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CHRIST in FAITH and WORK

And *mouth proceeded*
of sword
REVELATION



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Personally speaking



New Orleans musings

Checking into a hotel (or motel) these days is about as traumatic an experience, financially, as being admitted to a hospital. And, just as the average Joe or Jenny could never afford hospitalization without hospital insurance, a substantial expense account is a must if you are going to put up at a hostelry.

Arriving here decked out in my clean shirt, I was mistaken by the reservations clerk for a Lion—Lions International were in full swing with a state convention—and promptly assigned a \$23-a-day room! Once I had convinced the hotel authorities that I was just a pore Baptist, they moved me to one of their “cheap” rooms—where the rate is a mere \$17 a day! (One nice thing about the \$17 room, I can have all of the ice water, free, that I can guzzle—there’s a special spigot for it.)

But New Orleans does have some real bargains, the high hotel rates notwithstanding. Local calls on pay-station telephones are still just a nickel—not a dime—and the fare on the excellent street transportation system is just a dime, including transfer.

The New Orleans street cars continue to be a vital part of the city’s transportation system and a great tourist attraction. As Roommate Paul Meers and I rode one of them out to the St. Charles Avenue Church for the Sunday night service, we could not help wondering if Little Rock should not have kept some of her cars in circulation. These might have been a better tourist attraction, even, than mixed drinks!

The beautiful campus of New Orleans Seminary was the pre-convention meeting place for a three-day briefing by the Foreign Mission Board of missionaries home on furlough. Here, at worship services Sunday morning (June 8) I met these Arkansans: Nurse Irene Branum (Korea), who had the dubious distinction of being my classmate at Ouachita; Mr. and Mrs. James Hampton (Tanzania); and Mrs. Ray Fleet and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Hickey (all of Brazil). See photo elsewhere in this issue.

A timely evangelism emphasis here this year: Each one of us is given a Gospel of John as we register and encouraged to give it to a person with a personal witness, before the week is over.

Erwin L. McDonald

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SBC request--no 'Quest'

The unprecedented action of the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans last week in rejecting an official action of the board of one of its agencies confirms a long-standing axiom: You never can tell what Baptists will do till they have done it.

The agency in focus was the Sunday School Board and the new name it had approved for its church training program—"Quest, The Training Program." (See related story elsewhere in this issue.)

The Southern Baptist Convention has four general boards, eight institutions, and seven commissions. To each of these the Convention has assigned a program area of responsibility. And for each of these agencies the Convention elects a board to be responsible for personnel, buildings and grounds, programming, etc., consistent with the assignment. It is to the best interest of the Convention and its boards that freest rein possible be given to the various agencies.

Fortunately, the occasions on which the Convention takes back into its own hands the operational responsibilities delegated to its boards are extremely rare. For if the sort of thing that has happened in the repudiation of the Sunday School Board's handling of the name change for its training program happened very often, Baptist affairs would soon be in such a state of flux that we would have real difficulty knowing whether we were going or coming.

Whether or not the drastic action of last Friday was justified will provide a topic for Baptist conversation for some time to come. The fact is that a majority of the messengers present felt that the action was indicated by the context of circumstances.

The most of the time, when some messenger makes a motion that cuts across the lines of agency program assignment, as was the case with the anti-"Quest" motion of Noah Phillips of Texas, the mover has his moment of greatness and that is it. Either he gets ruled out of order or voted down. But once in a great while, as in this instance, a motion that normally would hardly be taken seriously, strikes fire. It was immediately obvious from the spontaneous response of many in the congregation that the Phillips motion had struck a responsive chord.

No doubt many people, as Mr. Phillips, just do not like the name "Quest" for the church

training program. But there was at least one other factor involved in the unfriendly reception to the new name. A lot of people have been real unhappy with the secrecy with which the Sunday School Board purposefully surrounded the name changing.

Baptists generally do not like the secrecy approach. And the necessity of keeping in touch with fellow Baptists "at the grassroots"—or, as Dr. Sullivan likes to put it, "where the water hits the wheel"—is as perennial as it is difficult, for denominational servants. Perhaps if the Sunday School Board had said from the very beginning what it was up to in this matter, the board could have sold the people and the churches on the new idea. Or, failing here, it could have found out before so much was expended in sweat, energy, and dollars that it was on the wrong track.

All of this is now water over the dam. Happily, the dam still holds. For there was not one sour note sounded against the new church training program itself. The new program by any name—other than "Quest"—will doubtless be "just as sweet."

Population explosion

Add New Orleans to the growing list of cities not big enough to accommodate the Southern Baptist Convention for its annual sessions.

The promised seating capacity of 17,000 for New Orleans' not-quite-finished Rivergate Exhibition Center turned out to be an actual 12,295. So, with our all-time record enrollment of 16,813 messengers and many other thousands of visitors, there were multitudes of people unable to get their noses in the door, for many of the sessions.

More than ever it seems we Southern Baptists need to face up to the fact that we have become too numerous to be really democratic, as far as representation in our annual meetings is concerned. The ideas some have been expressing for a long time, that we ought to consider having a representative Executive Committee to conduct our denominational business and give up our annual, national meeting for several regional meetings, is really beginning to make sense. All in favor, raise your right hand.

"For a long time some individuals believed that we should proclaim the gospel and leave ethics alone. Today, there is an emphasis on ethics without the gospel. Both are wrong. Neither course is possible."—James L. Sullivan

Manila First dedication



First Church, Manila, Carroll Evans, pastor, dedicated a new \$82,000 educational building on the afternoon of May 25.

Program participants included two former pastors of the church, Guy Magee, now of Bloomfield, Mo., and Richard Vestal, pastor of First Church, Monticello.

The building committee included Pastor Evans, Milton Towles, W. R. Stanford, J. P. Adkins, Gerald Costner, Hulen Faulkner, Mrs. Richard Oates, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Bob Smith, Carl Looney, I. D. Shedd, Loyd Layne, J. A. Davis, Woodrow Henry, and L. B. Gunn.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT officers for the school year 1969-1970 at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, are (left to right): Jerry Wiles, vice president; Paula Guise, treasurer; Mary Lynn Walker, secretary; and Kenny Henderson, president.

Newsmagazine editor named to ACP board

Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine has been elected to the board of directors of the Associated Church Press of the United States and Canada.

Dr. McDonald was elected at the recent annual meeting of the organization in Atlanta, to fill a vacancy created by the election of board member Dr. DeCourcy H. Rayner, editor of *The Presbyterian Record*, Toronto, Canada, to the position of second vice president.

The Associated Church Press, first organized in 1916, has for its purpose the fostering of helpfulness among the editors and publishers of its member publications, the stimulation of higher standards of religious journalism to enable its member publications to render more useful service and to exert a more positive and constructive Christian influence on contemporary civilization.

The papers comprising its membership now have circulations in excess of 20 million.

Dr. Henry Lindsey is acting OBU head

Dr. Henry Lindsey, vice president for academics at Ouachita University, has been named acting president of the University by the Board of Trustees.

The action was taken during a recent meeting of the Board on the Ouachita campus.

In other business, two officials of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools met with the Board to discuss the role and function of the Board and its relationship to the total operation of the University. In answer to questions from the Board, the North Central representatives made several suggestions as to how to approach the matter of self-study and the restructuring of the role and responsibility of the Board.

Family Seminar set for Marianna

Arkansas Valley Association will conduct a seminar for pastors and professional workers on the subject, "Contemporary Christian Family Living," June 30-July 1.

David Prewett, of the Family Ministry Service of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will be in charge. Mr. Prewett will be assisted by Robert Mounts, who is writing his doctrinal thesis on an analysis of the family ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting will be held at the First Church, Marianna. Further information can be had by writing the church.—Lewis E. Clarke

Gun as gavel insures harmony



MR. LOOPER

Pastor Otis Ray Looper of Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, furnished an unusual "gavel" to President Tal Bonham of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for use in presiding over the special session of the Board June 3—a 200-year-old, .38-caliber, cap-and-ball, double-barrelled pistol. Some have facetiously attributed the remarkable harmony of the Board's session to the fact that the presiding officer "held a pistol on the meeting."

Pastor Looper said that he acquired the pistol from a man at Wicks a few months ago.

Other guns Mr. Looper now has in his collection include: a muzzle-loading musket used in the Civil War; a muzzle-loading shotgun; a Smith & Wesson hammerless pistol; two rolling-block Remington pistols; and a Rogers .22-caliber rolling-block rifle.

A native of Dalhart, Tex., Mr. Looper grew up in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. He has been in Arkansas since coming here three years ago to pastor the Dallas Avenue Church.

Alumni luncheon at Walnut Ridge

The Southern Baptist College Alumni Association had an annual luncheon in the college cafeteria, May 29.

Richard Perkins, U. S. Army chaplain, and a 1949 graduate of Southern Baptist College, was the guest speaker. Special music was provided by the Southern Belles and Southernaires.

New officers for the coming year, elected at the luncheon meeting, are: Dr. Jimmy Milligan, president, Zane Wilson, vice president, Miss Juanita Curley, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jack Nicholas, reporter, W. K. Wharton, faculty advisor. Program chairman for the alumni luncheon was Lendol Jackson.

'Youth must solve problems left by older generation'

One of the largest graduating classes in the history of Ouachita University was told that they have before them an "unfinished task" in solving the problems created by older generations.

Dr. Owen Cooper, a prominent Mississippi business executive and church leader, said at commencement ceremonies held on A. U. Williams Field, that "ours is the problem-creating generation, yours is the problem-solving generation."

One of the greatest tasks yet to be finished, he said, is that of teaching the people how to use the goods and services created by modern technology.

"We can build homes for the underprivileged," he said, "but we don't tell them how to take care of their new homes."

Citing progress made in medicine, Dr. Cooper pointed out that millions of people are still without available medicine or access to hospitals.

Solving problems, he said, does not eliminate them but only creates others.

Using the example of hunger, Dr. Cooper said that if this problem were solved, then additional ones would be created, such as how to educate the people

who would survive, how to house them, provide medical care and jobs and a high enough gross national product to provide for a higher standard of living.

The fact that more problems are created when others are solved should not stop efforts to find solutions, he pointed out, but instead should spur this generation to leave more problems for their children than they had themselves.

Mrs. Bagby to be GA Camp speaker

Mrs. Albert I. Bagby, missionary-teacher in Porto Alegre, Brazil, will be a guest speaker at Girls' Auxiliary



MRS. BAGBY

Camps to be held at Camp Paron June 30-July 5 and July 21-26. Other missionaries are expected for GA Camps scheduled for July 7-11, July 14-19, July 28-August 1. The first camp beginning June 30 is for junior age girls only, the last one for intermediates only, and the three

in between for both age groups.

Registrations are now being received for all weeks at the State WMU Office.

Miss Sara Wisdom will serve as camp director and will be assisted by a corps of local church leaders and college students.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Dr. J. T. McClain leaves Ouachita

Dr. Joseph T. McClain, vice president for administration at Ouachita University, has resigned his post effective Aug. 31, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr. has announced.

Dr. McClain came to Ouachita in September, 1968. He had served earlier as chairman of the department of religion at Ouachita from 1954 to 1958, when he left to become professor of New Testament at the new Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City.

Dr. McClain is the third high-ranking administrative officer at Ouachita to resign in recent weeks. Dr. Henry Lindsey, vice president for academics, resigned effective Aug. 31 to accept a teaching position in Mississippi. Dr. Phelps resigned as president to begin work June 1 with a Little Rock bank.

Retirement executives choose Arkansan

Former Arkansan Elson Herndon, administrator of Baptist Retirement Towers, Kansas City, has been named president of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for the Aged.



MR. HERNDON

A native of Lonsdale and a graduate of Ouachita University, Herndon was elected at the annual meeting of the association recently at Vero Beach, Fla. The association, sponsored by the Christian

Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, is composed of approximately 25 homes, including both retirement homes and nursing homes.

Mr. Herndon received his theological education at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, from which he was graduated. He is formerly pastor of two different Arkansas churches: Mt. Vernon, Benton, and Hillside, Camden. He has held his present position, with Baptist Retirement Towers, for 4½ years. Prior to that he was pastor for 5½ years of Lawn Avenue Church, Kansas City.

'Quest' slapped down by SBC in unprecedented action

By the EDITOR

A cloud no larger than a man's hand when it first appeared in an early session of the Southern Baptist Convention last week at New Orleans swelled into tornadic proportions in the closing business session Friday to sweep to destruction many months of work by the Sunday School Board in connection with a change of name for one of its departments.

The Training Union department had received approval from the Sunday School Board last July to change its name to "Quest, the Training Program." As a part of the planned promotion, the new name had been kept as quiet as possible with a view to making a big splurge with its announcement at this year's Southern Baptist Convention.

Soon after the official announcement of the new name—and a new training program and curriculum—on Wednesday night of last week, a Texas pastor, Noah Phillips, of First Church, Keller, moved:

"That we consider 'Quest' to be unsuitable as a name for the training program of Southern Baptists."

In line with Convention policy, the motion was scheduled for a later session, Friday morning.

When the time for consideration arrived, Pastor Phillips gave four reasons for opposing the new name:

"1. It is silly. Imagine asking someone to go to 'Quest' with you!

"2. It is the name of a patented product for feminine hygiene.

"3. It implies that we as Baptists are uncertain as to where we are headed.

"4. The Convention itself should have a voice in any such major change."

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, newly elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union, was among those who spoke against the motion and in support of the new name. She declared "Quest" to be good and suitable, whether its connotation be taken from its Latin derivative or from its English definition.

Samuel E. Maddox, president of the Sunday School Board, pointed out that none of the various changes in the name of the training organization across the years—from BYPU to BTU, to TU—had been voted on by the Convention itself, and that the board had not considered the getting of Convention approval to be in line with the organizational pattern.

When the vote was taken, the motion carried by large enough margin to make voting by ballot unnecessary for, determining the outcome. The motion had carried! "Quest" had been declared unsuitable!

Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut

Street Church, Louisville, Ky., and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, attempted unsuccessfully, later in the day, to call the matter back for reconsideration.

Sunday School Board personnel had stressed that books and periodicals featuring the new name and curriculum were already being published or were ready to go to press, but this did not alter the outcome. The messengers still voted decisively not to re-consider the matter.

The report of the Christian Life Commission, given by its executive secretary, Foy Valentine, and eloquently slapping extremism—both from the left and the right—drew the fire of messengers who charged that it was loaded too heavily "against Christians who stand against communism and anarchists of the left." As a result, the convention voted just to receive the statement, without adopting its recommendations. (For a summary of the statement itself, see "Extremism—Left and Right," page 12, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, May 22, 1969.)

An effort by fundamentalist Thomas Simmons of Hope to shore up orthodoxy by requiring Sunday School Board and seminary personnel to sign statements annually asserting their belief in the "doctrinal integrity and the infallibility of the entire Bible, the Word of God," drew large support from the Convention messengers, but was sidestepped by a substitute motion by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board.

The Sullivan substitute, adopted by vote of 5,870 to 3,416 was:

"That this Convention call to the attention of its agencies the doctrinal statements framed after careful study and much discussion at its annual session in Kansas City in 1963 and vigorously urge the elected trustees responsible for these agencies to be diligent in seeing that the programs assigned to them by the convention are carried out in a manner consistent with and not contrary to the Convention's aforesaid statement of faith."

The Convention adopted, with only slight alteration, a strong resolution on Christian Social Concern. A paragraph urging Southern Baptists "to give continuing support to all governmental and social service agencies which work through legitimate means and channels to lift the material and social status of



MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Associate Superintendent Nolan C. Johnston, left, of the New Orleans Baptist Association, assisted by teenagers Mike Dawson and McSparin, distributed copies of Good News by a Man Named John (Gospel of John) for handing out by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention. Each of the 16,813 messengers was given a copy to give to someone on the streets of New Orleans. (New Orleans Association had previously given out 50,000 copies of the Gospel of John, in Crusade of the Americas revivals.)—ABN Photo

all needy peoples" was deleted. The main objection of those who opposed it was that this would call for blind support of any government program in the area of social concern.

As adopted, the resolution expressed appreciation "for these persons and agencies which have made courageous efforts to work for racial justice and human betterment in difficult areas";

Rejected "in total the demands, principles and methods espoused by the National Black Economic Development Council which has made outrageous claims against religious bodies in our nation, proclaiming our disapproval of the intimidation, threats and ultimatums propagated by leaders of this movement";

Called for instructing "all Southern Baptist Convention agencies to channel available funds through already-established channels of Convention agencies and institutions in keeping with program assignments for inter-racial and social service activities";

And called upon "all citizens of whatever race, creed or national origin to work for racial justice, economic improvement, political emancipation, educational advancement and Christian understanding among all peoples of the nation and world."

In a resolution on Church Educational Curriculum, the messengers voted to "remind our constituent churches that our own Baptist writers prepare Southern Baptist Sunday School lesson commentaries and study, helps which supplement the scripture outlines provided by the International Council of Religious Education" and urged the encouragement of our churches to make greater use of Life and Work Curriculum materials."

A resolution on Family Life and Sex Education urged "individuals, groups and churches to make fuller use of the limited family life and sex education materials now available from the Christian Life Commission, the Sunday School Board and Southern Baptist seminaries" and urged the Christian Life Commission "to take the lead in encouraging all agencies and curriculum planners of our Convention to give increasing attention to basic and special resource materials on family life and sex education for Southern Baptist families and churches, in accordance with program assignment of respective Convention agencies."

A greater participation in Convention affairs by young people was called for in a resolution urging the "Convention and its committees" to "provide opportunities for broader participation by young people in the decision making processes of Southern Baptists at all levels—local, associational, state and national." It was further resolved "that



CHOIR of First Church, Dallas, Tex., sang on opening night of the SBC, New Orleans. These young people came at their own expense to honor their pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell, president of Southern Baptist Convention.

we express the hope that this broader participation will provide a productive outlet for the current critical role of youth within the existing structure of the Convention in that greater understanding may be furthered."

Charges that the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans was not open to all races were refuted by officials of the hospital, who attested that patients are received by the hospital without regard to race, color, or creed. The officials admitted that the hospital had thus far declined to enter into the Medicare and Medicaid programs, for financial reasons, stating that the hospital would have to be given increased funds to make these services possible.

The question of the hospital participating in these federal programs was referred to the Convention's executive committee for further study.

Other resolutions expressed opposition to the sending of a U. S. Ambassador to the Vatican; and pledged "our prayerful concern for all who give their service and lives in pursuit of peace and justice for all men everywhere" and called for the pursuit of "every possible effort to secure an equitable settlement of the Vietnam conflict as soon as humanly possible."

A motion by Gary Basinger of Arkansas "to allot twice as much time at the next meeting of the Convention as was allotted in this meeting for presentation and discussion of motions, and that a definite time be set aside before hand in the program for consideration of new motions" was amended to provide "whatever time is needed" and passed as amended.

On a motion by Robert Alley, of Virginia, the Convention voted to ask its executive committee to make a study of the advisability of changing the basis of representation in Convention membership. Alley pointed out that if each church affiliated with the Convention be qualified, under present membership provisions, to send five messengers to the annual meetings, this would mean

more than 150,000 qualified to attend.

The Alley motion called attention to a statement by the late E. Y. Mullins made in the 1920's (See SBC Annual, 1926, p. 8): "The question of changing the basis of representation has grown out of the immensely increased membership, the difficulties of deliberation, and the shortcomings in our procedure and methods." Alley suggested that the current study "consider seriously the results" of a similar study by a Convention committee headed by Mullins in 1926.

Southeastern 'alumni thank Castro

NEW ORLEANS—Alumni of Southeastern Seminary voted here Thursday to send a cable of thanks to Fidel Castro for freeing Missionary David Fite from prison and urging the release of Cuban pastors still in prison.

The alumni association, meeting aboard a Mississippi River tour boat, gave special recognition to Fite and his family. The missionary received a bachelor of divinity degree from the seminary in 1958.

New officers of the alumni association chosen included Ray Hodge, Durham, N. C., president; W. Ches Smith, III, Tifton, Ga., vice-president; and Bob Mobley, Richmond, Va., secretary-treasurer.

In His hands

Each life holds much uncertainty.

Each day we're made to know
That life is quite a mystery.
But God has willed it so;
The future is concealed from us
God must have thought it best;
We leave tomorrows in His hands
Our cares—and all the rest!

—By Roy J. Wilkins

The future is happening now

By HARRIET HALL

The Rivergate Convention Center was the setting for the Woman's Missionary Union Convention, meeting in its 81st year, June 9-10, in New Orleans. The Center is so new that even the local residents were having trouble finding their way around during the first day. Before long, however, the crowd doubled and it seemed that all had found the WMU Convention, including many pastors.

From the first trumpet solo until the last one by Phil Driscoll of Baylor, it was evident that some new notes of change were being sounded to illustrate the theme, "The Future Is Happening."

Music played a large part in setting the stage for the convention, with the Samford University A Capella Choir and the solo features from Claud Rhea, Jr. A unique presentation on Monday evening was the new musical for youth, "Happening Now," by Bob Oldenburg and Eddie Lunn, who helped originate the Good News musical.

Mrs. Davis Saunders, missionary

nurse who has worked in three African nations since 1951, spoke of the importance of one little word—but. "We are tested, but never forsaken; we are bewildered, but never left alone; so utterly cast down, but not destroyed. But God . . . gives strength and courage."

Miss Katherine Carpenter, executive secretary of Louisiana WMU, spoke of her state's colorful history under ten different flags. She called attention to the blending of past and present, old and new. As visitors view the galleries and balconies of New Orleans we are reminded that much of it is still essentially French.

A number of home missionaries who are working in New Orleans appeared on the Monday morning session. William Pinson spoke of concern for Christian perspective on such varied issues as poverty, racism, family instability, law and order, technological change, social action, evangelism, population, war, and air pollution. "There must be a Christian response which will insure that there will even be a future to worry about," he said.

Mrs. William Ruchti spoke of the problems of Italy as she called it a "microcosm of the world." She reminded us that Rome is a combination of the ancient and the futuristic, and called attention to the many opportunities of witnessing in this international city. "The one constant in life is God, revealed in Jesus Christ," she said.

Dr. Roderick Loney, missionary in Harlem, repudiated the demands of James Forman in recent weeks, but he also chided American white churches for their attitude toward the deeply scarred black men and black churches. He said that too often this attitude is one of "you can't expect too much from us." He urged, "Words alone will not suffice. Significant answers are in the Gospel applied."

Elton Trueblood challenged the women in his audience by saying that he was overwhelmed by their potential influence and ministry on the problems of the world. "True Christianity must stand on a three-legged stool," he said: "inner devotion, Christian action, and intelligent belief." Dr. Trueblood called America "a mission field to which Christians must speak."

Other speakers included Dan Routledge, missionary to Yosemite National Park, Arlie Watson, missionary in an Ocean City, Md. coffeehouse, and Nella Popow, a vivacious young woman who is serving as a missionary to the Polish youth in Brooklyn.

Featured on the Monday evening program was Robert Bratcher, translator of Good News for Modern Man, a work which he told us took two and one-half years to complete. Appearing with him was Miss Annie Volloton, illustrator for the Good News edition. Miss Volloton illustrated some passages of Scripture and they were simultaneously projected on a large screen.

Tuesday speakers included Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, and Mrs. Robert Fling, out-going president. In a business session, Mrs. R. L. Mathis was elected president, and Mrs. Roy Snider, of Camden, Ark., was elected as recording secretary. Mrs. Mathis served as president from 1956-63 and is the present director of promotion for WMU.

Herman Hayes, missionary in Vietnam for ten years, spoke urgently of his concern about Communism in Southeast Asia.

Mrs. Fling, in her farewell address, accented hope. "Pessimism," she said,



Roderick Loney speaks at WMU convention.

Pastors' Conference links social concerns, evangelism

NEW ORLEANS—Christians need to put aside political science and sociology textbooks and look to the Bible for "authority and a life style to relate redemptively to the problem of poverty," a Baptist pastor declared here.

In one of the final messages of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, the program which featured social concern, Bible exposition, and old-time evangelism, Vander Warner of Richmond, Va., told 6,500 pastors:

"We have in the Bible the answer, the direction, the principles, and the authority to relate redemptively to the problem. We have been guilty of holding the Bible in our hand, but not in our heart."

Warner, pastor of Grove Avenue Church, said the second chapter of the Book of James spells out "the law of love" and called on the pastors to "fulfill the scriptures" regarding the poor.

Jess Moody, pastor of First Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., urged the pastors to take a firm stand against killing.

"I think it's time we let every political hopeful know that after Viet Nam we, the public, will not elect men to office who, in order to serve their own personal egos, will disrupt the lives of a million boys and send 50,000 of them to graves God never intended should be done," he said.

"The future of mankind depends on its ability to find substitutes for violence in given relations," he said.

"One war begets another, one hate begets another. We have seen that killing to protect the faith has in turn helped kill the faith."

Speaking on the matter of birth control, Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian Theology at Southern Seminary, challenged Pope Paul VI's birth control encyclical on Biblical grounds.

"The essential reference to the creation of man and woman stresses the communion between the male and female—not the procreative function," he said.

Commenting on God's command for male and female to multiply and replenish the earth "in order that they may subdue it and have dominion over it," Ward said;

"Clearly this commandment cannot be taken as a commandment for unlimited procreation which threatens human life on this earth, because this would defeat the purpose of the commandment rather than fulfill it."

John W. Drakeford, professor of religious psychology and counseling at Southwestern Seminary, criticized the "new morality" concept for raising hypothetically extreme situations that few people will ever confront.

He called for a realistic attitude toward sex that does not view it as "nasty, dirty, or unclean." But he cautioned that sex is to be servant to man, not master—"sex as a force can easily develop destructive possibilities," he concluded.

A strong, overriding concern for evangelistic preaching was spotlighted by two messages of Negro pastor Manuel Scott of Los Angeles.

"The church's proclamation," he said, "does not center in what man can do for Christ, or what man can do for himself—it centers in what God has done for man in Jesus Christ. The reason we do not have more evangelistic preaching today is that we spend too much time talking about what we can do for each other."

Concern for evangelism was voiced time and again by pastors and evangelists such as John Haggai, Atlanta, Ga., Eddie Lieberman of Greenville, S. C., and R. G. Lee, of Memphis, Tenn.

Governor Albert P. Brewer of Alabama, Alabama state health officer Dr. Ira Myer, and former Miss America Vonda K. VanDyke of Phoenix, Ariz., added their voices to the concern for a renewed sense of urgency about evangelism.

Don Berry, pastor of Memorial Drive Church in Houston, succeeded Harper Shannon, pastor of First Church, Dothan, Ala., as president of the Pastors' Conference. Other officers are: Landrum Leavell, of First Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., vice president; and W. T. Furr, Queensborough Church, Shreveport, La., secretary-treasurer.



POWERLINE, the Radio and Television Commission's new teen radio program, uses the "top-40" music format to reach youngsters such as these—91 per cent of whom, according to industry survey, prefer this type of listening entertainment.

MEETING SITES AND DATES

Meeting sites and dates for the Southern Baptist Convention as they now stand are:

1970—Denver, Colo., June 2-5 (first time to meet there).

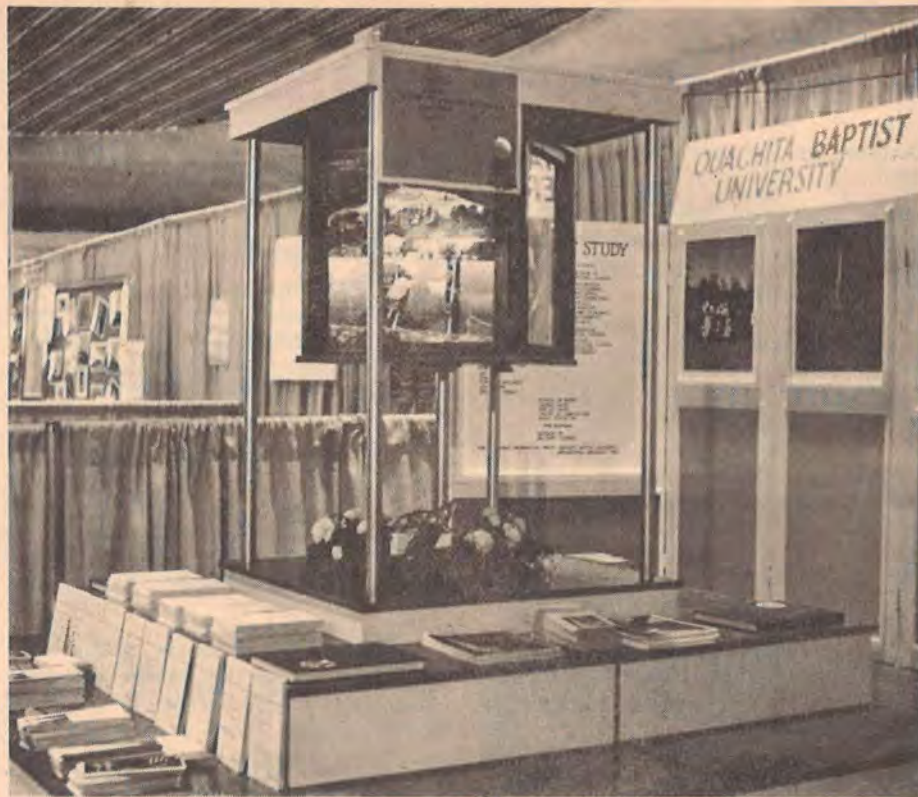
1971—St. Louis, Mo., June 1-4 (last met there in 1961).

1972—Philadelphia, Pa., June 6-9 (first time to meet there).

1974—Dallas, Tex., June 11-14 (last met there in 1965).

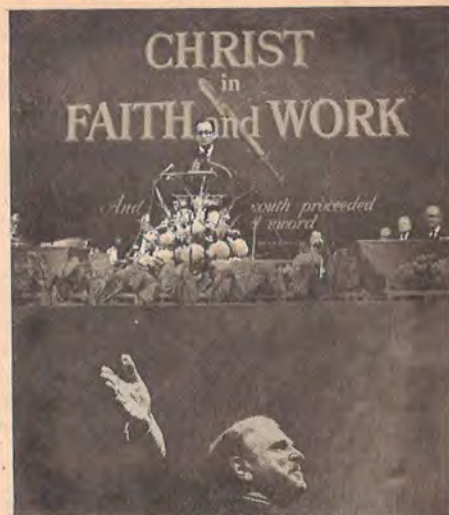
A first-time meeting in Portland, Ore., which had been scheduled for June 12-15, 1973, is now unsettled. The city of Portland is asking that the time be changed to one week later to avoid conflict with the city's annual Rose Festival.

The matter has been referred back to the Executive Committee of SBC for decision next September after the screening of other potential sites for the 1973 session.



OUACHITA UNIVERSITY exhibit at New Orleans won second place among those at the Convention.

The cover:



Convention theme

"Christ in Faith and Work," the theme for the 124th session (124th year) of the Southern Baptist Convention last week at New Orleans, formed the impressive backdrop for Pastor Scott L. Tatum, top, of Louisiana, as he preached the annual Convention sermon, "The Autonomy of Baptists and the Authority of Christ."

Below, President W. A. Criswell makes a point in his presidential address.

Criswell re-elected as SBC president

NEW ORLEANS—Convention president W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, was re-elected for a second one-year term.

Lee Porter, pastor of First Church, Bellaire, Tex., who served during the past year as second vice president, was advanced to first vice president for the ensuing year.

Elected second vice president was Harper Shannon, pastor of First Church, Dothan, Ala., who served last year as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Allen W. Graves named Southern Seminary dean

By WESLEY M. PATTILLO

NEW ORLEANS—Trustees of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Thursday elected Allen W. Graves to the post of administrative dean, effective Aug. 1.

Graves, a native of Arkansas and former pastor in Florida, Virginia, and Oklahoma, has been dean of the School of Religious Education at Southern Seminary since 1955.

He will succeed Hugh R. Peterson, who retires this summer after 32 years on the seminary staff, the last 10 as administrative dean.

Ernest J. Loessner, professor of religious education, will be acting dean of the School of Religious Education for the coming school year. He joined the faculty in 1953.

In other action, the trustees elected Wendell Belew of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to a term as William Walker Brookes visiting professor of American Christianity, a post once held by Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home

Mission Board. Belew will serve during the first semester of the 1969-70 school year.

The trustee meeting followed the seminary's annual alumni luncheon, during which Dean Peterson was honored with a mailbag filled with letters of appreciation from former students of the seminary.

A highlight of the luncheon was the announcement that the campaign to endow the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at the seminary has been successfully completed. Herschel H. Hobbs pastor of First Church in Oklahoma City, Okla., chairman of the endowment fund drive, said the \$500,000 goal had been surpassed. He gave the total figure to date as \$625,000.

President-elect John E. Lawrence, pastor of Forest Hills Church in Raleigh, N. C., advanced to president of the alumni association. Herbert C. Gahart, president of Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn., was named president-elect.

Baptist Building Open House June 22

The new Baptist Building, 525 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock, will have Open House for the public, Sunday, June 22, beginning at 2 p.m.

Personnel of the Baptist Building will be on hand to greet visitors and to conduct them on a tour of the departments of the building.

The general public and all Arkansas Baptists are cordially invited to attend.

Pastors' Conference

Millions for missions, not 1¢ for tribute says Negro leader to Southern Baptists

NEW ORLEANS—A black Baptist preacher advised Southern Baptists Tuesday not to "capitulate" to any demands for reparations.

"If the Southern Baptist Convention is going to get in on a reparations demand for \$500 million, get in on an evangelical note—invest the money in the evangelical mission of the church rather than the economic development of black America. We are low on evangelism."

Speaking before about 6,500 Southern Baptist pastors meeting here prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, Manuel L. Scott, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, said the advice of the National Council of

Churches on the matter was "paradoxical."

"The National Council has advised that if the protesters come and interrupt your service, don't call the police," Scott said.

"To permit someone to be lawless and then not call the law is paradoxical. If they come to my service, I'm calling the law."

Scott got a firm round of applause with his comments regarding the Black Manifesto, a document of the Black Economic Development Council that demands \$500 million in reparations from white churches and synagogues for injustice to blacks.



'DON'T CAPITULATE' says Negro Baptist pastor Manuel L. Scott to Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

University of Richmond gets \$50 million gift

RICHMOND, VA.—A Baptist layman here has donated \$50 million to the University of Richmond, a Baptist senior college that dates back to 1830.

The donor is E. Claiborne Robins, president of A. H. Robins Company, Inc., pharmaceutical manufacturers. Dr. Robins and his family are members of the River Road Baptist Church, Richmond. Robins has been a member of the board of trustees of Richmond University for many years and chairman of the board's executive committee.

The donation, one of the largest ever to be made to an institution of learning in the United States, was officially accepted by the university's board

of trustees on June 9 and was announced by university President George M. Modlin at the conclusion of commencement exercises the same day.

Dr. Robins was quoted as saying that he made the donation with a view to providing "education of the highest quality and making the university one of the outstanding private institutions of higher learning in the country."

In accepting the Robins funds, the trustees of the university voted to approve changes in the charter of the institution to provide for a self-perpetuating board with provision that the Baptist General Board of Virginia shall

"You deal with James Forman (author of the manifesto) as you want to," he said. "As far as I am concerned the Christian church ought not to capitulate to such demands."

Scott called for an "ethicizing" of the gospel proclamation that would lead Christian churches to demonstrate how blacks and whites can live together, but he said the major function of the church "is to win men for Christ."

"The proclamation of the gospel does not center in what man can do for Christ or in what man can do for his fellowman," he said. "It centers in what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. That's what we've got to talk about."

"We don't have much evangelistic preaching because we spend our time talking about what we can do for each other."

Scott said society "is so messed up" because its historic institutions are engaged in enterprises that are contrary to their intended purposes.

"For example," he said, "we've turned schools into tools of social action—something which was never intended. And we are doing the same thing with the church."

"The Christian church is no political institution, no economic institution. It is distinctively an evangelistic institution, and its principal business is to win men to Jesus Christ," Scott concluded.

hereafter nominate eight of the 40 trustees.

Thus the university, which has been a Virginia Baptist institution across the years, will continue to hold a relationship to the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

The University of Richmond will continue to use allocations from the Co-operative Program for ministries to the denomination, especially in the training of young men and women preparing for church-related vocations, President Modlin said.

Forty millions of the new money have already been transferred to the university, much of it in stocks. Ten millions will require matching in equal amount, at the rate of \$1 million a year.

No restrictions are being placed on the university as to how the funds will be used.



MISSIONARIES from Arkansas stand in front of the New Orleans Seminary chapel during a pre-Southern Baptist Convention retreat, last week, for Foreign Mission Board personnel on furlough. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hampton, Tanzania; Mrs. Ray Fleet, Brazil; and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Hickey, Brazil.—Photo by ELM

Says intercessory prayer is major need of missionaries

NEW ORLEANS—The Southern Baptist Convention, in its Thursday evening session, heard missionaries tell of their work in two of the world's most troubled areas—Vietnam and Nigeria—and received the Foreign Mission Board's annual written report, which urged Southern Baptists to undergird all their missionaries with intercessory prayer.

"Our Lord Was There," an account of Vietnam mission efforts, was given by Herman P. Hayes, appointed with his wife in 1959 as the first Southern Baptist missionaries to that country. Today they are among the 28 career missionaries, two missionary associates, and 11 missionary journeymen assigned there.

In a talk entitled "We Walk by Faith," Dr. William R. Norman Jr., described his work in eastern Nigeria, where he kept the Baptist hospital in Joinkrama open until August, 1968, with the assistance of another missionary, W. Ralph Davis, and a "faithful African staff." As opposing Nigerian and Biafran forces moved into the Joinkrama area, the medical staff was evacuated and the hospital closed.

Theme for the Foreign Mission Board's convention program was "Faith and Work Throughout the World." After a report by Winston Crawley, director of the Board's overseas division, new missionaries were presented and

William W. Marshall, a recent appointee to the Middle East, gave his testimony. The prayer of dedication was by W. A. Criswell, Convention president.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, made an appeal for intercessory prayer. "Remember that God's servants in disturbed areas such as Vietnam, eastern Nigeria, and the Middle East continue to serve with remarkable stability, patience, faith, and courage," the report stated.

"The hearts of God's servants wherever they labor throughout the world rejoice as they know that they are being remembered at the throne of grace in churches and homes and by individuals throughout this land," Cauthen's report said.

A record 247 missionary appointments in 1968 boosted the total missionaries to 2,371 at the end of the year. (The total is now about 2,470). They were under assignment to 69 countries or territories (a 70th, Dahomey, in West Africa, has been added in 1969).

Cauthen said the board is pressing toward its objective of 5,000 missionaries at the earliest possible date "with full confidence that Southern Baptists, because of their love for Christ and their awareness of worldwide needs, will continue to provide through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the funds which are so necessary."

The report listed 50,003 baptisms in 1968 in 5,154 churches and 6,974 mission congregations related to Southern Baptist work overseas. Total membership in these churches and missions was 611,470.

During the year the board also strengthened its administrative framework by setting up three major divisions—overseas, mission support, and management services.

NO Seminary needs stressed in report

NEW ORLEANS—Messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention here, including many who visited the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary earlier in the day, were told here that the seminary direly needs a new library.

The present library building reached its saturation point long ago, said Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman, in the seminary's annual report to the SBC.

A few hours before the seminary's report to the convention, numerous convention messengers and alumni of the seminary visited the campus for an open house.

Following the seminary's alumni luncheon in downtown New Orleans, free buses transported the visitors to the campus. There was no Convention session on Thursday afternoon.

Eddleman cited two other major needs for the seminary—a children's building for pre-school children, and more student housing.

The new library would cost slightly less than \$1 million, and would release the present library building for use as an administration building. The present administration building would then become the School of Theology building, the report indicated.

The proposed children's building would accommodate about 125 to 150 pre-school children of seminary students, said the report. Cost is estimated at \$175,000.

Although the report indicated that the enrollment should not be any larger than the current 691 students, more student housing is needed. Estimated cost is \$1 million.

Of the 691 enrolled, 462 students were in the School of Theology, 185 in the School of Religious Education, and 44 in the School of Church Music.

The report also indicated two new professors have joined the seminary faculty during the past year: Joe H. Cothen in communications arts, and James D. Mosteller, church history.

Baptists now number more than 30 million

NEW ORLEANS—Membership in Baptist churches around the world increased faster than the birth rate last year, the Southern Baptist Convention was told here.

In the report of the Baptist World Alliance to the Convention, BWA General Secretary Josef Nordenhaug said that the number of Baptists climbed by 2.25 percent last year around the world, while world population grew by 1.9 percent.

Nordenhaug added that the 2.25 percent increase in Baptist membership was in contrast to a membership gain of less than one percent for all other Christian bodies combined.

The total Baptist membership (baptized believers only) increased from 29,817,707 in May, 1968, to 30,487,802 in May, 1969, the BWA reported.

Nordenhaug said that the various bodies in North America showed an in-

crease of 556,862—or 2.09 percent. There are 27,160,091 Baptists in North America—90 percent of the world total.

The largest gain in any world area was in the Southwest Pacific, where a 20.5 percent gain was noted. This spiral was attributable to an increase from 4,886 to 15,114 in Indonesia and from 4,235 to 13,500 in New Guinea.

Nordenhaug said that great gains have been noted by all Christian churches in Indonesia since the failure of an attempted Communist coup in 1965. Baptist work has grown by great leaps in New Guinea since Australian Baptists sent missionaries to New Guinea in 1949. New Guinea church leaders there say their growth is caused by the fact they "gossip the gospel."

An increase of 7.2 percent was noted in South America during the year—attributable largely to the beginning of "Crusade of the Americas," a hemi-

sphere-wide evangelistic program.

Nordenhaug said that an attendance of about 8,000 delegates from 75 countries is expected for the 12th Baptist World Congress, meeting July 12-18, 1970, in Tokyo, Japan.

This will be the first time the world meeting has been held in Asia, and leaders hope that the travel of Baptists from all sections of the world to Asian population centers will have a wholesome effect on Christian witness. Evangelistic crusades have been planned in many Asian countries, using the visiting ministers as preachers.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union promotion director, is chairman of the program committee for the Tokyo congress. Program theme will be "Reconciliation through Christ."

W. R. Tolbert, president of the Alliance and vice president of the Republic of Liberia, visited several Asian and Southwest Pacific countries during the past year, as well as attending Baptist meetings in North America and Europe.

Says world 'thirsty' for enlightenment, hope

NEW ORLEANS—Through space-age electronics, the world is truly within our reach, the executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission told the Southern Baptist Convention here Thursday morning.

Paul M. Stevens, head of the Baptist radio-tv agency in Ft. Worth, said in the commission's annual report to the SBC that the new communications satellite system will make it possible for one voice to speak to one billion

people in a single breath.

The world's people, said Stevens, are thirsting as never before for "information, truth, hope that will lift them out of their dungeons of anxiety and despair."

All these factors, he said, combine to dictate that Southern Baptists make much more intensive efforts to fill the airwaves with the gospel. A vast range of approaches should be used to attract the maximum number of people and

communicate God's word to them on their level of understanding, Stevens added.

Stevens said that Southern Baptists crossed the threshold of a dynamic new era of cooperation in spreading the gospel through the electronic mass media during the spring of 1969 with the Crusade of the Americas telecasts.

He pointed to three half-hour, full-color television presentations as an example of exciting things to come in electronic evangelism.

The three programs, carried on 82 television stations at prime viewing time, were produced by the commission and sponsored and financed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Curriculum revised at SE Seminary

NEW ORLEANS—The curriculum of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has been revised in the light of the purpose of the school and of the need for theologically-educated Christian ministers in both rural and urban communities, the Southern Baptist Convention was told here.

In the annual report of the Convention, Southeastern Seminary President Olin T. Binkley outlined the past year's

accomplishments of the Baptist seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.

Elected as a new professor of preaching at the seminary last year was John W. Carlton, Binkley reported. Invited to serve as visiting professors next year were Theodore F. Adams and I. N. Patterson.

In other faculty changes, tenure was granted to Donald E. Cook, associate

professor of new Testament; Robert E. Poerschke, professor of Christian education; and Donald D. Moore, associate professor of pastoral care.

Fall enrollment at the seminary reached 582, with 437 candidates for the master of divinity degree, 31 candidates for the religious education degree, 52 candidates for the master of theology degree and 62 candidates for the certificate in theology.

The seminary also reported completion of construction of a new health center since last year's Convention, and action of the board of trustees to name the seminary's library building for Emery B. Denny, former chief justice of the supreme court of North Carolina, and the chapel for President Brinkley.

State papers' circulation was 1.6 million in 1968

NEW ORLEANS—Circulation of 29 Baptist state papers rose to 1,622,256 during 1968, the Southern Baptist Convention was told here Thursday morning.

In the report of the SBC Committee on Baptist State Papers, Chairman Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, credited the 29 state-wide Baptist publications, all but five of which are weekly papers, for a major role in communicating in-

formation on the Crusade of the Americas evangelistic effort in North, Central and South America.

"In an undertaking which involves so many Baptist bodies scattered throughout the Americas, such would have been impossible without the coordination furnished by the Baptist news media," said the report.

In the circulation category, the Bap-

tist Standard of Texas is by far the largest of the 29 papers, with a circulation of 369,553 reported at the end of 1968.

The top ten papers in circulation (in order) are The Alabama Baptist, 147,000; The (Georgia) Christian Index, 134,000; The Baptist Record (Mississippi), 109,000; The Baptist Courier (South Carolina), 98,025; Baptist Messenger (Oklahoma) 82,000; Baptist and Reflector (Tennessee), 73,000; Florida Baptist Witness, 67,400; and Western Recorder (Kentucky), 63,000.

Editor's note: The circulation of The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine is 59,000.

Sees re-education as church need

NEW ORLEANS—Hammering hard at the theme of "Design for a Decade," W. L. Howse, Nashville, Tenn., told ministers of education here to "re-educate and re-train" themselves so that they might be able to explain the 1970s church training package to members of their churches.

"Let's be rough on this," the Sunday School Board executive said of the training package. "Let's take out what is bad and put in what is good."

He told the conferees that church education programs should be living proof that "Jesus Christ is adequate for this generation the same as he was for past generations."

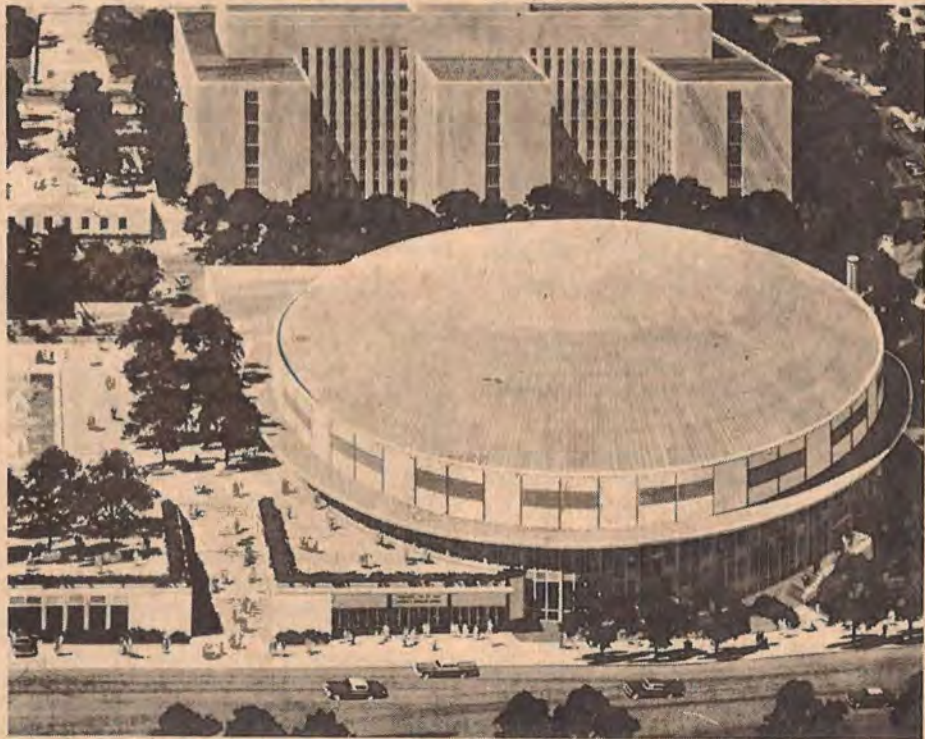
Howse closed with a commitment to bring more Bible teaching and more in-depth Bible study aids into the program and more assistance for smaller churches than ever before.

The ministers of education also viewed slide presentation on the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood designs for the 1970s. Most changes listed were made to bring the organizations into line with the master plan of church design presented earlier.

Regarding the crisis statement, a special agency committee issued several recommendations during the year, including the suggestion that pastors be given scholarships to participate in the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission in Chicago, an institute that majors on awareness of and encounter with urban problems.

The board reported that it called two meetings of personnel of all SBC agencies to "inventory present actions and to project plans for reaction to the national crisis."

The report also stated that "the posture of the agency is that evangelism and social concerns are complementary, not incompatible, in the light of the gospel.



GENERAL sessions of the Baptist Men's Congress on Evangelism and Lay Involvement will be held in Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, Tenn. (shown above) on July 3-5. The auditorium is located downtown and within walking distance of the downtown hotels and motels. Arrangements are being made to accommodate 3,500 laymen, pastors, and wives for the meeting. The Congress is an activity of the Crusade of the Americas.

Home Mission Board cites progress in facing crises

NEW ORLEANS—In its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention here the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board cited the beginnings of implementing the "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the SBC last year as one of three major emphases during the year.

In a 13-page printed report, the board stated; "To a society convulsed by assassinations, riots, elections, and other crises; to a society gaining a new awareness of its poor, its affluence, and

its loss of values, the Home Mission Board responded primarily through three emphases: the Crusade of the Americas, establishment of new churches in Project 500, and implementation of 'A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation'."

The other two primary concerns involved preparation for the Crusade of the Americas and the effort known as Project 500, which aims at establishing new churches or missions in 500 strategic locations.

Sees new patterns emerging in church-state affairs

NEW ORLEANS—The executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs confronted the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session here with what he termed new emerging patterns of separation of church and state in the United States.

C. Emanuel Carlson of Washington, D. C., pointed out that the rapid social change in the nation inevitably affects what was once thought to be "fixed patterns" of separation of church and state.

Carlson said that he is convinced that the historic Baptist insights concerning freedom remain valid in the new national situation. He challenged the denomination to be creative in restructuring its institutional relationships in the new day to serve the cause of freedom and the needs of people.

The Baptist executive spoke to the report of the convention's public affairs committee which was made by its chairman, Chauncey R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder* in Kentucky.

The public affairs committee merges with similar committees from seven other national Baptist bodies to form the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, with offices in the nation's capital.

The committee report said, "Baptists are concerned for the freedom of the people, freedom of the churches and their agencies, and for meeting the needs of people . . . At the same time government is functioning on a larger

scale to minister to the needs of the people.

"As a result a whole new set of problems in the relationships between the churches and the government is appearing on the American scene. One of the problems is how to apply time-honored principles to a new and changing order."

Among the elements of the new order faced by the churches the committee report listed:

—Technology has created many new ways for people to earn a living, thus demanding new patterns for education and for freedom.

—The shift from an agrarian society to an industrial base for the economy has affected "state freedom" to meet needs of people, and hence, the patterns of church efforts to minister to human need.

—New concepts of "nonprofit" corporations, child benefit theories, and new ministries for the churches are appearing on the horizon.

—Cities are blighted archaic centers of frustrated people, lacking research and public policy for quality living.

—In the emerging patterns in the nation much that used to be "privileges," available only to those who can afford them (including medical care, education, economic opportunity, civic responsibility) are emerging as "human rights" to be assured all human beings.

"All of the above 'emerging patterns'

in the nation inevitably result in 'emerging patterns' in church-state relationships," the public affairs report said. "Baptists and their agencies need to be alert, attuned both to the moving of the Holy Spirit and to the needs of people in an era of rapidly changing social, economic and scientific developments."

In his convention speech Carlson explained that future patterns in church-state separation are not yet clear. However, he put his finger on four specific areas that will demand creativity on the part of Baptists. They are:

1. The expanded role of higher education in the nation's life;
2. Society's response to the need of people for health, counsel and care;
3. Adjustments in tax policies as related to the churches and their agencies;
4. The simultaneous role of people in relation to government and the church relationships to the same government.

Citing the prominence of religion in the Nixon administration with special worship services at the White House, the report asked several questions, concluding, "How much government recognition and blessing does it take to 'establish' religion?"

Other questions asked included: "Will the President single out particular religious spokesmen or religious movements on whom to bestow the blessings of government recognition by inviting them to the White House services? Will the new President select only those voices for sermons in the White House that he is willing to hear?"



JOHN VANDERCOOK, director of the New Orleans Baptist Seaman's Service, getting ready to distribute literature, pamphlets and Bibles to seamen whose ships have put in at the Port of New Orleans. These men are from all over the world. Mr. Vandercook also uses the station wagon to transport seamen to church services and other activities.



LITTLE CAILLOU Baptist Mission on Little Caillou Bayou. Shrimping boat is in the foreground. Many of the larger churches in Southern Louisiana were started as a small French mission and church by the Home Mission Board.

Golden Gate Seminary seeks center funds

NEW ORLEANS—Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., reported to the Southern Baptist Convention that fund-raising projects for a \$1 million Learning Resource Center and the endowment of a \$300,000 Chair of Missions and Evangelism are now underway.

Seminary President Harold K. Graves, in the institution's annual report to the SBC, said that the Learning Resource Center would contain, among other academic aids, the new seminary library.

Graves also reported on the observance of the seminary's 25th anniversary celebration in March of this year. Highlights of the celebration included two addresses by SBC President W. A. Criswell.

An increase in the support of the seminary through the Cooperative Program in 1969 made possible an upward adjustment in faculty salaries for the second consecutive year, reported President Graves.

This increase places Golden Gate Seminary professors near the median salary

for accredited seminaries in the United States and Canada. However, the cost of living on the West Coast still places them 20 percent below equivalent salaries in the South.

Completed, dedicated and occupied during the past year was Platt Village, a \$232,000 housing complex for seminary faculty and staff on the Strawberry point campus. The four townhouses and six apartments were named after Mrs. Violet Embrey Platt, of Ventura, Calif., a longtime friend and supporter of Golden Gate Seminary.

Golden Gate Seminary concluded its second annual Urban Church Institute May 30. The 11-day Urban Church Institute, sponsored jointly by the chair of missions and evangelism at the seminary and the department of metropolitan missions of the SBC Home Mission Board, makes an intensive investigation of the principles and guidelines for a strategy of the Christian mission in Urban-America.

A 27.7 percent increase in the fall enrollment brought that figure to its highest point since 1960. Accumulative

enrollment for the year is the second highest in the history of the seminary and the highest enrollment since the seminary moved to its Strawberry Point campus in 1959. The increase in international student enrollment also increased during the year, reported the president. Internationals from 20 foreign countries comprised 19 percent of the student body.

Total enrollment for the 1968-69 academic year was 361 students, the report added, with 264 students in the theological programs, 58 students in the religious education program, eight students in the music program and 31 special students.

Wayne Peterson, a member of the religion faculty of Louisiana College in Pineville, La., will join the seminary faculty as associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew to fill a vacancy created by the death of Derward W. Deere in November, 1968. James Washington Watts, retired professor of Old Testament at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, helped fill in at the seminary during the spring semester.

President Graves reported to the Convention that J. C. Bradley, a Ouachita University and Southern Seminary graduate was elected as assistant professor of religious education and Eugene V. England, a Golden Gate Seminary graduate, was employed as business manager during the past year.

Record growth continues at Southern Seminary, Louisville

NEW ORLEANS—Selection of a new dean for the School of Theology, participation in an experimental co-operative venture in regional education, and the development of a social-work program for theology students were high lights of the 1968-69 school year at The Southern Seminary, Louisville, the Southern Baptist Convention was told here.

For the seventh consecutive year the seminary enrollment continued to climb, making it the only SBC seminary to experience an increase every year since 1961, said Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, in presenting the seminary's annual report to the SBC.

Enrollment in all Southern seminary programs for 1968-69 totalled 1,509, as compared to the 1967-68 total of 1,323, McCall reported.

William Edward Hull, professor of New Testament interpretation and director of graduate studies, is the new dean of the seminary's School of Theology. He succeeds Penrose St. Amant, who resigned after 10 years in the administrative post to resume a full teach-

ing load as David T. Porter Professor of Church History.

The co-operative educational venture, called Kentuckiana Metroversity, was formed in late 1968 by the seminary and seven other Louisville-area institutions of higher learning. A major purpose of the educational coalition is to reduce educational costs by cutting down on duplication of facilities and curriculum offerings.

Other members are: University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Indiana University Southeast, Bellarmine College, Catherine Spalding College and the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. While the Metroversity will broaden the variety of educational programs open to students, it calls for no surrender of autonomy by member institutions, said McCall.

The new social work program, which will begin this fall, is the first social work degree plan to be offered to theology students at a Southern Baptist seminary. A social work program for religious education students is already in existence. Both programs are in conjunction with the Kent School of Social

Work of the University of Louisville and enable students to concurrently complete requirements for two degrees.

Groundbreaking for a new building to house the School of Church Music has been tentatively set for the fall, McCall reported. The proposed \$800,000 structure will be adjacent to Alumni Memorial Chapel, at the corner of Lexington Road and Godfrey Avenue.

McCall said that two important Southern Seminary personalities will retire this year—Administrative Dean Hugh Peterson, after 26 years, and Joseph Stiles, after 13 years as director of field education and professor of church administration.

The 1968-69 E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award was presented to Louie D. Newton, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years as pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church. Former New York Yankee baseball star Bobby Richardson, Sumter, S. C., was recipient of the Churchman of the Year Award. Both awards are sponsored by the seminary.

A fragrance garden for the blind

"Take me to the fragrance garden! I've heard so much about it!"

Ten-year-old Jane was speaking. She had been blind from birth.

As the camp counselor guided her along the path, Jane exclaimed, "We must be close. I can smell it!"

They had indeed come to the fragrance garden, planted especially for blind campers to enjoy. The garden is at Camp Courage, a camp for physically handicapped in the forest and lake region of Minnesota.

In this different kind of garden, the rows of plants all had special fragrances. There were lemon verbena and peppermint, herbs like basil and chives,

and such strongly scented flowers as marigolds and petunias.

The plants were given by a thoughtful garden club. They were there for the unsighted to feel the texture of leaves and blossoms, to trace the shapes with sensitive fingers, and to breathe deeply the special perfumes of flowers and herbs.

Little wonder that the fragrance garden has become a favorite haunt of blind campers. Through smell and touch, many of them have been able to appreciate the beauty of plants for the first time.

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Vanishing birds

By THELMA C. CARTER

Sometimes a Japanese boy or girl presents a friend a bright ribbon streamer to which are attached delicately folded paper birds. This streamer is a sincere token of friendship and a wish for a long life.

The paper birds are usually cranes, which in real life are among the most beautiful birds in the world. Cranes are the tallest birds in North America. They grow about five feet in height, with long legs and long necks. Their feathers usually are white, and their long legs are black.

Cranes belong to the bird family that dwells in marshes. Two habits are common to birds of this type. They live in marshy places, and they fly with the neck extended.

Cranes build their nests on the ground. The nests are about two feet in diameter and are made of reeds and marsh grasses. Usually two eggs are in each nest.

Cranes' food consists of frogs, snakes, field mice, lizards, grain, and leafy plants. The birds stalk around marshes,

I see, I hear, I smell

I see a pretty flower,
I see a lake so blue,
I see a bright-red sunset,
A happy puppy, too.

I hear a cricket chirping,
I hear the birds that sing.
I hear the wind that's blowing
And church bells as they ring.

I smell the fragrant roses.
I smell blossoms on a tree,
I smell Mother's homemade bread
And the pie she baked for me.

Thank you, God, for ears to hear.
Eyes to see, and nose to smell,
Your world is good and I'm glad
That you gave me ways to tell.

—By Lois Anne Williams

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snatching up food with their long bills.

Naturalists tell us these big birds are among the most intelligent of all fowls. Because they know their worst enemy is man, they try to stay out of sight. They are always alert and watchful.

When cranes become frightened, they are likely to leave their nests before their baby chicks are hatched. Thus, there are fewer baby cranes each year.

The downy chicks are able to run about a few hours after they leave their shells. However, they need the protection of their mothers until they can care for themselves.

These beautiful birds have been hunted since the first settlers destroyed them for getting into the cornfields. The Indians shot them with bows and arrows for their plumage.

A pioneer history book tells of the flight of cranes when there were great numbers of huge birds. It said that the noise of their flight was as a great army.

Naturalists tell us that some birds of the beautiful crane family are nearing extinction. Every care and protection is now being given for the safety of these birds. We are told that a single hurricane at the wrong time of the year could wipe out the only remaining whooping cranes in the world.

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Enrollment up at Southwestern

NEW ORLEANS—A major advance in enrollment at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, was the keynote of the report given by Seminary President Robert E. Naylor of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

The 2,036 enrollment for 1968-69 is the largest since 1962-63 and an increase of 110 over the 1967-68 year, Naylor reported.

The enrollment by schools was: Theology—1,236; religious Education—610; and Church Music—190, the largest enrollment in church music in history.

There were 1,708 men and 328 women. Students enrolling for the first time during the year numbered 672. Students represented 257 colleges and universities, 26 seminaries and came from 42 states, the District of Columbia and 18 countries, Naylor said.

Four new faculty members were added: David D'Amico, church history; Bert B. Dominy, theology; M. Douglas Ezell, New Testament; and Farrar Patterson, preaching and oral communications.

Total assets for the seminary were reported approaching \$19 million, with over \$6 million in endowment funds.

GA coronation

First Church, Alma, held a GA Coronation service during Sunday evening services, May 25.

Mrs. R. E. Snow, Ft. Smith, State GA Chairman and WMU director of Concord Association, made the presentation of awards.

Awards were made to Lynnette Sharp, Maiden; Marcella Wilson, Maiden; Joyce Ball, Princess; Brenda Fisher, Queen; Julie Taylor, Princess, Tami Thomas, Maiden; and Julie Manes, Maiden. Leslie Thomas was Crown Bearer.

Edward L. Smith is pastor of Alma First Church.

If I Have

If I have walked a selfish road
And passed another stumbling on
the way . . .

If I have called ambition duty
And kept pushing hard against
the day . . .

If I have been impatient,
Unwilling to slow my pace
In waiting for the threads of life
To fall into their proper place . . .
O Lord, forgive me if I have,
And bring me to repentance.

—Etta Caldwell Harris



Arkansas' prehistoric fish



ARKANSAS streams shelter a prehistoric fish known by several names. Called by any name, the fish provides good meat for the frying pan.

The paddlefish, spoonbill or shovelbill catfish, is a pre-historic fish that inhabits the state's larger streams. These strange scaleless fish have only one living relative and it is found in China.

Spoonbills are seldom caught, except by snagging and in nets, since they feed almost exclusively on small aquatic organisms called plankton.

The paddlefish is rated high as a food fish and is often sold as catfish.

Little is known of the life history of the paddlefish but from appearances it is certainly one of the state's strangest fish.

In 1937 a paddlefish that weighed 184 pounds was caught from Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee.

Midwestern Seminary has 261 students

NEW ORLEANS—Reporting a fourth consecutive year of enrollment increase, Midwestern Seminary President Millard Berquist told the Southern Baptist Convention that the seminary student body had its widest representation ever last year.

In the seminary's annual report to the SBC here, Berquist indicated that the 261 students at the seminary this year represented 75 colleges and universities in 24 states, and five foreign countries.

Berquist noted that the wide representation is a shift away from past trends, since the seminary in recent years has drawn most of its students from Missouri and surrounding states.

The report said completion of 25 new apartments for married students by

next fall hopefully would relieve the demand for campus housing.

Berquist said that by the end of the current SBC Capital Needs Program in 1973, the Southern Baptist Convention will have invested nearly \$4 million in the campus at the 11-year-old seminary. Conservative evaluations of current property range from \$6 to \$6½ million, Berquist said.

Two faculty additions were made during the past year, the report said. They were: Kenneth Wolfe, former missionary to Brazil, now associate professor of New Testament and Greek; and B. A. Sizemore, formerly at Georgetown College (Baptist), Georgetown, Ky., now associate professor in Old Testament and Hebrew.

TV time to be increased

NEW ORLEANS—The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission Thursday elected officers for 1970-71 and adopted a record \$1,650,000 budget.

J. P. Allen, pastor of the Broadway Church of Ft. Worth, Tex., was named president; Dr. Jack Gregston, a Duncan, Okla., physician, vice-president; and Henry Love, director of education at First Church of Shreveport, La., secretary.

In other action Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the agency, announced that 18 television specials will be given to Southern Baptists next year by the three major television networks. This air time is valued in excess of \$4 million, he said.

Stevens went on to tell of the formation of a men's singing group drawn from Southern Baptist ministers of mu-

sic throughout the United States. This singing group, compared by Stevens to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, will represent Southern Baptists on network radio and television specials, sing for denominational functions, and tour abroad.

Also announced was the alliance of the Commission and the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville in the production and distribution of products based on the Jot television series. Over 300,000 children wrote the Commission's moppet-like character last year, many of them requesting materials such as games, books, and puzzles.

The Sunday School Board plans to produce such materials and to have them in the stores within months. The Jot films will also be available to the churches through the Baptist Film Centers around Aug. 1.

Young preachers major need on foreign fields

NEW ORLEANS—A representative of the Foreign Mission Board told Southern Baptist messengers here of a major need for young preachers to serve overseas.

Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division of the mission board, admitted Southern Baptists are sending out more missionaries than ever—247 last year—but pointed out some

are young journeymen, associates on a short-term basis, specialists, and middle age preachers who can only speak English.

"The need is for young preachers in their 20s and early 30s to involve themselves in depth in places of need and crisis. . . and to share love and minister to the crisis by identifying with the people, learning their lan-

guage, staying among them, bringing the fellowship of the church and the new motivation in Christ into the struggle for solutions," he said.

The address by Crawley was one of the highlights of the annual progress report of the Foreign Mission Board to the messengers.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, reported Southern Baptists have 2,470 overseas missionaries appointed for service in 70 countries.

The board report included the disclosure of 50,003 baptisms in the 5,154 churches and 6,964 mission congregations related to Southern Baptist work overseas. Total membership in these churches and missions is 611,470.

Deaths Wife of Baylor president dies

MRS. FRANCES LAURA BORTLE McCALL, 50, wife of Dr. Abner B. McCall, president of Baylor University, died June 11 of a heart attack while enroute to a hospital.

She was a native of Longview, Tex.

Survivors include her husband, a son, three daughters and a grandchild.

John C. Warr

JOHN C. WARR, 56, general manager of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Sandersville, Ga., died of a heart attack, June 9.

Warr, who suffered a previous heart attack two weeks earlier, came to the children's home post in Atlanta in 1950.

An ordained deacon, Warr was past president of the Southern Baptist Association of Child Care Executives.

Word has come of the recent death of ROY O. DOSS, 75, of Cotton Plant.

A retired superintendent of the Southern Compress Co., he was a deacon of First Church, Cotton Plant, and a member of the board of trustees of the church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Luker Doss.

Share the Saviour



WITH THE WORLD

A person-centered ministry

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Life and Work

June 22, 1969

Luke 10:25-37

Today's lesson is the first in Unit III of the theme, "Our Ministry of Love." The quarter's theme has the same title. We have studied this quarter "Biblical Examples of Ministry" and "Motivation for Ministry." Now we turn our attention to our ministry. No passage in the entire Bible could be more instructive in ministering than the familiar parable of the good Samaritan.

I. The lawyer's first question. Luke 10:25-28.

The story began with a certain lawyer's first question. Please note that the lawyer was insincere and attempting to trap Jesus. Perhaps he sarcastically wanted to embarrass Jesus. Lawyers as a rule are very good in the art of asking questions. Jesus treated the question fairly and in a straightforward manner. The lawyer had enough respect to call Jesus "Master".

The question was: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" By the very form of this question he had placed emphasis upon doing as a means of salvation. Doing and inheriting are somewhat contradictory. Jesus discussed law with the lawyer. (With the woman at the well he discussed the water of life; with the hungry he discussed the bread of life, and with fishermen he talked about being fishers of men. He talked about subjects with which folks were familiar.) The lawyer had a knowledge of Old Testament law. Probably he wore a band or phylactery around his wrist bearing the Shema (see Deut. 6:3; 11:13), which the Jews recited twice daily.

The lawyer gave a good answer to Jesus. He quoted Deut. 6:5 and Levit. 19:18. He stated that man is to love God supremely and his fellowman devotedly. Jesus commended the lawyer in his reply and assured him that if he kept the law he would be saved.

Was Jesus teaching salvation by works? Absolutely not. The question was hypothetical because only Jesus was perfect. Every man sins every day. The Bible teaches that all men are under the curse of sin and in need of redemption found only in Christ. Please read and reread carefully Romans 3 (esp. v. 20) and Galatians 2:16-3:29. The trouble with the lawyer's plan of obtaining

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eternal life was simply that no man could or would ever live up to the requirement.

II. The lawyer's second question. Luke 10:29-36.

Perhaps the lawyer now was the one in a trap and was embarrassed because he had asked such a simple question. Now the lawyer went the hair-splitting route of wanting to debate the question of "Who is my neighbor?"

Christ also could answer this second question. And he did—through a precious parable.

Jesus began the parable with a man's taking a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho. This road was rocky, dangerous, narrow, and noted for robberies. A traveler had been robbed, made naked, and lay wounded. The robber's philosophy was: What's yours is mine if I can get it.

Rededication

Into our hearts
We have let confusion steal
Until time-proven truths
We had held dear,
Often seem weirdly unreal.
Many things we daily see—
Some of the thoughts we think —
Are far removed from old ideals.
We seek inner strength
To hold onto the better part of
life,
And to the One who can refresh
our spirit
We appeal—
That once more His presence
Hover over us as we kneel
In rededication
To the life-patterns His presence,
Alone, can reveal . . .
He is our only help;
All our hopes must rest on Him.
—Etta Caldwell Harris

A priest and levite (this fellow doesn't deserve a capital "L") passed by. They saw the need but could not be late for official church business. Their philosophy was: What's mine is mine and you can't have it. Perhaps the priest would preach that particular day on the subject "Let's Keep the Golden Rule" and the levite would lead a seminar on the subject of "Helping Humanity Heavenward."

The hero of the story was the despised half-bred Samaritan (capital "S"). The Jews looked with hatred and contempt on these Samaritan "dogs". What could he said of the Samaritan?

1. The Samaritan did something.
2. The Samaritan had compassion (v. 33). This is the key thought of the story.
3. He ministered to the man in need (v. 34).
4. He took him to a place where he could receive additional help, food and rest. (He thought not of inconvenience, the cost involved, nor of the risk of being robbed also.)
5. This incident illustrated the principle of love in action.

III. Application. Luke 10:37.

The Samaritan obviously proved to be the neighbor in the story. He was a total stranger to the man in need. He was a man of another nation. But he helped someone in need.

Jesus said to the lawyer. "Go, and do thou likewise." The New English Bible gives the translation: "Go and do as he did." J. B. Phillips translates the passage, "Then you go and give the same." Christ is saying this to us today.

Conclusion:

The secret of ministry is love. Love is the one essential. Love never fails.

Do we have love for those in need?

Do we do more than just feel sorry for those who need help?

Any man of any nation who is in need is our neighbor. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40).

The Bible, a personal book

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Deut. 5:16; 30:15-20

The teacher who has made only casual preparation will probably fail in his presentation of this lesson. The printed

passages are taken from the opening sentences of Moses' second address and the closing sentences of his third address as recorded in Deuteronomy. The book is made up of Moses' three farewell addresses which were spoken to Israel while his people were camped east of the Jordan just prior to the invasion of the promised land under the leadership of Joshua. The last four chapters take up and relate the narrative history of Israel when it was left at the end of Numbers, from the end of the wilderness wanderings to the death of Moses.

Moses appeals to his people to hear his review of the laws and regulations received from God, to learn them, and obey them.

A continuing covenant (2-6)

The central meaning of Moses' opening words was that the people of Israel were already under covenant with God, and that that covenant would continue to abide.

1. God did not make a temporary covenant with one generation of Israel: he made a permanent covenant with all Israel. Although it had been about 38 years since the covenant had been prepared by God and ratified by the people, that covenant, says Moses, was made "with us" (5:3). The reference to "our fathers" probably does not call attention to the generation of adults who left Egypt and had since died; it apparently refers to the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The significance of the statement is that he spoke to "us, who are all of us here alive this day"—including the majority who had been born since the law was given at Sinai.

There is talk these days about a generation gap and about the new generation coming of age taking over the established order of existence, as though at a given point in time a new generation reaches maturity and seizes control of human affairs. As a matter of fact, at all times individuals are growing into maturity and assuming responsibility. A great river, in its course of 500 miles, is fed by hundreds of tributaries, large and small, which flow into it at various points along the way and

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swell the stream from a small river into a large one. But there is not any point at which it can be said that the tributaries take over and run the river. Just so, new generations are ever flowing into the stream of collective life and, while changing that life, are also being changed by it.

In choosing Israel as his own people, the Lord chose a stream of people who came to be known as "the people of God." Moses says that the covenant was made "with us." From time to time thereafter God renewed the covenant with his people.

2. God spoke "face to face" with his people when the basic laws were given at Horeb (Sinai). The record in Exodus (chapters 19, 20) indicates that at first God thundered his laws from Sinai to the people assembled below, but at their request he thereafter spoke to Moses who then conveyed the messages to the people. Thus, in this review of the reception of the covenant from God, Moses means to say that God's word came to them directly and personally, not through some self-proclaimed intermediary and not by way of untraced tradition.

One might lament that the people of God did not want to continue to receive the word of God audibly, since the Lord had done quite well in communicating to them the Ten Commandments. But communication between God and man was about to break down, not because God could not speak further, but because man's receiving set was about to blow up. Too much spiritual electricity was coming to them, so they requested

that a condenser be installed to reduce the flow of divine power. Moses was that condenser. On one occasion even Moses got turned on and glowed so brightly that they had to put a veil over his face (Ex. 34:29-35).

At Pentecost and on a few other occasions (Acts 2, 8, 10, 19) early Christians were caught up in this swirl of spiritual insight and power which enabled them to comprehend new revelations from God and accomplish vast deeds in the name of God.

Life or death (Deut. 20:15-20)

In closing his final address to the people of God, Moses condensed the issues to two—the blessing of life and the curse of death—and challenged Israel to choose life rather than death.

1. The way of death. The way of evil brings the curse of death (15, 19). When the heart is turned away and will not listen to God's word or God's voice, it follows that religion will be perverted and one will turn after false gods.

2. The way of life. (1) It is the way of obedience. God's people are to obey his commandments (v. 16) as recorded in the holy statutes. Much is being written and said to present generations which causes them to question any authoritative standards for measuring conduct; but the Decalogue continues to stand firm, and men continue to break themselves against it. God's people are also to obey God's voice (v. 20). God continues to speak by his Holy Spirit through experience and through the current flow of history; and may heaven help us to listen and obey.

(2) It is a way of love. If we do not love God, we will not obey him; and, conversely, as Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

(3) It is a way of trust. The text describes those who love and obey God as "cleaving to him" (v. 20)—adhering to him.

3. Conclusions. (1) The culture that turns away from God and will not listen to his voice of reason and right will corrupt itself and disintegrate. (2) The person who chooses to go down with evil, will. (3) But the one who chooses life and good will walk in the ways of God, experience the favor of God, inherit the promises of God, and finally dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Break the Hate Habit.

Hate Blacks! Hate Whites! Hate Jews!
Hate Gentiles! What sane person needs
any of that noise? So how do you turn it
off? With love. And all the caring, kindness
and consideration that love means. Start
today, lover.

Break the hate habit—love your neighbor.

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Camden			
First	449	86	
Second	127	81	
Cherokee Village	79	24	
Crossett			
First	476	147	1
Mt. Olive	258	146	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	87	81	
Ebenezer	151	50	
Forrest City	515	126	2
Ft. Smith, first	1,122	379	4
Gentry, First	133	58	
Green Forest, First	144	47	2
Greenwood, First	291	76	2
Harrison, Eagle Heights	228	58	
Hope, First	447	127	2
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	160		
Lakeside	158	80	2
Piney	176	90	3
Jonesboro			
Central	354	106	4
Nettleton	232	89	
Jacksonville			
First	425	111	1
Marshall Road	271	136	1
Lake Hamilton	110	40	
Little Rock			
Archview	140	45	
Crystal Hill	155	84	
Geyer Springs	502	160	
Life Line	469	138	7
Magnolia, Central	537	166	
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First	138	35	
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Baring Cross	628	148	6
Southside Chapel	54	19	1
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Park Hill	707	164	6
Sixteenth Street	39	22	
Sylvan Hills	226	100	
Paragould, East Side	331	209	6
Paris, First	346	104	2
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	224	85	6
East Side	125	77	
First	667	139	11
Green Meadows	57	32	
Second	187	94	
Watson Chapel	204	87	
Springdale			
Berry Street	77	31	
Elmdale	314	88	
First	346	56	2
Van Buren			
First	394	139	
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First	376	93	
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Name caller

Requested the patient, "Doctor, if there is anything wrong with me, don't frighten me half to death by giving it a long scientific name. Just tell me in plain English."

"Well," the doctor replied hesitantly, "to be perfectly frank, you are just plain lazy."

"Thank you, doctor," murmured the patient. "Now give me the scientific name so I can tell the family."

Plain facts

An applicant for employment gave his reason for leaving his previous job, which was that of a temporary sorter at the post office: "Done all the work."

He had also served in the Army, and to the formal question: "Why did you leave the Forces?" he replied: "Won the war."

Privilege

A taxpayer is a person who works for the federal government without taking a civil service examination.

Warning

Beware of the chap who reminds you that you can't take it with you. He'll try to take it with him.

See-saw

Farmer: "Do you see that wood pile out there?"

Hobo: "Uh-huh, I guess so."

Farmer: "Well, I want you to saw it."

Hobo: "Mister, you saw me see it, but you sure aren't gohna see me saw it!"

Smotherly love

Little Orville's mother enrolled her precious child at a private school and gave his future teacher a list of instructions. "My son is so sensitive," she explained. "Don't ever punish him. Just slap the boy next to him. That will frighten Orville."

Normal risk

After the checkup, the doctor asked his patient, "Have you been living a normal life?"

"Yes, doctor."

"Well, you'll have to cut it out for a while."

Maturity

A sure sign you're getting older is when the kids come home from school and tell you about their history lessons, and you realize that when you went to school the same items were called "current events."

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Critic

A mother and her small daughter were attending a symphony concert. During a brilliant movement, the child, who was watching the conductor intently, whispered: "Mama, what makes the man so mad? They're playing as fast as they can, aren't they?"

Brain food

Arthur: "Does fish strengthen the brain?"

James: "Maybe not, but going fishing seems to invigorate the imagination."

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In the world of religion

Ruschlikon graduates class of 10

Ten students from seven countries graduated from the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, at spring exercises marking the end of the 1968-69 academic year.

The group included one who received the master of theology degree; five, the bachelor of divinity degree; two, advanced diplomas; and two, diplomas. There was only one woman graduate, the wife of a B. D. graduate.

James Leo Garrett, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., delivered the graduation address. (EBPS)

Charges campus unrest on war

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—The head of Students for a Democratic Society at the University of Michigan told 200 editors of religious periodicals here that campus violence is the result of a war economy and would continue as long as citizens were "unfree."

Barry Bluestone, addressing the opening session of the 21st annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association, criticized the "bourgeois press" for seeing a "huge Communist conspiracy" in the student uprisings, claiming that SDS views communism as "a very small, archaic force" in the United States. (EP)

Baptism is issue in Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A third local church has left the Mecklenburg Baptist Association of the Southern Baptist Convention because it follows a practice of accepting new members without immersing them if they previously have been baptized by another method.

Members of the Wedgewood church voted to adopt the "open door" policy on new members.

Two of Mecklenburg County's largest churches, Myers Park and St. John's, were excluded from the association last fall because of the policy. (EP)

'International fair' at Ridgecrest

An international fair will be a special feature of the World Missions Conference sponsored by the WMU and Brotherhood Commission at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 26-July 2.

The Fair will be held on Saturday, June 28, with the theme, "Holidays around the world." Each of several Southern Baptist missionaries at the conference will decorate his room as for a national holiday in his own country.

The missionaries will provide decorations, curios, costumes, slides, and performances, all on holiday themes of their adopted countries.

Independence Day will be the United States Holiday feature. The evening will begin at 6, with a traditional July 4 American barbecue. The holiday tour will follow the barbecue.

Women of Israel attend conference

One hundred and 29 women from six churches and two missions attended the second annual Baptist Women's Conference sponsored by the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel, recently, at Baptist Village, near Petah Tiqva.

The largest group present consisted of 54 women from the Turan mission, where Miss Eideh Khoury is women's leader, reports Mrs. James W. Smith, Southern Baptist missionary in Ashkelon. The other mission represented was Kfar Cana. Women came from churches in Nazareth, Rama, East Jerusalem, Baptist Village, and Gaza.

Baptist nurses graduate in Japan

In graduation exercises held in the Kita Shirakawa Baptist Church, Kyoto, Japan, 16 nurses received diplomas from the Japan Baptist Hospital. They are the first graduates of the nursing school of the institution which is also located in Kyoto.

Ten of the graduate nurses will remain on the staff of the 140-bed hospital, which ministers daily to about 300 out-patients and 100 in-patients, reports Rev. Worth C. Grant, press representative for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. The hospital was opened in 1955.

Water skier prays

SONOMA, CALIF.—Mike Suyderhoud, a 19-year-old chemistry major at Sonoma State College, reigns as national and world champion water skier. He holds the U. S. record for the longest jump—160 feet.

Suyderhoud, a Christian, copped the place of World Overall Champion in the World Tournament in Sherbrooke, Canada.

"I pray for strength to be sure I'm ready to give Him the glory by the way I act—whether I win or lose," he said. (EP)

Weddings as pageants opposed by pastor

TACOMA, WASH.—Engaged couples should choose either a Christian marriage or a state marriage, and not bring the pageantry of worldly trappings into the church.

This is the view of Episcopal Pastor Arnold A. Fenton, rector of Christ Episcopal Church here.

Writing in a recent church publication Fenton said there is too much emphasis on dresses, flowers and photographs, making the church a "mere ritualistic backdrop for a carefully choreographed wedding."

Book store account cancelled by church

Reacting against a book about the church's integration troubles and expulsion of former ministers, the historic Tattall Square Baptist Church here has cancelled its account with the Baptist Book Store in Atlanta.

Said Pastor Byron M. Wilkinson: "We are just tired of getting our teeth kicked out."

The book in question is *Ashes for Breakfast, A Diary of Racism in an American Church*, written by the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Holmes, former pastor of Tattall Square, in collaboration with Gainer E. Bryan Jr. of the Marietta (Ga.) Daily Journal.

The book's most dramatic incident is a confrontation on the church steps between several lay leaders and a young African student who had been converted to Christianity through missionary efforts by the church which now denied him their fellowship. (EP)

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