscilla, the wife of Aquila, or the prophetess daughters of Philip did speak publicly of their faith.

The main message of this passage is that both men and women are to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of morality and according to the highest standards of decorum. Worship should be reverent and should communicate the holy nature of our God. The details as to what constitutes appropriate behavior for male and female in the church must be worked out in the context of the individual local church, giving attention to the positive as well as the negative things the Scriptures say about the roles of all concerned.

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(Adv)

Ethiopia clears SBC missionary on firearms 'misunderstanding'

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—The Ethiopian government has completed all investigations and closed the case involving missionary physician Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr., Cannata said in a telephone call to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Cannata was released from custody on a "guarantor," similar to U.S. bailbond, on April 19, following 16 days of confinement. Two days later he informed officials of the board that he had been formally cleared and the guarantor had been lifted.

"I was held for 16 days for investigation

of a firearms technicality caused by a misunderstanding of a local official," Cannata said. "I was released on Tuesday, April 19, on the signature of an American Embassy official. My passport and all identification papers were returned to me," he added.

Cannata has a license to possess firearms to help rid some farming areas of destructive animals.

He said the police and other officials were extremely nice during the entire investigation. Mrs. Cannata was given "unlimited access" to her husband during his entire detainment. Now, Cannata continued, the case appears to be closed without charges or a trial.

"I am convinced that the Lord was in it from the very beginning," Cannata said. "I have been personally blessed immensely." Cannata added he also had found many opportunities for witnessing while under confinement.

Cannata's questioning and arrest followed political developments in recent months which have resulted in house-to-house searches by government troops. Those searches, the Ethiopian government has said, are directed primarily at the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and three Ethiopian groups they blame for turmoil in the country.

The questioning of Cannata appears unrelated to any of these actions.

While Cannata was being detained, word was received that the government had granted a work permit for a new missionary pastor to enter the country. Davis L. Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, said he understood the investigation of Cannata did not relate to any official government position on Southern Baptists.

Cannata has been a pioneer of Baptist work in the country. Southern Baptist missionaries were first sent to Ethiopia in 1967. Cannata arrived the following year when he was transferred from Rhodesia. (BP)

North Carolinian called to Memphis pastorate

Victory Heights Church, Memphis, called Kenneth Sloan as pastor. He comes to the position from the pastorate of Connelly's Springs (N.C.) First Church.

A graduate of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C., he is attending Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis.

Radio-TV agency dedicates studio

FORT WORTH—The Christian world is entering a new era of electronic communications, signaling the beginning of the greatest evangelistic effort in the world's history.

Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said at a dedication of the agency's new \$3.3 million TV-studio and training center here.

The building—dedicated debt-free — is called the Paul M. Stevens International Communications Center and is part of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission complex. Stevens has led the agency 24 years.

The television production studio and broadcast training center extend the size of the agency's older building by 43,000 square feet. The studio is the largest of its kind between New York and California, an agency spokesman said.

The nationwide campaign for funds to build the studio was called "The Second Step campaign" because, "Our work in radio was considered our first step for God," Stevens said: "The work we'll be doing in television is the second step for God."

Total property value, when the building is completely furnished, will place the worth of the entire Radio and Television Commission facility in excess of \$5-million.

The traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony was replaced by a length of two-inch wide video tape. Cutting the tape were chairmen of the various fund-raising campaigns. (BP)

Third TBC tennis tournament scheduled at Belmont College

The third annual Tennessee Baptist Convention tennis tournament will be held on the campus of Belmont College, May 23-24, according to Bill Henry, student dept., TBC.

Persons eligible to participate in the tournament are Baptist church staff members or associational, state, or convention denominational workers.

Trophies will be awarded in singles and doubles, and players may enter either category. Registration should be made through Jim Sparks, Baptist Student Union, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Rafferty to speak at C-N graduation



Max Rafferty

Approximately 302 seniors will receive degrees during commencement exercises at Carson-Newman College, Friday, May 13. The ceremonies will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Holt fieldhouse.

Former California Republican candidate for the United States Senate, Max Rafferty,

will deliver the commencement address. Rafferty is now dean of the school of education at Troy State University, Troy, Ala. From 1963 until 1971, he served as the twice-elected superintendent of public instruction for the State of California, with more students and more schools under his supervision than any other man in the country.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 10:30 a.m., May 13, at Jefferson City First Church. J. Ralph McIntyre, pastor of Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, will give the message.

McIntyre attended Union University and graduated from Vanderbilt University. He also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The East Tennessee pastor is currently president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a member of the state Executive Board, and chairman of the board of directors for the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. He has been active on several other committees and boards in the denomination.

Seniors will be honored with a senior-alumni banquet at 6:30 p.m., May 12, on the campus. President and Mrs. John A. Fincher will host a senior-faculty reception in their home on May 13 at 2 p.m.