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C-N inaugurates Maddox

"The mission of Carson-Newman is to provide a quality, liberal arts education which develops the total person in a Christian environment," stated J. Cordell Maddox during ceremonies at which he was inaugurated as the 20th president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, last Friday.

The inauguration was held in First Church, Jefferson City, with delegates from 130 colleges, universities, professional organizations, and the Tennessee and Southern Baptist conventions attending.

Maddox, who came to the TBC college as president last August added, "Carson-Newman, as a part of its mission, must seek to deepen the spiritual lives of the students and challenge them to be disciples of Christ. As a church-related college, this is where we can and must be different."

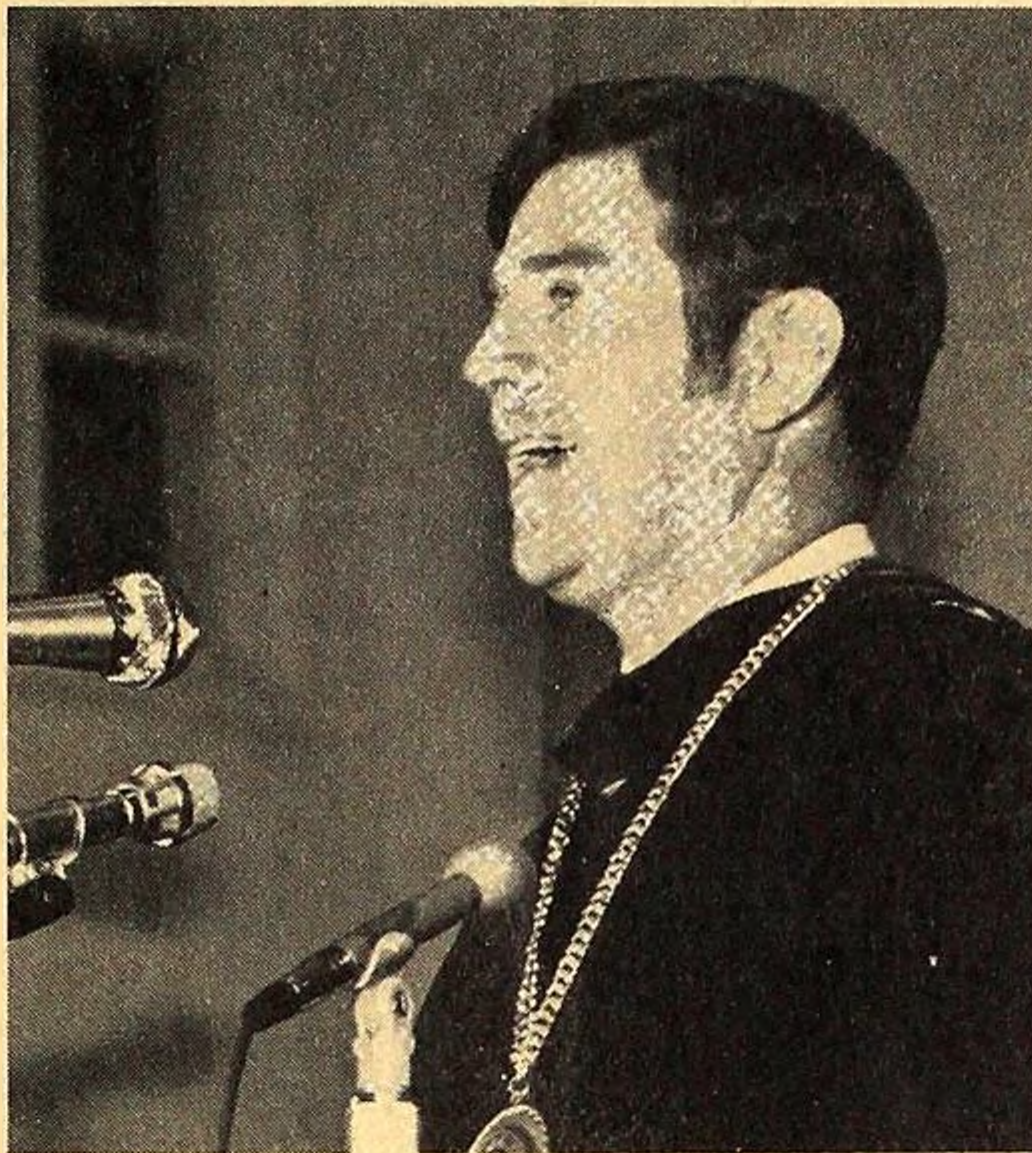
The new president continued, "It is my prayer that Carson-Newman College will be genuinely Christian; that Christ will be preached by word and action unashamedly and without reservation; that students through close contact with committed Christian teachers, through formal and informal worship services, and through service to their fellowman, will be challenged to find the Christian purpose for their lives."



Christenberry

Two former presidents of the college participated in the inauguration ceremony. The college medal, a symbol of the presidency, was presented to Maddox by John A. Fincher, who was C-N president from 1968-1977. The dedication prayer was led by D. Harley Fite, president from 1948-1968.

Greetings to the new president were brought by Len Alvarez, president of the C-N Student Government Association; Howard Chitwood, representing the college faculty; Robert H. Foster, president of the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce; David Barger, president of the Alumni Association; Andrew J. Prince, representing east Tennessee Baptist pastors; Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and T. Maxfield Bahner, secretary of the Board of Trustees.



NEW PRESIDENT—J. Cordell Maddox, new president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, tells of his hopes for the college during his inauguration.

(Photos by V rgil Patterson)

Norton told the convocation that "Christian education has always been one of the highest priorities of the Tennessee Baptist Convention." He noted that Tennessee Baptists "appreciate the history and influence of Carson-Newman College."

George Christenberry, president of Augusta (Ga.) College, delivered the principal address at the inauguration service.

The veteran educator and administrator briefly examined the state of education today and cited some of the methods and treatment for what he considered the "damage" inflicted upon education by changes in our society, culture, and values.

He was pleased that many colleges are using a "core curriculum" which gives strong emphasis on general or liberal arts education, which balances the general education with technical skills. "We must distribute learning time so that students are exposed to the mainstreams of thought and life."

Christenberry concluded, "The main thrust of the challenge of education today can be summed up on the phrase 'to produce educated persons.'"

Maddox is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He came to Carson-Newman from the presidency of Anderson College, an educational institution of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Tennessee churches react to Moonies

By Bobbie Durham

As members of the Unification Church continue to infiltrate cities and towns throughout Tennessee, soliciting money for various projects within their organization, several Baptist congregations have begun exploring ways to react to and present a Christian witness to the young "Moonies."

Unification members have become active in Columbia and Tullahoma and were granted a permit in Shelbyville last week. A federal lawsuit is pending in Manchester, city attorney Thomas Parsons, related to **Baptist and Reflector**.

Already active in the metropolitan areas of Memphis, Knoxville, and Nashville, members of the church have made application to solicit in Chattanooga.

Members of First Church, Shelbyville, met Sunday night, April 9, to discuss "an appropriate Christian response to the Moonies." The church's pastor, Alfred Royer, emphasized responding to them in a Christian manner.

"We must try to share our convictions with them when they confront us on the street," he suggested.

The main alarm of the middle Tennessee pastor, however, is that many Baptists are ill-equipped to share their faith. "This entire movement should wake us up and stir us up," he told the state Baptist paper. "We have made some noble efforts in educating our people about what they believe, but a large number who come through our Sunday Schools and church training sessions are

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R. G. Lee returns to hospital, satisfactory condition reported

Robert G. Lee, 91, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor emeritus of Bellevue Church, Memphis, is reported in satisfactory condition at Methodist Hospital-Midtown, Memphis.

Lee returned to the hospital last week for what was thought to be a heart ailment and for severe pain in his legs. A hospital spokesman told **Baptist and Reflector**, however, that Lee is being treated for arthritis. He was moved from the intensive care unit to a private room late last week.

Cuban Baptists said increasing despite government regulations

INDIANAPOLIS—The number of Baptists in Cuba is growing since the people quit thinking about going to the United States, four Cuban pastors and one layman said.

Cuban Baptists, although they do face restrictions, worship without interference from the government and are permitted to evangelize in their homes, reported the men who are attending the Second World Conference of Baptist Men in Indianapolis.

The Cuban Baptists said they see little need for missionaries from other countries and that Cuban pastors and laymen can evangelize other Cubans more effectively.

Three of the men represent churches affiliated with the Western Convention of Cuba, which has about 175 churches and preaching points and about 7,000 members. They are Heberto Matos, seminary professor and convention president; Leoncio Veguilla, pastor and seminary professor; and Luciano Marquez, a Havannah pastor and convention vice secretary general. Roy Acosta Garcia, pastor and seminary director and Reinaldo Ramarez Fernandez, director of Baptist men for the convention, represent the Eastern Convention of Cuba which has about 6,500 members.

The men said Baptist laymen are playing major roles in spreading Christianity among the Cuban people. With a shortage of ordained preachers, more than 500 laymen have volunteered to help share their Christian faith in the churches and preaching points, the visitors said.

Since a new Cuban constitution was adopted two years ago, they said freedom to worship and evangelize has increased. While Baptist men can meet as frequently as they like in their churches and homes, they still cannot preach in the city parks. The government's position, as the men explained it, is that people interested in religion should go to the churches to get it.

The Cuban delegates said Baptist work declined for several years after the Castro regime came to power because the preachers and lay people went to the United States in a steady stream.

In recent years, Baptist work stabilized then began to grow because the people now see Cuba as their permanent home, they said. (BP)

SBTS trustees adopt campus master plan

LOUISVILLE—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees adopted in principle a new campus master plan for improvements totalling more than \$8-million over the next 11 years.

In other actions in its annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., the board promoted Arthur L. Walker to vice-president for student affairs, promoted seven professors, granted tenure to two professors, and approved an annual budget of just over \$6-million for the 1978-79 fiscal year.

The campus master plan, which proposes the creation of a "pedestrian core" in the center of the campus which would exclude auto traffic, was designed by H. Davis Byrd, an architect with experience in city and campus planning.

The master plan calls for the immediate renovation of the Carver Building, built in 1940 to house the Woman's Missionary Union Training School (later the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, which merged with the seminary in 1963). Also included are the final phase of renovation of classes in Norton Hall and the provision of 200 additional parking spaces on campus.

Long-range proposals include a new student center, enlargement of the School of Church Music Building (Cooke Hall), and improvements in parking availability and campus landscaping.

Walker, who has served as dean of student affairs since 1976, is a native of Birmingham, Ala. He is a former administrator and professor at Samford University.

The trustees and faculty honored Eric S. Rust, senior professor of Christian philosophy, who is retiring after 25 years of service on the faculty. (BP)

BSU work in Ohio yields new mission

"It looks a whole lot different once you have been there," reflected several Baptist Student Union members who recently traveled to Bluffton, Ohio to do spring mission work. The eight students from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, invested their week's vacation attempting to find enough people to begin a mission from the Woodlawn Baptist Church of Lima, Ohio.

Two families in Bluffton had expressed an interest in a Southern Baptist church and had begun a Bible study fellowship. The MTSU students, along with their director, Jimmy Joseph, were invited by the Woodlawn Church to help begin the mission.

Using the Action Program approach, the students knocked on every door in the town of Bluffton, a community of 7,000 in northwest Ohio. Four families were enrolled immediately, and another 116 were listed as prospects. "Of those 116, about 20 could be considered really good prospects," Joseph said.

"I wasn't much excited about going door-to-door talking to people until I saw the need that existed there," related Susan Essary, a team member. "Now I am planning to go back for the first services when they get their church building."

Bluffton Mission began holding services on April 2 in a borrowed movie theatre. There were 17 persons present for Sunday School and 24 for worship, in addition to the four Sunday School teachers and the associational missionary, who led the worship. The endeavor was sponsored by the Student Missions Fund of the student department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Students who went from MTSU included: Vivian Bearden, Lynchburg; Kathy German, Cleveland; Kay Sanders, Clarksville; Essary, Jackson; Jim Stewart, Loudon, Mike Thomas, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Mark Walsh, Murfreesboro; Sam Stallings, Shelbyville; and Joseph.

Horse trough becomes baptistry for congregation in Idaho

CRAIGMONT, Idaho—The baptistry in the Prairie Baptist Church hadn't been used in seven years—it leaked—until an enterprising church member stuck a horse trough into the available space.

The trough is filled with a garden hose connected to a faucet in the restroom. But like the original baptistry, the water heater doesn't always work just right. When the water is too hot, a little snow in the tub by the inventive church members cools it fine. (BP)

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BWA men urged to evangelize, meet needs

By Roy Jennings

INDIANAPOLIS—Baptist men from 43 countries were challenged in Indianapolis to put aside bigotry, racism, and differences with the clergy and to dedicate their skills to evangelizing the world and filling human need.

A battery of speakers from a dozen countries and representing the pulpit and the pew exhorted the 1,000 delegates to the Second World Conference of Baptist Men to demonstrate openness, sensitivity, and dedicated leadership in communicating the gospel to others.

Owen Cooper, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance Men's Department which sponsored the conference, keynoted the conference on opening night with a plea to the men to find their individual gift, sharpen it, and to use it to help fill the spiritual and physical needs of others.

Addressing himself to a multitude of spiritual and physical ills which beset the world, Cooper, retired president of Mississippi Chemical Corp., world's largest ammonium fertilizer manufacturing cooperative, reminded the men they were at the conference because they were commissioned as born-again believers to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of BWA with responsibility for evangelism and education, urged the men to agree to win one person each to Jesus Christ in 1978. "Some of you may win 20 to 30 to Christ. Some of you may not even try. Set your heart on one person so that when next year comes, you will have been the vehicle through which God has worked."

Country comic Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, Miss., decried bigotry and racism while offering his formula for the Christian life—accept Christ, join a New Testament, Bible-believing church, attend services regularly, tithe, and show Christian confidence during tragedy.

Baptist church in Brussels votes self-support status

BRUSSELS, Belgium—The International Baptist Church has voted to send 710,400 Belgian francs (about \$21,850) to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during 1978. This will be the first time the church has been able to send enough money to fully cover the expenses of their pastor, who is a Southern Baptist missionary.

Last year the church sent 352,000 Belgian francs to offset Foreign Mission Board expenses in the provision of a pastor. Southern Baptist missionary Charles P. Long, of Citronelle, Ala., is pastor of the church. (FMB)

The lone woman speaker, Marie Mathis of Waco, Texas, said men need to develop a willingness to avoid suppressing the sensitive, open, vulnerable aspects of their nature if they expect to have the same impact on worldwide Christian missions that women have.

"Women are not ashamed to do something small, if that's all they can do. Men tend to want to do something big, or nothing at all," said Mrs. Mathis, international president of the Woman's Department of BWA and former president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Mathis said she sensed that subtle changes in society are beginning to liberate men from their macho attitude and allow them to show more emotion and respond more with their hearts.

The need for oneness of spirit among men in the pulpit and the pew was sounded by Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Manuel Scott, black pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

McCullough warned that Baptists around the world are in danger of building a clergy hierarchy which creates a false division between the minister in the pulpit and the minister in the pew.

"The minister in the pew must have a 'hands-on' experience rather than a spectator aloofness," he said. "Every Christian must work at discipleship. Everyone must share the spiritual as well as the house-keeping chores that go along with the main event."

Scott, while urging the men not to "pour ice cubes" on their pastor but support him, also urged pastors to adapt themselves to their people and avoid taking away their rights and acting "dictatorial, undemocratic, arrogant, authoritarian, and pharasaic."

In a closing address, David Y. K. Wong, a Hong Kong architect and president of BWA, painted a bleak picture of the world but offered a solution.

"We know that this is an age of tension and fear. Nations are deeply divided. We are living in the most far reaching era of change that the world has ever known," Wong said. "Faced with a situation such as this, it is a temptation to take shelter and hide in the shade of a juniper tree like Elijah did. But we can not run from life and its problems. We must face our problems and deal with them in faith."

Francis A. Dennis, Liberian ambassador to the United States and Canada, described Christianity as a great moral force that's changing and improving society, helping men to be more worthy, more socially useful, and responsible.

The ideal Christian is one who freely mingles with life and feels it an abiding mission of the God he serves to help lift mankind to a better, fuller and more rewarding life, the ambassador said. "Today, there is an even greater need for actual Christian involvement in trying to help lift mankind to a better and nobler life."

Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, expressed concern for men who "give God a shoddy substitute for themselves" and who have lost touch with God in the midst of feverish activity for the church. Christians who lose their feel for the presence and immediacy of God will become burned out cases who cannot be used by Him to cut through the evil, hostility, hatred and injustices in the world, he said.

The only ripple on the conference waters came when 150 Indianapolis fundamentalists picketed several sessions, urging prayer for imprisoned Soviet Baptists, and declaring that two Soviet Baptist leaders, who didn't even come to the meeting, were communist agents. They scheduled a competing "Freedom Rally" featuring fundamentalist preacher, Carl McIntyre, on the third night of the five-day conference.

The Russian Baptists they opposed were Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists and BWA General Council member, and Michael Zhidkov, senior pastor of Moscow Baptist Church and BWA vice president and General Council member. BWA leaders responded that they have every reason to believe that the two Russian Baptists are not communist agents "but are our brothers in Christ." (BP)

Financial development director named by Southeastern seminary

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—W. Robert Spinks of Greenville, S.C. has been appointed director of financial development at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary beginning May 1, according to an announcement by Seminary President W. Randall Lolley.

Spinks, now director of corporate programs in the development department at Furman University, will be responsible for the seminary's gifts and endowments activities. Working with the school's Board of Trustees and Development Council, he will supervise the seminary's fund-raising contacts with alumni and friends, foundations, corporations, and businesses. He will be a member of the institutional development staff and work directly with Lolley. (SEBTS)

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illiterate in regard to their convictions. There must be a better way to get the job done."

Other than from the solicitation of funds from the small middle Tennessee community. Royer does not feel threatened by the group. He had reservations, however, that the young people could, at a later time, try to enlist new members from the ranks of the mainline churches. "The shocking thing is that with a Baptist church on almost every corner, we should be the ones spreading the good news," he said. "Theirs is the kind of faith that wins the world—be it Christian or not—because of their dedication."

Shelbyville city manager Burtis Landers told **Baptist and Reflector** that the Unification Church had been informed that they would be granted a permit to solicit funds in that town. "We issued two stipulations, however," he stated. "One, they must register the members' names who will be soliciting, and each member must wear a badge indicating with whom they are affiliated." Landers is a member of First Church, Shelbyville.

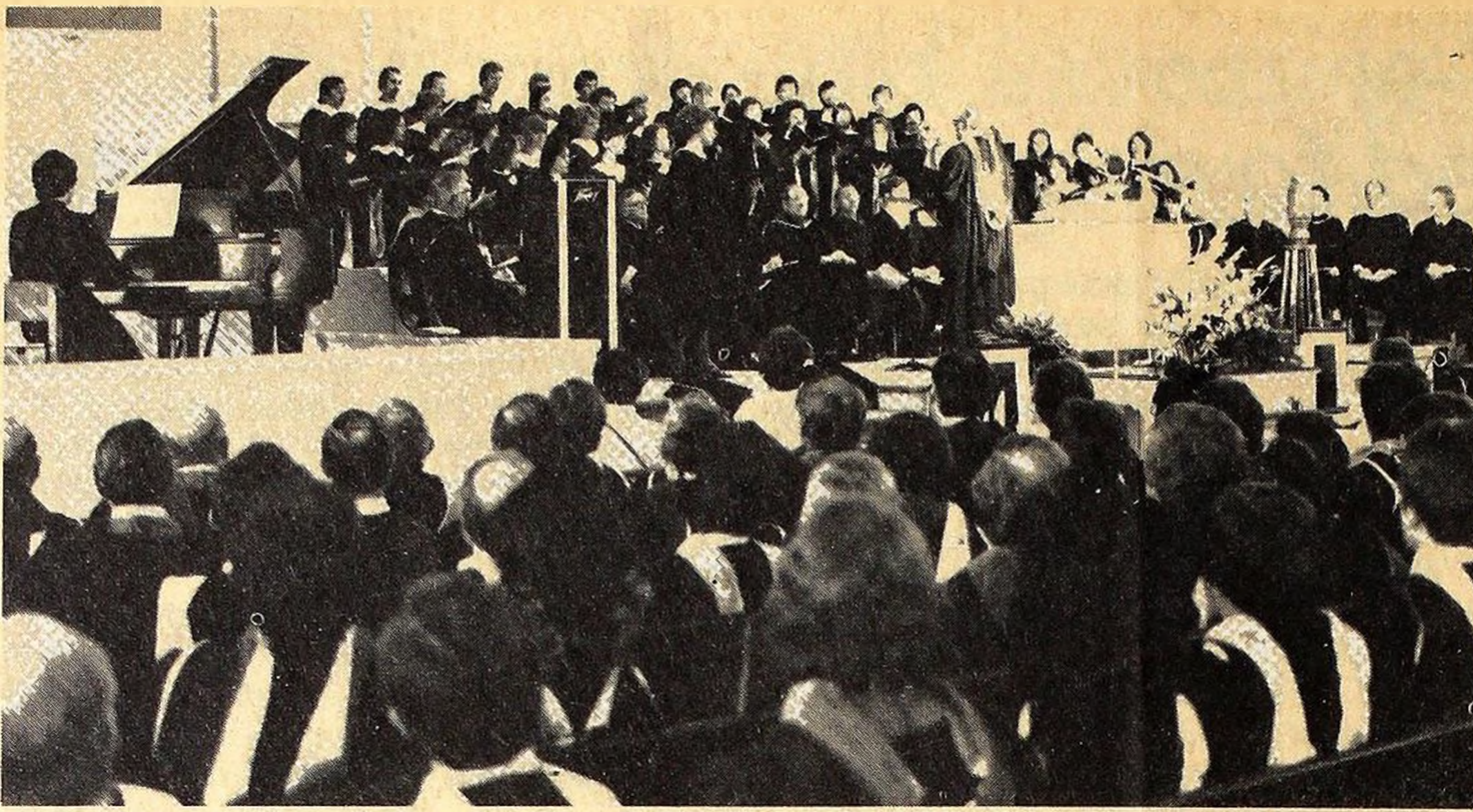
James Porch, pastor of First Church in Tullahoma, where the Moonies are also active, said, "My main concern is that these are human beings who are looking for something to give them a sense of purpose. They are lonely and alone, and they are told that they cannot exist outside the Unification church."

Baptist churches should continue moving in the area of educating our people in our Christology, he admonished. "This is the approach that has to be taken." Porch did not feel that Baptist churches are moving too slowly in the educating of their people. "They (the churches) are vibrant," he said. "Here is our greatest opportunity to assess what we are doing. If our people know what they believe, it will stem the tide," he added.

The group was active in its efforts in Chattanooga several months ago, but was ousted because it did not have a permit to solicit. According to Matt Nevels, Hamilton County Association office, the city of Chattanooga anticipates approval of the Unification application. Gordon Crocker, director of missions, Shelby County, said that Memphis was "wide open" to the Moonie movement. "They are throughout the city," Crocker reported.

Some questions remain as to why the movement is concentrating its efforts in numerous small towns, particularly in middle Tennessee.

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INAUGURATION—Ceremonies at which J. Cordell Maddox was inaugurated as 20th president of Carson-Newman were held last Friday at First Church, Jefferson City. Here the college A Capella Choir sings during the convocation. (Story on page one.)

Southern Baptists surpass giving record for Lottie Moon, \$29.5 million received

FORT WORTH, Texas—In an element of suspense, a crowd of 5,000 broke into applause in a Fort Worth convention arena with the announcement that Southern Baptists had surpassed their record for contributions to the 1977 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Close to \$29.5 million had been received as of April 5 for the annual seasonal love offering, Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told the spectators at the April 11 missionary appointment service in Tarrant County Convention Center. The final total won't be tabulated until late May when all the contributions will be received.

Tennessee Baptists were a part of the rejoicing as reports from the Woman's Missionary Union, TBC, showed receipts of \$2,147,159.48 by March 31. The Tennessee goal for 1977 was \$2 million, and the books will not close in the Volunteer State until Oct. 31, 1978.

"It's the largest sum ever given at one time, to my knowledge, for the gospel of Jesus Christ," said an exuberant Cauthen. He then paid tribute to the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union for its part in the foreign missions endeavor.

Compared with the amount given this same date for the 1976 offering, the 1977 subtotal exceeds it by more than \$2 million. The 1977 subtotal of \$29,475,670.65 is already well ahead of the complete 1976 total of \$28,763,809.71—for a difference of \$711,860.94.

In the first appointment service Southern Baptists have held in Texas since 1969, 30 new missionaries, 28 with Texas ties, were given a charge by Cauthen to "let not this book depart from you." Carrying a black Bible, Cauthen told the group "no matter

how skillful you are . . . you won't be an effective missionary . . . except as this word gleams through your testimony."

He fervently urged them to "put your feet in his (Jesus') footprints and follow where he leads. I speak to you what I know by experience. Be very courageous."

The 15 new missionary couples, none of whom were from Tennessee, received their charge following a colorful procession of flags from all 90 countries where 2,755 Southern Baptist missionaries now serve. All but two of the 15 couples were assigned to Western South America.

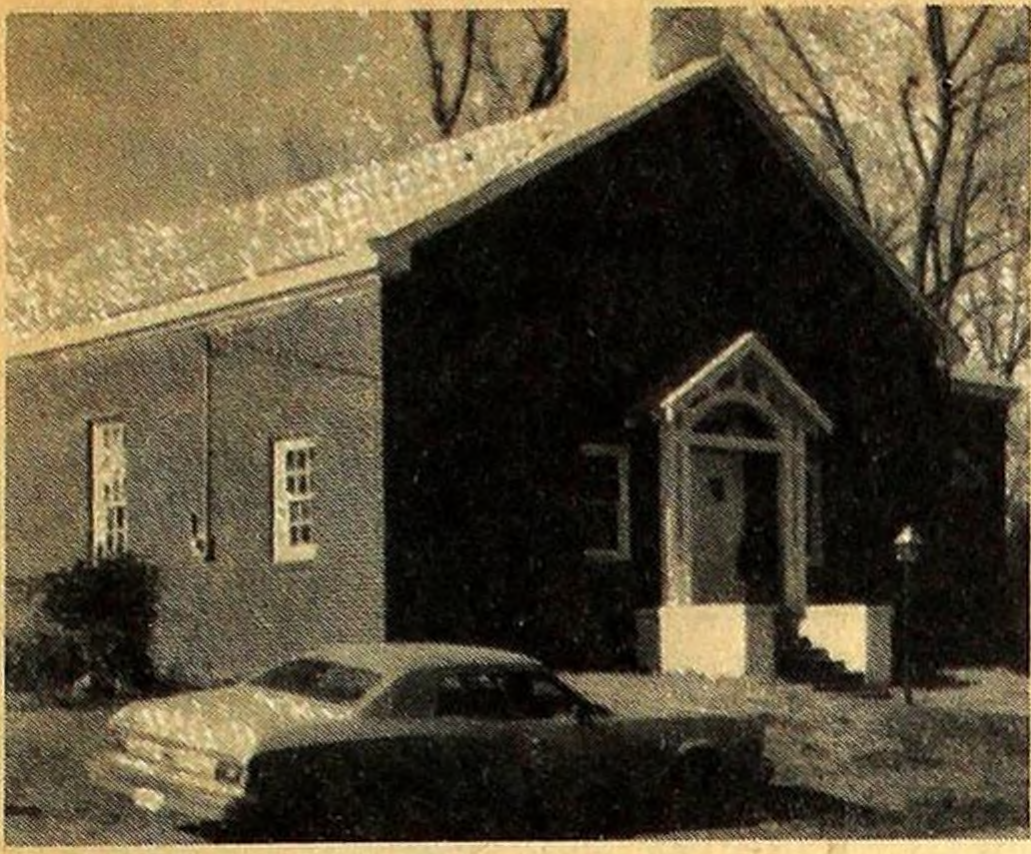
Sixty persons went forward to commit their lives to special Christian service during an invitation given by Cauthen at the close of the evening.

Cauthen also reminded the crowd to consider volunteer missions: 13 responded to Mission Service Corps. Also that night one person made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Florida stops bond sales by three organizations

ORLANDO, Fla.—Cease and desist orders have been issued by the state of Florida against three organizations to stop the sale of religious securities.

The Michigan Baptist Foundation, a Florida corporation with offices in Fort Myers; University Prep, Inc., of Orlando; and the Oxford Foundation of Leesburg sold bonds under an exemption from Florida security registration and disclosure laws accorded religious and non-profit groups without disclosing required data to investors, according to a report in Religious News Service.



NEW FACE LIFT—A complete face lift, including outside brick veneer and internal renovation was completed at Durhamville Church, Big Hatchie Association. Other improvements included lowered ceilings, new lighting, central air and heating, and a 16 x 32 ft. room which will be used for a fellowship hall. James Beard is pastor, and H. L. Elder is chairman of deacons and Sunday School director.

US protection sought for Indian worship

WASHINGTON—Native American religious practices would receive more government protection under a resolution passed by the U. S. Senate.

Introduced by Sen. James Abourezk, the resolution calls for evaluation of policies and procedures of any federal agencies affecting Native American religious practices and changes in those policies where necessary to protect the religious freedom of Native Americans.

Native American leaders testified recently before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, of which Abourezk is chairman, that government officials have interfered in religious practices in many cases and have failed to protect the privacy of ceremonies in others.

Indians often have been denied access to sacred sites, according to the report on the resolution filed by the select committee. Lands now controlled by the federal or state governments are often placed off limits to Indians, despite the fact that they have sacred significance to the Indians. "To deny access to (these sites) is analogous to preventing a non-Indian from entering his church or temple," the report said.

The report also said federal officials have confiscated harmless items such as pine leaves or turkey feathers because of ignorance that they were not forbidden by any law. In other instances ceremonies which require isolation have been interrupted because government officials have failed to enforce privacy.

The resolution must be voted on in the House of Representatives before being sent to the president as an advisory measure. It does not have the force of law. (BP)

Golden Gate inaugurates Pinson, views future growth, objectives

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary installed William M. Pinson Jr. as the fourth president of the seminary, adopted a long range planning report, approved the reports of three major task forces and adopted a \$1,77-million budget for 1978-79.

In his first address as president to the annual meeting of the trustees, Pinson said the 1977-78 school year has seen three records set at Golden Gate; enrollment, 517; budget expenditure, \$1,684,850; and gifts received, \$231,588.

In his inaugural address, Pinson said, "Golden Gate is located in the midst of the largest number of unchurched persons in the nation. It ought to provide the heartbeat for a surge in evangelism, church starts and growth. It should pump skilled, trained, dedicated leaders into the existing churches of our convention and the 1,500 new churches needed in the West."

The Long Range Planning Committee brought a final report after four years of study that projects a net increase of 630 students over the next six years at the Mill Valley campus. A total enrollment goal of 760 was set for branches, off-campus courses and continuing education for the year 1983-

84. This would bring the total enrollment goal of the seminary to 1,907 students for 1983-84, including all branches and centers.

The World Mission Center Task Force brought a comprehensive report with plans to enhance the seminary's present strong emphasis on providing basic and advanced missionary training for pastors, missionaries, church and denominational leaders, and mission volunteers. By use of the environment in which it serves, Golden Gate is able to give specialized training for language and foreign missionaries. Urban and Third World missions opportunities are available in the human laboratory of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Baker James Cauthen Chair of World Missions will relate closely to the program of the World Mission Center.

A proposed building complex that would include a chapel, conference rooms, radio and TV production, and an architectural structure that would be symbolic of world missions was also proposed.

The Family Life Enrichment Task Force brought in suggestions to strengthen the family life within the seminary community. In addition to a full curriculum aimed toward the development of family life, specific projections were made toward counseling services for growth groups, for vocational and crisis needs.

The Continuing Education/Conference Center Task Force echoed the concern shown in the Long Range Planning Committee report for additional resources for both programs. Proposals to increase personal and professional growth for ministers, skill courses for professionals and special courses for spouses were included.

The trustees approved the concept of a branch to serve the Northwest Baptist Convention. The master of theology degree was reinstated beginning in 1979-80. (BP)

Nashville's Bell cited by national PR group

HOUSTON — Three newspapers, three magazines, and a national radio network news department received national awards for excellence in religion coverage at the 49th annual meeting of the Religious Public Relations Council in Houston.

Bruce Buursma of the **Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal**, and Carrie LaBriella of the **Dayton (Ohio) Journal-Herald** were named "fellows" of the RPRC and their papers received Awards of Merit. The **Newport News (Va.) Time-Herald** also received an Award of Merit.

U.S. News & World Report, **Redbook**, and **Philadelphia** magazine also received Awards of Merit, as did NBC Radio's network news.

In other developments related to recognition of news media, RPRC passed resolutions lauding Bob Bell Jr., who will step down May 24, after 27 years as church news editor of the **Nashville Banner**, and George Dugan, who retired recently after more than 30 years writing and editing religion news for the **New York Times**, and praised their papers for their handling of religion news.

Each year RPRC, a national, interfaith organization of religious communicators, honors secular media for outstanding coverage of religion. (BP)

Golden Gate seminary offers intercessory prayer ministry

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — Students and faculty members at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary have begun an intercessory prayer ministry, staffed 12 hours a day in a recently completed prayer room.

"Prayer line" initially was aimed at serving the prayer needs of the seminary community but has expanded to surrounding Marin County and is open to prayer requests from all over the world. Seminary President William M. Pinson Jr., one of the prime movers behind the prayer ministry, says, "Golden Gate Seminary believes in spiritual formation and development as well as academic training. The seminary exists to serve and not just be served." (BP)

Baptist doctrine, heritage slated for discussion at history meeting

FORT WORTH—Baptist doctrine, Scriptural authority, fundamentalism, human rights, and the charismatic movement will be among topics to highlight the first joint annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and Society to be held west of the Mississippi River.

Theme for the April 25-26 event at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be "The Heritage of Baptist Thought."

A day-long business pre-session on April 24 will be given by the commission to con-

sidering strategy for broad support of the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust, the effort to evangelize the world by the year 2000.

Major items of business will include adoption of a revised budget for 1978-79, a proposed 1979-80 budget, and election of a new chairperson to succeed outgoing Chairman Richard D. Patton, pastor of First Church, Portland, Tenn.

This year's joint meeting of the commission and historical society will examine the various factors that have "shaped Southern Baptist minds," said Commission Executive Director Lynn E. May Jr.

"It's designed to help us better understand the roots and context of Baptist thought today," he said.

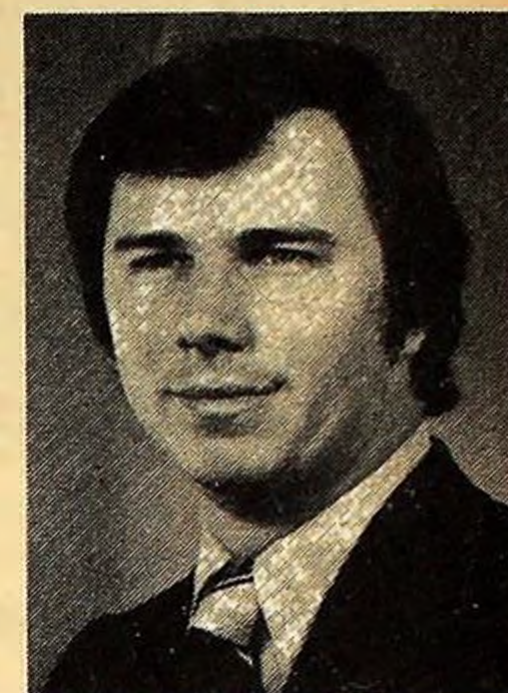
During the two-day meeting Commission Chairman Patton will address the group on "Baptists and Regenerate Church Membership."

A Tuesday luncheon will hear an address by former Southern Baptist Convention Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City. His topic will be "Baptist Faith and Message—Anchored but Free."

Other speakers at the Fort Worth meeting will be James Leo Garrett, religion professor at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., on "Source and Authority of Baptist Thought"; Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., and William L. Hendricks, Southwestern theology professor, on the same topic, "Communicating Baptist Doctrine"; Leon McBeth, church history professor at Southwestern seminary, on "Baptist Fundamentalism: Cultural Interpretation"; Claude L. Howe Jr., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, on "The Charismatic Movement in Southern Baptist Life"; and James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, on "Baptist Thought and Human Rights."

Ex-Tennessean named NOBTS news director

NEW ORLEANS—Richard Dodge, a senior Master of Divinity degree student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named seminary news director and editor of *Vision* magazine. He has been on the staff of the news department of the seminary since April, 1977, as photographer.



Dodge

Dodge was a resident of Harriman for more than three years, prior to entering Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. He graduated from Harriman High School in 1967, and also attended Columbia Junior College for one quarter.

While attending Carson-Newman, he served as photographer for both the college yearbook and the college newspaper, as well as other extra-curricular activities.

He is a graduate of University of South Florida, Tampa, with a degree in journalism.

Pastor 'buys' evangelist at missions auction

LOUISVILLE—When students hold an auction to raise money for summer missions and seminary faculty donate most of the items up for bids, there is no telling what may happen.

Recently such an auction was held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. After a furious round of bidding, one student pastor discovered that he had acquired the services of Old Testament professor Clyde T. Francisco for a weekend revival.

Such items as the seminary president's 13-year-old motorbike (\$150), a tennis match with a theology professor (\$7.50), and a professor-piloted flight over Louisville (\$45) helped raise more than \$700 for the student missions program.

But after the auction was over, one student had a problem.

Scratching his head, he wondered aloud, "How can I explain to my church that I 'bought' over revival speaker at an auction for \$125.55 (BP)"

East Tennessee Royal Ambassador earns service award, scholarship

Billy Scott Carter Jr., a member of Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, earned his fifth service aide award in the Royal Ambassador



Carter

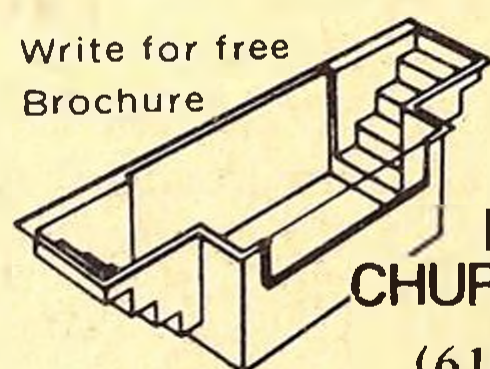
program of the Southern Baptist Convention. Carter's work came in the area of witnessing and made him eligible for a scholarship of \$1,200.

A senior at Oak Ridge High School, Carter is an RA counselor and teaches in junior church at Calvary. He plans to work with RA camps

in Tennessee this summer.

He plans to attend Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, this fall, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Scott Carter.

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Historians elect Bolton, revise constitution

John Bolton, director of missions, Lawrence County Association, was elected chairman of the administrative council of the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, at its meeting in Brentwood earlier this month.

Elected to serve with Bolton were vice-chairman Don Mitchell, professor at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; and secretary-treasurer Paul Cates, former state Brotherhood director, now retired.

According to Jean Adkinson, coordinator, the group made revisions in its constitution due to the society assuming program status in November 1976 at the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Other action included the approval of a motion that local chapters be organized throughout the state, and approval of a quarterly newsletter as an official publication of the society and a pamphlet outlining the purpose and goals.

Adkinson said that the next administrative council meeting will be held Sept. 21 in Brentwood.

Tennessean named president of Bible literature group

COLUMBIA, S.C.—Two Southern Baptist educators have been named to top positions in the Southeast Region Society of Biblical Literature.

Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Old Testament archaeology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was elected vice-president and Edgar V. McKnight, professor of religion at Furman University, Greenville, S.C., was named secretary-treasurer.

The organization consists of college, university and seminary professors involved with biblical religion. John McRay, professor of religion at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, is president. (BP)

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GIBSON COUNTY LEADERS—Assembled at ground breaking ceremonies for the associational office building for Gibson County Association were (left to right): Denzel Dukes, John Pippin, Kathleen Sparkman, J. D. Nowell, Clyde Page, Emmett McCoy, Dennis Pulley, John Leake, Lewis Stavely, Bill Copeland, Raymond Jessup, Mrs. Thomas King, Wilburn Nelson, Elbert Cole, Ken Sparkman, and Barney Flowers.

Ground breaking held in Gibson County

Construction is expected to begin in the near future on an associational office building for Gibson County Association, according to Kenneth Sparkman, director of missions.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held April 9 on highway 45 west by-pass near the new Gibson County utility district building. John Pippin, moderator, presided. Denzel Dukes, pastor, First Church, Milan, former moderator for the association, brought the

message, and Sparkman led in the ceremonies.

The facility will be 32 ft. x 82 ft. and will house the office space, library, kitchen, and assembly rooms. Small conferences and executive board meetings will be held in the building.

Lewis Stavely will serve as construction superintendent, and John Leake is architect for the project. Construction costs are being shared by the 52 churches of the Gibson Association, Sparkman stated.

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Delay in additions to our mailing list

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Now we must ask for your patience.

The **Baptist and Reflector** is addressed by our printer with the Addressograph system, an antiquated method using embossed metal plates. Unfortunately, as most other publications have shifted to faster labeling systems, it has become increasingly difficult to secure these metal plates.

This shortage has resulted in no new subscriptions added and only a few changes of addresses completed in our mailing file during the past six weeks.

We have been informed by our printer that some of the scarce plates have been located. Hopefully, our mailing list can be brought up-to-date within the next two weeks.

Now, some good news!

The Tennessee Baptist Convention has ordered a new com-

puter system for the accounting office at the Baptist building in Brentwood. This computer will be adapted to also handle the mailing list for the **Baptist and Reflector**, as well as performing other duties for this publication and for the convention.

The new computer will print our addressing labels on the day that the state paper goes to press. These labels will be glued directly to each paper as it comes from the folding-binding machine—saving considerable time over the present system.

Also, any new subscriptions can be added and changes of address made on the day these are received in the **Baptist and Reflector** office!

Our plans are to have this new mailing system in operation with our first issue of 1979.

We appreciate the wisdom and foresight of TBC Executive Secretary Ralph Norton and the Executive Board in securing a computer which will greatly expedite the addressing and mailing of the **Baptist and Reflector**.

Meanwhile, thank you for your patience with us.

Welcome to Maddox

Last Friday, Jesse Cordell Maddox was inaugurated officially as the 20th president of Carson-Newman College during impressive ceremonies in Jefferson City.

Since coming to that post last August, Maddox has made quite an impact on the students, Tennessee Baptists, and friends of that institution. His speech at last November's state convention (which we printed in our Dec. 15, 1977 issue) left no doubt about his personal commitment to Christian education in the Baptist tradition.

His views are no different than the commitment of his predecessors nor the presidents of the other three TBC educational institutions, but it was reassuring to hear these expressed so forcefully and unashamedly.

We join with all Tennessee Baptists in welcoming Maddox to this strategic post at a critical time in Baptist life.

Van's fund error

In our article ("TBC disaster aid van arrives," April 13), we incorrectly stated that the van was purchased by funds provided by the 1977 Golden State Mission Offering.

Actually, the van was purchased and will be equipped by a \$20,000 grant from 1977 Cooperative Program receipts given above last year's \$9.4-million budget-goal. (See **Baptist and Reflector**, Dec. 22, 1977). The 1977 Golden State Mission Offering will provide \$15,000 for "Disaster relief fund" (See **Baptist and Reflector**, Sept. 8, 1977)—part of which could be used in ministries provided by the new disaster aid van.

We regret any misunderstanding caused by the inaccurate statement in last week's issue.

Moonie-watching

An article in this issue reports the confusion which has erupted in several Tennessee cities as followers of the Unification Church (Moonies) and its founder, Sun Myung Moon, have received permission to publicly solicit funds for that organization.

Young people—systemically brain-washed with Biblical half-truths and a supposed "new revelation"—are sent out into the streets to sell candy, flowers, or candles and to beg for money for some great religious or humanitarian cause. The youth are given a quota of funds to be raised each day, and are embarrassed before the group when they fail to solicit this amount.

Apparently, truthfulness is ignored completely in the interest of sacrifice and solicitation. Those we have personally encountered seem to go to any length to convince us that they are not connected with the heretical Unification Church.

In our culture we have been taught that a religious organization or church is supported by its members—not by public solicitation.

Based on our strong support of two Bill of Rights' provisions—freedom of speech and freedom of religion—we cannot object to the right of the Unification Church to exist and to promote openly its program, even to the soliciting of funds.

However, we would urge that such solicitors properly and truthfully identify themselves and their goals.

Also, it behooves us as Baptists to learn about the false doctrines of all such sects and to respond with a positive Christian witness.

Cicero's comment



By the editor

"Cicero, I noticed in the press that the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled that attorneys may advertise in newspapers and on radio and television," commented my visitor, Rev. Hugh Mility, pastor of Big Deal Baptist Church.

"Yes, that's true," I replied, "although there are certain limitations."

"Well, it seems to me that this ought to give pastors some ideas. We have services to advertise which the public needs," observed Mility.

Cicero wondered what Hugh had in mind. Hugh Mility showed me a sample ad he was working on.

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"Are you thinking of advertising services other than weddings?," Cicero asked.

"Oh, yes," Hugh announced, as he showed me another ad.

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Cicero was beginning to see the possibilities. I inquired if Hugh Mility had any other advertisements in mind.

"Certainly," confirmed my visitor. "Here's another one."

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Cicero looked over the ads. "It might work, but I don't believe we would print any of these in the **Baptist and Reflector**."

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.

Thanks from Waverly mayor

Dear editor:

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to the Tennessee Baptists for the donation which was received by First Baptist Church from you to help those who were injured in the recent explosion and subsequent fire.

The citizens of Waverly have begun to rebuild the community and donations, which we are receiving from you and others across the state, give strength to the population who have suffered in this disaster.

On behalf of the city aldermen and the citizens of Waverly, let me again express my sincere appreciation for your donation and interest in this time of need.

James M. Powers, mayor
Waverly, TN 37185

Equal only in heaven

Dear editor:

If, as Paul K. Jewett says ("Seminar examines Christian lifestyles," April 6), Jesus had treated women equal to men in every respect, He would have appointed women apostles, since He broke many Hebrew traditions.

The Scripture Jewett quoted to back up his point, when read in full, means something entirely different than the meaning he intended. After Paul wrote, "There is neither male nor female," he added that all are heirs (Gal. 3:28-29). We must pass through the portals of death before this Scripture applies just as Jesus did (Luke 24:25-26). We have not yet taken on the splendid body Paul tells of in I Cor. 15:35,54. When we do, there will be neither male nor female as Jesus told the Sadducees in Matt. 22:29-30.

In his ministry, Paul did not treat women equal to men either. He writes, "Let women keep silence in the churches" and reminds us that the things he has written are the Lord's commandments, which if anyone ignores, he will be ignored (I Cor. 14:34, 38). In I Tim. 2:12, Paul tells of not allowing women to teach or exercise authority

over men. But the teaching of children and other duties women have in the church are not, to my knowledge, forbidden by the Lord and can well be expanded as Carolyn Weatherford said.

Robert S. Dubiel
439 Parrish
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When I read the entire passage in full (Gal. 3:22-4:9, I am impressed by the use of present tense verbs. When "faith is come" (3:25) to them that believe—Jews, Greek, bond, free, male, female—they ARE heirs (Gal. 3:29) and have received adoption by God. (editor)

Trueblood at SBC

Dear editor:

Elton Trueblood is prolific writer whose works I have read with much interest and agreement. I highly respect this noble individual and his keen insights which are worthy of our attention. Occasionally I feel he is even more baptistic than some Baptists.

Nevertheless, with all the good which can be said about Trueblood, I fail to discern the necessity of going beyond the ranks of our own Southern Baptist pastors, evangelists, professors, staff workers, and laymen to find qualified men to inspire and challenge us at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. I would like to believe that my concern is not private nor a reflection of narrow-minded denominationalism. Surely we are not so destitute of spiritual leaders and qualified speakers that we must borrow from our friends in other denominations.

If forced to make the choice between hearing an interesting Quaker as opposed to a dull Baptist, then I too would prefer the former. This, however, is not the situation. The very best of our Baptist resources have not been depleted; therefore, let us resolve to use them to the fullest extent that time will allow during the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The silence of Jesus

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But Jesus held his peace."—Matthew 26:63

As we study the trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin and before Pilate, it is significant that for the most part He remained silent. Though the charges brought against Him were blatantly false, not one time did He try to refute them. Such was amazing to both Caiaphas and Pilate (Matt. 26:62; 27:12-13; John 19:9-10).

Only one time did Jesus speak before the Sanhedrin. That was when under oath He was asked if He was the Messiah. To have denied it would have been perjury. Silence at this point would not have been wise. But keep in mind that the term "Messiah" carried a kingly connotation. Jesus' words in Matthew 26:64 definitely denoted divine

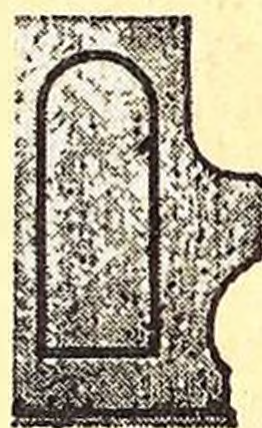
kingship.

Before Pilate, Jesus spoke only as to His kingship, the nature of His kingdom, and the divine source of Pilate's power (Matt. 27:14; John 14:33-37; 19:10-11).

Jesus' silence may be explained by the fact that He knew that any effort at defense was futile. The Jewish leaders were out to destroy Him in any case. Also, He did not try to escape from their purpose. He was ready to go to the cross, though His purpose was quite different from theirs.

But what about the times when He spoke? We have noted that each was related to His kingship and kingdom. Jesus would die, but He would die as the King. A king represents his people. In His death Jesus represented or was a substitute for all who in faith would acknowledge Him as King. The official verdict of the Roman empire was that Jesus died as "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS" (John 19:19).

We cannot help but note the dignity of Jesus in contrast to the ridiculous behavior of the Jewish rulers and the pitiful spectacle of Pilate. They thought that Jesus was on trial before them. When all the while they were on trial before Him. It is ever thus when men confront the King!



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50 YEARS AGO

Salem Church, Liberty, held services in its new brick veneered building. Cost of the building was \$25,000, and the work was done by local men, except for the laying of the brick. H. D. Burns was pastor.

J. E. Lingerfelt was ordained to the gospel ministry by Chilhowee Church, Seymour. He was serving as professor of Latin and History at Harrison-Chilhowee Institute.

25 YEARS AGO

Warren F. Jones Jr. was the new director of young people's work in the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday school Board.

First Church, Humboldt, approved plans for a new educational building which would cost approximately \$165,000. Hayward Highfill was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Massey Auditorium and Fine Arts Building at Belmont College, Nashville, were dedicated. The auditorium was named in honor of the Jack C. Masseys of Nashville.

Baptist Hospital, Nashville, dedicated its new 8-story, \$8-million central wing on the 20th anniversary under Tennessee Baptist Convention ownership.

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The Bible teaches that there is hope for all who will seek their salvation in Christ. But the president of a university in a large southwestern city was reminded that there is hope—even for college presidents.

Shortly after he arrived to assume his position, he passed an elderly woman on the street who was ringing a bell at a Salvation Army collection station. The college president dropped some money into the kettle, the lady thanked him and asked him if he were saved?

"Why, I believe so," he replied.

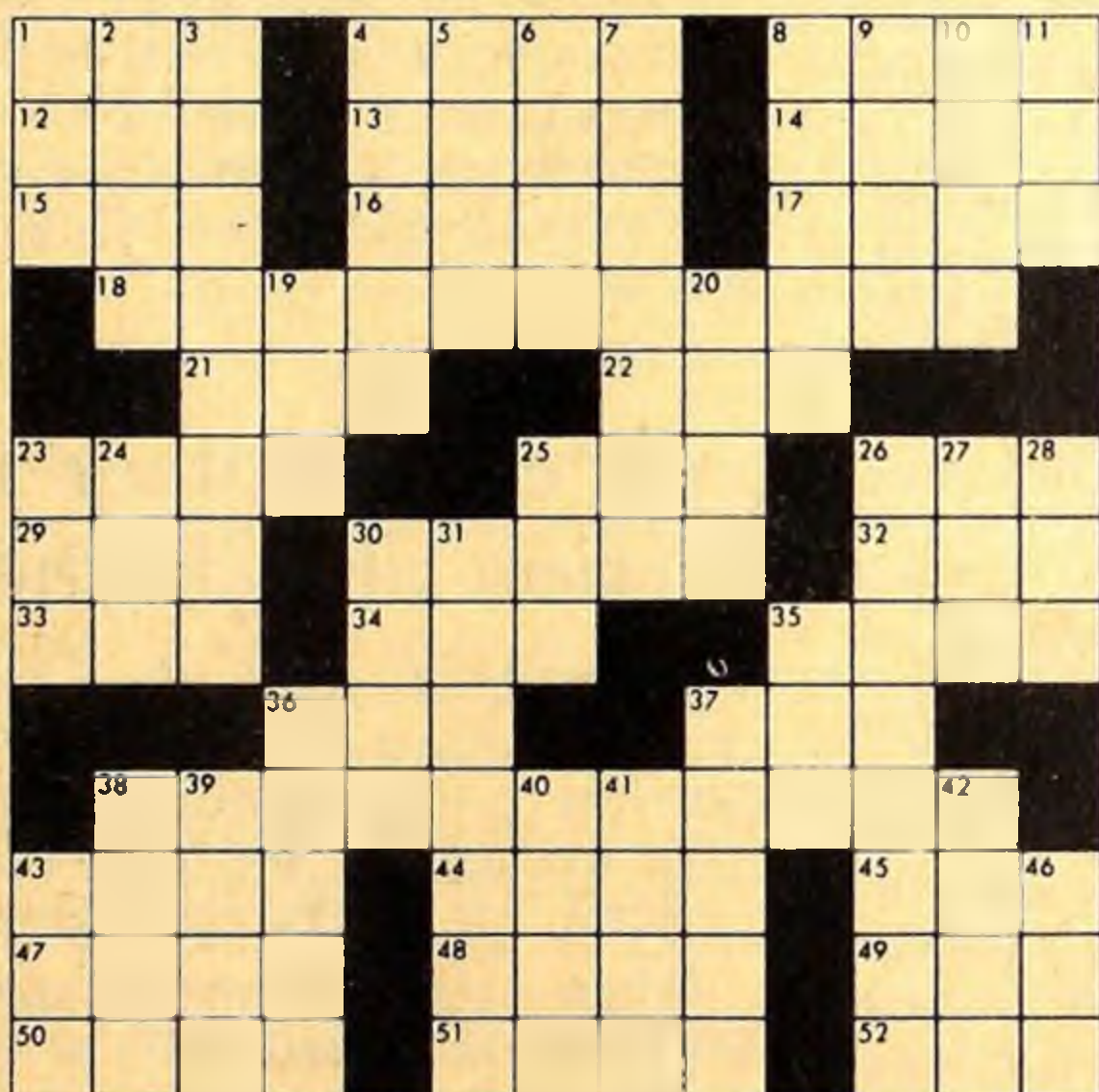
To which she said, "I mean, have you given your life to the Lord?"

Deciding that he had better enlighten the woman, the educator said, "I am the president of a local university and as such I am also president of the school of theology."

The lady thought a moment and said, "It doesn't matter where you are or what you have done—you can still be saved."

Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 14



ACROSS

- 1 Address for a knight
- 4 "made a —"
(1 Sam. 27)
- 8 "— to the end"
(1 Pet. 1:13)
- 12 Danish coin
- 13 Fairy tale word
- 14 Release
- 15 Quantity of butter
- 16 Put in horses'
mouths (Jas. 3:3)
- 17 Wild water buffalo
- 18 "meek and — —"
(1 Pet. 3)
- 21 Thing: Law
- 22 Kind of verb: abbr.
- 23 "multitude of —"
(1 Pet. 4:8)
- 25 Serviceman's
organization: abbr.

- 26 It made nothing
perfect (Heb. 7:19)
- 29 Employ
- 30 Number of baskets
full (Matt. 15:37)
- 32 — Khan
- 33 Insane
- 34 Wallaba
- 35 Tribe (Luke 2:36)
- 36 Indian title
of respect
- 37 Entire mature
celery plant
- 38 "knew that — — —"
(Acts 22)
- 43 Withered
- 44 Stepped on
- 45 Speck
- 47 Plant
- 48 Girl's name

- 49 Dined
- 50 Essence
- 51 Old cloth measures
- 52 "fishers of —"
(Mark 1)

DOWN

- 1 "received the —"
(John 13)
- 2 Asian country
- 3 "And the seventy —
again" (Luke 10)
- 4 "walk in long —"
(Luke 20)
- 5 "him that sat — —"
(Rev. 20)
- 6 N. T. book
- 7 "— not prophesy-
ings" (1 Thess. 5)
- 8 Place of deceit
(Prov. 12:20)
- 9 King (1 Ki. 16:16)
- 10 Liquid measure
- 11 Timetable abbr.
- 19 Dear little ones:
suffix
- 20 Party to
- 23 Part of summary
- 24 O.T. book: abbr.
- 25 Pulp fruit
- 26 "the — — was
made" (1 Cor. 15)
- 27 Ice or Stone
- 28 Revolutionary
or Civil
- 30 Girl's name
- 31 Tertius wrote it
(Rom. 16:22)
- 35 Design
- 36 "— of thy face"
(Gen. 3)
- 37 Drinks
- 38 Joseph's father
(Luke 3:23)
- 39 Work units
- 40 Seed covering
- 41 Roster
- 42 Paper money
- 43 Droop
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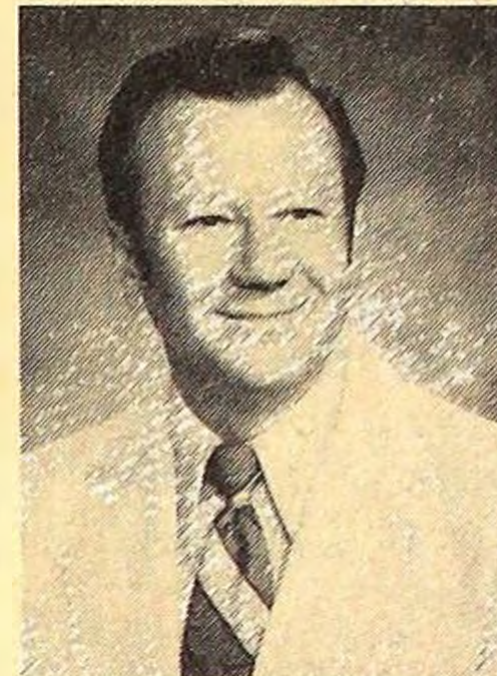
Today's Cryptoverse clue: V equals I

Devotional

Forgive yourself!

By J. Victor Brown

Some years ago I wrote a devotional for a newspaper in the town where I then lived. The text of the discussion was Philippians 3: 13-14, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".



Brown

A few days later a letter came from a young ex-serviceman who had served in Germany in World War II. While there he had become fascinated by a large white Bible found in a church, and after a while he took the Bible and brought it back to the United States. Now his conscience bothered him, but he knew of no way he could return the book and make the kind of restitution Zacchaeus said he would make.

The man's dilemma was real and one that many of us face often. In his awareness of sinfulness, he had asked God for His forgiveness. This had come because God promises "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." What he could not do was forgive himself. What he had done was wrong. He knew it, it cut to the quick in his conscience; yet, what could he do to rectify his mistake, one made even when he considered himself a Christian.

Forgiving one's self is no easy task. Even with the assurance of God's forgiving grace, we find it difficult to forget and forgive ourselves for missing the mark.

Paul gives the answer. We must forget that which is past, over which we have no longer any control or corrective ability. We must stop looking backward and look forward, pressing ever toward the goal of being like Jesus Christ.

The past cannot be changed, but the future can be redeemed through our lives and what we say and do about our Christian profession.

To learn to forgive yourself, while accepting God's forgiveness, is an absolute necessity to inner peace and Christian serenity.

Brown is pastor of Central Church, Martin.

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House committee eliminates most tax credits for tuition

WASHINGTON—Opponents of aid to nonpublic schools won a major victory as the House Ways and Means Committee eliminated tax credits to parents of parochial school children at the elementary and secondary levels.

The 20-16 vote, on an amendment to an overall tax credit bill, marked the first occasion for cheer by opponents of tax credits during the current congressional session. In spite of the Ways and Means victory, tax credit legislation is still a possibility this year.

Last month the Senate Finance Committee approved a tax credit measure, the Packwood-Moynihan bill, by a 14-1 margin. That bill has yet to be acted on by the full Senate.

The House version of tax credits debated during two days by the Ways and Means Committee was much milder than that passed by the Senate panel. The House measure, introduced by Rep. Charles A. Vanik called for a maximum tax credit of \$250 per pupil within the next three years, while the Packwood-Moynihan proposal calls for a credit of up to \$500 within the same time frame.

Grady Wilson progressing well after heart attack last month

Grady Wilson, associate evangelist for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, was released from the hospital last week and returned to his cabin near Manning, S.C. Wilson, 58, suffered a massive heart attack March 23 (see **Baptist and Reflector** story, March 30, page 1).

According to Sterling Huston, a member of the team, Wilson is making satisfactory progress. Wilson has been with Graham longer than any other associate.

Although the powerful tax-writing Ways and Means panel struck out credits for elementary and secondary education, it left intact that portion of the bill calling for tax credits for college tuition.

As it now stands, the measure calls for a \$100 credit per student for 1978, \$150 in 1979, and \$250 in 1980. After that year, new legislation would have to be enacted to extend the credits.

The Ways and Means action came on the same day President Carter warned in a televised news conference that he might choose to veto any tax credit legislation. The president sees tax credits as inflationary because of their potential drain on the federal treasury. He has proposed instead a \$1.5-billion increase in college student grants, a figure already included in the fiscal 1979 budget.

Vanik's original proposal, including credits to parents of elementary and secondary pupils would have cost slightly more than \$1-billion, while the Packwood-Moynihan measure would cost over \$5-billion when fully implemented. (BP)

SEBTS fund helps fulfill dream of deceased youth

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—Ten-year-old David Finley had his mind made up to go to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and study for the ministry—before he was killed in 1976 while riding his bicycle.

Now his dream may be partially realized through the David Finley Endowment Fund which was established by the seminary's trustees in a recent meeting.

The fund, made possible by an initial gift of \$5,300 from David's parents, the James L. Finleys of Chesapeake, Va., will provide one scholarship per semester to students preparing for the ministry. "The fund," says Finley, pastor of Indian River Baptist Church, "will help some young person studying for the ministry to achieve what David was denied." (BP)

Another missionary returns to Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—Donald Kirkland, Southern Baptist missionary, has joined the Lynn Groce in this capital city of Ethiopia after nine months' absence.

Groce reported Kirkland's arrival in a telephone call to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va. Groce also asked that Southern Baptists join with the missionaries in prayer for a work permit for Kirkland and for the reopening of work in rural Ethiopia.

Southern Baptist missionaries left the country in June 1977 when political tensions made it impossible to work effectively in the rural areas where their ministries are concentrated. The Ethiopian government had advised them to move to the capital city, but the lack of established ministries in the capital city made it advisable for them to leave the country temporarily.

Kirkland and Groce are now looking into the possibility of reentering the rural areas of Ethiopia but will remain in Addis Ababa while awaiting developments. Kirkland expects to be joined by his family within a few days. (BP)

Lack of volunteer said mission plan bottleneck

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Southern Baptists' efforts to evangelize the world by the year 2000 has one bottleneck, asserts Charles Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean for the Foreign Mission Board.

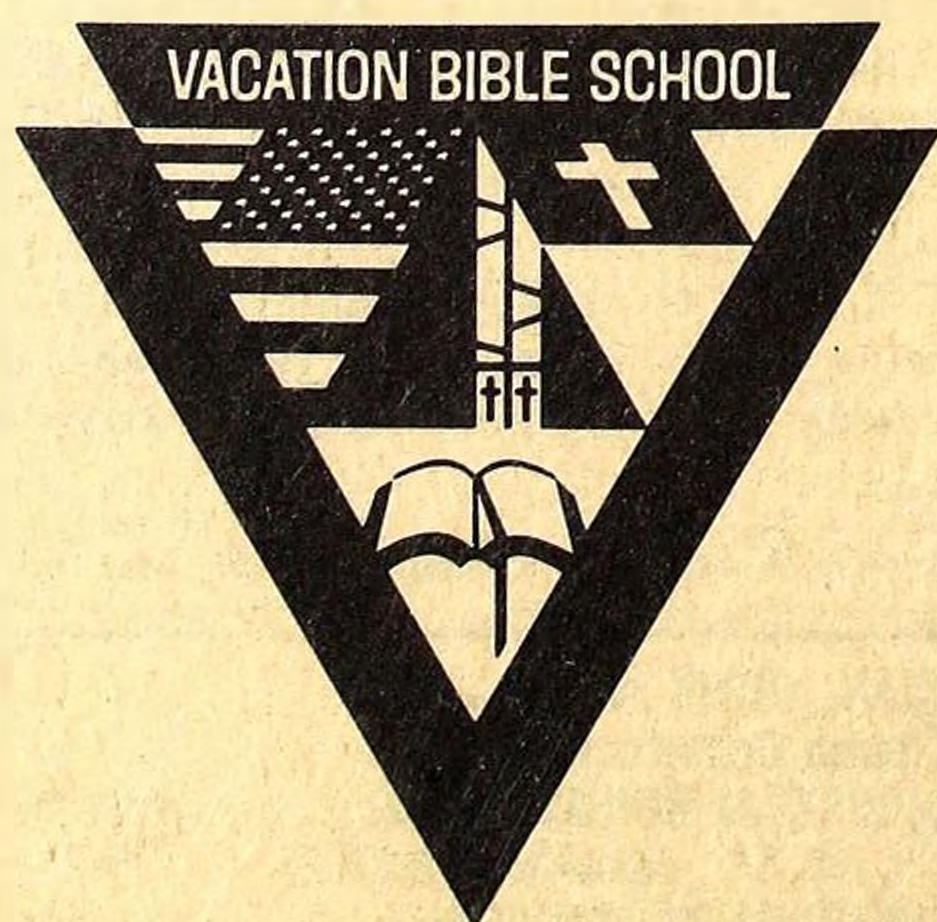
"Where are the career missionaries? Where are the preachers?" he asked students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, where he spoke in conjunction with their spring Missions Emphasis Week.

"It takes 10,000 Baptists to send one missionary couple . . . it takes eight associations to send one couple . . . it takes a state convention to send four missionary couples."

Bryan pointed out that 80 percent of the world today is without a Christian witness, and that the Foreign Mission Board is striving to double its missions force—to 5,000—by the turn of the century.

He noted that some pastors and other church members respond, "God hasn't told me to go."

"Has he told you to stay?" he asked. (SBTS)

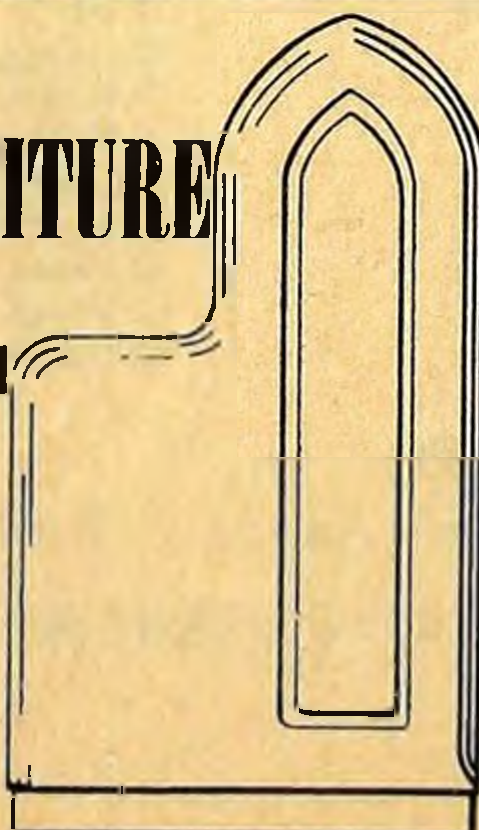


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By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive secretary-treasurer

For 30 years Mary Northington was executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. She retired in 1953.

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Miss Mary, as she was affectionately known, died on Nov. 29, 1974. Many others have probably served as nobly and sacrificially as she. Most of them are recalled only in sacred memory, but not Miss Mary. She had a will. In that will she remembered a few friends, the church of which she was a member, and the passion of her Christian experience—world missions.

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'Preaching sets tone of congregations,' pastors told at first national meeting

SHREVEPORT, La.—"Preaching, more than any ministerial activity, sets the tone of congregational life," William Hull, pastor of Shreveport's First Baptist Church, told participants at the first National Conference of Preaching.

The importance and primacy of preaching in church life was emphasized by five Southern Baptist speakers addressing about 315 participants from 18 states at the first of two national preaching conferences sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas, told preachers to carry out their responsibilities with zeal but not to have an overlay of enthusiasm. "No amount of technique can compensate for what is internal," he said.

After each conference session, participants divided into groups to analyse videotaped sermons provided by five Southern Baptist preachers. Taped sermons were supplied by Russell Dilday, president-elect of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; and John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

"Preaching is not a recital of what man

has done for God, but what God has done for man," Hull said. "The preacher's utterance is not an informed opinion on spiritual issues, rather it is a divine occurrence in which the Christ-event actually happens all over again." (BP)

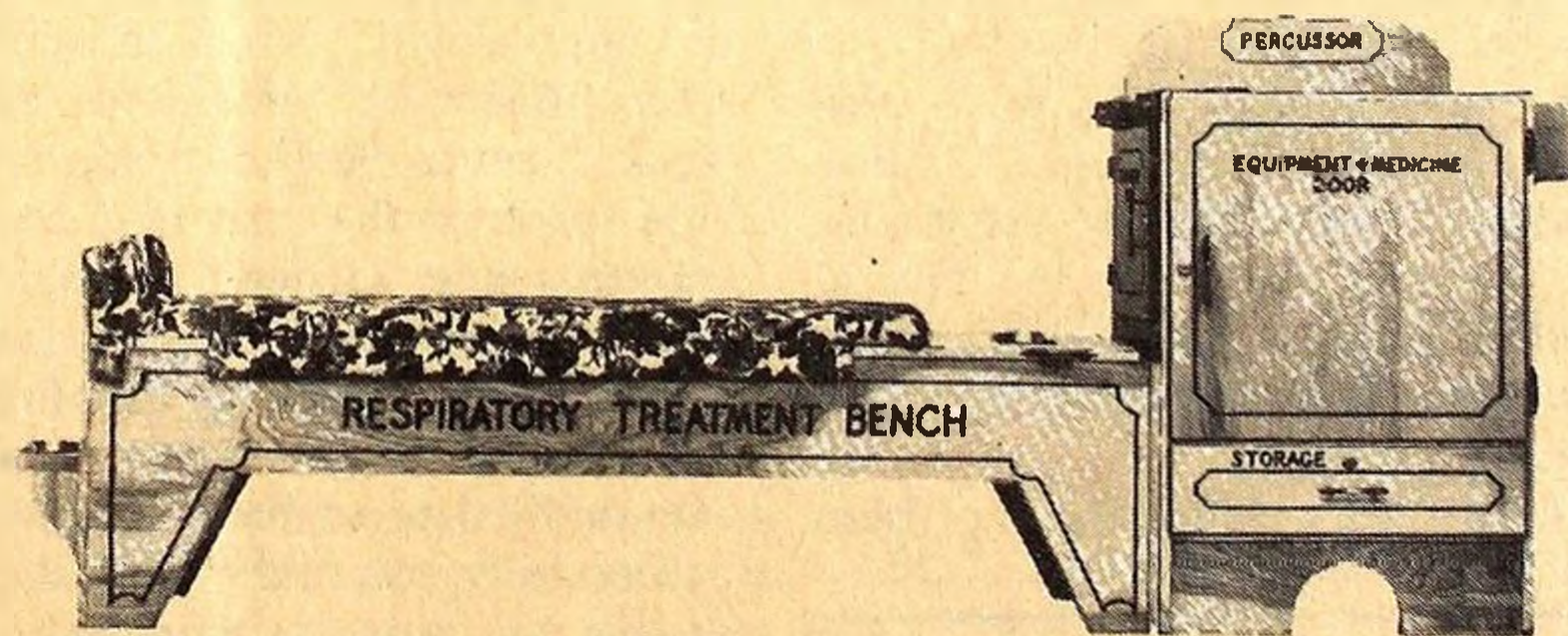
Sunday School Board invites SBC travelers

NASHVILLE—The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is inviting messengers to this year's SBC annual meeting to tour the board's facilities on the way to Atlanta or on the return trip home.

The tour, which lasts approximately one hour, includes visits to the agency's Van Ness Auditorium, Dargan-Carver Library and museum, Founder's Room, church literature order filling assembly line, and the Church Program Training Center. Additionally, other selected areas of special interest may be visited upon request.

Tour guides describe the current work of the board and tell of the institution's history, and guests are given a souvenir booklet that includes photographs and information about the board's mission.

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Phillip: messenger to outsiders

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Basic Passage: Acts 8:4-40
Focal Passage: Acts 8:4-8; 14-25

As he very often does in the book of Acts, Luke follows a general statement ("They . . . were scattered abroad") with a concrete example (Phillip). As a result of the scattering, the young church carries the gospel to people and places who might otherwise have not been reached. Further, as a result of the persecution, Jerusalem and Jewish Christianity gradually fades into the background as the center of Christian witness. The Gentile Christians take over the leadership of the church, and the universal message of the gospel breaks out of narrow racial strictures which would limit it.

Breaking Racial Barriers: Acts 8:4-8

The word for "scattered abroad" is Luke's word for sowing seed. The gospel seed is scattered over much fertile soil when the church leaders who follow Stephen's insights are forced to leave Jerusalem. They witness even as they flee. Evidently, the Apostles remain in Jerusalem because they are not yet fully convinced of the universal claim of the gospel. As time passes, God will gradually lead them to understand. Phillip, another of the "table-servers," travels to Samaria and does not hesitate to break deeply set racial patterns in order to witness.

Seven centuries earlier the Northern Tribes had been conquered by the Assyrians. The able-bodied people were then scattered throughout the Assyrian Empire and the land was colonized by Assyrians. Adapting to the new situation, the Northern tribes settled into the new culture, married non-Jews and Samaria became a city of mixed religious beliefs.

Two hundred years after the northern

exile, the Southern tribes had also been carried into exile by the Babylonians. They refused to compromise their religious beliefs, and as a result, when they returned from exile fifty years later they had retained the purity of their faith and had developed a strict religious exclusivism.

For five hundred years there was bitter enmity between the two groups. A strict Jew refused to spend a night in a Samaritan village. Before the horrified gaze of His disciples Jesus had spoken to a Samaritan woman and had repudiated centuries of tradition and prejudice by His action.

The church, through its preacher Phillip, now welcomes into its community those who have been alienated for centuries. Another barrier between men has been broken and the new fellowship brings "great joy in that city" (v. 8). Today, the church continues to witness to people often alienated by the events of history; the message of the gospel is still that all men can be one in Christ.

Peter and John Witness in Samaria: Acts 8:14-17;25

Throughout this period of missionary expansion, the apostles have confined their witnessing to people of Jewish background. Their interest in reaching beyond Judaism develops slowly. When the church at Jerusalem becomes aware of the Samaritan work, it sends Peter and John to investigate. The spirit of the visit is a cooperative and fraternal one. Growth of their spiritual insight is evidenced by the fact that John earlier had wanted to call fire down on a Samaritan village (Luke 9:51-56). Peter eventually has to have a vision from God before fully comprehending the implications of this new work in Samaria.

This account of the coming of the Holy Spirit has some differences from other accounts in Acts. The Holy Spirit's presence is evidenced in the joy they were experiencing which was a gift of the Spirit. What seems to be indicated is that there had been no manifestation of the Spirit comparable to

Pentecost. When the apostles arrive, the work is divinely authenticated by the power of the Spirit. This "little Pentecost" offers strong evidence that God puts His seal of approval on this missionary work to the Samaritans. Men are not to be denied entrance to the Kingdom because of being born in the wrong place.

It is evident that Peter and John are now convinced that this work is of God. They are so fired with enthusiasm that they, along with Phillip, preach the gospel to the Samaritans. They also return to Jerusalem with the message that God loves the Samaritans as well as the Jews.

Witnessing to a Con-man: Acts 8:18-24

Simon seems to have been a cross between the Wizard of Oz and a flim-flam artist. He has conned the people into thinking he was some kind of god. He now sees his position of power and prestige being undermined because he is unable to duplicate the works of Phillip. He seems to have been awed by the miracles of the apostles but does not comprehend the meaning of them.

He is baptized, but his basic motivation seems to be selfish. He wants to use this new religion. He thinks the Spirit is a magic genie controlled by the apostles. His conversion does not reach to the depths of his being to deal with his con-man instincts.

When Peter arrives all the greed, larceny, and power hunger breaks out. Instead of asking for the enabling of the Holy Spirit, Simon asks for personal power. He is quickly put straight when Peter informs him that God is not for sale. Simon never understands the difference between his money which can buy the world and the humility necessary to receive the gift of God. The Spirit is not a power to be manipulated for selfish ends, but a person to be obeyed. Simon does understand enough to ask for the prayers of the church because he fears what may befall him.

So Phillip, God's missionary, delivers the gospel to outsiders, to con-men, and finally to a Eunuch on the Gaza strip, the Los Angeles freeway of his day. All barriers are leveled through the bold mission thrust of the young church. It should be the same today.

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"Unless the Lord had been my help,
my soul had almost dwelt in silence"
(Psa. 94:17).

The roots of sin

By H. Eugene Cotey, Pastor
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Basic Passage: Genesis 4-5
Focal Passages: Genesis 4:1-11, 15

Dr. Karl Menninger, dean of American psychiatrists, has written a book entitled, **Whatever Became of Sin**. Psychiatrists are not noted for dealing with the subject of sin, but Dr. Menninger unashamedly broaches the subject. He sees sin as a matter to be taken seriously, not as an item for "Laugh-In." The Bible, of course, is the source book for understanding the destructive nature of sin.

I. The Sinful Root of Partiality

Partiality in the home is a moral rodent that gnaws at the life-line of the home. When a parent favors one child at the expense of another, dire results will be forthcoming. The Scripture passage hints of this when Eve is overjoyed with the birth of Cain. Her exclamation, "I have gotten a son from the Lord" seems to be more than rejoicing that a male child has been born to the family. No comment is made at the birth of Abel; there is only the notation that a brother to Cain was born.

Parents who bring children into the world may not be financially able to present them with all of the world's goods, but every parent can, and should, bless the child with large quantities of love and acceptance. To deny loving attention to a child is to deny him his birthright.

During her son's term of office, the mother of President Eisenhower was interviewed on a television talk show. When the host asked, "Aren't you proud of your son?", Mrs. Eisenhower surprised him by saying, "Yes, I am, but which one are you referring to?"

If the warmth of home life is to shine, it must be distributed to each child in equal measure. To be sure, each child is different, and it would be impossible to give all the children exactly the same number of hugs or exactly the same presents. The important thing is that each child develop a sense of self-worth by receiving the particular demonstration of family love that he needs.

II. The Sinful Root of Hypocrisy

Verse 2 gives no recognition of one brother's occupation above the other's. There may not have been any significance in the kind of offering presented by the brothers; however, verse 4 notes that Abel brought the best and fattest sheep in his flock. Perhaps this is an indication of the grateful, worshiping spirit that prompted Abel's gift, while Cain's was a perfunctory, off-hand offering. The spirit in which an offering is given is all important, says verse 7. The Lord would have been happy to accept

Cain and his offering of farm produce if it had been presented in obedience and reverence.

People prefer to forget obedience as a necessary part of worship. They would rather manage their own lives and then try to cover up by writing a big check or praying a beautifully worded prayer. God cannot and will not receive such worship. God points out that sin is waiting to attack those who approach God in a hypocritical manner.

The principle of worthy giving presented in verse 7 also drives home the spiritual truth that men have it in their power to rule over sin. Too often we are quick to declare, "The devil made me do it." Satan cannot make us do anything. It is the desire of sin to undo us, but the authority is given us to dominate it. Sin crouches at the door: "unto thee shall be its (sin's) desire, but do thou rule over it." (ASV)

It is so easy to permit worship to slip into a rut of mechanical meaninglessness. Early in the Biblical account, God lets us know that this will not be permitted. And the reason it will not be allowed is that it keeps us from the best we can be. True worship enhances the spiritual rapport of man with God. Hypocritical worship endangers that relationship and permits the dry rot of selfish independence to set in.

III. The Sinful Root of Jealousy

Murder, or any other sin does not stem from the outward act; it comes from a wrong spirit in the heart of man. Cain was jealous that God accepted Abel and Abel's offering. He could not face the fact that his offering was rejected. Instead of examining his own heart and getting himself right with God, he tried to get rid of his own inner turmoil by destroying his brother. Sin has a way of warping reasoning and leading us astray. Under the stress and strain of sin, our decisions seem so right, when actually they are entirely wrong.

Cain kept trying to make his own route

to God. He would not obey. He would not worship, and when he was rejected by God, his only thought was to eliminate the one who preceded him. Evidently, Cain thought he would be asked to fill the vacancy of Respected One once Abel was out of the way, but in taking his brother's life, Cain cut himself off from God. Instead of mapping a new route to God, Cain's way led to banishment as he became a fugitive and a wanderer.

A wrong relationship to God leads to a wrong relationship with others. God does not approve of insincere worship, nor does He accept wrong relationships between men. God will always be asking, "Where is thy brother?" Being our brother's brother means that we are responsible for him. We are never free from the bond of brotherhood, and we can never claim irresponsibility in brotherhood.

God wants us to recognize that sin is rooted in every phase of life. We must be ready to cut it off at any time and any place it rears its ugly head. Sin takes root in the family and shows itself in parents' partiality toward children. Sin takes root in worship, striving to convince men that going through the motions of religion is as good as giving oneself in a worshipful attitude to the Lord. Sin resides in the individual heart in the form of envy and jealousy if given the chance. Sin is nasty and debilitating, but the victory over it is found in God.

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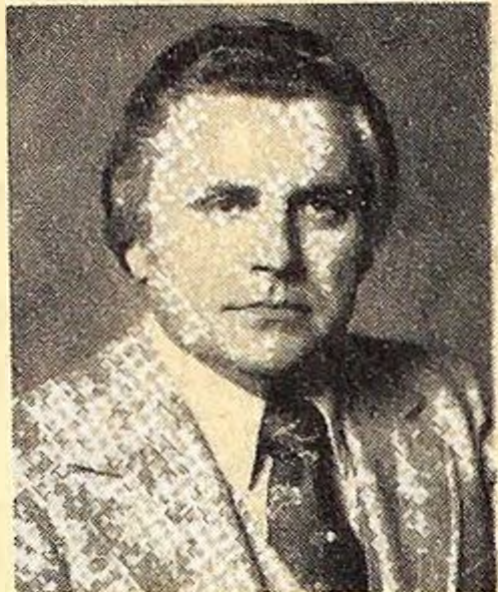
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Child needs to learn how to handle crisis

Individuals develop their own ways of helping themselves cope with life's demands. The "coping devices" chosen appear to be more closely related to mental health in adulthood than the impact of any isolated childhood trauma, data from a follow-up study of 95 outstandingly successful Harvard grads suggest.

The death of a parent, surgery, or none of the childhood events that could be expected to affect youngsters for years to come seems to be closely linked to later life adjustment, according to Harvard Medical School psychiatrist George E. Vaillant.

The two major factors in determining successful function in adulthood are, then, the kind of "coping devices" the individual selects to help himself handle the inescapable tensions and conflicts of living—and a life-long ability to make and keep friends. The men who could not attract and maintain deep friendships were the least adjusted and least successful.

Social class had nothing to do with the men's adjustment to life, Dr. Vaillant discovered. One third of the 95 "best-selling novelists and cabinet members, scholars and captains of industry, physicians and teachers of the first rank, judges and newspaper editors" who made up the study sample were from working class, blue collar households, but "social class correlated with absolutely nothing," he observes in *Adaptation to Life* (Little, Brown).

The ability to play, however, turned out to be a good predictor of successful adjustment to life and this capacity was impaired in those men who had experienced unhappy childhoods. Dependency and a lack of trust also characterized the men who had had a bad start emotionally.

A surprising finding was that the big businessmen in the study—19 company presidents—had the most fun, the happiest marriages, and the most rewarding friendships of all.

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