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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Many churches in North Carolina will receive the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions on Easter Sunday. Loyd Corder, associate director of the HMB Division of Missions, says, "The real measure of our mission zeal is what we do for people of other nations who are among us here in the United States."

Sentiment Against Capital Punishment on the Rise

On Nov. 14, 1963, the Baptist State Convention in session in Wilmington went on record as favoring the abolishment of capital punishment in this state. After brief, spirited debate, the messengers voted 517-362 to support a resolution of the Christian Life Committee asking for such a stand. A year before in Raleigh the committee had seen a similar resolution defeated.

Once again the subject is of keen concern to North Carolinians. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General have all taken a stand against this practice. Considerable sentiment in the General Assembly supports the view of these three leaders. Numerous church groups, in addition to Baptists, have positioned themselves.

Although there are many sincere people who have serious question about banning capital punishment, we believe the General Assembly should take action before it adjourns in mid-summer. The law that's passed should include provisions that will not let a convicted murderer be turned loose on society again in a few years. This is the point that causes legitimate concern among those who feel that capital punishment should be retained.

Concerned People Needed

We appreciated Lt.-Gov. Pat Taylor's speech the other day in which he urged all citizens to involve themselves in government at all levels — local, state and national — not just by voting, but by serving on committees, boards, commissions, etc. He pointed out that government is big and needs concerned people to help it do a better job. We are proud of Baptist laymen (and pastors, too) all over the state who are not content to sit on the sidelines and criticize. They are letting their Christian influence be felt in the public arena. An outstanding layman in Raleigh called us recently, asking our opinion on whether he should run for City Council. We urged him to do so and promised support for his campaign. Christians have no right to second-guess and complain when they make no effort themselves to be a part of the decision-making process.

Sunday Afternoon Vignette

It was a pathetic Sunday afternoon vignette in a telephone booth near the bus station. A young mother, apparently talking to her husband, was in tears for most of the 30 minutes she was on the phone. Crowded inside the booth with her were two lovely children, about two and four. The battered luggage was stacked outside the booth. Was it separation? Divorce? Inability to get back together? Financial problems? We wondered as we drove away. And we were moved by the plight of the little children. Little wonder that psychologists continue to say that the first five or six years of life are so strategic.

Reminder to Lions

Lions International will meet in Tokyo next July, with some 12,000 expected from overseas. No doubt there will be Baptist Lions and North Carolina Baptist Lions attending the meeting. Our missionary brother, Worth, invites those who plan to attend to let him know if there is any way he can help in showing them Baptist mission work in that country. His address is 18-7 Kamiyama Cho, Shibuyu-KU, Tokyo, Japan and the telephone number is 467-6128. If we can be the intermediary to Worth, we will be glad to do so.

'Miss Raleigh' From Meredith

Back in February when Meredith College had SBC state editors and secretaries as guests for a buffet supper, a lovely 19-year-old voice major from Winston-Salem—Patricia Elaine Johnson—sang a medley from the musical "Porgy and Bess." She made a tremendous hit. Last Saturday night she was chosen "Miss Raleigh" after singing the same medley and exhibiting her same calmness and poise. Asked what her most valued material possession was, she said, "My parents, because of what they've done for me." Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, members of Mineral Springs Church, Winston-Salem, were among the first to congratulate her backstage after the contest. She succeeds Betty Wood, also a Meredith student, who was "Miss Ra-

leigh" last year. The term "Angel Farm" that is used to describe Meredith has never been taken lightly, and especially at present, President Bruce Heilman proudly reminds people.

Welcome Difference

The following from the Summary Report of Member Records Division to the annual Annuity Board meeting is interesting:

During 1968 there were 137 cases where the member or his widow died; thus, completing the contract. Of this group, the average age at death was 83 years. The oldest to be removed from the roll because of death was 97 years of age. The average number of years on the benefit roll was 18. However, several drew for more than 30 years and one widow died at age 84, having been on the roll for 42 years. Her husband paid \$212.80 into the plan and she received \$12,850. The average payment into the plan for this group was \$763.24, while the average amount paid to the recipient was \$8,592.34. The amount paid is slightly less than 9 per cent of the amount received. Southern Baptists provided the difference.



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Liquor Pushers Slink Away, But Always Return

THE LIQUOR PUSHERS NEVER QUIT. They may slink away for awhile, but they always return. By the time this is read, a liquor by the drink bill may have been introduced in the General Assembly. At least, that's the word Sen. Hargrove Bowles of Guilford gave a Charlotte civic club March 21. His prediction coincides with Raleigh reports that Lobbyist Harry Buchanan of Hendersonville, representing the Travel Council of North Carolina, is working overtime these days (and nights) trying to line up support for such a bill. Closely aligned with liquor interests in the past as a State Senator from Henderson County, his selection was a natural. He lost his seat to a Republican opponent.

His work is cut out for him. Governor Scott is not pushing for liberalized liquor laws. Some of the most influential leaders in the General Assembly are not anxious for a divisive and emotional battle. They know many of their constituents don't want such a law. Rep. Joe Eagles, Jr., D-Edgecombe, says "the people in my area are strongly opposed to it—about 10-1."

Sen. Ted Dent, R-Buncombe, says he feels it will be difficult to get a local option bill through the Senate "and impossible to do it in the House." Last December House Speaker Earl Vaughn said proponents of liquor by the drink must prove passage wouldn't mean "even

more widespread consumption of liquor than with the brown-bag law." Sen. Ralph Scott, D-Alamance, said, "Liquor by the drink is going to have a hard time no matter how it is flowered up."

Talk around the State Legislative Building sooner or later gets to this question: "What legislator interested in re-election is going to vote for new taxes and also for liberalizing liquor laws in the same session of the General Assembly?" This puzzler makes Mr. Buchanan's job more difficult, too, although it would be foolish to underestimate the pro-liquor forces. They are striving to push through a bill that will open the ABC system to private profit for the first time. Brown-bagging has not been very profitable for the nightclubs and others who are licensed for it.

What can you do? Write a personal letter to your Representative or Senator in the General Assembly. Don't bother with petitions. If your church or association or pastors' conference takes action, as many have done, be sure to mention the number of people supporting the statement or resolution. Legislators are responsive to opinions of the people who sent them to Raleigh, but often they are pulled in many directions by those who have selfish interest in a bill, as many do in this one.

Arguments You'll Be Hearing in Weeks Ahead

ASSUMING A BILL will be introduced in the General Assembly asking for liquor by the drink (see above), a lot of arguments will be heard in the weeks ahead about the great and miraculous things this will do for our state. Here are a few of those claims and some suggested replies:

People will drink less with liquor by the drink than under the ABC system of bottle sales. ("They'll take just one drink instead of a whole bottle.")

Reply: This amusing argument is used by wets as a clincher and it's surprising how many people fall for it. First of all, there are no documented studies to support this claim. What bartender doubles as a disciplinarian or censor of his customers? His boss is in business to make money and limiting profits (drinks) is money out of their pockets. The theory of taking just "one drink" won't stand up. One, then two, then more, and finally the man gets into his car to try to drive home (usually at night). He's a good candidate to become a fatality statistic, along with innocent motorists he meets along the way. If the same man bought a bottle at an ABC store and took it home, usually his wife and children will be a discouraging influence. When he's had one or two drinks, they'll urge him to stop and go to bed—instead of getting under the wheel as he would upon leaving his favorite drinking place.

There are also documented studies to rebut this argument. *The Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol* at Rutgers University says the number of alcoholics in states which have liquor by the drink are 50 per cent higher than the states which have ABC or similar systems. Alcohol consumption in states like North Carolina with package sales only is 1.0

gallons per year while in states where liquor is sold by the drink, the per capita consumption is 1.8 gallons, nearly double. (Source: *Annual Statistical Review of the Distilled Spirits Industry*, p. 42.)

Liquor by the drink will reduce highway fatalities (because of the one drink vs. the whole bottle theory).

Reply: Another argument that's almost too ridiculous to answer, but let's use California as an example of a state that has mixed drinks. In 1968, a highway death was recorded every hour and 49 minutes—or 4,847, despite intensified effort to reduce the toll. Someone has to pay for these accidents—and millions of non-drinkers are helping to pay the bill. Auto insurance rates are skyrocketing in North Carolina as well as elsewhere and drinking drivers are one of the chief causes. The Insurance Institute of America says highway accidents in 1968 cost America \$14.3 billion and with at least half of them alcohol-related, the economic loss because of liquor was more than \$7 billion.

North Carolina needs liquor by the drink to bolster its tourist industry which is losing people to other states.

Reply: Last year was the greatest tourist season in the history of our state, according to the travel industry itself. Travelers (36 million of them) spent a record \$696 million which was \$49 million over the previous year. Visitors from other states spent \$446 million of this which shows they like our state reasonably well without open bars. In 10 years, travel-related businesses rose from 17,020 to 22,780. The number of employees increased from 73,970 to 105,400—with their personal income totaling \$506 million. Travel income almost doubled in the period, 1958-68. Not bad for a state that's supposed to be losing out on tourism.



NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY students Tom Wilks, left of Bastrop, La., and Wayne Poplin of Greensboro, leave the campus for Crusade of the Americas revivals in Louisiana and Mississippi. Wilks and Poplin are among some 500 students and faculty members who are participating in the crusade.

L. E. Blackman Dies After Long Illness

Lonnie Elwood Blackman, 76, retired missionary, died March 24 at Valley Clinic in Chimney Rock after a long illness.

A native of Wayne County, he served in China for 16 years and in Hawaii for 20 years before retiring from Foreign Mission Board service in 1958. In 1960, he was married to Miss Ethel Sorrell who for 37 years was bookkeeper-treasurer of the BIBLICAL RECORDER. His first wife, Miss Gladys Yates, died in 1959.

Blackman graduated from Wake Forest College in 1916 and from Southern Seminary in 1922 with a master of theology degree. He earned his master of arts degree at Columbia University in 1930.

Funeral services were March 26 at Chimney Rock Baptist Church by the pastor, Ronald J. Pinkerton. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include one daughter, Mrs. Henry L. Anderson of New Orleans; one sister, Mrs. R. E. Neel of Goldsboro; one brother, David Blackman of Carolina Beach; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests any memorial gifts be sent to the Chimney Rock Church Cemetery perpetual care fund.

Says David Fite

Communists Locked Up Preacher But Couldn't Chain the 'Word'

"They locked me up like a common criminal because I preached the Word, but they haven't locked up the Word," Missionary David Fite, who recently was released from prison in Cuba, cited from 2 Timothy 2:9.

Fite and his wife, Margaret, and Mrs. Fite's parents, the Herbert Caudills, all former missionaries to Cuba, reported some of their experiences recently during a luncheon meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

In 1965, Fite, then pastor of Buena Vista Baptist Church and Caudill, director of Baptist work in Cuba, were imprisoned after being convicted of charges of espionage and illegal currency exchange.

Mrs. Fite said she was discouraged and "felt at many times I was not really doing mission work — looking after children and just obtaining food."

Stood Up for Beliefs

She said it was "sort of a dare to live in a Communist country," and still maintain one's Christian convictions. She illustrated proudly how the young Fite boys "always stood up for what they believed."

Mrs. Fite said 12-year-old Jamie explained to his teacher that he would never speak against the Cuban government, but that he would appreciate it if the teacher would not talk against his government in his presence.

Mrs. Caudill defined the crisis in Cuba as a "refining process," referring to Job 23:10 — "But he knoweth the way that I take: When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

She said that the refining came among those who claimed to be Christian at the beginning of the revolution. "The ones left really love the Lord and are faithful," she said, "and are willing to pay whatever price may be necessary."

Just four days before, Mrs. Caudill had been released from Emory Hospital in Atlanta where on March 4 she underwent successful eye surgery to seal numerous perforations that could have resulted eventually in a detached retina.

The relatively new procedure was performed by Dr. William Hagler, the same Atlanta ophthalmologist who had performed surgery on Caudill — once in the United States and again in Cuba.

"Although the Word is limited, it is not chained," Fite said. He said the people are trying to find new ways of witnessing in Cuba, and it is one of the most challenging mission fields.

"It may be that more effective work is being done now with the door only partly open than it was when it was wide open," Caudill added.

In the regular Spring business session, the board of directors adopted a resolution that "... rejoices in the Cuban government's release of missionaries ... and in their safe return to the United States. ..."

The resolution further conveyed thanks to "... thousands of Southern Baptists and other concerned Christians and friends (who) sought to help and have expressed their concern by prayer and by such actions as were available to them. ..."

These "friends" included the Baptist World Alliance, Canadian Baptists, the U. S. State Department, the Swiss Embassy in Havana, the Mexican Government, Church World Service, and Baptist Press (most of whom aided in the necessary transactions to effect the missionaries' release and return). (BP)

Gallup Poll: Public Would Penalize Demonstrators

A majority of American adults, young and old, believe collegians who break the law while demonstrating on campus should be expelled and lose their federal education loans.

The attitude was revealed in the latest Gallup Poll which reported that 8 of 10 American adults favor stiffer campus discipline for demonstrating students who break the law.

There was only a 10 per cent difference in the views of those over 30 and those between 21 and 29 years old, with the latter approving a tougher policy by a 7 to 2 ratio. (RNS)



SOUTHERN BAPTIST EXTENSION EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION elected new officers recently at a meeting in Raleigh. From left, they are Paul Jakes, Mississippi, secretary-treasurer; Aubry Estes, Georgia, program coordinator; George Jackson, Alabama, vice-president; and John Ross, Missouri, president.

Our Readers Write

Letter Writers Share Views On 'Restless Ones,' Recorder

I have just come from seeing the movie the "Restless Ones" in which I am sure you are familiar. I would like to express my opinion of such a movie. I can truthfully say that the most restless one in the entire theater was myself. I am not a letter-to-the-editor writer but I was so deeply moved that I had to express myself through such a publication as the BIBLICAL RECORDER. I am a school teacher and a christian layman who has the interest of young people at heart but after seeing this movie I am sure that very little and lasting good can come from such a production. I went to the movie with the attitude gaining some insight but I was extremely disappointed with the acting, directing and the general theme of the movie. It seemed to me that the writers were not familiar with young people and the problems they face daily. I work with young people everyday and listen to their thoughts and I fail to see a realistic relation. All of us realize that we are living in an era in which young people think for themselves and this movie, in my opinion, offered no room to challenge a young person's mind. It seemed to me that the entire theme was completely unrealistic. I do not refer to the messages by Billy Graham. If we are to challenge young people through the media of motion pictures and lead them to know Christ I feel deeply convicted in saying that we will have to produce better movies than this. I do not criticize intention by method.

As far as distribution and promotion is concerned, are we as christians going to allow Christ to be sold for a \$1.25 and

the corner movie? Are we so naive to believe that young people are going to walk the aisle of a theater in acceptance of Christ and they don't even attend church regularly. My prayer is that God will raise creative minds to produce ideas that will aid in bringing men to Christ.

—FRED E. SEXTON
First Church, Southern Pines

APPRECIATES RECORDER

Permit me to express my deep appreciation for the BIBLICAL RECORDER each week. As a member of the Executive Committee of the SBC I am vitally interested in the work of the entire convention. Your paper assists me in knowing the happenings in North Carolina.

I appreciate so very much your thoughtfulness in sending it my way each week.

—RUFUS B. SPRABERRY
Mineral Wells, Texas

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The BIBLICAL RECORDER is sent complimentary to each member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. This is done to keep committee members informed of the work in North Carolina.—M.G.)

THANK YOU, BILL GLASS

I would like to use this column to express my sincere: "Thank you!" to Bill Glass for speaking in Alamance County's Crusade for Christ. This has started a true revival in our city which shall last for a long time.

—EDWARD G. SIMPSON
Greensboro

Texas Editor Urges Ordination of Women

The editor of the official Texas Baptist publication said in Dallas that he personally advocates appointment of women deacons in Southern Baptist churches.

At present, there are believed to be no women deacons in Texas Baptist churches.

"I have no objections in the world to them," said John J. Hurt, editor of the *Baptist Standard*.

He noted that those opposed to women deacons quote Paul as saying that women should be silent in the church.

In practice, however, women are not silent, even if they aren't deacons in Southern Baptist congregations, the editor noted.

Recently women were appointed deacons in Southern Baptist churches in Georgetown, Ky., and at Cary, N. C. (Mrs. Douglas Branch at Greenwood Forest Church).

"I'll tell you one thing, if they did have women deacons we would have more of a missions program," Hurt said.

The editor added that male deacons should continue their duties of ushering and "passing the plate" in Baptist churches.

"They've got to leave something for the men to do," he quipped. (RNS)

East Sanford Church Begins New Building

Ground was broken March 9 for the new education building of East Sanford Church. Participating in the ground breaking were Garland Foushee, pastor, Bernard Pittman, Stephen Harmon, the oldest member of the church, Nathan Crissman, chairman of building committee, Lura McDonald, Mrs. Leona Johnson, Mrs. Eunice Tedder, Mrs. Agnes Phillips, Mrs. Louise Dollar and Mrs. Ruby Rollins.

The new structure will provide facilities for all ages, nursery through 17 years, and will include 10,000 feet of floor space. The building will cost around \$129,000.

Construction is to begin soon with completion by early fall. Members of the church's building committee are Nathan Crissman, chairman, Mrs. Tom Rollins, Mrs. Odus Smith, and Bernard Pittman.

Writers View Pastor's Problems

I am a pastor's wife, and I have been reading the articles written by other pastor's wives. I understand and sympathize with some of the problems mentioned because I, too, have experienced some of them. However, I feel that the blessings that have been ours in the ministry have far exceeded the hardships. For that matter, is life completely smooth and without problems for anyone in any area of life?

Truthfully, there have been many times when I found myself grumbling, but how small and trivial my complaints sounded when I thought of the sacrifice many of God's children have had to make in their service to Christ.

As I look back over the past 12 years that my husband has been in the ministry, I think of the many times our Church members helped us in time of need. It was because of the understanding of one church that my husband was able to attend seminary.

I realize that our calling, I say, "ours," because I believe a pastor's wife is called as much as he is, has not been easy, nor will it be in the future, but I know that God will supply our needs and give us strength for the task ahead as He has already done many times in the past.

I would like to close by recalling an incident that happened in the first few years of my husband's ministry. He was serving two small, part-time churches and teaching school. We had three small babies and the youngest was only a few weeks old. One day, I was discouraged and feeling sorry for myself so I told my husband that I wished he would give up the ministry. He did not answer for a few minutes, but finally answered, "If a man can give up the ministry, he should; But if God has really called him to preach, he can't give it up."

—MRS. KENNETH GIBSON
Rt. 4, Albemarle

TRY SOME GRATITUDE

We read so much about ministers leaving the field and each of us tries to come up with the cause.

Looking at the situation from a layman's view, I believe we as church members should give our pastors some flowers while they live and while they serve.

We fail so often to do this when it might help to solve the problem.

Instead of criticism we should compliment and look for the good in our pastors and commend them; after all they are very much human and would appreciate some praise the same as we do.

We tend to be too critical, too hard to please, always looking for something we

don't have, when we may already have the best, when it comes to God's man.

We should show our appreciation for the true gospel that comes from him and not fail to tell him so.

Maybe the cause lies in the church people instead of the minister.

I know I fail my pastor many times by not commending him when praise is due him. If we tell him we are supporting him with our prayers, if we are, this is encouragement twofold.

A little gratitude given, will make his task more pleasant and puts things in a right attitude.

Thanks to my pastor for a job well done.

—MRS. THELMA PRESNELL
Garden Creek Church
Marion, N. C.

'SEARCH YOUR HEART'

There has been much said recently about Pastors leaving the ministry for more lucrative positions. I just don't believe that any God-called man would allow money (or the lack of it), to influence him in such a decision. Therefore, let us not concern ourselves with those who seek other employment.

We came to this church from the seminary in Kentucky over four years ago. I did not ask the starting salary before I came here and we did not "inspect" the Pastorium. Nine years ago we felt that God was calling us to His service, He would provide our needs.

We haven't been disappointed thus far, and we don't expect to be in the future. The salary was adequate to begin with and the pastorium was nearly new. We have received \$920 increase in salary over the past four years and the wonderful Christian people of this church are most considerate. No pastor could ask for a finer church than this has been.

Sure, I get discouraged at times. After all, I'm just a human being like every one else. But that's all a part of being a servant of God. After all, the Bible says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. . . ." Perhaps I'm old fashioned in this age of emphasis on the historical-critical approach to Bible study, but I believe the Word of God . . . all of it! So when I feel the most discouraged, I ask my Christian friends to pray for me and, do you know what? It works!

How can a Minister of God, who is truly called of God, choose to do anything else, except preach the Gospel? As Dr. Olford put it in Greensboro, "Search your own heart." —H. T. WAITS, Pastor
Rosewood Church
Goldsboro



Mashburn



Schroeder

Senior Men's Retreat Scheduled at Caraway

The Brotherhood Department of the Baptist State Convention will sponsor its third annual Senior Men's Retreat at Camp Caraway near Asheboro, April 18-20.

J. Edwin Bullock, state Brotherhood secretary, said the retreat has a dual objective — providing fellowship for senior Baptist men who seldom have opportunity to meet in state meetings and acquainting the men with continuing areas of service.

The program provides devotional and Bible study periods and much free time for outdoor activities or conversation.

Among program personalities will be David Mashburn, minister of education at First Church, Lumberton, who will lead Bible study; George Schroeder, executive secretary of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, speaker for the Sunday morning worship service; Toby Druin of the BIBLICAL RECORDER who will lead devotional periods; Kathryn Bullard, N. C. WMS director; Sam O'Neal, secretary of the N. C. Church Training Department; Joe Lennon, Aberdeen layman; Dr. Fred Graham, Asheboro physician; and Guy Cain, secretary of the Baptist State Convention Annuity Department.

Cost of the retreat is \$10 per man which covers the cost of meals, lodging and insurance beginning with the evening meal Friday and concluding with lunch Sunday.

Registration fee of \$3 and any questions should be mailed to Brotherhood Department, Baptist State Convention, 301 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, N. C. 27603.

Pastors' Conference Program Aimed at Issues of Day

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, meeting in New Orleans June 9-10 just before the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a program aimed at meeting major issues of the day with strong, positive, Biblical preaching, the Pastors' Conference president said in releasing the program.

Theme for the two-day meeting will be "The Living Lord Confronting Today's World," said Harper Shannon, pastor of First Church, Dothan, Ala.

Twenty major addresses, messages and program features will highlight the two-day program. Sessions will be held at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, corners of St. Ann and St. Peter, and St. Claude, beginning at 9:15 Monday, June 9, and ending Tuesday afternoon, June 10.

Shannon pointed out that one of the changes in the program format this year was "a tremendous reduction in the number of program personnel." Last year, there were 58 major addresses during the two-day meeting.

Interest Rate Hiked On HMB Church Loans

Faced with the high cost of borrowing money, the Southern Baptist church loans operation has hiked the church loans interest rate from 6½ per cent to 7½ per cent.

The policy of the Home Mission Board's Church Loans Division has been to charge churches the same interest rate the division paid on borrowed money.

However, the best interest rate now available to the Home Mission Board is 8¼ per cent, and the board of directors, acting in spring session here, authorized the Church Loans Division to borrow \$1 million from a loan institution at that rate.

"Rather than see the churches pay such a high interest rate, the Home Mission Board agreed to raise its interest rate only to 7½ per cent and then subsidize the church loans for the difference," said church loans director Robert H. Kilgore. "Such subsidy will be offset by increased income received from interest on other funds of the Church Loans Division," he added. (BP)

Another new feature this year is the introduction of a Sunday evening pre-conference dinner and colloquy, featuring a panel discussion and open floor dialogue beginning at 9:15 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Royal Orleans Hotel, and ending at 11:30. Cost of the full dinner served and the colloquy will be \$10, Shannon said.

The panel will discuss the theme, "Students, The Church and Today's Issues," and will include at least one college student along with Kenneth L. Chafin, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; B. Gray Allison, a Baptist evangelist from Rustin, La.; and Ron Willis, pastor in San Francisco and minister who works with the hippies of the Haight-Ashbury district.

The Pastors' Conference itself will feature both Biblical and doctrinal preaching, and messages and addresses on major issues of the day, Shannon said.

Major issues on the program, and the speaker dealing with that issue, will be:

—The population explosion: Wayne Ward, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville;

—Separation of Church and State: Landrum P. Leavell, III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.;

—The problem of war: Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.;

—Situation ethics and the new morality: John Drakeford, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth;

—Ecumenical evangelism: Alastair Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga.;

—Poverty: Vander Warner, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.;

—Drug addiction: Dr. Ira Myers, state health officer for Alabama and a Southern Baptist deacon;

—Biblical Preaching and social issues: Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.;

—The gospel of a radical pulpit: Manuel L. Scott, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Scott, a Negro, will also speak on "Redemption through the Blood." Another Negro, Jimmie McDonald of Colorado, will sing several times.

Doctrinal messages will be by H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First

Baptist Church, Nashville, and immediate past president of the SBC; Ray Wood, evangelist, Birmingham, Ala.; John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and Charles Carter, pastor of Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and Eddie Lieberman, evangelist from Greenville, S. C.

Other major addresses will be by Evangelist John Edmund Haggai of Atlanta, Governor Albert P. Brewer of Alabama, and an active Baptist layman; and R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Personal testimonies will be by Miss Vonda Kay Van Dyke, the 1965 Miss America from Phoenix, Ariz., and by Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham.

Special music will be by McDonald, Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist for the First Baptist Church of Dallas; and by Mrs. Warren E. Hearnese, wife of the governor of Missouri and an active member of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo. Kurt Kaiser will be the organist and Baynard Fox, pianist.



SURPRISE!—J. Edwin Bullock, state Brotherhood secretary, was pleasantly surprised recently to see a picture of his 11-year-old son Joey used on the inside cover of the April-May-June "Ambassador Leader" magazine. The picture was taken last summer at Ridgecrest and appeared in the magazine to advertise this summer's World Missions Conference at the assembly.



TAR HEEL MISSIONARIES—Wilburn C. Hoglen, left, a Haywood County native, receives a name tag from Mrs. Hoglen and at right Mrs. Jesse L. Kidd, formerly of Charlotte, pins one on her husband before their appointments as foreign missionaries in Richmond March 13.



Tar Heels Appointed For Mission Service

One native Tar Heel and another who called the state home for seven years were among appointees to foreign mission service in Richmond recently.

The two were Wilburn C. Hoglen, a Haywood County native who has been serving as a pastor and school teacher in Flint, Mich., and Mrs. Jesse L. Kidd, the former Wilma Gemmell of Charlotte, who has been serving as a missionary associate in Brazil.

Hoglen, reared in Macon County, was appointed with his wife for service in Venezuela. He has been in Michigan since 1964 and before that served churches in Tennessee, Louisiana and Alabama. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Kidd has been a missionary associate in Brazil since 1963 and before that was with an office systems firm in Charlotte for seven years. While in Charlotte she was a member of St. John's Church.

A Nebraska native, she is a graduate of Howard Payne College and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Kidd — then Miss Gemmell — was secretary for the Baptist Mission in Rio de Janeiro where she met Jesse L. Kidd, who was in the country as an independent Baptist missionary.

They were married in the states in 1967 and will return to Brazil to do evangelistic work.

Changes in the Churches

'Team' Called at Statesville

Bud Kirby and **Jane Martin**, who soon will become Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kirby, also will soon become ministers of music and youth at First Church, Statesville. Miss Martin, who is now minister of music and education at First Church, Taylorsville, will join the Statesville staff on April 13. Kirby, now working on his master's degree at East Carolina University, will come to the church in August. The couple will be married July 25.

Alfred Wright, recently ordained to the gospel ministry, has been called as pastor of Sandy Creek Church in Randolph Association. . . . **Kenneth M. Johnson** is the pastor at CaVel Church in Beulah Association, coming from Reedy Creek Church in Concord Association in Virginia. He is a student at Southeastern

Seminary and formerly was pastor of Gibson Avenue Church, Wilmington. . . .

Charlie Thompson, pastor of Beulah Church in Statesville, for the last three years, is the new pastor at Ash Street Church in Forest Park, Ga. . . . **Bobby Seagroves**, pastor of Brightwater Church in Carolina Association has resigned to become pastor of First Church, China Grove. . . .

Three changes are reported in Eastern Association: **Bruce Wilson** is the new pastor at Garners Chapel and Alum Springs churches. . . . **Ralph N. Culler**, formerly of Jessup, Md., is the new pastor at Island Creek Church. . . . **Paul Rose**, recently ordained to the gospel ministry, is the new pastor at Jones Chapel. . . .

Kelford Church in West Chowan Association has called **Donald McManus** as pastor. He is a student at Southeastern Seminary. . . . First Church, Weldon, has called **Dianne White** as minister of youth. . . .

In Yates Association **Tommy Moorefield**, a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, is interim music director at Holloway Street Church . . . and **Marshal Sargent** of Louisburg has accepted a call to the pastorate of Mt. Moriah Church. . . .

Pine Level Church has called **Mrs. Olive H. Cooke** as choir director. She is a graduate of East Carolina University and has taught music in Hamlet and Smithfield schools. She was choir director and organist at First Presbyterian Church, Rockingham, for two years. . . . **Charles Lowell Dotson** who soon will receive his master of sacred music degree from Southern Seminary has been called as minister of music at Providence Church.

Ordination

BILLY CASHWELL

Billy Cashwell was ordained to the gospel ministry recently by Calvary Church, Roanoke Rapids. He is serving as associate pastor at Calvary and is enrolled at Louisburg Junior College. He is married to the former Regina Viverette of Roanoke Rapids. They have a daughter, Melissa. He is the son of Mrs. Janie Cashwell.



Cashwell

Ordination

CARL GARNER

Carl Garner was ordained by Sixteenth Street Church on Feb. 2. The ordination was at the request of Sandy Creek Church



Garner

in Libery where Garner is serving as pastor. Before being called into the ministry he was an active layman in Sixteenth Street Church, serving as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and youth worker. Garner is married and the father of four children. He is presently studying with the Luthur Rice Seminary.

Known as ALERT

Liquor Fight Welded Strong Lay Organization in Gastonia

Dry forces lost an election in September, 1967, in Gastonia, but their efforts welded together a laymen's organization that remains active and dedicated to ridding the community of many evils.

The organization is the *Alert Laymen Encouraging Responsible Thinking*, better known in Gastonia now as ALERT. It is working against such evils as illegal narcotics traffic, gambling, pornography and declining sex mores, and for improved law enforcement and judicial activities, legislative and elections processes, plus improvements in other areas.

ALERT began in May, 1967 to meet the threat of an election to legalize beer and liquor sales in Gastonia. From the start, most of its mem-

bers have been laymen. Dr. Lowell Jennings, a Gastonia physician, was named chairman; Paul Avery, a Baptist layman, vice-chairman; Hoyle Allred, pastor of Flint Groves Church, secretary; and Horace Murphy, another layman, treasurer.

An executive committee was appointed consisting of representatives from each voting precinct in the city. Most were laymen working for a cause they believed in.

The committee members organized each block in their precincts, designating block chairmen and teams of door knockers. They sought persons sympathetic to the dry cause in each block, urging them to register.

Volunteers came from every denomination, each paying \$1 to join and support the effort. Membership swelled to 1,500.

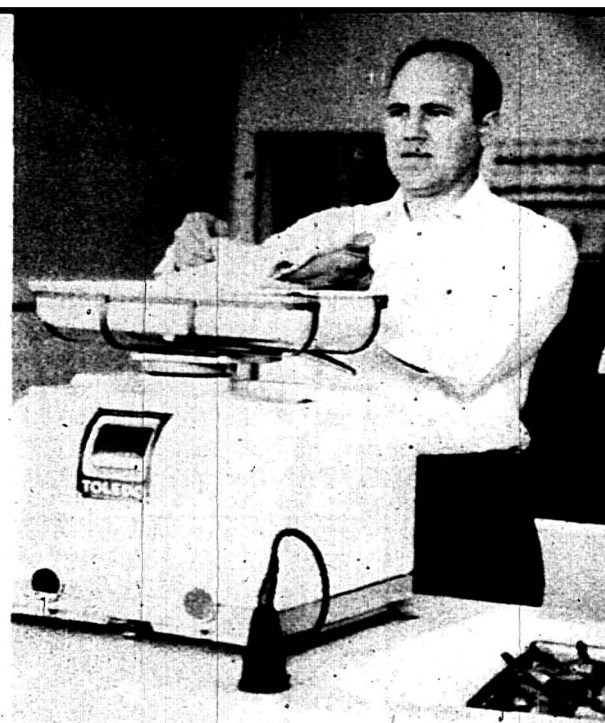
As election day neared ALERT met each Sunday at Flint Groves Church to pore over voting records to get every "dry" on the voter registration list. A weekly newsletter kept members apprised of the progress. On election day members operated a transportation service to take voters to the polls.

The election was lost by 28 votes. A subsequent recount trimmed the margin to 18. ALERT's effort cannot be minimized, despite the loss. The group's challenge of some of the election boxes has brought an overhaul of election procedures and new registration.

ALERT was and will remain primarily a laymen's organization. Ministers are called on occasionally for advice, but laymen and women such as Paul Avery, Bill Powers, a fish market operator; Virginia Sonderman, a public school secretary; and Dr. Jennings, carry the load.

The organization has now expanded to include all of Gaston County. Satellite groups will be organized throughout the county.

Tom Hogan, pastor of East Church heads the group's committee investigating ways to curb the flow of pornography. Alex Williams, a sergeant in the Gaston County Rural Police, heads another committee opposing illegal drug traffic.



Bill Powers



Stamey

Greene

10 Church Training Conventions Slated

The first two of ten Regional Church Training Conventions set across North Carolina over the next three weeks begin April 1 at Greenway Church, Boone and Loray Church, Gastonia.

Additional conferences are slated April 3 at First Church, Burnsville and First Church, Bryson City; April 22 at Askewville Church, Windsor and New Hope Church, Wilson; April 24 at Winter Park Church, Wilmington and New Hope Church, Raleigh; April 25 at First Church, High Point; and April 26 at West Albemarle Church, Albemarle.

Theme of each conference will be "Creative Family Living." Leaders will be James C. Stamey, pastor of Elizabeth Church, Shelby and C. O. Greene, superintendent of missions in Kings Mountain Association.

Junior Choir Camp Scheduled At Fruitland, July 14-19

Junior Choir Camp will be held at Fruitland Baptist Conference Center July 14-19, 1969. The daily schedule will include worship, classes, choir rehearsals, recreation, and camp-fire devotions.



Downey

Choral director for the week will be Charles Downey music administration consultant, Church Music department, Sunday School Board. The choir will present a concert at First Church, Hendersonville, Friday night, July 18.

For reservations, write Gary Harthcock, Manager, Fruitland Baptist Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739.

William Gilmore Licensed



Gilmore

William E. Gilmore, a student at Wingate College, was licensed to preach recently by Oakley Church, Siler City. A native of Siler City, he is a graduate of Jordan Matthews High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gilmore.

Georgian Named New HMB President

Harmon M. Born, president of an Atlanta auto sales firm and chairman of the board of deacons of Rock Baptist Church in Rex., Ga., has been elected president of the board of directors of the Home Mission Board.

Other new officers include I. B. Hall of Florida, first vice president; Mrs.

Robert R. Hallman of Atlanta, second vice president; Miss Marie Cooper of Atlanta, recording secretary; and Mrs. Wright Gellerstedt of Atlanta, assistant recording secretary.

Born succeeds J. Don Aderhold, pastor of the Columbia Drive Baptist Church in Decatur. (BP)

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Associate, News & Editorial

Pat Patillo, assistant to President Duke McCall at Southern Seminary, comments on this column of March 8:

"Your article on green stamps for stewardship is rather intriguing.

It has genuine possibilities—after all, the church is the *original* Redemption Center.

MRS. DAVID DORR, missionary homemaker in Gaza, was one of the speakers at the WMU annual session recently in Charlotte. She gave a moving illustration of the power of prayer.

Some Moslem girls had been converted to Christianity through the witness of the Baptist hospital at Gaza and began to tell others about their experience. Mrs. Dorr said that any person who renounced the Moslem faith was looked upon as a traitor.

Soon the girls and Dr. Dorr were summoned to the local intelligence office. They were told that unless the girls recanted they would be sent home in disgrace and the hospital closed.

"Where was God?" Mrs. Dorr asked. "Why wouldn't He help?" They continued to pray.

The next day the infant son of the intelligence office chief became unaccountably critically ill. He was taken to the hospital. His illness defied diagnosis and the missionaries were even more fearful for the future of the hospital. If the child had died there, it would have been a double calamity. The hospital would have been blamed.

But the child slowly got well. In the meantime Mrs. Dorr brought a lounge chair from her home to be used by the child's mother who refused to leave his side.

After the child had recovered and been taken home, the mother returned and gave Mrs. Dorr a small gold cross on a chain. Later while in Cairo she bought Mrs. Dorr a picture of a small New England church to remind the missionary of home, and on a visit to Mecca her husband bought Mrs. Dorr a mother of pearl cross from Jerusalem. The hospital stayed open.

"Without prayer this could have had a very different ending," she said.

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Student Conference Slated in Gastonia

First Church, Gastonia, will be host April 18-20 to the annual spring conference of the North Carolina Baptist Student Union.

Theme of this spring's conference is "Journey Inward, Journey Outward." The meeting will begin with registration at 4 p.m. April 18 and continue through the Sunday morning worship hour.

Guest speakers, both of whom will address the conference Saturday morning, April 19, will be Elizabeth O'Connor of the Church of the Saviour staff in Washington, D. C., and Charles Gill, executive director of the Health Planning Office, Prince George County, Cheverly, Md.

Miss O'Connor is author of the books, *Call to Commitment* and *Journey Inward, Journey Outward*.

This year's conference business session schedule has been changed. Officers will be elected at 8:15 p.m. the opening night, April 18.

BOOK STORE CLOSED APRIL 7

The Baptist Book Store in Raleigh will be closed Monday, April 7, the day following Easter Sunday.

In Raleigh, April 2

Students to Share Concerns With Gov. Scott, Legislators

The Baptist Student Union of North Carolina has decided to take its case for human resources development and improved juvenile correctional facilities to the men — and women — who can get the job done.

Leaders of the BSU have invited Governor Bob Scott and members of the General Assembly to breakfast April 2 to discuss their concerns with the lawmakers and the state's chief executive.

The breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. at the Velvet Cloak Inn in Raleigh.

In a letter to students, Roger Sharpe, NC-State senior who is vice-president of the BSU, said, "The purpose of the breakfast is to share with the North Carolina legislators our concern for the development of human resources, particularly the needs of juvenile delinquents."

Sharpe said the breakfast would be paid for "by friends of the Baptist Student Union." He urged the students to

whom he wrote to "wear a smile and be willing to share your Christian concerns with the legislators!"

"We feel that the breakfast will be a tremendous success and will set precedent for Christian Citizenship in action," Sharpe said in the letter.

Last fall, at the request of the BSU's social action committee, the Baptist State Convention in annual session approved a resolution asking improvement in the state's juvenile corrections system, including increased funds, campus chaplains, construction of more adequate facilities and improved working conditions at the institutions.

News About Missionaries

Virginia Miles, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, is home in Raleigh for a short furlough. Her address is c/o John E. Miles, 1302 Chaney Rd., Raleigh, N. C. 27606. A native of Raleigh, Miss Miles was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1948.

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3 Churches Approve Church Budget Plan

First Church, Shelby; Kerlee Church in Buncombe Association; and Guilford Church in Greensboro are the latest to join the growing number sending the **BIBLICAL RECORDER** to their members through the Budget Plan.

Macon Greene is pastor at Guilford Church and E. F. Baker is pastor at Kerlee Church. First Church, Shelby, at present has no pastor.

Churches can send the **BIBLICAL RECORDER** to every resident family for only four cents per subscription, plus tax. More than 635 churches in the state have found this to be the best method to see that their members are informed of the issues that vitally affect them as Christians and of news of Baptists and other Christians in North Carolina and around the world.

Brown Will Direct Summer Youth Corps

Willard A. Brown, Jr., a 1969 graduate of Southeastern Seminary, will direct the summer Youth Corps program of the Church Training Department.

Sam O'Neal, secretary of the department which assumes responsibility for the program this year, said that Brown would be in charge of the work from June 2-Aug. 10.



Brown

Brown will be special liaison between the Youth Corps workers, local churches where they serve, the Baptist colleges and the Baptist State Convention.

Most recently Brown has been interim pastor of Piney Grove Church in Gretna, Va. He was pastor of Emmaus Church, Dudley, for three years. A native of Winston-Salem, he is also graduate of Campbell College where he was president of the BSU and named the outstanding senior in 1965.

International Lesson

He Has Risen

For April 6, 1969

By M. H. Kendall, Professor, Mars Hill College



Scripture: Mark 15:42-16:7

After the death of Jesus, the disciples were despondent. But they soon realized that death was not the end. Quickly, it gave way to the resurrection; and the resurrection brought into being a whole new era of religious hope and aspiration.

Nothing is more important to our faith than the resurrection. Some even say that the open grave is the symbol of our faith. We speak of the powerful and the powerless grave.

Death in the Evening, Mark 15:42-47

At nine o'clock in the morning Jesus was nailed to the cross. By three o'clock in the afternoon he was dead. Ordinarily, the victim of crucifixion suffered from 12 to 36 hours before death. Jesus died within six hours, and the gospel of John implies that he died from causes other than the pain of crucifixion—possibly, a ruptured heart. (John 19:33-35) Pilate himself marveled when he heard that Jesus was already dead. The enemies of Jesus were cruel enough to crucify him, but they were also so "righteous" that they did not want the holy Sabbath contaminated by the bodies of the crucified hanging upon crosses. So, they broke the legs of the other victims, but they found that Jesus was already dead.

It was a dark day when Jesus died and was buried. Seemingly, the evil of man had had its way and was triumphant. The best One who had ever walked the earth had been killed and buried by evil men. No wonder the earth quaked, and the light of the sun was blotted out. The most heinous crime in all history had been perpetrated by the very people who should have received him gladly as the promised Messiah.

The Empty Tomb, Mark 16:1-4

Jesus had repeatedly stated that he would rise from the dead; but, apparently, his disciples did not understand. To them, death was defeat. Simon Peter had rebuked Jesus when he said that he would go to Jerusalem, where he would be betrayed, tried, crucified, buried, and that he would rise on the third day. (Matt. 16:21-23)

The women, along with many others, had believed that Jesus was the Messiah. But, now, he was dead and buried in a tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathea; and the dream was at an end. They wondered, even as they walked toward the grave of Jesus, who would roll away the stone for them.

Men did their worst against Jesus, but they could not follow him into death. No longer could they touch him. The stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty. It was truly "the rising of the sun" for the followers of Jesus.

Victory Over Death, Mark 16:5-7

Death is the destiny of all men, but death is not the master of the house. He is only the porter who opens the door.

Jesus is our hope of eternity. Because he lives, we are convinced that we also shall live. There was a life and death struggle that day between good and evil, for the soul of man. Sin and death lost. And to remind us of this eternal truth, there stands forever before us an empty cross and an empty tomb.

Jesus said he would arise, so when the women reached the tomb they found it empty. "Be not afraid," they were told, but go "tell his disciples and Peter." So, with great joy they hastened to bring the good news to the despondent and fearful disciples. They could hardly believe what they heard; but, like an electric shock, news of the resurrection spread through the ranks of the followers of Jesus. Death would no longer have dominion over the soul of man, and they were no longer afraid. It was truly sunrise, the dawn of a new day.

Suggestions for Further Thought:

1. What place does the resurrection have in our faith?
2. What would Christianity be without the resurrection?

Funeral Services Held for Mother of Bob Shepherd

Mrs. J. T. Shepherd, 70, resident of Athens, Ga., and mother of Bob Shepherd, pastor at First Church, Mooresville, died in Athens March 14 after a long period of declining health. Shepherd is chairman of the board of directors of the **BIBLICAL RECORDER**.

A native of Alamance County, Mrs. Shepherd was born in 1898. Surviving are three daughters and two sons; one sister; and two brothers.

Funeral services were March 16 at West End Baptist Church in Athens and burial was the following day at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ cemetery in Alamance County.

Christ: Our Example

For April 6, 1969

By James O. Hagwood, First Church, Robersonville

Focal Passage: John 21:2-13

Our attention this quarter will be given to the ministry of love which should be characteristic of the Church. We shall look at some biblical examples of ministry, see the motivation for ministry, and examine our ministry of love as children of God.

There are many passages from which we could draw illustrations for this lesson of the supreme example of ministry in the life of Jesus. The entire life of our Lord was one of ministry to others. He summed up his mission in this way, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

Our focal passage was chosen because our attention today is focused on Easter and the resurrection of our Lord. This incident also shows the concern of Jesus for the physical and spiritual well-being of his followers after the resurrection.

The disciples seem to have forgotten the meetings with the resurrected Lord. Peter returned to fishing for fish when he had been called to fish for men. Others followed him. We do not know if this was an indication that these disciples had begun to waver in their faith or simply



Ralph Phelps Resigns Ouachita Presidency

Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., for 15 years, has resigned effective Aug. 31.

He said he would announce his plans shortly, but gave no reason for his resignation, although he cited several offers in business and higher education.

Phelps was named president-emeritus by the university board. He declined to comment, but said in a speech, "There exists a sort of super board which is the church body as a whole, some of whom are positive in their views but have never actually set foot on the campuses they criticize."

During a sabbatical leave last year, Phelps served in Atlanta as regional director of the office of Economic Opportunity. He considered running for governor after his return to Arkansas, but did not enter the race. (RNS)

Urban Crisis Theme Of Chicago Seminar

More than 250 "thought leaders" in the Southern Baptist Convention will gather in Chicago March 31-April 2 for a three-day conference designed to "incite action" in dealing with the nation's urban crisis.

Seminar planners have announced that the initial response has been so overwhelming that they were forced to turn down additional requests to participate because of limited facilities.

According to the conference director, Foy Valentine of Nashville, Tenn., the conference will avoid "more agonizing reappraisal of the complex problems that face our cities and churches, but rather will seek solutions to the problems."

Decision to Allow Dancing Is Reaffirmed

Trustees of Southern Baptist-related Georgetown College in Kentucky have reaffirmed a decision to allow dancing on campus.

A 139-year-old ban on dancing was dropped last October. The trustees' student affairs committee was asked in January to study a request from the Kentucky Baptist Convention that the action be reconsidered and rescinded.

Ordination

THOMAS J. SISK

Thomas J. Sisk was ordained to the gospel ministry March 2 at Mount Pleasant Church, Forest City. Participating



Sisk

in the service were W. V. Carroll, missionary to the Sandy Run Association; M. D. Blanton; W. Wade Bunce, pastor of Mount Pleasant; Guy Johnson, Main Street Church, Spindale; J. L. Sisk, pastor of Wallace Grove Church, Shelby and father of the candidate. He was ordained at the request of Mount Pleasant Church. He is presently pastoring the Mount Pleasant Mission. He is married to the former Melba Willis of Bostic. They have two sons, Eugene and Vance.

that they were hungry and so went fishing. Their toil, however, brought them nothing but continued hunger, discouragement and empty nets.

In the early mist of morning Jesus appeared on the shore and urged the fishermen to cast their nets on the right side of the ship. The resulting catch convinced the disciples that a miracle had been performed and that the shadowy figure on the beach must be Jesus. They came to the shore to find a fire and breakfast begun by the Lord. As they ate they were all aware that their host was indeed the Master and that he was showing them again a lesson in humble service.

During the three short years of his ministry Jesus had sought to teach his disciples by word and deeds the meaning of ministry. He had shown what love and compassion for others could do. He had healed all the hurts, physical and spiritual, of those who came to him. Finally, he had been willing to give his life that men might come to know the depths of God's love and the meaning of an abundant life. In his ministry he left a well-marked path for his disciples to follow.

Perhaps the disciples expected some sort of rebuke or detailed instructions as they sat here with the risen Lord at breakfast. Instead, he had again shown his concern for them. They were tired and hungry, and he fed them. They were disappointed and disillusioned, and he demonstrated that the risen Lord has power to give the help which was needed. Here was another example of his ministry of love.

The remaining verses of the chapter belong properly to this lesson for it is in the command of Jesus to Peter that we see his stress on a needed ministry in every age. To Peter's declaration of love for him, Jesus simply said, "Feed my sheep." If we are to engage in a ministry of love, it must also be based on our love for our Lord, a love which issues in ministry to others.

This passage is only one instance of the concern which Jesus had for his followers. A careful survey of the Gospels will show that concern indicated in all of his ministry. As we seek to engage in a meaningful ministry today, his life stands as a supreme example for us to follow.

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Dr. Pennell Voices Concern for More Mission Volunteers

It was only a few hundred yards from the little Nigerian village back down to the river, where a boat waited to return him to the Baptist hospital. But it was one of the "longest" walks that Dr. Timothy Pennell had ever taken.

"Every step of the way I kept thinking that it might be six days, six months, or six years before another doctor could visit these people," he told some 90 persons attending the Middle Atlantic Medical Missions Conference in Richmond.

Dr. Pennell, associate professor of surgery at Bowman Gray School of Medicine spent last summer lecturing and working in Baptist hospitals in Africa and the Middle East. He came back burdened with the tremendous need for more doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel to strengthen Southern Baptists' medical ministry overseas. He shared his concern with the young people attending the March 14-15 meeting at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond.

"We love to talk about our 11 million Southern Baptists," he said. "Yet in Kontagora, Nigeria, in the heart of Muslim territory, our hospital had to be closed because we didn't have the people to keep it open."

Dr. Pennell praised the quality of work being done by the denomination's medical missionaries in the countries he visited, but he said that many of these people are overworked—with some on duty seven days a week and on call 24 hours a day.

He addressed his remarks to representatives from 13 schools in Georgia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, and Virginia who gathered for the eighth annual Middle Atlantic conference, one of a series of such medical missions meetings held each year in key medical centers of the United States. The sessions are directed by Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, Foreign Mission Board associate secretary for missionary personnel.

Zeb Moss' Mother Dies

Mrs. D. L. Moss, mother of Zeb V. Moss, Southern Baptist missionary to Zambia, died March 8 in Aberdeen. Mr. Moss, now in the States on furlough, may be addressed at 404 W. Whitaker Mill Rd., Raleigh, 27608.



DISCUSSING the program of the Middle Atlantic Medical Missions Conference, held in Richmond, Va., March 14-15, are Edna Frances Dawkins, the Foreign Mission Board's associate secretary for missionary personnel, medical division, and Dr. Timothy Pennell, of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University, who was the major conference speaker.

Illinois Baptist Passes 50,000 in Circulation

The Illinois Baptist, weekly tabloid publication of the Illinois Baptist State Association, has passed the 50,000 mark in circulation, an increase of 22,000 during the past year.

Major reason for the tremendous rate of increase was attributed to sending the paper to every Baptist family, financed through the state convention's Cooperative Program budget. (BP)

Lottie Moon Funds Now at \$11,730,175

The Foreign Mission Board has received \$11,730,175.45 from the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (as of March 13).

This is \$406,034.75 more than had been received as of approximately the same date last year.

MUSIC PACKETS AVAILABLE

Music packets to be used in the All-State Youth Choir Retreat to be held at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem April 25-26, are now available in Baptist Book Stores. Directors with groups participating are urged to order these packets immediately, so that singers may be thoroughly familiar with the numbers. The cost of the packet of eight numbers is \$2.40.

—JOSEPH O. STROUD
Church Music Secretary

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Devotional

When Vision Is Unlimited

By Tom M. Freeman

A popular high school teacher would often speak to his classes about the thoughts that came to him in his garden. Though he never described it, the classes thought that his garden must be large and beautiful. They were very surprised when a group of them visited him one night and found him seated in a tiny plot of ground behind his apartment, surrounded by four walls.



Freeman

After the usual pleasantries, one of the youths said, "Your garden is very small." He smiled as he replied, "Yes, but see how high it is!" pointing to the sky filled with shining stars. His vision in the garden was very limited except when he looked up. Then it was unlimited, and it was this vision that gave him inspiration, strength and hope.

One of the most defeating and degrading of human sentiments is self-pity. We are all prone to look at the four walls around our lives and say, "My garden is very small." But those who lift their eyes of faith can find assurance, renewed hope and the spiritual power necessary to live an abundant life.

There is an old saying that is appropriate here: "Two men stood looking through the bars; one saw the mud, the other saw the stars!" It may not be always muddy where you stand, but the stars are always there, and God invites you to look up, to find inspiration and challenge in an unlimited vision.

Isaiah the prophet spoke of Him in this way: "To whom, then, will you compare Me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see; who created these? He Who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name!" (Isaiah 40:25-26)

—Tom Freeman is pastor of First Church, Dunn.

For Meeting Challenge

Proud Pastor Praises Church

Midwood Church has had its Christian spirit put to the test and come through victoriously. I am confident that we are standing tall in the presence of God and the angels of heaven are rejoicing.

On Sunday Evening, March 2, I was in Greensboro preaching as the Reverend Jack Wilder was at Midwood. When I returned to Charlotte I learned that several young people whose habits and dress are not what we ordinarily expect were in our Evening Service. They had a young Negro man with them. I immediately said that they were where they should have been and thanked God that we had the privilege of witnessing to them. I further said that if our Christian convictions were not strong enough to influence them, and we were afraid of their influencing us, there must be something wrong with that which we call our Christianity.

Last Sunday Evening these young people were back at Midwood. They had received a surprisingly warm welcome the Sunday before and wanted to be back. When the invitation was given, one of these young men made a profession of faith, was gloriously saved, and I expect to baptize him Sunday Evening. As we sang, I saw one of our members whisper a word to the young Negro man. All but one of these young people were at the front on their knees when the invitation was finished. A young girl, never before in our church, accepted Christ and has been telling of her experience all this week. The young man who is to be baptized has been witnessing with our men every night this week and expects to give a testimony Sunday evening.

If I know anything about Christianity—and I believe I do—this is it! A Christian Church should be a place where any human soul can find love, understanding, and the message of salvation. If our church had not welcomed these young people and shown them Christian love, our other young people would have justly branded us

as a bunch of empty hypocrites. Now they know that we mean what we say when we talk about Christianity that professes and PRACTICES. As a Baptist pastor, I can say that I am proud of my church. What pastor wouldn't be?

—WENDELL DAVIS
Midwood Church, Charlotte



ON THIS SUNDAY FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT, WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE GRADUATES IN OUR CONGREGATION !!

Spice Box

Just about the time a woman thinks her work is done she becomes a grandmother.

A man was notified by his psychiatrist, "If you don't pay your bill, I'm going to let you go crazy."

Deep lies the drift across the drive; I know what must be done. I bravely grasp the shovel — and hand it to my son.

Teacher: "What two documents contributed greatly to the government of the United States?"

Pupil: "Forms 1040 and 1040A."

When the grocer informed her the price of eggs was 60 cents a dozen she exclaimed, "Why, that's five cents for each egg."

"Yes, Mum," said the man, "but you must remember that one egg is the whole day's work for a hen."

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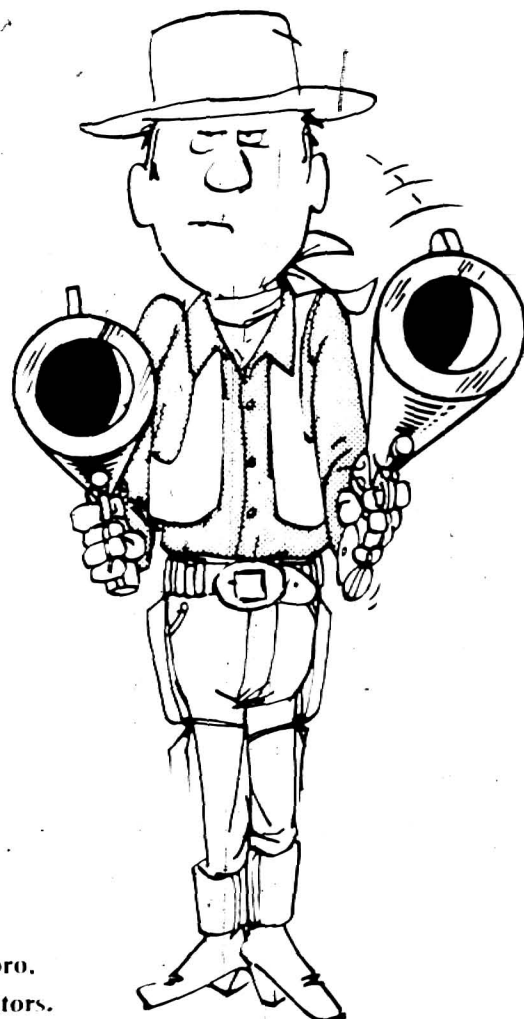
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