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Dr. Robert Greene Lee, Newly Elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, and Mrs. Lee
(See page 16).

Gleanings From The Field

Harlan McGinnis, pastor of Meadow Home Church, Okolona, Ky., conducted a revival at Virginia Avenue Church of Louisville, where William C. Dobbs is pastor, during May 24-30.

The First Church of Blackmont, Ky., has elected as their pastor Brother Roosevelt Earl, of Straight Creek, Ky. Also they have ordained two new deacons—Taft Farmer and Vinson Howard.

Pastor and Mrs. Herbert C. Gabhart of Williamsburg, Ky., are the parents of a new daughter, born April 30 at Huntington, W. Va. She has been given the name of her two grandmothers—Betty Fay.

W. G. Potts, Missionary for the Ohio River Association, has been supplying for the Blooming Grove Church at Birds-ville, Ky., for a few Sundays while the church is without a pastor. There were 7 additions to the church on May 16.

Pastor W. R. Pettigrew of Walnut Street Church of Louisville, was the evangelist in a revival meeting at the Georgetown Baptist Church where Elwin L. Skiles is pastor, recently. The average attendance was more than 200 at the "Begin-the-Day-With-God" services from 7:00 to 7:40 each morning.

Pastor J. H. Whitt has resigned at the First Church Paris, Ky., where he has been located for a year and a half, and has accepted a call to the First Church of Homestead, Fla. He will begin his new work effective June 7. Formerly he was Assistant Pastor to Dr. T. C. Ecton at the Calvary Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky.

Pastor John Lawrence led the Little Flock Church, near Shepherdsville, Ky., in a Homecoming Day on May 30. Some \$2,400 was raised during the day, making nearly \$4,000 altogether to be applied toward their contemplated parsonage which is to be built across the road from the church on ground donated by Mrs. Holsclaw many years ago while the late C. W. Knight, Sr., was their pastor.

Dr. L. B. Cobb, who resigned as pastor of the First Church of Kingsport, Tenn., in April to enter the field of evangelism, was re-called by the Church on May 16 and he has accepted. He has been pastor of that church for six and one half years. The church divides its receipts fifty-fifty to local work and the Co-operative Program. On May 30 an 18-bell carillon, costing \$40,000, was dedicated.

Associated Press reports indicate that the contemplated floor fight in the Northern Baptist Convention at Milwaukee over an \$11,800 appropriation for the Federal Council of Churches of

Christ in America did not materialize. They adopted a record budget of \$7,500,000 which was \$1,400,000 more than the previous year. They appropriated \$200,000 for the establishment of a denominational paper.

A list of prospective full-time Christian workers has been prepared by the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave. N., Nashville 3, Tennessee, and is available for those pastors and directors of religious work who are seeking student secretaries, educational directors, young people's leaders and church secretaries. The names of a few choice college and seminary graduates remain. If interested, write for this list.

G. W. Robbins of Blackmont organized a Missionary Baptist Church at Cardinal, Ky., recently. He is serving as their first pastor, and a large attendance is manifest at the services. A new Training Union has been organized and Charley B. Robbins is leading them.

The PRINT SHOP has a position open for a make-up man with experience in composing room work. Write or call for information.

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Pastor Robbins is conducting prayer meetings on Thursday evenings at East Pineville at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pope. Also he conducts a radio program each Sunday over Station WHLN, Harlan, from 12:30 to 1:00 P.M.

The Burks Branch Church of Shelby County conducted an 8-day evangelistic campaign in May with Pastor Walter C. House of Madison, Ind., as the evangelist. There were 29 received by baptism and 19 by letter. Brother House is pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Indiana and Associate Pastor of the First Church of Madison. Ten months ago the Burks Branch Sunday school attendance averaged around 20. The last two weeks they have had an average of 123 in Sunday school and 80 in Training Union. Burks Branch has purchased a building for Sunday school rooms. Lyndon W. Collings is pastor.

Walnut Street of Evansville, Ind., held a revival during May 9-16, at which time the Holy Spirit's power was witnessed in 94 lives; 32 people being saved and joining the church; 6 presenting themselves for membership by letter; 2 for membership by statement, 49 responded

for rededication, and 5 for salvation. Brooken Campbell, McConnell, W. Va., spoke each afternoon on personal evangelism. Thomas E. Halsell, pastor, was the evening speaker, and E. E. Brown, associate pastor, led the singing. These, along with Mrs. Ed. Slucher, Shelbyville, Ky., and various members of the church, visited in 110 homes during the afternoons.

Pastor William C. Dobbs, of the Virginia Avenue Church of Louisville, Ky., after visiting his parents in Oklahoma, City, Okla., was driving east to the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, when the car in which he was driving was struck by a speeding automobile ignoring a stoplight. The Dobbs car was hurled against the gasoline pumps in a filling station. The gasoline ignited and caused great damage both to the station and to the car. Dr. Dobbs was unconscious for a short time, and had to be snatched from the flames by onlookers, though he was not burned. He spent one night and two days in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, and several more days in bed. He then returned east too late for the Convention and came on to Louisville.

Churches To Certify

Religious Workers

For S. B. C. Minutes

FT. WORTH, Texas.—Last year at the meeting in St. Louis, the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution endorsing the certifying by the churches of those men who feel called to give their lives vocationally to the fields of Religious Education and Sacred Music.

The Convention also voted to include the names of such persons in the annual directory, along with the names of the pastors. Those churches that have not yet thus certified these workers should do so right away, and report to Secretary Porter Routh, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, if they want the names to be included in the directory this year.—J. M. Price.

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Editorials

Committee To Discuss Common Problems With Northern Baptists

((Southern Baptist Convention))

A part of the Western Recorder's mission is to keep our people informed on matters vital to the denominational life. With this in mind we pass on to the readers a gist of the report which the *Committee to Discuss Common Problems with Northern Baptists* was planning to present to the Convention. Among other things it stated:

1. "There should be a new spirit of mutual understanding and appreciation between Northern and Southern Baptists." 2. "A large majority in both Conventions agree, to an encouraging extent, on fundamental Baptist principles." 3. "In some cases where criticism has arisen, it has come rather from personality than principle." 4. "It is our conviction that since we have so much in common as Baptists, we should exercise a spirit of Christian charity at the points at which we differ, without compromise to the principles of either Convention." 5. "Your Committee calls attention to previous recommendations by similar committees, and the actions taken by the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions."

Recommendations

The recommendations of the Committee were:

1. "That we reaffirm these aforesaid Baptist principles and comity agreements." 2. "That the Convention request all agencies, boards, societies, and educational institutions to seek to promote confidence, mutual understanding, and good will for fellow Baptists, and to avoid harmful criticism, uninvestigated rumors, and unbrotherly attitudes." 3. "That we urge all Baptist churches to seek to work together in their local areas in the spirit of Christian love and fellowship." 4. "We believe that the spirit of fellowship and good will and the interests of the Kingdom of Christ, as interpreted by Baptists, would be promoted by a Baptist Alliance of North America. If Baptists are to make vital in the life of our world the fundamentals of our faith, a positive and united effort must be developed. We therefore recommend that consideration be given the establishment of such a Baptist Alliance of North America, patterned after the Baptist World Alliance, through which recognized Baptist bodies of North America may give a united expression of their Christian witness." (See Book of Reports).

Report Not Presented

But the full report was not presented to the Convention for action. Instead, Committee Chairman W. R. White stated:

"The report previously prepared by the Committee on Common Problems with Northern Baptists is not being presented to the Convention, due to developments since the report was formulated. The whole situation needs restudy and restatement. The Convention is being requested to continue the Committee for another year for further study and evaluation."

Certain Developments

The "development" to which Chairman White referred is that, within fairly recent months, the Northern Baptists are reported to have made moves to effect organic union with *The Disciples of Christ*.

Report of Commercial Appeal, Memphis

Concerning the decision of the Committee to withhold its recommendations, and the obvious approval

of the decision on the part of the Convention, the *Commercial Appeal*, May 22, had this:

Another surprise came when the proposal looking to an alliance between Northern and Southern Baptists was deferred for another year "for further study and evaluation." The report had looked with high favor upon the establishing of a Baptist Alliance of North America designed to bring about closer relations between the two denominations. Dr. W. R. White, President of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and chairman of the Committee on Common Problems with Northern Baptists, asked the Convention to defer action.

"Why?" someone in the audience inquired.

"Because the Northern Baptists are considering a plan to unite with the Disciples of Christ," replied Dr. White quite frankly.

Later a formal statement was issued saying the recommended postponement was "due to subsequent developments since the report was formulated, and the whole situation, therefore, needs restudy and restatement."

Other high Southern Baptist officials explained to newspaper men that such a union would void all comity agreement with Northern Baptists; that the effect of such a union would be an invasion of the South by Northern Baptists as they affiliated with the churches of the Disciples of Christ.

By deferring action for further study the Convention leaves no doubt as to its purpose to pursue its steady course followed through the years.

Convention Approves Report Of Committee On Church Organizations

Intense interest has been focused for months on the work of the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Church Organizations. Persons composing this Committee were chosen because of their wide experience in the general church program. They are:

TEACHERS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins (Chairman), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. J. M. Price, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. A. E. Tibbs, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary;

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS: Earl Mead, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Texas; Melvin Roberts, Mississippi; Ernest Loesner, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas;

PASTORS: Dr. Robert Nylor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina; Dr. Norman Cox, First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi; Dr. E. V. Peyton, Rhoadesville, Virginia; Dr. J. G. Hughes, Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. Carlton S. Prickett, Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. Walter S. Johnson, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Dr. John W. Hughston, Bainsbridge Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia;

WOMEN: Mrs. A. F. Crittendon, Fresno, California; Mrs. Paul Ethridge, Atlanta.

LAYMAN: Mr. Claude Gaddy, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Dobbins Reports

Chairman Dobbins, making the report, stated that the Committee had "pursued intensive and extensive investigation to discover actual problems and needs of the churches in the matter of better correlation and co-ordination of the purposes, programs, and activities of the several organizations which make up in large measure the working forces of our churches."

Committee Contacted Departments

The Chairman further informed the Convention that the Committee had on "several occasions during

the year" met with representatives of the Sunday School, the Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Regarding such meetings, Dr. Dobbins stated: "These conferences brought together those responsible for producing literature, calendars of activities, personal plans, and standards, together with pastors and educational workers, with a view to a detailed examination and discussion of the plans of each of these agencies as they are related to one another and to the local churches. . . The results were significant and fruitful."

Dr. Dobbins made it plain that the recommendations brought to the Convention were the result of actual contact with, and recommendations from, pastors, educational workers, and other leaders both in local churches and the denomination at large.

Approval of the report was so overwhelming as to leave no doubt that the Convention wishes certain changes made.

The Convention's Action

By approving the report of the Committee, the Convention wishes "that the several agencies—Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and the Southwide Mission Boards—through their qualified representatives, set up a pattern of organization and curriculum for the approximately 15,000 of our churches having up to 150 members; another pattern for the approximately 7,500 churches having from 150 to 400 members; as well as patterns for the larger churches; these suggested plans to be incorporated in printed 'guides' for pastors and leaders which will seek to bring to each church, according to its needs and abilities, *all the essential values of our Baptist program.*"

Avoiding Duplications

The Convention further orders "that in order to *magnify the churches* in all our work and to reach all the people with a **balanced study course program, avoiding duplications wherever possible, our several agencies provide as soon as practicable a comprehensive, cumulative, unified church study course, with a general diploma; and that free interchange of comparable credits be allowed immediately among the organizations.**"

Conserving Time

The Convention further wishes "that recognition be made of the urgent demands made upon pastor and people by the great number of occasions which demand that they come together, often involving the same people and for similar purposes; and that plans and calendars of activities promoted by the several organizations called for weekend and Sunday meetings be correlated before they are published, so as to avoid unnecessary meetings both of churches and associations, combining meetings wherever possible and seeking to improve the quality and fruitfulness of those held."

Flexible Financial Plan

The Convention further wishes "that in view of the fact that many of our churches have little or no system of financing and others have confused and conflicting plans, the agencies be requested to formulate a flexible plan of stewardship-church financing adapted to the needs of the various churches, and that this uniform plan be promoted by the agencies."

Committee and Agencies Instructed

The Convention further wishes that the Committee on Church Organizations and representatives of the various agencies and auxiliaries involved, hold, during the coming year, a conference or conferences, with a view "to further consideration of these problems and others of like nature;" and that at such conference or conferences the instructions of the Convention "be considered and as far as possible carried out;" . . . "That the report of results be made to the 1949 meeting of the Convention; that the Committee continue its study of needs not covered in this report, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to provide for expenses of the Committee in the same amount as heretofore."

Convention Wanted Changes

Judging by the overwhelming vote of the Convention, there is little doubt that certain well defined changes are desired by the brethren at large. By the adoption of the report of the Organizations Committee, the way is open for action. All of us will be needing to pray earnestly that harmony may prevail, and that unusual wisdom may be given the members of the Committee and the representatives of the various agencies and auxiliaries.

Convention Votes Change In Constitution

Dr. L. E. Barton, parliamentarian, moved at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention that certain parts of Article III of the constitution be changed.

Article III has to do with membership in the Convention, and reads: "The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of Missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

"1. One messenger for each church contributing to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

"2. One additional messenger for each 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

"3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10)."

Dr. Barton's substitute was for sections 1 and 2. He moved that "Section 1 shall read, 'one messenger from each regular Baptist church which is *in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has, during the fiscal year preceding, been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.*'

"Section 2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting."

This information is passed to our churches that all may understand the new basis on which membership will be listed. There must not only be financial co-operation but *there must be bona fide, friendly co-operation.*

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“Earnestly Contend for the Faith

Once for All Delivered to the Saints.”—Jude 3.

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A Spiritual Defense Measure

By BEN F. MITCHELL
Shively, Ky.

AN APT PROPHET of our day said, “America cannot go on insulting God. . . . Whatever lessons God wanted to teach us from the awful conflict (World War II), we have not learned them. . . .” This age “blames its sins on society instead of itself. . . . It is fed with movies from the gutter, reared on music of which the apes would be ashamed, with a code of morals that would eclipse Sodom and Gomorrah. . . . Only one person out of twelve goes to church regularly. . . . Fifteen million sex magazines are read every month by one third of the people. . . . There are more barmaids than college girls, three times as many criminals as college students, sixty suicides every day, a murder every forty minutes, a major crime every seventy-two seconds.” Should we not cry out with Ezra: “O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God, for our iniquities have increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens” (Ezra 9:6).

“Still our leaders call for guns and armaments, billions of dollars and millions of men. “O who is so blind as my servant. . . .” who will not see! Will they never see the truth or learn the right? “In vain is salvation hoped for from the hills. . . . truly in the Lord our God is salvation.”

Trust and hope are being centered in human wisdom and mechanical efficiency to defend America. World War II closed with praise and glory being given to men and to their mechanical and material accomplishments, and God, “Who maketh wars to cease,” was con-

“Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills. . . . truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.”—(Jer. 2:23).

veniently avoided. From one end of the land to the other, and from the far off islands of the sea, we have heard the strains and words of our national anthem, except the last stanza. Comparatively few people even know that it is a part of this great paean. Let men and angels peal it forth! Let it be acknowledged everywhere! Let it be incorporated into the very fibre and sinew of our national life, and our plight shall be vastly and commendably changed:

“O thus be it ever when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war’s desolation;
Blest with victory and peace, may that heaven rescued land
Praise the (God) Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.

“Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, “In God is our trust!”
And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.”

A spiritual defense measure must be inaugurated, and pursued, until it permeates the whole atmosphere of our land, if our leaders of nations are to

realize that our salvation is not in material means, but in God. For such a measure, a striking parallel may be noted in the requirements to that of a national defense program.

The first is *men*. Not men to be butchered, slaughtered, or atomized in material warfare. Not bearers of guns, but bearers of the cross, by which they are like Paul who said: “The world is crucified into me, and I unto the world.” Men who will not permit themselves to be federated for ruthless ends, men who will join heart and hand for spiritual conquest.

These men must be volunteers. God will not use conscripts. They must be brave, for the battle is fierce. There is no place for cowards!

During the Revolutionary War, Colonel Jacob Houghton was worshipping in a little meeting house in Virginia. A messenger slipped down the aisle, touched him on the shoulder, whispered something in his ear, and was gone. After the service the colonel mounted a large stone in front of the church, and called to the people—“Men! The Red Coats are murdering women and children over at Lexington, and they are calling for help. Who’ll volunteer to go?” Every man responded. There was not a coward in old Hopewell meeting house that day. Should that not be true in every church today, when Christ Jesus, our Captain, calls for men?

These also must be men of faith. Men who have faith in God! Not faith in Frankfort, Washington, or the UNO! “Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the (capitol) hills. . . . in the Lord our God is salvation.” Those places (May God help!) are concerned with the economic, social, and political, but apparently ignore the spiritual values. Our men must be men of faith in God!

The men required for a spiritual defense measure must be men of spiritual fitness. They must be fortified and equipped with the Spirit, and know how to handle the “Sword of the Spirit.” The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual! They are adequate to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan. How else shall we encourage and help those leaders who are seeking the right, and defeat those who are dance-dizzy, avaricious, and power greedy?

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A friend of ours doesn’t approve of the way mathematics is taught in our modern schools. For the last three nights he has been trying to help his young daughter out of the morass of tangled computation which she has been given for home work. He tells us that neither of them is getting anywhere. Last night his daughter warned him that it was going to be even worse next week. “What happens next week?” he asked. “Well,” said his fellow sufferer, “next week they’re going to begin teaching us the dismal system!—Montrealer.

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Committee On World Council Of Churches

(Southern Baptist Convention)

Still seeking to inform our people on all vital matters, we bring them the report of the Committee on World Council of Churches as it was presented to the Southern Baptist Convention by Chairman R. C. Campbell:

Your Committee appointed to recommend to the Convention a suitable and courteous response to the invitation of the World Council of Churches to send an observer to their Amsterdam meeting this summer, recommends:

That we acknowledge the generous invitation of The World Council of Churches, and that we feel that the action taken in Baltimore in 1940 declining positively and definitely membership in the World Council of Churches, which position continues to please our constituency with perhaps increased conviction, would make it impossible for us to send an official representative from this Convention to the Amsterdam meeting.

That we feel that it would be helpful if Dr. George Sadler, one of our greatest missionary-statesmen, who is planning to be in Europe at the time of this meeting, would attend and get first-hand information about the policies, program, and purposes of this world meeting of religious leaders. Therefore we express the desire and hope that he will find it possible to attend this meeting as an individual observer.

After the reading of the report it became immediately evident that it could not be adopted. L. E. Barton of Alabama moved that the last paragraph requesting that George Sadler attend the Amsterdam meeting "as an individual observer" be stricken out, and that the rest of the report constitute the Convention's "response to the invitation of the World Council of Churches." The Barton motion prevailed overwhelmingly.

No Pictures Required

Reporting the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Crump Stadium, Memphis, May 23, the Associated Press left the impression on the general public that Baptists required a huge "picture of the Christ" as a part of their worship program. The reporter related how great throngs came down the aisles and stood worshipfully before the "picture."

The reporter told the story as he saw it. That is one of the rules of the profession. However, in this instance, his 'rule' could measure neither feet nor inches for Baptists. They require neither a picture nor an image. The so-called picture of the Christ had nothing to do with the worship of that afternoon, nor with any of the high purposes formed. **True worship is not directed toward things visible, but toward the eternal, invisible God.** The picture caused us to be misunderstood and should not have been there.

The Bible makes this forever plain: "Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them. . ." (Deut. 5:8-9). God was speaking of worship. No manufactured, so-called

likeness of Deity is to stand between true worshippers and the one object of their devotion—the invisible, eternal God.

►The Southern Baptist Convention has instructed the Home Mission Board to investigate possibilities of work in Alaska, and, if found advisable to set up a program of work there.

►The rotation system has been extended to apply also to trustees of all Southern Baptist institutions and schools.

►The Southern Baptist Convention reaffirmed its declaration on race relations made at St. Louis and instructed the Commission on American Baptist Seminary to work with groups from the Northern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, Inc., in a survey of the Negro ministry.

►Baptists of the South reported 625 new ministers ordained in 1947.

►Total baptisms reported in 1947—285,152—a gain of 31,791 over previous year.

►Total gifts in Southern Baptist churches for missions and benevolences was \$28,472,014. This was \$4.54 per capita in 1947. A glance at this reveals why our work on foreign fields is not keeping pace with the work at home. The per capita giving in 1947 for work in the local churches was \$16.53.

►Southern Baptist churches in 1947 reported more baptisms, enrolled more people in Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Societies, and Brotherhoods, and gave more money for all causes than any year in their history. That is wonderful! But we are still spending nearly four times as much on local church fields as we are to carry the gospel to those who never heard of Christ. Baptists must become world-minded. We have scarcely more than begun.

►Total circulation of all Baptist papers within Southern Baptist territory is now 744,898. The combined circulation, in addition, of *Home Missions* and *The Commission* is 212,000. The *Western Recorder* has reached 54,000 and is moving on. Paper scarcity and high cost of production are our big hindrances. Kentucky should not be satisfied with less than 100,000.

►According to M. T. Rankin, Secretary, Foreign Mission Board, we now need at least 500 additional missionaries for areas we have not yet entered, making 1,750 missionaries altogether, with an additional \$3,000,000 for their support and maintenance. Thus, this advance program calls for \$10,000,000 in all. Is it too much to ask more than 6,000,000 Southern Baptists to provide 1,750 missionaries and an annual expenditure of \$10,000,000 for all the world outside our own Convention territory?

►"If you are looking for a soft place, why not look under your hat?"—*Sunshine Magazine*.

►The *Baltimore Sun* reports that in Prince Georges County, Magistrate Arthur P. Owens had ordered the parents of four boys to pay most of the cost of keeping their sons in custody. The lads had been sentenced to the State Reformatory. The parents will pay \$20.00 a month per boy, while the tax payers pay \$1.00. The officer remarked: "The county has been paying too many bills that can be attributed entirely to parental neglect."

Some Memphis Convention Pick-ups

(Continued from last week)

"Keep one eye upon the Devil, for he keeps two eyes upon us."—Joe W. Burton.

"Jesus paid it all, and God never requires two payments for the same debt."—Robert G. Lee.

"Don't flirt with Communism anywhere in the world."—Baker James Cauthen.

"Will it be too little, too late, or will it be enough, and on time?"—Gerald Riddell, Missionary to Columbia.

"We are living on an island of abundance in an ocean of want," said Secretary M. Theron Rankin.

Roland Q. Leavell was elected a fraternal messenger to the Maritime Baptist Convention of Canada.

A motion was passed asking the Sunday School Board to print the message of Walter Pope Binns in pamphlet form.

"If we take \$1.00 out of every \$10.00 given for local expenses," said Secretary M. Theron Rankin, "our missionary gifts would amount to \$13,000,000."

Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, introduced the first President of the new Southern Baptist Chaplains' Association—Homer B. Reynolds.

Jeff D. Ray, of Texas, says that he has been attending the Southern Baptist Convention since its 1887 session in Louisville.

"The Foreign Mission Board is entertaining an idea of establishing a theological seminary in Geneva."—Geo. W. Sadler.

"If 'As a man thinketh, so is he' has not been repealed, then what are we to think of our civilization?" asked Chester Swor.

Referring to youths' dangerous reading habits, Chester Swor quoted a pastor as saying that the average boy in his community reads twelve comic books a month.

"We cannot depend upon society to correct these evils for us—a society that goes to church every Easter and then goes to the Devil the other 364 days of the year."—Chester Swor.

J. B. Weatherspoon, Louisville, Chairman of the Social Service Commission, presented the report for his committee, and introduced their new Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Hugh A. Brimm.

Thomas T. Holloway of the American Bible Society, displayed German, Japanese, Russian and Korean Bibles which his organization is now ready to circulate among peoples of those nationalities.

"We have a message that the world so abundantly needs, and we have the resources to meet that need," said Secretary M. Theron Rankin. "We need to give because of what we have, and what the world does not have," he explained.

"Disrespect and disregard for love have become almost universal. Children disobey their parents. Teachers say that lack of respect for law at home is creating a tremendous problem in the school."—Chester Swor.

W. R. White of Texas offered a resolution: "Resolved, That Communism, facism, political ecclesiasticism and antisemitism are utterly contrary to the genius of our Baptist concept of freedom and spiritual values." This resolution was approved.

W. R. White, Texas, said, "The liquor business is the only business that cannot stand on its own merits. The grocer does not have to say, 'I will give so many dollars to charity.' The dry goods merchant does not have to say, 'I will give so much to charity.'"

Regarding the responsibility which rests upon the homes, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller said: "God did not entrust children to a priest; He entrusted them to mothers and fathers. . . Our greatest shock is that we do not have parents with whom to create Christian homes."

The Home Mission Board program was among the most colorful, having on the front row four Indians in their native costumes—feathers and all. These were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Aaron Hancock and Mr. George Wilson. Each of the two latter sang solos, and Brother Smith spoke on "God Moves Among the Seminoles."

John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala., asked that his name be withdrawn from the Board of Trustees of the Southern Seminary. He explained that as a member and chairman of the Theological

Education Survey Committee he must not serve on either of the boards involved in his survey. The convention honored his request.

Ray Hoshizaki and his bride of six days, the former Miss Asano Masaki, from Hawaii, were introduced on the Home Mission program. They were married May 15 in Chicago, the home town of the groom. He graduated from the Southern Seminary this year, and she from the Training School. Mr. Hoshizaki spoke to the Convention on "Winning Japan by Home Missions."

Secretary M. Theron Rankin introduced E. C. Routh, Editor of The Commission, who is just retiring after preaching for forty-seven years, more than forty of which years he has been in editorial service—five years with South Texas Baptist, San Antonio; sixteen years with The Baptist Standard, Dallas; fifteen years with The Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma City; and the remainder with The Commission.

Something unique for a memorial service was used this year by Dr. Ryland Knight. Three high-standing baskets were arranged on the platform near the speaker. Twenty young ladies in white marched across the auditorium, each carrying a bouquet of calla lilies. As Dr. Knight announced each state, the young lady representing that state stepped forward and deposited her flowers in one of the three baskets, as a memorial for those who have died during the past year. Miss Dorothy Sears, Young People's Secretary of the W. M. U. Department, represented Kentucky.

On the Christian Home Service, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller said: "What we are seeing projected upon the screen of life is what has been sown in our homes in the last 25 years. . . You consider the liquor traffic. Liquor is flowing through the world today. It is taking the boys and girls and the wealth of the nations and emptying them in the distant sea. . . Since the War between the States divorce has increased 2,000 per cent. Some years ago it was one divorce for 20 marriages; in 1941 it became 1 divorce for every 15 marriages, and now it is one divorce for every three marriages. . . I know of nothing but the Gospel of God that will prepare a man and a woman to live together."

Miss Jeannine McDonald, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. McDonald, of Louisville, Ky., was introduced on Saturday morning by her physician, Dr. Sam H. Sanders, of the staff at the Memorial Baptist Hospital at Memphis. He explained in detail something of the throat condition she had when she was a girl, and the failure of the tissue to heal properly after her operation. She sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked,"

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Hardin County May Well be Proud of Dairy Herd on Glendale Baptist Home Farm

By RICHARD A. BRIGGS, in Hardin County Enterprise

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky.—Passengers speeding alongside the green meadows of the Nolin Valley just south of Glendale on the L & N Railroad, often see in the distance a herd of Holstein cows grazing peacefully on the pastureland that stretches out almost to the horizon. Of the thousands that zip by this farm each day there are probably only a few of them that know of the story behind this well-kept dairy herd of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home of Glendale.

The dairy portion is only a small part of the 588-acre farm that the Home operates to help feed the 197 children who live there, besides the many employees and teachers who also live at the home. However the dairy portion of the farm is a good example of the effectiveness of sound farm planning as practiced by the capable Farm Superintendent, George Sturgeon, and the energetic Herdman, Fred Hatcher, who is responsible for the well being of the farm's entire dairy herd of 46 Holsteins and the 14 beef cattle also raised on the farm. These two men, along with the children from the home who assist them in the chores around the barn, show endless interest in the improvement of the farm, and the dairy herd in particular.

Mr. Hatcher can proudly show the record of each of the cows in the herd. Picked at random was the milking record of a registered Holstein cow, Lass Donna, purchased from a Canadian farm

at a purebred livestock sale last year. Lass Donna has produced an average of 56 pounds of milk per day for the past month, and approximately 12,000 pounds of milk during the past 10 months. This is a record that any farmer would be proud to boast of, but it is a common occurrence on the farm at the Baptist Home. The 22 Holsteins now being milked at the farm furnish enough milk to give each child at the home one quart of milk a day, also to supply the home with butter, and enough skimmed milk is left over to feed the farm's 40 hogs.

Mr. Sturgeon and Mr. Hatcher both stressed the importance of sound planning for the success of the dairy herd at this beautiful Nolin Valley farm. The cows are kept on a pasture of bluegrass, sweet clover and orchard grass and are fed alfalfa, solids and silage when in the barn. The farm is still taking steps toward the improvement of the herd, and only recently assigned 46 cows to the Hardin County Artificial Breeding Association as another forward move toward the advancement of their fine dairy herd. At the present time they are the largest single subscriber to the artificial breeding program in Hardin County.

It is farms, such as the one at the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale, that set the example for the rest of the county, and when every dairy farm in the county reaches a standard such as the one already attained by this

farm, Hardin County will probably be known as the foremost dairy county in Kentucky.

GOING TO SUMMER ASSEMBLY?

By Mrs. E. F. Glenn, Glendale, Ky.

"Are we going to G. A. Camp at Clear Creek this summer?"

"Are we going to R. A. Camp this summer?"

These two questions are coming from the boys and girls at Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale more often just now than any other time.

Our answer has had to be, thus, far, "We don't know, for as yet we have no funds to care for camps this summer, and it's costing so much to build our new cottages that we may not be able to afford it." Many of the children understand this answer, but they also know that for the past several summers you have been making it possible for them to enjoy camp by sending money especially designated for that purpose.

Last year some fifty of our 196 children had the privilege of attending one of the camps—a few less than the year before. **How many** would you like to have go this year? Their going depends upon what you are willing to do about it.

Girl's G. A. Camps are June 21 through 26 and the following week. Boys' camps are July 5-10 and the following week. We would like very much for our children to be in the first weeks of camp.

The camp fee this year is \$9.00 per child. We are approximately 200 miles from camp, therefore transportation is a big item of the expense. Then, too, there is the little item, or **big** (in the eyes of the children) of a small sum for spending money while there.

The children are depending on us—and you. **Shall we disappoint them?**

Cream Of The Crop



Fred Hatcher, Herdsman at the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home Farm, and George Sturgeon, superintendent of the farm, view with pride Lass Donna, registered Holstein dairy cow that is setting milking records at the home farm, while Sammy Rhodes, 4-H Club boy, handles fondly the eight-month-old calf he is raising.

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN, Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board

FRANK K. MEANS, Secretary
Education and Promotion

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, in his report to the Board meeting in April, said: "For us to fail to go forward at such a time as this will constitute the most damnable denial of the truth of God's Gospel in Christ Jesus that the world has ever known. By standing still we shall betray our Lord; by retreating we crucify Him. Under the impulse of this conviction the Foreign Mission Board is projecting a program of world advance." The proposed program outlined by Dr. Rankin estimates that 1,250 missionaries and an annual budget of \$7,000,000 are needed to develop adequately the program Southern Baptists have already projected, and that at least 500 additional missionaries and \$3,000,000 annual income are needed to establish additional centers. This would make a total of 1,750 missionaries and an annual expenditure of \$10,000,000. Dr. Rankin raised the question, "Is this too much to ask six million Southern Baptists to provide for all the world outside of our own Convention territory?" He told of an active layman in Texas who is urging that Southern Baptists ask for 6,000 missionaries and an annual income of \$102,000,000 within the next ten years. "He believes that we have done little because we ask for little," Dr. Rankin said. "Is he proposing too much or am I proposing too little? My proposal calls for an increase of 250 per cent. Even so, it is easily within the resources of Southern Baptists."

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Regional Secretary Baker James Cauthen, just back from the Orient, brought to the Board two challenging messages, one on Japan and the other on China. He told of the problems facing missionaries in China due to confusion following Japanese occupation, inflation, and civil war. The attitude of Communists toward Americans has become violent. Missionaries have been directed to leave their stations when Communist pressure makes it advisable. "We do not have conditions that demand evacuation to America," Dr. Cauthen said, "but we do have conditions that demand evacuation to other areas." Some missionaries in territory taken by Communists have already moved to areas where they can work freely. Dr. S. E. Ayres, for example, has moved from Chengchow, taking hospital equipment with him to Kweilin in Southwest China. Chinese Baptist organizations have been strengthened by the war period. For years the Baptist program in China was carried on by foreigners. Now "Baptist work in China is Chinese Baptist work and we are laborers together with them and God in this ministry."

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Japan today presents a great oppor-

tunity for Christian work, growing out of the changed attitudes in Japan towards Christianity, Dr. Cauthen said. There is a new appreciation for the work of the minister and there is an attitude of inquiry on the part of the people generally toward the meaning of the gospel of Christ. Baptist work in Japan is in a position to go forward, as the Japan Baptist Convention has been reorganized. A complete break was made with the Union Church of Japan, into which the Baptists had been brought largely through government pressure in the war days. Japanese Baptist churches, though small in number, have a vigorous leadership and a vision of expansion. The seminary, training school, boys' school at Fukuoka and girls' school at Kokura came through the war without major damage. The Foreign Mission Board has put itself on record as seeking to have a staff of 100 missionaries for Japan by the end of 1950. There is a deep feeling of urgency about this matter because the doors of opportunity in Japan could be closed.

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The Nigerian Baptist Seminary at Ogbomosho was recently affiliated with the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, giving the Nigerian seminary power to grant degrees. Dr. Cornell Goerner of the Louisville Seminary investigated the facilities, the faculty, course of study, and type of students at the Nigerian seminary last summer and reported his findings to the faculty and trustees of Southern Baptist Seminary who have approved the affiliation.

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A theological seminary has been proposed for Europe, to be located probably in Switzerland. The institution would have a high grade resident faculty.

Secretary Gill, Jr., pointed out that for 65 years Southern Baptists have neglected the northwestern section of South America, jumping from Mexico to Brazil in 1882. Our Baptist missionaries entered Colombia in 1942. "The Colombian missionary experiment has become a major success. The ingredients: a pioneer missionary of vision and zeal, a policy of entering 'in force,' a Christian layman ready to invest large sums in mission property. Today there are four organized churches in Barranquilla alone, two of them self-supporting, with attractive churches and primary schools. Additional centers of Baptist work are Sabanalarga, Cartagena, Cali, Bogota, and the San Andres Islands. Yet the total staff consists of only nine couples and five single girls. Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru likewise present opportunities which could be met with such a vital program.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Routh were honor guests at the evening meeting of the Board April 6, when a silver plate inscribed with a message of appreciation was presented to them. In his tribute to Dr. Routh, who retires May 15 from active service with the Board, Dr. Rankin said: "My appreciation is such that I could easily become fulsome in what I say. I place Dr. Routh among the truly great men whom it has been my privilege to know. He has made solid the foundations of *The Commission* and has gone a long way in building the superstructure upon those foundations. We have reached 100,000 subscriptions with the May issue. Dr. Routh's contribution, however, is not confined to *The Commission*. He has been a wise and understanding counselor to all of us. He has helped to form the quality of the administration of the Foreign Mission Board. He has been an unfailing supporter. I know of no higher tribute that I can pay to him than to say that in all his relationships with us he has been a Christian, a Christian friend and comrade."

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The W. E. Craigheads, formerly of Romania, will soon move to Paraguay to work in a Russian Baptist colony there.

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A new mission station has been opened at Paysandu in the northwestern section of Uruguay. The J. D. McMurrays will be located there.

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Treasurer E. P. Buxton reports \$178,758.95 from Co-operative Program receipts during March of this year, as compared with \$173,888.72 in March last year. Receipts from the Co-operative Program for the first quarter this year total \$2,371,055.35, compared with \$2,158,549.43 the same period last year. Relief offerings for March total \$17,250.58. Total received from Lottie Moon Christmas offering to date is \$1,457,930.74.

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Recent departures for foreign mission fields are: Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Shoemaker by boat March 23 from Houston, Texas, to Cartagena, Colombia; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Congden by boat March 25 from New York to Lagos, Nigeria; Miss Ruth Walden by boat April 9 from New York to Lagos, Nigeria; Mrs. J. J. Cowsert by boat April 6 from New Orleans to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Recent arrivals from the fields are: Miss Eunice Fenderson, Palestine, now at 3112 Seventeenth Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mrs. R. L. Lindsay and children, Palestine, now at 202 Glenwood Ave., Lenonia, New Jersey; Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, China, now at Wagram, North Carolina.

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

PLAN FOR CLEAR CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE July 26-30, 1948

An excellent program has been arranged for the Sunday School Conference to be held at Clear Creek Springs July 26-30, beginning with the twilight service at 6:30 P. M. on the twenty sixth and ending with the night service on the thirtieth.

Make reservations now by writing to Rev. Marvin Byrdwell, c/o Clear Creek Springs, Pineville, Ky. Please note that Holly Hal is a good place to stay. All of us cannot stay in Kelly Hall. Holly Holly Hall is a good place to stay. All been re-conditioned to make it comfortable. The Camp Building is good for those who do not mind sleeping in a large room with others. There is a wing of the building for men and another for women. Tell Brother Byrdwell the building in which you want reservation.

The High Six In Standards

The following are the six associations in the number of Standard Sunday schools:

Laurel River	15
Long Run	12
Ten Mile	11
Nelson	7
North Bend	6
Crittenden	5

Standard Sunday Schools

The following had been added to the list of Standard Sunday schools by May 22:—Harlan Gas Mission, Monticello, Riverside in Bell County, Shively, Berry, and Cumberland.

No Awards From These Associations

Since the first of last October the following associations have not reported training awards in Sunday school work: Barren River, Booneville, East Lynn, Goose Creek, Greenville, Green River, Irvine, Jackson, Mountain Russell Creek, Simpson, South Kentucky, South Union, White Water (We understand that several classes have been taught in White Water and that their lists for awards will soon come to us). It would be good if 100% of associations have training for the year, October 1, 1947-September 30, 1948. We suggest that you take a week or take Prayer Meeting hours for several weeks so as to have ten forty-five minute periods in the study of a Bible, Doctrinal, Evangelism or other book.

Vacation Bible Schools

Let us help Brother Wheeler Thompson to have two thousand Vacation Bible Schools this year. He has been and is working hard to have such schools that

all boys and girls may have this extra Bible study opportunity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE May 30, 1948

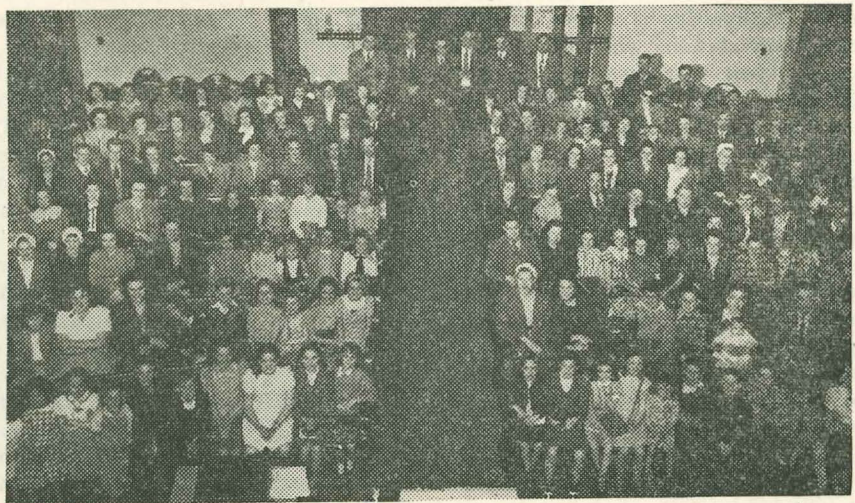
Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	201	865
Owensboro, First (1)	36	834
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	787
Louisville, Parkland	---	744
Bowling Green, First (1)	13	720
Lexington, Calvary (1)	14	720
Mayfield, First	---	717
Covington, Latonia (2)	59	634
Hopkinsville, Second	---	629
Frankfort, First (1)	67	623
Owensboro, Third	---	583
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	46	558
Somerset, First	---	543
Murray, First	---	542
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	91	521
Madisonville, First	---	519
Ashland, Pollard (1)	16	501
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (3)	130	492
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	---	471
Louisville, Deer Park	---	425
Henderson, First	---	413
Louisville, Clifton (1)	57	404
Louisville, West Side (1)	55	396
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	11	394
London, First	---	392
Lexington, Grace	---	391
Corbin, First	---	377
Shively (1)	36	372
Campbellsville	---	365
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	363
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	338
Henderson, Audubon	---	338
Paducah, Twelfth Street (1)	90	333
Greenville	---	330
Winchester, Central	---	322
Louisville, Franklin Street	---	319
Morganfield	---	314
Bellevue	---	297
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	295
Lebanon	---	260
Fairview, Hall's Gap, Ky.	---	258
Paducah, Trinity	---	244
Hazard, First (2)	75	241
Hodgenville	---	232
Crestwood, Crestwood, Ky.	---	217
Dayton, First	---	241
Pleasant Hill (near Campbellsville)	---	214
Mackville	---	201
Beech Grove (near Perryville) ..	---	200

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE,
State Secretary

STUDY COURSE AT HALL STREET, OWENSBORO

The accompanying picture is that of the Training Union of the Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro. The occasion was a Study Course, which was completed by 145. Rev. J. Ray Dobbins is the pastor and Mr. J. C. Gray is



Training Union of Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro in Study Course. Standing in rear are left to right: J. C. Gray, Director; Rev. Robert L. Case, who taught Intermediates; Rev. Carl Wright, Young People; Mr. Monty Cummings, Juniors; Rev. John Huffman, Adults; and Rev. J. Ray Dobbins, Pastor.

the Director. When the picture was made 155 were present, but about 10 do not show.

The books taught were as follows: *Building a Christian Home* for Adults was taught by Rev. John Huffman, *The Eternal King* for Young People was taught by Rev. Carl Wright, *Alcohol The Destroyer* for Intermediates was taught by Rev. Robert L. Case and *This is My Bible* for Juniors was taught by Mr. Monty Cummings.

A 15 or 20 minute picture on some phase of Mission work was shown each night at the intermission period. Pictures were shown on Alcohol, State Missions, New Orleans River Front, Navajo Indians, and "An American Mission."

The Pastor writes that they had the best spirit that he had ever witnessed in a study course. He also writes that they had a grade of 75% average for the whole Training Union for a recent month and that their resident church membership is 700. Their average attendance for five successive Sundays was 217.

WEST UNION TRAINING SCHOOL

During the week of May 3-7 the West Union Association Training Union conducted a central Training School with classes being held at the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Paducah, as follows: Story Hour Leadership Manual taught by Mrs. G. R. Pendergraph, Junior Leadership Manual by Mrs. Versil S. Crenshaw, the Junior Union Manual by Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette, Intermediate Leadership Manual by Mr. Versil S. Crenshaw, the Intermediate Union Manual by Miss Maurita Morris, Baptist Young People's Union Administration by the writer, and The Baptist Adult Union Manual by Dr. Clay I. Hudson. The Associational Director, Mr. U. W. Franklin, was in charge. It was a joy for the visiting workers to be with the Associational officers, Pastors, and people in this school.

20%-ERS

The following churches have a total Training Union Attendance equivalent to twenty per cent of their resident church membership. May 23: London, First; Victory Memorial, Louisville; and Walnut Street Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY P. WINBORNE
Executive Secretary

"Isn't She Lovely!"

Surely there is no other woman in the South who has made a greater contribution to the work of Woman's Missionary Union than has Miss Kathleen Mallory. Members of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union are deeply grateful for the faithful efficient service rendered by our retiring Executive Secretary and for the influences of her magnetic life. The following tribute of this beloved



Miss Kathleen Mallory
Retiring Executive Secretary of
Woman's Missionary Union

servant of the Lord is copied from *World Comrades*:

"It was in 1912 that Miss Mallory, then Alabama W. M. U. secretary-treasurer, was elected 'corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.' That meeting was held in Oklahoma City. Then there were 6,654 missionary societies and 3,909 young people's organizations. As she retires in 1948 there are 14,403 Woman's Missionary Societies and 32,679 young people's organizations, with 806,201 members. And around the world there are organized Woman's Missionary Unions in China, Japan, Nigeria, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Mexico; and there have been in Hungary and Rumania when life was happier and there will be again in time. These all look to Miss Mallory as the center of WMU life. Her picture hangs on the wall of the headquarters in many of these lands. 'We can't imagine WMU without Miss Mallory!' they have written back from far places and have moaned up and down in the Southland since she first announced her decision to retire. Everybody knows Miss Mallory in person, through ROYAL SERVICE, through

WMU plans and policies, because of her unstinted service for the Lord in these thirty-six years as secretary.

"Tireless in her travel, always fascinating and helpful in her messages whether written or spoken, blessed with remarkable good health, sparkling in conversation, she leaves a place in Southern Baptist leadership which will take more than one person many years to fill."

Welcome to New Southwide Leaders

In last week's issue of *Western Recorder* was an announcement of the election of Miss Alma Hunt as Executive Secretary and Miss Margaret Bruce as Young People's Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C. This week an expression of welcome from Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union is extended to these newly elected officers as they prepare to lead forward, under divine guidance, in the effort to give the Gospel to all the world.

W. M. U. Week at Ridgecrest

July 29-August 4 is W. M. U. Week, including B. W. C. Conference, at Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

To spend a week at Ridgecrest and to have a share in such a program as has been prepared for this conference is a privilege which every W. M. S. member might well anticipate with greatest joy. Such an experience provides helpful information, inspiration for greater missionary activity, delightful fellowship and healthful recreation.

Plan now to visit the beautiful North Carolina mountains and spend the week of July 29-August 4 at Ridgecrest!

Write to Mr. Robert Guy, Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., for reservations.

Sunday Schools Called Crime Prevention Laboratories

PHILADELPHIA—Sunday schools are looked upon as "crime prevention laboratories" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bernard M. Suttler, special agent of the FBI staff in Washington, D. C., told the Sunday School Superintendents Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity here.

"You are honorary members of the law enforcement profession because you are potential crusaders against crime," he said. "You are scientists in charge of a crime prevention laboratory, and your findings are of paramount importance to the future welfare of America."

Sunday school teachings, Suttler said, "serve as a steady influence for the rest of a child's life. On the other hand, it is a pretty safe bet that a child living in an un-religious home is headed not only for a life of misery and trouble but has a very good chance for future contact with local, State or Federal law enforcement authorities" (RNS).

Blood River Association Organizes Brotherhood

By R. A. Slinker, Field Worker

MURRAY, Ky.—The Blood River Association recently organized an Associational Brotherhood. The initial meeting was held in the Elm Grove Baptist Church, six miles east of Murray, of which Rev. Leslie Gilbert is pastor. There were eighty-four present. Mr. E. K. Wiley, state secretary of the Brotherhood work in Tennessee was the speaker.

The Elm Grove Church already had a well organized and active Brotherhood. Pastor Gilbert and some of his men recently assisted the men of the First Colored Church of Murray in organizing. Fifteen of the men from the Negro church attended the associational meeting and rendered a fine musical program.

Other churches in the association are planning to fall in line with the move. It is believed that under the leadership of Brother Gilbert a number of churches will have active Brotherhoods organized by the end of the associational year.

This move is only an example of what other associations and churches could do if they would only make the move. There should be a living, active Brotherhood in every church in the South.

GOD—and Man—If this generation had more respect for divine guidance it might have less need for guided missiles.
—Chilton (Wis.) *Times-Journal*.

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Spring Meadow's Graduates are Receiving Diplomas at this Season

By MRS. VIRGINIA R. FIELDS, Assistant Superintendent

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Spring Meadows is very proud of her fine group of school children at any time, but she is especially proud of her group of graduates this spring. We have two who are graduating from Louisville Girls' High School, and one who is finishing at Georgetown College. We want to tell you about each of these girls in three separate sketches. This week we are writing about one of these graduates, and at



Vera E. Lambert

a later time we will write about the other two.

From Louisa, Kentucky, up in Lawrence County, in November 1937, two little sisters—and they were little girls then—came to live at Spring Meadows. Both of them were of the finest fibre, strong, sturdy, intelligent—made of the kind of material from which fine Christian women may be developed. Both found their places here, and both in time became Christian girls and Baptist church members. In time the younger sister went back to Louisa to live in the home of an aunt, but Vera chose to stay at Spring Meadows to finish high school and then to take the college education which had been made available to her.

Our boys and girls who go on to college must maintain all through their high school years a high grade average which would seem to indicate that they have energy, initiative, and ambition, and they must indicate that they possess some talent strong enough to justify the higher training. Vera fulfilled all these conditions; so, immediately following her graduation from high school at mid-term in the winter of 1945, she entered

Georgetown College as a freshman student.

Vera's college record has been consistently good. She has entered into various class and club offices throughout her four years at Georgetown. She has majored in art and English, and is now qualified to teach those subjects in the public schools, or to use her knowledge and training in other vocations where she can be a happy, useful worker in and for society. She has made many friends at Georgetown in whom she will retain an interest throughout her life and who will in turn keep their interest in her.

It is not possible to name all the friends who have been interested in seeing that Vera had the opportunity to develop her talents, for they are legion—all Kentucky Baptists who have been

interested in Spring Meadows are among them. But Vera's own special group of sponsors, the Agoga Class at Walnut Street Baptist Church, should be especially mentioned. This fine group of men took it upon themselves to finance in great measure Vera's years in Georgetown. It was a fine Christian thing for them to do, and both Vera and we are grateful.

We desire for this fine girl of ours a happy, useful, wholesome life lived on a high plane in keeping with the fine ideals she lives by now. Knowing Vera, we feel sure that our wish for her will come true, and that all of us who have known, loved or been interested in her will have reason to continue to be proud of her as she develops into a mature woman.

ELECTRONICS—"Electronic pencil," now on display at University of Michigan, will be a boon to the blind. Containing batteries, circuits, a photo-electric cell and a standard hearing aid and earpiece, the device scans a printed page with a beam of light and translates it into sound. (American Legion Magazine)

CAN YOU WRITE A JINGLE?

Birthday Offering Jingles Needed by Spring Meadows

CONTEST OPEN TO ALL

Shortly after June 15 new birthday offering boxes for use in the Sunday schools of the state will be prepared by Spring Meadows. We want to use several four-line birthday jingles on the new box which will be attractively printed.

Write as many jingles as you can think of and mail to us before June 15. Names of winners will appear on the birthday offering boxes with their jingles—some will be published in the Western Recorder.

RULES

1. Each jingle must be of four lines and must be on the birthday offering.
2. Each jingle must contain the words *Spring Meadows*.
3. All entries must reach us by June 15.
4. There is no limit to the number of verses you may send in.

Here's a sample verse:

Pennies, nickels, dimes—
I've brought them all
To pay Spring Meadows
A birthday call!

SPRING MEADOWS

SAM ED BRADLEY, Suprintendent

1022 South First Street

Louisville 3, Kentucky

"A Kentucky Baptist Home for Dependent Children"

Some Memphis Convention Pick-ups

(Continued from Page 7)

and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." She was asked to sing again that night on the Christian Home service. The messengers enjoyed her full, rich soprano messages in song.

"Television is here," said S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, Ga., of the Radio Commission. "Twenty-four stations are in operation in the United States, and more than 70 permits have been issued," he continued. "Our problem, as we face this new open door, my friends, is, how will the radio commission be able to lead Southern Baptists into the use of radio after television is practicable? We are determined to lead Southern Baptists into a wide use of television. . . Every agency of this convention has been established with one single objective, i. e., to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the heart of the people at home and to the ends

of the earth. . . Radio reaches the masses who do not attend church; it reaches people of all creeds and of no creed, rather than just our own people; and it offers us glorious opportunities not accomplished in any other way.

Mr. Sullivan, of North Carolina, introduced a resolution: "That this Convention register again its intense protest against the manufacture and sale of

beverage alcohol, and that we ask the Sunday School Board to include in its crusade against beverage alcohol a personal commitment to vote against this curse. That we further ask the Sunday School Board to press for personal enlistment of voters against the manufacture and sale of beverage alcohol and that we go on record as sponsoring Southwide Commitment Day for next year and for several years to come." Hankins F. Parker, pastor of the Highland Church of Louisville, Ky., asked that the entire Convention go on record as supporting this for 1949 and that they also take such commitment for 1950. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY

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Prayer List

By W. C. BOONE

A number of women have requested that we publish a prayer list of our State Missionaries. We are giving the names of three each week, asking not only the women but everyone to pray daily through the week for them.

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Rev. David Bailey, Letcher County Missionary.

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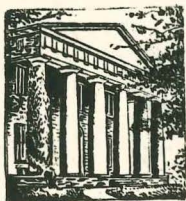
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Gleanings From State Mission Reports

(Partial report for April)

Total workers, 102; services, 1,893; professions, 278; baptisms, 234; received by letter, 60; visits, 8,033; gospels and Bibles distributed, 541; miles traveled, 102,912 (an average of 1,009 miles per worker); total number new organizations, 30; total new subscriptions, 176; tracts distributed, 8,078.

W. K. Wood, missionary, reported 70 professions of faith, W. D. Shelton, 42, H. M. Herron, 28. Mr. Lovett baptized 53 or had them coming for baptism, W. K. Wood, 49, M. H. Herron, 33.

Greenup Simultaneous Associational Revivals, Dewey Jones, director, with 20 churches, had 229 baptisms, 34 additions by letter, total 274. The flood hindered some other meetings including the one at Catlettsburg.

A. B. Cash, missionary, has held or plans to hold meetings at Fleming, Shelbyanna, Campton, Vicco, Owingsville, Mt. Vernon, Neon and Frenchburg. LeRoy Pratt, new missionary for Leslie County has 12 revivals and 15 vacation Bible schools planned: Greasy Creek, Grassy Gap, Bull Creek, and Hell-fer-Sartin (maybe this will be changed to "Heaven-fer-Sure") are some of the places scheduled.

David L. Bailey, missionary for

Letcher, started work January 1. Already he has organized a Sunday school and started preaching services on Rockhouse Creek; has helped the Fleming Baptist Church remodel, double its Sunday school, and greatly increase its finances; has 10 Bible schools planned; has led the Fleming Baptist Church to take the mission on Rockhouse as an arm of its church until they are ready to organize.

J. S. Bell, missionary, reports 19 professions, 14 baptisms, 125 rededications in recent revivals. J. Perry Carter did the preaching.

C. B. Stephens, missionary, reports a church lot has been secured on John's River for their church.

Basement for church at Owingsville, county seat of Bath, has already been dug. This leaves only one county seat in Kentucky without a Baptist church.

Brethren Cash and Tuttle have arranged a revival meeting in the last one, Frenchburg, for this summer.

The following summer workers have, or will soon be active, helping our missionaries: James Finley Ray, Ish Richey, Pauline Rupe, Thomas Redford, Donald Minster, Harold Cameron and wife, Hugh Erwin and wife, Harold Marsh and wife, Frank Kruiger and wife.

Wheeler Thompson of the Sunday School Department, spent some time with two of our summer workers from the general office giving instructions about vacation Bible schools. All departments are working in closest harmony.

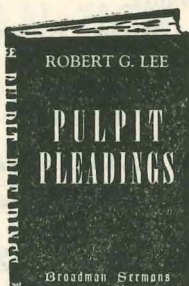
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Sunday School Lesson for June 13, 1948

Subject: Esther's Zeal for Her People

Lesson Text: Esther 4:10-17; 9:20-22, 26-27

Golden Text: Esther 4:14



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A Spiritual Defense Measure

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The next essential item for this measure is *money*. The money of spiritual men is needed. Dedicated and consecrated silver and gold upon the altar of service for God must be brought in larger quantities than ever before. Compare the \$17,000,000,000 E. R. P. program with the money expended for missions by all Christians during the last fifty years. Consider the clamor for increased taxes, now above 25% on the average, as compared with the quibbling of Christians over paying God's one-tenth. Think of the profligate squandering of millions for movies, entertainment, tobacco, cocktails, and crime, in comparison with the miserly and penurious pittances put into the work of the Kingdom by professing Christians. O Christian men! The cry of millions of men, women, and little children, from their places of spiritual destitution, calls for dedicated dollars for a spiritual defense measure. The greatest fifth column threat to this program is the one who withholds his means while this cry for help rings in his ears.

One more thing is needed for a spiritual defense measure—*morale*. Again I mention the parallel to a material program, but the difference is in the character and quality. In this respect the two are as far apart as the poles. One is terrestrial, the other celestial. One is temporal, the other is eternal. One is carnal, the other is supernal. These men

need faith, confidence, courage, spiritual stamina and fortitude—that is morale! These must be strong, sober men—not dudes dizzy with drink. They must be men grounded in truth and eternal verities—not men duped with false propaganda. Our men must know, and sing, the great hymns of the faith—not the sloven ditties of the dives for deluded dupes! Those things are the diatribes of demons, the harpings of the heathen, concerning whom we need pray with Kipling:

"For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard;
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord."

We thrill to the strains of the National Anthem, but every Christian should stand at attention, ready to obey, and forward march, at the sound of the spiritual battle call—

"The Son of God goes forth to war
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-stained banner streams afar,
Who follows in his train?"

For what shall these spiritual forces do battle? For defense is as truly warfare as any other measure. And we must know for what we fight! Here is it: We are to show to a money-minded, materialistic, pleasure-seeking world that strength is not in stone, brick, and

wood, but in justice, truth, and brotherhood. We must defy deception, deceit, and chicanery, with dedicated devotion to spiritual duty. We are to storm the strongholds of hatred, greed, selfishness, and strife, with the Christian virtues of love, sympathy, humility, and liberality. In so doing we shall fulfill the whole law, and carry out the orders of our great Captain, Jesus Christ, who has called us. Are you enlisted? Will you enlist now?

"A call for loyal soldiers
Comes to one and all,
Soldiers for the conflict,
Will you heed the call?
Will you answer quickly,
With a ready cheer,
Will you be enlisted. . .
As a volunteer?"

MILK BOTTLES PROMOTE CHURCH ATTENDANCE

YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia—Church attendance is being stimulated by an unusual campaign here.

Local dairies are capping milk bottles intended for home delivery with special tops bearing a "Go to the church of your choice" message. The special caps are affixed to milk delivered only on Saturday mornings.

Printing of the caps is financed by the Kiwanis Club here. Yarmouth clergymen say the caps have helped increase attendance at Sunday morning and evening services.—(RNS).

GOSSIP—It's all right to give the low-down on a person if it's the foundation for a build-up.—Marcelene Cox, *Ladies' Home Journal*.

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New President of Southern Baptist Convention—Dr. R. G. Lee

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Early in life Dr. Lee felt the call to be a preacher. Lack of funds made it necessary for him largely to work his way through school. He earned money trapping rabbits, selling broom straw and magazine subscriptions. He even spent one year in Panama, working on the construction of the Panama Canal.

Returning from Panama, he entered Furman Preparatory School and later won the scholarship medal, the debater's medal, and set a new Southern record for the half-mile race—a record that stood for 10 years.

In 1909 he entered Furman University in Greenville, where he won many honors. He graduated in 1913 with an A.B. degree. He took his post-graduate work at the Chicago Law School, where he received a Ph.D. in 1919.

He married Bula Dentry in 1913. They have two children, Mrs. Bula G. Lee

King and Roy DeMent Lee.

Dr. Lee was ordained at his boyhood-church at Fort Mill in 1910. His first pastorate was at Edgefield, S. C., followed by pastorates at First Baptist Church, Chester, S. C.; First Baptist Church, New Orleans; and Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C. He became pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in December, 1927.

He has been president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention four times. He is the author of many books and serves on numerous boards of organizations operated by Baptists. He is known as a visiting pastor. He has preached one sermon 316 times. It is his famous, "Pay Day—Some Day," sermon which has been heard by more than a million persons. He is seen on the front cover page with Mrs. Lee.

Gleanings From State

Mission Reports

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Rev. Sabin Landry, Jr., formerly student Secretary in Florida, and now a student in Southern Seminary, is working

in the Tract Room of the Kentucky Baptist Building.

D. C. Sparks, former missionary in Breathitt County has been elected president of Oneida Institute. H. L. Carter, former pastor at Scottsville, is the new rural worker with R. B. Hooks. Brother Carter will likely reside at Bardstown. Missionary Richard Bryant has resigned at Toner, effective June 1. Sherman Holt has resigned as associational missionary for Graves County.

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