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SBC LEADERS VISIT WHITE HOUSE—At President Jimmy Carter's invitation, newly elected Southern Baptist Convention officers and their wives participated in a brief get-acquainted session recently. The group also received an extensive briefing on domestic issues by a presidential aide and were briefed on SALT II by a state department official. SBC officers meeting with the world's best known Southern Baptist were, from left: Abner McCall, first vice president and president of Baylor University; McCall's wife, Marguerite; Rosalynn Carter; Janice Rogers, daughter of SBC president Adrian Rogers; Adrian Rogers, SBC president and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Rogers' wife, Joyce; Carter; Phyllis Bennett; Harold Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee; Valerie Touchton; Don Touchton, second vice president and pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla.

Southern Baptist 'Christian Citizenship Corps' launched

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced formation of a "Christian Citizenship Corps" to generate increased political involvement among the SBC's 13.2 million members.

Touted as "a grassroots network of Southern Baptists," the citizenship corps will consist of Southern Baptist citizens "interested in what government is doing locally, statewide and nationally, and willing to make their voices heard in those arenas at ap-

propriate times and in appropriate ways," said William H. Elder of the commission staff.

The stated purpose of the citizenship corps, he said, is to stimulate political action "to promote public righteousness," but Elder believes it offers an alternative to organizations which have "wedded conservative politics and conservative Christianity."

(Elder said he preferred not to discuss the groups specifically, but organizations such as The Christian Voice and the Moral Majority have attracted widespread media attention recently after opening offices in Washington.)

"I don't think the Christian faith should be used to baptize any political persuasion," Elder said. "The Christian faith should be the norm, the standard, and if it is, I think it defies any doctrinaire labeling. Jesus, for example, always frustrated people who tried to classify him in liberal or conservative categories."

Elder added that he is "leery of Christian politicians who can determine their positions on the issues too quickly, perhaps allowing a political-philosophical allegiance to tell them where to stand and using their faith to authenticate the position."

"In fact, I find it hard to believe that any Christian group which tries to be true to the standard of the gospel will always come up on one political or philosophical side," he declared.

The Christian Life Commission, the SBC's national social concerns agency, will "coordinate and facilitate communication" between citizenship corps members and government by collecting and channeling information on "legislative issues and their ethical implications," said Elder, director of citizenship development for the commission.

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Let's proclaim the Bible, not debate it, says Cothen

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Grady Cothen said here that he has avoided the recent Southern Baptist debate involving the inerrancy of the scriptures because of his belief that the role of the Christian should be proclaiming the Bible.

"I am loathe to participate in any level of the biblical debate which has been recently introduced among Southern Baptists, because I have felt the Christian's responsibility is not to debate about the Bible but to proclaim it," said Cothen, president of the denomination's Sunday School Board.

Speaking to more than 3,100 college students on the "Authority of the Bible," Cothen said the real argument has to do with the inspiration of the scripture which is not a new issue and until a few months ago not a live issue in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"It is difficult for scholars using scientific methodology to talk about original autographs since no one living has ever even known anyone who might have seen them. On the other hand, the argument is moot to many since at no significant doctrinal point do the major manuscripts differ," Cothen said.

"The Bible is authority for us by faith," he said. "Its trustworthiness and authority are grounded in its God-breathedness, though much of it has been verified by other sources, it is not completely processable through the scientists."

Quoting from 2 Peter 1:21 and 2 Timothy 3:16, Cothen said that Christ accepted the scripture of the Old Testament as "God-breathed" and that it was authentic and authoritative.

"The apostles added to the scripture the words and meanings of Jesus Christ," he said. "The church fathers, those who had direct contact with the apostles, added letters and writings of the apostles to complete the New Testament."

"Gradually the church came to agree that these are the books of holy writ and the authentic, authoritative word of the eternal God. The scripture has survived persecution, burning and its greatest enemy, ignorance, throughout the centuries," he said.

Recalling the controversy arising over biblical inerrancy at the recent Southern Bap-

tist Convention in Houston, Cothen said he wants to go on record as believing that "the Bible is God's authentic, inspired, totally trustworthy work. It is good enough, wise enough, smart enough, deep enough, broad enough, high enough and loving enough for anybody and it has everything in it you will ever need to show you the way home."

"The message of God's love comes through the scripture to all of us who will open our hearts and minds and allow God to speak to us," he said.

Snowstorm hits South Africa; Baptists respond

EDENVALE, South Africa (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has provided \$10,000 to send food to a mountainous region of Lesotho where supply lines were cut by the area's worst snowstorm in years.

Beginning Aug. 27, Mission Aviation Fellowship will begin making six flights a day carrying the food. Each flight will transport seven bags of corn meal, from Ladysmith, South Africa, to the airstrip near Mokhotlong, Lesotho. Plans call for Southern Baptists to provide 400 bags of corn meal, the diet staple in the area, to this small, independent nation within South Africa's borders.

Southern Baptists are providing the food through hunger relief funds at the request of the Baptist Union of South Africa, sponsors of mission work in the area. The Baptist Union will provide \$2,400 for food and literature in the local language for distribution with the food.

Two meters (about six feet) of snow cover the only two roads into the area. Three bridges on the main road are out and a 15-ton boulder blocks a pass on the smaller trail.

In Lesotho, Baptist pastors in churches associated with the South African Baptist Missionary Society will help coordinate ground distribution. A Baptist layman there has donated the use of his land-rover for distribution.

TBC reservations needed immediately

Tennessee Baptists planning to attend the state convention in Memphis, Nov. 13-15, should make hotel reservations immediately, according to Mrs. Pat Mulloy, convention coordinator.

The urgency for reservations exists because other conventions will be meeting in Memphis at the same time and have blocked off a large number of rooms. Mrs. Mulloy explained that convention headquarters, Hyatt Regency, has reserved 325 of its 385 rooms for the TBC, but needs to know how many of those rooms will be taken.

"The Hyatt Regency is trying to accommodate us, but needs to know by Sept. 15 the number of rooms we will be using," she explained. She suggested that reservations could be made directly with the hotel or through the office of the executive secretary, TBC.

A hotel reservation form is printed in this issue of the Baptist and Reflector.

Good year for Annie Armstrong but short of \$15-million goal

ATLANTA (BP)—The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions is having its best year ever, but hasn't exceeded its \$15-million goal, said William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"In fact," he added, "we do not expect to reach the goal."

A Baptist Press article reported in early August the Annie Armstrong offering had exceeded its goal with contributions totaling \$15,452,000 as of July 31.

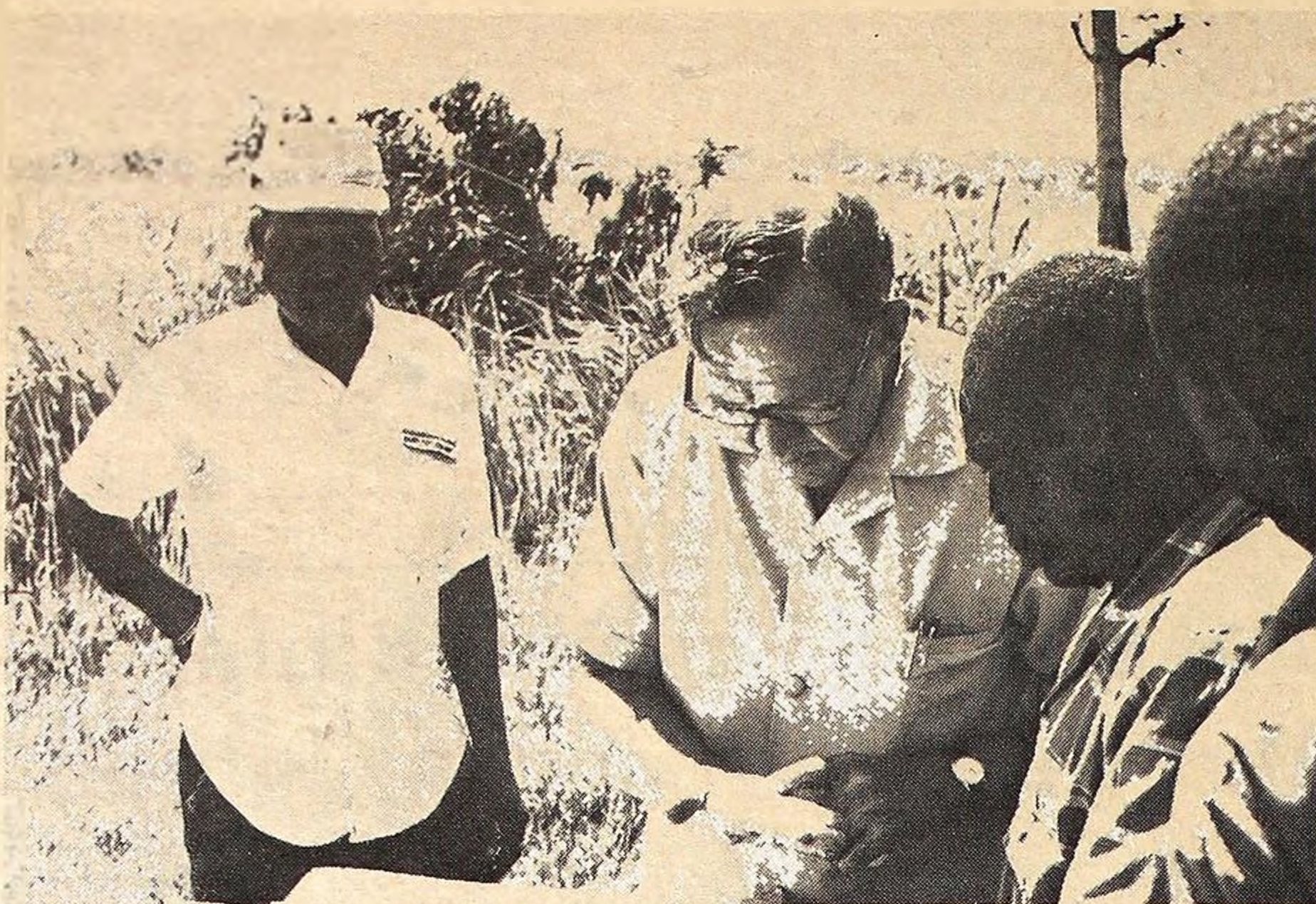
"That report was incorrect," Tanner said. "On Aug. 17, 1979, contributions to the Annie Armstrong offering amounted to \$13,487,462, or nearly \$2-million below what was reported."

The \$13.4-million in contributions represents an increase of 16.01 percent over 1978 contributions by mid-August. But it also represents only 89.92 percent of the goal.

"Our projections indicate that we will receive about \$14-million in contributions by Dec. 31," Tanner said. "That will represent about 93 percent of the goal."

"While we will not receive the entire goal of \$15-million, the offering will be the best the Home Mission Board has ever received," Tanner added. "We are very grateful to Southern Baptists for their contributions; we are dependent on the Annie Armstrong offering for nearly half the annual budget."

"We did not want people to slack off in their giving, thinking the offering had reached its goal, when, in fact, it has not," Tanner said.



UGANDA—Southern Baptist missionary G. Webster Carroll presented medicines to Ugandan Baptists after the restoration of religious freedom in that nation. Carroll is now on furlough in the United States.

Miracle, love, and ingenuity lead Baptists to the Manobos

MINDANAO, Philippines (BP) — Southern Baptist ingenuity, coupled with God's love and a miracle, have paved the way for witness to some 30,000 Manobo tribespeople on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

Animists who believe spirits inhabit trees, rocks, and other inanimate objects, the Manobos live in a vast mountain wilderness in northeastern Mindanao. Ninety percent of them have never gone to school and few have ever heard of Jesus or seen a Bible.

But earlier this year, 39 datos (chiefs) met with Southern Baptist missionary James I. (Boe) Stanley at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center in Bislig on the eastern coast of Mindanao. They had come because their supreme datu, Manlapanag, the high priest of the Banwa-on Manobo tribe, had ordered it.

The first meeting developed after Filipino evangelist Arsenio Garilao, a member of the Ilonggo Tribe, became friends with Manlapanag. The friendship is a miracle in itself, for the two tribes have been traditional enemies for generations.

But because of Garilao's ministry, the 72-year-old supreme datu has made a profession of faith and asked Stanley to baptize him. When Manlapanag mentioned his people needed to improve their farming techniques, Stanley invited him and his sub-chiefs to visit the Rural Life Center.

During the group's three-day visit they received basic information on erosion prevention, rabbit raising, goat production, gardening, and crop rotation.

The first evening, the tribal council huddled under an open-sided shelter watching religious films as a cold rain misted across the plank benches they were sitting on. Most of them had never seen a movie before. They had not slept for 36 hours, but at 9 p.m., when Stanley asked if they would like to see another film, they cheered.

The next night more films were shown during the worship service and 25 datos made professions of faith.

When the datos returned to their barrios (township), they eagerly shared what they had learned. A follow-up visit the next week convinced Stanley that the Manobos were ready for him and other Southern Baptist missionaries to work with them. The barrios whose datos had accepted Christ already had designated sites for Baptist churches.

Because of Baptists' concern for the Manobos' health and lifestyle, they have declared that Baptists are the only religious group with which they will work. In a resolution presented to the Bethel (Philippines) Association of Baptist Churches and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, requesting benevolent aid, the datos explained

why they had chosen Baptists: "They are the first religious denomination that is concerned not only in our spiritual needs but also in our present state of living, which is very bad."

To meet those spiritual and physical needs, a two-week crusade, including medical and dental clinics, was scheduled for August. And \$100,000 was appropriated at the August Foreign Mission Board meeting to provide long-range farming and sanitation aid.



BAPTISTS REACH MANOBOS—Almost 40 Manobo tribal chiefs spent three days recently at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center in Bislig, Philippines, learning about farming techniques and about Christ.

Relief group to Uganda finds active churches

DALLAS, Texas (BP)—About 100 to 125 of the more than 300 Baptist congregations active before former President Idi Amin's rule are still alive in Uganda, says a Southern Baptist foreign mission volunteer recently returned from there.

Although church buildings badly need repair, the churches are quickly reviving spiritually, said Jimmie D. Hooten, former Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya and Uganda and now minister of outreach at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

He spent more than a month in Uganda supervising a team of six college-age, Swahili-speaking MKs (missionary kids), including his own son, David, who is a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. They distributed aid throughout the country where Uganda exiles and the Tanzanian army restored religious freedom when they deposed Amin this spring.

Hooten helped distribute 80 to 100 tons of supplies and tools. He also assisted Uganda missionaries re-establish contact with Baptist congregations in the country and met with government ministers to maintain recently established rapport between the new government and Baptists in the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries and in the churches.

Of the approximately 300 Baptist leaders and pastors once in Uganda, "Many more have stood strong than we have realized," Hooten said. "Over 200 still feel called and are ready to build."

Although that means a surplus of church leaders, Hooten says all will probably be preaching again within a year's time. The mission is reviving its five Bible schools to train them for returning to the ministry.

Hooten says a small proportion of the missing churches were simply destroyed by Amin's men—their buildings demolished and leaders killed. But most of the missing churches either disbanded because of fear or joined the Anglican congregations allowed to continue meeting when Amin banned Baptists and 26 other religious groups.

Buildings of the active congregations need extensive repairs since cement and tin for roofs have been unavailable for eight years, said Hooten. Also, Amin's men often stripped church roofs of tin to sell.

In spite of the physical disrepair, churches hold regular Sunday services. On other days, he said, "They just quit what they're doing and are ready to have a service whenever you arrive. The people are grateful to God."

Ugandan Baptist leaders have already met and begun a series of revivals led by local leadership. They also plan to hold a simultaneous revival, Hooten said, probably next year.

"At this point, things are down so far

spiritually, politically, economically, and emotionally that the best thing that can happen is a moral, spiritual, and emotional uplift for the people," he said.

To deal with the economic low in what was once one of Africa's most prosperous black nations, Hooten and the MKs helped the mission distribute medicines and vitamin and food supplements donated by Medical Assistance Program of Carol Stream, Ill., and simple agricultural tools purchased with Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board relief ministries funds.

Using three vans and a five-ton truck provided by Foreign Mission Board relief ministries funds, the volunteers delivered the supplies to mission hospitals in areas where Baptists have churches. Pastors worked with the volunteers in signing supplies over to the doctor in charge and helped him put them into storage for distribution through the hospital.

When they unloaded two tons of medical supplies at one hospital, Hooten said, a doctor there said over and over, "Oh my goodness, I was down to my last vial of that," or "I haven't had any of that in two years."

Agricultural tools were distributed through Baptist churches. At meetings bringing together several churches, pastors helped hand out tools, such as hoes or slashers for cutting grass, to each household head in the church, distributing extras to other families in the community.

Tools will help people raise more through subsistence farming, which enabled them to survive on corn, millet, or matoke (a cooking banana) while other food was unavailable.

Hooten said no basic commodities, such as flour, salt, and sugar, are available in Uganda. A box of 50 matches, he said, may cost about 80 cents; gasoline, when available, is more than \$3 a gallon; meat is usually \$10 a pound; and Coca Colas cost \$3 each. Protein supplements are necessary, he said, because most Africans don't eat meat.

Supplies distributed by Hooten and the MKs were cleared through Nairobi, duty-free, by Southern Baptist missionary to Uganda James L. Rice. Rice coordinated the overall distribution program, while his wife, Linda, cooked for the volunteers and helped in distribution.

The six MKs, Hooten said, "Really committed themselves and worked hours and hours and days and days delivering these supplies and giving their testimonies where they went." People here will never know what their prayers meant, he said. "They went through roadblocks with no problems at all."

MKs on the team were scheduled to return to the United States in late August, Hooten said. Charles A. Tope, pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., arrived shortly before Hooten's departure to work with the team. Tope is a Foreign Mission board member and former missionary to Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya.

Conference on marriage scheduled at Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE — The first weekend Fall Festival of Marriage will be held at Ridgecrest Nov. 2-4.

Sponsored by the Sunday School Board's family ministry department, the couples-only conference begins at 6 p.m. Friday and closes after lunch on Sunday.

Keynote speakers are Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and author of *Is There a Family in the House?* and James E. Kilgore, marriage and family therapist, Atlanta, Ga. Bill and Jeanine Walker, Nashville, will provide the music.

Workshop sessions will deal with communication, conflict resolution, affirmation, money management, sexuality, worship, marriage maintenance and intimacy. To register or request more information, write Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

Guerrillas force closing of Sanyati Baptist schools

SANYATI, Zimbabwe Rhodesia (BP)—Guerrillas closed the Baptist Elementary and High Schools in Sanyati, Zimbabwe Rhodesia, Aug. 20, following the last day of classes for the first term.

A group of 12 to 15 guerrillas visited the school that evening, talked to students and staff and told them the school would not be allowed to operate the next term, said Marion G. Fray Jr., the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Southern Africa.

The guerrillas were not violent, he said, and expressed a desire that the Sanyati Baptist Hospital continue operating.

The school board scheduled a meeting Aug. 25 to consider alternate locations for offering the last term of this year to grades 10 and 12, Fray said. Students in those grades must take qualifying exams for entrance into the next level at the end of their final term.

In 1977, seniors at the Sanyati school, the nation's only Baptist high school, scored highest in the nation on graduation exams used throughout Africa and Europe to determine qualification for graduation and to measure scholastic achievement.

In another incident in mid-July, guerrillas took about \$1,600 and medical supplies worth another \$350 to \$400 from the compound.

The school and hospital have been operating under local Baptist leadership. Transfer to local leadership was accelerated in June 1978, when the guerrilla murder of Southern Baptist missionary Archie G. Dunaway Jr. caused missionaries to evacuate the compound.



REUNITED—Southern Baptist missionary James L. Rice visits with members of the Jinja Baptist Church, one of 100 to 125 Baptist churches that survived former Ugandan president Idi Amin's repression of churches.

Carroll sees no road blocks to gospel in Uganda today

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Another roadblock lay ahead. Things had gotten worse in Uganda, so Southern Baptist missionary G. Webster Carroll had taken his children to Nairobi, Kenya, and was on his way to his Ugandan home.

As he approached the roadblock, he began to slow down so once again he and his belongings could be checked. It wasn't getting any easier for an American in Idi Amin's country. He noted 12 soldiers on duty at this particular roadblock.

But as he stopped, he opened the door to his car, took out his Bible and the 24 Swahili hymnbooks he had just purchased in neighboring Kenya and boldly said, "It's time to go to church."

"And you know they did," explained Carroll at the closing evening session of Foreign Missions Week at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Con-

ference Center.

The soldiers sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." And he read Isaiah 40, a passage about the sovereignty of God. As the service continued, he noted 12 cars had backed up in the roadblock line. "I dared not push it; so I said, 'Alright, men, check those cars.' " Then he got in his own car and was ushered through.

During what he described as the eight long, "terrible" years of Amin's rule, Carroll and his family continued their witness, much of the time under very difficult circumstances, even after Baptist churches were banned.

Yet, during 1972, Uganda had more baptisms per church member than any other Southern Baptist mission field, according to Carroll.

He said even though Baptist churches were banned, his ministry didn't end. God told him to stay, he said, and he did. He said that in God's love they tried to give hope to the Ugandan people. In a country where one aspirin cost \$5 and one malaria pill cost \$10, he said, they continued to remind the people that God was still with them.

They met with the believers in their homes on irregular schedules and, along with Jim and Linda Rice, distributed Bibles to "every corner of Uganda." Carroll said the greatest hunger of the Word of God was in Arua, Amin's home area.

During one of the points of greatest tension and danger of their stay in Uganda, Carroll said they received a letter from their daughter Melody, who was away at school. The letter read, "Dear Mom and Dad, God told me to tell you to look up 2 Chronicles 32:7-8, 'Be strong and courageous ... for there is more with us than with him ... with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles...' "

Today Uganda is open to the gospel.

Carroll said he has never known of a country so totally closed to the gospel to become so totally open to it as quickly as did this east African nation. When the Carrolls left Uganda on furlough less than a month ago, 650 persons were enrolled in a Bible Way correspondence course; 200 of those were from military barracks, Carroll said.

With the new government comes an invitation to missionaries.

Before he left, Carroll met with 21 government ministers who told him their most crucial need is the spiritual and psychological reconstruction of Uganda. The missionary said these officials asked for science, math, English, and history teachers and teachers of all kinds.

Carroll told the Glorieta audience that they were a major factor in "this miracle" and thanked them for their faithful support.

Both Carroll and his wife are graduates of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. From 1944-47, he served as pastor of Rocky Point Baptist Church, Russellville.

Sadie Crawley dies in Louisiana

LULING, La. (BP) — Former Tennessean Sadie Tiller (Mrs. A. L.) Crawley, a writer, early-day leader in Baptist Training Union work, and former dean of women at two Baptist colleges, died Aug. 20 in Luling, La., after a lengthy illness. She was 87.

Graveside services for Mrs. Crawley, mother of Foreign Mission board executive Winston Crawley, were held in Newport, Tenn., where her husband is buried. He was pastor of First Baptist Church there.

Mrs. Crawley was dean of women at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible School, Baguio, during two periods of service, covering a total of about three years. In the states she had been dean of women and vice president at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College, and dean of women at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. She also was interim dean of women at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

She served on the staff at West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., and on the Georgia State Convention staff in the early days of BYPU (Baptist Young People's Union). She spoke frequently about Training Union work throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

She wrote several books, including *The Meaning of Church Membership*, written for the Church Training department of the Sunday School Board and translated into several languages. More recently she wrote *World Awareness for the Woman's Missionary Union*.

Born in Oglethorpe County, Ga., she moved with her family to Atlanta, Ga., when she was young. She attended Bessie Tift (now Tift) College, Forsyth, Ga., and Columbia University and was a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

She is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Renewal conference set for Toccoa, Ga.

ATLANTA — The national renewal evangelism conference, jointly sponsored by the Home Mission Board and the Brotherhood Commission, has been set for Oct. 22-28 at the Georgia Baptist Assembly in Toccoa.

"Emphasis will be placed on renewal training, volunteerism and TOUCH ministries," said Reid Hardin of the Home Mission Board's evangelism support department.

Renewal training will include workshops for consultants, lay renewal weekend coordinators, ministry evangelism weekend coordinators, youth renewal workers, children's workers, lay ministries directors, college and career renewal workers and local church renewal leaders.

The emphasis on volunteerism will feature workshops on Special Mission Ministries, Mission Service Corps and disaster relief.

Ralph Neighbour, pastor of West Memorial Baptist Church, Houston, will present the concepts of TOUCH ministries in workshops throughout the week, Hardin reported.

To register or request more information, write to the Home Mission Board.

Two Huntland pastors elected as aldermen

Two Southern Baptist pastors were elected to fill two out of three seats on the Huntland Board of Mayor and Aldermen earlier this month.

George McGlothlin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntland, and James George, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in that city, collected the highest number of votes in the six-man ballot. Both will be serving first terms. Re-elected was incumbent Roland Edwards of the sheriff's department.

The men will serve a four-year term, beginning next month, with Mayor Mike Spaulding.



KNOXVILLE MAN AWARDED—Loren Miller (right), manager of the Knoxville Baptist Book Store, receives the 1979 Keith C. Von Hagen Award of Merit for his outstanding contribution to the work of the 65-store chain from Jay O. Turner, manager of the chain's southeastern region. Miller was cited for suggesting a price-changing method for catalogs, resulting in more efficient use of personnel time. Keith C. Von Hagen was director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division until his retirement in 1971.

Davidson ends active pastorate

After 28 years of service as pastor of Frayser Baptist Church in Memphis, P. O. Davidson has announced retirement plans, effective Sept. 1.

Davidson was honored at the Memphis church last Sunday in special services and at a reception in the church dining hall. Ramsey Pollard, former pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis; Robert Craig, president of Union University in Jackson; Carroll Owen, director, Tennessee Baptist convention ministries division; and D.M. Renick, former pastor of LaBelle Baptist Church in Memphis, were the guest speakers.

A native Texan, Davidson has held pastorates in that state as well as in Tennessee. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry by Bellevue church in 1942.

Active in denominational life, the west Tennessee pastor has served as vice-moderator and moderator of Shelby County Association, was on two occasions president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; served 20 years on the Executive Board of the TBC; was a trustee of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for seven years; and is now serving on the Board of Trustees for Union. He also worked on various committees and on the Executive Board for Shelby County Association, and on several standing committees, TBC.

Davidson and his wife plan to reside in Memphis following his retirement. He will consider preaching and teaching on an interim basis.

New Orleans graduate leads Kingsport church

In his first Tennessee pastorate, Glynn Adams is serving as minister at Glenwood Baptist Church in Kingsport.

He came to the post last month from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La., where he earned the master of religious education degree.

A graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., Adams earned a diploma in theology from Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Fla. He was pastor of churches in Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi while he was a student.



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The basic communications vehicle will be a "Moral Alert" newsletter, to be sent to corps members "when issues of special importance to Southern Baptists arise and when fast action is called for," he said.

The operational style for the Christian Citizenship Corps, Elder said, will be to "look first to the specifics of an issue, then to the biblical ethics before we speak."

Even then, he stressed, the policy of the Christian Life Commission will be to present both sides of a legislative issue, based on a belief that "there is a difference between fairness and neutrality."

"We think this approach fits best with the Christian gospel, which is a gospel of enabling, and with the Baptist commitment to the priesthood of the believer," Elder explained. "It enshrines respect for individuality and diversity. We want to be catalysts, not power brokers. We do not intend to tell people what they should think and how they should vote, but we will try to help them in the ethical analysis of the issues and may choose to take a position based on that analysis."

The formation of the citizenship corps marks the first time the nation's largest Protestant denomination has attempted to mobilize political action through an organized structure.

The new emphasis on political involvement, Elder emphasized, does not violate Southern Baptists' zealous commitment to the principle of separation of church and state.

"The Christian Citizenship Corps," Elder said, "recognizes and defends the doctrine of separation of church and state as the basic foundation of religious liberty in America. But it rejects the misinterpretations of that doctrine which suggest that Christians and Christian principles should not be actively present in the political process."

WMU summer session seeks life changing commitments

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — More than 2,300 women were summoned to "life changing commitments" to missions during the Woman's Missionary Union conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Christine Gregory, president of the 1.1-million-member auxiliary which promotes and helps support Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries, challenged participants to a simple lifestyle so that resources could be redirected to missions.

She also challenged them to missionary service, as a career, short-term or at home; to

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A lady needed help

By Jonas L. Stewart

She knew a will was an important document for her, but she didn't know how to start. A call to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation office gave her just what she needed. After discussing her problems for a few minutes, we could make some helpful suggestions.

First of all, she needed legal counsel, but like many people she was afraid she wouldn't know how to talk with a lawyer. Our assurance that he would be her friend caused her to feel more at ease. She was even more relieved when we agreed to send her materials that would help her decide what she could do for the Lord through her will. Still further, we sent an information form that helped her to organize her thinking about the contents of a will.

After filling out the form, she sent it to us for observation. This was not necessary, but we were glad to be helpful. Upon our call to make suggestions as to further information her lawyer might need, she asked if we could take the information to a lawyer for her. We were glad to do this at her request. The lawyer prepared her will and sent it to her for execution.

All of this was done at her request with no charges having been made by our office for any services. She found a starting place and soon had her will completed.

The information form may be what you need as a starting place. Write for it and information about preparing a Christian will: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, Box 347, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

reallocate priorities to gain time for prayer and missions education; and to inspire churches to reduce local expenses so more may be given to missions.

Lifestyle workshops launched the week-long "Life Changing Commitments" conference that offered training in household budgeting, cheap nutrition, money management, economical shopping, conservation of resources, will-making, prayer, missions volunteerism, lifestyle witnessing, and similar topics.

L. D. Johnson, chaplain of Furman University who led daily Bible studies, asked, "Are we willing to adopt a lower standard of living so that others can have a higher one? Are we willing to spend less on consumer goods and more on missions?"

Johnson preached on identifying and using spiritual gifts as well as material gifts. "God is not a squanderer," he said. "God gives you a mission, then gives you what you need to match it."

He said Southern Baptists are misdirecting God's gifts away from missions into selfishness.

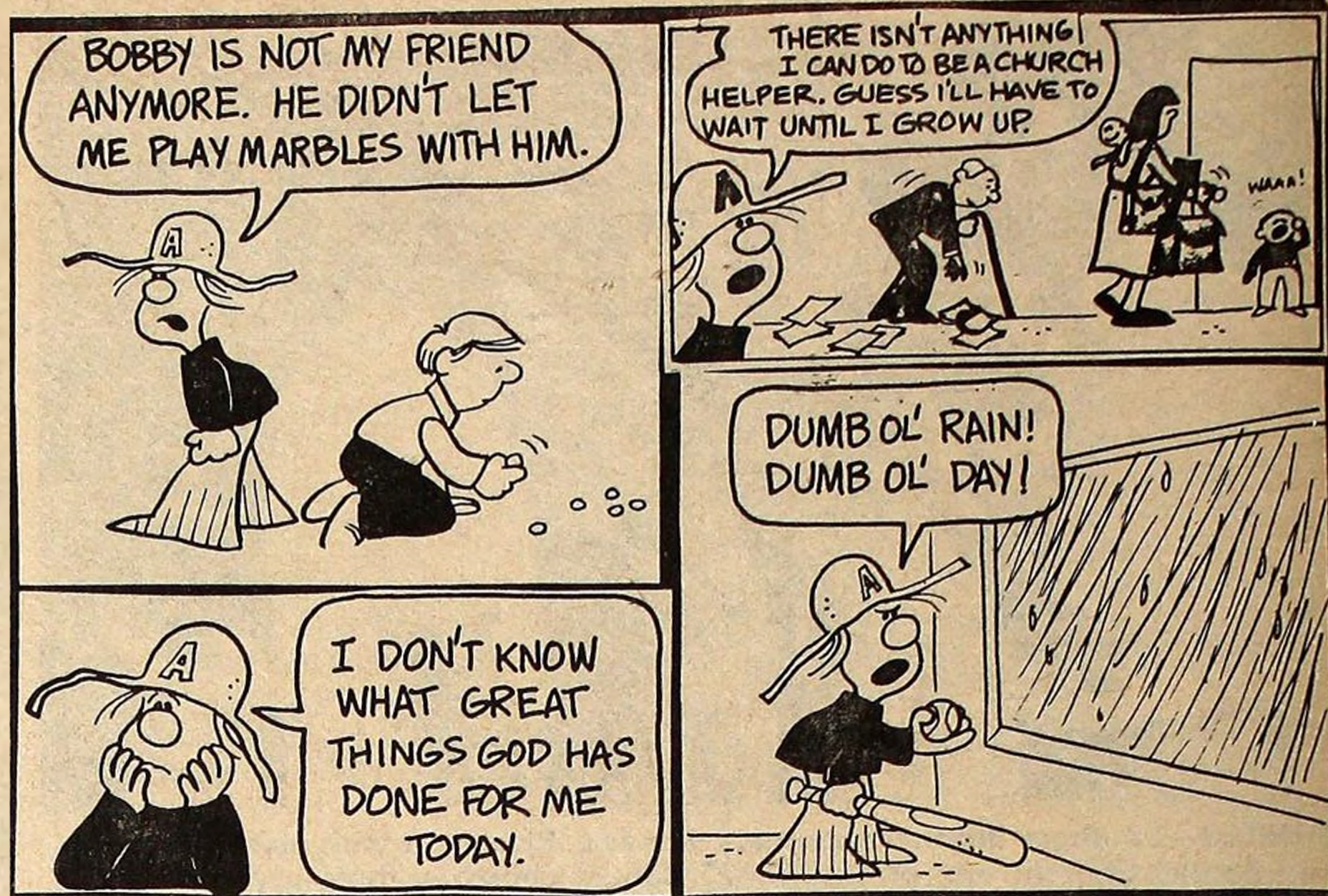
Conferees held a dedication service for seven persons about to begin mission service. They included Will and Caroline Fields, Mission Service Corps workers moving from Tennessee to Pennsylvania with her five children where Fields will help build and renovate buildings for new churches.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, commissioned the new recruits to carry out their assignments boldly. At the same time, she charged the audience to consider service in one of the avenues described by the new missionaries. She also urged women to make life changing commitments to guarantee support for these and for 5,700 other career missionaries and thousands of voluntary workers.

Twenty-two missionaries addressed the commitment theme which threaded through 50 courses offered for WMU leaders and officers. Participants were admonished to go back to their churches and present "95 shocking facts," a list WMU workers compiled naming unmet missions needs, fashioned after Martin Luther's "95 theses."

Specialty conferences were offered for approximately 60 men who registered, for single women, for Spanish-speaking women, and for ministers' wives.

The faculty included 99 conference leaders and speakers from 16 states.



Tennessee children respond to BSSB cartoon character

NASHVILLE — "Dear Akky, I think you should study your Bible more. Every day you should read the Bible and thank God for what He has given us. You should find out what order the divisions of the Bible are in. Your friend, Shelley Ladd, Nashville, Tenn."

Shelley's letter was one of 700 received last quarter at the Sunday School Board for Akky, a cartoon character who appears regularly in Bible Discoverers, a Sunday School quarterly for children. A total of 31 letters came from Tennessee.

While Akky has received many letters and comments from children and leaders since he first became a regular feature in Bible Discoverers, letters poured in last quarter in response to an optional Sunday morning activity suggesting the children write Akky and offer advice and suggestions about his behavior.

Akky, a joint creation of Leon Castle, former editor of Bible Discoverers, and board cartoonist Doug Jones, was originated "to help the boys and girls to analyze some of the Bible truths spoken to in the content," Castle said.

Akky is both good and bad. In one frame, he stands at a window, baseball and bat in hand, looks sadly out at the rain and laments, "Dumb ol' rain, Dumb ol' day!"

That comment stirred this response from Todd Mundt, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

"You should be thankful for the rain. The rain helps our food to grow. I've got to go."

In another frame, Akky ponders, "I don't know what great things God has done for me today."

Scott Byers, Calvary Baptist Church, Lenoir City, offered these observations. "If you don't know what good things God has done for you, you should read your Bible and go to church. You should think about it."

Akky thinks about God a lot and reports happily to his mother in one frame that a drink of water when you're thirsty can be a very great gift. Akky sees people at work in the church and wonders if he can be a church helper.

Neal, from Bellevue Baptist Church, Nashville, has a positive word on being a helper. "There are things you can do to help the church, like help that old man pick up his papers and books, and help that lady with her kids."

Akky started out as a unisex character but has evolved into a boy. Castle said some thought has been given to adding a female character to the series.

Akky's popularity with children and leaders led one church to inquire about producing Akky T-shirts. Some workers have made posters featuring Akky to display in Sunday School departments. Akky also is the star of a series of Broadman filmstrips.

And one boy who arrived with his church group to tour the Sunday School Board had only one request: to see where Akky comes from.

BSSB offers seminar on pastoral leadership

NASHVILLE — Pastoral Leadership for Growing Churches, a seminar focusing on the development of a balanced understanding of church growth will be offered at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board Oct. 22-26.

Four primary areas will be studied in the seminar — numerical increases, growth of individuals in personal discipleship, growth of the body in the quality of relationships and fellowships, and increases in the number of churches.

Bruce Grubbs, consultant in pastoral leadership for growing churches in the board's church administration department, will direct the seminar. Sessions will cover special skills needed by a pastor to lead a growing church such as relationship building, motivation, communication and conflict management.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, will speak during the Tuesday morning session on "Growing Churches: Yesterday's Victories, Tomorrow's Challenge."

For more information contact Bruce Grubbs, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

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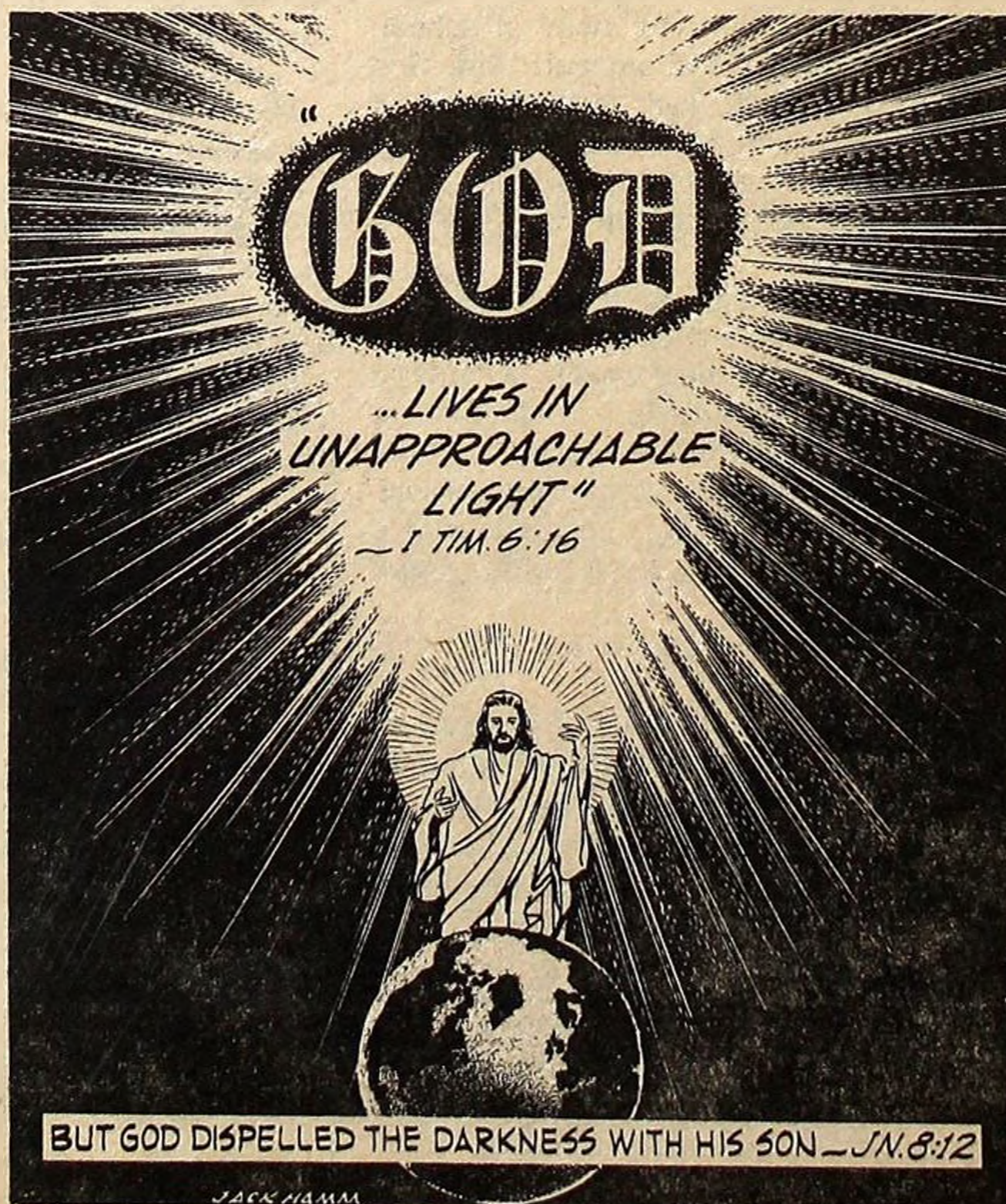
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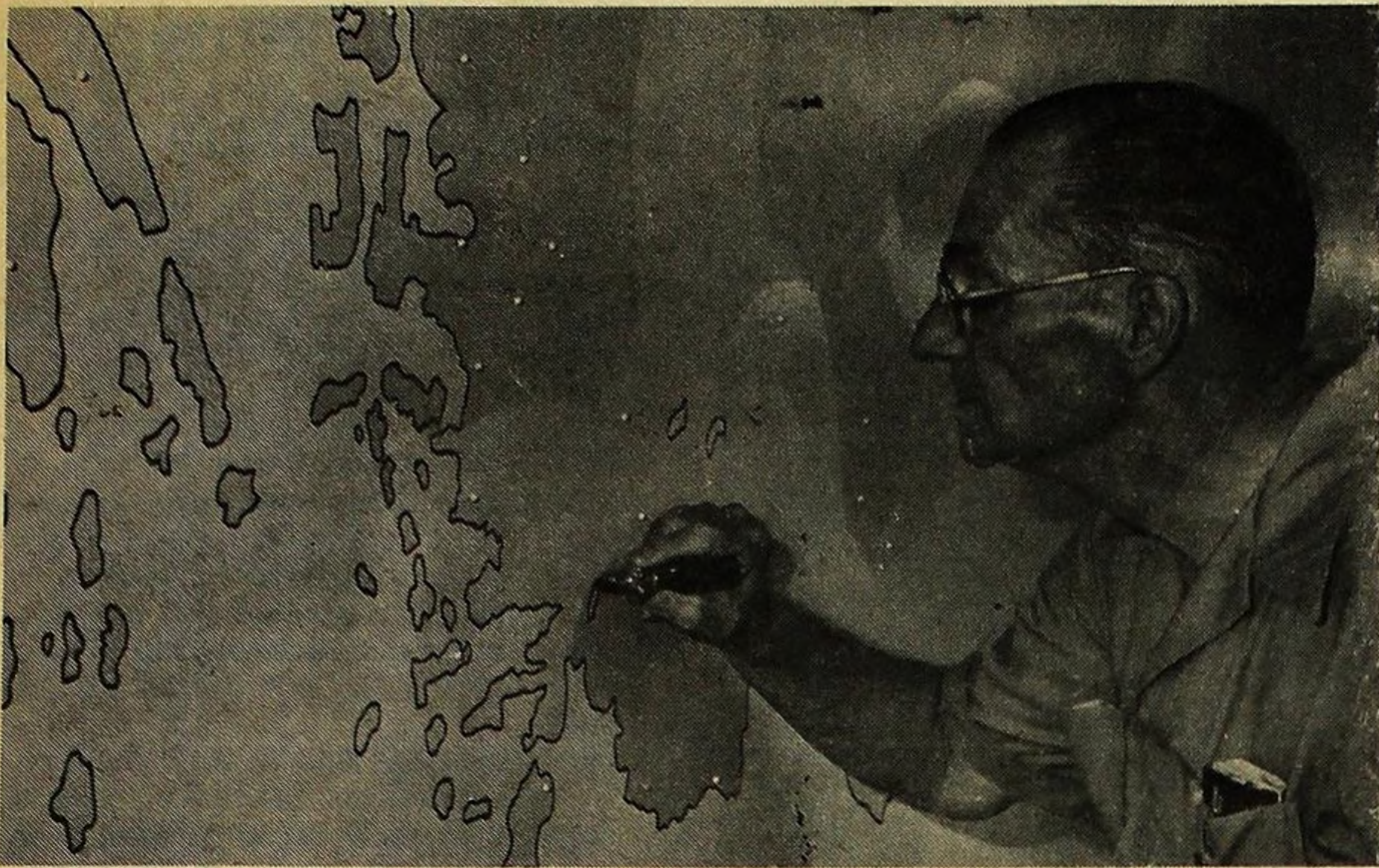
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MAP-MAKER PASTOR—Pocahontas pastor W.W. Clark is spending six weeks of his summer at Union University to paint a 27-foot map of the Bible world. The minister is donating the \$3,000 project to the college to enable students to have a better grasp of the world at the time of Christ.

Tennessee preacher paints 27-foot map for Union U.

By Joe Westbury

"I don't consider myself an artist; I'm just a senior citizen," W. W. Clark declared as he ascended the ladder in Room C-6 at Union University. "I'm just sharing a part of myself with others so they can benefit from a talent I've been blessed with," he added.

The 64-year-old Baptist minister was referring to a 9-by-27-foot map of the Bible world he has been painting on a classroom wall for the past week. The map depicts the Mediterranean-area world from 100 B.C. to the time of Christ.

The pastor of Pocahontas First Baptist Church in Hardeman County, Clark is giving the map — the fruit of nearly 300 hours of labor — to Union to enable students to have a better grasp of the world at the time of Christ. Since all students enroll in a minimum of three hours of religious courses to meet graduation requirements, the map will have maximum exposure among the student body.

The construction foreman-turned minister was a student at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City when he painted his first wall map. His professor, Russell Bradley Jones, was so impressed with a map he had drawn on paper for a homework assignment that he was asked to duplicate the map on a classroom wall. The result was a 23-by-12 foot map of the Bible world and a subsequent enlarged map of Palestine.

Five years later the east Tennessee college asked him to return and paint another set of maps upstairs in the same building. All four maps were later lost in a fire which destroyed the administration building.

Clark had not been enrolled in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary very long before the librarian, after seeing the maps at Carson-Newman, located him and asked if he would do the same for the seminary. He agreed, and painted two maps — the Bible world for one class and a 40-foot-wide depiction of Europe, Africa, and Asia for a world history class.

In recent months the minister's path crossed with Clyde Tilley, a religion professor at Union and a former college and seminary classmate, who inquired about his painting a map for Union. Clark agreed and found the summer term the best time to work undisturbed.

The multi-color masterpiece was no small project, even though he has improved his technique, the minister said. He has made three trips to Memphis to locate the map which would suite his purposes; spent 60 hours transferring the measurements from the map to a worksheet; and then spent an additional 50 hours transferring the piece from the worksheet to the wall.

He has spent 45 hours painting the coun-

tries, 10 hours outlining the islands, nations and seas, and will take about 55 hours to letter the names of 120 cities on the map.

Depicting more than just the Mediterranean area, the map includes the Atlantic Ocean beyond the rock of Gibraltar to the Persian Gulf. When completed, the project will be five maps in one and will feature the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul; Old and New Testament Palestine; the Assyrian, Egyptian, and Roman empires; and the route of Exodus. An adjoining map he will also paint, about 9-by-10 feet, will be an enlargement of Palestine at the time of Christ.

"I get a great deal of pleasure working on various parts of the map, but other parts are just plain hard work," he readily admits. The minister said he felt the hardest part was the lettering because of the time involved in painting the innumerable characters to a uniform scale.

Clark is painting the map free gratis for Union, but placed a price tag of \$2,500-\$3,000 on the project if he were working under commission.

The minister explained he is donating the project to the college "because this is a talent I've been blessed with and want to share with others. I've never had an art course outside my public school education so I consider this as a gift from God.

"I strongly believe that if God gives you a talent, you should share it with others. If you don't share that gift, it will rust away or rot. I personally feel it would be a sin if I didn't do this," he asserted.

Baptist and Reflector subscription rates increase

The Baptist and Reflector continues to be hard hit by postal increases, paper prices, and the cost of printing. The board of directors felt it necessary to increase the rates, effective Sept. 1, 1979, as follows:

Every Family Plan, \$3.01 per family per year; Club Plan, \$3.65; and Individual, \$4.00.

Churches may subscribe to Baptist and Reflector through the Every Family Plan for 5.9¢ per family per week, providing that 50 percent of the resident families participate. This plan may be paid monthly, quarterly, or yearly. However, it is easier for Baptist and Reflector to send bills at the end of each month. This is a more accurate way of keeping up with the additions and drops which a church can make each month. The Every Family Plan is the best buy.

The Club Plan is available when a church does not send the paper to all of its church families or at least 50 percent of its resident homes. There must be at least 10 subscriptions sent in at one time when the Club Plan is used, and the subscriptions are payable in advance at \$3.65 per subscription.

Individual subscriptions are \$4.00 per year, payable in advance.

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Baptist and Reflector pays off in better informed church members. This results in better church attendance, increased departmental growth, increased giving, and better cooperation on church and denominational levels. It is a good investment.

MSC volunteer from Jackson promotes RA work in Wash.

By Eric Bridges

AIRWAY HEIGHTS, Washington—Phillip Turner drove 250 miles recently to conduct a training clinic for new Royal Ambassador leaders. Three men showed up.

That didn't discourage Turner. "It's a start," he says in a deep, resonant voice. "They're interested, and I think we'll build a good program together."

Turner will travel extensively in Washington and Idaho in the next few months, training and equipping Baptist men to begin R.A. programs.

A 29-year-old native of Jackson, Turner is a full time volunteer, serving through Mission Service Corps, the Southern Baptist plan to place 5000 volunteers on foreign and domestic mission fields. Mission Service Corps volunteers pay their own expenses on the field or are directly supported by churches and individuals.

Since January, Turner has been promoting R.A. work in the 33 church Inland Empire Baptist Association, which stretches a hundred miles in all directions from Spokane, Washington. At present, only three churches in the association operate R.A. programs.

"It's a brand new ballgame here," says Don Laing, director of missions for the association. "We're just getting R.A.'s started here, so we've got to sell the pastors, enlist the workers and train them. It's a slow process, and a lot of work, but with Phil here, the program has a tremendous future."

A 1972 graduate of Union University in Jackson, Turner spent four years in the Navy before entering Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in religious education.

With those credentials, why volunteer work? "Mission Service Corps was an obvious choice for me," says the tall, broad shouldered Turner. "My two years on the field will teach me a great deal about missions education, which is my field. In the future, I can teach missions from personal experience."

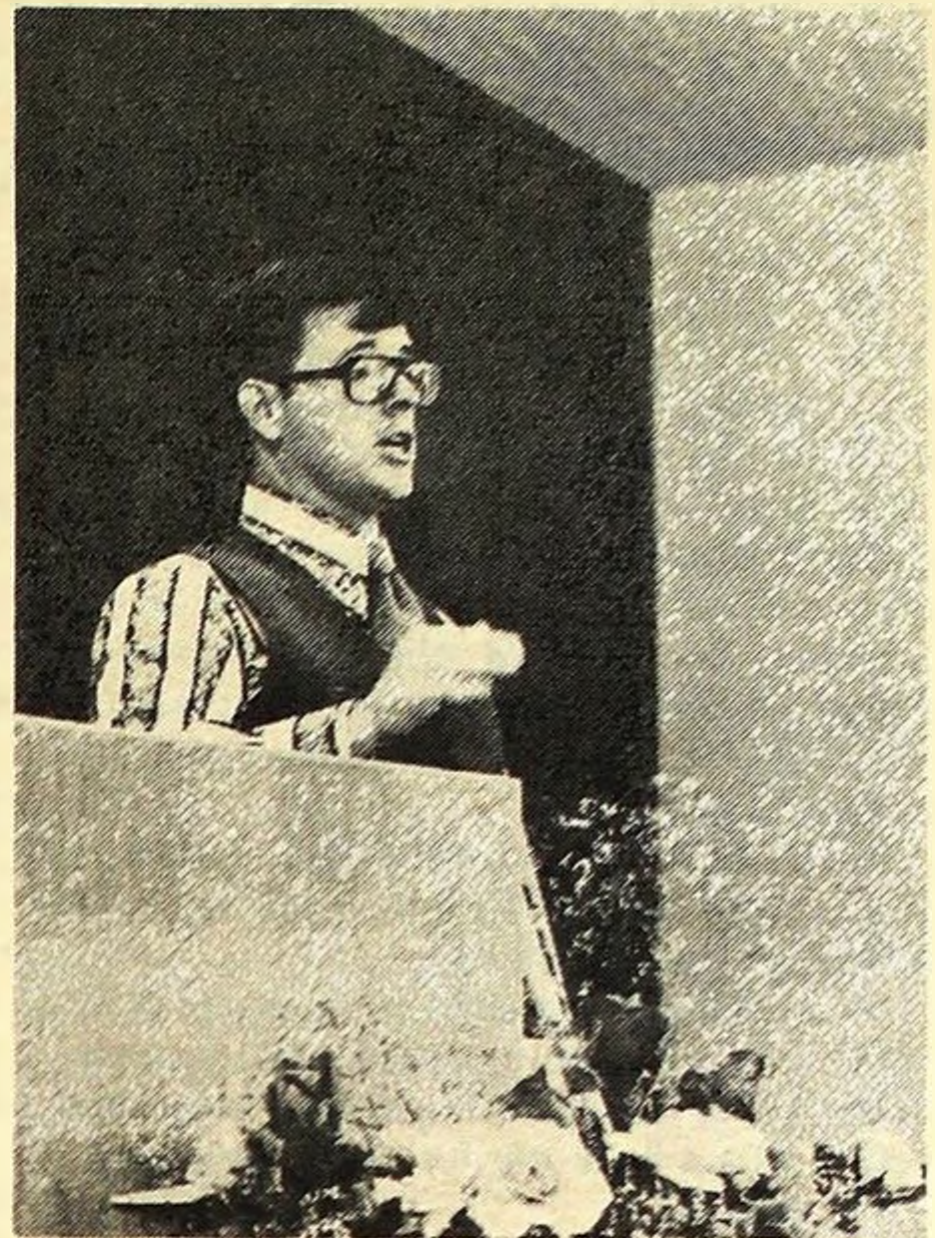
A gifted musician, Turner also directs the music program at First Church in Airway Heights. "I'm probably trying to do more than I can handle right now," he says, "but I'll settle down in a few months."

Turner plans to work in Washington for at least two years. "I'm open to staying here in the Northwest if the Lord wills," he says. "Whatever I do in the future, I'm thankful for this experience with Mission Service Corps. It's opened me up to the real challenge of missions."

Several Tennessee churches are financially supporting Turner in Washington, including West Jackson church (where he is a member) and Southside church in Jackson, First

church in Bells, and Southside church in Dyersburg.

Bridges is writer for the Mission Service Corps Communication Team.



TENNESSEAN IN WASHINGTON STATE—Mission Service Corps volunteer Phillip Turner leads the congregation in song at First Baptist Church, Airway Heights, Washington. He also trains new R.A. leaders all over the 33-church Inland Empire Baptist Association.

Personal perspective

BY TOM MADDEN
TBC executive secretary

I was privileged to be numbered among approximately 250 pastors at the annual pastor's retreat at Camp Carson last week. This most meaningful event is sponsored by the evangelism department of our convention. The setting in the foothills of the Smokies was beautiful, the fellowship with my fellow preachers was inspiring, and the various preachers brought messages with the breath of heaven upon them. I want to share just a brief portion of one of those messages.

Frank Crumpler, who is serving in the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board, shared in his message a personal experience from his former pastorate at Camden, South Carolina. He had invited Bertha Smith to come to his church to lead in a special emphasis on prayer. During one of the sessions, she asked those present to pray. She came to where Crumpler was praying, picked up his hand, and suggested the following prayer formula. As you pray, let each finger represent a type of prayer. She included these:

Confession — Confessing all of our sins.

Praise — Just praise God.

Thanksgiving — Thank Him for all His blessings.

Petition — Ask God for blessings.

Intercession — Interceding for both the saved and the lost.

I am sure all of us need to pray more. In my own prayer life I want to include confession, praise, thanks, petition, and intercession. As you pray, please remember us who serve you in the Baptist building Brentwood.



Madden

MSC Volunteers from Memphis minister in upstate New York

By Judy Touchton

CANTON, N.Y. (BP)—Jimmy Crawford likes snow.

Once he stayed awake all night tracking in a snowstorm that hit his hometown of Memphis, Tenn.

Jimmy likes snow so much, in fact, he quit his job, packed up his belongings—and his wife, Donna—and moved to upstate New York as a Mission Service Corps volunteer.

But, he confesses, "only partly for the snow," although he claims to enjoy shoveling six-to-ten-foot snowdrifts in his driveway.

Mostly he and Donna, married four years, moved to Canton, N.Y., a tiny farm-ringed community of 6,000 just a few miles from the Canadian border and the St. Lawrence Seaway, to help a nearly non-existent mission congregation grow into a full-size Southern Baptist church.

The Crawfords first visited New York state with a youth group holding Vacation Bible Schools near Lake Placid.

"We had boys and girls in Vacation Bible School who didn't even know who Jesus is. They'd never heard of the Bible. They only knew it was a book because it had a cover," Jimmy says.

The Crawfords, who grew up as Southern Baptists in Memphis, were amazed. "I don't

think anybody who's grown up in the Bible belt realizes there are places in our country where people don't know the name of Jesus," Donna says.

The summer changed the Crawfords' lives. "I think we both knew when we left after those two weeks we'd be back," Donna says.

They came back to establish a Bible study and seed the ground for ministry.

"There had been several attempts to start something in Canton," Crawford explains, "but they all failed. There was a Bible study, but it died. We came here to cultivate. When we had the first service we didn't know if anyone would show or not."

That first Sunday about 12 people (including children) met in the town's Grange hall—rent free in return for a paint job by a few volunteers, including the Crawfords.

Mike Cloer, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist in Potsdam, the missions's sponsor, led early services in Canton and returned to Potsdam for 11 a.m. services for nearly six months.

Although the drive to Potsdam is only about 15 miles, mission strategists in New York decided even that's too far for such village-oriented folks.

In January 1979, the congregation called its own pastor, Dave Cavanaugh, who brought with him his wife, Becky, and two potential church members—their toddler sons, Scott and Josh. By spring 1979, the mission had 43 in Sunday School and worship service.

Despite such obvious success, the Crawfords admit they never intended to be full-time volunteers. Jimmy, a criminal justice major who worked at the Shelby County courthouse in Memphis, intended to find a job in law enforcement. Donna, with a bachelors degree and experience in dental hygiene, wanted a job with a local dentist.

"At first, we were kind of judgemental about people we saw just sitting around unemployed—until we got here and found there were no jobs to be had," Donna says.

The country, St. Lawrence, is one of the poorest in New York.

Their only guaranteed income is just over \$450 a month sent by friends and their Memphis church, La Belle Haven.

Yet Donna says, "I feel a lot more secure than I ever did in Memphis when we were both working good jobs and even had some money in savings. There, we had financial security in the world's eyes. I don't ever want to do without the security I feel with God providing what we need."

But it was not just their uncertain income that caused the Crawfords to make adjustments.

"We would wake up in the morning and ask ourselves, 'What do we do?'" Donna remembers about their first few weeks in Canton.

"Most people see missions as just knocking on doors and telling people about Jesus," she continues. "Up here, missions might mean Jimmy's going over to a farmer's to work when he's a man short, or taking a lady to the doctor in Ogdensburg, or visiting with a woman who keeps two little girls during the day."

"We actually made more visits when we first got here," Jimmy adds. "Then, we didn't know better. We didn't know people were not going to respond."

"People just aren't going to flock to church after one visit. Once, Emmanuel's pastor knocked on 70 doors and got no response. People up here have gotten along so long without God, they've gotten cold."

"Up here, I've had to depend a lot more on God than I did in Memphis," he says. "I just can't make it without Him. Otherwise, I'd just have to go back home."

Donna nods and adds, "When this church is strong and when there are some members strong enough to disciple others, we could move on. But I just don't know how I could ever go back to 'business as usual.'"

Jimmy agrees, "I know I'm here for two years. And God may plan for me to stay the rest of my life. Snow or no snow!"



DONNA AND JIMMY CRAWFORD

On Matters of

Family Living

By B. David Edens

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Commercial washers recirculate germs

Wash done in coin-operated machines is not as cleans as it looks, analysis of the bacteria count in washers used at four different self-service laundromats showed. Family laundry washed in commercial machines may emerge contaminated with bacteria from previous users' washes, a situation that exposes susceptible children and vulnerable adults to illnesses they might otherwise have escaped.

The solution to the problem involves additional time and money spent at the laundromate, says Virginia Bishop, Iowa State University extension specialist on housing and equipment.

Fill the coin-operated machine with hot water, add a cup of chlorine bleach, and run it through its paces empty to reduce the resident population of bacteria. Then, put your own laundry, detergent, and bleach into the machine and state washing.

"Sure this means extra time and money," the expert acknowledges, "but I'd view the sum as low cost health insurance—insurance you won't be picking up germs from unknown, previous customers."

Wiping the public machine out with a clean cloth, even a cloth dipped in disinfectant, is not a satisfactory substitute for running the empty machine, filled with hot water, and a cup of bleach, through its cycles before getting down to business.

Pastor's retreat stresses prayer

Evangelism and the prayer life of the pastor dominated messages, Bible study, and worship periods at the 1979 Pastors' Retreat held last week at Camp Carson in east Tennessee.

The retreat is sponsored annually by the Tennessee Baptist evangelism department.

According to Malcolm McDow, director of the department, 257 men attended the sessions.

William L. Blevins, chairman of the department of religion, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, led in a Bible study each day.

With Blevins, the men explored the book of Ephesians.

Major speakers at the five-day event included: Ted Davis, director of missions, McMinn-Meigs Association; D. William Dodson Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Martin; James Harris, director of missions, Holston Association; and Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC.

Camp pastor for the week was Jack Stanton, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

Conferences were offered on Sunday School in evangelism, revival preparation, the devotional life of the preacher, the role of the pastor in evangelism, and evangelistic preaching.



DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS MEET—Carson-Newman College President Cordell Maddox (left) recently welcomed to the C-N campus those attending the Annual Meeting of the Associational Director of Missions. Attending from the Holston Valley Association was Henry Guy Jackson (second from left). Paul Hall (third from left), representing the Tennessee Baptist Convention, spoke on "Director of Missions, A Strategic Position in Bold Missions." C-N Director of Church Relations, Don Mitchell (right), coordinated the meeting. In addition to other C-N personnel, Tom Madden, executive secretary/treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, addressed the group.

Former U.S. postmaster general accepts presidency of Dallas Baptist College

DALLAS (BP)—W. Marvin Watson, former postmaster-general of the United States, says he intends to be the active president of Dallas Baptist College by Sept. 1, a post he had not accepted since his election in July.

Watson had said he would accept the post, vacated by the retirement in May of W. E. Thorn, if friends and trustees agreed to loan the financially beleaguered school \$2.5 million. He reportedly promised to lend it \$250,000 himself.

"I see the trustees as having a responsibility in this matter," Watson said. "When they assume their responsibility, I will be happy to assume mine."

A recent meeting in Dallas, attended by 10 of the school's 35 trustees and about 90 other supporters raised loan pledges and contributions of \$60,000.

The college reportedly has an operating debt in excess of \$1.8 million and is accumulating more each month.

A native of Oakhurst, Texas, Watson is probably best remembered for his tenure as postmaster-general during President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration. He was executive vice president of Occidental Petroleum Corp., but recently has been an investments consultant, living in Daingerfield, Texas.

He was national chairman of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's "Eight by Eighty" campaign, an effort to raise \$8 million by 1980 that has already surpassed its goal.

Union U. expands seminary extension to west Tennessee

JACKSON — Union University's Seminary Extension Center will expand its academic offerings to west Tennessee with the September opening of a branch office in Adamsville.

The newest addition to the SEC's network of offices will increase to four the number of locations where classes will be offered. A total of six classes will be offered through the offices in the West Tennessee area, dean of religious affairs Bob Agee announced.

The three-year diploma program is being offered in evenings in cooperation with the college's night classes at a cost of \$35 per course per semester, plus any required textbooks. Regular college requirements are being waived.

"This is by far the largest amount of courses to be offered by the center since its inception in August 1976," he commented. "In addition to the new Shiloh Association center, we will be offering one course each at centers in Martin and Huntingdon and three courses here at Union."

The classes meet one night each week for 13 weeks from 7-9 p.m. Up to eight semester hours of work may be transferred from the program to the college when applied toward credit for a bachelor's degree.

Registration for classes being taught in Jackson will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel. Agee will teach class on "Principles of Preaching"; Union religion professor Clyde Tilley will serve as instructor for "Christian Ethics"; and Union associate religion professor David Irby will teach "Introduction to Old Testament."

In Martin, registration for "Introduction to New Testament" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at First Baptist Church. The Thursday night class, which will meet immediately following registration, will be taught by Dyersburg First Baptist Church pastor emeritus Robert Orr.

In Huntingdon, registration will begin at 8 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Carroll-Benton Association Mission Center for "Introduction to Old Testament," taught by Medina First Baptist Church pastor John Pippin.

At the newly established Shiloh Center, registration will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Adamsville First Baptist Church. Instructor for the class, "How to Understand the Bible," will be Lexington First Baptist Church pastor Hoyt Wilson.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE...

John W. Bailey, a member of McCalla Avenue Baptist Church in Knoxville, is scheduled to observe 45 years as an ordained deacon in that church Oct. 7. He was ordained there when he was 25 years of age. John Buell is pastor at McCalla Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Woods were honored recently at Union Baptist Church in Wartburg on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Woods has served as a deacon in the church for many years. Ronald Guthrie is pastor.

A special program honoring retired minister I. J. Freeman was held recently at Benton Station Baptist Church in Benton. Born in 1893, he was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1924. He has been a minister of the gospel for 55 years, leading 23 churches and helping in the organization of five congregations. Additionally, Freeman was director of missions in Polk County and Cumberland Plateau associations. He is a former pastor at Benton Station. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have been married for 67 years. Roy Lillard served as master of ceremonies for the special service. John J. Smith is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd LeCroy were honored recently at a 50th anniversary wedding reception in Waynesboro. LeCroy is a retired Baptist director of missions, serving 33 years as a pastor and missions director in Maury, Lewis, Hickman, Perry, Wayne, Hardin, Henry, and Lincoln counties in Tennessee. He also served five years in Mississippi. The couple has three daughters, one son, and nine grandchildren.

Former Tennessean Jim Gregg Jr., has been called as minister of music and youth at Gulf Garden Baptist Church in Gulf Port, Miss. While he was in Tennessee, he was a student at Belmont College, Nashville, and was active in work at Brentwood Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church in Chattanooga. He is presently a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Dallas Frank Bell, pastor of Webb Baptist Church in Newport, was named to receive the A.S. Petrey Mountain Preacher Award from Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky. A graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Bell helped constitute the Webb church in 1963 and has remained as its pastor. He has done graduate work at the University of Georgia in Athens and at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. The A.S. Petrey award is named for a pioneer missionary.

Golden Gate views record enrollment

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — Officials at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary say the institution is geared up for a record number of new students expected to enroll for the fall semester Aug. 30-31.

More than 280 applications for admission have been received with 199 of them approved. Receipt of applications has been running 30 percent ahead of this same time last year.

The registrar's office noted that this year's total of new applications received for the fall, is the largest number ever received by Golden Gate for one semester.

The office was reluctant to estimate the fall semester enrollment expected, but did indicate it too would probably be a new record, bettering the 474 who registered this same term in 1977.

Figures recently released by the registrar's office showed that 605 students enrolled in classes during the 1978-79 school year, the first time the Seminary has broken the 600 mark, this compared with 587 in 1977-78 and 517 in 1976-77.

David Whipple has completed five years as minister of music at First Baptist Church in Cleveland. His ministry at First church includes a childrens and youth division, chapel choir, college choral, adult division, men's chorus, and two men's quartets, and an instrumental division. Marvin R. Gibson is pastor.

First Baptist Church in Jefferson City was the site of a 50th wedding anniversary reception for Elizabeth and Elton Johnson earlier this month. Both have been very active in the work of the church for many years.

Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, ordained Jack Stone to the gospel ministry this month. Clifford Horne, assistant director for Nashville Baptist Association, delivered the ordination sermon. Bob Mowrey is pastor at Park Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lawrence, Chattanooga, observed their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They are members of Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga.

CHURCHES...

Maplewood Baptist Church in Paris celebrated its 45th anniversary earlier this month. In a special afternoon service, recognition was given to charter and former members and to former pastors. Paul Veazey is pastor.

Members of Lincoln Park Baptist Church in Knoxville observed the 10th anniversary of the church's special education department. Mrs. Kenneth Bush is the director. Ted J. Ingram is pastor.

First Baptist Church in Clarksville has entered into a "Together We Build" program to finance a new building, while simultaneously the members are in the midst of doubling their gifts through the Cooperative Program. Pastor John David Laida said that the membership plans to double their gifts again in the coming four years and voted not to go into debt to finance a new building. The Cooperative Program gifts have been a result of Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust efforts, Laida stated. He has served as the church's pastor for 19 years.

Joe Mayberry, director of missions for William Carey Association, preached the dedicatory message for the new church building of First Baptist Church, Howell. Members from other churches in the association joined in the dedication service.

Pastor Fred Rutledge presided at the meeting. Billy Newman gave a brief history of the church, and Reuben Trussell, pastor of First church of Fayetteville, led in the prayer of dedication. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mullins of the Oak Hill church led in the music.

LEADERSHIP...

Central Baptist Church, Knoxville, called Wayne Strickler as minister of music. A native of Kingsport, he is a graduate of Mars Hill Baptist Church and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He comes to the Knoxville post from Grandin Court Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va. Members also voted to call Tim Clark as seminary intern minister of youth for a two-year period. This is a new position which has been established to give seminary students some practical experience. Clark has completed two years at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and plans to finish there having the two years of service. Bill Bruster is pastor.

Elaine Cook, a senior at Belmont College in Nashville, completed service as summer youth worker at First Baptist Church in Lafayette. She also conducted, with the assistance of the young people, a mission Vacation Bible School.

REVIVALS...

Ralph Norton, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, conducted revival services for Webb Baptist Church in Newport earlier this month. D. Frank Bell is pastor.

William Oakley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, was the evangelist for revival services at New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Dyer. Oakley is the son of W. B. Oakley, pastor of the church. Danny Roberts, minister of youth and music for the church, was in charge of the music.

Nashville pastor James Gregg was evangelist for revival services at Gath Baptist Church in McMinnville. There were three professions of faith and several other decisions. Ken Stewart, minister of music, was the music director. John Blevins is pastor.

New Lebanon Baptist church, Holston Association, was led in revival services earlier this month by Edward Johnson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Kingsport. There was one profession of faith and several rededications. T. Richard Harris is pastor.

Harold T. Bryson, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La., conducted revival services for Prospect Baptist church in Hollow Rock earlier this month. John McGuckin, music missionary to Argentina, led the music. Steve Atwood is pastor.

Tanzanian Baptist boldness reaps 56 new congregations

MWANZA, Tanzania (BP)—Tanzanian Baptists embodied Bold Mission Thrust when they sent out seven evangelistic teams which started 56 new congregations in eight weeks this summer.

The two-man teams baptized 2,575 members of the Sukuma tribe living in villages formerly unreached by Baptist witness, said James L. Houser, Southern Baptist missionary who transferred from Kenya to lead the project.

Months in planning, the Sukuma project was adopted by the Baptist mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the Baptist Convention of Tanzania as a means of reaching Tanzania's largest tribal group. The government's settling of 4.5 million Sukuma people into easily accessible villages of 1,000 to 10,000 in order to provide education and services for them, made it easier for Baptists to reach them.

Original plans were even bolder—15 teams starting 180 new congregations—but transportation problems caused in part by the Tanzania-Uganda conflict took their toll before the project started.

Plans called for a team to spend a week in each village, visiting huts and inviting people to a daily teaching period in which they could learn about God, sin, Jesus and the church.

On their seventh day in a village, the team was to baptize new believers and help the congregation choose five leaders—an outreach leader, a worship leader and preacher, a youth worker, a women's worker and a music director. Music is a vital part of the Sukuma people's lives.

After the evangelistic team moved to another village, the new congregation could expect at least three visits from more mature Christians working under Tom W. McMillan, head of the Baptist Seminary of East Africa in Arusha. First, a team would come for three days to help new leaders in areas in which they had no experience, such as using the Bible and leading worship. Second, a visitor would arrive with a tape recorder and cassettes to encourage the new believers and teach them about the Christian life.

A third team will come to equip leaders with tools and Bible knowledge they need for

HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

A news story from Mrs. J. R. Powell of Hickory Valley told about an electrical storm striking the church and it burned to the ground. "We are anxious to rebuild at once, and have plans for a modern building. It will take about 60,000 bricks and they cost about one cent each," Mrs. Powell said.

25 YEARS AGO

Norris Gilliam, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation resigned to accept the position of contracts and investments counselor to the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Groundbreaking services were held by Glenview Baptist Church, Memphis. Pastor B.J. Turner and his congregation had projected a seven year building program, and this was the first unit which would cost \$80,000. The Glenview work began in 1946 as a mission of Boulevard Baptist Church, C.A. Pickler, pastor.

William Luther Carden was the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Livingston.

their jobs, shifting the project emphasis more from evangelism to training. Beginning in September, project personnel will train volunteers from existing churches for one month in three geographical areas in witnessing and planting churches. Houser expects these churches to begin ten to fifteen new churches every two months. The following June, the cycle will begin again with new evangelism teams.

Project personnel saw results before the program got underway. Southern Baptist missionary Roger W. Brubeck visited one settlement to ask the chairman's permission to enter the village. The chairman was unavailable so Brubeck told the story of Jesus to three men standing nearby. Two of them became Christians.

In another instance, Southern Baptist missionary Donald R. Dolifka was training church members to use tape recorders for follow-up. One member, Philip, witnessed to a man who accepted Christ as Lord saying, "What you have told me is too good to keep. Come with me. I want you to tell some others."

He took Philip to a meeting of the village leaders, who also listened to Philip's story. After being told of Christ, the people began to clap and express their happiness to Philip for his coming and sharing. Another village opened before the project officially began.

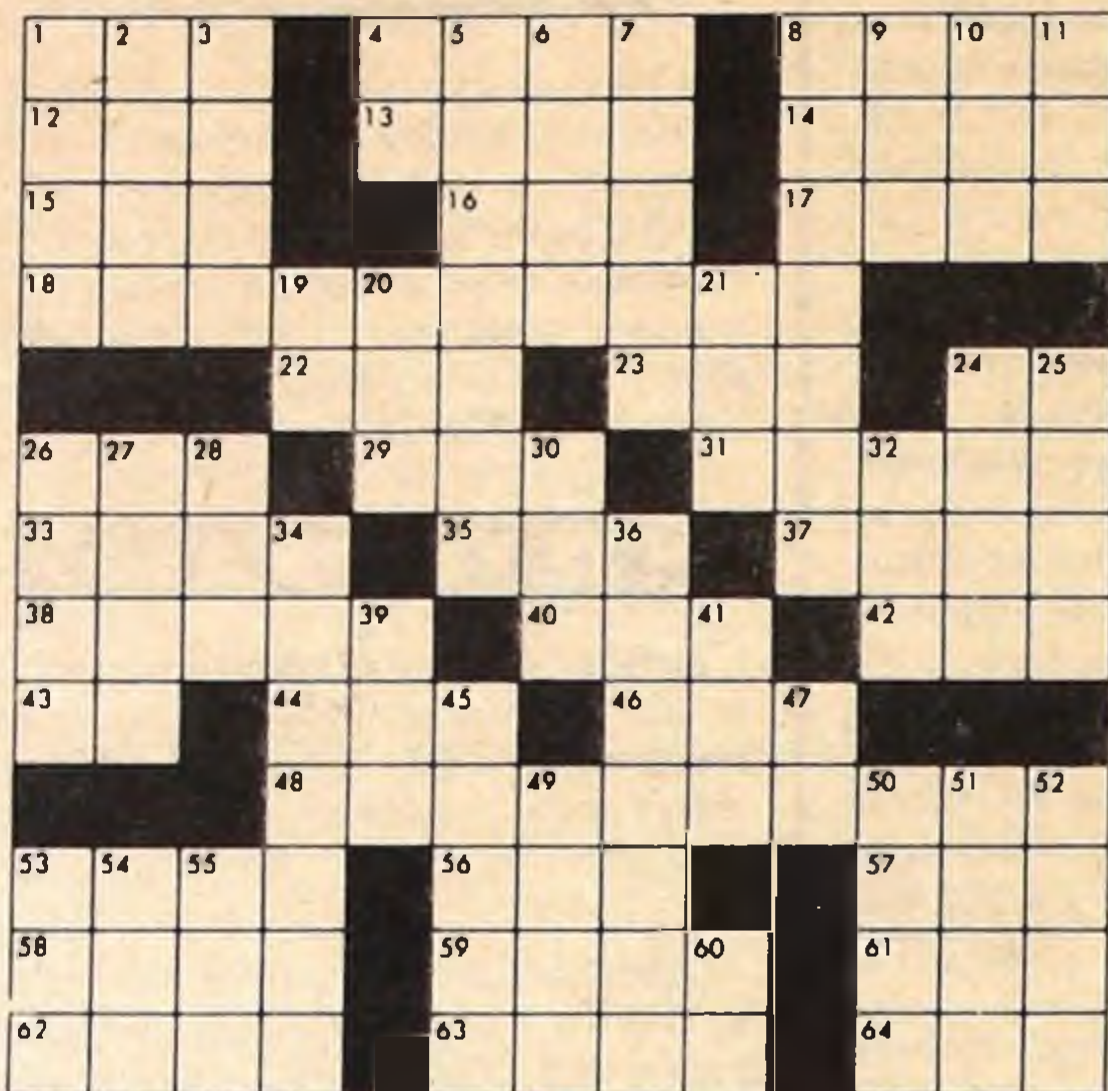
Other teams saw similar events during the project. In one village, team members Thomas and Raton met Stefano, a fisherman. Stefano had just squandered all his money from a fishing trip in a bar. He had gone home to find his family hungry and his creditors demanding payment on loans. When he went to the lake to catch more fish, his boat, net, and partners had disappeared.

Thomas and Raton stopped at his hut and told him about Jesus and his love. Stefano decided that was what he needed and trusted Christ as he Savior. The two men continued witnessing in the village until more than 25 others accepted Christ.

When the congregation chose leaders at the end of the week, Stefano was one of them. In his testimony before the group, he said he had been fishing for fish all his life, but now was going fishing for men.

Bible Puzzle

Answers on page 10



ACROSS

- 1 "full of —" (Psa. 104)
 4 Their strength (Psa. 28:8)
 8 Hawaiian island
 12 High note
 13 Arrow poison
 14 Russian river
 15 Joshua took it (Josh. 10:1; poss.)
 16 Greek letter
 17 "In — was there a voice" (Matt. 2)
 18 Old one (Gen. 5:27)
 22 Past
 23 Sign of a hit
 24 Letter addition: abbr.
 26 "caused Egypt to —" (Isa. 19)
 29 Aaron's partner (Ex. 17:12)
 31 "and — evil of dignities" (Jude)

- 33 Cleansing agent
 35 He was delivered (2 Pet. 2:7)
 37 Small case
 38 Slumber
 40 Son of Benjamin (Gen. 46:41)
 42 Tree
 43 Train, of a kind
 44 Not in
 46 External: comb. form
 48 They shall fail (1 Cor. 13:8)
 53 Son of Helem (1 Chron. 7:35)
 56 Worm genus
 57 Female deer
 58 "and the — of this world" (Matt. 13)
 59 Alders
 61 Madrid cheer
 62 Oriental holidays
 63 Ornamental molding

64 Small boy

DOWN

- 1 "coat was without —" (John 19)
 2 "for they prophesy — unto you" (Jer. 27)
 3 Time gone by
 4 Chinese unit of distance
 5 "and of —" (Acts 4)
 6 Network
 7 Bargains
 8 Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 1:1; 2 words)
 9 Macaw genus
 10 Meat
 11 Gums
 19 Exclamation
 20 Expression of disgust
 21 Given to Lot's children (Deut. 2:9; poss.)
 24 Apostle (Col. 1:1)
 25 Remove scum
 26 Being
 27 Menu item
 28 Diminutive of Rachel
 30 Fish eggs
 32 Season in Caen
 34 "before many —" (Rev. 10)
 36 "Jesus took him by —" (Mark 9)
 39 The lot (Esth. 3:7)
 41 Frost
 45 Man (1 Chron. 4:29)
 47 Technetium: symbol
 49 After Helio or Mille
 50 Pagan's god
 51 — weed
 52 Sower's need
 53 Perform
 54 Girl's name
 55 Biblical verb
 60 Direction: abbr.

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: E equals Y

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim N. Griffith

Two Atlanta men have invented an "Excuse Machine" which includes a selection of 10 excuses by pressing the appropriate button.

An Excuse Machine? Most of us have been doing all right on our own with no mechanical assistance.

The Bible says: "And they all with one consent began to make excuses."

In the regular course of events, the average pastor hears more excuses than a highway patrolman assigned to speed control.

The truth is if you want to fabricate an excuse, it only takes the thinnest of material for the weaving of it.

But sadly, one who is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else.

Perhaps the wisest word on the dubious art of excuse-making came from one who said: "Don't make excuses—make good."

For when all is said and done, the only perfect excuse is excellence.

Haiti church receives organ donated by Franklin couple

A request, which began as a letter to the editor in the *Baptist and Reflector* last year, has resulted in the delivery and installation of an Allen full pedalboard organ at the Grande Riviere Baptist Church in Grande Riviere, Haiti.

Amos Eugene, pastor of the Haiti congregation, had visited in the Tennessee Watauga Association and expressed the need for an organ for his church. Pastors in that association were unable to locate an organ in their area, but believed that some Tennessee Baptist family or church might offer one for sale or as a gift.

Eugene shared with the pastors (who shared with the *Baptist and Reflector* readers) that his 500-member church had been using a reconditioned accordion in their worship services. The congregation was unable to purchase an organ because of extreme inflation in the country and low incomes. He was convicted that the addition of an organ to the services would enhance greatly the outreach ministry. The church has an organist in its membership.

The appeal went out statewide, and was read by a Franklin couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker.

Ironically, Mrs. Baker said, the couple had been trying to sell their organ for several months. They had placed advertisements in city papers and in the state Baptist paper. "We did not get one response to the ads," she recalled.

"When I saw that letter, I knew right away why our organ had not sold. The Lord was saving it for a church that really needed it."

She added that she and her husband waited

a couple of weeks and then called a pastor in Watauga Association to see if someone else had already donated the needed item. "Of course, no one had," she said, "because we were supposed to give ours."

Baker told the pastor, Stephen J. Pressley of Unaka Baptist Church in Elizabethton, that their organ was available for the congregation.

Since shipping charges amounted to over \$1,000, it was this summer before the organ could be sent. The Watauga Association Pastors' Conference, through the churches in the association, paid for the securing and shipping of it.

In the few weeks since its installation, Pastor Eugene reports that attendance has increased greatly. The concern and persistence of a group of fellow Christians in Tennessee to help obtain an item that many churches take for granted, made members of a small church in Grande Riviere, Haiti, extremely grateful.

Devotional

A time to...

By Betty Woodford

Are you busy? Many times someone calls and says, "Are you busy?" If honest, we have to answer yes. We are always busy, and most of the time it is necessary "busy-ness." Busy being parents, husbands, wives, children, and individuals with specific responsibilities.

In all our busy lives, let us remember to live. Not 'live it up' just to satisfy ourselves, but live each day with a primary thought of the good that can come from and in that day. It will not be in the big notable things, but in the small things that are done in the routine of life that lasting memories are made.

What will my children remember about me? Will they remember my always being busy taking care of them physically, or will they remember the important things like responsibility, honesty, and high moral values, or will they remember my being patient with them when they tried to learn new things, taking time to play a game, or just listening to them when they needed to talk? Most children will remember those special moments of time, those special family picnics, or those special vacations.

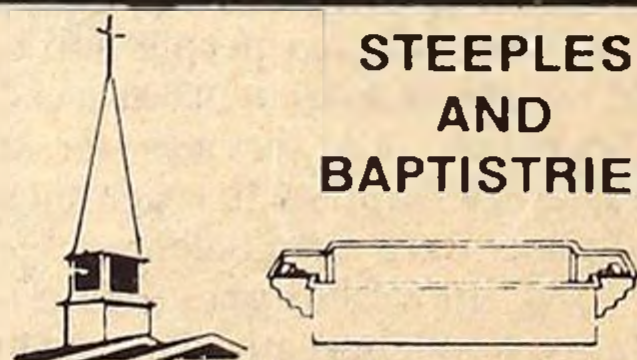
I appreciate the sacrifices my parents made for me, the good things they taught me, but most of all I remember those days on the farm when we worked hard and had fun while we worked. I remember breaking mother's favorite pitcher and her words, "That's all right." I remember daddy's words of encouragement when I was learning a new task, "Come on, take your time, you can do it."

Jesus took the time to bless the little children, have lunch with Zacchaeus, and recognize the widow's mite. He had much less time on earth than most of us have, and He was very busy. Are you busy? How busy? Too busy? Take a little time and give it to someone today. They will remember it always.

Mrs. Woodford is the wife of Paul W. Woodford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ripley.

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Revival continues at refugee camp

SONGKLA, Thailand (BP) — Songkla refugee camp in Thailand has experienced a spiritual revival since the end of March.

More than 100 new Christians have been baptized; others await completion of classes in Christian doctrine. One crusade resulted in 160 decisions for Christ.

The revival began soon after a young Baptist pastor, Dao Ven Chink, arrived at the camp and began meeting with the 10 to 15 Christians. Regular Bible study, prayer and worship services attracted others and the group began growing.

Chink began to sense an interest and openness of many people in the camp. He and the other Christians started praying about and planning for an evangelistic crusade.

They pooled resources and talents to make posters and banners to inform the camp's 3,000 residents of the meetings. Doug Kellum, former missionary journeyman to Vietnam working as a volunteer with refugees in Thailand, and Robert C. Davis Jr., former Vietnam missionary now serving in Hong Kong, led the crusade.

About 400 people crowded around a partially finished camp building each night to attend the open-air services. But everyone at the camp could hear over the public address system.

As Chink, who will resettle in the United States, leaves for his new home, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board leader says, "The Christians in Songkla Camp are praying that the Lord will provide new leadership for the camp and that more will accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour."

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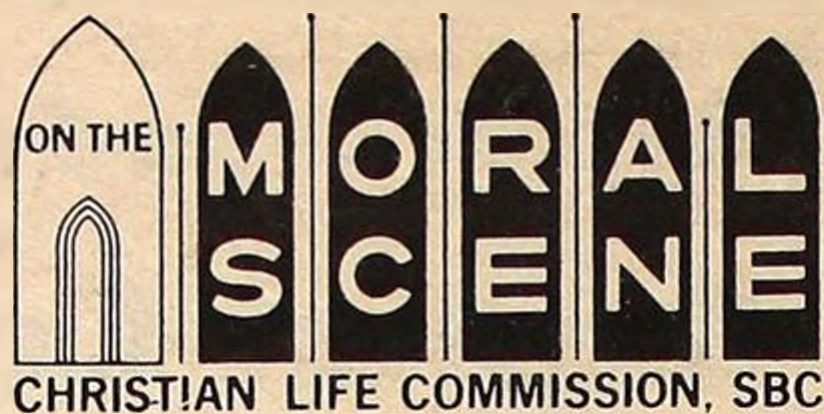
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(Background Report, The White House Press Office, June 29, 1979)

FOSTER CARE SYSTEM HARMFUL TO MANY CHILDREN —

"This country's foster care system is an 'unconscionable failure' that is harming large numbers of foster children by not helping them find permanent homes, according to a report recently issued by the National Commission on Children in need of Parents, a committee of 20 leaders in business and government. The report identified several major problems: Unrealistic support payments to foster parents — as low as \$90 a month in Texas and \$106 in Colorado — leading to frequent changes in homes for foster children; underpaid and overburdened caseworkers who lack the training and skills needed to reunite children with their parents or place them in adoptive homes; high turnover rates for caseworkers, where assignments of 70 to 90 cases per worker are common; reluctance of the courts to terminate parental rights and free children for adoption; the absence of clear state laws to guide decisions; and regulations prohibiting the use of Federal funds for adoption subsidies. The report states that 'The current system spends a great deal of money for the wrong reasons,' and sound improvements in the system 'would eventually produce economies while providing better services to children.'"

(DHEW 79-30109, No. 2, 1979)

Women Workers — "Women are joining the U.S. work force at the rate of a million a year; by 1990, 52 million of them will be working or looking for work, an Urban Institute survey projects. It forecasts that many will be working mothers: 3.4 million with children under 6; 5.8 million with children between 6 and 17."

(Civil Rights Update, July 1979)

UNIFORM SERIES

Lesson for Sunday, September 2

God's creative power

By Jerry Heflin, Bible teacher

Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour

Basic Passages: Genesis 1:1-13; Psalm 104:1-9; Proverbs 3:19-20

Focal Passages: Psalm 104:1-9; Proverbs 3:19-20

This week's Sunday School study is the first of a five-lesson unit which allows the Bible student to sample truths from a variety of literary forms: poetry (Psalms and Proverbs); history, parable and allegory (Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Matthew); letters (I Thessalonians and Titus); and apocalyptic writings (Daniel and Revelation).

What God has said and done is faithfully recorded by inspired people. This unit will emphasize parts of the divine record centering on God's creative power, authoritative activity, and glorious consummation.

Psalms and Proverbs are not usually thought of as poetry. Keep in mind that Hebrew poetry used not rhyme and meter but techniques of parallelism to reinforce principles for living: (a) Synonymous — the repetition of similar ideas (Psa. 104); (b) Synthetic—the second line adds to the first (Psa. 55:6); (c) Anti-thetic—the second line expresses a contrast to the first (Psa. 1:6); (d) Climatic—the second line amplifies the first (Psa. 55:12,13). Other examples can be found by the interested student.

The majesty and power of God

Psalms 104:1-4

On a mountain hike with students, I brought up the rear. The object of the trip was to view an ancient, large tree, reported to be over 500 years old. The fast walking students passed me on their return trip, and some commented, "Well, all we saw was a dumb ol' tree!" Some folk in the Psalmist's day must have looked at creation and said, "All we see is a dumb ol' tree...a dumb ol' lake...dumb ol' clouds!" The Psalmist said, "Bless my soul, the mighty Spirit, wrapped in a garment of light, waited upon by flaming angels, with clouds for chariots, a starry curtain, and clouds of wind for his wings; I see Him in all of creation!" It is interesting that Spurgeon calls this passage "the poet's version of Genesis 1."

"Bless the Lord, O my soul..." What a powerful statement: mind, bless the Lord; emotions, bless the Lord; volition, bless the Lord; all that is in me, bless the Lord.

Twentieth century Christians must slow down, look down, look out, look up, look within, and let the soul be filled with the wonder and majesty of our Creator. All the earth became an altar to the Psalmist, and it must be so for us.

God's control over land and water

Psalm 104:5-9

With the power of His spoken Word, order comes out of chaos. These verses could compare with God's work on the third day of creation, the creation of major features of land and sea. Verse 5 reminds us that stability depends on God. Teachers of this lesson can find much application of this point in a day when multitudes have lost their moorings.

These verses, set in poetical language, reminds us of the precision and orderly flow of water. The oceans are set in boundaries, a reminder that God will never again resort to their use to chasten sinful mankind. Even water responds to the laws of her Creator.

God's wisdom in creation

Proverbs 3:19-20

Wisdom in Proverbs is not the result of classroom lectures. It is the voice of experience and meditation. It is life from God's viewpoint. God's view is eternal. We may not know what is around the corner, but we walk with the One who sees through the corner. James 1:5 encourages us to be bold in asking for such wisdom.

God is a good architect. By His wisdom He

"founded" (established, settled) creation. By His fixed laws the universe continues her operation. Were God as imperfect as man is in his machinery, this old earth might be another Skylab and perish in the gravitational pull of the sun.

The messages comes through loud and clear: God is and His creation points to that reality (Romans 1:19-30). There is ample evidence for the one who chooses to believe. There comes a thought to the heart and mind that such a loving, caring orderly God must have included you and me in the blue prints. He has: "Let us make man in our own image." As creation reflects glory and majesty toward our God, so must we. And we will reflect that glory and majesty as we surrender our lives to His indwelling Spirit whom we received at salvation. He will reproduce the Christ-life through us.

A PRAYER: O Father, in the midst of fatigue, folly, failure, and faulty visions, teach me wisdom. Give to my picture of life a heavenly sifting. Strain from it all that would obscure Thy might and majesty. Let me look on creation and see what the Psalmist saw. To that scenery let me add Calvary. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Interpretation

Thessalonica

By Hershel H. Hobbs

"Unto the church of the Thessalonians" 1 Thessalonians 1:1

For the next few months, we will be dealing with Paul's two letters to the church in Thessalonica. Dated probably in the latter half of A.D. 50, during his second missionary journey (Acts 17:1-9), these are most likely the earliest of his writings (see Herschel H. Hobbs, *The Broadman Bible Commentary* [Nashville: Broadman Press, Vol. 11], pp. 257-261). We begin with a brief look at Thessalonica itself.

Thessalonica exists today as a thriving Greek city under the name of Salonika. In Paul's day it was the principal and capital city of Macedonia. Its original name was Therme, from the hot springs in the area. It was rebuilt in 315 B.C. by Cassander who named it Thessalonica after his wife. She was the daughter of Philip of Macedon and half-sister of Alexander the Great.

In 42 B.C. it became a free city under the Romans. This meant that no Roman troops were quartered there, and that it enjoyed self-rule within the framework of the laws of the Empire. This rule was vested in "the people" (Acts 17:5) under the leadership of the politarchs (17:6, "rulers of the city"). Luke's authenticity in using this title was once questioned. But archaeology has proved him correct.

Thessalonica was located on the Thermaic Gulf. Its excellent harbor had been Xerxes' naval headquarters in his invasion of Europe. Later the Romans had large dockyards there. It was also on the Egnatian Way, Rome's highway linking Europe and Asia. The main street of the city was/is this highway. Due to this sea and land connection Thessalonica was a great trading center.

In addition the area had fertile soil, forests, and mineral deposits. These things combined to make it the great city it was. An ancient saying was that "so long as nature does not change, Thessalonica will remain wealthy and prosperous."

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LIFE AND WORK SERIES
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Seeing it through

By Ray E. Fowler, Pastor
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Basic Passage: Acts 20:1-21:36

Focal Passages: Acts 10:18b-24; 21:10-14

This study begins a series of five lessons on "Keeping The Faith." Today's study, "Seeing It Through," deals with Paul's faith, courage, and commitment to accomplish the task God had given him.

As we come to today's focal passages we we have passed over many significant events and experiences in Paul's life which include: the special miracles wrought by Paul (19:11-12); the experience with the seven sons of Sceva (19:13-16); the public burning of the scrolls of those who practiced sorcery (19:17-20); the plan to visit Rome (19:21-22); the episode with silversmiths (19:23-41); the work in Macedonia and Greece (20:1-3); and the journey from Philippi to Miletus (20:4-16).

Paul's ministry in Ephesus (Acts 20:18b-21)

Paul was in a hurry to get to Jerusalem for "the day of Pentecost" (20:16). He had decided not to visit Ephesus again. While the ship docked briefly at Miletus, about 30 miles from Ephesus, Paul sent for the elders of the church at Ephesus. When they arrived he expressed a final word of assurance, affirmation, and encouragement in a farewell sermon (20:18-35). This is the only recorded speech of Paul which was delivered to Christians. From it we may infer that Paul's enemies in Asia had attempted to prejudice the minds of his converts against him.

In the introductory portion of his sermon (20:18-21) Paul reminds them of the manner, methods, and message of his ministry at Ephesus. The manner of his ministry (20:19) offers a model of ministry for all of us. He had served with humility, even tears, enduring trials. Paul made a big claim when he spoke of the methods of his ministry (20:20). Nothing that was profitable was withheld and all the counsel of God was declared "publicly" and privately ("from house to house"). The message of his ministry (20:21) included the two fundamental requirements of the Gospel, "repentance" and "faith." To the Jews and Gentiles alike he preached turning from sin and trusting in Christ for salvation.

Commitment to go to Jerusalem
 (Acts 20:22-24)

Paul is bound to Jerusalem under a sense of spiritual constraint. Why was it so important for Paul to go to Jerusalem at the risk of life? Though Luke is strangely silent about the collection for the saints at Jerusalem, it is likely that Paul was bearing such an offering. The need of the saints at Jerusalem and the deteriorating Jew-Gentile relationships probably made Paul willing to bear any "imprisonment and afflictions" which awaited him (20:22).

The Holy Spirit warned in city after city that imprisonment and tribulation awaited Paul in Jerusalem (20:23). Therefore, he knew he must expect and endure the bonds and sufferings.

Self-preservation mattered little to Paul. He did not value his life above the calling and goal God had given him. If need be, he was ready to surrender life and liberty in order to finish his course with joy. The good news of God's free grace in Christ must be proclaimed at all costs (20:24).

Does such love for God and for lost sinners characterize us?

Committed to go to Jerusalem
 (Acts 21:10-14)

Before leaving the Ephesians elders Paul does some pastoral counseling and warns them of dangers from without and within



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(20:25-31). He commends them to God (20:32) and reminds them again of his example (20:33-35). Then comes the wrenching farewell which was almost too much for them to bear (20:36-38).

Traveling by coastal boat, putting in at seacoast towns along the way, Paul and his friends came to Patara (21:1-2). Here they took passage on a larger vessel and sail the rough seas to Tyre, on the coast of Phoenicia, where they stay seven days (20:3-6). Some of the believers at Tyre, convinced that they were led by the Spirit of God, tried to persuade Paul from going on to Jerusalem.

After an affectionate farewell and a prayer meeting on the beach, Paul departs and sails for Ceasarea (21:7-14). It is here that Agabus the prophet, speaking in the Spirit, assures Paul that imprisonment at the hands of the Jews awaits him in Jerusalem. Agabus is the same man mentioned in Acts 11:28, where we are told of his predicting a famine which was to come upon Judea. When Luke and others who heard the dire warning, they attempted to dissuade Paul from going any further. Such pleas and fears almost got to Paul. Duty bound and Spirit-led, Paul knew he had to go. Paul's determination was reiterated so courageously that his friends finally concurred in his conviction that it was God's will for him to go to Jerusalem.

Sentimentalized love from friends and pleas from a prophet could not turn Paul from his task. They wanted to save Paul; Paul wanted to save the world. They had a high motive, but Paul's was higher: love for Christ and passion for the fulfillment of his purpose.

HMB honors Anderson for language works

ATLANTA (BP) — Jimmy Anderson of Shawnee, Okla., has been named language missionary of the year by the division of language missions at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Anderson is the second person honored with the annual award, made during Home Missions Week at one of the Baptist conference centers.

Anderson, a Creek Indian, is general missionary to the Muskogee-Seminole and Wichita Indian Association in eastern Oklahoma. He is a missionary associate and was appointed in December of 1964 by the Home Mission Board. He became general missionary in 1974, after serving as pastor in New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The area he serves includes 68 churches and 10,000 square miles.

He was born in Kansas City, Mo., and grew up in Holdenville, Okla. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa.

Prior to appointment by the Home Mission Board, he was assistant to the general missionary of the Creek-Seminole Association in Okmulgee, Okla., and pastor of the Navajo Baptist Mission in Fruitland, N.M. Since appointment, he has been pastor in Tehatchi and Gallup, N.M., and in Shawnee.

Anderson says in the next 25 years the Indian population will grow from 800,000 to more than 2.5 million. "It took Baptists 100 years to get 500 Indian congregations," he said. "We need 700 more by 2000 A.D. You talk about missions challenge...."

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Blind trumpeter heads for Europe

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Stacy Blair has played his trumpet on national television, at Disney World and in U.S. and overseas competition. Now he's taking it to France as he goes as a Fulbright scholar and a missions volunteer.

Blair has been blind since birth.

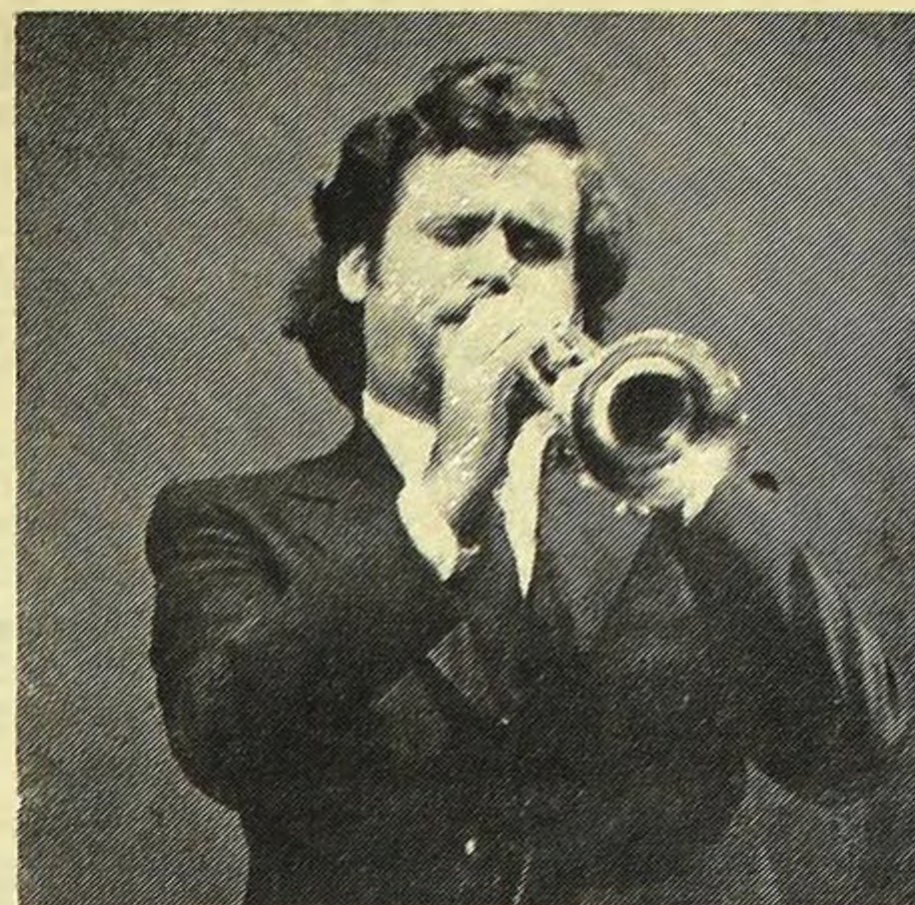
In September, he will begin studies under Maurice Andre at the Paris Conservatory. Although he will be there as a music student and has personal concerts planned through Europe, he calls himself a musical evangelist and will be available to Southern Baptist missionaries.

He will be the first missions volunteer going overseas through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as a special service volunteer, a category established primarily for students overseas who want to give a significant amount of time to Southern Baptist missions efforts. His services are completely free to the missionaries; the board did not even make travel arrangements.

The Texas native is quick to say he considers his blindness a physical characteristic, not a handicap. "I feel the Lord gives you tools to work with and what you do with them is up to you," he explains. He has had to memorize all of his music and learns most of it by listening to records and tapes.

He won 32 music awards while in high school and has been given numerous honors since then, including solo appearances all over the United States. In 1977, he was featured on "Good Morning, America" while marching with the Hardin-Simmons University band in the Carter inaugural parade.

But what he considers his most prestigious honor came in June. He competed in the first Maurice Andre international trumpet contest in Paris which was sponsored by the mayor of the capital city and he won first prize. With this award came \$8,000 and a recording contract with Erato Records, a European-based recording firm.



TRUMPETER GOES ABROAD—Stacy Blair, a musical evangelist blind since birth, will be studying in France this year while also contributing much of his time to missions as the Foreign Mission Board's first special service volunteer.

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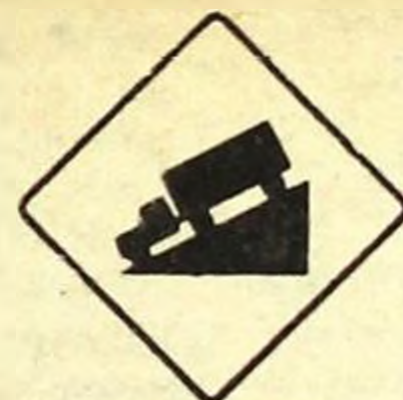
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Tennessean Roaten conducts God's business in Uruguay

By Wally Poor

Most missionaries must cope with dealing with two languages—English and the language of the country where they serve. But the problem is multiplied for mission treasurers. They must deal in two currencies—dollars and the money of the country where they serve.

Such is the case of Paul E. Roaten, business administrator of the Uruguay Baptist Mission. Not only must he deal with government and business officials in Spanish, he must also keep books and handle financial transactions in both dollars and Uruguayan pesos. Since the rate of exchange between the two currencies constantly fluctuates, this requires constant calculations.

"Business administrators must also almost learn a third language," comments Roaten. "Most missionaries have a 'religious' vocabulary that they use in church work and another set of words used in everyday living. But when you are dealing in banking and government circles, there are many specialized terms you also must learn."

The Roatens recently arrived in Tennessee for a one-year furlough. They are living at 481 Jacks Creek Cir., Henderson, TN 38340.

Mrs. Roaten is the former Betty Maybury of Brownsville. She attended Lanbuth College and was graduated from Union University, both in Jackson. Paul also attended Union University, and is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Roaten and his wife were appointed as field missionaries in May 1970. During their first term of service they went, as do all missionaries to San Jose, Costa Rica for one year of language study.

When they arrived in Uruguay, they accepted an invitation to guide the work in the city of Carmelo while missionaries Ray and Mary Shelton were on furlough.

They look back on the experience of substituting for veteran missionaries for a year as being beneficial to help them understand better the workings of a Baptist church in Uruguay and also to learn about living in a typical Uruguayan small city.

With the Sheltons' return, the Roatens chose to settle in a departmental (state) capital which had no Baptist work. They began the work there. It is now being carried on by the Jason Carlises.

Meanwhile as the number of missionaries appointed to Uruguay grew, many within the mission began to feel that a business administrator was needed.

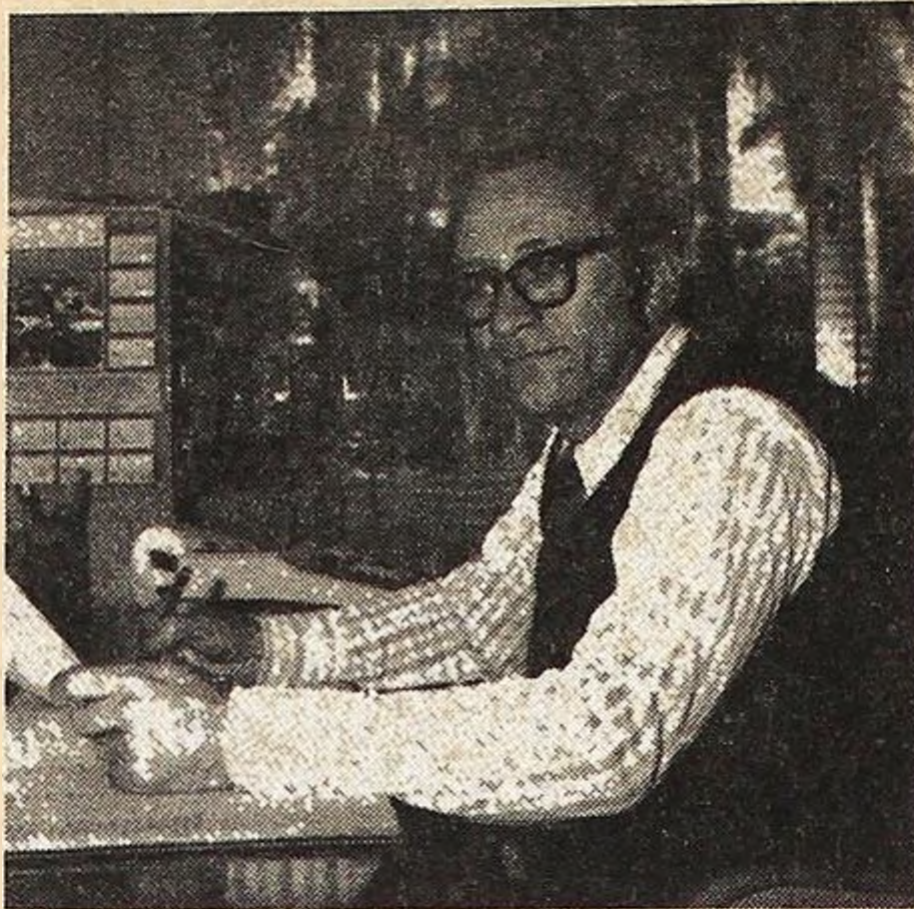
Murray Smith, a professor at the Uruguay Baptist Institute, had served as mission treasurer. Other missionaries worked in other related areas on a "spare time" basis. For example, the process of getting tax exoneration on church buildings required long hours of seemingly endless red-tape in governmental offices.

Finally, in July 1977 Roaten, who had brought considerable bookkeeping training and experience to the field, was asked to become the mission's first business manager. He began as treasurer immediately but did not move to Montevideo and take over full duties as business administrator until Jan. 1, 1978.

What about changing from a field missionary to a business administrator? Did he feel he was "leaving the ministry"?

"I see this as a different type mission work," replied Roaten. "I see it as a help to alleviate other missionaries by concentrating all business dealings in one office. If it were not, somebody else would have to be doing this work, cutting off many hours from their main missionary work. Also, the Bible says we should be witnesses in 'Caesar's palace.' As business administrator, I have contact with many people I would never have seen as a field missionary. So my life and witness can touch people this way that perhaps otherwise would never have a Gospel witness."

Mission business is big business.



ADMINISTRATOR—Paul E. Roaten, business administrator of the Uruguay Baptist Mission, checks over the budget before heading to Tennessee for furlough.

The 1979 operating budget (not counting missionaries' salaries which are handled from the Foreign Mission Board) was \$141,000. In addition, \$82,000 more was received as a result of requests for capital needs such as church buildings and missionary homes.

Every penny received from the Foreign Mission Board is audited. At the end of the year, missionaries must prepare audits on all funds they have received through Roaten's office. In addition, Roaten's accounts are checked by professional auditors.

As business administrator of the mission, Roaten is often asked to serve as treasurer or auditor of Uruguay Baptist Convention boards. He has served during the past year as auditor for the convention, checking each board's financial records to see the monies received were spent on items for which they were appropriated.

In addition, Roaten and former convention president Juan C. Figoni were asked to serve as stewardship promoters for the convention during the past year.

At one church where Roaten and Figoni conducted a stewardship workshop, giving increased 30 percent.

He is also asked to help churches set up sound financial records and to deliver sermons on tithing and stewardship of life—including time, talents, and physical well-being as well as money.

As a field missionary, Roaten was faithful to proclaim the gospel and disciple people in a place where the Baptist faith had never before been proclaimed. As business administrator, he reaches segments of the population untouched by the usual evangelistic approaches and at the same time plays a vital role in undergirding the entire financial operation of Baptist work in Uruguay.

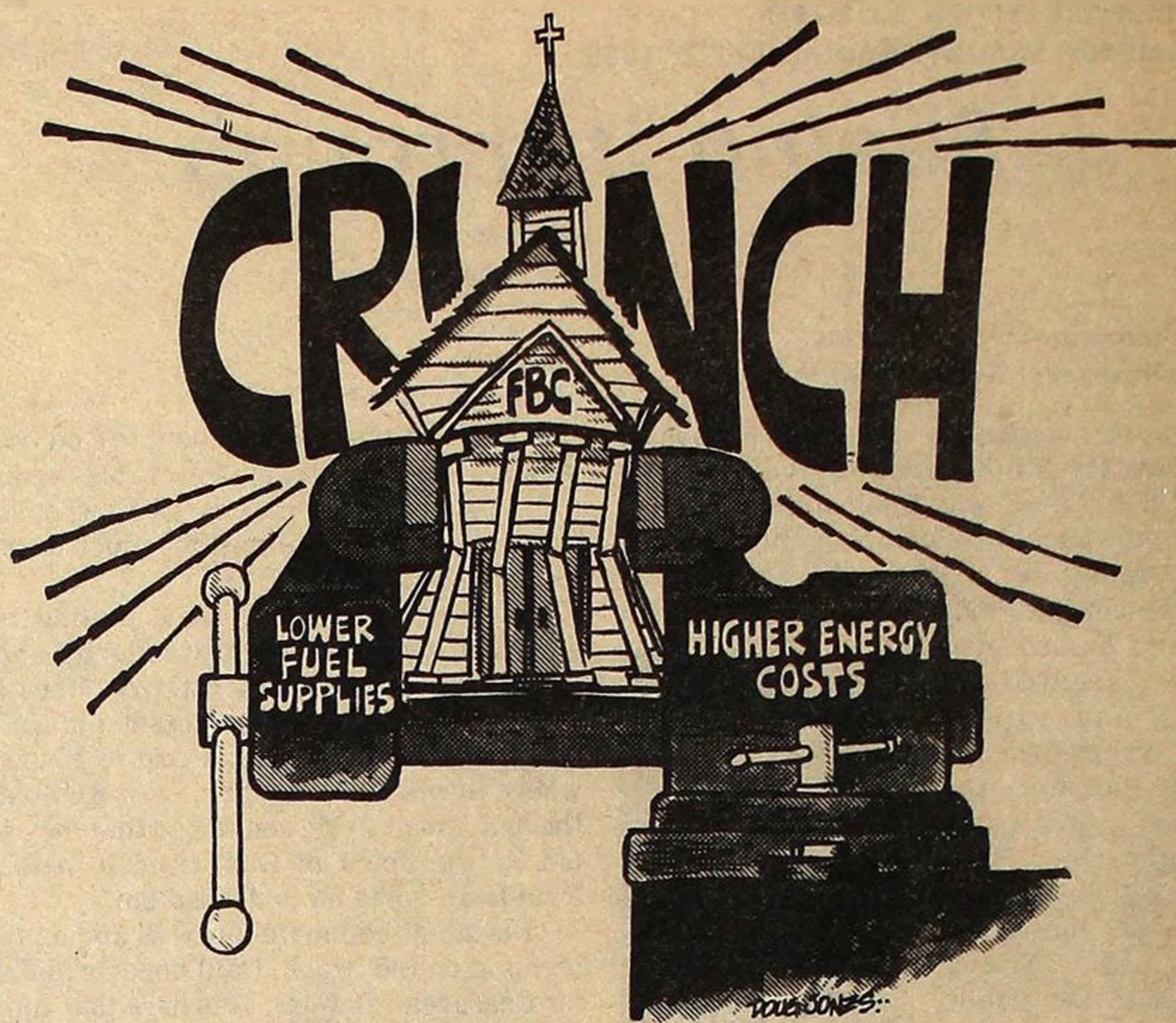
Wally Poor is a Southern Baptist Missionary in Uruguay, where, among his other duties, he serves as press representative.

Ohio man heads group for deaf

LEESBURG, Fla. (BP) — William Roaden, a layman from Centerville, Ohio, has been elected president of the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf.

Roaden's election came at the organization's annual workshop and business session at the Lake Yale Baptist Assembly near Leesburg, Fla. The Workshop of Southern Baptist Interpreters and missionaries and pastors who work with non-hearing persons also met with the group.

Besides Roaden, other officers elected were Charles Butler of Portland, Ore., first vice president; Dan Long of Tallahassee, Fla., second vice president; Leslie Hall of Kansas City, Mo., treasurer, and Phala Bernhardt of Orlando, Fla., secretary.



First in a series

Skyrocketing energy costs damaging church budgets

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Regular rate increases for electricity and natural gas, long lines for gasoline in many parts of the country and repeated calls for conservation from many fronts point toward an energy crisis in America, whether real or contrived.

Southern Baptist church pastors and finance committees, much to their dismay, are discovering that costs to heat, cool, and light the church meeting house are demanding an ever-increasing portion of budgets which could be used for advancing the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust effort to evangelize the world instead of creature comforts.

Energy conservation is not an easy road to travel, primarily because of opposition from people who expect the situation to resolve itself when "big oil" or the "Arabs" quit gouging the world with astronomical price demands for fossil fuels.

Unfortunately, whether or not a majority of people believe our energy problems to be baseless, increasingly prevalent high prices, spot shortages and brownouts indicate a problem which must be dealt with decisively and with conviction.

Jerry Privette, supervisor of the church building program and promotion selection in the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, believes that energy conservation through better management is a matter of Bible-based stewardship for Christians.

"Southern Baptist churches must decide where our priorities are," Privette said, "and not wait to be coerced by some government decree or rationing plan. As Christians, under the doctrine of responsibility, we should take a lead in the community to encourage stewardship of God's created resources. The denomination, state, and association must motivate churches to save energy."

The church architecture department is committed to helping churches become more energy conscious, according to Privette, particularly when churches inquire for free advice in planning new buildings or remodeling projects.

Worship conditions in churches will undoubtedly be affected, Privette believes, and in some instances, the changes will not be easily accepted or backed enthusiastically.

In the colder months, church members will find it necessary to dress warmer and possibly put up with a certain degree of discomfort. Changes will need to be considered in construction, scheduling, and transportation. Churches which maintain a large bus ministry may find shortages of

gasoline, and pastors may experience rejection of the church because of conservation efforts.

One pastor told Privette of a woman who walked into the church's nursery with her child and discovered that the temperature was not as warm as she thought it should be. She refused to leave her child, and consequently left and went to another church down the street where the temperatures were higher.

"Many Christians today endure a great deal of inconvenience, even hardships, in order to gather for worship," Privette pointed out. "By dealing positively with their conditions, they have become a part of their spiritual challenge and commitment. Their physical comfort appears to be of lesser concern than their fellowship and collective worship experiences. Perhaps they have already learned some valuable lessons that Christians in the United States will eventually face."

The changeover from a fossil fuel base will not be a quick, painless, or inexpensive action. Only time will allow scientists the opportunity to search for efficient energy replacements, and only conservation will slow consumption of available resources.

Editor's note: This is the first of a five-part series on the energy crisis, Christians, and conservation. The next article will deal with definite steps churches can take to improve energy management and lower costs.

Heflin to write uniform lessons

Jerry Heflin, Bible teacher and coordinator of student activities at Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, will write the uniform series Sunday School lessons for September, October, and November.

Before going to HCBA, Heflin served as pastor of churches in Middle Tennessee, the last one being an eight year pastorate at Ivy Memorial Baptist Church, Nashville.

A native of Jonesboro, La., he received his education at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and did graduate work at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Heflin also served four and one half years with the United States Army paratroopers.

He is married to the former Jeraldene Pitt of Springfield, and they have four children.