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WINNERS—At last week's State Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament, these were judged as winners (from left) Melissa Harris, Bible Drill alternate; Lynn Powell, Bible Drill champion; Brenda Rhoton, Speakers' champion; and Suzanne Richardson, Speakers' alternate.

Powell, Rhoton, judged champions in state church training events

Two young ladies from middle Tennessee were judged as champions in the State Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament held last week in Brentwood. The events are sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist church training department.

Lynn Powell from Gum Springs Church, Lawrenceburg, won the Bible Drill. She represented the South Central Region. The Bible Drill alternate is Melissa Harris of Livingston's First Church, North Central Region.

Brenda Rhoton of Boiling Springs Church, Baxter, was awarded first place in the Youth Speakers' Tournament. She represented the North Central Region. The alternate is Suzanne Richardson of Rogersville's First Church, Northeastern Region.

Both champions were to participate in events at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center this week.

Miss Rhoton's speech was on the subject, "Consumerland U.S.A." It is printed on page 13 of this issue of the **Baptist and Reflector**.

Other participants in the July 3 state

Speaker's Tournament were (listed alphabetically): Sonia Chapman, First Church, Mt. Juliet, Central Region; Angela Chapman, Brownsville Church, Southwestern Region; Robert Cobb, Black Oak Church, Clinton, Eastern Region; Jerry Duffey, First Church, Humboldt, Northwestern Region; Steve Dunn, First Church, Chattanooga, Southeastern Region; and Leland Parks, Shelbyville Mills Church, South Central Region.

Also participating in the Bible Drill (listed alphabetically) were: Susan Carpenter, Montvue Church, Morristown, Southeastern Region; Stanley Eason, New Providence Church, Clarksville, Central Region; Vicky Hardwick, Emmanuel Church, Humboldt, Northwestern Region; Wade McClanahan, Hopewell Church, Cleveland, Southeastern Region; Jeff Moore, First Church, Seymour, Eastern Region; and Tammy Silliman, Turkey Creek Church, Savannah, Southwestern Region.

The annual competition was directed by Mary Allen, director of youth work for the TBC church training department.

Tennessee giving continues to gain

Mission giving through the Cooperative Program by Tennessee Southern Baptists is running 11.6 percent above last year's pace with two-thirds of the budget year gone, according to Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the TBC Executive Board.

When the books for June closed, Norton noted that during the eight months of the budget year (November 1977-June 1978), Tennessee Baptists had shared \$7,429,815.45 through the Cooperative Program mission support system. This compares to \$6,658,947.41 given during the same period of the previous year.

The goal for this budget year as approved by messengers to the 1977 TBC is \$10,550,000. Two-thirds of this goal would be \$7,033,333.33, meaning that Cooperative Program receipts are \$396,482.09 more (5.6 percent) than the goal for the eight-month period.

June's Cooperative Program receipts were \$965,856.10. This is 9 percent above the monthly goal of \$879,166.67, but 4 percent below the \$1,006,387.33 received in June 1977. Incidentally, June 1977 was Tennessee's first \$1-million Cooperative Program month.

The \$1-million plateau has been reached in six of the past 13 months, according to Norton.

Court puts new limits on capital punishment

WASHINGTON—In the latest of a series of decisions over the past six years on the constitutionality of the death penalty, the Supreme Court (7-1) struck down Ohio's death statute for failing to allow sentencing judges to consider the particular circumstances in each case.

The Ohio law requires the sentencing judge to condemn a convicted murderer to death unless one of three conditions is met: (1) the murder victim induced or facilitated the offense; (2) the killer was "under duress, coercion, or strong provocation;" or (3) the killing was occasioned by the murder's "psychosis or mental deficiency."

By ruling against mandatory death sentences, the court seemed to be telling the states that the circumstances surrounding a murder, including "mitigating" factors such as character, prior record, age, lack of specific intent to cause death, and the specific role played in the crime, must be considered at the sentencing stage since they may indicate need for a lesser sentence. (BP)

Official SBC registration reaches 22,872 with 1,913 from Tennessee

Nashville—Atlanta's location in the heart of almost three-fourths of all Southern Baptist churches likely explains the all-time record official registration of 22,872 messengers last month at the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Basing his observations on geographical and statistical factors, SBC Registration Secretary Lee Porter of Nashville said he doesn't expect such a huge registration again in the foreseeable future because no cities eligible for future meetings will have access to such a concentration of Baptists.

A statistical analysis by Baptist Press bears out that conclusion. Georgia and five bordering states (N.C., S.C., Ala. Tenn., and Fla.) accounted for 13,740 messengers, 60.1 percent of the total. Based on 1977 statistics, those states contain 43.5 percent (15,338 out of 35,255) of all SBC churches and 42.3 percent 5,530,057 out of 13,083,199) of all members of SBC churches.

Porter believes the record may not be exceeded until the SBC meets again in Atlanta in the distant future, unless some issue, event, or other factor causes unusual interest in a given convention or convention city. None of the five cities planned for the SBC annual meetings between now and 1983 have such a huge chunk of Baptist population in close range. They are Houston, St. Louis, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Pittsburgh, 1979-83 respectively.

The same holds true for another group of cities—the only ones in the U.S., besides Atlanta and the five mentioned, which currently have enough facilities for an SBC meeting. They are Dallas, Kansas City, Chicago, and

New York City, and maybe Portland, and San Francisco, which have borderline facilities, and possibly Miami, which would be eliminated if it approves casino gambling.

Future registration, under present conditions, will probably range between 16,000 and 20,000, Porter said. The exception would be Los Angeles in 1981, which would register much less, as did Portland, Ore., in 1973, when only 8,871 messengers registered.

The record-shattering 22,872, made official by an SBC Historical Commission tabulation, totals only 31 less than the unofficial figure of 22,903 announced at the close of the SBC, June 15. That record accompanies another record—462 persons registered in the SBC newsroom. That figure, 189 higher than the Norfolk record of 273, included 266 secular newsmagazine, daily newspaper, and wire service writers, editors, and photographers, as well as radio and television personnel and miscellaneous media representatives. Religious journalists, newsroom staff, and others made up the rest.

A breakdown by states in the SBC registration ranked the host state of Georgia as number one, with 3,895 messengers and reveals Vermont as the only state not to send a messenger. Others in the top 10 were North Carolina, 2,334; South Carolina, 2,076; Alabama, 2,044; Tennessee, 1,913; Texas, 1,539; Florida, 1,478; Virginia, 1,169; Kentucky, 1,086; and Mississippi, 1,027. (BP)

Georgetown College names new president

GEORGETOWN, Ky.—Ben M. Elrod, senior vice-president and director of development at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., has been named the 21st president of Georgetown College.



Elrod

Elrod was elected by a unanimous vote of the trustees of the Baptist college. He will assume his duties Aug. 1, succeeding Robert L. Mills, who will remain as chancellor.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., Elrod is a graduate of Ouachita and received the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and the doctor of education degree from Indiana University.

Elrod has served as a pastor and counselor in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma, and was named vice-president for development at Ouachita in 1963, serving until 1968, when he was elected president of Oakland City (Ind.) College. He returned to Ouachita as vice-president for development in 1970 and was named senior vice-president and director of development earlier this year. (BP)

Christian Life Commission publishes resource pamphlet on homosexuality

NASHVILLE—The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has prepared a special resource pamphlet on homosexuality in response to a motion referred to the agency by the messengers of the 1977 SBC meeting in Kansas City.

"Homosexuality in Christian Perspective," a compilation of articles by five well-known Southern Baptist leaders, has been prepared for use by Southern Baptist churches, pastors, and individuals. According to Christian Life Commission Executive Secretary Foy Valentine, the pamphlet is the result of a study authorized by the commission's elected members in their 1977 annual meeting. It represents one of several steps the commission has taken in direct response to the 1977 convention's action, he said. The pamphlet, he added, is also part of the moral concerns agency's ongoing program related to Christian sexual behavior.

The motion referred to the commission by the 1977 convention was presented by Missouri pastor Edwin E. Burris. It called for the development of a program of opposition to "homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle," due to "extensive promotion" given to the

homosexuality issue "by the media and legislative bodies."

The new pamphlet, Valentine explained, "is intended to help Southern Baptists take a firm and unambiguous stand against the sin of homosexuality, project a message of Christian salvation and hope for persons involved in homosexual sins, and deal with the whole issue of homosexuality in the context of the local church."

The five articles in the pamphlet are "The Bible and Homosexuality," by Dale Moody, professor of theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; "Christian Ethics and Homosexuality," by Henlee H. Barnette, clinical professor of psychiatry, University of Louisville School of Medicine; "Counseling the Homosexual Person," by Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, University of Louisville School of Medicine; "Homosexuality and the Law," by Phil Strickland, associate and lawyer, Christian Life Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas; and "The Church and Homosexuality," by Harry N. Hollis, Jr., director of family and special moral concerns, Christian Life Commission.

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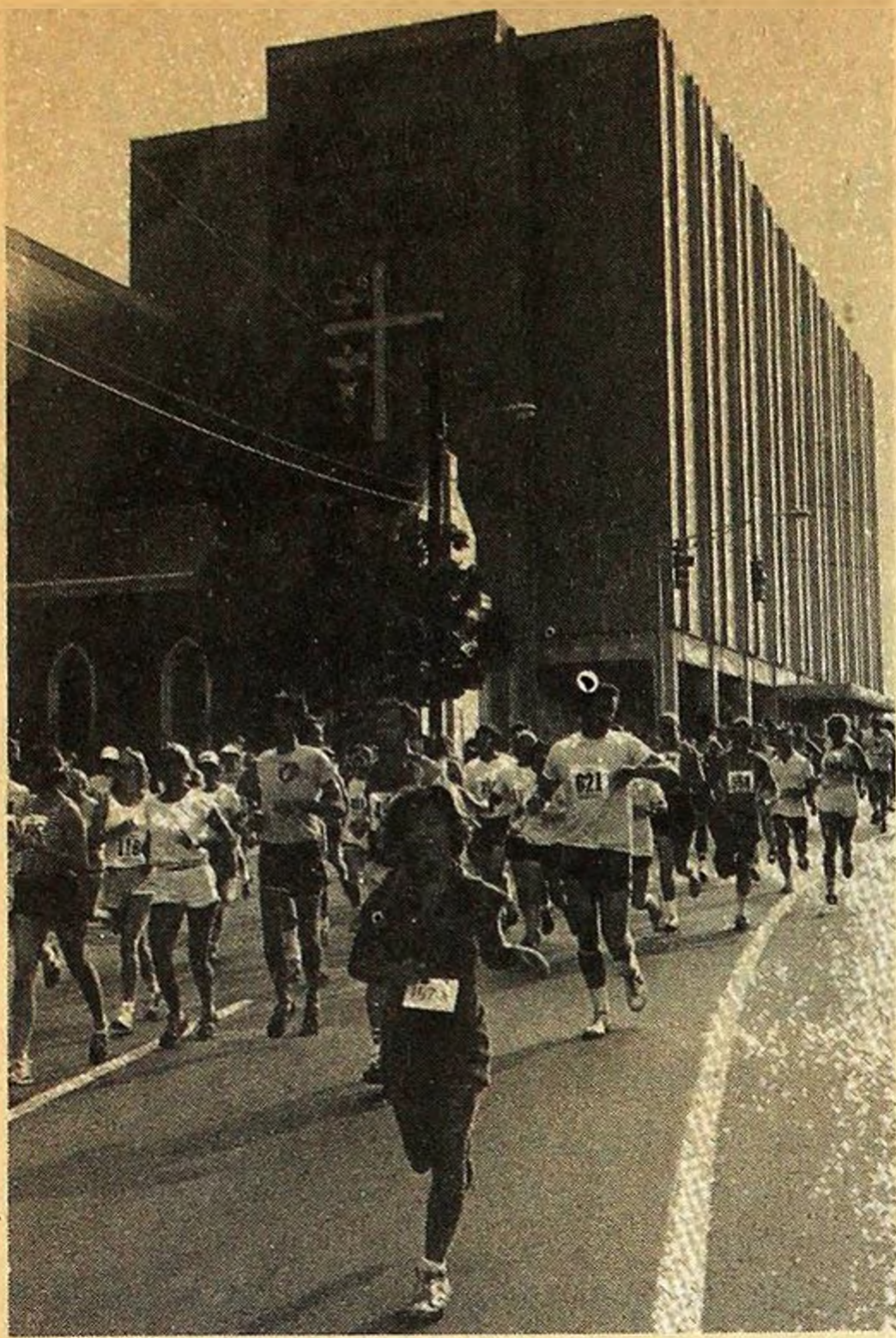
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ON THE MOVE—Almost 1,700 men and women had to pass the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital twice as they competed in the first annual Expo 10,000 race staged recently in Knoxville. The six-mile course wound its way through the downtown area.

FMB names 55 missionaries, votes to enter 91st country

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Fifty-five new missionaries and 13 new Mission Service Corps volunteers received approval from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission board at its June meeting.

A double line of new missionaries stretched across the auditorium stage at the Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist conference Center as the board appointed its largest group of missionaries in 31 years.

J. Roy Clifford, personnel committee chairman, said the record response in the first half of this year shows "what God is doing among the 13.1-million Southern Baptists."

One of the new missionary couples will go to Bolivia, which now becomes Southern Baptists' 91st mission field. With the latest addition, the total Southern Baptist foreign missionary force now stands at 2,838.

The 13 new Mission Service Corps personnel, recognized in a special service the night preceding the missionary appointment, almost doubled the present seven service corps volunteers serving overseas.

One hundred Missionary Journeyman candidates, now in training at Meredith College in

Raleigh, N.C., also were on hand for the opening session of the annual Foreign Missions Conference and to confer with missionaries from many of the more than 40 fields where they will serve. Those completing the training successfully will be commissioned July 21 in Richmond, Va.

The record for appointments at a single service was set in April 1947 when 56 of the year's total 78 appointments took place.

Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the board's department of missionary personnel, said that the 52 set aside for missionary service at the June 28 ceremony, plus three special project missionaries presented the following day and two former missionary couples reappointed, make up "the largest delegation that Southern Baptists have ever commissioned, employed or sent out in a single board meeting."

In other actions, the board offered financial and administrative responsibility for the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, to the European Baptist Federation Council and appropriated more than \$100,000 in hunger and relief funds. The \$14,262 given in the special hunger offering at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in June was designated to help feed hungry children at the nutritional village in Bangalore, India.

The board took no action on the possibility of entering Zaire. John E. Mills, secretary for West Africa, reported to his area committee on possibilities for work with Baptists in Zaire but advised against any action pending a final report on plans by another Baptist group to begin work there. (BP)

European Baptist Federation offered control of seminary at Ruschlikon

RIDGECREST, N.C.—European Baptists will be offered financial and administrative responsibility for the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board decided at its June meeting.

The board approved a five-part recommendation to provide a maximum \$300,000 subsidy for the international seminary in 1979 if the European Baptist Federation Council accepts responsibility for the institution. The board specified the money would be provided "if it is possible, and the council so desires."

The proposal offers use of the seminary property, plus administrative control of the seminary and all other Baptist facilities at the location, for a five-year period beginning Jan. 1, 1979, with the possibility of renewal after that period.

J. D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and south Asia, and a special subcommittee of the board have been considering the future of the seminary since it has been hit with the twin problems of inflation and the decline in the value of the U.S. dollar. The seminary had a \$48,730 budget deficit in 1977, met by the board, and the 1978 deficit could run as high as \$100,000.

The \$300,000 subsidy proposed under the new arrangement—close to the amount provided in the board's 1978 budget for the seminary—would increase \$5,000 annually

through 1983. This figure does not include the additional support given through salaries and housing of Southern Baptist missionary faculty members which the board would continue to furnish the seminary.

The Foreign Mission Board action received and considered many expressions of appreciation for the seminary and notes of concern that it may close since the study began in April. Selling the property in Switzerland and relocating had been one option, but subcommittee chairman, Raymond L. Spence, said the board "never intended to close" the seminary.

The subcommittee and Hughey will attend the European Baptist Federation Council meeting and visit the seminary in September. More recommendations are expected to be brought to the Foreign Mission Board in October, following that meeting.

As a part of the June recommendation, the board pledged to cooperate with European Baptists in maintaining "at Ruschlikon or elsewhere the programs and services they deem most vital for European Baptist life and work." The board is open to recommendations from European Baptists concerning Ruschlikon or alternative ways Southern Baptists may cooperate with them in theological education, training of laymen, evangelism and cultivation of Baptist unity. (BP)

Jackson cornerstone set for new building

Jackson's First Church will lay the cornerstone in its new building complex during special services July 16. Guest speaker will be a former pastor Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut St. Church, Louisville, Ky.

The new church building will cost \$3.5-million and is scheduled for completion next June.

Recently, the church opened the cornerstone of their present building in downtown Jackson. It has been put in place in December 1909. Among the historic documents, papers, and pictures found in the cornerstone box was a then-current copy of the **Baptist and Reflector**.

Photostatic copies of the old documents will be placed in the new cornerstone, and the originals displayed in the new church library.

R. Trevis Otey is pastor of the church.

Rhodesia missionaries decide to stay, to continue ministry

GWELO, Rhodesia—Southern Baptist missionaries will keep all their Rhodesian ministries open, though adjustments will be made because of the increased guerrilla activity in some areas.

Davis L. Saunders, area secretary for eastern and southern Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, met with 38 Rhodesia missionaries July 5 and reported the results of that meeting by telephone to board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

All but four missionaries currently on the field attended the meeting, including those recently evacuated from the Sanyati Baptist compound following the murder of Archie Dunaway Jr. on June 15.

The hospital and school at Sanyati will remain open, the missionaries decided, with Maurice L. Randall acting as hospital supervisor and area evangelist. John W. Monroe will be administrator of the hospital and station manager. Neither of the men will live at Sanyati. When necessary, Randall will com-

mute from Gatooma, and Monroe from Salisbury. They plan to travel by road.

Several of the missionaries are considering possible changes in ministries but are seeking to work out the details before their plans are announced. The majority will continue in their jobs, Saunders said.

Dunaway was the 28th missionary killed by guerrilla activity in Rhodesia and the only Southern Baptist missionary to be slain. Since his death on June 15, 10 other missionaries and four children have been murdered in guerrilla action.

The guerrilla activity has been largely confined to outlying and isolated areas. Southern Baptist mission work is concentrated in heavily populated urban areas.

Saunders pointed out that there had been a gradual restriction of travel into outlying areas, but that travel was still permitted within the African sections of cities and towns. "These sections provide plenty of opportunities for evangelistic work," Saunders said, indicating that missionaries would continue efforts in these areas.

One other change in the status of mission work involves the seminary in Gwelo. Missionaries at the seminary, located some 14 miles from the city, have been asked by government officials to move into the city. They will go to the seminary for daytime classes and return to the city at night. Classes will continue as usual.

Missionaries on furlough from Rhodesia will make individual decisions about returning to the field, according to last week's decision by the organization of missionaries.

Most of the furloughing missionaries are expected to return on schedule, but the mission did advise against new personnel coming to Rhodesia at least for the next six months.

"The general tone of the meeting was very positive," Saunders reported, "and the Rhodesian Baptist Convention will meet in Gwelo as scheduled." The convention was to meet July 8-10. (FMB)

F. A. Davidson retires

F. A. Davidson, pastor in Georgia and Tennessee for 30 years, has retired from the active pastorate. His last ministry was at Coletown Church, Copper Basin Association, where he served since 1975.

From 1953-56, he was pastor of Isabella Church, then in Polk County Association. He has served as a member of the Georgia Baptist executive committee, moderator of Polk County Association, and chairman of evangelism, Copper Basin Association.

Davidson plans to be available for revival and supply work.

Joseph Nickell called to lead Cedar Grove

Joseph T. Nickell, pastor of First Church, Crossville, for the past 16 years, has accepted the call as pastor of Cedar Grove Church, Maryville. His first scheduled Sunday in the pulpit is July 16.



Nickell

In addition to the Crossville pastorate, Nickell served as a pastor in Kentucky and was assistant pastor at Whitehaven Church in Memphis.

He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Active in denominational work, he was a member of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1969-75. While on that board, he was a member of the missions committee. Presently, he is a member of the Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. board. Nickell succeeds Doug McPherson, who accepted a pastorate in Texas.

Carlyle Marney dies

WAYNESVILLE, N.C.—Carlyle Marney, a prominent Southern Baptist minister, died July 3 of an apparent heart attack, shortly before he was to begin a series of lectures to 600 ministers at Furman University's annual Pastor's School in Greenville, S.C.

Funeral services and burial were held July 5 in Charlotte.

A native of Harriman, Marney was a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. After three pastorates in Kentucky, he was pastor of First Church, Austin, Tex., for 10 years, and Myers Park Church, Charlotte, for nine years.

Marney also taught at Austin (Tex.) Presbyterian Seminary; Southern Methodist University, Dallas; and Texas Christian University, Fort Worth and has lectured throughout the country, including Princeton Theological Seminary and Harvard, Yale, and Duke universities.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Marney; his mother, two daughters and two grandchildren. (BP)

Thai becomes dean of students

BANGKOK, Thailand—Santi Rungban-yachai recently became the first Thai to be dean of students at Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary here. He is a graduate of the seminary and is a member of the faculty. He also is radio-television program manager at Baptist Mass Communications, where he has worked for two years.

Memphis man's concern aids students in India

BANGALORE, India—Several years ago a Christian in Memphis, Jerre Crook, expressed a desire to do something to reach students in India. Over a period of time, that desire developed into the Senter Cawthon Crook Christian Student Center in Bangalore.

The building, constructed according to Crook's specifications, is located across the road from the University of Agricultural Sciences and adjacent to the Bangalore Baptist Hospital. Initially the center was used for special meetings, musical performances, and film shows.

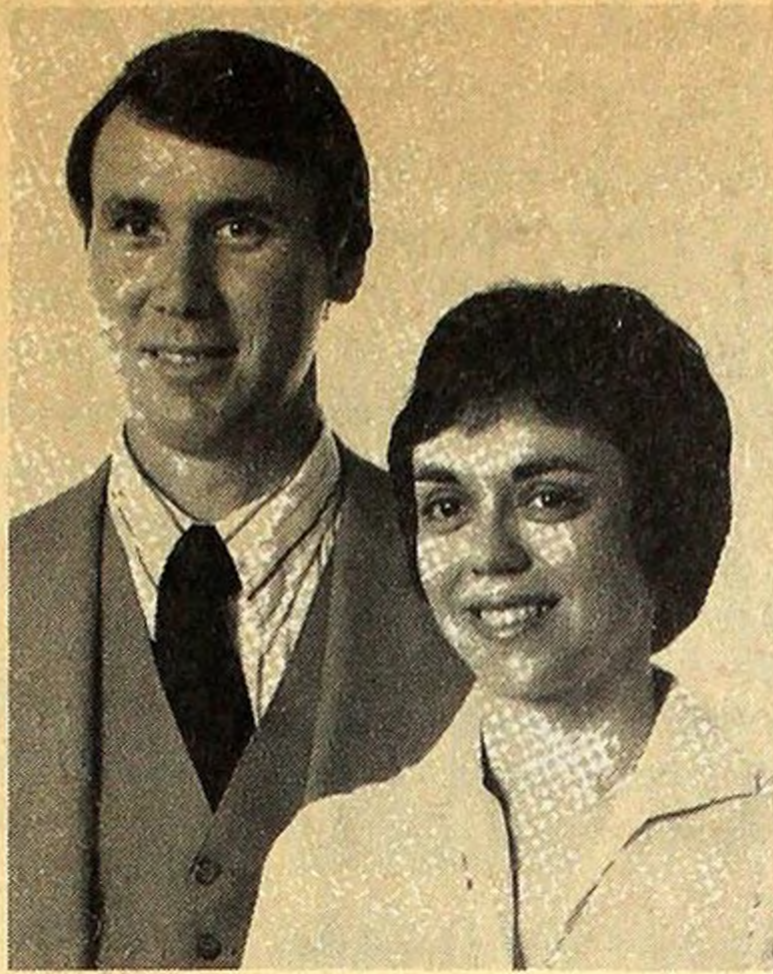
In October 1977, a weekly student ministry was begun on Friday nights. Led by two missionary couples and a nucleus of Indian young people, programs were structured to include testimony and sharing time, Bible study, recreation, and fellowship. Attendance grew rapidly and is now averaging 80 to 100 weekly. The library in the center is open for reading not only on Friday nights but also on one other night each week.

Even more remarkable than the attendance has been the interest and response of the students, reports Rebekah A. Naylor, missionary physician and press representative. After several weeks had passed, some students began asking questions about Christianity. Subsequently, the leaders have spent time counseling interested young people. Some have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

"There are 40 colleges and universities in Bangalore," the missionary says. "The door of opportunity is open. Continued response can be anticipated from the many students who come."



Buckland



Davis



Green



Wakefield

Four Tennessee couples appointed by FMB

Four couples with Tennessee connections were among the 55 people named as new missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, during its annual meeting at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

This is reported to be the largest group of missionaries appointed by the board at one meeting in 31 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon D. Buckland were appointed to serve in Honduras, where he will be a youth and student worker, while Mrs. Buckland will be involved in home and church work.

Currently, they live in Memphis, where he is minister of youth at Colonial Church.

Buckland was born in Texas and is a graduate of West Texas State University, Canyon, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He served on church staffs in Georgia and Mississippi before coming to Memphis.

Mrs. Buckland is the former Nancy Nugent of Nashville. She is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and did further study at Belmont College, Nashville, and Southwestern seminary. During college days, she served as a summer missionary in west Tennessee under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The Buckland family includes three children: Michelle Lee, Melissa Kay, and Matthew Dale.

Mrs. and Mrs. William E. Davis have been named as the first Southern Baptist missionaries in the South American country of Bolivia. After months of exploring the possibility of mission work and following the invitation of Bolivian Baptists, the couple were appointed to that nation. He will be a general evangelist, and she will be involved in home and church work.

Davis was born in Louisiana. He attended Memphis State University and was graduated from Mississippi State University, Starkville,

and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He is pastor of Hales Chapel Church in Zebulon, N.C. Other pastorates have been in North Carolina.

Mrs. Davis is a native of Mississippi. The family includes two daughters: Victoria Elaine and Anna Michele.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Green were named as missionary associates in Taiwan, where he will be pastor of an English-language congregation.

Currently Green is pastor of Trinity Church, Lebanon, and Mrs. Green is a teacher under the Wilson County Board of Education.

A native of Alabama, Green is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. He was pastor of five churches in Alabama before coming to Tennessee.

Mrs. Green is also a native of Alabama and a graduate of Florence (Ala.) State Teacher's College (now University of North Alabama). She has taught school for 16 years.

They have three grown children.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry W. Wakefield, were appointed as missionaries to Mexico, where he will be involved in student work.

Wakefield was born in Lewisburg. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Southeastern Baptist Theolog-

Taiwan seminary graduates 16

TAIPEI, Taiwan—Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary graduated 16 students here in early June during its 24th commencement. Since the seminary was founded in 1952, 225 students have graduated, including two who work with Chinese in Korea under the Chinese Baptist Convention.

Eugene Hill, retired secretary of education and promotion for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and former missionary to China, spoke at the commencement.

ical Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. Presently he is minister of youth and education at Guilford Church, Greensboro, N.C.

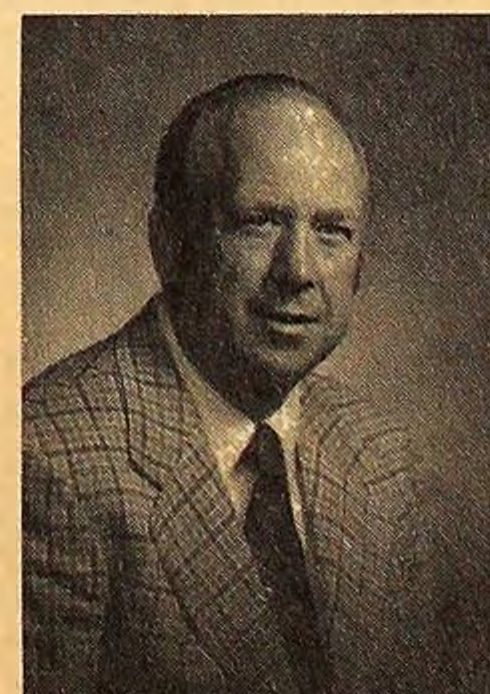
Mrs. Wakefield is a native of Kentucky. She has worked as a secretary in the church music department of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in Raleigh.

During the two summers, the Wakefields served as missionaries under the SBC Home Mission Board.

The Wakefield family includes two children: Mark Wayne and Wendy Dawn.

Jackson layman named to missions position

A Jackson layman, Bill L. Taylor, has been named to the newly created position of associate director of missions in charge of education and promotion for Madison-Chester Association.



Taylor

Taylor assumes the position this month, according to Thomas L. Lewis, director of missions.

A member of West Jackson Church, Taylor will assist Lewis in serving the 50 churches in Madison-Chester Association and the 14 churches in Crockett County Association. While in Jackson, he was director of education for his church.

He has served as educational director at St. Matthews Church, Louisville, Ky., and Third Church, Owensboro, Ky. He also served churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas before coming to Tennessee in 1970.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

LEADERSHIP . . .

Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, called **Martha Couch** as minister of preschool education. She attended Samford University, Birmingham, and the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Additionally, she had course work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. For 25 years, she has led conferences at Southern Baptist assemblies. **Bob Norman** is pastor at Belmont Heights.

Clover Creek Church, Madison-Chester Association, called **Randy Martin**, a student at Union University, Jackson, as music director. He began his work there last month. **Robert Hadley** is the church's new pastor.

Jimmy F. Dunn, management services section, church training department, Baptist Sunday School Board, was named as minister of education for First Church, Nashville. His first Sunday will be July 16. **Dunn** is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. **Dunn** has been a member of Crieveewood Church, Nashville. **H. Franklin Paschall**, is pastor of First Church.

Ferris Jordan, associate pastor, Two Rivers Church, Nashville, has resigned to accept a teaching post at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. **Jordan**, who has been serving as interim pastor at the Two Rivers church, will become associate professor of adult education at the seminary. His resignation is effective July 31.

Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, called **John Medearis** as summer youth and recreation director. A senior at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, **Medearis** is the son of **Bob Medearis**, minister of education at Central Church, Hixson. **Winford Hendrix** is pastor of Brainerd Church.

Creed Caldwell, minister of education at First Church, Clinton, has accepted a position on the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., effective this month. He has served the Clinton Church for four years and five months. His new work will entail serving as the college's librarian and some teaching. His wife **Linda**, will be teaching in the area of religious education. **Samuel D. Dean** is pastor at Clinton.

Doyle Chatham retired from active service as minister of education at Inglewood Church, Nashville. He has served there over five years. Members of the church honored the **Chatham** family at a reception last month. He plans to remain in Nashville following his retirement. **James D. Hopkins** is pastor.

Scott Werner was called as summer youth worker to Hermitage Hills Church, Nashville.

Belmont Church, Holston Valley Missionary Association, called **Claude Christian** as interim pastor.

Clifford Craver is serving as interim minister of music at Hawthorne Church, Dyer Association. **Craver** is a graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. **Jerrell Dawson** is pastor.

Macedonia Church, Ripley, called **David Brandon** as minister of music and youth. He is a student at Union University, Jackson. He served in the same capacity at Poplar Corner Church in Haywood Association.

Calvary Church, Jackson, called **David Stephan** as minister of music and youth. He served in a similar position at Mercer Church, Mercer, before entering Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. **Paul B. Clark** is the pastor at Calvary.

Alpha Church, Nolachucky Association, called **Joe Mike Hodge** as minister of music.

Bill Taylor, minister of education at West Jackson Church, Jackson, received an unanimous call to the position of associate director of missions in charge of education and promotion for the Madison-Chester Association of Baptists and the Crockett Association. The call was effective July 1. **Taylor** has led the work at West Jackson for the past eight years.

Frank Howard resigned as pastor of Friendship Church, New Duck River Association.

PEOPLE . . .

Former Tennessee pastor **John Wilfred Stalans** observed his 25th anniversary in the gospel ministry this month in Dalton, Ga. He is pastor of Unity Church in that city. While in Tennessee, he served First Church, Elk Valley; Eagan Church, Eagan; and First Church, Huntsville.

William N. Robinson, minister of music at First Church, Kingsport, was honored by that congregation last month for 15 years of service in the musical leadership role. **Robinson** has also served as minister of music at First Church, Clarksville. Since beginning his ministry at Kingsport, he has started a church orchestra, which has grown to approximately 40 members, and three handbell choirs. The **Robinson** family has given musical performances in many Baptist churches in Tennessee and other states.

Eastdale Church, Chattanooga, ordained **William J. Chandler** to the gospel ministry. **Chandler**, currently a student at Samford University in Birmingham, is serving as coordinator of children's worship at the Central Park Church, Birmingham. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chandler**, Chattanooga.

First Church, Clarksville, licensed **Keith Vickery** to the gospel ministry last month. **Vickery** is a student at Austin Peay State University in that city. **John David Laida** is pastor.

In McMinn-Meigs Association, Mount Verd Church licensed **Johnny Yarbrough** to the gospel ministry. **Leo Keaton** is pastor.

REVIVALS . . .

West Paris Church, Paris, held revival with **Q. T. Curtis** from Mobile, Ala., serving as evangelist. **A. G. McCallum**, Memphis, led the music. There were five for baptism and three by letter. **Bill Robbins** is pastor.

First Church, McKenzie, was led in revival by Evangelist **Homer Martinez** recently. **Mike Crowley**, Oklahoma City, was the special singer. There were 21 additions, according to Pastor **John Adams**.

Tom Suiter, Lakewood Church, Nashville, led revival services for Hillcrest Church, also in Nashville. **J. W. Gleaves**, minister of music, led the singing. There was one profession of faith and many rededications.

Falcon Church, Selmer, held revival services with **John R. Walker** of Savannah serving as evangelist. There were five professions of faith, six for baptism, one addition by letter, and many rededications. **Stan Smith** is pastor.

Ellis Haskins was the evangelist for revival services at Gap Creek Church in Arthur. There were several professions of faith, two rededications, and eight baptisms. **David E. Clark** is pastor.

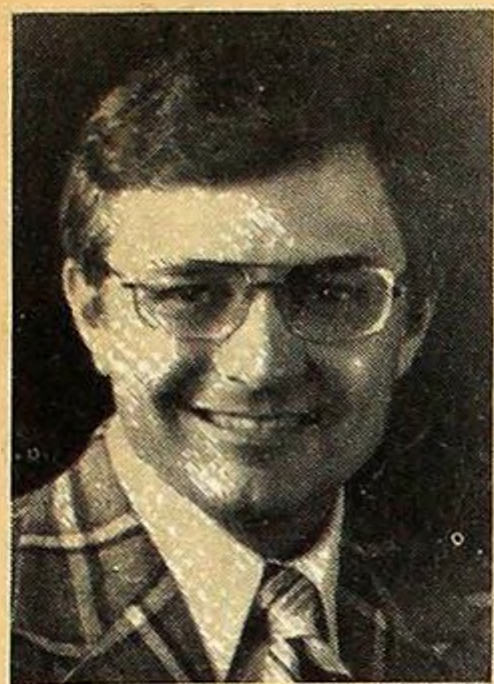
Central Church, Chattanooga, concluded revival services with Evangelist **Vincent Cervera**. According to Pastor **Jerry A. Songer**, there were 21 decisions made. Eight were baptized the Sunday night following the services.

Cherokee Hills Church, Nolachucky Association, held revival with six pastors preaching. These included **Benny Keck** (Leadvale), **Gary Swaggerty** (Bethel), **George Johnson** (Grace), **Charles Christopher** (Magna View), **Dale Gray** (Central), and **Vernon Fielden** (Hickory Cove.) The singing was led by **Richard Long**, pastor at Catherine Nenney.

Wanted! dead men

By John T. Leeson III

This is not taken from a poster in the post office, but from Luke 9:23: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take



Leeson

up his cross daily, and follow me." It was on the cross that our redemption was purchased and for this reason Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ . . ." (Galatians 2:20). By faith we place ourselves in Christ, accepting His work in our stead that we may live in Him (Galatians 2:20b).

Many speak of salvation in a casual way and present it as the easy way to joy, wealth, and health. Not so! It is the way of death! The price was crucifixion for Christ. And, the price is crucifixion for you and me. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Galatians 5:24). The Christian's identification with Christ in His death resulted in the breaking of the power of the sinful nature over the life.

If we have been born again, we are dead men. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). I have yet to see a dead man do anything! Could this be what Christ meant in John 15:5, ". . . for without Me ye can do nothing."?

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24).

That's what is needed in the church today . . . DEAD Men to bring forth much fruit!

Leeson, a layman, is a member of First Church, Mt. Juliet, and also a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.



FREE OF DEBT—Clay Webb, co-chairman, Clay Groves, chairman of the building committee of 1966, and Don Riddle, chairman of deacons, are shown burning the note which made First Church, Dover, free of debt. The new sanctuary was dedicated in August 1968. Others pictured are: (left to right) J. W. Hutchison, Merle Chance, Pastor Herbert W. McFadden, Everett Watson, Woodrow Dill, G. C. Watson, Anna Wynn, and Robbye Jackson.

Slain missionary's colleagues plan on returning to Africa

By Ruth Fowler

RIDGECREST, N.C.—One of their missionary colleagues has been killed by guerrilla forces, but their commitment is clear—Southern Baptist missionaries now in the United States on furlough from eastern and southern Africa indicate they have every intention of going back.

The stabbing death of Archie G. Dunaway Jr. by guerillas on Sanyati (Rhodesia) Baptist Compound, June 15, brought grief to missionaries around the world. But missionaries, attending the annual Ridgecrest Foreign Missions Conference, said they plan to return to their mission work, whether in Rhodesia or in more peaceful nations such as Kenya and Tanzania.

Eugene and Reva Milby, for example, are stationed at Plumtree, Rhodesia, two miles from the Botswana border. They understood that the government or the mission (organization of missionaries in Rhodesia) may tell them it would be too dangerous to return there.

"If they said I couldn't go back to my work in that area, I'd have to re-evaluate," Milby said. "I think we would have to determine if we would want to transfer to another field." But the Milbys agree that they intend to work at Plumtree, "until the door slams shut."

Ed and Mary Ann (Missy) Moses had been stationed at Sanyati, living next door to the Dunaways, until their recent transfer to the newly-independent land of Bophuthatswana.

"I had the place I would hide all picked out, if guerrillas came," Mrs. Moses said. "But I wasn't really afraid. I had been sent this Scripture, 'the gates shall not be closed.'"

They trusted God to keep them in Rhodesia as long as he wanted them there. Then the call to go to Bophuthatswana became as strong as the call had been to work in Rhodesia.

As a pharmacist and church worker in Bophuthatswana, they will not be returning to the kind of political turmoil Rhodesia mis-

sionaries are now facing. "Whatever the consequences, we had the peace to stay until God told us to leave," Moses said. "We were not called to leave Rhodesia so much as called to go to do something else, to pioneer work in Bophuthatswana."

Whether returning to Rhodesia, or to a nation that hasn't had the visible problems of Rhodesia, the whole missionary family of eastern and southern Africa has been affected by Dunaway's death.

"A lot of our friends and relatives have expressed concern about our going back," said Mrs. Charles Bedenbaugh. But in returning to their work in Tanzania, the Bedenbaughs feel no personal sense of danger.

Their main concern is that travel restrictions between Tanzania and Kenya have been tightened and their son will be boarding school in Kenya. They know that even in case of an emergency, it would be difficult for them to reach their son for several days.

The R. Jay E. Stewarts will return to publications work in Kenya, another peaceful African nation. "There's risk in anything that we do," Stewart said. "The risk of physical danger in Kenya is probably about the same as driving on U.S. highways," he continued. "Risks are worth taking for doing the will of God."

That's where the whole issue centers with Dunaway's colleagues—the will of God. Without exception, every Africa missionary interviewed was aware of the possible dangers of service in a politically unsettled area, but everyone of the missionaries was also aware of the strength of the will of God in their lives.

Moses also expressed conviction that Dunaway was where God wanted him to be. "Why (this happened)," he said, "we cannot fully understand. But God will work this to His glory. 'I am convinced God will use Archie's death to bring many black Africans to know the Lord.'" (BP)



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Pastors need encouragement, inspiration

The Pastors' Conference which precedes the annual Southern Baptist Convention has long been a popular gathering for the preachers of our denomination. Historically, it has been an occasion of high inspiration and challenge, used to feed the hungry souls of pastors and doubtless to give them a few ideas for sermons of their own.

It has provided a platform for pastors of all size churches to hear personally some of the great preachers of our denomination. Many of these giants could be heard first-hand—those whom most preachers had only read about.

The conference always has a theme, and—whether or not the speakers followed their assigned topics—we who listened were assured of hearing Biblical, expository messages. Occasionally, a prince of the pulpit was asked to re-preach some sermon for which he was well-known—his so-called "sugar stick."

However, in recent years some have noted that the Pastors' Conference has taken a new track. The sermons—rather than being uplifting and inspirational—have become more and more critical and condemning of the ministry in general and "other" pastors in particular.

At last month's conference in Atlanta, pastors were berated for not believing the Bible, not living exemplary lives, not being evangelistic, not dealing with the issues of our day, and for not questioning the denomination.

Of course, none of the 15,000 pastors who attended and

responded with hearty "Amens" consider themselves to be in this category.

We suppose it parallels the pastor who Sunday after Sunday preaches against the absentee church members who are not there to hear the message.

Not all Southern Baptist pastors are perfect. They are human—just like the laity. There are times when ministers need to be called back to their proper priorities.

A non-Southern Baptist visitor at the 1978 SBC Pastors' Conference would have gotten the completely erroneous impression that all SBC pastors are liberals, materialistic, self-centered, social climbers whose main interest is getting a bigger church. This is definitely not true!

Our pastors do have one tremendous need.

For most of the year, they are rightfully bound by the opportunities and problems of their own congregations. They need to hear inspiration and encouragement. The State Evangelism Conference, our own Tennessee Pastors' Conference, Preachers' Schools (such as are held each summer on all three of our Tennessee Baptist college campuses), and the Pastors' Retreat at Camp Carson are a few such occasions for Tennessee pastors.

Another opportunity has been the SBC Pastors' Conference—and this annual meeting has often set the pace for meetings in the states.

Hopefully, the officers for the SBC Pastors' Conference for 1979 and succeeding years will recognize their task to provide inspiration rather than insults, encouragement rather than criticism, and Biblical sermons rather than biased sarcasm.

The search ends

"Wherever you are born, they hover over you: tradition, authority, patterns, rules you never made—binding you. Even the Christian faith has had to face the same problems and fight its way out of a culture that has never been able to hold it."

These words were written by Carlyle Marney in *Faith in Conflict* (Abingdon Press, 1957). Perhaps they epitomize his life; a life that ended last week not far from his native Tennessee.

Marney seemed to spend his wide ministry challenging those things that pollute, that minimize, and that pervert the personal faith of a Christian and the expression of that faith.

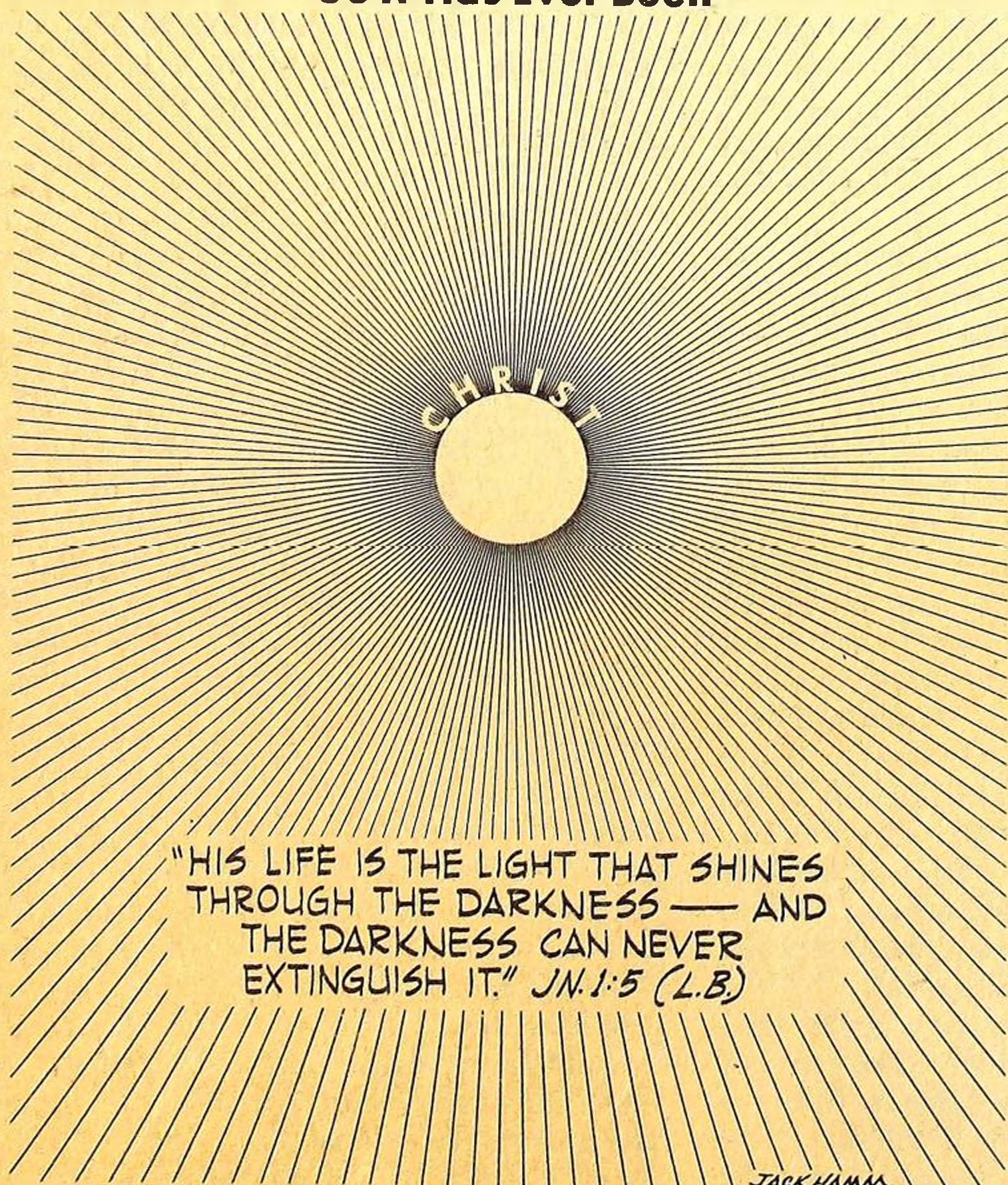
This inquisitive mind which often questioned the practices of religion brought him in conflict with the racists in Austin, Tex., and the traditionalists in Charlotte, N.C.

He never claimed to have all the answers. He saw himself as a pilgrim, searching for the truths of Christ in a culture-cluttered world.

In the same book, Marney wrote, "In faith that sees death as a part of a process, a man comes to the very end of his life still carrying on the adventure."

His searching has been completed. His adventure continues.

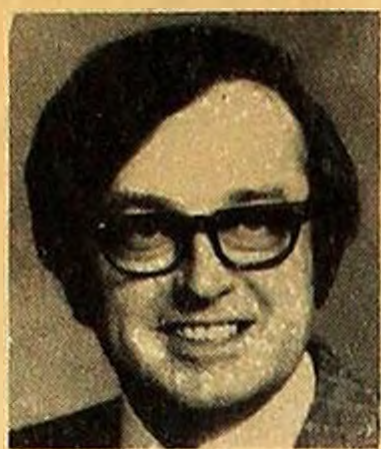
So It Has Ever Been



JACK HAMAN

Cicero's comment

By the editor



"Cicero, the Baptist and Reflector is missing out on the great media-sponsored event—the Tennessee Primary Election," announced A. Gene Cey, noted advertising agency salesman.

"What do you mean?," I asked.

Cey said that such primaries are widely encouraged and ballyhooed by radio and television stations and newspapers for the sole purpose of selling advertisements. "It's a real shot-in-the-arm for ad revenue—and since it comes only once every two years, we've got to make the most of it, or rather from it."

Cey said he was amazed that Cicero hadn't seen the possibilities of capitalizing on the election. "Other people have discovered long ago the financial windfall from primaries." He specifically noted the billboard companies; the poster makers; the bumper sticker manufacturers; the mixers of red, white, and blue paint; the button producers; the brochure printers; and the balloon blowers.

My visitor noted that the networks and newspapers make such primaries front page "news" so the candidates will believe that these votes are important, and thus will try to persuade voters through more advertisements and commercials.

"It is important to convince every candidate that he has a chance—if he will only advertise more," Cey stated. "The Baptist and Reflector ought to make candidates feel that primaries are important—even if they aren't—and that your readers will respond favorably to ads in your paper."

"But," Cicero injected, "Primaries are a part of the political system to get the best candidates on the ballot for November's election."

"Bah, humbug," A. Gene Cey countered. "Primaries are important mainly to the advertising industry. Media builds up the competition through their news, so that more and more advertising and commercials can be sold."

Cicero must have looked confused.

"Just look around you, Cicero," Gene gushed. "There are more reporters at political rallies than voters."

Cey said that the difficulty comes in convincing candidates that they all have a chance. "Some stupid people keep taking polls which note that only one or two candidates really have any hope."

"But, isn't it important that we voters cast our ballots on Aug. 3?" Cicero asked.

My visitor paused for a moment.

"Well, it could be, I suppose. We've convinced the candidates that primaries are significant. If we could convince the citizens that their ballots are important, then maybe we could convince the political party leaders that the primaries and general election are important—and thus sell even more advertising!"

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.

Join the WCC and NCC?

Dear editor:

More than one member of my Sunday School class are concerned with the question, "Is it not now time, in consideration of Bold Mission Thrust, for Tennessee Baptists to support the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches and to become a cooperating body with the World Council of Churches?"

This writer is persuaded that here is subject matter that is peculiarly appropriate for dialogue through the pages of the Baptist and Reflector.

Owen Meredith Smaw
1612 16th Ave., South
Nashville, TN 37212

Of course, this page is always open for dialogue on any religion-related subject.

My personal answer is "No." IF there ever were a time for us to become a cooperating body, this certainly isn't it. With the declining influence of the WCC and the NCC, I can see nothing in their emphases or activities which would enhance our Bold Mission goals.

Under our system of Baptist autonomy, I am not sure that the SBC or the TBC could join anyhow, without the approval of all affiliated churches. (editor)

Pleased with resolution

Dear editor:

This administration is extremely pleased to learn of the adoption of a resolution on multilateral arms control at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

We have no higher national purpose than to seek security for all Americans so that we may concentrate our attention and activities on improving the quality of our lives. The administration is earnestly pursuing this objective. The support of Southern Baptists will be a source of encouragement during the remaining negotiating and ratification process for a SALT TWO agreement limiting nuclear weapons.

The subject of nuclear armaments and arms control is complex and often confusing, and for this reason I would like to extend an invitation to your readers to contact this agency for explanatory materials. One of the primary missions of our agency as mandated by the Congress is to inform the public on arms control matters.

Thomas A. Halstead
United States Arms Control
and Disarmament Agency
Washington, DC 20451

Infallible or not

Dear editor:

Note with interest your quote of pastor Jimmy Allen concerning the Baptists' moderate view of the infallibility of the Bible (June 22).

I wish to point out that according to my unabridged Webster's 3rd Edition (1961) that the word infallible is synonymous with "inerrant" and does not contain the remotest possibility for any qualifying "middle of the road" position.

The Bible is either infallible or it is not. Any other position is not what Baptists believe if they believe the Bible.

Donald C. Thompson
828 West 4th North St.
Morristown, TN 37814

Earlier in the article, Allen said, "We'll always have folks on both sides of the road who will try to find flaws with someone's statements"—and I guess your letter proves this to be true.

Perhaps you are not aware that there are those among us who demand further clarification, using such words as plenary, verbal, dynamic, mechanical, dictation, original manuscripts, literal, and King James Version. (editor).

SBC mission receipts increase 11 percent

NASHVILLE—Through the first nine months of the 1977-78 fiscal year, giving to the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program is running 11.04 percent ahead of last year, according to statistics.

To date, undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program, which funds worldwide missions and capital needs of SBC agencies, has collected \$42,856,390—a \$4,262,211 increase over the same point last year.

Total giving to national SBC causes, including the Cooperative Program figure and another \$45,491,975 in designated giving, amount to \$88,348,365. That represents a 12.2 percent, or \$9,621,727, increase over last year.

Giving to the Cooperative Program in June, alone, increased 22.7 percent, rising from \$4,085,024 in June of 1977 to \$5,013,080 in June of 1978. That figure, plus another \$3,388,255 in designated giving in June 1978 (a 2.20 percent decrease over June 1977) brought total gifts for the month to \$8,401,335. That represents an overall increase for the month of 11.3 percent. (BP)

HISTORICALLY

FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

W. L. Smith resigned as pastor of Eastern Heights Church, Memphis, to become pastor at Yale, Tenn. The church at Yale was erecting a new building to replace the one destroyed by a storm.

E. W. Stone, Nashville, accepted the call of Fellowship Church, Rutherford County, to become its pastor.

25 YEARS AGO

The new mission in East Lawrenceburg held ground-breaking services. Plans were to build Sunday school rooms and later an auditorium. It was a mission of First Church, Lawrenceburg, H. J. Rushing, pastor.

Thomas E. Bryant, Jr. accepted the call of Seventh Church, Nashville, to serve as educational director. Carmack Penuel was pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Brook Hollow Baptists in Nashville dedicated their new sanctuary site and broke ground for a \$400,000 sanctuary. John B. Daley was pastor.

Pinecrest Church, Holston Association, broke ground for a new sanctuary with basement and educational space. Cohen Arms was pastor.

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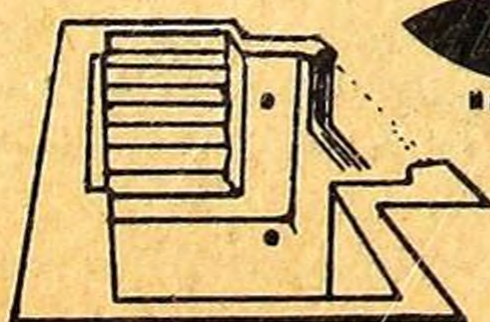
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Pulpit To Pews

by Jim N. Griffith

In a town noted for its many disgruntled citizens, a clergyman said to his friend: "I want you to know that we have just had the greatest revival our church has experienced in many years."

"I'm glad to hear it," replied the friend. "And how many new members did you add to the fold?"

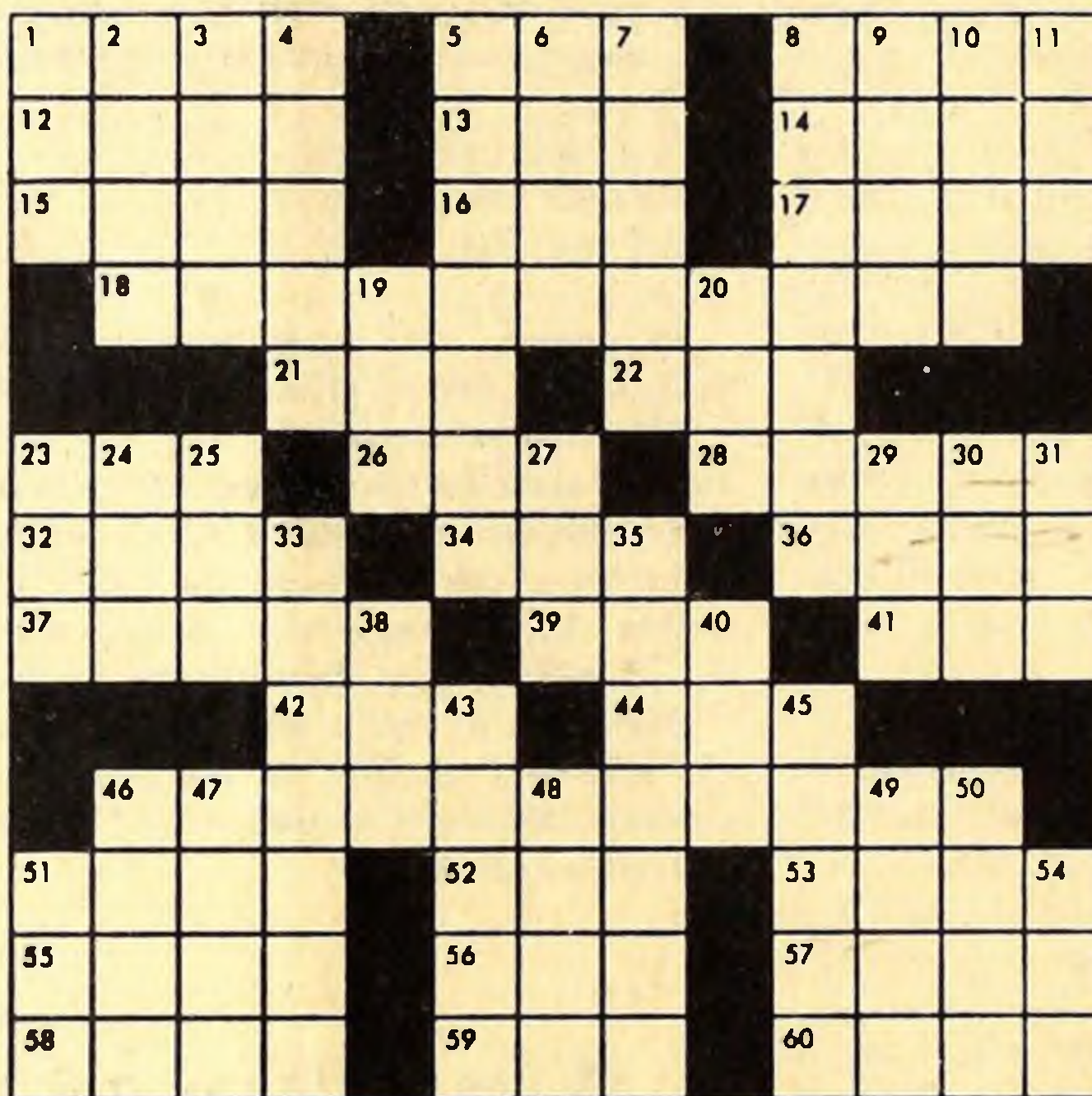
"Oh, we didn't add any," said the preacher, "but we got rid of three."

Presumably, this is a kind of reversed version of evangelism. It is not so much a harvesting of the crop as it is a "weeding of the patch."

But acutally, it could mean that the church has adopted a policy of accentuating the positive and eliminating the negative.

And this does suggest a pertinent question for all church members: if judged by your attitude of cooperation with the brethren, your willingness to work with others, and your overall Christian spirit, would you be voted in or out of your church?

Bible Puzzle Answers on page 14



59 Monk's title
60 Harrow's rival

DOWN

- 1 Law man: abbr.
- 2 Acknowledge
- 3 Alone
- 4 "singleness of —"
- (Col. 3)
- 5 "— in Christ Jesus"
- (Eph. 2)
- 6 Legume
- 7 Fish genus
- 8 "— evermore"
- (1 Thess. 5)
- 9 Aroma
- 10 Vegetable
- (Num. 11:5; sing.)
- 11 It is not by and by
- (Luke 21:9)
- 19 Tribe (Ex. 35:34)
- 20 Pronoun
- 23 Suffix for American
- or liquid
- 24 Mix
- 25 Soil aggregate
- 27 Fight
- 29 Rodent
- 30 "— of me" (Mark 6)
- 31 New: comb. form
- 33 "— of burdens"
- (2 Chron. 2)
- 35 "— of repentance"
- (Acts 13)
- 38 Free
- 40 By Ibleam
- (2 Ki. 9:27)
- 43 "also — the church"
- (Eph. 5)
- 45 "turned aside after
- " (1 Sam. 8)
- 46 Interlaced
- 47 Unabashed
- 48 Dog's name
- 49 Allowance for waste
- 50 Tramp
- 51 Air, of a sort
- 54 Pale

ACROSS

- 1 "— thy foot"
- (Luke 4)
- 5 TV network: abbr.
- 8 Actor's part
- 12 Bacchanal's cry
- 13 The tumeric
- 14 "house of —"
- (Amos 1)
- 15 Defender of Israel
- (Judg. 10:1)
- 16 Corn part
- (Mark 4:28)
- 17 Son of Benjamin
- (Neh. 11:7)
- 18 "every good
- — —" (2 Thess. 2)
- 21 Make lace
- 22 Tuna
- 23 Urchin
- 26 "— heavens"
- (2 Pet. 3:13)
- 28 Father of a spy
- (Num. 1:13)
- 32 A noble (Judg. 8:3)
- 34 Large lizard
- 36 Slacken
- 37 Firstborn
- 39 Tatter
- 41 Boxer's abbr.
- 42 Trouble
- 44 Receiver of talents
- (2 Ki. 15:19)
- 46 "with the — — —"
- (Jas. 1)
- 51 Trust
- 52 Roman numeral
- 53 Black bird
- 55 Above
- 56 Editors: abbr.
- 57 King of Midian
- (Num. 31:8)
- 58 Some bills

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: K equals N

BSSB section focuses on minister support

NASHVILLE—Support for pastors and church staff members in times of crisis, grief, and stress is a major concern of the career guidance section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, according to supervisor Brooks R. Faulkner.

Concentration in career guidance and support ministries of pastors and church staff members also is one of the top four areas of priority at the board, Faulkner said.

Other areas of responsibility included in the career guidance section are personal and professional growth, counseling with directors of associational missions, and group and career assessment.

Faulkner became supervisor of the career guidance section this spring after serving as senior consultant in career guidance in the board's church administration department.

Faulkner has served as pastor of three Kentucky churches and as associate pastor of one church. He is author of *Getting On Top of Your Work* and has written curriculum materials for both Sunday School and church training.

In 1976 he was awarded the Citation of Career Professional by the Sunday School Board.

Business women slate Camp Linden retreat

About 100 women from throughout the state are expected to attend the annual summer retreat of the Tennessee Federation of Baptist Business Women July 21-23 at Camp Linden. The theme for this year's meeting will be "Giving, Going, and Praying Boldly."

Speakers for the retreat will be Mrs. Richard Henderson of Hernando, Miss., former Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines; Beth Humphreys of Dresden, camp counselor and summer missionary to the Caribbean; and Elias Pantajo of Memphis, director of Baptist work with Spanish-speaking people in Shelby Association.

The retreat will begin at 5:00 p.m. CDT on July 21 and adjourn at noon on July 23.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Cook of First Church, Signal Mountain, is president of the federation. The retreat program will be directed by Mrs. Marye Jennings, Germantown's Forest Hill Church.

Harrison-Chilhowee to sponsor first Deaf Leadership School

Harrison-Chilhowee Academy has announced its acceptance of permanent sponsorship for the first-of-its-kind nationwide Deaf Leadership School.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention-supported School located in Seymour, announces its official host responsibilities of DLS as part of its continuing concern and strengthened support to the non-hearing student. It is this concern that caused academy President Hubert B. Smothers to establish the school's unique academic program incorporating non-hearing students into its total educational curriculum seven years ago with the aid of First Church, Knoxville's former minister to the deaf and current superintendent of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, Ed Davis.

Since that time the academy has tripled its deaf enrollment from five to 15; increased its interpretative staff from one to five; and reported that all of its 16 deaf graduates have been accepted into American colleges.

"We've coupled our concern for academic help for the deaf with the concept that a student is a student first and may just happen not to be able to hear," Smothers states.

Sponsoring the DLS yearly institute adds yet another strength to the curriculum for both the hearing and non-hearing student at the academy, a school with a 98-year Tennessee heritage.

Rick Yount, DLS founder and minister of education at Columbia Church in Fall Church, Va., adds, "We're on the cutting edge of what the next generation will be doing with the deaf, and it's exciting to watch and be in on the

ground level with DLS and Harrison-Chilhowee."

Jerry Seale, who serves a dual role at Knoxville's First Church as associate pastor and minister to its deaf congregation, emphasizes what he and the other DLS program personnel want to see accomplished through the institute. "We're trying to provide deaf people leadership training so they can go back to teach other deaf 'nationals.' We need to train more of the deaf to lead out, to take responsible roles in the community, and to create," Seale said.

How Yount and Seale accomplish this with the skilled assistance of George Joslin, former language missions director for the Virginia Baptist Association, and Clifford Bruffey, chaplain for Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., and missionary for the deaf in Maryland, is through extensive sessions spotlighting Transactional Analysis, role playing, personal Christian growth, church polity, interpersonal relationships, and teaching principles.

Yount, who began DLS as the result of the vast need he saw in numerous church situations, emphasized that the institute in just its second year drew 14 students from seven states for the three-day indepth training period and is hoping for an even richer response for the Jan. 10-14, 1979 conference on the Harrison-Chilhowee campus. The DLS founder also pointed out that the institute is available at no cost to the maximum 20 non-hearing students who take advantage of the opportunity to participate.

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Gamblers at the Cross

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take." —Mark 15:24

A crucifixion detail was composed of four soldiers under an officer. By Roman law the soldiers were permitted to take the personal effects of the victim. In Jesus' case He had only the clothing He wore. So they divided them among themselves.

The clothing of a Jewish man consisted of headgear, sandals, girdle, an outer garment called a **tallith**, and an inner garment worn next to the body and was called a **chiton**. So each of the soldiers took one of the first four John 19:23-24 says that the inner garment was woven without seams. This probably had been woven by Jesus' mother or by some other woman who was a devoted follower. In either case, it was a labor and gift of love. Lloyd C. Douglas wrote a best-seller book about this called **The Robe**, in which he used his imagination as to what later happened to it.

Seeing its lack of seams in what must have been a fine garment, the soldiers decided to

gamble for it rather than to tear it into four pieces. In doing so, they neither knew nor cared that they were fulfilling Scripture. "They parted my garments among them, and for my vesture did they cast lots" (Ps. 22:18). It is not said how they gambled, probably by casting dice.

As revolting as this scene appears to us, we must not judge these men unduly. After all, they were pagan soldiers performing an assigned duty and doing what was permitted by Roman law. A far more grievous sin is for lost people to gamble before the cross—and for infinitely greater stakes—their immortal souls.

Philippine missionaries write four new books for churches

MANILA, Philippines—Two Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines have recently released books.

Charles D. Brock, field evangelist among the Ilocano people, has written two books: **The Principles and Practice of Church Planting** and **Foundations for Christian Witnessing**.

W. Guy Henderson, pastor of the International Baptist Church of Manila, has written **The Pastor's Manual** and **A New Look At Stewardship**.

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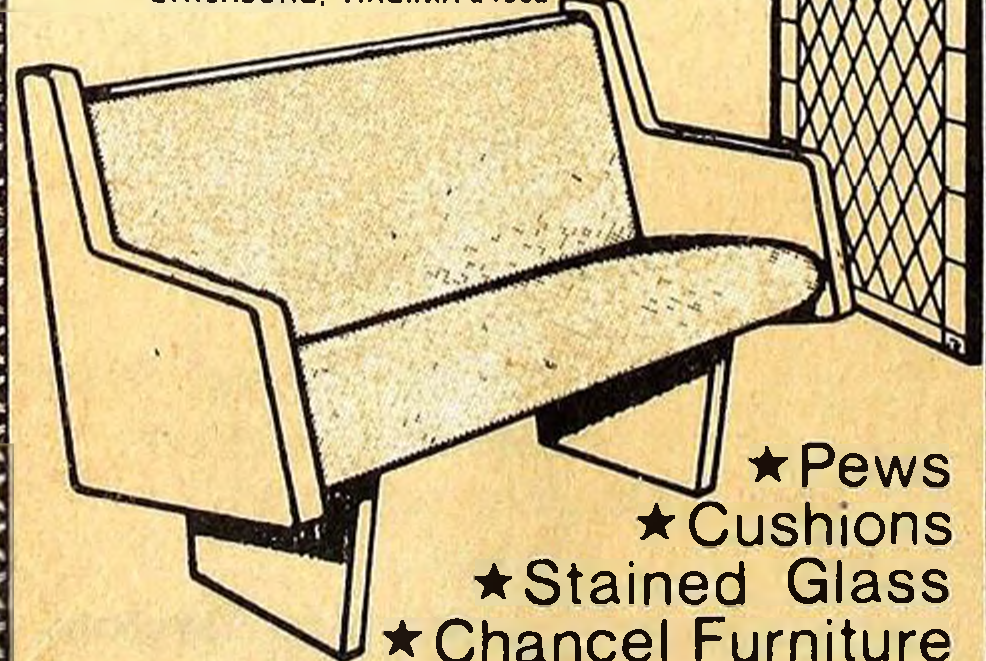
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Talk cheap; good for speech

"Human contact is essential to the development of speech. Children learn language only if they are talked to . . . they don't learn from TV, but from interactive situations about everyday events," stresses Dr. Rachel E. Stark, director of speech and hearing division, John F. Kennedy Institute for Handicapped Children.

Babies all over the world make the same sounds, and the sounds come in stages following the same order, an order that seems to hold firm in all languages, the expert recently noted in the **Baltimore Sun**. "No one knows exactly when a Chinese baby becomes different, verbally, from an Arabic baby, but probably during the second year of life."

Sounds are important indicators of babies' development, says Dr. Stark. "If a child is not producing any consonant sounds within its first year, then something is wrong."

While children have to be taught to read and write, "just put them in a normal environment and they'll talk. It happens naturally. The vocal tract develops during infancy to make room for the tongue, a development that separates people from the other primates. The human animal is particularly adapted for speech."

Deafness, mental retardation, physical problems with the hearing system are among the factors that interfere with normal development of speech. Lack of interaction with other human beings can produce a similar result.

HMB evangelism section releases revival aids

ATLANTA—Two new publications to help with revivals are off the press.

The Revival Planbook for the Local Church gives step-by-step plans and directions for preparing and conducting revivals.

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By Brenda Rhoton

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However, I am—in reality a salesman of sorts, and I do work in this consumerland of ours, but I don't work on the material market. I focus on another market, a market filled with sinners. My main objective is to convince the sinner that if he doesn't know Christ, he is dissatisfied with his spiritual life. Yes, I, like all Christians, am a spiritual salesman.

Now, don't take me wrong! You cannot purchase Christianity by any material means! Only by giving one's life to Christ can one obtain the greatest necessity—salvation.

Perhaps, disciple or witness would be more familiar terms to describe my profession, for it is a profession.

When I gave my life to Christ and took God's offer of salvation, I made a commitment to present the message of salvation just as every Christian is suppose to do. In fact, Jesus's command is found in the 16th chapter of Mark, "And he said to them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God wants lost people to hear the message of salvation. And that—Christians is our job, our profession.

Since we are strong in number, I mean we have numerous workers in our profession, I found it hard to comprehend one Sunday morning when a visiting minister said it takes approximately 33 people witnessing one whole year to win one life to Christ. At that moment, it hit me! But, we live in Consumerland U.S.A., a society where it takes only one commercial approximately 30 seconds to persuade thousands of people that they should be dissatisfied with their old material possessions, and that they want new, improved materials. But it takes 33 Christians witnessing one whole year to win one life to the Lord.

Christians, why aren't we getting better results? Is it our sales pitch? Are we not as enthusiastic about God's message of salvation

as that material salesman is about his material product? I don't know.

I can only speak for myself, and I am ashamed that I have to admit my salesmanship needs a great deal of work. And I'm going to be just as enthusiastic about the message of salvation as that material salesman I imitated a moment ago. There is no better time than the present.

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"And now about the menu, Sir. If you haven't tasted the bread of life, you've never tasted a feast. Ask God and He will prepare the bread of eternal life for you."

"If you cannot claim that heavenly mansion, you haven't a beautiful home."

And the only words to describe the entertainment in store for you were spoken by an anonymous, spiritual salesman. "No one who has ever been divinely inspired by Christ lives in boredom." Did you hear that—never to be bored again?

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Steadfast workers

By Paul D. Brewer
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Basic Passage: II Thessalonians
Focal Passage: II Thessalonians 3:1-16



Brewer

After his first letter to Thessalonica, news reached Paul that his admonition in the first letter had not been completely followed. It had

been partially understood, but it did not achieve all that he had desired. His defense of his conduct must have been adequate, because he does not mention it in this second letter. One theme he does return to is the misunderstanding of his words on the return of the Lord. Some

people had become upset about certain of his statements, so without much loss of time, Paul wrote to clarify his thoughts.

In this letter he encourages the fainthearted, rebukes those who won't work, and clarifies his words about the return of the Lord. This letter was written within a matter of weeks after the first one, and thus the two should be studied together. The lesson today concerns Paul's advice about those who refuse to work.

Prayer: II Thess. 3:1-5

We can be assured that the problems in the church fellowship at Thessalonica found a special place in Paul's intercessory prayers. Evidently, the church in answer to his first letter had also assured him of their prayers for him. The verb "pray" (verse 1) can be translated "keep on praying" or "pray continually."

The prayer that Paul urges is for the success of his ministry not for his own success. He longs for the Word of the Lord to have a "free course" in Corinth where he is now preaching. The metaphor he is using probably is that of the Greek games. He longs to see a swift and powerful victory in Corinth which will glorify the Word as it had happened in other places.

The prayer he asks for also indicates that Paul was having difficulties with certain people at Corinth. The descriptive adjectives he uses "unreasonable and wicked" refer to a person who is ethically wicked and very active in his evil ways. Paul asks that he be delivered from men who wickedly oppose the gospel and seek to harm the preachers themselves. Among such people, the great Christian truths have no meaning at all.

The amazing thing about Paul is his own

faith that the last word always belongs to God. Evil men may oppose and persecute him, but God is always faithful and will "keep" His people. The word translated "keep" really means "to guard." God not only strengthens His own in times of crises but also guards them continually from the subtle power and assaults of the evil one. Notice how the passage began with a request for prayer and ends with a word of assurance to the ones he requests to pray. Paul's assuring word is that God will never fail to "direct" their hearts. The word "direct" refers to opening up a path so nothing will hinder the person walking on it from attaining the goal it leads to. As they pray, Paul assures them that they will be increasingly assured of God's love as He opens the way for them. In response to God's faithfulness, Paul reminds them to exemplify the steadfast endurance of Jesus himself. The reference in verse five is not to the Lord's return but to the example of patient endurance He set. They are urged to reproduce his lifestyle as they face a crisis.

Work: II Thess. 3:6-10

Many of the problems in the church at Thessalonica stemmed from the misapplication of Paul's words about the return of the Lord. If we compare the treatment of this subject in his first letter with this section of the second letter, it is obvious that the problem has not only continued but has also intensified.

The attitude of Paul in this passage is stern and authoritative. There is the air of the military commander calling for the troops to shape up or ship out. The word "command" is a military term as is "disorderly." The first one refers to a general issuing an order to his troops, and the second refers to the failure of a soldier to maintain rank. Paul urges that those who are out of step should not be condoned. When a lifestyle denies the church standards then fellowship should be withdrawn. The word "brother" indicates that this action should never be done with an attitude of judgment but with one of redemption.

Paul makes it clear that the ones who are going astray should know better. He himself had set an example of work before them. Such an idea that a belief in the Lord's return should lead to idleness certainly did not come from him. Literally, Paul is saying "I was not a loafer" when I preached in your town. He had every right to be supported by the church but had refrained in order to provide a role model for them to imitate. Therefore, Paul strongly

urges "If any man won't work, neither let him eat." From Paul's concern for the poor, it is clear that he would never want this verse to be used as an excuse for withholding help to the needy. In context, he is talking about those who use their religious beliefs to avoid their responsibilities.

Discipline: II Thess. 3:11-16

Paul's reason for his previous statements are clear. He was not generalizing but talking to some very definite church members. Some were not content with being idle themselves but were also busying themselves to make disciples. Paul turns from addressing the church in general and speaks directly to these brethren. He uses an impersonal form of address and both "commands" and "exhorts" them to practice the high standards of Christian discipleship.

Paul then turns his attention back to the church itself and urges that the church direct its conduct to the highest goals and not to get weary. He seems to think that some of the misbehaving brothers will not obey his directions, and he gives a few words of advice. If the idle will not join the church in well doing, the church should refrain from close fellowship with them. As a result of the church's expression of displeasure, the idle ones might possibly be led to repent.

Paul ends his word to them with a prayer that peace might come to their fellowship. The wording is such in the original that it turns their attention from their own efforts to the fact that what they need must come from God. True peace is not something that they can acquire through their own strength. It is a gift of God's grace. If all of them, dissident as well as loyal, will open themselves to God, they will receive a constant and unbroken peace. The peace for the church is always the presence of its Lord. Unless Jesus is Lord of all, there is no abiding unity.

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Rooted in Christ

By Lee Prince, Senior Minister
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Basic Passage: Colossians 2:1-23
Focal Passage: Colossians 2:6-19a

Paul reminds the Christians at Colosse of his effort for them, V. 1,2. His words remind us of the many benefits we receive from those Christians we've never met.



Most of us worship in church buildings, are educated in Baptist colleges, and are treated in Baptist hospitals, which were established by Christians we'll never know on this-side-of-heaven.

We benefit from the prayers, planning, and work of those who've gone before us in Christian ministries.

As we share these blessings from our unseen spiritual ancestors, we should remember our struggle for spiritual growth will be a blessing to those who follow us. We don't struggle for ourselves alone but for the spiritual opportunities of those future generations.

Living in Christ (V. 6-7)

Dr. Halford Luccock tells of a lady at the book store, wanting a copy of the book *Jesus, Then and Now* by W. L. Sperry. The lady got the title confused: "I want a copy of the book, *Jesus, Now and Then!*"

Many of us have the same problem. We want to walk with Jesus, "now and then." Paul suggests we find life only as we walk in Christ. There isn't any doubt, either we name Christ Jesus as Lord of our life, or we don't.

If He is Lord of our life, we'll find ourselves "rooted" in Him. Growth of the plant comes through the root-system. In Christ we grow and develop. We are "build up" in Him. Christ is the foundation of our life. There is always room for us to grow, build larger areas of understanding, and service. He is our foun-

dation for the development of our personal and spiritual potential.

To be "established" means to feel sure about our relationship with Christ. In Christ we can have confidence in our life and our future.

Thanksgiving is a mark of Christian maturity. The growing Christian has a spirit of thankfulness. Criticism is the most common sin of shallow Christians. Growth in Christ kills our spirit of criticism and feeds the joy of thanksgiving.

Watch Out (V. 8)

Have you ever approached the railroad crossing, listened to the warning bell, looked at the flashing caution lights, and then driven on across the tracks? Hundreds of people are killed each year at railroad crossings because they fail to "beware."

Paul cautions us of the many false appeals aimed at getting us away from Christ.

Being All You Can Become (V. 9-15)

Being "complete in Him" is the major internal drive within us. We want to be whole. We want to develop into a total person through the power of Christ (V. 10). Ours is a spiritual circumcision. We are free from the power of sin over us (See I Cor. 10:13). We've been

freed by the act of Christ, not by the act of physical circumcision (V. 11).

All across the Southern Baptist Convention as hundreds of pastors and baptismal candidates approach the waters of baptism, the picture of this passage is enacted (V. 12-13).

Our bad record has been blotted out. We are forgiven. We are free to start over again without the dead weight of our sins on our back. We are not crippled by past sins. Each day with each confession and forgiveness we can start over (V. 14).

The "Power of the Cross" has made a public spectacle of our spiritual enemies. We are free from the control of the powers of evil (V. 15).

Making Religion Real (V. 16-23)

Learning to tell the difference between real religion and false religion is possible.

Real religion is marked by Christ at the head of our life, our church, our home, our business and our future. We can be sure we have the "real thing" when we make Christ the Head of all we know and believe (V. 17, 19).

False religion, a shadow of truth, is marked by man-made rules. God gave Moses 10 commandments. By the time Christ came to the cross, the religious leaders had expanded the "10 commandments" to 613 man-made rules. Christ freed us from false religion (V. 17).

False religion builds up the ego of the man who makes the rules and builds the ego of the individual who keeps man-made rules. There is no glory for God in this experience (V. 18).

False religion does not honor Christ as the Head of the Church. Any teaching which fails to name Christ as Head of all is a false teaching (V. 19).

False religion is empty and useless. It doesn't help you where you hurt. Watch out for systems, charts, dates, plans, and man-made suggestions. Real religion means Christ is the Lord and the Master of my life (V. 20-23).

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SBC leaders analyze impact of Bakke ruling

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON—Southern Baptist leaders interviewed have responded positively to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision ordering Allan Bakke admitted to medical school while at the same time declaring that race may be taken into account in admissions programs.

Four Southern Baptist executives, in interviews with Baptist Press, expressed the view that although the decision is somewhat unclear in its long range implications, the main finding of the high court was to uphold programs of affirmative action designed to help members of minority groups catch up with their more privileged peers.

Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen declared that "our challenge is to help every member of every racial group utilize his God-given abilities regardless of his skin color." He said that "ultimately, ability must be the basic criterion for technical training.

"Only time will tell," the San Antonio pastor continued, "whether we're ready to do the right thing because it is right rather than because we are forced by law."

Referring to the problems faced by the justices in deciding the Bakke case, Allen said that "the agonizing search for justice and equal opportunity in our society always means pendulum swings in emphasis in our programs. There was a time when rigid quota systems were essential in opening doors to opportunity for minorities. It may be a mark of attitudinal change and a healthy maturing of our commitment for that system to be de-emphasized."

Foy D. Valentine, executive secretary of SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, said, "I'm glad to see Allan Bakke as a person receive the justice which the court has said he was denied under too-rigid quotas developed in California. I'm even more glad, however, that the Supreme Court's ruling allows blacks, who have been unjustly dealt with through 350 years of slavery, segregation, organized prejudice, and institutionalized racism, to continue to press for justice through properly drawn affirmative action laws.

"I fervently hope Christians will not use this ruling as an excuse for sinking further into 'benign neglect' of racial problems but will move forward in unceasing opposition to all forms of racism and in renewed commitment to achieve liberty and justice for all," Valentine said.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., reacted to the court's divided judgment by noting that "while there's no way the Bakke decision is likely to satisfy completely any of the parties represented, it does represent a significant step toward protecting individual rights and at the same time giving serious consideration to redressing the wrongs of racism and racial discrimination in American institutions of higher learning."

Alluding to the division of public opinion in the Bakke case as reflected in the breakup of the traditional civil rights movement over the question raised in the case, Wood praised the high court for finding a middle ground. He said that while many will see the court as having given both a "yes" and "no" answer to those questions, "the decision has considerable merit aside from mere pragmatic considerations."

He said that while the nation "must commit itself to redress two centuries of blatant racial discrimination through affirmative action programs," quotas, as such, "could create new systemic forms of racism and racial discrimination so as to nullify the very gains made in recent decades in the civil rights movement."

Paul Adkins, director of Christian social ministries for the SBC Home Mission Board, told Baptist Press that although the decision was "definitely a victory for Allan Bakke per-

sonally," the broader implication is that "the Supreme Court now has definitely said that race may be used as a plus in considering admissions to schools. The significant thing . . . is not that Bakke won but that race may be considered in admissions programs," Adkins said.

Adkins went on to declare that "as a society, we need to give recognition to past injustices . . . not just for race, but for women and other minorities."

He expressed regret that the justices did not tackle head on the 14th Amendment question of equal protection of the laws, saying that the decision was "muddled" at that point. As a result, he foresees many more suits being filed in the near future. "Some of our schools in the south will be in litigation," he said.

Like Wood, Adkins expressed the view that the justices handled the sticky question of "affirmative action" vs. "reverse discrimination" well. While praising the portion of the decision upholding the consideration of race as a factor in admissions programs, Adkins also said that the court was right "in saying schools may not use quotas." (BP)

Court upholds ban on 'indecent' words

WASHINGTON—A powerful federal agency may ban certain indecent language from the airwaves, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled.

By a narrow 5-4 margin, the high court said that the Federal Communications Commission was within the bounds of the Constitution and federal law in telling a New York City radio station it could not broadcast a controversial recording consisting largely of seven "filthy words."

The decision marks the first time the nation's high court has given its approval to disciplining a radio station for airing allegedly "indecent" words.

The court's main finding in the case has the effect of separating broadcasting from other

forms of communication. Justice John Paul Stevens explained that the reasons for considering radio and television on a different free speech standard were that "the broadcast media have established a uniquely pervasive presence in the lives of all Americans" and that "broadcasting is uniquely accessible to children."

The case came to the high court after a New York man complained to the FCC that a 12-minute satiric monologue by comedian George Carlin, "Filthy Words," should not have been aired at an early afternoon hour when children were listening. The man had heard the broadcast at 2:00 p.m. while driving in his car accompanied by his young son.

Although the FCC did not impose sanctions on Radio Station WBAI, it did issue an official opinion calling the Carlin monologue "patently offensive" and "indecent." It also barred the station from further broadcasting of such materials.

The seven "filthy words" used by Carlin were contained in a monologue designed to satirize popular public reaction to offensive language. All seven had reference to sexual and excretory functions. The monologue is part of a Carlin album recorded before a live audience who heard the comedian say they were "words you couldn't say on public airwaves." (BP)

Bradley Porter ordination held following call to pastorate

New Haven Church, New River Association, ordained Bradley Porter to the gospel ministry following his call to the pastorate of Black Oak Church in Oneida. New Haven Pastor Lester D. Anderson led the service.

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