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Special Issue of "Training Union Magazine" Honors the Lambdins

NAS. — (BSSB) — A 100-page special issue of *Baptist Training Union Magazine* is now in the presses. The December issue is a tribute to "Mr. Jerry" and "Miss Pank," known to Southern Baptists' Training Union members, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin.

The Lambdins retire from their Training Union posts December 31. "Mr. Jerry," as he is known to friends throughout the world, has been in the Sunday School Board's Training Union Department for 34 years, 30 of which he has been secretary of the Department. Ina Smith Lambdin, known by friends as "Miss Pank" but called by Dr. Lambdin "Pank," has edited and written Training Union lessons for 35 years.

In the enlarged December *Training Union Magazine*, such denominational leaders as editors, authors, co-laborers, theological professors, state secretaries, and representatives from many other comparable fields of religious endeavor pay tribute to the Lambdins.

Articles include: "The Lady in the Story," "Three Decades of Training Union Achievement," "Training Union Around the World," "Training Union Faces the Future," "J. E. Lambdin — Poet," "Christmas at the Lambdins," "Faithfully yours — for Children," "The Romance of the Association," and "He Took a Chance on Me," plus many more.

Dr. Lambdin has written three articles for the magazine — his final editor's section, "Training Union Tomorrow"; "Objectives of Training Union"; and "I Remember . . ." Mrs. Lambdin has written "My Most Unforgettable Experiences." The magazine contains two pages in pictures of the Lambdins in associations, assemblies, and conventions, and two pages in pictures of life in the Lambdin home in Nashville.

There is a story about "Mr. Jerry's" poem, "Lighted Church House Windows," and how he came to write it, along with the words and music in print.

If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If I have moved among my race
And shown no glorious morning face;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books, and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain:—
Lord, thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake;
Or, Lord, if still too obdurate I,
Choose thou, before that spirit die,
A piercing pain, a killing sin,
And to my dead heart run them in!

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin

Tribute to Editor L. L. Carpenter

(This article is the talk made by Dr. Huggins on Tuesday afternoon, November 10, at the recognition service held for Dr. Carpenter during the meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro.)

I saw the subject of our attention and the object of our praise for the first time 50 years ago this past September. I was a lordly sophomore at Wake Forest and he a rather timid "newish" as freshman. I do not know whether he was hazed or not, but I do not recall that I had any part in trying to frighten or entertain him in any such fashion.

In those days the literary societies were central in college life. Debates on Friday and Saturday evenings and orations and business for three or more hours on Saturday mornings; and one was expected to be present on Friday or Saturday evenings and certainly on Saturday morning. Perhaps there were times when I wanted to haze him as his time came to speak, but I refrained not because of fear but because of the awe I felt when I contemplated such dignified figures as Johnson J. Hayes, Gerald Johnson, Elbert Johnson, and others. At any rate, since these days in the long ago, Dr. Carpenter and I have been warm friends. I was happy, you can well imagine, when after a period of more than 30 years spent outside the state he, a native of Wake County, was called home to become editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

He, as well as many other "Preacher boys," spent the summers, while in college, selling Bibles somewhere between Manteo and Murphy. He, not owing a large sum of money, went on for graduate study in 1913 immediately after graduation from Wake Forest. He was ordained as a minister in 1912.

The years 1913-1916 were spent in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and from this institution he received the Th.M. degree in 1916. He remained at Louisville from 1916 to 1918 as a Teaching Fellow and received in 1918 the Doctor of Theology degree.

In 1918 he was a chaplain in the U. S. Army and for nearly three years, 1919-21, he was pastor of Forest Avenue Church, now College Park, in Greensboro. In 1921 he became chaplain and professor of Bible in the University of South Carolina and remained there until 1926, in the meantime studying in Yale University. From this institution he was awarded the Ph.D. degree in 1927.

It is interesting to note that from 1921 to 1942 he was a faculty member in several educational institutions. From 1926-1930 he was professor of Bible and religious education at Furman University. Then from 1930-1936 he was professor of religion and head of the religious department in Limestone College, S. C. Baylor University, Waco, Texas, called and he became associate professor of Bible, serving in this capacity until September, 1942, when he was called to the editorship of the RECORDER.

As a part of his long period of experience and training during which, let it be emphasized, he earned the B.A., the Th.M., the Th.D., and the Ph.D. degrees; he was the author of *Primitive Christian Application of the Doctrine of the Servant*, 1929; a co-author of *Introduction to Religious Education*, 1932; *A Program of*

Religious Education, 1937; and *A Survey of Religious Education*, 1940.

Moreover, while he was engaged in teaching he was a Fellow of the National Council of Religion in Higher Education, a member of the National Association of Biblical Instructors, and also a member of the Association of Southern Baptist Teachers of Bible and Religious Education. He was president of this last named group 1932-34 and again in 1940-42.

In the midst of all this degree getting and experience he found time to find, woo and win in marriage Miss Lucile O'Brian of Oxford, in September, 1919. They have two sons of ability, probity, and virility: Dr. Robert O'B., a physicist of Boston, and William L., consultant engineer of Greenville, S. C.

Let me add that rarely, if ever, has a man brought to the editorship of any paper a richer background of training and experience.

When he became editor of the RECORDER September 1, 1942, the paper had a circulation of 11,264 at the end of that month. In the pre-Convention issue of November 11, 1942, a copy of which I have here, several articles appeared. Dr. J. Clyde Turner had an article on the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and a paragraph of that article had the subtitle "Looking Ahead." In the same issue I had one with the main title, "Looking Ahead." In it I find the words: "He is the Carpenter who is going to build for the Baptists of the State a great RECORDER." I was not assuming the role of a prophet, but certainly what I said has become a reality. The circulation as of October 19, 1959, was 62,755. Look at this issue of Oc-



THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE of the State BSU Officers' Council is meeting on Friday evening and Saturday morning, December 4 and 5, at the Baptist Building, to make plans for sending summer student missionaries to Ghana (Africa), Mexico, and Jamaica during the coming summer.

Committeemen are, left to right: Leroy Richardson, BSU director at N. C. State College; Janie Dale Poole, of Wake Forest College, state YWA president; Loretta Walters, East Carolina College BSU president; Gloria H. Blanton (seated), associate in the Department of Student Work, Raleigh; Larry Mizelle, chairman, BSU president at N. C. State College; Betty Ann Harrell, Campbell College BSU president; Erwin Fuller of University of North Carolina. Shirley Putnam, N. C. Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, was absent at the last meeting which is pictured here. (Photo by Audio-Visual Aids Department.)

tober 17, 1959, and compare it with other denominational papers.

Now, to be sure, he is not alone responsible for the present high quality of the RECORDER. He has been blessed in having during the years an able and helpful Board of Directors, and a part of that time he has had as an aide, Cy Bazemore, a Christian gentleman first of all, a man trained in journalism and a wise public relations man who has both the "know how" and the "do how." Moreover, he has had an experienced and devoted staff.

In the issue referred to above, Dr. Carpenter had an editorial entitled "The Kind of RECORDER We Want." In it he made a reference which I quote: "We want the country boy who follows a furrow to fall asleep at night with a copy of the RECORDER under his head because he has found it a source of inspiration and help." And then he added that as a boy this is what he found "when he came home weary from the fields."

Dr. Carpenter has been constructively critical. He has sought to major on the majors. He has sought to make the RECORDER a mirror of Baptist life, and has succeeded.

He has also succeeded admirably in being fair to all agencies and institutions of the Convention — never magnifying the spectacular nor emphasizing the "mood of the moment." He has been aware that an editor is writing not alone for the present, but for the future as well.

I ask for the privilege of a personal word I have believed in and now believe in freedom for our editor. I like our set-up, that is, a Board of Directors responsible directly to the Convention and not to some board or agency; and the editor responsible to the Board of Directors. This provides for freedom. As I now recall I have, as General Secretary, studiously avoided ever telling him what he ought to say or write concerning an issue or a problem. I trust I understand the meaning of freedom; Dr. Carpenter knows what freedom means, and that.

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freedom is always limited. He has not abused that freedom.

And so, Levy, we thank you. We salute you. We are proud of the *RECORDER*. You have won the confidence and affection of our people. You are now approaching the *Golden Years*. I'm learning slowly something of what those words mean. One of my favorite hymns was written by Bernard of Cluny some 800 years ago. I refer, of course, to "Jerusalem, the Golden." Let's recall the first stanza:

Jerusalem, the golden,
With milk and honey blest!
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, O I know not
What joys await me there;
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

Why should not the last years upon earth be Golden? To one who has known *His Truth* and walked in *His Way* and in whom there is now *His Life*, surely the Golden Years should provide here and now a taste, or at least, a foretaste of milk and honey and an assurance of that radiancy of glory and bliss beyond compare. As you retire may this be your lot.

Building a Christian Community

By Robert L. McCan

A statement of biting concern to Christians was made recently by Professor Thorndike of Columbia University, that often a city with relatively few church members is judged to be a good city, while a city with a high percentage of church members is rated low on the scale. This conclusion was based on a survey of cities in the United States rated according to illiteracy, delinquency, child labor, venereal disease, slums, etc. This survey indicates that many church members are not actively exerting their influence to build Christian communities.

Jesus strongly denounced the scribes and Pharisees, the religious as well as community leaders of their day, because they did not translate their religious lip service into life service. At the close of World War II Martin Niemöller stated that Germany fell into Fascism because German Christians were content to save the individual without feeling an obligation to save Germany. Today our way of meeting problems in the local community will be a strong influence on the way world community problems are handled.

Quiet, constructive influence can be exerted to bring about the reforms and programs needed for a healthy Christian community. City officials are usually appreciative of any interest. Those responsible for directing institutions are eager to have constructive help. Discussion among racial groups creates an atmosphere in which answers to perplexing problems can be found.

The Christian life begins with repentance and faith. Bible study, prayer, and church attendance are essential. These are not substitutes for action in the community, but preparation for the task. Christians who have looked into the face of our loving heavenly Father will call for righteousness in their communities and give themselves to translating needs into deeds.



Viewmont Church, Hickory, Entered New Building November 8

Viewmont Church of Hickory was organized on June 23, 1935, with 63 charter members. It was the outgrowth of a mission begun in April of the same year. The mission was sponsored by the West Hickory Church, and a number of the members came from the Highland Church.

The new \$226,000 building shown above has a white steeple that rises 112 feet above the street. The auditorium will seat more than 800 in the main floor, choir loft, and balcony. The building also includes the pastor's study, library, choir room, baptismal dressing rooms, and offices for the educational director and church secretary. There are half a dozen Sunday school classrooms, and back of the balcony is a bride's room and rooms for audio-visual aid programs, radio broadcasting television conduit. A set of Schulmerich bells can be played in the auditorium or broadcast from the steeple.

The entire building is heated by a central heating system, and is entirely air-conditioned. The church plant, including the original sanctuary and classrooms on the rear, the educational

building in the center which was constructed in 1954, and the new sanctuary, occupies almost the entire frontage of the 1200 block of Second Street NE in Hickory. This plant, with the pastor's home, is valued at more than a half million dollars.

The church has a membership of 949. On November 8 when the new sanctuary was occupied for the first time Sunday school attendance was 765, and 804 persons were present for the morning worship service.

The church has had four pastors: Dr. W. R. Bradshaw, Rev. Charles C. Holland, Rev. Wyman E. Wood, and the present pastor, Rev. Albert A. Young, who came to the church in December, 1951. During the eight years of his pastorate the growth of the congregation and the physical plant of the church has been phenomenal.

Alabama Fixes Goals for Baptisms, Churches

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (BP) — Alabama Baptists set a goal of 35,000 baptisms and establishment of 86 new churches and missions during 1960.

At their state convention here, they also adopted these goals — net gain of 25,000 in membership of affiliated churches to a total of 700,000; circulation of 113,000 for the weekly paper, *Alabama Baptist*; 515,000 members of Sunday schools; 235,000 in Training Unions, and 275,000 children enrolled in Vacation Bible schools.

B. Locke Davis of Anniston, president of Alabama Baptist State Convention, appointed a committee of nine to plan goals for the next five years or more.

The convention also approved a 1960 state Cooperative Program budget of \$3,162,000.

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Editorial Brevities

A CHRISTMAS PARADE was held in Raleigh on November 21, before Thanksgiving and the Advent season, despite a protest from the Raleigh Ministerial Union. Meanwhile, Mr. Wesley Williams, executive secretary of the Merchants Bureau, admitted that the parade was planned prematurely, and one reason given was "It stimulates early Christmas shopping."

We believe that the ministers were right in their protest against this early Christmas parade, and we doubt if such a parade has much effect on the matter of Christmas shopping. In any case, we should do all we can to "keep Christ in Christmas," for, after all, we celebrate his birth on December 25.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LITTLE BOOKLET entitled *An Ambassador for Christ*, a sketch of the life of George Pleasant Bostick, written by Mrs. G. P. Bostick, his widow.

Mr. Bostick was one of North Carolina's early missionaries to China, having gone out to this mission field in 1899. Mrs. Bostick says that she has written the booklet with the hope of helping young people in character building and in making the right choice for life service. This booklet may be secured from Mrs. Bostick by addressing her at Luray, Virginia. The price is 35 cents per copy or three copies for \$1.00. She says that this covers cost of publication and postage, and that is all she desires.

WE ARE GLAD to carry on the front page of the *RECORDER* this week a picture of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, both of whom have served for many years at the head of the Training Union work of Southern Baptists.

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We have just looked over the December issue of the *Training Union Magazine*, which has been prepared and published in tribute to the Lambdins. There are 100 pages in this special issue, consisting of many attractive pictures and features concerning the life and work of these two great characters. We wish to join with thousands of others in extending greetings and congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Lambdin on their great achievements in Training Union work during these years.

IT IS GOOD NEWS to read in the *Baptist Times* of London, England, that the Metropolitan Tabernacle — the third to be built on the site where Spurgeon's Tabernacle was first erected in 1861 — is open again for worship. In the presence of the Mayor and May-

or of Southward, of Baptist leaders and representatives of many other denominations, the new Tabernacle was opened by Rev. H. Tyde-man Chilvers (pastor of the church 1920-35).

From Psalm 24 Mr. Chilvers read the processional words: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors."

Prior to knocking on the door, he said: "It is on this exact site that the great Charles Hadden Spurgeon exercised his exalted and soul-saving ministry. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost I open these doors for the proclamation of the Word of God, the glory of His name, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God."

Knocking on the door opening from the spacious porch into the sanctuary, Mr. Chilvers led the procession into the building, there to conduct the act of dedication with scripture reading and prayer. Briefly he spoke of the sanctuary as the Lord's gift to his people.

Dr. E. A. Payne, who conducted the service of praise and thanksgiving, said: "Many would feel as they entered this building today a quickening of heart, a lump in the throat, and even tears starting to their eyes. For there were some who had begun to wonder whether a tabernacle would ever be built again on this spot."

They had returned, said Dr. Payne, to a very sacred spot, to a place of very great happenings, memories, and associations. There, for no less than 30 years, Charles Hadden Spurgeon, the greatest of a great series of 19th century preachers, had preached the gospel with extraordinary converting power. Thousands of people had been born again there; there were people in every continent who had heard of the Tabernacle and many who knew it personally as a place of spiritual power. Once again the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ would be possible for the people there."

"OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED"

OPPORTUNITY-UNLIMITED, a new 16mm sound color motion picture depicting the ministry of Chowan College, will be telecast by WRAL-TV at 12:00 noon, Sunday, December 6. The film points up the "plus" in Christian education as embraced by our Baptist institutions of higher education.

The film was produced on location at Chowan College at Murfreesboro by the Department of Audio Visual Aids of the Baptist State Convention. The film will soon be available for church use on a free rental basis from the Department. The running time is 28 minutes.

It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.—*Copied*.

When God puts a burden upon you He puts His own arm under you.—*Ex*.

Student Missions Conference Planned at Southeastern Seminary



Seminary student Kenneth Burnette, general chairman for the Student Missions Conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (seated), is shown discussing conference plans with Harold Cole, BSU secretary for North Carolina (left), Bill Jenkins, BSU secretary for Virginia, and Luther E. Copeland, Southeastern professor of Missions. The conference which will be held on Southeastern's campus March 4-6, 1960, is sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, the Seminary, and State Baptist Student Unions.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—Plans are now being completed for the third annual Student Missions Conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, to be held March 4-6, 1960.

Last year more than 200 students from colleges and professional schools in the southeastern area attended the week-end conference which is co-sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, Southeastern Seminary, and State Baptist Student Unions.

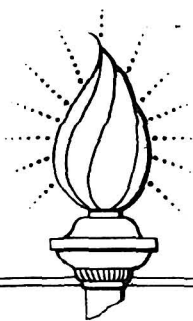
The theme of this year's conference will be "Christ, You, and a World in Need." Special features of the program will include addresses by William Dyal, missionary to Costa Rica; Marion Moorehead, missionary to Japan; and James Stertz, associate secretary of missionary personnel, the Foreign Mission Board.

The program will also include seminars on mission areas and on the various types of missionary vocation. Missionaries who are spending their furloughs in study at Southeastern will add to the general interest of the conference. Representatives will be present from Japan, Latin America, Africa, the Near East and Europe, as well as from areas of home mission work.

Information about the conference is available through local BSU secretaries and from general conference chairman, Ken Burnette, P. O. Box 1082, Wake Forest, N. C.

Gethsemane Church, North Roanoke Association, J. R. Bouldin, pastor, has an Every-Family *RECORDER* club of 41 subscriptions beginning with the issue of December 5. Other churches with new *RECORDER* clubs beginning December 5 are: Bethlehem, Cabarrus Association, George H. Cooke, pastor, five subscriptions, and West Hendersonville, Carolina Association, Ralph Banning, pastor, four subscriptions.

Many people are like the north star—there when you need them, dependable, loyal and a guide through difficult places.—*Ex*.



Editorial Outlook

WHILE THE HIKE of one cent per gallon in the national gasoline tax is fresh in our minds, let us not forget that the 1958 Congress voted a tax relief to the beverage alcohol industry of over a billion dollars.

Let the People Speak

While the forced cancellation of liquor advertising by the U. S. Treasury Department and the Federal Trades Commission is fresh in our minds, let us not forget that at every public congressional hearing on bills to prohibit advertising, it has been argued by the chairman and other members of the Committee that such action could not be taken.

These ads were cancelled because they made the false claim that "beer is good for you." Liquor ads are notorious for their false claims. This whole racket of liquor advertising can be wiped out by the enforcement of legislation already enacted. Let the people speak out on the issue, and it will be wiped out.—A. C. MILLER, SBC Christian Life Commission.

Let Us Have No Gulf Between Ministers and Laymen

"THE PULPIT AND THE PEW" was the theme of Clarence W. Hall, senior editor of the *Reader's Digest*, in a message he brought to the Pastor's Conference at the First Church, Greensboro, November 9. He opened his remarks by stating that the gulf between laity and clergy is widening rather than lessening in our day. He gave his reasons for this situation as (1) there is too much clerical dominance in the church, (2) failure to see the layman in his part of the world ministry of the church, and (3) there is no real communication between pastors and laymen.

He stated that we need a new reformation in our day. A reformation will help the layman to see that every Christian is a minister and that every layman should learn to be a witness for Christ and practice the Christian calling and mission in his own vocation day by day. He said that there was a new ferment among laymen today, and many of these laymen are practicing their Christian calling in their daily business.

Dr. Elton Trueblood in his lectures in the School of Christian Studies held at Meredith College last June declared that the greatest heresy of modern times is the tendency to look to the minister as the dominant character in the work of the church and to neglect the place and function of the layman.

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Right here in North Carolina among our Baptist laymen there is a tendency to make big distinctions between ministers and laymen, and this should not be. There should be no chasm between them.

In New Testament days there was little if any distinction between what we call ministers and laymen. There was some distinction between the 12 apostles and the other Christian witnesses, but even there the distinction was not very great.

In fact, every Christian is a witness for Christ and is a "minister" or "servant." The meaning of the Greek word for deacon is "servant." Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was one of the seven men appointed to serve "tables." So, apparently, he was what we call a layman, but he was an earnest witness and preacher. Also Philip as pictured in the 8th chapter of Acts was not one of the Twelve, but was a lay worker, although he witnessed for Christ anywhere and everywhere he could and was apparently an outstanding leader in the early church.

We hear rumors among our Baptist people here in North Carolina that there is a tendency toward factions as between ministers and laymen. Laymen claim that the ministers are taking too much authority in directing the policies of the Baptist State Convention, for instance. Sometimes we say that there should be more laymen in attendance at our conventions and that more laymen should be placed on our committees and boards. As a matter of fact, a person should be put on a committee or on a board because of his qualifications for the position, not because he is a minister, a layman, or a woman. In any case, let us have no chasms or gulfs between our ministers and laymen.

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There is one other point that needs to be stressed in discussing this matter: Only a few of our laymen have had enough experience in Christian work and are well enough informed to be very helpful on a committee or a board in the work of the Convention. We would challenge our laymen and women to give more time for study of basic Christian doctrines, of the history of our denomination, and of the practical workings of the various departments of our denominational program. A person cannot be useful in denominational work unless he is well informed. There is no reason why a layman should not study good, solid, substantial books on New Testament history and literature and on the history of the Christian Church, as well as on the more practical phases of denominational work.

There are many laymen, of course, who have done these things in the past and are doing them today, but there are not enough who are taking their tasks as Christians seriously and giving time for thought and study.

Our study should go beyond taking study courses in the churches, for too often the person attending one of these courses does not even take time to read the textbook. Our lay people could easily select a dozen or 15 good books on the basic matters in Christian truth and service and really study them carefully and thoroughly as the best student in college or university would to prepare for getting his degree. We have an abundance of good books and many religious periodicals which would help in this campaign greatly. In fact, we have so many books and magazines that too often a layman just glances at one of these media of information and then puts it aside without studying it seriously or carefully. We should take seriously the exhortation which Paul gave to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Volunteers, Money Parallel Needs in Missions Advance

"As we look ahead toward sustained mission growth we are conscious of a number of important emphases which must be stressed," said Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in his report to the Board in its November meeting.

"For one thing, there must be continued increase in the number of mission volunteers," he said. "We look to 1960 with the objective of appointing 150 missionaries; and we have in mind increasing that number year by year until in 1964 we will appoint 200. The sustained flow of mission volunteers depends upon individual churches praying for the going of missionaries from their own midst."

"Paralleling the need for increased numbers of mission volunteers is the need for growth in financial support."

Dr. Cauthen announced that the Convention-wide Cooperative Program entered its Advance Program period November 12, thereby bringing added financial reinforcement to the Foreign Mission Board. (Cooperative Program money received after the Southern Baptist Convention's operating budget is met is called Advance Program funds and is shared by the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Board receiving 75 per cent.)

"This money is vitally needed," Dr. Cauthen said. "One million dollars of it will be applied to the 1960 budget; and the remainder will be used to meet capital needs and to supply some of the items not included in the budget because of limitation of funds."

"This is also the time when prayer is focused upon the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We await the offering this year with much anticipation, as it has for its objective the largest goal ever in its history. We pray not only that it shall result in gifts of money, but also in spiritual blessings through prayer, the study of missions, and life dedication."

Dr. Means to Live in Rio Eight Months

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, will make his headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the first eight months of 1960. He and Mrs. Means will sail from New York on December 23.

Dr. Means will establish his office in the Baptist publishing house in Rio; but he will travel extensively to other areas of Latin America during his tenure in Brazil. One of his tasks during the early months of next year will be that of helping Southern Baptist missionaries and Brazilian Baptists prepare for the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio, June 26-July 3, 1960.

Less Tension in Colombia

In his report to the Board Dr. Means cited reports and incidents which may indicate that there is a lessening of tension between Roman Catholics and Protestants in Colombia. "Although unsavory incidents still occur," he said, "the remarkable thing is that constitutional

guarantees are being supported and religious bigots are being opposed."

Missionaries Enter Forty-First Country

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reported that Rev. and Mrs. Tom G. Small have moved from Southern Rhodesia to Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, thus becoming the first Southern Baptist missionaries to that country and bringing to 41 the number of countries in which Southern Baptists now have work. They are soon to be joined by Rev. and Mrs. Zebedee V. Moss.

Dr. Goerner commented: "Thus, after delay and disappointment due to lack of personnel, the Central Africa Mission has at length been able to station workers in all three of the countries that make up the Central African Federation: Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, and Southern Rhodesia."

Suspended Sentence Termed Face-Saving

Dr. Goerner made the following comments on the recent trial of Pastor Jose Nunez, of the Second Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, on charges that he had entered and held a service in a church building which had previously been closed by police:

"The publicity given to the trial seemed to be an embarrassment to the prosecution who could not present a strong case against the young pastor without further exposing themselves to charges of intolerance and bigotry. The small fine and light jail sentence which were imposed upon Brother Nunez were



GUEST OF HONOR at a birthday dinner in Bules Creek, Thursday evening, November 19, was Mrs. Cornelia Campbell, wife of the late J. A. Campbell, founder of Campbell College. Present were her daughter Mrs. A. E. Lynch of Bules Creek and her sons Carlyle, president of Meredith, and Leslie, president of Campbell College. Mrs. Campbell was 94.

promptly suspended by the court, giving to the procedure the aspect of a face-saving device. The reaction of the American public to this form of religious oppression was indicated by the fact that the Foreign Mission Board received letters from several churches and individuals who asked for the privilege of paying the fine for the young pastor."

Africa's Response to Gospel Demands Program of Training

Dr. Goerner said the highlight of the past month for Africa has been the simultaneous campaigns in Ghana and Nigeria in which four Southern Baptist leaders from the States are participating. They are Dr. Eugene L. Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion for the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Claud B. Bowen, Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. Conrad Willard, Kansas City, Mo.; and Dr. Gray Allison, New Orleans, La.

Begun early in October, these special crusades will continue through November. "While it is too early to report the results except in scattered fashion, advance indications are that many hundreds will be added to the churches during these weeks," Dr. Goerner said.

"This is an indication of the ripeness of the harvest in much of Africa and of the urgency of reaping that harvest now. It is also an indication that shallow mass evangelism is not sufficient. There must be an intensive and sustained program of follow-up, as new converts are taught and trained in the real meaning of discipleship."

"The alternative would be filling churches with members who carry over much of their paganism, with a resultant loss of spirituality, and the certainty of syncretism and decadence in the future. An adequate program of education and of training in church membership is absolutely imperative for Africa if tragedy is to be avoided. For years to come there will be the continuing need for missionary personnel to give direction to this program, despite the rapid development of able African leadership."

"The old tribal religions are disintegrating almost before our eyes in Africa today. Hundreds of thousands are prepared psychologically, sociologically, and spiritually to make a change of religion. In many places there are possibilities of mass movements toward Christianity. Preparations are underway for the Billy Graham African crusade in January and February."

Foreign Mission Board Secretaries Traveling

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, was in Manila, Philippines, on November 19, the day of the Board meeting. He left the States immediately after the October meeting of the Board to participate in the 70th anniversary celebration of Baptists in Japan and to visit other countries of the Orient. He was to return to Richmond, December 1.

Rev. James G. Stertz, associate secretary for missionary personnel, is also in the Orient, where he participated in evangelistic campaigns in Japan and is now studying personnel needs in other countries. He will return to Richmond December 18.

Dr. Hill will return to the States on December 7 following the conclusion of the evangelistic crusades in Ghana and Nigeria and a brief visit to other countries of Africa.

GARDNER-WEBB RECEIVES TWO GIFTS AMOUNTING TO \$175,000

Boiling Springs — Gardner-Webb College already has secured \$175,000 for capital needs in its current drive for \$550,000, with the formal campaign not yet under way. Announcement of the \$175,000, representing two gifts, was made on November 23 at an organizational meeting of leaders and college officials.

Paris L. Yelton, general campaign chairman, revealed a \$100,000 gift from an anonymous donor. "This contribution of \$100,000 is given as a challenge to the people to take a renewed interest in Gardner-Webb," he said. "We are not required to match the gift by any certain date in order to get it, but rather the donor wants it to serve as a stimulant and incentive."

Honorary Chairman O. Max Gardner, Jr., announced an advance gift of \$75,000 by the trustees of the O. Max Gardner Foundation, Inc., and immediate members of the family of Mrs. Fay Webb Gardner, for erection of a new administration building at Gardner-Webb.

The foundation trustees and family stipulate in making the gift that it is to be used for erection of an administration building to be named the Webb Building. This is "in honor of Mrs. O. Max Gardner and in memory of her parents, Judge and Mrs. James Landrum Webb; and grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. George Milton Webb, and the Rev. James Milton Webb."

Chowan Association Has Three Standard Sunday Schools Now

Chowan Association has three Standard Sunday Schools: Sawyers Creek, Percy Cartwright, superintendent; Corinth at Elizabeth City, Earl Brite, superintendent; and Blackwell Memorial at Elizabeth City, Charles Ward, Jr., superintendent. Although there are a few associations with heavy Baptist concentrations and much larger population per county than those of the Chowan area, only a few have more Standard Sunday Schools than the Chowan, which bespeaks the progress and interest of these churches in development of their Sunday school potential.

Meredith College Plans New Dormitory

President Carlyle Campbell announced recently that the executive committee of the Meredith College Board of Trustees voted to lay immediate plans for the construction of a new dormitory, to house 200 additional students.

Present for the meeting were the following members: Dr. Carlton S. Prickett, vice-chairman; Dr. Elizabeth James Dotterer, Sanford; Col. William T. Joyner, Raleigh; LeRoy Martin, Raleigh; John M. Simms, Raleigh; and Rev. James B. Wilder, Durham.

This action of the trustees was in acceptance of the responsibility that the college should provide for the education of more women and in the assurance that friends of Christian Education would provide the financial resources necessary for this and related needs in the expansion campaign now in progress.

The enrollment for the current year at Meredith is 708 students, with 566 of them housed in the dormitories, and 142 in Raleigh, or from nearby towns. No new dormitory students could



"Pledge Processional" at First Church Hickory

Pictured above is a portion of the massive "Pledge Processional" at the First Baptist Church in Hickory on Sunday, November 15, during which approximately 1,000 members passed by and cast into "The Treasury of the Lord" their commitments to a \$225,000 financial program for 1960. Of this amount more than \$73,000 has been allocated to missions and \$70,000 has been designated for the future building program of the church. Dr. G. Othell Hand is the pastor.

be accepted this year after April 22. The advance registration for 1960-61 is far ahead of schedule, and it now appears that all available rooms will be taken by early February.

It is hoped that the new dormitory, part of an eight-year development program through 1966, will be ready for use in 1962-63. With the addition of new facilities, it is hoped to alleviate the crowded conditions and to be able to accommodate an enrollment of 900 to 1,000 students on the completion of the new dormitory.

Loyalty Dinner of Bessemer Church on November 12 Was Well Attended

One of the highlights of the church year at the Bessemer Church, Greensboro, was the Loyalty Dinner on Thursday night, November 12, at 7:00, at the Bessemer Elementary School. Dr. French Wise, general chairman, was in charge of the program. Guest speaker was Eugene Deese, pastor of the Parkway Church. Clyde Brady and R. F. Pace also had parts on the program.

The Loyalty Dinner was a part of the Forward Program of Church Finance, launched in the church the middle of October, in connection with the raising of the \$75,125 budget for 1960.

Those working with Dr. Wise in the campaign are: Pastor Norman L. Blythe, Clyde

Brady, vice-general chairman; R. F. Pace, budget planning; Joe West, budget promotion; Wyman Cockman, budget commitment; Mrs. Joe West, assignment supper; Mrs. Robert Ward, report snack; Mrs. O. M. Robinson, office help; Ross Heath, tally; Houston Hatley, lesson; Mrs. William H. Parham, campaign office secretary; Mrs. R. F. Pace, loyalty dinner; Mrs. James O'Ferrell, dinner reservations; Miss Lila Barton, children's party.

Yelton Is General Chairman of Gardner-Webb's Development Program

Boiling Springs — Paris L. Yelton, Shelby business and civic leader, has accepted the position of general chairman of the development program of Gardner-Webb College.

Announcement of Yelton's acceptance has come from Dr. P. L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb.

O. Max Gardner, Jr., also of Shelby, had earlier accepted the honorary chairmanship. In this capacity he is making key contacts with interested friends of the college.

Gardner-Webb is seeking \$550,000 for a new science building, administration building, liquidation of debt, completion of the athletic field, and enclosing the swimming pool for year-around use.

The \$550,000 figure was adopted at a trustees and leadership dinner at the college, Oct. 29, on the eve of the recent Founders and Homecoming Convocation.

As general chairman Yelton will lead in developing an organization of workers in Cleveland, Rutherford, and Gaston counties and beyond the local area, to place the needs of the college before the people. He is already at work in this capacity and has secured several citizens to serve in important and strategic positions. He expects to reveal names of his steering committee shortly.

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Also laymen and women should be encouraged to attend our various meetings of associations and conventions more than they do now. It might be well for the churches to provide a fund to give assistance in paying the expenses of leaders in the church to attend these meetings. In any case, our lay workers need to be informed and need to keep in touch with the principles and practices of Baptist people. They need to become better informed concerning the history of the Christian church and the principles and practices of other denominational

groups. Basic principles in the teaching and practice of the New Testament include the emphasis on a converted and dedicated church membership; if we are to follow the teaching of the New Testament we must emphasize the fact that every Christian is a witness and that we should have in the membership of our churches baptized believers; and we should realize the priesthood of all believers. We read in I Peter 2:9-10, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

Lessons Learned During 88 Years

By S. L. Morgan, Sr., Wake Forest

On my 88th birthday I registered several of the greatest lessons learned in my long life. I could hope they may become texts for sermons by preachers — and teachers, why not?

(1) That a real Christian — a truly good person — is one who deeply *cares*. Jesus always cared, "was moved with compassion." One is shallow who is not moved by suffering.

I wrote a tiny note to a woman I've never seen. I know her father was near to death and her husband false to her. I said, "Know that, I'll care, and pray for you." She wrote, "You can never know what it did for me. I put the note in my purse and took it out and read it several times in the school room, just to feel that somebody cared."

Who hasn't felt the need? Several years ago my own heart was breaking. I knew hardening arteries were closing in round the brain of my brilliant wife, dooming me to walk almost alone. Did anyone know or care? The young wife of a seminary professor called to me at the post office, and with the tone and look of one who deeply cared, said, "I'm so sorry!" In the sheer gladness of it my heart sang for days. I was sure someone cared! I've wondered that so few others say it!

(2) The greatest need of the millions of aged and lonely — like myself — is people, not things. A church group sent a tray with a lovely dinner to a shut-in saint. She sent back the message, "Thank you, but it's people I want — more than things!" A grand old lady, 90, wrote me from Texas, "It's a red-letter day for me when my pastor comes for five minutes, reads a verse and prays. But he can get to me but about once in a quarter; and that's a long time to wait!" Even I find this true. To meet this need for our millions of aging shut-ins is a grave unsolved problem of the church. No pastor can meet the need personally today.

(3) The sick world needs the ministry of a church and pastor that goes after people where they are. Pastoral counseling, yes, but much more the shepherd who goes after the sheep, with a heart.

In a touching letter from a burdened wife, her husband a drinking philanderer, she says, "I asked my pastor, 'Won't you drop in and see my husband at his office?' He said, 'No, I can't do that; people know they can find me in my office, if they want to see me.'" But she laments, "People like my husband will never go to the church office."

Jesus even invited himself to the dinner table of the despised Zacchaeus. And he got his man! He is the model for the pastor and church.

(4) Nothing else is so important as to be good, and to make wrongs right. A recent touching letter illustrates, the writer an elderly woman. Fifty years ago she was a beautiful girl in my Sunday School. She married early and the marriage failed. Her fine son, an only child, was killed overseas. She must confess to someone, and so wrote me. She grieved over having been a poor wife and mother — and Christian.

Pitifully she lamented, "I know I can never have peace nor be well till I find forgiveness." Today psychiatrists — as truly as the gospel — declare she is right. Moral law violated works havoc in body, mind and soul. Get the wrong right — with God and men — or never know

either happiness or health! That's God's law written in our nature. A happy old age requires a conscience at peace with God and men.

(5) In the end we'll find that nothing paid so well as simple deeds of kindness, and going the "second mile" beyond duty. A woman, once my parishioner, wrote me just before her death, "I don't remember any of the sermons you preached, but I'll never forget that one cold day you dropped in to see me, I sick in bed, and cold, and no one to make a fire, and you made me a fire."

A simple act of kindness more than ten years of sermons!

A happy, devoted school teacher writes, "I longed to teach, but I had no sense to learn math, and failed twice to pass. Then I took a college summer course, and the young math teacher offered to coach in math before and after school — and he helped me; I'm a happy teacher — and love him for it." So do I.

Served Church for 38 Years



Members of Reed's Church, Route 3, Lexington, paid a surprise tribute on Wednesday night, October 28, to Mrs. Clyde Snyder, who has served as pianist and organist for the Church since 1921.

Rev. Bennie Crawford (left), pastor of the church, is shown presenting Mrs. Snyder with a watch, after Foy Young (center), superintendent of the Sunday School for nine years, had placed the crown on her head. Mrs. Gene Carne (right) arranged the program honoring Mrs. Snyder on the theme, "This is your life in Reed's Baptist Church." A corsage was pinned on Mrs. Snyder by her good friend Mrs. Bessie Farabee, and Dr. F. L. Mock spoke highly of her long service. Written tributes were also paid by six former pastors of the church.

While refreshments were served, donations were given in honor of Mrs. Snyder, to be used in furnishing the church kitchen.

President Appreciates Resolution

The following letter from Augusta, Ga., dated November 20, 1959, was received by Hon. Charles B. Deane of Rockingham, new president of the Baptist State Convention, in reply to a resolution sent to the President by the Convention:

Dear Mr. Deane:

I am grateful to you and the members of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for the sentiments expressed in the resolution you adopted concerning my planned trips to certain countries in Europe and Asia. Thank you very much indeed for your prayers that my visits will be helpful in reducing some of the tensions now existing in the world, and help toward the achievement of the peace we all so devoutly seek.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Unclaimed Wedding Band Remains at Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—"E. W. to J. W." 5-18-57 "Each for Other."

Does this have a familiar ring to your ears? Perhaps it's your ring.

A wide gold wedding band was found on the grounds of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly last summer, and it was turned in to the manager's office. Willard K. Weeks, manager, reports that the ring bearing the above inscription has not yet been claimed.

It is not the good we know but the good we sow that counts.—Clipped.

Briefs from Beyond Our Borders

Compiled by K. M.

The First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, pastor, has let a contract for the construction of a Baptist Student building on University Boulevard, just opposite Jacksonville University. "We believe this to be the first time in Baptist annals that one church has undertaken such a large project single handed," said Dr. Lindsay. The cost of the land, buildings, and equipment will total more than \$100,000. Two buildings are planned, the smaller one to serve as living quarters for student director.

In San Francisco, Calif., one foreign group of Baptists is sponsoring a mission for another foreign mission group. The Chinese Southern Baptist Church in San Francisco is to sponsor a Japanese Baptist Mission there. Pastor Peter Chen of the Chinese Church said: "We believe that there is no difference whether Chinese or Japanese; we are all children of God. We rejoice that we are able to do it. This is the first mission of our church."

Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, has been elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The budget for 1960 adopted by Tennessee Baptists is \$3,500,000, the largest ever approved. An unspecified sum will be deducted for administrative and promotional expenses, after which funds will be shared three ways — 44 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention, 49 per cent for Tennessee work, and seven per cent for capital needs of Tennessee Baptist schools.

Maryland Baptists held their convention or association in the historic Eutaw Place Baptist Church in Baltimore. It may be the last time they will meet there because the city has changed, and the area surrounding the church is now considered a "blighted area." The church may move in the near future to a location several miles north of the present site. The building in use now, constructed in 1871, was designed by Thomas U. Walther, the same architect who designed the dome and wings of the Capitol in Washington.

M. C. Donnan, president of North Greenville Junior College at Tigerville, S. C., was elected president of the South Carolina Convention. Purchase of a \$65,000 lot containing nearly two acres for the site of a new headquarters building was authorized. The lot is located in Columbia, near new superhighways. Construction of the building may be several years away. The convention adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$3,250,000, a record amount, to be divided 55 per cent for work in South Carolina and 45 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The national headquarters of the American Baptist Convention will be located in Valley Forge, Pa. Denominational agencies will occupy it early in 1962. The project, we read, calls for a three-story circular office building, symbolic of the unity of purpose of the Convention's agencies, which the building will house. Supporting columns on the ground floor will define



SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS of the class 1960, upcoming freshmen at Meredith College, are seen as they visit their elder classmates, all from Sanford, on the Meredith campus. Mrs. Robert Pomeranz of Sanford, alumna of the college, brought the high schoolers up for a pre-view of campus life. Freda Hartness and Gail Brinn were talking to the groups assembled at the Johnson Hall administrative building entrance, when the photographer asked for a smile. Left to right are Ann McIver, Mackie Wood, Mrs. Robert Pomeranz, Nancy Campbell, Elaine Underwood, Gail Brinn and Mary Lou Davis. Carol Shulkin, Carol Barret, Mary Bradley, Nancy Compton and Beverly Huff. Carol Haug, Janet Wood, Patricia Brice, Ann Hutchins and Freda Hartness. (Photo by Cooper.)

an arcade that is partially glass-enclosed for lobby, bookstore, and library use. A chapel rises above the structure from a central courtyard. Fanning out beyond a segment of the office circle will be the one-level graphic arts building, set off by an open band of greenery. In another quadrant a one-story cafeteria and conference center extends outward from the ground floor of the circle. Cost of the circular building will be \$5½ million including land, construction, and moving of equipment and personnel. The graphic arts building, including the same things, will cost \$3,000,000.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention honored Executive Secretary Chester L. Quarles with a special program during the sessions. As a surprise to him, the regular program was put aside and the service of tribute to him replaced it. This year marked Quarles's 10th convention session as executive secretary. M. F. Rayburn, a layman of Meridian, was re-elected president.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., called on American Negro Baptists to become "Christian colonists" in Liberia and Ghana. He told the convention's 79th annual meeting that the program has been approved by the board of directors of the denomination, largest Negro church organization in the world with some 5,000,000 members. Under the program, American Negroes skilled in farming, medicine, and other fields would live in the two African republics and become citizens. Their

transportation would be financed by the convention which would also buy land for them.

S. G. Posey, executive secretary of California Southern Baptists, announced at the 1959 convention session at San Diego that he will retire Dec. 31, 1960, just after the observance of the convention's 20th anniversary. He will be approaching his 68th birthday at that time. He has been in the office since Jan. 1, 1951.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, who has been general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance since 1948, plans to retire from Alliance leadership following the Congress at Rio next June-July. Program planning for the Tenth Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro and consideration of a successor to Dr. Ohrn were the main items of business at a recent meeting of the Administrative Committee recently in Washington.

Eugene Chamberlain, minister of education at First Church, College Station, Texas, will become Nursery editor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department January 4. He succeeds William O. Thomason as Nursery Editor. Dr. Thomason has been transferred to the position of assistant to the director of the Board's Education Division.

A man can consider himself so important that no one else does.—Ex.

The teeth may be false but let the tongue be true.—Ex.



Girls' Auxiliary Queens at First Church, Marion (left), and Liberty Church, at Candler, Buncombe Association (right)

Pictured at left are three GA Queens crowned in a service at First Church, Marion. They are, left to right: Lisa Norton, Nancy Henline, and Beth Rader. Their crown bearers and flower girls, shown with them, are, respectively: Kyle Ledbetter and Connie Martin; Cindy Walker and Robert Henline; and Jeff Stilwell and Kim Bolick. Eight Ladies-in-Waiting and 12 Maidens were recognized in the same service. The theme was "following the Star."

Mrs. Robert Greenlee, WMU president, gave the introduction and crowned the Queens. Acting as heralds were three trumpeters, Bobby James, Johnny Hemphill, and Tommy Milligan. Music was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stilwell, and Rev. Joseph P. DuBose, pastor, pronounced the benediction.

The picture at right was made at Liberty Church, Buncombe Association. The four Queens, left to right, are: Rita Edmonds, Myra Metcalf,

Sandra Meares, and Velma Parham. Their flower girls are Rita Trull, Joyce Young, Donna Webb, and Sharon McElrach, while the crown bearers are Roger Edmonds, Douglas Meares, Sammy Metcalf, and Douglas Parham.

The theme of the service was "For God So Loved." Three Ladies-in-Waiting and four Princesses were also recognized. Mrs. C. W. Early, WMU president, conducted the devotions; Miss Yvonne Metcalf was soloist and Mrs. Frank Hopkins, organist. Mrs. Weldon Chandler, associational GA director, gave the charges. The pastor, Rev. Frank Hopkins, led the prayer of dedication.

The GA director at Liberty Church is Mrs. Lynn Buckner. The Intermediate counselors are Mrs. Buckner and Miss Elaine Kiser and the Junior counselors are Mrs. Porter Scroggs and Miss Bobbie Poore. Following the service, a reception was held in the basement of the church.

Missionaries to the Philippines Visit Temple Church, Wilmington

Dr. and Mrs. Wade Bryant Hicks, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, spent the week end of November 14-15 in Wilmington, speaking to the organizations of Temple Church. Mrs. Hicks, the former Peggy Greene, lived several years in Wilmington as a young girl and her father, Otho Greene, served as superintendent of the Sunday school of Temple Church.

Dr. Hicks is a native of Florence, S. C. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has the bachelor of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The Hickses came to the States on furlough last May from the Philippines, where Dr. Hicks was pastor of the Aurora Hill Baptist Church and professor in the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio. Mrs. Hicks also teaches at the Seminary.

During their week end at Temple Church Mrs. Hicks spoke to the Sunbeams, Girls' Auxiliary, Intermediate Choir, to all the children and young people of the Training Union, and at the evening worship hour. Dr. Hicks preached Sunday morning, spoke to the Adult Training Union, and showed beautiful colored slides of their work. Saturday night Dr. and Mrs. Hicks held a question-answer forum at the church, and the Woman's Missionary Society honored them with a reception afterwards.

At the close of each service Sunday young

people came dedicating their lives for full-time Christian service, and many parents came dedicating their children for Christian service.

Dr. W. D. Morris is pastor of Temple Church; James O. Morgan, educational director; Mrs. Frank Platt, president of the WMU; and Mrs. C. B. Newcombe was chairman of the missionary activities for the week end.

First Church, Rocky Mount, Uses Forward Program

Rocky Mount's First Church has proved the value of engaging in the Forward Program of Church Finance for the second year. While

the practice of pledging to the budget has not been used for but a few years in this church, members are recognizing its value and have responded well. In the 1959 canvass reports show that nearly \$24,000 more has been pledged than for the previous year.

With a total budget of \$225,000 (\$75,000 of this designated as Building Fund) the church canvass indicates that a total of approximately \$156,000 has been pledged. This figure includes an estimation for special offerings which the church promotes amounting to \$20,000.

As is the case with many of our churches, there are a considerable number of people who indicate that they are tithers, but who do not give any indication of a weekly amount on their pledge cards. Many who do not prefer to make a pledge are known to be generous givers, using the weekly offering envelopes.

Credit for the striking growth and success in the financial structure of this church goes to the patient and wise leadership of the former pastor, Dr. Douglas Branch, and to the splendid co-operation he received from church members and leaders who gave enthusiastic support to the work of the Forward Program.

The spacious new half-million dollar educational building for First Church will be completed in late December or early January. Plans are being made for a Sunday school training and enlargement campaign the first week in January.

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The last of life, for which the first was
made:
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God: see all,
nor be afraid!"

—Robert Browning,
in *Rabbi Ben Ezra*.

A Modern Plea

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject, and on every occasion.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all — but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details — give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my many aches and pains — they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I ask grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint — some of them are so hard to live with, but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Help me to extract all the possible fun out of life, there are so many funny things around me, and I don't want to miss any of them.
AMEN.

(Clipped from *The Watchman-Examiner*.)

Hide and Go Seek

It was an old, old, old, old lady —
And a boy who was half-past three —
And the way that they played together
Was beautiful to see.

She couldn't go running and jumping
And the boy, no more could he —
For he was a thin little fellow
With a thin little twisted knee.

They sat in the yellow sunlight,
Out under the maple tree —
And the game that they played I'll tell you,
Just as 'twas told to me.

It was Hide-and-go-Seek they were playing,
Though you'd never have known it to be —
With an old, old, old, old lady
And a boy with a twisted knee.



Home Circle

The boy would bend his face down —
On his one little sound right knee —
And he'd guess where she was hiding.
In guesses, One-Two-Three!

"You are in the china closet!"
He would cry and laugh with glee —
It wasn't the china closet,
But he still had Two and Three!

"You are up in Papa's big bedroom.
In the chest with the queer old key!"
And she said, "You are warm and warmer,
But you're not quite right," said she.

"It can't be the little cupboard
Where Mamma's things used to be —
So it must be the clothes-press, Gran'ma,"
And he found her with his Three.

Then she covered her face with her fingers
That were wrinkled and white and wee,
And she guessed where he was hiding,
With a One, and Two and Three.

And they never had stirred from their places
Right under the maple tree,
This old, old, old, old lady —
And the boy with the lame little knee.
This dear, dear, dear old lady
And the boy who was half-past three.
H. C. BUNNER, in *Boston Transcript*.

Age Doesn't Bother 80-Year-Old "Aunt Sue"

MIAMI, Fla. — (BP) — Don't talk about the growing problem of what to do with old folks if you're around "Aunt Sue." She figures she's more of an answer than a problem herself. And her pastor, Forrest H. (Woody) Watkins, at Coral Baptist Church, concurs.

What else could he do when Mrs. Susie Hill, an 80-year-old Miami widow, holds down all these jobs in the church — office assistant, secretary to the church treasurer, Sunday school teacher, visitor and secretary for the extension department, stewardship chairman for her circle in the Woman's Missionary Union, group captain in the Training Union, and general secretary for the Vacation Bible school.

"I just go to church and work. It keeps me young. I may look my age, but I don't act it," she said emphatically.

With the mounting interest in problems of the aged highlighted by the fact that the Miami Public Library held a workshop for church leaders on the situation, "Aunt Sue" suggests that too often churches overlook a lot of talent and experience because they feel a person is too old.

It's partly the fault of the elderly themselves, in her opinion. "The people that talk about being lonesome, with nothing to do, should get busy in the church. It would help them."

Mrs. Hill fitted naturally into all the jobs she has taken over at Coral Baptist. Until she came here from New York in 1948, she had been private secretary to some top industrialists, director of her own school for secretarial studies, and operator of a grocery store.

When her husband died in 1953, she plunged into the church work without giving up such other activities as tutoring a needy neighbor child or whipping up tempting meals for friends she loves to entertain.

"Aunt Sue" says the reason she can do it is that "I have peace of mind." She adds that she tries to live by the fourth chapter of Philipians but "when I pray for something, I don't just sit there and wait for it, I get up and help look for it."

At any rate, she's certainly no problem to the church now, and "I ought to be good for another 20 years," she said. "Put that in your story so nobody will come looking for my job!"



Angus had lived two months in America when he went to see a movie laid in the Canadian wilds. Presently he saw a close-up of a moose.

"I dinna ken what yon beastie is," he remarked to his companion.

His friend explained that it was a moose.

"A moose?" Angus cried. "Aweel, if that is a moose, I dinna want to meet an American rat then!"

"And upon what income do you propose to support my daughter?"

"Five thousand a year."

"Oh, I see. Then with her private income of \$5,000 a . . ."

"I've counted that in."

A man who had run out of gas on the outskirts of a country town saw a boy coming along the road carrying a large tin can.

"Say, boy, I hope that's gasoline in that can."

"I hope it isn't," returned the boy. "It would taste mighty bad on Mother's pancakes."

DISPATCHER: "I understand you did quite a bit of fishing on your vacation. Did you fish with flies?"

SUPERINTENDENT: "Man, we fished, ate, slept, danced, boated, camped, drank and swam with them."

SAM: "Why is an empty purse always the same?"

DAN: "I don't know. Why?"

SAM: "Because there's never any change in it."

The Baptist Witness in Today's World

By Douglas M. Branch

(Condensed Version of Message to N. C. Baptist Convention at Greensboro, Nov. 11)

According to statistics, within a few decades the Christian community will be a relatively small and insignificant movement among the dominant ideas of the world, and will eventually pass from the human scene. The population of the world is increasing several times over more rapidly than are additions to the Christian churches.

Add to this the fact that a great anti-Christian ideology, as ruthless as Saracens, is sweeping across and is progressively engulfing vast areas of the world. Add also the further fact that ancient pagan faiths are experiencing revival in many places, and the further fact that millions are renouncing religion altogether; and one has, humanly speaking, a very dark and hopeless outlook for the Christian witness in the world.

The truth is, however, that there never has been a time when, by human measurements or calculation, it was possible for true Christianity to "survive" in the world. When the church was but a little thing, tossed like a cork upon a vast sea of paganism and hostility, all the great forces of evil in the world were unleashed against it. Yet, like a cork plunged under the surface, it always bobbed up again. Herod's great power, unleashed against a helpless babe, and failing, is symbolic of what is always happening to the church.

The Kingdom of God is not dependent for triumph upon numbers. The divine enters here. We must never slacken our efforts to win all men to faith in Jesus Christ, but we are not led in Scripture to believe that all men will ever turn to Jesus, or that the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness until God takes his creation through another great crisis. If every person in the world should suddenly turn to Jesus, our problems would not all be solved. Remember, Christians fight among themselves, and the best of them are the first to admit their too numerous failings.

The call of our Lord to share His gospel with all men lies heavy upon us. Baptists have a distinctive role to play in evangelizing the world. We have a witness to give which we can give perhaps more effectively than any other group. It is my candid opinion that the church has now her greatest hour of promise. That promise, however, will not grow to fulfillment if the church fails to measure up to her full potential.

I. Baptists have in their hands astounding means for doing what our Lord commissioned his church to do in the world. Some of our most evident assets we should mention and discuss.

In the first place, we have a basic *spiritual unity*. It would be foolish to claim that we all believe exactly the same things, or that we all behave in exactly the same way. We do not, any more than each child in a large family is exactly like every other child in that family. But Baptists, North, South, East and West, Baptists of America, Europe, Canada, Australia, Russia and everywhere have a common family heritage and trait.

There is an important place for many Baptist groups. Had this not been true, there would have been no place for Southern Baptists, for we are the result of that well-known Baptist practice of differing and splitting off. I confess to a prayerful hope that we shall begin to be kinder to each other and not be like quarrelsome children in a large family, for we are a family. Basically we are convinced of and committed to the same things.

In the second place, Baptists generally hold a simple and profound New Testament philosophy concerning:

MAN. Man is, we believe, despite his uncouth behaviour and his bent away from the divine, a creation of God, made in the image of the Creator, possessing worth far greater than all earthly things beside, and with a destiny transcending time.

EVANGELISM. Evangelism is not, we believe, a method or a process, but rather it is the face-to-face witness of one who has been with Jesus to one who is without Jesus, a witness which culminates in the sinner turning in repentance and faith to the Saviour. Now, there are many ways and means by which this encounter comes to pass, but basically it comes to this, for, said our Lord, "You shall be my witnesses . . . to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

THE CHURCH. Here in this realm we who are Baptists hold a distinctive position among the great Christian groups, for we are always seeking sincerely to hold to the New Testament pattern of a simple and blessed fellowship into which people come not merely by choice but rather by spiritual birth. When believers are thus joined, we believe the group thus joined is free of all restraints except those of the Holy Spirit. There are no organic ties with any other



Officers of Atlantic Association

When Atlantic Association met in session October 29 at Maysville, these men were among officers elected to serve for the coming year: (left to right) Rev. L. D. Munna, newly named moderator; Rev. Harry Crump, clerk; B. J. May, treasurer; and Rev. David Morris, vice-moderator. The Atlantic's progress is steady; new churches have been organized, several new mission points opened, evangelistic fires burn brightly; churches have expanded, enlarging their plants and their ministry; and the hard-working associational missionary, Rev. John Privott, works closely with the churches and pastors in the total program of advance.

groups, and particularly is this true with respect to any centralized authority. Relations among us are then compelled only by love, the Holy Spirit, and mutual concern to do the most possible for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Baptists are not forced to co-operate with others, and yet they cannot escape it — with one group or another. A church which does not, under this compulsion of the Holy Spirit, seek means by which to carry out the Great Commission has the smell of death about it.

MORAL DEMANDS OF THE GOSPEL

Our people are far from perfect, and the drift toward worldliness in the churches is alarming to all of us. Yet our people still have a conscience and a desire to recognize the line between right and wrong. The church always has the sharp challenge of the world's immoralities before it as these find expression in personal conduct, attitudes, and in social evils which degrade and enslave the souls of men.

Again, we are relatively unhampered by:

ALLIANCES WITH WORLDLY SYSTEMS.

As a result, Baptists thrive under any and every system which allows any degree of freedom. It is rare indeed for any government, for instance, to assign to our Baptist people anywhere sinister intentions. Any government, that is, except Spain, a government which is the tool of a massive ecclesiastical system which has designs upon the control of all earthly powers. Our Baptist brothers and sisters in Russia are not free and unhampered in the expressions of their religion and their faith; yet they do enjoy the right to live, and they have a measure of freedom, even under Communist tyranny, which stands in sharp and challenging contrast to the inquisitorial repression and persecution imposed upon our Baptist people and other Christians by the priest-ridden dictatorship of Spain. These things are difficult to understand and impossible to explain. A system which perpetuates barbaric practices there does not commend itself to the citizens of this enlightened commonwealth.

ECCLESIASTICAL MACHINERY. The simple form of church life which one encounters in the New Testament warms the heart. To read the record is a thrilling experience (Acts 2:43-47). As we read the records relating to the New Testament churches we find several things about them which are reminiscent of the familiar structure of our own churches: (1) Voluntary association, (2) a warmth and closeness of fellowship, (3) generosity toward each other and toward all people, (4) simplicity of organization, and (5) an awareness of the other churches and a desire to be in fellowship with them.

Each of them had a pastor, and perhaps several mission pastors, and deacons. Each church was fully autonomous. This is the pattern of our own church life. We must not drift away from it in the direction of ecclesiasticism. If we turn back to the flesh pots of Egypt we "will go the way of all flesh."

BINDING CREEDS. Many of us who have served for long as pastors have felt pressures at this point. If we could just call together a group of interested people, teach them to give back the right answers to certain creedal statements, and then take them into the church as members, how simple this thing would be. But ours is the task of ceaselessly exploring with the Holy Spirit's help what has been written in the New Testament, and then of helping our people to understand and to do what the New Testament says, for the New Testament is our creed.

As difficult as this may be, it lends itself nevertheless to a freshness as sweet as each morning's dew, and to a beautiful variety as thrilling as the panoramic sunsets in North Carolina. Thank God we do not have to swear fealty to a set of rules, only to affirm our faith in Christ and in his word.

No list of our astounding assets as a great Christian denomination could be adequate without the mention of

OUR GREAT NUMBERS. It is unbelievable what this body of Christians could do if we were really committed. If one-half our Southern Baptist church members would win one soul to Jesus Christ in a year, and then each succeeding year each one would win one, we would run out of prospects in less than ten years. When we recall what God did with one hundred and twenty committed souls in the first century, with its limitations of travel and communication, we marvel to think what he could do with twenty million committed souls in this time, if we had a commensurate conviction and loyalty.

OUR GREAT WEALTH. There may be places where Baptists are poor, but America is not one of them. It would surprise most of us, if we should realistically appraise the things for which we spend much, to see how many of our expenditures are luxuries, pure and simple. We might also be shamed in discovering that these are the things which prevent us from giving generously toward the things of the Kingdom of God, the things which alone offer hope for us, our children, and the world. Friends, the ungiven portion of the Southern Baptist tithe would support 200,000 foreign missionaries.

SPLENDID ORGANIZATION. The organization of Southern Baptist is an expression of the compassion, conviction, and fellowship of our Baptist people. We do not, as a denomination, need more organization. We have the effective means for channeling to world-wide needs every expression of loyalty which our people can give. Look, for example, at the Foreign Mission Board. God has given our leaders across the years the sanctified intelligence to devise this great and good instrument for doing our best for him. We are a fortunate people, admirably equipped to do great things for God.

II. Baptists Have God's Message for the World.

The New Testament is not copyrighted, and every Christian and Christian group has the same right to dip from its crystal stream the water of life. We are grateful that many of them are doing just that. We would not seek to justify our right to existence as a great Christian fellowship by discrediting others or denying them their right to existence. What we need to strive for is to keep our own message grounded in the gospel. We have no dogma but that of the New Testament, no creed but Christ. Great ideas will summarize in a way the substance of this Book. It is a message of

DIVINE SEEKING LOVE. The theme song of the gospel is, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Jesus taught that God in his attitude toward lost men is like a good shepherd seeking a precious lost sheep, that he is like a housewife seeking a valuable lost coin, that he is like a father waiting in yearning love for the return



West Point Church, Kannapolis, Has a GA Queen-with-a-Scepter and Eight GA Queens

Thirty members of the Intermediate and Junior Girls' Auxiliary of West Point Church, Kannapolis, were recognized for advancement in Forward Steps in a recent coronation service. Attaining the top award was Miss Judy Martin (center in picture) who reached the rank of Queen-with-a-Scepter. Becoming Queens were (left to right): Dianne Scott, Schaly Edwards, Wanda Queen, Janet Martin, Sandra Argo, Jackie Scott, Jo Anne Thornburg, and Pat Chavis. Each was attended by two children of the church, shown in the picture.

One Princess, five Ladies-in-Waiting, and 15 Maidens were recognized in the service.

Mrs. Frank E. Patterson (center right in picture), who is the associational GA director, gave the charges and presented the awards, and Mrs. Ira Kiser, Junior GA counselor, presided. The theme of the program was "Call of the Cross."

Director of the West Point Girls' Auxiliary is Mrs. L. H. Argo. Counselors include Mrs. Bobby Coe, Mrs. George Thornburg, Mrs. Ira Kiser, Mrs. Raymond White, and Mrs. Jack Hartness. Mrs. Lester Biggerstaff is president of the WMU, and Rev. Raymond White is pastor of the church.

of a beloved son who, in blindness and folly, is destroying himself "in the far country."

The emotion of God toward lost men was and is that of the best earthly father we know toward a child in dire peril and distress — like that emotion raised to infinitude. So it is written, "While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."

DIVINE SAVING LOVE. A good father whose child waited to be rescued from certain death would not count the cost. Whatever was required he would do if he could. In seeking to rescue his lost children God didn't count the cost. Calvary was what it required. Even so, God's love went that far to save lost men.

DIVINE UNIVERSAL LOVE. What God did for all, he did for each. Parents should know that. You would suffer for one of your children as readily as for all of your children. There would be no difference. Love is a wonderful thing. It is not something which we have by measure and divide out until all is apportioned. The full potential of love may, in a Christian sense, go out to unnumbered people. And the cross where Jesus died points to each of us.

The best of men and the worst of men, and all stages in between, as individuals are objects of divine love over which God's yearning broods ceaselessly.

III. We Witness to an Unfailing Promise.

As a Christian witness — and that is what we all are — I would have great difficulty witnessing to a cause, however beautiful, which I felt would one day crumble into dust and ashes and be blown away by the relentless winds of an inscrutable, soulless power which with unreasoning force like the cold, ruthless movement of a glacier, carries all before it to a purposeless doom. My soul, how can people live, work, love and hope without faith in God?

Christian friends, when "our little systems have their day," and "when the earth grows old and the sun grows cold, and the leaves

of the Judgment Book unfold," then that which we do in the name and spirit of our God will shine forth in unending splendor in a divine order which shall know neither decay, change, nor end. This story which we tell does not end with a wail of dismay which dies out in the impenetrable darkness of ultimate despair.

The last time I heard the late Rufus Jones, great Quaker mystic, speak, he said, "Catastrophe and desolation are never God's final words." The final chapter of this great drama, of this thrilling story, to which we give our witness is written thus: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away'."

Christian friends, this is the Baptist witness to our world. Let us sound it forth with all the compassion which the Holy Spirit has kindled in our hearts, until, with God's help there shall be in this world not one soul who has not heard about him.

Ohio Southern Baptists will celebrate two special anniversaries in 1964 — the 150th year of organized Baptist work in North America and the 10th anniversary of their state convention. To celebrate this double event properly, Baptist Press reports, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, meeting in Toledo, adopted a set of goals for 1960. Among the objectives are 33,186 baptisms during the coming five years and an increase of membership of co-operating churches to 63,195.

Sixty-Eight Years of Perfect Attendance in Sunday School

On Sunday, November 15, Superintendent C. G. Goodman of the Sunday school of Norwood Church recognized those members who had a record of perfect attendance. They are as follows:

One year: Naomi Wilson, Susan Nix, Benny Thompson, Darol Honeycutt, Mrs. Clara Price, Mrs. George Thompson, Gerald Honeycutt, Louis Wilson, Elwood Mabry, C. B. McManus, Hilda Thompson.

Two years: Patsy Herring, Patricia Crump, Robert Thompson, George Terry Thompson, Johnny Thompson, Judy Thompson, Gerald Thompson, Billy A. Crump, Sam Hopkins, George Thompson, Richard Thompson, Michael Thompson.

Three years: Branch Lilly, Wayland Thompson.

Four years: Tom Thompson, Jesse Pinion.

Six years: Bill Lilly, Dee Herring.

Seven years: Henry Rivers.

Among the above persons, the seven members of the George Thompson family have perfect attendance for the past year, four of them for two years. Mrs. George Thompson, Benny, and Hilda have a perfect record for one year, and Mr. Thompson, Gerald, Judy, and George Terry for two years.

Pastor George L. Hocutt writes that two others deserve special mention. They are Mrs. Dorothy Eford and Miss Sadie Allen, both of whom were in their seventh year of perfect attendance when a period of illness caused them to be absent during the past summer.



Open House Held for Parsonage of Pleasant Grove Church, Shelby

The Pleasant Grove Church of Shelby had open house in the new parsonage November 22. The lovely new home was completed in September, and is valued at \$20,000. The building committee was composed of the following members: John Hendrick, chairman; Allen Webb Gardner, Keesler Hamrick, John M. Turner, Otha Williams, Mrs. Otha Williams, and Mrs. James Costner.

Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Kincaid and daughter, Kathy, moved into the parsonage soon after its completion. This marks the first time that the church has had a pastor to live on the field. Mr. Kincaid is a native of Gastonia. He attended Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, and is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville. He has held pastorates in Kentucky, W. Virginia, and Virginia. He is married to the former Miss Christina Koolman of Portsmouth, Virginia. They have one daughter, Kathy.

To get to the top get to the bottom of things.—Copied.

Pastor Bryant Retiring After 41 Years Service in N. C. Churches

After serving North Carolina churches for 41 years, Rev. K. E. Bryant of Ahoskie is retiring from the active pastorate December 31. Pastor Bryant has served in three pastorates—Powellsville, Pittsboro, and his present work for a total of thirty years. Prior to this, he had served churches at Jacksonville and Asheville. Five years ago he moved to Ahoskie, to serve the Republican Church, West Chowan Association and Cool Springs Church, Chowan Association.

Past service also includes that of moderator of Buncombe Association and of Sandy Creek Association; service on the General Board and on various committees in the associations and in the State Convention. He is available after December 31 for supply work, revival meetings, and the like. His address is 814 W. Hayes St., Ahoskie.

West Chowan Pastors Meet for Periods of Clinical Training

MURFREESBORO — The pastors of West Chowan Association met at Chowan College for a period of clinical training on November 16. Rev. Charles Sinclair of Aulander called the meeting for the purpose of helping the ministers to better understand their counseling ministry. Dr. William C. Young, Chowan College chaplain, led the group in a discussion of counseling techniques and counseling dynamics, with all the ministers contributing to the program.

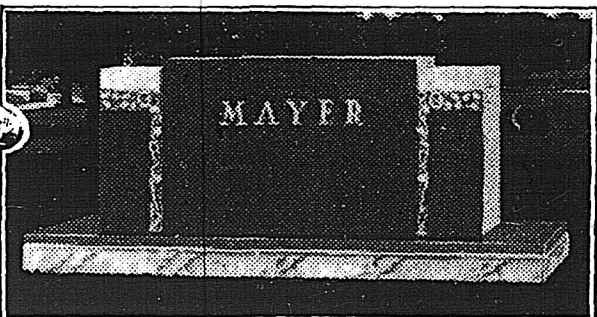
Among those present were: Charles W. Duling of Windsor, Harold W. Tribble, Jr., of Woodland, John Davis of Meherrin in Murfreesboro, Oscar Turner of Merry Hill, W. B. Brookshire of Winton, Van Wheeler of Windsor, W. Isaac Terrell of Ahoskie, J. B. Dailey of Jackson, H. W. Stough of Aulander, and L. Sasser of Murfreesboro. John C. Gill, Jr., assistant to the president of Chowan College, made arrangements for the meeting and had refreshments provided. The group was scheduled to meet again Monday, November 23, at the college.



"That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come saying,

What mean ye by these stones?

Then ye shall answer them, these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7.



Just as Joshua commanded the twelve men of Israel to build with perfect stones a monument to commemorate the passing over Jordan—

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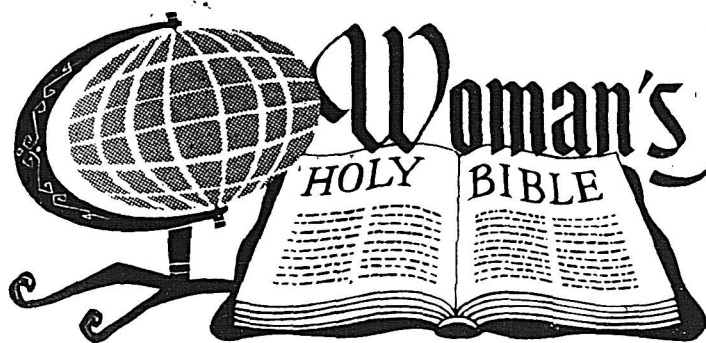
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Memorial Service for Inabelle Coleman

On Sunday afternoon, October 18, in the Grace Baptist Church, Taipei, Taiwan, a memorial service was held for Miss Inabelle Coleman, missionary, who died in Durham, N. C., on October 14. On the back of the printed program which bore her picture, these words were printed in both English and Chinese:

"Miss Inabelle Graves Coleman, born June 13, 1898, passed away on October 14, 1959, in Durham, North Carolina, USA. Miss Coleman was called to do Christian service and devoted all her life to missionary and educational service in China. She was professor of English in the University of Shanghai, University of Taiwan, and Taiwan Provincial Normal University. As a teacher and missionary she had educated a great number of students and led many of them to accept Christ and to dedicate their lives for Christian service. In memory of such a life of devotion and consecration, a Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by her friends and students, so that they, too, may share her life of constant giving and loving."

Miss Lillian Lu, friend and co-worker, writing of the service, said: "All the expenses for the church decoration, newspaper announcements, programs, etc., were given by members of the church Council, who also served as ushers at the service. A recording was made for her family. Mr. Huai-Chun Hsu, one of the charter members of this church, gave a brief report of her life history. Mrs. Lois Logan shared with us her experience with Miss Coleman in the prison camp. Our choir sang. Dr. Culpepper, Sr., spoke in English and Dr. Lien Hwa Chow spoke in Chinese. In conclusion Dr. Chow said: 'Because one has lain down, others must rise up for her. There will be 100, 200, 300 and even more Miss Colemans from now on.' ... We felt like a big family of hers and were comforted by one another."

"Last Saturday at 3:00 o'clock we opened the bids of the contractors for the construction of the Student Center. When we planned this, we did not know it would be the day of her funeral."

"Please remember me to the friends in North Carolina and thank them for their every expression of love and sympathy. All of us are grateful to you for sending Miss Coleman to us and sharing her with us. She has not only led us to know and accept Christ, but has inspired us to serve and witness like she did. I hope there will be many more missionaries like her."

(NOTE: North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union allocated \$10,000 of the 1959 Heck-Jones Memorial Offering for the construction of the Student Center adjoining Grace Baptist

Church. The building will bear the name of Coleman Hall.)

Jerry Potter's "Hallelujah"

(The following letter came from Mr. Jerry Potter, missionary to the deaf in North Carolina, upon his receipt of the gift of \$2,000 from North Carolina WMU to be applied on the cost of an airplane to be used by him in his work):

"If I were a pentecostal individual, I would have shouted 'Hallelujah!' upon receipt of the check for \$2,000 from North Carolina WMU. All I can say is Praise the Lord and thanks to the WMU of N. C. I cannot adequately express my true feelings and the depth of gratitude I feel. I can only pray that the airplane will be used in such a way as to be worthy of this confidence you wonderful ladies have shown. The plane may not notably increase the quantity of my work, but it will surely increase the quality. One can preach and work better when he is not tired from a long drive. The plane will also make individuals feel free to call for my services. There have been cases when the deaf wanted my services at a funeral, but did not feel they should impose on me to drive several hundred miles (although I have constantly assured them it is no imposition, and I gladly do it)."

"Please convey my deepest and most sincere, heartfelt thanks to all who had a part in this wonderful gift. God richly bless all of you."

Lottie Moon's Appeal

(In the "Foreign Mission Journal," December, 1887, Lottie Moon's letter appealing for additional funds for missionary work in China and around the world was printed. This entire letter is reprinted in "The Commission" for November, 1959, page 27. Read it before you make your offering. This letter, written from Tungchow, China, September 15, 1887, closes with this urgent plea):

"I wonder how many of us really believe that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' A woman who accepts that statement of our Lord as a fact, and not as 'impracticable idealism,' will make giving a principle of her life. She will lay aside sacredly not less than one-tenth of her income or her earnings as the Lord's money, which she would no more dare to touch for personal use than she would steal. How many there are among our women, alas! alas! who imagine that because 'Jesus paid it all,' they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ

in bringing back a lost world to God, and so aid in bringing the answer to the petition our Lord taught his disciples: 'Thy kingdom come.' ... L. Moon."

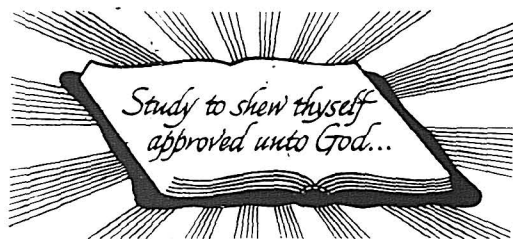
No Designations, Please!

Through the years, North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union has followed the policy of turning over to the Foreign Mission Board all of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that has been received at our office, with no special requests for designations, even to causes included in the approved allocations. It is our earnest desire to continue to follow this plan.

The complete list of the allocations of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is published in the December issue of *Royal Service Magazine*. All of these items are requests made by the missionaries, voted on by the entire group of missionaries in each area, studied and approved by the Foreign Mission Board. They represent the most urgent needs around the world. Everyone who gives to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, without designating the gift, is helping to meet "all" of these needs.

The desire to designate a portion or the entire offering for one cause is usually prompted by sentiment or emotion. Somebody from your church is in some way closely connected with one of these causes. Or one furloughing missionary speaks about the needs on his field, and the people who hear want their gifts to go for "those" needs. But think of the missionaries who are not here to plead their causes. They have expressed their needs to the Foreign Mission Board, and it has studied them and been convinced that this would be a good investment of your money for the Lord. If a group of hungry people appeared at your door, you would not give all of your food to just one and send the others away. The Lottie Moon Offering, as set up in the approved allocations, is a means of meeting many needs. It can do this only if your portion of the offering can be distributed among all of them. Please cooperate with this plan.

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PASTOR JAMES B. McQUERE of the West Franklin Avenue Church of Gastonia has the privilege of presenting to daughter, Jane, the coveted Training Union Award of Merit. Looking on is Mrs. Horace Helms, Training Union director. This presentation was made at the evening worship service on November 8.

Jan, as her friends know her, is 16 years of age and is a senior at Ashley High School where she is an honor student and is presently a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program.

She is a GA Queen and a past-president of the Youth Council, Gaston Association. Of course she is active in the total program of her church. Congratulations, Jan!

It's Time to Change Over

It is shocking and surprising to learn that so many churches still have not made the change-over from the three previous training courses to the new Church Study Course for Teaching and Training. On October first the new course went into effect. Every church is urged to secure Form 153 and transfer all members who have earned awards in either the Sunday School Training Course, the Graded Training Union Study Course, or the Church Music Training Course.

These forms may be secured by writing to Church Study Course Awards Office, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, or to the Sunday School Department, or Training Union Department, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Pastors and Sunday school superintendents should take the lead in making this transfer. Full instruction on this transfer is available in the Catalog Church Study Course for Teaching and Training, pages 5-6. Some confusion and unhappiness may result from continued delay in making this change-over.

A Giant Step Forward

By D. P. Brooks

Southern Baptists are making a giant step forward in developing Christians for better living and serving. Because we are a church of and by the people everything depends upon an informed and empowered church membership. Not only will a church not rise above its leadership; a congregational church may not let its leadership rise much above its own vision and commitment. The witness of such a church is in the lives and work of members more than in the preachments of its minister. Therefore, any program to make its members more Christian is of the utmost importance.

Beginning in 1902 Southern Baptists launched a movement to help church members mature in doctrine, unite in deeper fellowship, and cooperate in more skillful service. A training program was started. Dr. B. W. Spilman put out *Normal Studies*, the first of a series of books designed to help church members grow. Other courses followed in answer to crying needs. By 1955 graded training courses were available in Sunday school, Training Union, and Church Music. Each had arisen separately in answer to needs and had served wonderfully well.

In 1956 the Sunday School Board appointed a committee to study the existing courses and suggest improvements. After two years of careful study and research the group recommended a merging of all the separate courses into a single Church Study Course for Teaching and Training. The logic and wisdom of this course is apparent to all. One church does not need three or four training courses, but one program flexible and comprehensive enough to take care of all the needs.

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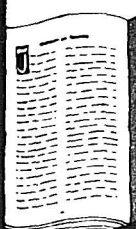
Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, or to the Sunday School, Training Union or Church Music offices in Raleigh.



James P. Morgan, Training Union secretary, presents to **Rev. John Wright**, missionary in the Brushy Mountain Association, two Adult Training Union Awards of Merit. Mr. Wright is the second North Carolina associational missionary to earn this award and one of only seven individuals in the state to hold more than one Adult Award.

Books Received

- THE YOUNG MINISTER. A Novel by Peter Goulding. W. A. Wilde Co. \$2.50.
- MEDITATIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER. By Herbert V. Prochnow. W. A. Wilde Co. \$2.50.
- SUNDAY TALKS ABOUT CHILDREN OF THE BIBLE. By Joseph Anderson Schofield, Jr. W. A. Wilde Co. \$2.50.
- TEN NEW PLAYS FOR CHURCH AND SCHOOL. By Ernest K. Emurian. W. A. Wilde Co. \$2.95.
- 40 TRUE STORIES OF FAMOUS GOSPEL SONGS. By Ernest K. Emurian. W. A. Wilde Co. \$2.50.
- BIBLE FACTS. With Questions and Answers. By Lura B. Lawrence. W. A. Wilde Co. \$1.00.
- PICTURES OF THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH. Studies in the Book of Acts. By Wm. M. Ramsay. Baker Bk. House. \$3.50.
- POINTS FOR EMPHASIS, 1960. A Pocket Commentary on Sunday School Lessons. By Clifton J. Allen. Broadman Press.
- THE PRICE TAGS OF LIFE. And Other Sermons. By C. Roy Angell. Broadman Press. \$2.75.
- THE CHURCHES AND THE KINGDOM. By J. Harold Stephens. Broadman Press.
- THE CHRISTIAN PROBLEM OF RACIAL SEGREGATION. By Humphrey K. Ezell. Greenwich Bk. Pub. \$1.25.



Sunday School Lesson

BY ROGER H. CROOK,

Peter's Broadening Ministry

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 13

Acts 11:1-18

Religious people insist that they want God's spokesmen to be prophets. They say that the truth must be proclaimed regardless of how it might affect the hearers. Yet in actual practice they rarely appreciate the message of the prophets and often they charge those who rebuke them with being irreligious. Any man who steps out beyond the group runs the risk of serious criticism. Such was the case with Peter when he broadened the scope of his ministry to include the Gentiles.

Background

Jesus' own ministry was not limited to Jews but extended to both Samaritans and Gentiles. The hero of one of his most famous parables was a Samaritan (Luke 10: 29-37). He ministered to a Samaritan woman at Sychar (John 4) and to a Syrophenician woman in the region of Tyre (Mark 7). He healed the servant of a Roman centurion (Matt. 8:5-13). He taught that within the kingdom of God the traditional group barriers have no significance (Luke 13:28-30, Matt. 8:11). One can hardly read the gospels intelligently without concluding that Jesus disapproved of the national and racial prejudices of his own people.

The experience of the disciples of Pentecost (Acts 2), where men were gathered in Jerusalem "from every nation under heaven" and heard the disciples speaking in their own languages, demonstrated that God's redemptive purposes were not limited to the Jews. Peter's ministry in Samaria (Acts 9:32-10:48) was therefore quite consistent with the definitely established pattern. Even before the mission to the Roman centurion Cornelius, which is the subject of today's lesson, Peter had taken a great step in going to that group of people who were despised by the Jews.

Already God's universal purposes had been made known to Paul in an unmistakable manner. Paul conceived of his specific ministry as one to the Gentiles (cf. Acts 9:15, Gal. 2:9). Throughout his ministry, both in his preaching and in his epistles, he insisted that God's purposes included all men and that within the fellowship of Christ there is no room for the group barriers that men erect between themselves.

Peter and Cornelius

Peter's experiences which led him to minister to Cornelius, which he recounted briefly in today's lesson, are described in more detail in chapter 10. The fact that Luke took the space to describe the conversion of Cornelius twice is evidence of the importance of the event. Cornelius was perhaps a Roman centurion gar-

risoned at Caesarea, the city from which the procurator governed Samaria, Judea and Idumea. Since his "household" was at Caesarea, however, he may have been retired from the army and living there. It may be that he was the first uncircumcised pagan to be baptized. If so, we can well understand Peter's reluctance to turn to the Gentiles. He had no precedent among the apostles, even though Christ himself had set an example and had commissioned such a ministry. It is a fearsome thing for an individual to go so far beyond his group, and he must do so only if he is absolutely certain that he is right.

Cornelius was led by a vision to send for Peter (Acts 10:3-8). Luke calls him "a devout man who feared God." This phrase commonly described Gentiles who had accepted the basic truths of Judaism but who were not willing to become proselytes and accept the rite of circumcision. It often occurs in the New Testament. The Jews are not a missionary group normally, but during the first century of the Christian era they did make some attempts to win converts from among the Gentiles. Perhaps Cornelius had been influenced by such activities. Thus neither Jew nor Christian should be surprised that the Lord spoke to him or that he recognized the leading of the Lord.

Peter's dream clearly was preparation for the visit of the representatives of Cornelius. The animals in the sheet let down from heaven apparently were unclean according to Jewish law, and to eat of them would render a person unacceptable to God. Peter, therefore, good Jew that he was, was shocked by the suggestion that he kill and eat. The answer to his objection is reminiscent of Jesus' statement that made "all foods clean" (Mark 7:19).

The thrice repeated vision established in the mind of Peter the principle that the Jewish regulations governing ceremonial cleanliness have no bearing upon the Christian faith. The request of the messengers from Cornelius, following immediately upon the vision, could not now fall on deaf ears. Peter realized that no Jewish ceremonial regulations should prevent his sharing the good news of the gospel with the Gentiles. Such a conclusion must not have been easy for Peter, for no man can without serious emotional difficulty reverse his pattern of life completely, however accurate may be his intellectual understanding. Peter was willing to follow the leading of the Lord, however, regardless of what his personal inclinations or his emotional reactions may have been.

The Presence of the Spirit

The chief functions of the Holy Spirit are teaching and leading. From chapters 10 and 11 it is clear that the Spirit of God was working

both in Cornelius and in Peter to prepare them for an encounter with one another. It is often true that God works at both ends. He prepares the messenger to go; he also prepares the hearer to respond. The initial preparation that Peter needed was an understanding of God's concern for all men. The initial preparation that Cornelius needed was information as to where he could turn for help in his spiritual quest.

The work of the Spirit in the encounter of the two men is given a prominent place in Luke's account. Both in chapter 10 (verse 44) and in chapter 11 (verse 15) it is said that the Holy Spirit fell on those who heard the word. How the Spirit manifested himself in this instance is unknown and unimportant for our purposes. The significant thing is that the Spirit was at work in the conversion of Cornelius.

Peter's Logic

Peter's innovation was not pleasing to the other apostles. When they asked the question, "Why did you go to the uncircumcised men and eat with them?" their very question was a criticism. It is amazing that the very criticism which the Pharisees had brought against Jesus should now be leveled against one Christian by another. But by it the apostles sought to place Peter on the defensive. And we must not forget that before his vision Peter had felt the same way and might have objected seriously had someone else gone to the Gentiles.

Peter's defense was in keeping with that which other Christians have made when they have been subjected to criticism on other scores. He simply recounted what had happened. He told both of the vision that led him to act as he did and of the experience in the household of Cornelius.

The conclusion which Peter drew (verses 16-17) was irrefutably logical. He reminded them of the words of Jesus and then pointed out how what had happened was simply an extension of what had happened to them. God had poured out the Holy Spirit upon them, but he had also poured out the Spirit upon the Gentiles. Since both had received this all-important gift of God, upon what basis could any distinction between them be made? What remained for Peter's critics but to admit that they were wrong and to give God glory for his great love and mercy?

For Further Thought

In the New Testament the terms "Gentile" and "uncircumcised" are synonymous. Re-read the lesson text and wherever either of these terms occurs substitute the word "Negro."

A mule cannot kick and pull at the same time; neither can a church member.—Ex.

A statewide organization to teach illiterates and semi-illiterates to read and write has been founded at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Leaders of the organization say that it is the first statewide group of its kind. The Texas Literacy Council will seek out refugees, aliens, and foreign-born wives of servicemen who may need help in learning to read and write the English language.



Convention Briefs

Douglas M. Branch
General Secretary

Studies in Timothy is the title of a new study course book that is being recommended for Bible Study Week, January 4-8, 1960. This book, written by Dr. Charles A. Trentham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, is based on both I and II Timothy.

Timothy and His Times is the title of a new filmstrip that is being released simultaneously with the book. Churches are urged to secure this filmstrip for use during the class sessions of January Bible Study Week.

Excellent conferences recently sponsored by the Church Architecture Department of Nashville, Tenn., and the Department of Church Planning reveal that 55 church planning committees took advantage of this service. Fifty-three pastors attended, along with ten associational missionaries. Twenty-two architects were present for these events held at the First Baptist Church, Hickory, and the Snyder Memorial Church in Fayetteville.

Four YWA's and one School of Nursing YWA were visited recently by Miss Sarah Ann Hobbs and Mrs. James Whaley, missionary to Japan. Schools at which Mrs. Whaley spoke were Chowan College, James Walker Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Pembroke College, Campbell College, and Mars Hill College. Miss Hobbs counseled with YWA leaders and officers on the tour.

More than 300 filmstrips and motion pictures have gone out to individuals and churches in the state from the Audio-Visual Aids Department of the Baptist State Convention during the period of November 1-November 15. The films were used for Brotherhood and RA emphases, WMU meetings, Forward Programs in the churches, and other special meetings of the church organizations. This unusually heavy booking for only 15 days of the month is expected to continue through the Christmas holidays, as many will be using audio-visual aids. All of these 16mm motion pictures and 35mm filmstrips are on a free rental basis to all Baptist churches in the state.

Representatives of the North Carolina Baptist colleges attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, November 30-December 3.

Baptist students at Pfeiffer College joined other denominational groups in promoting annual Religious Emphasis Week. Their theme was "God's Challenge Still Stands." Seventy-five students from various denominations on the campus assisted in various phases of the

week's program. Bobby Griffin is BSU president at Pfeiffer this year and Rev. Leroy Calder, pastor of North Albemarle Church, is pastor adviser.

According to Rev. Harry Wood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Leaksville, with the aid of the Forward Program his church pledged \$56,605 in contrast to the \$22,000 pledged the previous year. Also, his tithers increased from 58 to 173.

We are receiving reports from the churches that have used the Forward Program as a tool in their budget emphasis and these have been most gratifying. If we can assist you in leading your church to accept the Forward Program, please let us know.—E. L. BRADLEY.

Vocational Guidance Conferences, sponsored by the Training Union Department on November 16, 17, and 19 in Raleigh, Winston-Salem, and Hickory enrolled 946 individuals from 32 associations. Conference leaders included Dr. Allen Graves, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. Jack Noffsinger, Winston-Salem; Luke Smith of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; William Smith, BSU Director, Duke University; and John Tubbs of the Sunday School Board. Of the total enrolled, approximately one-third were pastors, other church leaders, and parents.

According to Mrs. Myra S. Motley, state Vacation Bible school leader, we are happy to announce that we have reports from 2,861 Vacation Bible schools in 1959. This is the largest number ever reached in our state.

From the pen of General Secretary-Treasurer Douglas M. Branch:

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he, being dead, yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11-4).

Here and there we encounter modern versions of those who "being dead, yet speak." Recently we received a letter containing a check for the Cooperative Program sent by the treasurer of the Rutherford Church in the Three Forks Association. The check was a posthumous expression of missionary concern on the part of Mrs. Channie E. Hardin who passed away December 23, 1954. The sender of the check in memory of Mrs. Hardin, Mr. Howard Parleir, says of her:

"Mrs. Hardin was a member of Laurel Springs Baptist Church for 80 years. She was a small child when that church was constituted and was among the first converts to be baptized into it. She missed very few services at her church whether it was preaching, Sunday school, or prayer meeting. Whatever the nature of the meeting, she was there. For the most of the

80 years she was a Sunday school teacher. She believed wholeheartedly in the Cooperative Program and never ceased trying to get the church to participate in it.

"During the last few years of her life, she lived in the Rutherford Community with her daughter and attended Rutherford Church faithfully and was as active as her strength would allow.

"It was her dying request that no flowers be bought for her funeral, but instead that the flower money be sent to the Cooperative Program. This request was carried out."

I have never seen a completely unselfish individual. Those who have achieved some degree of unselfishness have done so only through prayer and diligent effort. If there were no evidences of the universal presence of sin in the human heart, this one aspect of life would verify that "all have sinned" and that "all are sin." Selfishness is seen in its most tragic aspect in the individual's unwillingness to give freely of himself and his possessions in helping to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. The same spirit which dominates so many of the individual members of the churches finds group expression then in the too-prevalent desire of many congregations to use all, or practically all, of the church's income in the church's local program. This is simply a group expression of individual selfishness. A church which doesn't promote and support all institutions and agencies essential to the world-wide mission of our Lord has no right to urge its members to tithe through the church. All the people I know who tithe want a significant share of the money they give to go to missions.

To the well-worn (even frayed) expression "We cannot give to support missions until we have strengthened our local program. After all, 'The light that shines brightest at its base casts its light farthestmost,'" we must say that a church not committed to the support of the world mission of Jesus doesn't have any light at all and therefore cannot shine anywhere. I believe with all my heart that as the individual who renders an honest stewardship to God will always be able to use what he has left more joyfully and constructively, so a church which takes seriously the responsibility of world missions will grow and prosper under God's favor far beyond anything which could otherwise be possible for it. It is time ("high time," as Paul would say) for each of us and for all of our churches to become truly missionary in "faith and practice."

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention held open house on Tuesday evening, December 1, for the new chapel and office redecoration at its headquarters, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga.



"Mr. President" of N. C. Baptists

The newly elected president of the N. C. Baptist State Convention is a man widely known in North Carolina and across the nation. He has rendered important service in his native town, county, state, and nation, and has traveled in foreign countries. We print below, a condensed sketch of some of the highlights of his busy life. — EDITOR.

Biographical Sketch of Charles B. Deane

Born on farm in Anson County. Parents moved to Rockingham where as a young man he worked in a textile mill and completed grade school in Pee Dee Academy. Finished Trinity Park Preparatory School in Durham and thereafter entered Wake Forest College, working his way, and graduated from the Wake Forest College Law School in 1923.

After three years of banking experience in Rockingham was elected Register of Deeds of Richmond County in 1926 and served for eight years. From 1935 through 1939 served as Compiler of U. S. Congressional Directory in Washington. In 1938-39 served as Attorney, Wage and Hour Division, Washington. Was elected as Representative from the Eighth Congressional District of N. C. to the U. S. Congress and began to serve on January 3, 1947, and served for ten consecutive years.

On August 10, 1913, was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Rockingham where his membership has remained except for the years as a student at Wake Forest College. The late Perry Morgan inspired him to assume leadership in the Baptist Young People's Union where he made his first talk in public. Has taught a men's class for several years and now is assistant teacher in the Adult Department. Several terms served as chairman of the Board of Deacons. For the past two years was chairman of the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship in his church.

From 1927 through 1954 served as clerk of the Pee Dee Baptist Association. Since 1932 has been the recording secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Has served as trustee of Wake Forest College and as president of the Board of Trustees of Meredith College. Has for years been chairman of the Council on Christian Education.

In the local community acted as Boy Scout leader and has taken part in other community activities. Is a member of the Rockingham Civitan Club. Deane is attorney for the Town of Rockingham and owns a general insurance business.

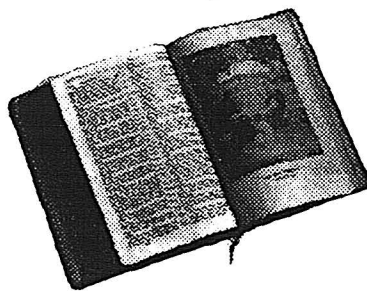
While in Congress Mr. Deane served on the House Appropriations Committee. He traveled extensively in the Pacific, Asian, European and African countries. He was in Korea just before the conflict began and while there spoke to a large group of missionaries that had assembled from the Northern area.

In these travels Deane has felt the great impact of World Communism and Mau Mau in Africa. He feels that unless Americans who claim to be Christian completely renew their dedication to the church and right living, we will not be a match to the ever widening reach of the Communist idea that has taken over one-fourth of the land area of the world which comprises over one-third of the people in the world.

Mr. Deane married Miss Agnes Cree, the daughter of James A. Cree of Richmond. They have three children: Mrs. Richard B. Sherman; Mrs. John T. Becker; Charles B. Deane, Jr.

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Stone Mountain Associational Sunday School Superintendent

Bruce Dearman of North Wilkesboro, Stone Mountain associational Sunday school superintendent for 1960, has initiated plans for the enlargement and improvement of Sunday school work in the association. With his enthusiastic leadership and the evident general interest in Sunday school improvement, there is every indication that this will be a year of growth and spiritual enrichment in the Stone Mountain Sunday schools.

Student Night at Christmas Set for December 27

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — The Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., has sent materials to youth leaders in preparation for Student Night at Christmas, scheduled for December 27. Student Night at Christmas is held throughout churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, the last Sunday each year.

The *Guidebook*, planning folder and other aids on the special emphasis, were mailed to pastors, ministers of education, BSU directors and presidents around the middle of November.

The Student Night at Christmas program is recognized as a most important service in any church because (1) it is the number one opportunity for informing the local adults of the church's responsibility for and opportunity with the quarter of a million Southern Baptist young people attending a college or university, and (2) it brings to the adults a first-hand report by students themselves on what the church at college means to them and what they are receiving from the denomination's student program.



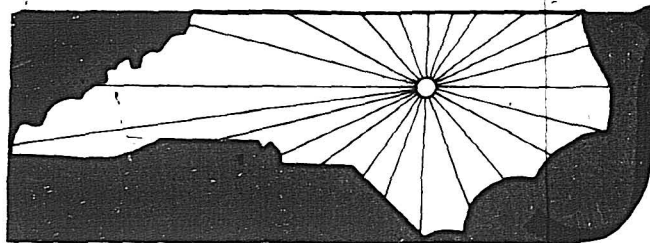
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PERSONALITIES and EVENTS

Westwood Church in Yates Association has called Kenneth Killebrew as minister of music. Mr. Killebrew is a teacher in Brogden Junior High School.

Bob Carter, a student at Duke University from Charleston, W. Va., has accepted the position of minister of music at Braggtown Church, Durham.

Holloway Street Church in Durham on November 1 broke ground for the first unit of its Fieldcrest Baptist Chapel.

American Education Week in November was chosen by the Raleigh Schools and Wake County schools for the first visit of the 40 supervised teachers from Meredith College, who will teach three months in the participating schools. Assignments of student teachers who will gain experience as classroom instructors were announced by Dr. David Reveley, chairman of the department of education at Meredith.

Rev. Coy C. Privette, pastor of the First Church, Ellerbe in Pee Dee Association, participated in a preaching crusade in Cuba from November 23 to December 7. He spent the first week of the crusade in Arroyo Apolo Baptist Church in Havana, and the second week at the Molena Del Sur Baptist Church. Nineteen other Baptist ministers and laymen participated in this crusade to Cuba.

Gardner-Webb College has a newly-installed public address system in the cafeteria which was presented as a gift by Mr. and Mrs. Paris L. Yelton of Shelby. It will be used at dinners and also will provide music for the students at mealtime. In 1950 the Yeltons donated public address equipment for the Huggins Memorial Communication Center and amplifying speakers in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium.

A hymn-anthem arranged by H. Max Smith of the faculty of Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest appears in the December issue of *The Church Musician*. The arrangement of Charles Wesley's "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" combines the vocal strength of a children's choir, an adult choir, and the congregation. *The Church Musician*, the monthly periodical of the Sunday School Board, has a removable section of 24 pages of choral music for church choir use. Mr. Smith's arrangement may be secured in octavo form as a Broadman Press publication.

Meredith College was represented at the 35th annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music, held last week in Detroit, by Dr. Harry E. Cooper, chairman of the department of music at the college. This annual meeting, of the executives and administrators of the music departments of leading universi-

ties, colleges and conservatories in the United States, programs discussions which deal with current problems facing music educators, and a group of administrator's workshops covering problems of different types of schools. On Friday the delegates were guests of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at a concert given by that organization in the Ford Auditorium.

Changes of address requested: Rev. J. Allison Fogleman from 540 Dogwood Dr., Chapel Hill, N. C., to 4424 S. Alston Avenue, Durham, N. C.; Rev. J. David Goodwin from Hildebran, N. C., to Mt. Cross Rd., Danville, Va.; Rev. Harold L. Sprinkle from 1402 Fostoria Dr., Gastonia, N. C., to Rt. 1, Box 453, Asheville, N. C.; Rev. Sammy Shoaf from Box 869, Thomasville, N. C., to Rt. 1, Snowville, Va.

The Resolutions Committee of the Central Association has sent a resolution of thanks, adopted unanimously, in appreciation of the gift to the association of a camp-site by Mr. and Mrs. John Reavis. The site, presented on October 15 at the annual meeting of the as-

sociation, consists of six acres near Trinity. Expressing gratitude and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Reavis, the resolutions state "That the Association shall look forward to using the site to bring more glory to the Master's name." Chairman of the committee drafting the resolution was J. J. Thornburg, and other members were Mrs. Grover Jones, George Dowd, LeRoy Smith, and Mrs. Mildred Jester.

R. E. Steadman of Route 7, Salisbury, wrote that Rev. Robert A. Steadman of Salisbury has received notice that he is to be granted an honorary doctorate in music by The Pioneer Theological Seminary and Colonial Academy. Mr. Steadman is a graduate of The Pioneer Theological Seminary with the Ph.D. degree and is a student counselor. He is an ordained Southern Baptist minister and has had training in Southern Baptist Theological Seminaries Extension courses and is now engaged also in general evangelism.

North Carolina One-Day Workshops for TV Reading Program Teachers

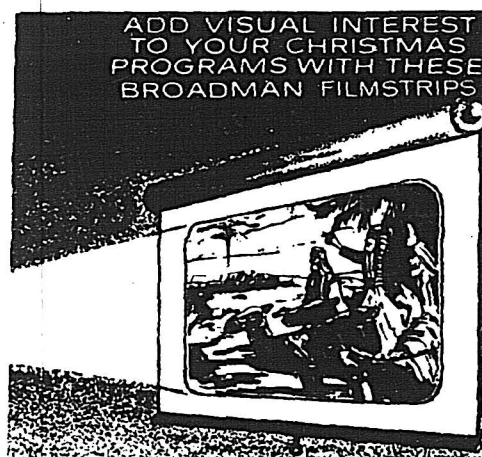
The next two weeks will be important ones for people in North Carolina of adult age who are unable to read and write, and want to learn. At nearly 20 towns and cities, on dates given below, workshops will be held for the *Volunteer Teachers* who will be working in the forthcoming TV Reading Programs. These workshops will give necessary training to the volunteer teachers who will in the very near future help a class or group of adults to master the elements of reading and writing, through the organized TV setup across the state.

All persons, rural and urban, who have volunteered to be "Volunteer Teachers" in this important work, may want to attend these practical workshops; also some may want to attend to get more information about the program. Those who take this training will be fitted to assist non-reading students in class groups before TV sets. They will help the students execute what the TV teacher tells them to say, read, or write.

The Literacy Movement in the Southeast, by Television will supply, FREE OF CHARGE, to each one who helps a class, that is, each Volunteer Teacher, a complete set of student books and teacher's guides. However, persons who plan to help just one person, in a home, should purchase the teacher's guides at fifty cents a set. The hour is the same for all workshops, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an hour for lunch.

Western District: Tuesday, Dec. 1—Bryson City. Wednesday, Dec. 2—Asheville at Courthouse. Thursday, Dec. 3—Spruce Pine, Baker Motor Court.

Northwestern District: Monday, Nov. 30—



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 Home Ec Group. Friday, Dec. 4—Newton,
 County Building.
 Southeastern District: Tuesday, Dec. 8—
 Southern Pines First Baptist Church. Wednes-
 day, Dec. 9—Fayetteville, Courthouse. Thurs-
 day, Dec. 10—Whiteville, in Agric. Bldg.
 Northeastern District: Thursday, Dec. 10—
 Louisburg Ag. Bldg. Friday, Dec. 11—Green-
 ville, Agric. Bldg.
 Eastern District: Tuesday, Dec. 8—New
 Bern. Centenary Methodist Church. Wednesday,
 Dec. 9—Beaufort in Anne St. Methodist
 Church.

"M" NIGHT 1959

Forty-two thousand five hundred people is the
 North Carolina goal for "M" Night on Decem-
 ber 7. This Training Union sponsored meeting
 has become the largest meeting of Southern
 Baptist churches. More than 500,000 people
 will attend one of these meetings this year.

We list below the names of the speakers in
 North Carolina. Associations not listing a speak-
 er have not been heard from regarding their
 speaker. Most of them have planned an "M"
 Night meeting.

ASSOCIATION

1. Alexander—Dr. G. Othell Hand
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14. Burnt Swamp—Rev. Thomas L. Rich
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16. Caldwell—Dr. Phil Elliott
17. Carolina—Dr. C. Aubrey Hearn
18. Catawba River—
19. Central—Rev. Buckner Fanning
20. Cherokee—
21. Cheoah—Rev. William H. Spradlin, Jr.
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Millbrook Church Completes its Forward Program

On Sunday, November 22, Millbrook Church
 concluded its Forward Program of Church
 Finance. The program was begun in early Sep-
 tember and ended with Victory Day Services
 last Sunday. The final report showed that the
 budget of \$31,774 was 93.65 per cent sub-
 scribed in actual pledges. Included in the budget
 for 1960 was a 25 per cent item for missions.

The committee chairmen who carried the
 work in this campaign are as follows: Ray K.
 Hodge, pastor; Claude Caldwell, general chair-
 man; and W. V. Green, Sr., Mrs. Claude W.
 Brown, Curt M. Thompson, Jack Garrett, Mrs.
 Jack Norwood, Mrs. Page Haynes, Mrs. C. E.
 Jones, Page Haynes, Mrs. H. O. Hill, Mrs. Jack
 Garrett, Mrs. N. A. Ferrell, Mrs. Joe Shearin.

Barbara Ann Britt, Meredith College junior
 English major, has just received an announce-
 ment from the National Poetry Association
 saying that her poem, "Christmas Tree," has
 been accepted for the annual anthology of
 college poetry. Selection was made from thou-
 sands of entries that were submitted, the an-
 nouncement read.

Barbara Ann is the daughter of Mrs. R. K.
 Britt of Snow Hill; and she is a graduate of the
 Snow Hill High School.

At Meredith, she holds memberships in the
 Colton English Club, the Astrotekton Literary
 Society, and has served on the executive boards
 of the Spanish Club, the Freeman Religion
 Club, and the Young Women's Auxiliary. She
 also has served as art editor of the college
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CONVENTION CHOIR—Pictured above are music directors from churches over the state who composed the choir which sang for sessions of the Baptist State Convention meeting in Greensboro earlier this month. Joe Stroud, state music secretary, directed the choir, and Carolyn Byers, minister of music at Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, was organist. Many hours in planning and rehearsal went into the music presented by this group at the services opening each session of the Convention. Several members of the group were not present when the picture was made. (Photo by Department of Audio-Visual Aids.)

Rev. Charles F. Stanley Did Good Work at Fruitland Church

From the Fruitland Church at Hendersonville, we have received resolutions expressing regret that Rev. Charles F. Stanley resigned there to accept the pastorate of the Fairborn Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio. The resolutions, signed by H. T. Sitton, chairman of deacons, recount outstanding features of Mr. Stanley's pastorate of two and a half years at Fruitland.

We have also received an article about Mr. Stanley, and the facts given here come from these two sources.

There was growth in the Sunday school of the Fruitland Church during Mr. Stanley's pastorate, and on October 4 of this year a groundbreaking was held for an educational building

to provide more room for the Sunday school and Training Union. The work on the building is progressing. The building was decided upon after a survey of the Fruitland community was made under Mr. Stanley's direction.

Mr. Stanley's work was strongly evangelistic. During his pastorate the church received 69 members by baptism, many of these having been won by the pastor's personal witnessing in homes of the community. He was chairman of evangelism for the Carolina Association at the time he left the state, November 4.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stanley gave a great deal of time and showed a true spirit of love and dedication in the reaching of the young people of the church through the Sunday school, the mission organizations, the music program, and in their social lives. Mrs. Stanley was a member of the Adult Choir, serving as soloist,

and she trained a young people's choir which added much to the Sunday evening service. Mr. Stanley was a teacher in the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, and was loved and respected by the students and his co-workers there.

A native of Danville, Va., Mr. Stanley received his A.B. degree from the University of Richmond and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Stanley, the former Miss Ann Johnson of Smithfield, N. C., was educated at Richmond Professional Institute and Southwestern Seminary. They have a son, Andrew, 17 months old. Fruitland Church was the first pastorate of the young couple.

Rev. M. L. Lewis, retired minister and member of Fruitland Church, is serving as interim pastor.

Relief Money Needed

At its November meeting the Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$5,500 from relief funds, leaving only \$1,414 and a number of unmet needs around the world.

Of the money appropriated this month \$4,000 is to cover the cost of ministering to refugee patients in Gaza Baptist Hospital and \$1,500 will cover damage done to the Baptist church building in Manzanillo, Mexico, by the hurricane which struck that area early in November.

Churches and individuals should send relief money either through their state convention offices or directly to the Foreign Mission Board. In either case it should be clearly marked for relief.

Gay Nell Styron Is Crowned Queen at Davis Church

The Girls' Auxiliary of the First Church, Davis, held a coronation service in which Gay Nell Styron was crowned Queen. Flower girls were Barbara Jean Davis and Karen Salter, and crown bearer was Elbert Wayne Pittman. In the same service Daisy Ipock, Debra Murphy, and Nancy Salter were presented as Maidens.

Mrs. James E. Womble, Sr., GA counselor, was in charge of the service. Pastor James E. Womble, Sr., presented the awards, gave the charges, and crowned the Queen. Mrs. Alonza Salter, president of the WMU, pronounced the benediction.

Immediately after the service the church gave a reception in the pastor's home in honor of the newly crowned Queen and the three Maidens. Earlier the church had presented Gay Nell a book, *For Girls Only*, as a token of their congratulations and appreciation upon her achievement.

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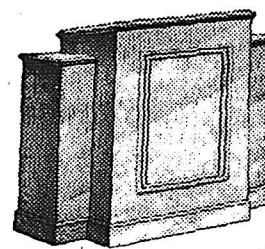
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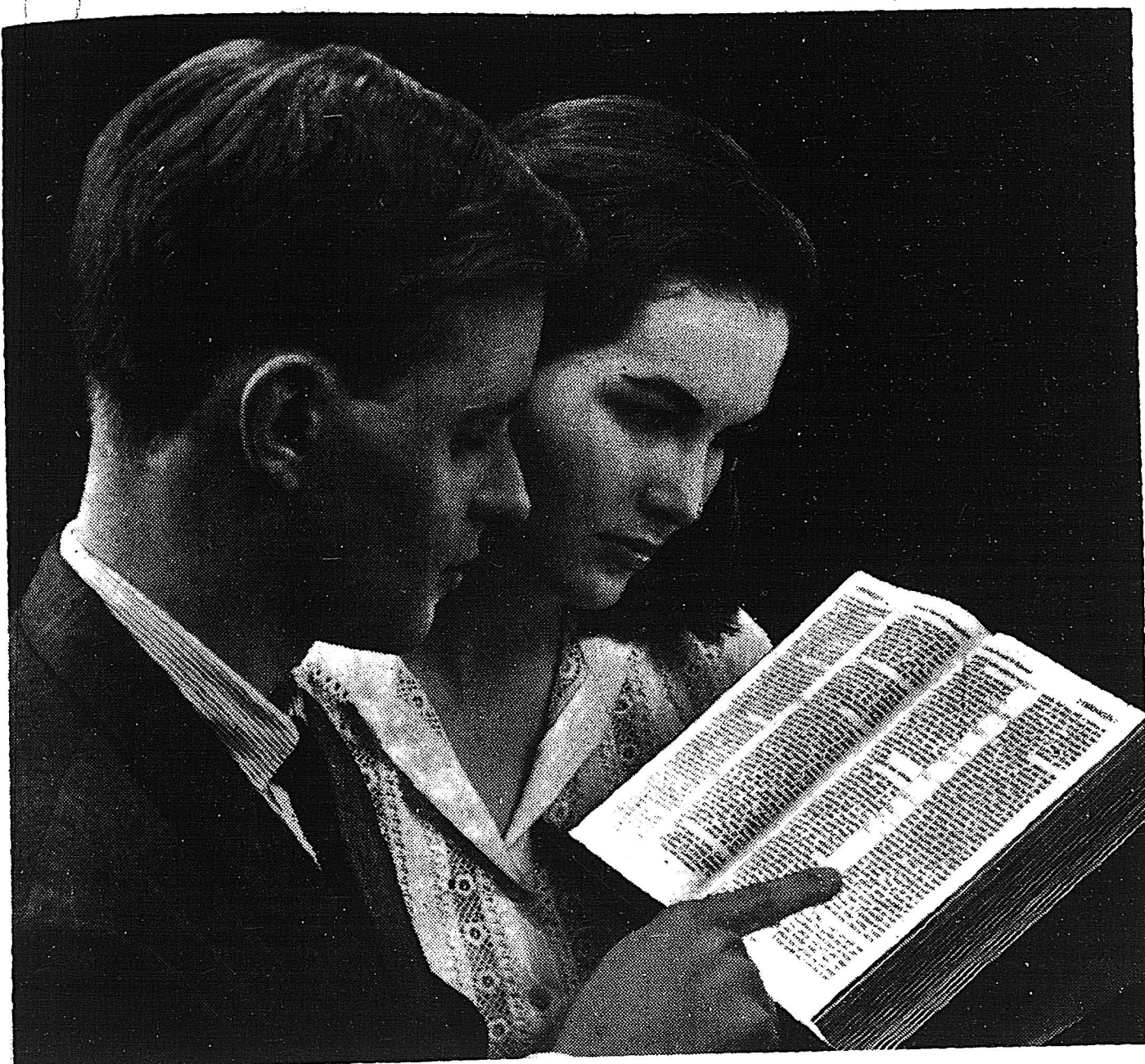


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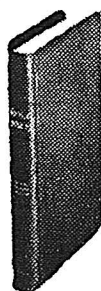
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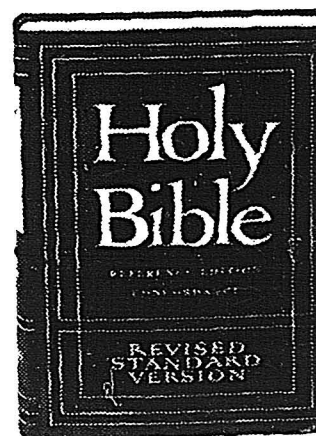
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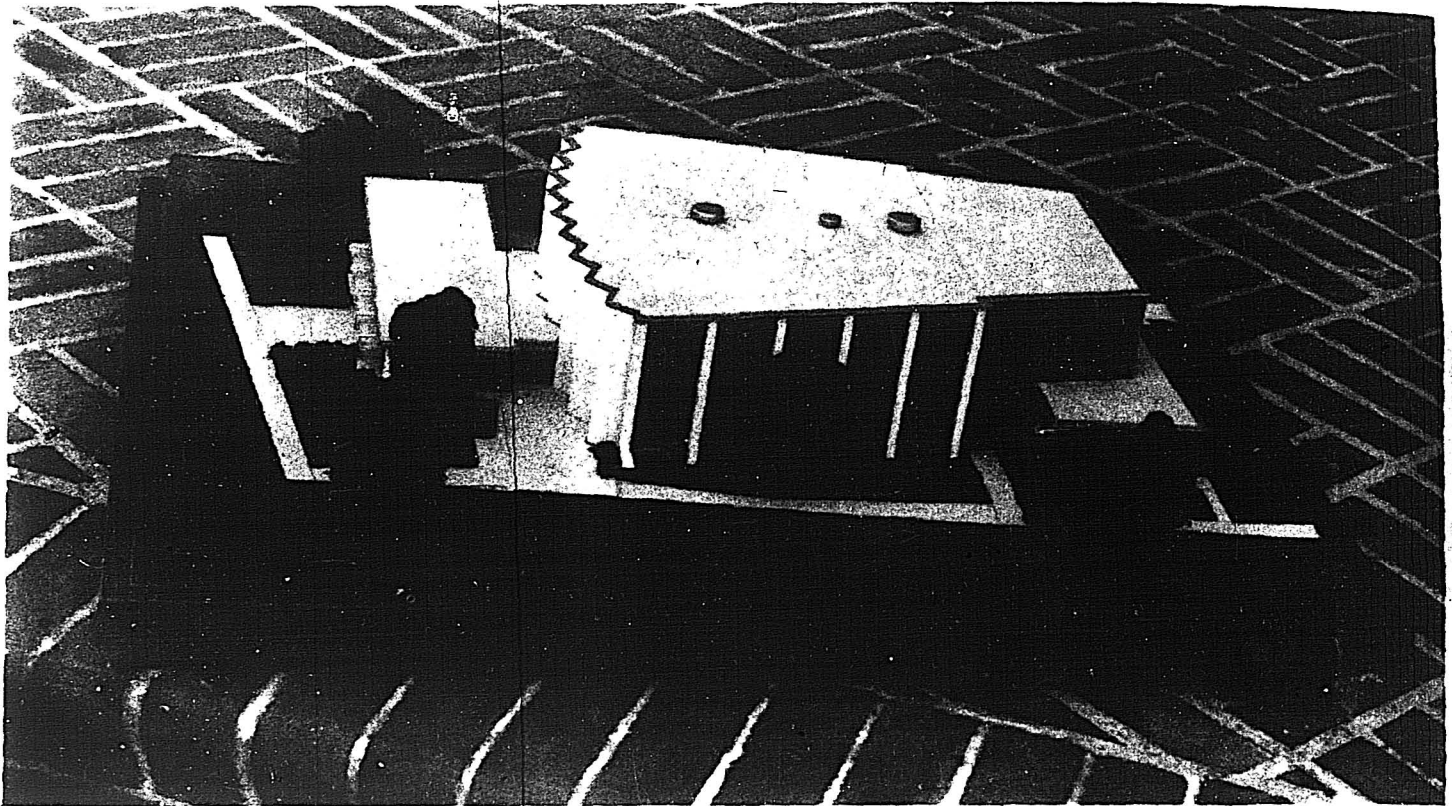
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