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GENERAL BOARD MEETS MARCH 11, 1965

The General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will meet Thursday, March 11, 10:00 A.M. at the University Church, Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

President Pitts is not only urging all members to be present but to bring along \$100.00 for the work. This \$100.00 is asked of all Board Members as a sacrificial gift to the *Cause*.

The urgent financial need of Shaw and the objectives of the convention demands that we rally to the *Cause* NOW.

Plans for the One Day Session, (May 5, Washington Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina, Reverend P. B. Barnett, Pastor) will be completed and approved. Don't miss this important and vital meeting.

HOW TO GET THERE — From Salisbury area, take Highway 150 to Waco. Turn left on Highway 1001 two miles to church.

Asheville area, take 74 east to Shelby, take Highway 150 to Waco, turn right to church.

From Monroe area, take Highway 74 west to Bethware school, six miles near Kings Mountain take Highway 1001 right to church.

From Statesville area, take Highway 18 to Shelby, turn right on 150 to Waco, turn right at Waco to church.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

PLATFORM GROUP NAMES DR. HUNTLEY

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Elliott Huntley, pastor of Central Baptist Church, 2842 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo., has been elected to membership in the International Platform Association.

Founded in 1903, the IPA is the professional association of those engaged in the lecture, concert

or entertainment field. Dr. Huntley was recommended for membership by Lowell Thomas, Edgar Bergen, Drew Pearson and Hal Holbrook.

Dr. Huntley, who went to St. Louis twenty-two years ago, is a widely known speaker and is the author of several books. He is a native son of North Carolina, and a product of our Convention.

WHERE THEY MEET

- May 4—One Day Session, Washington Baptist Church, R.F.D., Shelby
- June 14-20—National Baptist Sunday School Congress, U. S. A., Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma
- June 14-20—National Baptist Sunday School Congress of America
- June 14-20—Progressive National Baptist Sunday School Congress, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham
- June 25-30—Baptist World Congress, Miami Beach, Florida
- July 13-15—State Ushers Convention, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham
- August 3-5—State S. S. & B. T. U. Convention, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
- August 10-13—Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
- August 31-September 3—Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Richmond, Virginia
- September 6-12—National Baptist Convention of America, U. S. A., Inc., Jacksonville, Florida
- September 6-12—National Convention of America, Houston, Texas
- September 6-12—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.
- November 8-12—Laymen League & General Baptist State Convention, Shaw University, Raleigh

Human Relations Conference

FOURTH ANNUAL
 HUMAN RELATIONS
 CONFERENCE
 Sponsored by the
 Department of Interracial Cooperation
 Dr. W. R. Grigg, Secretary
 will be held
 at the
 New Bethel Baptist Church
 1016 North Trade Street
 Winston-Salem, North Carolina
 February 25-26, 1965

The Program

THURSDAY MORNING—Olin D. Hefner, Presiding
 10:00 Devotional Period David R. Hedgley
 10:15 Greetings Jerry Drayton
 10:20 Introduction of Program W. R. Grigg
 10:30 Address—"Evangelism, Missions and Race"
 "A Study in Relationships" E. L. Spivey
 11:00 Discussion Period
 11:30 Special Music J. O. Stroud
 11:35 Address—"The Southern Church and the
 Challenge of Race" Claude Broach
 12:05 Adjourn

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—
 J. A. Dudley, Presiding
 2:00 Devotional Period David R. Hedgley
 2:15 Address—"The Christian Ethic and
 Racial Segregation" William Smith
 2:45 Discussion Period
 3:15 Music J. O. Stroud
 3:20 Address—"The Role of Christian Leaders
 in Race Relations"
 Miss Kathryn Bullard
 Mrs. M. A. Horne
 4:20 Discussion Period
 4:45 Adjourn

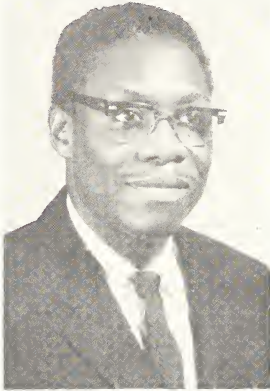
THURSDAY EVENING—Lewis Ludlum, Presiding
 7:00 Devotional Period David R. Hedgley
 7:15 Summary Statement W. R. Grigg
 7:25 Special Music J. O. Stroud
 7:35 Address—"What Negroes Want Now"
 Raymond Harvey
 8:05 Discussion Period
 8:30 Special Music J. O. Stroud
 8:35 Address—"Race and Renewal
 of the Church" Randall Lolley
 9:10 Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING—C. C. Craig, Jr., Presiding
 9:00 Devotional Period David R. Hedgley
 9:15 Summary Statement W. R. Grigg
 9:30 Special Music J. O. Stroud
 9:35 Address—"Overcoming Prejudice"
 Jack Crum
 10:05 Discussion Period
 10:30 Address—"I Have Seen Progress
 in Race Relations" Guy Bellamy
 11:00 Discussion, Testimonies, Criticism, etc.
 11:30 Special Music J. O. Stroud
 11:40 Address—"Strategy for Baptist Churches
 in Race Relations" William A. Dyal, Jr.
 12:15 Adjourn

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Shaw University	409.70
The Colored Orphanage of North Carolina	73.55
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Designated-Unified	1,039.44
Building Fund	1.00
Baptist State Convention	250.00
Baptist Informer	79.00
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Woman's Convention (bldg. use)	231.28
Miscellaneous (Refund)	102.65
Current Operations (Shaw University)	20.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$2,445.33

THE DEACON'S LIFE AND HIS WIFE



by

C. P. Briley

Reverend C. P. Briley, a native of Robersonville, North Carolina, pastor of the Wake Baptist Grove Church, Garner, North Carolina, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Belhaven; Mount Zion Baptist Church, Macon; founder of Christ Temple Baptist Church, Robersonville, and author, *The Deacon's Life and His Wife*.

The book has five chapters dealing with spiritual and ethical living of deacons, their wives and those who desire to live acceptable unto God.

This book is designed to prepare deacons for Christian service. It has received wide acceptance throughout the Library System of North Carolina.

Reverend Briley attended Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., with advanced courses at Duke University, Durham and Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. He is also former Executive Secretary of the Middle Ground Roanoke Association, and minister and founder of "The Hour of Truth," which is a bi-weekly program that has been heard in most parts of the State for over 12 years. He is married to the former Miss Sarah Streeter, and they have four children: three sons, Clarence Gabriel, Antonio Jerome, Oscar Perry and one daughter Jacqueline E.

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THE UNITED NATIONS—WASHINGTON

1965 STUDY TOUR

for

MINISTER on NATIONAL

and WORLD AFFAIRS

PURPOSE

To understand the functions and operations of the United Nations and the United States Government.

To provide the opportunity to participate in discussion of current national and world affairs.

To discuss the role of the Church in the issues raised before the United Nations and the Federal Government.

To discuss the Christian Minister's responsibility in these issues.

DATE

April 26-May 1, 1965

COST

The total cost of the Study Tour is only \$77.00. This includes the chartered bus, the hotel rooms, insurance, two Seminar dinners, a Seminar luncheon, study materials, a night tour of Washington, tips for baggage handling, tips at the Seminar meals, the use of the facilities at the Church Center for the United Nations, and the application fee. This figure does not include the cost of the other meals, the Broadway play, the New York World's Fair, the luncheon in the Delegates' Dining Room, souvenirs, gifts, city transportation, and incidentals.

WHO MAY ATTEND

Any Christian minister in North Carolina is eligible to apply. Ministers serving on Social Action Board and Committees are particularly urged to submit an application. Only 40 ministers will be accepted. This means that from many denominations only one can be accepted. Please apply early.

WHERE MAY APPLICATIONS BE OBTAINED

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Great Social Explosions And The Christian Church

by Albert W. Spruill

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It is trite to say we are living in a world of social change. Omar Khayyam said many years ago, "Yea the First Morn of Creation Wrote, What the Last Dawn of Reckoning shall read", and Marcus Aurelius has been quoted as saying in the 2nd Century A.D., "Our Children shall see nothing new just as we ourselves have seen nothing fresh". While these statements sound quite deep, profound, and wise, they are certainly not true. We are living in a dynamic world where social changes are occurring around us with tremendous rapidity. Every new day brings ever new changes, inventions, and ideas, and all social institutions are affected by these changes. The church is certainly no exception. We may indeed sneer at these changes declaring that they are all bad as in a song that we sing quite frequently, "Change and decay in all around I see. Oh! Thou that changes not abide with me", yet in reality we have to live with these changes and perhaps the church must begin now to understand them lest it fail to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of its parishioners. Great social explosions are occurring around us as never before in the civilization of man and the great challenge before us is how shall we meet these great explosions of social change?

What are some of these great social explosions in our world society? Dr. Virgil Hancher of the State University of Iowa has quoted Devereux Josephs as suggesting that there are three great explosions in the world today, namely, the population explosion, the knowledge explosion, and the explosion of affluence or leisure time. I would like to suggest that there are three others making a total of six. The others are: the technological explosion, the communications explosion, and the explosion in human relations.

Let us explore briefly these great explosions of our world and see the implications of these changes as they relate to the Christian church.

The population explosion is one of the most talked about of all the social changes taking place in our American and world society. Never before has the sheer fact of numbers been such a serious problem to contend with as it is today. Most countries of the world are experiencing a terrific increase in population growth. Except in the very large cities of this country where population increases have brought on crowded slum areas, increased welfare support, crime, juvenile delinquency, and overcrowd-

ed classrooms, we in the United States do not see this as a serious threat, but in many countries it is quite evident. Phillip Hauser in *Sociology and Social Research* for 1954 expressed the seriousness of the problem when he said, and I quote "More than two billion people on the earth today are forced to subsist upon the products of approximately three billion acres of cultivated land and six billion acres of pasturage. Even if all productive land were cultivated, there would be only two acres available for each person now alive." In the decade since 1954, we have reached the 3 billion mark in population, but the problem is that the largest concentration of people is in countries which have the least amount of food to take care of them, namely, India and China. The suggestion has been made that if we continue our growth rate in population we will be crowded off the earth without adequate food to serve the hungry mouths of this world.

The great admonition for the Christian church in regard to the population explosion has been sounded by a great French Christian scholar, Father Bruckberger, in his book *Image of America*. The West Father Bruckberger contends makes up 14 per cent of the world population, but enjoys 55 per cent of the world income. This inequality is continuing and he warns that many of us believe that the prosperity will continue indefinitely. Such is unrealistic since all of the countries of the world are next door neighbors, and we cannot expect people, in general, to resign themselves to poverty. "The world today is exactly like the sixteenth-century society the Indians in Montaigne were describing when they first saw our civilization and said that they had noticed that there were among us men full and gorged with all sorts of good things, and that their other halves were beggars at their doors, emaciated with hunger and poverty; and they thought it strange that these needy halves could endure such injustice, and did not take the others by the throat, or set fire to their houses."

The Christian church in this half of the 20th century must ponder whether it wants to advocate the sharing of the wealth of the Western World with the hungry mouths of this planet or continue to bathe in the prosperity of America and the West knowing that one day these hungry throngs of the world may one day rise up to demand some of the goods of this world. We may also hasten to add that the church must also ponder whether birth control can be sanctioned by religious dogma as we must do something to curb our teeming population lest we be crowded off the earth.

A second great explosion influencing the Christian church is the knowledge explosion. Less than a

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GREAT SOCIAL EXPLOSIONS

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half century ago the student who finished high school or college felt that he was pretty well educated in terms of the knowledge that was a part of the day. A little Greek, a little Latin, some knowledge of the Bible, a course or so in mathematics was all one needed to be considered educated.

Today, this picture has drastically changed, and it has come about primarily because of the "Knowledge explosion", or more commonly the advent of the scientific era. Even those of us who have been fortunate to go on to achieve the masters and doctorate degrees are fooling ourselves if we fail to recognize that we know so little of the vast amount of knowledge around us. Dr. Virgil Hancher again quotes Dr. Robert Oppenheimer in an idea that substantiates this claim when he says regarding the knowledge explosion, "The result is that nearly everything that is now known was not in any book when most of us went to school; we cannot know unless we have picked it up since. It is mostly new; is has not been digested, it is not part of the man's common knowledge; it has become the property of specialized communities who may on occasion help one another, but who, by and large, pursue their own way with growing intensity, further and further from the roots in ordinary life."

Thus, the chemist no longer knows the whole field of chemistry nor the psychologist the field of psychology, and we poor educators are so befuddled until we wonder if we know anything at all. Everywhere people are looking for knowledge—new knowledge.

I hope you will not be overly offended if I should suggest that the "Call" is not enough anymore if the church is to educate its clientele. The Old Charles Bennett Gospel has passed. Perhaps I should explain here what I mean by the Old Charles Bennett Gospel. Some years ago in my community there was a man named Charles Bennett whom everyone claimed would someday become a preacher. They often called him "Preacher". They said it so much until the man really believed it to be true. As he walked home one day passing over a bridge, a friend obliged him by posing as God and calling him three times, each time prefaced by the command "Go preach my gospel!" Charles Bennett arose early the next Sunday morning and went to church to tell the good news that God had called him three times under a bridge. He had said to him, "Charles Bennett Go preach my gospel!" Legend has it that from that day until the day he died Charles Bennett whooped and hollered in somebody's pulpit. The call was all he needed, but preparation and education was not of any importance.

The average Christian today is seeking answers, serious answers, and the media around him is bom-

barding him with shocking revelations. Just last Fall I read an article in a popular magazine which suggested that within the next twenty-five years there will not be a single problem that man will be unable to solve, and he will have discovered the secrets of creating life as well as the molecular structure of God himself. If this is true, it may shatter our whole concept of religious security. Man needs, to paraphrase, Samuel Miller, something he can believe, something he can hold on to—a faith for these times. The minister or lawman who is knowledgeable will be an asset in the Christian church of the future.

A third explosion which affects the Christian church is the explosion of affluence or leisure time. Professor Mortimer J. Adler has quoted an outstanding economist as suggesting that in the next twenty-five years only two per cent of our population will be needed to produce the consumer goods that we need in order to survive in this country. What will we do with all of this leisure time. In a country where a great many of us have been used to working, it will be difficult to adjust to so much leisure. Yet, the economist is perhaps correct. As a country boy, I worked from sun to sun, but even the labor unions today are looking forward to a twenty hour work week, and indeed we are told that some have already reached tentative agreement with their employers.

In a leisure class culture, if there is not the proper orientation, we may look for an increase in crime, juvenile delinquency, divorce and other degrading social problems.

The Christian church must not stand idly by and wait until the time comes to decide what programs it must develop to serve its clientele. An idle mind we are told is the devil's workshop. Perhaps the church must provide a continuing education program for its parishioners or will have to organize a domestic Peace Corps to deal with the serious social and educational problems within its environs.

Technology is another explosion having its effects on the church and its program. We are fast approaching a society where babies are diapered by push button. There will be automatic kitchens, and disposable dishes. Just a few days ago we were treated on TV to a picture of a jet plane which will travel from coast to coast, a distance of nearly 3,000 miles in 90 minutes flat. During the elections we saw VPA, Vote Profile Analysis where a big computer could be fed a selected number of the returns from sample sections of a state and could predict who would be elected to office in a few minutes. These advances in technology, however, have displaced a goodly number of people. What will they do? What crises will they face emotionally and in their home and family relationships. The counsel-

ing and advice from the minister and other church members may prove to be valuable in helping displaced men and women to become spiritually adjusted in a period of automation. It will certainly not be unlikely that the churches of tomorrow will be in the placement business, and in the retraining business as some schools and colleges are today.

In the area of communications we have seen enormous changes. The hot line from Moscow to Washington is one case in point. Communications satellites which permit us to see almost instantaneously events in countries many miles away is another fantastic idea. The unique techniques developed in advertising, printing, and other media are certainly great advancements in communication. New films, television programs, and books are coming on the market in ever larger numbers.

The quality of television programs, and films, however, should be of great concern to the Christian church. There is a good deal of discussion about the enormous amount of programs where murders or killings are considered quite fashionable. The Christian church ought also to be able to help its members to evaluate the propaganda in various communications media.

Finally, the explosion in human relations is without a doubt one of the great explosions in American and world society today. The problem of race relations in the United States is indeed an intimate part of this explosion, but peoples all over the world are struggling for their place in the sun. It is an interesting phenomena that the outstanding contribution made by this generation is not its scientific advancements nor its technological achievements, as spectacular as these may be, but it is the fact that today man has come to the realization that the strong can help the weak, that those with power can help those with little power.

Father Bruckberger again has something to say regarding the human relations problem, and particularly the Negro problem in the U. S. Let me quote again from him here:

"If we want to save not only the West but the world, a world in which we are at least free to breathe, we can no longer tolerate anything whatever that might tend to create an irreconcilable rift between proletarian and the capitalist nations, between colored races and white. We must move at once, and with immense determination toward true solidarity and brotherhood between race and race, between rich and poor nations. We cannot be saved except collectively. Never before in history have men so depended upon one another for their temporal salvation; it is all mankind that will be lost or saved. Ours is indeed one world".

In regard to the Negro problem in this country, it should be sufficient to say that it has not been

solved completely. A desegregated or integrated society brings on ever new social problems which must be faced squarely and frankly. While many pupils are being integrated in public schools across boundaries, there is still the reluctance of outstanding high schools, colleges, and universities to accept Negro teachers and professors. The argument is often cited that we want the most competent, which really turns out to be in the long run the white teacher or professor. There is also still de facto segregation brought on by residential discrimination. Yet the Negro must not be dismayed in his continuing struggle, but must be constantly striving to remove racial barriers and to develop competence for as John W. Gardner suggests, this is the single most important quality in the development of a secure democratic society, and all Americans must share in this development.

So it is that there are six great explosions in the world today which have a great significance for the Christian church. There is the population explosion, the knowledge explosion, the explosion of affluence, the technological explosion, the explosion in communications, and the explosion in human relations, and perhaps the most perplexing of these is human relations.

O Lord that men in street and mart
Felt that same kinship of the human heart
That in the face of fire and flood
Could rally to the meaning of true
brotherhood.

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OF JANUARY, 1965
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HOME MISSIONS

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Self-Denial	7.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Undesignated	95.67
Foreign Scholarship	15.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Shaw University	316.78
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DESIGNATED GIFTS

Orphanage	46.00
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SALES AND SERVICES

Helpers	1,009.20
Guide-Handbooks	64.60
Junior Leaders	18.00
Books	21.01
Rent	47.00
Ball Pens	7.00
Informer	4.00

TOTAL \$4,246.96

FINAL NOTICE TO CLERGYMEN

curity Office, has announced that "clergymen who have not previously elected to come under social security may do so now." Recent legislation provides that these clergymen may file a waiver certificate on or before April 15, 1965, to elect social security coverage. Ingle went on to say that this amendment affords clergymen a "second chance" to gain social security protection for themselves and their families, regardless of the number of their previous years of earnings from the practice of their ministry. At this point, Ingle noted, that a waiver certificate filed after October 13, 1964, and before April 16, 1965, is effective for the first taxable year ending after 1961. And, since most ministers and members of the clergy operate on a calendar year basis, the effective date under this provision would be for 1962, he added.

Ingle stated that once the certificate is filed and coverage elected, earnings of \$400 or more are considered self-employment earnings and social security taxes are paid in the same manner that any self-employed person would use. The net earnings shown would include salaries, stipends, fees, and any honoraria received for services performed, less any expenses incurred in their performance. Ingle also noted here, that in the case of ministers, the value of meals and lodgings and the rental allowance for a home should be included for social security purposes.

Ingle advised that members of the ministry wishing to elect this coverage should take the following steps within the time limit set:

1. Secure a social security account number, unless one has been secured previously.
2. File Form 2031 (Waiver Certificate to Elect Social Security Coverage for Use by Ministers) with the Internal Revenue Service. A copy verifying receipt of the waiver certificate will be returned by the Internal Revenue Service.

3. Report earnings from the ministry and pay social security taxes on them to the District Director of Internal Revenue for 1962 and each year since, provided net earnings of \$400 or more have been realized.

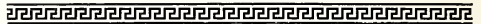
Ingle further stated that earnings from the ministry will be permanently barred from social security coverage after April 15, 1965, except in the case of newly licensed or ordained clergymen who are granted a two year period in which to file a waiver certificate after their ordination. Once coverage is elected, it cannot be withdrawn and social security taxes must be paid on net earnings from the ministry of \$400 or more.

"Presently, 140,000 clergymen are among the nine out of ten working Americans who are building social security credits for themselves and their families in preparation for the time when their earnings may cease because of disability, retirement, or death," he stated. Ingle especially urges clergymen with growing families not to overlook this time extension as it provides a valuable opportunity to obtain extra insurance and protection.

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