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The theme: Clean Up America.
The location: the steps of the United States Capitol, facing the impressive mall leading to the Washington Monument.
The group: Dr. Jerry Falwell and Liberty Baptist College's "I Love America" team.
The crowd: 15,000 concerned Americans representing 100 Christian schools from 20 states.

And, participating: five United States Senators and three members of the House of Representatives.

This scene in Washington, D.C. was noon, April 27, and it was the first time Americans representing 100 Christian school students from 20 states.

The patriotic program had been performed from 1975-77 to over a million Americans by the Liberty Baptist College students and for the event in the nation's capital, a special U.S. Armed Services color guard joined the students.

The patriotic program had been threatened by a drizzling downpour early in the morning but by noon, for the beginning of the television taping (to be aired May 27) the rain had stopped and the sun came out for a while.

Dr. Falwell welcomed the crowd by noting, "We're glad to be Christians and we're glad to be Americans." He said the nation was founded to be a Christian nation and that "we're committed to keeping the United States as the greatest."

He was joined on the program by distinguished members of Congress. They included Virginia's senior senator, Harry F. Byrd, Jr., and Senator John W. Warner; North Carolina's Jesse Helms; New Hampshire Senator Gordon Humphrey; and Nevada's Senator Paul Laxalt.

Members of the House of Representatives were Robert Dornan of California, George Hansen of Idaho and Tom Kindness of Ohio.

Each of the political leaders praised the patriotic program and lauded Dr. Falwell and the 15,000 people who attended the rally.

Dr. Falwell, known for his patriotic conservative views, said "The key to U.S. strength is Christian morality... America is a Christian nation, built on Christian values in America and the lack of concern for Christian principles."

The Clean Up America campaign is concerned with the loosening of moral values in America and the lack of concern for Christian principles.

Dr. Falwell has been speaking out against the textbooks being used in the school systems across America, terming many of them "pornography, obscenity, vulgarity and profanity... destroying our children's moral values in the guise of 'value clarification' and 'sex education.'" Falwell urged the participants to oppose the use of pornographic textbooks and to throw them out of the school systems. He said that the "unisex" revolution and the homosexual revolution are just perversion and are assaults on the American family.

Dr. Falwell said, Christian Americans must act now to curb the national cancers of obscenity, pornography and abortion. "These are national cancers and we must act now."

The "I Love America" program included musical selections by Don Norman, soloist on the Old-Time Gospel Hour, and the Pantana Family.

Each of the participating Christian schools from a varied denominational background was introduced.

Some 65 buses from Lynchburg, Va., transported some 3,000 students to the rally.

Photos of the Clean Up America Rally on Page 15
When Separation Means Participation

By HARRY COVERT
Managing Editor

Separation of church and state, as established by the founding fathers of the United States, is one of the more remarkable aspects of our world history. This is the opinion of famed historian, author, professor and lecturer Henry Steele Commager.

Professor Commager is a learned citizen of tremendous academic clout. He was being interviewed on a lively radio program about the concepts and strengths of America. He caught my ear by pointing out that religious persecution, rampant throughout Europe, began to send out thousands of people from all degrees and denominations and persuasions to the New World, especially the United States and Canada.

From my younger days of study, I had learned that religious persecution was the order of the day every day for thousands of people in Europe and other parts of the world. It has occurred to me since that God indeed has worked in His own ways to make Christians strong and of good courage. By forcing Christians to seek better ways of living and serving Him, the world was opened to a land where religious convictions was not legislated and required. It is this atmosphere, that Professor Commager said on a secular program, that was remarkable.

Those pilgrims and puritans and folks who escaped the persecution of foreign lands by immigrating to the New World were determined to make the idea of separation of church and state work. And, it has had its difficult moments in the beginning of the United States but it has survived and worked well.

Today, the separation of church and state is still probably the most important aspect of this Republic but there is some confusion on the part of many people as to what role Christian preachers, ministers and educators should play in government and politics.

Because a citizen has accepted the highest calling of all, the Christian ministry, does not mean an absence of opinions on the way government should run, how taxes are to be levied and spent and just what books students will study.

If preachers, ministers and Christian educators do not participate in government by a definite voicing of opinion, they are in violation of their convictions as servants of Jesus Christ.

Certainly, government has no right to dictate of what denomination its citizens should be members, but the role of Christians in government should not be one of silence and inaction. Christians ought to be active and strong in the decision-making process of government. Christians should participate in the election of leaders and then in the determination of national policy and all matters effecting the lives of every American.

We believe Americans and especially Christian Americans are indeed our brother's keeper. The world depends on the United States, whether the liberals believe it or not. God has placed the burden on Americans to care for the starving world, both physically and spiritually. God has placed the burden on America to stand up for human dignity and freedom.

Because Christians in government care for every soul.

The most precious commodity on earth is human life and no one cares for the worth of the human being more than a Christian American. Christians care for the whole body of man — mind, body and soul. Along with this care includes many areas that effect us mentally, physically and spiritually.

I am not addressing this space to the argument of freedom of speech. To me, that is a foregone conclusion in the United States.

But, I am firmly convinced that those called to the Gospel ministry have a duty under God to participate in the democratic process of government: to speak out on the issues and to study the issues.

For too long Christians have not known the real issues in government, whether they involve their local, state or national government. I say thank God that this nation has had many men and women who have involved themselves because they care for this republic.

We have been a nation of "political rhetoric too long. Christian leaders must become more informed as to how government operates, how government gets things done and how things happen.

The Christian leader who attempts to lead a congregation or school without knowing how the government functions, is not leading his people responsibly.

There are many varied organizations influencing the functioning of government today that Christians often become confused and frustrated, simply because Christians have not prepared themselves to learn and be informed on government.

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The separation of church and state does not mean that Christians must ignore government. It merely means that Christians must not confuse their function in the world with government, and must not neglect the separation of church and state.

The separation of church and state is God's preparation of Christians participating with convictions molded and shaped through the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Police, Architect Helped OTGH

By CHARLES R. CADE
Managing Editor Harry Covert

These are things that we frequently are very slow to mention. For years and years, the bureaucracy has been the favorite punching bag of editorialists, even this one. It seems that some of us have developed a morbid fascination with the running sores of our system of social organization.

In fact, the old term yellow press has now become a generic term applied to the media when it is publishing that prurient material which traditionally appeals to the dark side of our interests.

Washington, D.C., the paragon of all bureaucracies, and full of that easily sold, prurient material, is a most common object of our verbal delight. However, since only half of the truth is not the truth at all, the other half needs to be told now.

One of the salient facts of the Old-Time Gospel Hour's "I Love America" rally last month is the reality that its success was augmented by the monster bureaucracy itself. Yes, that is right. The U.S. Capitol Police, simply and conscientiously doing its job, as obviously concerned with the well being of our people. Correctly detached from our motives and cause, those men, from Captain Roy Bell to his newest officer, treated us with honest, unforced hospitality and courtesy.

In like manner the Office of the Architect, responsible for any equipment usage on the Capitol grounds, exercised its duties with a servant's heart.

Often misunderstood, those public servants have a responsibility to assist specific members of the public with fair and equitable treatment on one hand. And on the other hand these men have a similar responsibility to the general public to protect our commonly owned property, particularly the U.S. Capitol grounds. Those responsibilities are not mutually exclusive nor self defeating.

Those who recently have visited Washington for reasons of redress but who abused the commonly-owned property, may not have received such hospitable consideration — after failing to give such themselves.

So even in the face of skepticism, the other half of the truth is that there are many among our government who are fair, who are doing their jobs well, who are concerned about not encroaching on citizens' rights and who are proud to be Americans.

It is necessary to say these things, because I have been reminded, it is easy to take for granted a job well done. It is easy to assume a spouse's love and then lose it to neglect. Let us not lose our beloved country to neglect. Let us lose interest in her faults and recall her beauty and goodness by admitting we are shot better than our enemies would contend.
Public Schools: Time To Re-Think

By ELMER L. TOWNS
Editor of the Journal-Champion

I was encouraged to see 7,904 registered students from Christian schools at the "I Love America" rally on the Capitol steps last month. They were orderly, clean and stood for two hours without complaint. These students realized they were "standing" for their liberty.

When a U.S. Senator talked about the abuses of public school education, they were the first to applaud. When the flag was saluted, they eagerly participated.

Joseph Califano, Secretary of H.E.W., said recently, "The worst place a teenager can be today is in the public school system."

I agree with Califano because the standardized test scores are declining and public school pupils are getting a second-rate education. Also, violence is running wild. One out of 80 children is attacked daily.

But think about the long-range damage to public school pupils. They are taught humanism, behaviorism and atheism. Sex-education takes away their virtue of mind — in some cases virtue of body.

But if the public school is the worst place to be, the best place for today's pupils is in the Christian school. The students in Christian schools score approximately one and a half years above the public school counterparts.

The students in Christian schools are taught to work and raise a family. They respect sex, patriotism and school officials. They are taught to work and raise a family.

There are approximately 10,000 fundamental Christian schools in America. This does not count the Roman Catholic schools which is a larger movement than the fundamentalists. Besides this, there are private schools in Episcopal Lutherans, and Reformed churches.

The world does not know the strength of the Christian school movement. But they will learn when the graduates take their place in the world.

The Christian school students came to Washington to tell our nation that they do not want the IRS or any government bureaucracy running our programs.

According to the Christian Law Association there are over 200 legal cases at present involving Christian schools. These involve federal, state, and county courts.

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Editor Elmer L. Towns

If TV Programs Are Offensive, Immediate Action Can Result

By DONALD E. WILDMON
Editor of The Journal-Champion

Here is an effective way of getting the local stations to stop airing offensive television programs. Remember, it only takes one person to get it going. Don't complain about the programs if you are not willing to act on your complaints.

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2. Ask them to watch the program for a week to know what it is about.

3. Ask every person to call the local station and speak with the program director about the program. This is important. Ask people to call and keep calling regularly as long as the station continues to air the program. The more calls the local station receives, the more effective the effort will be. Ask local churches to put the station's phone number in their newsletter and bulletin. Have flyers printed up with the phone number included.

4. Watch the program for local ads. Ask people to call the local advertiser about the program. Tell him you will not do business with him if he continues advertising the program.

5. Let the local newspaper, radio and TV know of your organized effort.

6. Write a letter of complaint to the local station and send a copy to the FCC. Washington, D.C., 20544. Be sure to state in your letter that you are sending a copy of the letter to the FCC. Ask the FCC to consider your letter when the station license renewal time comes up. Put this suggestion on the flyer with the phone number.

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Soviet Release of Baptist VINS is Answer to Prayer

Almost daily stories in the secular news media serve to underscore the belief held by students of the Bible that the Middle East is an area of destiny. In January, "Time" Magazine's cover story was the Crescent of Crisis; the magazine showed a graphic picture of the geographical location of the nations that stretch across the southern flank of the Soviet Union from the Indian subcontinent to Turkey, and southward through the Arabian Peninsula to the Horn of Africa. A huge bear, representing the Soviet Union, looks over the crescent.

President Carter's National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, was quoted as saying, "An arc of crisis stretches along the shores of the Indian Ocean, with fragile social and political structures in a region of vital importance to us threatened with fragmentation. The resulting political chaos could well be filled by elements hostile to our values and sympathetic to our adversaries."

More recently, the Los Angeles Times carried a story by correspondent Dial Torgerson who declared that the Middle East is moving closer each day to a possible nuclear confrontation. He said nowhere are the chances of nuclear proliferation greater, nor is there any region where the introduction of nuclear weapons would be as dangerous.

According to the L.A. Times, Israel possesses atomic potential. If it does not have actual bombs, it is only because the wires have not been connected. In addition, Israel's enemies are offering, and spending, tens of millions of dollars in an attempt to get nuclear weapons of their own. Torgerson reported that Libya has offered $10 million for an atomic bomb.

Israeli officials are said to have warned that the French sale of nuclear research reactors and uranium to Iraq could give Iraq the bomb. And Pakistan, aided by Libyan, Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti financing is said to be diverting huge sums of money into a technology to make an atomic bomb.

There is still another element of danger in the Middle East; the terrorist organizations, which might be able by hijacking or other means to obtain nuclear weapon capability.

All of these developments leave no doubt that the Middle East is the danger spot of the world. During the Nixon administration, Henry Kissinger often told news reporters that the Middle East was much more dangerous and more of a concern than the Vietnam war. The reason was that it held the possibility of the major nuclear powers being dragged into confrontation.

While individuals and religious coalitions protest nuclear power plants in this country, the real danger may be developing in the Middle East. It is certainly an area to watch.

And as we watch, it is impossible to escape the sense of destiny...that what happens in the Middle East will happen as part of a predetermined design.

The Los Angeles Times quoted Frank Barnaby, director of the Stockholm International Peace Institute, who was asked how the nuclear age will end. Barnaby said, "Either with a holocaust or with totalitarianism." He said, "The only way to prevent a holocaust will be to establish safeguards so strict they are not compatible with democracy."

Those who have long felt that the Middle East would be the scene of the final conflict of the age can find plenty of support in the daily news.

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Secular Media Underscores Biblical Teaching

By CAL THOMAS

Though politics had a lot to do with the release of five Soviet dissidents in exchange for two Russian spies, there was much more to it than meets the eye. With the knowledge of President Carter, Dr. Charles Trentham, pastor of Carter's First Baptist Church in Washington, brought up the name of Baptist Pastor Georgi Vins with Soviet officials during his visit to Moscow last year. After the men were released, Trentham and Mr. Carter called representatives of the Soviet Union to a dinner at the Russian Embassy in Los Angeles.

Refugees from Vietnam continue to arrive on Southeast Asian shores, but their plight is being ignored by most of the Western media. Many others are still afloat in the South China Sea, unable to land anywhere because authorities won't let them.

To help the boat people, World Vision International is launching its second Operation Seaweed. The Christian humanitarian agency has bought a ship for $250 thousand that includes a crane, allowing the Vietnamese boats to be lifted out of the water and repaired on the deck of the ship. Again this year, packets containing food, basic medical supplies, blankets, eating utensils and Bibles in the Vietnamese language will be provided.

Washington saw two religious-oriented marches in less than a week. In addition to the march for decency led by Evangelist Jerry Falwell (reported elsewhere in this paper), Pastor John Hinkle of Christ Church in Los Angeles brought 10 thousand people to the city. Hinkle said the purpose of the gathering was just to honor God and nothing more. He said God had told him to organize the event.

Two Alabama Congressmen recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union where they became the first Congressional representatives to visit with members of the Vnuchenko and Chychkov families. The two families took refuge in the United States Embassy in Moscow seven months ago in an effort to force the Russians to grant them an exit visa to come to the United States. Congressman Richard Shelby and Jack Edwards presented them with a Russian language Bible sent by a Presbyterian church in Selma that is sponsoring the Pentecostals Christians in their effort to come to the U.S. Edwards said he believes the stalemate will continue unless the families leave and take their chances with the Soviet authorities. Shelby disagreed, saying he intends to appeal to President Carter for negotiations with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev for their release and that they should stay put until then.

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Morality in Media, a New York City organization concerned with pornography and obscenity, has established a telephone hotline service for people wishing to know the latest in the battle against these forces. A spokesperson says information on pornography and obscenity court, cases, suggestions for people who are interested in fighting the battle in their communities and news about television programming will be among the items featured on the recording. The hotline will be available 24 hours a day, so that people can take advantage of late hour telephone rates. The number is (212) 870-3265.

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Liberty Baptist College and Thomas Road Baptist Church are cosponsoring a Pastoral Counseling Institute, May 21-25. The Institute is under the direction of Dr. Ed Hindson, professor at Liberty Baptist College and director of counseling for the Jerry Falwell Ministries.

Dr. Jay Adams, visiting professor of practical theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, will be the special guest lecturer at the Institute. He is recognized as an outstanding counselor and America's foremost instructor of pastoral counseling. "Competent to Counsel" and "The Christian Counselor's Manual" are among the 20 books he has written.

Also, participating in the Institute are Rev. Ron Hawkins, professor of religion at LBC, Rev. David Adams, youth pastor and guidance counselor, Pastor Dave Holdren, marriage counselor, TRBC, Mr. David Gillette, professor of psychology and counseling, Mr. Bill Wheeler, LBC guidance counselor and Rev. Walter Major, associate director of counseling at TRBC.

Purpose of the Institute is to provide a concentrated 40-hour study program in the philosophy and technique of pastoral counseling. It is designed to prepare the full-time Christian worker for non-professional, practical competence in the basic areas of pastoral counseling: dealing with spiritual growth problems, premarital counseling, marriage counseling, parent-teen relations, etc.

For the first year, the Institute is offering an Advanced Pastoral Counseling Institute to run concurrently with the Basic Institute.

The Basic Institute is divided into three sections: Introduction to the philosophy of counseling; Methodology of Christian Counseling; and Application of Counseling Principles and Techniques.

The Advanced Institute will be a continuation of the basic program and focuses upon specific counseling areas (such as marital and premarital counseling) and a practicum in counseling training and techniques.

Because of its structure, the Basic Institute must precede entrance to the Advanced program.

The class schedule of the Institute is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Cost of the Institute is $100, which includes materials and text, with an advanced, non-refundable, registration fee of $15. A certificate in Pastoral Counseling will be awarded upon successful completion of the examination to be given on Friday.
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Here, briefly, is what happened.

My weekly program, "James Robison Presents," has been aired across the nation for eight years. It is currently seen on some 90 major stations.

After my February 25 telecast, the program was permanently canceled by one large station on grounds that I had violated the Fairness Doctrine.

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The Fairness Doctrine holds that a station must provide time for rebuttal by "identified persons or groups" attacked on the air. In my message, I mentioned several types of sin, but I did not attack persons or groups by name. Still, I was told my statements involved the Fairness Doctrine because some moral principles have now become "political issues."

The Federal Communications Commission designed the Fairness Doctrine for a good purpose. It was meant to increase public discussion of important issues. In practice, though, the policy has backfired. More and more militant groups have organized and begun to demand "equal time." To avoid these demands, some broadcasters simply refuse to carry "controversial" programs.

As a result, many voices of truth and decency are barred from the airwaves. And the American people are denied the public discussion they need to make intelligent choices affecting their country, their lives and their eternal destiny.

We in our ministry do not believe God's Word should be forced on anyone. But we do believe all should have the opportunity to hear God's Word just as they have the opportunity to hear God's Word just as they have to hear contradictory views and philosophies. Those who protest such programs are told they are not forced to watch, they can switch off their sets. To be truly fair, the Fairness Doctrine should give non-believers the same privilege of viewing or not viewing evangelistic messages or other programs that uphold the principles of decency.

We believe God is the solution to the problems that beset America. Faithful ministers must be allowed to proclaim — without apology or compromise — the greatest message in history, the message of God. And they must be allowed to do so on the greatest communications medium in history, the medium of television.

The fairness issue threatens the public's opportunity to hear God's Word presented, as it is — to men as they are. I stand opposed to this distorted concept of fairness. I am not, however, opposing broadcasters. They should be relieved of the pressures imposed on them by the Fairness Doctrine. They deserve to be more than the "second-class" citizens they have become under present regulations.

I'm not claiming the right to slander groups or individuals. Just laws prohibit such irresponsible behavior. I'm claiming the right of the public to hear what the Bible says regarding certain types of human behavior. I believe the Constitution guarantees that right.

The issue is not a debatable governmental policy. The issue is freedom of speech — the right to preach.

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Dr. Jerry Falwell was commencement speaker for the 1979 graduation exercises of Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College in San Dimas, Calif., May 10.

There were 96 graduates receiving diplomas with the auditorium packed with graduates, students, parents and friends.

Dr. Tom Malone of Immanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac, Mich., Evangelist Monroe Parker and Dr. David Cavin, president of Baptist Bible Fellowship International, also spoke in the week-long learning.

Each year Liberty Baptist College conducts a sermon contest for those men in the pastoral major as well as any others who wish to participate. This year the winner of the contest was graduating senior, Harold Vaughn with Jeff Gillette placing second and Mark Totten third.

The contest began in February as all Pastor's Staff members were required to submit a sermon manuscript as the initial entry into the event. These sermons were read and evaluated by members of the college and seminary teaching staff. At this point in the contest, the number of contestants was narrowed to 90 who were then required to preach before a panel of evaluators. After the first round of preaching, several were eliminated and 45 remained in the contest. The remaining 45 preached and 20 were eliminated, reducing the number of contestants to 25. This number was again reduced to 10 and finally to three.

The three finalists in the contest delivered their messages again for the final time at the college chapel on Wednesday, April 25. These contestants were Jeff Gillette expounding on “A Fresh Vision,” Mark Totten preaching on “Faith That Works,” and Harold Vaughn delivering his message entitled “The Gods.” It was this final preaching session that determined the winner.

LBC’s sermon contest is not designed to elect one young man as the greatest preacher on campus but to give the pastoral students a chance to practice their classroom training. Besides the homiletical excellence of the sermons, they were also evaluated on the ability to deliver the Word of God in such a way that would bless and convict the listeners.

The Sermon Contest is coordinated through the Christian Service Office of Liberty Baptist College and the Pastor’s Staff. Mr. Ron Hawkins, professor of religion at LBC, coordinated the evaluation staff for the contest.

Mrs. Lexie Howan traveled 10,000 Miles For Son’s Honors

Mrs. Lexie Howan traveled from New Plymouth, New Zealand, to Jacksonville, Fla., for her son’s graduation. Rev. Lindsay Howan received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary on May 12.

Dr. Howan was born in New Zealand. He grew up with his parents in New Zealand and he also lived for four years with his parents when they were missionaries in the Fiji Islands. Dr. Howan is also a graduate of Toronto Baptist Seminary and has studied at Prairie Bible Institute and Detroit Bible College.

Dr. Howan has been in the ministry for 20 years. The last church he pastored was in Pontiac, Mich., Sunny Vale Chapel, with over 1,000 members. He has also served on the mission field as Overseas Director and Administrative Assistant to the General Director of the Hawaiian Islands Mission.

Dr. Howan has served as president and vice president of the Association of Regular Baptist Churches (Canada).

In Lynchburg, Dr. Howan is the Administrative Co-ordinator of Liberty Bible Institute.

Singles Trip

The “Singles” from Thomas Road Baptist Church have three trips planned for this summer. The first trip is an all day White Water Rafting trip in Tennessee on June 16 for $30. The second trip is a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., July 10. Cost is $65 which includes transportation, food and housing. The third trip is Aug. 3-17 in Denver, Colo., for backpacking and white water rafting.

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LYNCHBURG SHERIFF 'DOES SOMETHING PRACTICAL' IN LAW

By Angie Elwell
Special to the Journal-Champion

Just a few blocks from downtown Lynchburg, Va., on the banks of the James River, Willis is putting the finishing touches on his upper: a dead pigeon and some rotten vegetables from a garbage can. Willis is a drifter who has spent his last 12 winters in Lynchburg City Jail.

An old abandoned car is his home in the summer, but as the days grow colder, he always manages to rifle up enough money to get drunk and earn a six-month jail sentence. Jail is heaven to Willis. His needs are simple: a warm bed and a local church congregation has even donated a television set, complete with cablevision for his cell. Although crime and criminals are often removed from public view, crime is a problem which affects each one of us. We pay city, state, and federal taxes to support penal institutions. We also pay higher prices for merchandise to allow for the merchant's losses incurred by shoplifting. Someday, you may even be the victim of a crime - you could be robbed, assaulted, or even murdered.

In 1977 alone, 144,459 criminals were housed in Virginia county and city jails. Fifty-three per cent of them were 25-54 years of age; 40 per cent were under 25. Like Willis crime has become a lifestyle for many people. But, like the 22-year-old man, crime has often forced an end to a life.

Lawrence Simpson, Lynchburg city sheriff, is trying to do something practical about crime. Besides overseeing the operation of Lynchburg City Jail, maintaining security in the courts, serving the processes of law, and arranging for the transportation of prisoners, Sheriff Simpson has introduced several programs for the educational benefit of the public. Simpson believes, "We need an education process of law and order at a young age." Therefore, his Junior Deputy program is directed toward children ages 5-12. Recently, the Junior Deputies met at Old Forest Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, and solemnly promised to listen to their parents, study hard, look before they cross the street, attend church on Sunday, and always notify an adult of any suspicious behaviour they might observe. The Junior Deputy program has been well received by parents and youth workers. It has helped to instill confidence in police officers and generate good will between children and police. Once after spotting two young boys, bearing Junior Deputy badges, an officer stopped to talk with them. The boys proudly informed the officer that they were "out looking for the bad guys."

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Indiana Passes ‘Church Freedom Package’

By KENN GIVIDEN JR.

A “good buddy” came across the Citizen’s Band radio airwaves asking where all the southbound church buses were headed. The stretch of Interstate 65 that links Indianapolis to Brownstown was a rainbow of such buses. The date was Nov. 20, 1978. The sun was shining brightly this particular morning casting the brilliance of autumn colors to dazzle the rolling Indiana farmland that borders the highway south of Indianapolis.

The buses, loaded with Christian people and students from church operated schools, were destined for the courthouse lawn in Brownstown. The cause behind this particular gathering could be traced as far back as the days of Rome’s Emperor Nero and the Christians who preferred the fate of the Roman Coliseum rather than have their faith dictated by government officials.

Earlier in October, a pastor from the Brownstown area had been on trial for operating a ministry without state approval. His name is Martin Jones. His church, a new ministry with less than 100 in normal attendance, had operated a pre-school to instruct children. For this “crime,” Rev. Jones was tried.

During the trial, the head of Indiana’s welfare department had testified that there was no difference, from the state’s point of view, between a Sunday School and a “Monday School,” i.e., a ministry operated on Monday. In other words, this state official confirmed that the restrictive laws governing educational institutions could be applied to Sunday Schools and the pre-schools applied to nonconformity to these laws could be administered as well. Attorney Dr. Dave Gibbs exclaimed this point in court as a clear violation of the First Amendment guarantee of separation of church and state as well as a violation of scriptural principles.

The welfare department was embarrassed, the judge was impressed and the court was adjourned.

And so, in November, dozens of buses and scores of cars delivered nearly 2,000 people to the lawn of the Brownstown courthouse to rally in defense of Pastor Jones and his church.

It was a sight to behold.

There were more folks standing in the town square than lived in the whole town. No doubt it was the biggest event in Brown County since 1776.

Every police officer in the county must have been present (there were at least five). When the first group of “demonstrators” arrived, one officer, unaware of the crowd that he was about to encounter, politely requested everyone to remain on the sidewalk and not trample the courthouse lawn.

Once the crowd had fully assembled, the north and east lawns were wall to wall people. Nearly all 2,000 stood and cheered the speakers, including Jim Vineyard and Charles R. Wood, in the chilly late autumn weather. There was a pleasant feeling of determination the entire extent of the rally, perhaps 45 minutes in length, for these people were aware that the separation of church and state was at stake.

Back in Indianapolis, once the rally had subsided, Rev. Earl Lawson discussed with his attorney the probabilities of Martin Jones succeeding in defeating the welfare bureaucrats. Realizing the trial could sway either way, the two men returned to a bill, drawn up earlier in September, that would exclude church ministries from government intrusion. The bill, which eventually became known as the “Day Care Bill,” would be introduced in the 1979 Indiana General Assembly. If the bill were passed, Martin Jones would be cleared of all charges.

But why stop there? The attorney drew up two other bills, one, called the Unemployment Compensation Bill, which would prohibit taxation of church ministries through unemploy­ment compensation, and the other, the Equivalency Bill, would prohibit the Commission on General Education from defining what is and what isn’t equivalent education. This bill would protect Christian schools from the whims of state bureaucrats.

With these three bills, called the “Freedom Package,” Rev. Lawson set out to see legal precedence set in the Hoosier capital. Lawson was no stranger to public activity in Indiana. In June, 1977, he had organized Save Our Schools and initiated anti-immorality campaigns.

On Dec. 7, 1977, Lawson conducted a rally hosted by Anita Bryant who drew 8,000 participants. On the following day, Dr. Jerry Falwell of Lynchburg, Va., led a March for Decency through downtown Indianapolis at Lawson’s invitation.

Now, as a means to draw public attention to the Freedom Package, Dr. Lawson organized a rally with Evangelist Lester Roloff, Dr. David Gibbs and Dr. Paul Gates. The rally held Dec. 1, 1978, was attended by 7,000 persons and enjoyed press coverage from virtually every news telecast in the state. (It was at this rally that fundamentalist Dr. Don Boys announced his candidacy for the 1980 Republican congressional primary.)

The state legislature came to session in January. Immediately, Christians began lobbying for the Freedom Package. On Tuesday, Jan. 16, another rally was conducted at the state capital.
Miss Graham
Scott Payne

To Wed

The Rev. and Mrs. Virgil M. Graham of Tremont, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Scott Howard Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin N.W. Payne of Lynchburg, Va.

Miss Graham is an elementary education graduate of Liberty Baptist College and is currently teaching at Springfield Christian Academy of Springfield, Tenn.

Mr. Payne is also a graduate of Liberty Baptist College and has spent the past two years in the field as associate director of Manna Ministries and associate pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga.

The ceremony will be held at Thomas Road Baptist Church Wedding Chapel at 3 p.m., May 26, with Dr. Jerry Falwell and Mr. Graham officiating. The couple will reside in Lynchburg where Mr. Payne will be attending Liberty Baptist Seminary to obtain a masters degree in church administration.

Brenda Barr of Tremont, Ill., sister of the bride, will serve as her matron-of-honor. Elma E. and Wanda J. Graham of Tremont, Ill., also sisters of the bride, will serve as her attendants.

Best man is Rusty Coffey, Manna Ministries evangelist from Hillsborough, N.C., Rev. Gary Byers of Frederick, Md., and Rev. Randy Rebold of Lynchburg, Va., will be ushers.

Morrison/Monson

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Morrison of Lynchburg, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Faith Ann, to Robert Jon Monson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Monson of Williamstown, N.J.

Miss Morrison is an elementary education graduate of Liberty Baptist College and presently teaching second grade at Victory Christian School, Williamstown, N.J.

Mr. Monson is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Le Jeune, N.C.

The wedding is set for 1 p.m., June 30, in the sanctuary of the Open Bible Baptist Church, Williamstown, N.J.

The Thomas Road Baptist Church Junior High Department has a "Nifty-Fifty" skating party scheduled at Skateland in Lynchburg on June 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Hughes was travelling as staff evangelist for the Jerry Falwell Evangelistic Association where the accident occurred on Pennsylvania Interstate Route 81 last year.

Sunday, May 13, Hughes was commencement speaker for the sixth graduation program of Liberty Baptist College and Schools, Lynchburg, Va., a role he was selected for by Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell one year ago as he lay near death at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Despite the rain-threatening skies, only a few rain drops fell during the commencement on the Liberty Mountain campus, as the participants, including members of the college board of trustees, the students and family and friends sat anxiously waiting for the presentation of diplomas.

Dr. Falwell had told the 1978 graduation that Charles Hughes would be the commencement speaker this year if "God sees fit to spare his life."

Bachelor of science degrees, under the authority of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Virginia Council for Higher Education, were presented to 178 LBC seniors by Dr. Falwell and President Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin. A total of 24 students received graduate degrees from Liberty Baptist Seminary while 47 diplomas were presented to Liberty Bible Institute (formerly the Thomas Road Bible Institute) and 70 diplomas to graduates of Liberty Home Bible Institute.

Student speakers, who shared their testimonies, included LBC student body president, Patti Diane Lay, of Hammond, Ind., a music major; David Anderson, a cum laude graduate from Oklahoma City, Okla., a religion major and captain of the 1978 LBC football team; Marion Lee (Marty) Herron Jr. of Maryville, Tenn., also a religion major; Douglas E. Sargeant of Oshawa, Ontario, a summa cum laude graduate of Liberty Baptist Seminary; and Manuel B. Guzman Jr. of Mansfield, Ohio, of Liberty (Thomas Road) Bible Institute.

The FullPsalms, directed by LBC Music Chairman David P. Randlett, presented the musical selections, "Praise to the Lord" and "Psalm 8" while the LBC band performed the processionnal and recessional selections.

Dr. Russell G. Fitzgerald, Academic Dean, led the LBC graduates pledge to Alma Mater and Dr. James O. Carpenter, vice president for Institutional Research and Planning, was marshal.

In his commencement remarks, Hughes challenged the students to "be troubled for America and the world just as Jesus was troubled with what He knew that sin and Satan would do to man."

Using Scripture from John 11, 12 and 13, Hughes said, "You (students) are ready to begin (your lives) for Christ. If you can just scratch the surface of what troubled the Prince of Peace you can begin to reach a lost world."

"Sin has taken its toll in the world and in America," he said. "We must clean up America because sin has taken over the nation. We must be concerned about Americans spending $5 million annually in pornography; that 15 million sex magazines are sold monthly in this country; and that last year, one million children died from abortion."

He said Christians are sending missionaries to Africa to teach "those who practice human sacrifice and here in the United States we do the same thing except that we call it abortion."

Hughes pointed out that he was "still a student" and that he will travel to 30 states during the next year and preach 130 times. "But as I go into America now, my message has changed. America no longer needs revival, America must have revival."

Magna cum laude honors went to Glenn Charles Mertens of Milwaukee and Glenna Ruth Blaisdell of Lynchburg. There were three summa cum laude graduates and seven cum laude participants.

Summa cum laude graduates were Allan Duane Edgar of Oakland, Md.; Jeffrey William Gillette of Lynchburg; and Naomi Elizabeth Wray of Waxkegan, Ill.

Cum laude graduates were Deborah J. Johnson of Peterburs, W. Va.; Dave Anderson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Brian P. Donovan of Boston; Matthew and Michele Goodnough of Moravia, N.Y.; Benjamin Gary Mosley of Amarillo, Texas; and Robert Wayne Peake, Binghamton, N.Y.

Leading the seminary graduates was Roger James Elliott of Bradford, Pa., magna cum laude. Summa cum laude graduates were James Harold Stallard of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Douglas E. Sargeant, Oshawa, Ontario; while cum laude grads were Rodney Douglas Earl of Madera, Calif.; Robert Bruce Connell of Kiltery Point, Me.; Paul Steven Malenick, Wreston, W. Va.; and Jerry L. Sutlive, Hoopiston, Ill.

Dr. Robert L. Hughes, dean of Liberty Baptist Seminary and father of the commencement speaker, presented the Seminary degrees while Dr. Harold Willingham, dean of Liberty (Thomas Road) Bible Institute and Liberty Home Bible Institute presented diplomas to Institute graduates.