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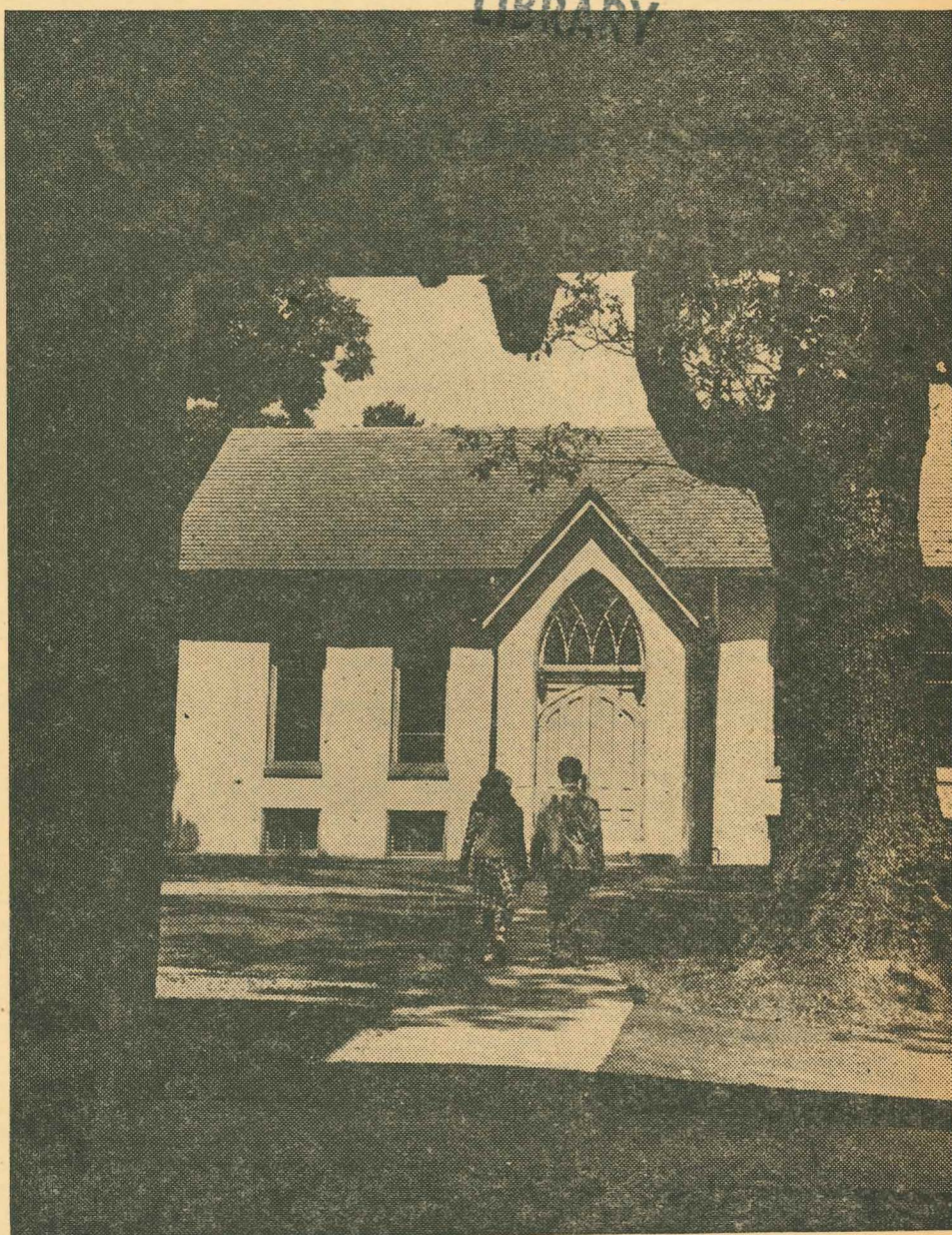
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"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalms 122:1).

Gleanings From The Field

The Houston Baptist Hospital is the recipient of another gift of \$1,000,000 from Mr. H. R. Cullen.

Pastor William P. Davis, Hollandale, Miss., and formerly at Clinton, Ky., is preaching in an associational revival in Indiana.

The Glasgow Baptist Church has voted to include the Western Recorder in its 1949 budget, thereby sending the Baptist paper into each of its nearly 500 homes.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Covington, Ky., is using television broadcasting these days over Station WLWT. Morris H. Coers is pastor there.

Dr. Alexander Gibson, for twenty-one years Field Secretary of the Baptist Board of Christian Education in the Maritime United Baptist Convention, has become Editor of The Maritime Baptist, Kentville, Nova Scotia.

Dr. E. McNeill Poteat, Jr., has resigned as president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, effective September 30. Bad health and the need for complete freedom from administration duties were the basis for his retirement.

Harmony Chapel, a mission of Ninth and O Church, Louisville, had a V. B. S. during June 12-24. They had an average attendance of 185, and they were directed by forty workers. Four came for baptism. Charles W. Holland, Jr., is the Harmony pastor.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, Parkland Church of Louisville, has been helping Pastor Carroll Hubbard in a revival meeting during July 19-25 at the First Church of Ashland, Ky. Also Secretary J. Chester Durham of the Kentucky B. S. U., is providing a group of youth workers.

Pastor Harold D. Tallant, First Church of Madisonville, Ky., held a revival meeting with Pastor John R. Flynn at the Audubon Church of Henderson, Ky. There were fifty-four additions, forty of those being by baptism. The Sunday school has been pushed up above 600, and there were 176 in Training Union during the revival.

William K. Weaver has been made State Student Secretary for Alabama. He was formerly Assistant Training Union Secretary in Kentucky, associated with Byron C. S. Dejarnette, but resigned during World War II to become a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. Since his discharge from military duties he has been Student Secretary at Howard College.

Pastor Harold C. Zicafoos tells his members at the Kenwood Baptist Church of Louisville that when they go away on a vacation to send him a church bulletin from the churches they attend.

This idea, we sense, has several advantages. Pastor Zicafoos is always searching for new ideas in the preparation of his weekly bulletin, and also it gives the pastor an index as to whether his members attended worship while away from home.

The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church held the largest Vacation Bible School ever held in Anderson County by any denomination, during June 21-27, according to Pastor Othell Hand. They had 290 pupils enrolled. Last year Mount Pleasant enrolled 207—the largest rural VBS in Kentucky. Pastor Hand has been there for four years. He is a fellow in Dr. G. S. Dobbins' department at the Southern Seminary.

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., calls a new alcove in their Library the *E. C. Routh Missions Library*. This was recently dedicated, and Dr. Routh, recently retired as Editor of *The Commission*, and the donor of the books, periodicals, letters to and from missionaries, maps, and many items of printed matter and manuscripts, was present for the ceremonies. Dr. Routh is now living in retirement at Lockhart, Texas.

Radio Station WCTT, Corbin, Ky., broadcasts *The Baptist Hour* daily on Mondays through Fridays at 8:15 to 8:30 A. M., with the First Baptist Church, Corbin; Central Church, Corbin; First Church, Barbourville; First Church, Williamsburg; and the First Church of London participating on different days. This broadcast will celebrate its first anniversary September 1. Dr. E. O. Edwards, Corbin, serves as Chairman and Treasurer.

Baptists of Tennessee have taken over the Protestant Hospital in Nashville, and it will henceforth be operated as the Mid-State Baptist Hospital. The new superintendent is Robert M. Murphy, of Columbus City Hospital, Columbus, Georgia, and formerly administrator of the T. J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow, Ky. The property comprises an entire city block, and prior to 1918 was operated as the Nashville College for Young Women.

The Crittenden Baptist Church recently conducted a VBS with an enrollment of 136. A revival followed, with John Kurtz, of Wilmore, as evangelist. There were eight additions during the revival and two on the following Sunday. Sunday school attendance reached 182 on July 4. Crittenden Church recently finished an \$8,000 addition. New Sunday school rooms were added, and furnace and baptistry were installed. The church went on a full-time program in July,

1947, under the leadership of the present pastor, Raymond E. Lawrence. There have been fifty-four additions in the last eighteen months.

The Beech Fork (Hayesville) Baptist Church, near Gravel Switch, Kentucky, held a Vacation Bible school during the day and revival services each evening June 14-23. Dr. C. A. Baker, Louisville, was the visiting evangelist. His great messages were a real blessing to the church. Out of the twenty-six additions to the church, twenty-one were for baptism. The Vacation Bible school had an enrollment of 115, with an average attendance of ninety-eight. Rev. H. E. Coker, a recent graduate of the Southern Seminary, has been pastor of this church for the last three years, during which time the enrollment of the church has more than doubled.

Dr. Charles Watson Burts, dean of Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., has been elected President of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., to succeed Dr. Paul M. Cousins, who has returned to teaching and is now located at Mercer University. The new Shorter president began his collegiate work at Furman University in 1925, and there won many laurels in debating, college activities and athletics, even winning the South Carolina collegiate tennis doubles twice and the singles once. He graduated in 1929, and took B.D. and Ph.D. degrees at Yale. He also did post graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. He is a native of Anderson, S. C., a son of Sadie Watson and Charles Elford Burts. His father is well known throughout the Southeast, where he has held important pastorates. From 1933 until World War II President Burts was on the faculty of Furman. He became a Lieutenant Commander during 40 months service in the officer procurement selection and research work. Since the war he has been dean at Meredith. His wife is the former Ruth Parker Littlejohn, Gaffney, S. C. They have one son, Watson Lee Burts, eleven.

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Editorials

A Sense Of Danger

From nearly all Christian lips, from almost every Convention speaker, pastor, and writer, come expressions of anxiety concerning current drifts in religion and morals.

Such expressions come not alone from those easily disturbed; they come from the serious lips of trained and experienced executives in business, from seasoned jurists and physicians, from careful pastors of long experience as observers of trends and as leaders in religious thought, from great teachers in both secular and religious institutions of learning. Seasoned, hardened veterans who have stood at the bridge through seas fair and foul admit that the whole world, even our own land, is in a storm that will be hard to ride out. The over-all religious picture is not good, and public morals are at their lowest ebb in generations.

This is written in full consciousness that there will be those who seek to smile their way through, and who will say, "God is on His throne, and all is well." It is good to smile, and to know God is on His throne; and so He is. We do not doubt for a moment that His sovereign purposes are going to be accomplished. He was on His throne when the flood came; He was on His throne when in His wrath He permitted the captivities of His people because of their rebellion; He was on His throne when He brought fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus and his armies; He was on His throne when He said through the writer of the Hebrews, "For we know Him Who said, 'vengeance is mine, I will repay,' and again, 'the Lord will judge his people.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God" (Heb. 10:30-31).

One does not need here to argue the point. Both secular and religious statisticians load us with facts that bewilder: the vast increase in divorce, the almost 50 per cent breakdown of the home, criminal trends among the young, expenditures in the billions for character-destroying drink, sinful sex promiscuity, interracial hatreds, strife between employers and laborers, desecration of the Lord's Day on which He arose from the dead and which He gave to Christians as the day of rest.

We know there are many who are faithful, who are striving, who agonize in prayer and labor; but woe be to us unless we lift up our eyes and look on the fields, unless we know our own day and its needs, unless under God we give a good account of our stewardship for the exercising of which we were left in the world. Paul walked in Athens and saw the idolatry of the people, and his spirit burned within him. He boldly faced the leaders and delivered his soul, whether they believed or not. His purposes will be accomplished through the agency of His people as they are stirred in heart.

"Abba, Father," Who Can Say It?

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom. 8:15).

Reading a sermon recently by W. E. C. Newbolt published in *Church Chimes* August 14, 1908, we ran across these remarks on the above text:

"Here is a great conception: this whole world is the family of God. He made it. We are elevated by its beauty, amazed at its resources. We listen to the great Benedicite ever rising up from all creation to the throne of God. . . It is a beautiful world, as it lies palpitating with life, full of the presence and love of God."

Then we turned and read, "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one" (I Jno. 5:19); "Ye are of your father the devil" (Jno. 8:44); "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23); "From within, out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, foolishness" (Mark 7:21-22).

We tremble for those like Dr. Newbolt, and for those who hear and believe their doctrine of the universal fatherhood of God. At no place in the Scripture does the Holy Spirit declare it. Again and again does He declare man's true, sinful nature. "There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God; they have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one: their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit: the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:10-18).

Pennsylvania Drug Stores Ban Comic Books

From Harrisburg, Pennsylvania comes word that drug stores of that state will not sell comic books "until the publishers of such books clean them up to meet the standards of decent literature." Action was taken at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association meeting in Harrisburg, and was reported by Chauncey E. Rickard, executive secretary of the organization.

This is proof positive that aroused public sentiment properly expressed has weight with those in position to act. The American public can change things.

But the Campaign Must Go Further

The suppression of such comic books as are hurtful is not enough. The campaign must go further to include dissemination of home and soul destroying advertising of whatever nature. Through daily newspapers and radio and widely circulated magazines, the United States Brewers' Foundation pushes its campaign to influence the last American home. This

organization has recently announced that at least six, perhaps more, of the leading artists in America have been engaged to do a series of beautiful and attractive paintings of "Home Life in America," to be used as subtle bait for the approach to wives, home-makers, mothers, and American youth.

Such pictures depicting scenes that are dear, recalling memories precious to hearts, will be run in attractive form in the great magazines of America. Then, in connection with such pictures the advertising of liquors will be slipped into the emotions.

The Brewers' Foundation has, for the first time in history, won over one of the widest read women's magazines, *McCalls*. Concerning the agreement of this magazine to carry the advertising, the Brewers' Foundation remarks: "This additional circulation is especially desirable because of the type of readers of the magazine and its strength in medium and smaller sized cities and towns . . . Further, because *McCalls* contains so many pages of food advertising, it will help to associate beer and ale with food in the minds of the women readers who are the shoppers for the home." Mind you, this was said by the brewers themselves.

The campaign is on, not only through *McCalls*, but in five other widely distributed magazines in the United States, whose total circulation is now estimated at more than 18,000,000.

What Can Be Done?

First of all, widest protest can be sent to the magazines carrying the advertising. Then, letters can be written, over and over, to the law makers of the land demanding procedure leading to the breaking down of this effort to make American homes liquor drinking units. The same can be done with reference to radio advertising, equally effective in the propaganda. We, the American public can change this, if we will.

We Want Pictures

The Western Recorder is anxious to use more and more pictures which would be of general state-wide interest. People everywhere are interested not only in reading about persons and events and places connected with church and denominational life, but they want to see pictures of them.

News-worthy events, when properly related and pictured, not only inform the public concerning what has been done by a particular person or church; they challenge others to greater effort for the glory of God. So, frequently a Christian service is rendered when a story is told well and properly pictured.

The cost to the individual or the church would be comparatively small. All that needs to be done is to see that a clear, sharp, black and white picture is taken and a glossy print sent to us. We will attend to the details of having a cut made (the cost of which will not be too large), and then, when the picture appears in the Western Recorder, the Business Manager will send statement for the actual cost of making the cut. We wish we were in position to bear all the cost ourselves. We are willing and anxious to bear the expense of composition and attend to the details and furnish the space.

Cuts already made and suitable for newsprint, or

mats, can be used without cost to the sender. There is charge only when we have a cut made here. We do not have the equipment to make them in our plant.

A picture is worth a thousand words. Help us give you week by week a denominational newspaper which tells and shows you what is going on.

Unsigned Articles

Now and then, as is probably the case with all newspapers, unsigned articles and news items come in. That which is sent may be exceedingly worthwhile and accurate. However, for obvious reasons, no unsigned material can be published. All material of whatever nature must bear the hand-written signature of the sender, and the home or business address must be given.

The Spirit Beareth Witness

Now we must confess that this doctrine of the Spirit's dwelling in the hearts of God's servants, is much discountenanced of late . . . But what if the apes in India, finding a glow worm, mistook it to be true fire, and heaping much combustible matter about it, hoped by their blowing of it, thence to kindle a flame; I say, what if that laughter-causing animal, that mirth-making animal, deceived itself: does it thence follow that there is no true fire at all? And what if some fanatics by usurpation have entitled their brain-sick fancies to be so many illuminations of the Spirit; must we presently turn Sadducees in this point, and deny that there is any Spirit at all? God forbid!—*Thomas Fuller*

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►Princess Elizabeth of England said recently: "It is strange that war, the most wicked of all human follies, brings to the surface the noblest instincts we possess." As a matter of fact, war does not do that. The witnessing of human suffering arouses the better instincts of man; but war itself stirs the worst. It should be outlawed by all possible means.

►Judge Edwin A. Robinson, Illinois Superior Court Justice said recently: "The promises before marriage of a wife or a husband do not mean a thing." Has the great Justice fallen into the all-too-prevalent habit of making sweeping statements? of burning the house down to cook a pig? Millions mean every word of their altar-oath, and would die rather than violate it.

►The Christian Century states: "Mystery shrouds the fate of 700,000 Baptists who were known to be in Russia before the war. . . Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance informs. . . that before the last world conflict there were at least 1,000,000 Baptists in the Soviet Union. They were divided into two groups, one of which originated around Lenin-grad and the other in the Ukraine. Since the war it has been learned that they have united, and that their headquarters are in Moscow and that they are stand-offish concerning their fellow Baptists in other countries. They claim a membership of 300,000 for the entire body. What has become of the others? Many of them undoubtedly died during the invasion of Western Russia; others probably left the denomination in protest against the close relations with the state which it now maintains."

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

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Relations Between Northern and Southern Baptists

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(Third Discussion)

THIS IS the third of six articles devoted to a discussion of this question. An effort will be made here to probe some of the criticisms from both Northern and Southern circles aimed at the general pattern in the development of tension between Northern and Southern Baptists, as described in a previous article.

For one thing, it has been asserted that Southern Baptists, when entering a state where Northern Baptist churches already exist, should align themselves with such churches. To this the dissenting groups answer that they are stopped by liberal doctrinal views to which they cannot acquiesce. The rejoinder has come many times that doctrinal criticism of Northern Baptist churches is not justified in most cases.

Objections of Southern Baptists

A casual examination reveals that the doctrinal objections alleged by the Southerners revolve about a common center—open communion, alien immersion, affiliation of the Northern Baptist Convention with the Federal Council of Churches, interdenominational comity agreements, and the inclusive policy in missionary appointments. Without attempting to pass judgment upon the correctness of the positions assumed, but simply to set forth the historical record, it can be observed that the Northern Baptist Convention has followed the leadership of liberals in determining its policies.

In 1922, by two to one the Convention out-voted a conservative motion to adopt

the New Hampshire Confession of Faith as that of the Convention, and approved a latitudinarian maneuver of a recognized liberal. Since the 1920's the Convention has steered a course of co-operation with interdenominational bodies, which has resulted in comity agreements with other denominations relative to the partition of fields. The Convention's choice of resolutions in 1926 resulted in the declaration that "only immersed members will be recognized as delegates to the convention," which in practice became a recognition that Baptist churches could depart from immersion as the sole baptismal mode and still have (from among their immersed members) representatives in the Northern Baptist Convention.

In 1946 the Convention turned away from the resolution by an Arizona conservative which attempted to eliminate the inclusive policy in the appointment of missionaries, and a broad substitute was adopted. This general direction has had strong reactions from Baptists in many states. For the most part, however, the churches in the border states already related to the Northern Convention have felt it to be wise and consistent to continue co-operation, despite the fact that many of them disagree with the course pursued. The Conservative Baptist Fellowship of Chicago is now attracting many of these.

When Southern Baptist immigrants refused to align themselves with the Northern Convention because of these liberal policies, there came antagonism between them and the churches affiliated

with the Northern Convention, even though some of the churches were conservative in doctrine.

Southern Churches Organized in Northern Territory

In the second place, criticism has been aimed at the practice by Southern groups in some states of organizing churches in the vicinity of existing Northern Convention churches. The early history of some Southern movements lends weight to this criticism. In Arizona, for example, the new Southern group had a severe struggle for existence during the decade from 1930 to 1940, and as a result most churches organized were those constituted by dissenting Southern Baptists in the cities where Northern Baptist churches were located. It is evident in these cases that there was no alternative for the objecting groups than to organize their churches in the city or town where they lived; this being the case, the statement that Southern Baptist churches were organized in the same areas as the Northern Baptist churches is correct.

Since 1941, however, aggressive missionary efforts have been put forth in Arizona cities and towns where no Baptist work has been carried on before. The principal growth that Arizona Southern Baptists have enjoyed (apart from the initial impetus in division) has come from the tilling of new ground in hitherto unreached areas.

Right to Recognize Baptist Bodies

The third general criticism of this pattern probes the heart of the problem. The Southern Convention, say both Northern and Southern critics, should refuse to recognize the new bodies which are organized in states outside of the South, thus eliminating the tension. It may be observed that this is the only step in the entire pattern in which the general body has authority. The first several steps of the pattern are taken by autonomous bodies which cannot be controlled by a general Baptist body. The Southern Convention, for example, could not forbid southern emigrants to Alaska from organizing a Baptist church, nor could it interfere when a group of such churches formed a district association or state convention. But, it has been asserted, at the point of recognition of such bodies the Southern convention does have the right to take decisive action.

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WATCHFULNESS—A little boy was told that the eye of God is always watching us. He thought a minute, then said: "I'd like to know what kind of watching it is. Tim Brown watches me in school so he can tell the teacher if I whisper and get me bad marks. But Father watches me in a different way. When I am out on the beach he keeps watch so I won't get in too deep. I like that kind of watching."—William Norton, *Moody Monthly*.

Church Music Now Demands Best; Suitability For Worship Is The Key

By DR. ARTHUR L. RICH, Mercer University

MUSIC has always been the handmaiden of religion, an instrument in worship. At the first communion service a hymn was sung, and for 2,000 years the Christian church, with varying degrees of success, has used music in worship and in other ways.

The handmaiden, in music, like many handmaidens, has at times been remarkably effective, at other times she has made a spectacle of herself, and at still other times she has been inefficient, useless and even harmful. In America some of us, for 150 years have allowed this potentially excellent handmaiden to deteriorate into a sloppy drudge, often unwanted and merely tolerated.

In recent decades, however, our more alert Christian leaders have come to see that music could be made again into a powerful resource in the worship service and in church life if an effort were made. The movement began in a small way shortly after the first world war and has developed to the point that our seminaries and universities are training men and women for full-time Christian service in music. The trend for a worthwhile program in our churches is strong and growing more so.

Need for Improvement

Artistic influences outside of the church played their part in this growth. The public schools have for years been devoting much time to singing, to note-reading, to hearing fine recorded music, and to the playing of musical instruments in orchestras and bands. Almost every elementary school child these days is taught to read music and to carry a part.

Our grade school and high school choruses well because music is a subject in the school curriculum. Children and men and women of college age are familiar with symphonies, operas and oratorios because they have studied them in their classes in school. The young generation is musically minded; they are quite aware whether or not a musical performance is good or weak, and they do not respect a weak performance merely because it is done in a church.

Likewise, the radio has had its bearing upon the artistic renaissance of the country. The finest orchestras, choruses, instrumentalists and singers are to be heard by the clicking of a switch, and most people listen to some great music, expertly performed, on the air every day. People have become accustomed to high standards of performance and use them to measure the music of the church.

If music has a legitimate place in the worship service—and in the light of history and experience we believe that it has—then its equality as musical literature and as a public performance must be at least as good as routine performances of secular music. One cannot justify the use of slovenly, incompetent, or poorly prepared music when only our best, most painstaking, sincere efforts are worthy to be used in the house of the Lord. It is not asking too much that music for the church be finer than that for worldly affairs.

Music for Worship

Suitability for worship use is the key in the selection of music for a church. Much excellent music was written for secular purposes and is therefore un-

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I am the man who calls the preacher over the phone or writes him a letter demanding that he give special pulpit attention to something—preach on this or that, or announce so and so. Of course I know that I almost never darken the door, or change the temperature of a seat in the church building; the fact is, I don't care much for the church until I get appointed chairman of something in the community and realize that, to put it over, I'll have to call on reliable people. The preacher is the key man all right, when I want something done, but the rest of the year he doesn't fit my lock.—I. M. P. Culiar.

usable. Unusable also is musical trash, ho-hum anthems and hymns turned out by musical hacks and incompetents, music with irreligious associations, and high-brow music empty in its pompousness. Music for the worship service must be the work of a devoted Christian who is also a master of the craft of musical composition.

Important, too, in the selection of music is that it be well within the ability of the congregational choir to perform it. There is an ample supply of good hymns and anthems of all grades of difficulty of execution and comprehension. If the

time is taken to find it, worthy music which any given congregation or choir can perform acceptably can be located.

In the worship service the musical elements—hymns, anthems and organ music—should have a clear and logical relationship to each other and to the other portions of the service. The musical portions should be conducive to unity, continuity, and the feelings of completeness and consummation.

Present and Future

It takes a relatively long period of time for a musical program to become effective and for it to be integrated into the church activities patterns and for it to bear its finest fruits. The programs should make provision for present needs and the estimated future growth of the members of the congregation in music. A transitory musical program is of little value.

There is no one program which is tailored for all situations. The plan, its scope, method of operation and details must of necessity be adjusted to the congregation's size, budget, community life, location and vitality. The multiple choir system under the supervision of a professional minister of music seems to work well in some cases; in others stress seems to be needed in the Sunday school and training union; and in still others the stress should be placed on congregational singing. There is some species of musical program which will be an asset to every congregation and the effort needed to plan it and to keep it in operation will be found well worth while.—*Christian Index.*

SBC Authorizes September, October Relief Emphasis

NEW ORLEANS—In view of the special emphasis to be placed on world relief during September and October of this year the Relief Center at New Orleans is making preparations to handle unprecedented amounts of supplies and urges all associations to set up relief committees now properly to promote the giving of vitally needed relief goods through the churches.

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention in approving a special emphasis on relief during the two months resulted from a recommendation of the Relief Committee.

This special effort, although scheduled for September and October, does not mean that churches should stop sending in regular monthly shipments and hold them until the fall, nor does it mean that the relief program will be over at the end of October, Clovis A. Brantley, director of the center, announced.

Plans for church and associational organizations are available by writing the Promotional Department, 718 Richard St., New Orleans. Set up your committee now and select a goal in pounds and dollars for this tremendously important effort.

Build For Them Now or Fail Them Tomorrow

By PHILIP B. HARRIS

The percentage of young people today is at the lowest point in a hundred years. This condition is the result of the low birth rate in the early thirties, and the number of young people in military service.

In a very few years there will be 35 to 40 per cent more young people than there are today. Why? Because of the high birth rate beginning in 1940 and increasing through 1947. Take a look at the picture.

There are available now approximately 2,000,000 young people ages seventeen through twenty-four years for Southern Baptist Sunday schools. It is estimated that there will be available by 1957 nearly 3,000,000 young people for Southern Baptist Sunday schools.

The present enrolment of young people in Southern Baptist Sunday schools is 500,000. The evidence is abundant that this enrolment has increased every time a new Sunday school class has been built. If the Sunday schools, therefore, minister to an increasing number of these young people, the churches must provide more classes and good teachers for them. Many thoughtful pastors believe this to be the only answer. If more classes are established, rooms must be provided.

Churches Must Build Today to Meet Tomorrow's Needs

Many churches are planning in the new building for two or more departments for Adults, and this is right. Strange to say, however, some of these same churches are planning for only one department for Young People.

Many smaller churches are planning in the new building for six or more classes for Adults, and this is proper. Some of these same churches, however, are planning for only two classes for Young People, and in some churches only one class.

A number of churches are providing from four to ten Nurseries for children from birth through three years of age, and only one department for all the Young People ages seventeen through twenty-four years.

Two classes for Young People in the majority of churches are not enough. In most of the smaller churches plan for four classes, one for married women, one for single women, and two for men.

Larger churches will provide for two or more departments: one for single people seventeen and eighteen years of

age; one for single people nineteen through twenty-four years of age; and one for married people.

Most churches cannot build again for twenty-five years. Mistakes are expensive, often disastrous. The urge here is that churches will plan now for the future expansion of the Young People's work.

Re-check your building plans. Safeguard the future of your Young People by providing for them now in your overall building plans. Adequate space in the building, capable leaders and teachers, and recognition of the capabilities of the Young People will solve most of the so-called problems.

Plan for the number of Young People you now have enrolled, and you may be able to continue with that number. Provide adequately for twice the number you now have and you at least have a chance to reach them.

We will face the inevitable and plan buildings today in the light of tomorrow's needs.

Before completing plans for your church building, confer with your state Sunday school secretary and the Architectural Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Much of tomorrow will be determined by the plans of today.

"Expect great things from God;
Attempt great things for God."

Why I Choose A Christian College

By JAMES HATLEY
Georgetown, College

I chose a Christian college that I might have instructors who teach because they feel it is the Lord's will in their lives, who are interested in the growth of the body, the mind, the soul—instructors who put Christ first in their own lives and earnestly try to live according to His will.

I chose a Christian institution because of wholesome classmates, the Baptist Student Union, blessings said at meals,

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Arlon Davis, Local Missionary, Big Creek, Kentucky
John S. Davis, Associational Missionary, East Union Association.

a Christian roommate, the close fellowship of church and college activities, prayermates, Christian fellowship in the dormitory, the opportunities of service while in school.

I chose a Christian college because I know that my college and I are earnest in our desire to do the Lord's will, and I can best be trained for His service here.
—The Teacher.

A Great Year Of Revivals

By W. C. BOONE, General Secretary

Kentucky Baptists this year are majoring on evangelism and soul-winning. The General Association approved this as our first goal for the year: and about nine-tenths of the District Associations voted to co-operate in the plan of having simultaneous revivals in their own territory.

The reports of these meetings are beginning to come in. They are most encouraging. For example: in Lincoln County Association twelve churches participated; they reported 105 professions, 20 additions to the churches by letter, 22 rededications, and 7 dedications of life for full time Christian service.

In Greenup Association floods prevented some churches from having meetings at the appointed time; but twenty churches had revivals, with 229 received for baptism, 45 by letter, a total of 274 additions.

Many other churches will have their meetings during the summer. Others are scheduled for fall. We expect to publish in the WESTERN RECORDER the results of these meetings as rapidly as they are received.

The brethren are saying that these simultaneous meetings are helpful to them in their fellowship as well as in the "visible results" that are being reported. It means much to know that we are working *together* as churches and pastors and people, in the glorious task of winning the lost to Christ.

Let us continue to pray for all these meetings—asking our Heavenly Father to bless these united efforts. Let us seek the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we preach the Gospel and endeavor to win lost souls to Jesus Christ.

Pastor Ralph S. Webb held a revival at the First Church of Paintsville, Ky., with Dr. A. H. Cullen, pastor of the Calvary Church in Evansville, Indiana, doing the preaching. Mike Acree Covington, Kentucky, for the third time led the music in a revival meeting there. Crowds were the largest in the history of the church. Pastor Webb even asked the members to stand up in the Sunday school rooms in order that the visitors might be seated. Morning services were held at 7:00 A. M., and were climaxed with a full house at the last day, when Dr. Cullen told his life story. The Lord gave them 35 conversions and additions to the church.

Ralph Avenue Baptist Mission Dedicated In Cane Run Road Area

By J. M. SNAWDER, Pastor

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 20, 1948—A dedicatory service was held this afternoon in the Ralph Avenue Baptist Mission (on Ralph Avenue near Cane Run Road) at which time the new and beautiful brick veneer building was set aside wholly unto the Lord.

The power of God has been manifested from the very beginning. Between 200 and 300 were present for the dedication. The program from the first song through the closing prayer radiated God's presence and power.

A challenging message was presented

the mission, alternated in bringing the messages.

The first Sunday school was held June 27 with forty-one in attendance. Also there were two more additions to the membership. The offering amounted to \$41.80 on the first day.

God has seen fit to use this mission as a witness of "the Power of God unto Salvation" unto all who believe and to make her a self-supporting fellowship from the beginning.

Ask Voters To Study Morals Of Candidates

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Baptist Pastors' Conference of Atlanta has urged Georgia voters to "study the morals of those who offer themselves for positions of leadership before voting for them."

An open letter signed by three Atlanta Baptist ministers—the Rev. J. LeRoy Steele, the Rev. W. A. Duncan, and the Rev. James L. Baggett—declared:

"The 96 Conference members, spiritual leaders of 75,000 Baptists, find themselves greatly embarrassed by reason of the fact that within the past month a high city official of Atlanta and a high educational official of Georgia have been in the Atlanta police court and have been fined for violations of existing moral and civil laws."

The references were to Councilman Joe Allen, recently arrested on charges of gambling, and Chancellor Raymond Paty, of the University System of Georgia, arrested on charges of drunken driving.

"All public officials have extended influence over the formation of the ideals of youth," the Conference spokesmen pointed out, "and we call upon each one to conduct himself accordingly; we call also for those in authority over all officials to keep unsleeping vigilance over the conduct of men whose salaries are paid by tax money from the hands of citizens high and low."

The open letter, published in part by Atlanta newspapers, ended with a plea that voters be influenced by the morals of candidates and to vote against "questionable character."—(RNS).



Above—New Meeting House of the Ralph Avenue Baptist Mission, east of Cane Run Road, in a fast developing area just outside the city limits of Louisville. The dozen charter members are shown on the right standing with J. Perry Carter, Superintendent of City Missions.

All but two or three phases of the work was done by men who saw the need of a Christless and churchless community and were willing to give their labor that a House of God might be built in the community. The total cost of the building was \$5,818.31 though it is valued at approximately three times that amount.

This new church building is situated on a well located lot seventy-five feet deep and seventy-five feet wide. The mission also owns an adjacent lot of the same dimensions which is being used for parking space. The building is completely equipped with lights, water and heat. Besides a beautifully arranged choir loft it has a seating capacity of approximately 160 people.

by Rev. J. Perry Carter, Superintendent of City Missions, which was followed by a dynamic message by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, pastor of the mother church, the Parkland Baptist. There were also solos, quartets, and inspirational songs. At the close of the service, twelve presented themselves for membership. (The original twelve charter members are shown to the right of the large group in the exterior picture—the dozen adults standing with Superintendent J. Perry Carter.)

Revival services followed during which seven more came, making a membership of nineteen. Dr. H. Leo Eddleman and the writer, J. M. Snauder, pastor of

Pastor W. Boyd Hunt was recently assisted at the First Church of Houston, Texas, in a revival meeting by Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City. Also Dr. Ayer recently preached in a simultaneous revival in Nashville, Tenn.

Sunday School Lesson for August 1, 1948

Subject: Baruch, The Scribe

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 36:4-8,
17-24,32

Golden Text: Psalm 119:105

Report of Spring Meadows to The District Associations and News of The Children

By Sam Ed Bradley and Mrs. Virginia R. Fields

Associational Report

Spring Meadows, formerly the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, is in its eightieth year of service to dependent children on behalf of Kentucky Baptists and in the name of Christ. Organized in 1869, Spring Meadows is the oldest Baptist Children's home in the South. It is located at 1022 South First Street, Louisville, where the two units of its present quarters were built in 1870 and 1892. Since its organization nearly 5,000 homeless boys and girls have entered the Home to find love, affection, security, and above all to find Christ.

Last fall the Home's charter was amended making legal the new name of Spring Meadows, and changing the governing body to a fifteen-men Board of Trustees elected by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Each of the eight regions of Kentucky is represented on the Board of Trustees which administers the affairs of the Home for Kentucky Baptists.

The superintendent of Spring Meadows is Sam Ed Bradley, former pastor of the First Baptist Church at Glasgow and Fulton. He went to Spring Meadows as Field Superintendent in July, 1947, and this spring was elected superintendent.

During the past year Spring Meadows has cared for 140 children. A number of bright conversions among the children during the year greatly encouraged the workers. All children and staff members attend Sunday school and church unless ill and a majority of the children are active in various church organizations and affairs. Forty-five of the children attended Clear Creek.

Spring Meadows is proud of its Georgetown College graduate of 1948, Miss Vera Lambert, whose present plans are to enter the teaching profession. Kentucky Baptists may be happy indeed in the opportunity they have provided for this fine girl to use her life wisely and well for her Master. Our Baptist people may also be proud of their sixteen young women who worked as Nurses' Aides at Baptist Hospital the past summer. Five of these girls were from the Home at Glendale, but spent the summer with us in Spring Meadows in order to work at the hospital. We were so glad to provide them with this opportunity.

During the year just past the health of the children has been excellent. A complete dental program has been carried out, and each child at Spring Meadows has had physical inspection and neces-

sary medical care. Twenty-five tonsillectomies were performed during the winter just past, all of which were most successful.

The children, the staff, and the Board of Trustees at Spring Meadows are deeply grateful to Kentucky Baptists for the record breaking Thanksgiving offering, for every gift of every description.

The Board of Trustees has approved the plans of the Building Committee and construction is expected to get under way early in the fall on eight cottages at the new site about five miles from the city limits. These cottages will care for about fifty per cent more children than are being cared for at present. It is expected that the new buildings will be ready for occupancy in the spring.

Any owner of cattle, either beef or dairy, should give serious thought to donating a calf to help build a fine herd of cattle at Spring Meadows. Write to the Home for more information.

Our Children at Clear Creek

Spring Meadows sent forty-five of her boys and girls to Clear Creek this year; and now that all of them are home again, tanned, wind-blown, and happy, we want to tell you how very much your generosity in providing funds to send them has meant to them. The children look forward to "Clear Creek time" every year, and when Mrs. Fields announces in the dining room that it is time to sign up for camp this year she finds a long line outside the office door waiting to put names on the list.

Of course the most important thing about Clear Creek is its atmosphere, training, and guidance in things spiritual and uplifting. But our children gain so much in addition to these that we sometimes wonder if we do not get triple value for our money—mountain air, open spaces, cool running streams, trees that grow where Nature intended them to grow, and a chance to meet new friends from all over the state. The children have an opportunity to learn self-reliance, too, for they care for their own railroad tickets, look after themselves en route, and take care of bedrolls and luggage. Finally, these days at Clear Creek leave indelible impressions and beautiful memories in the children's minds which nothing can ever take from them and which can be strengthening forces for life.

Experiences That Teach

It is only rarely, if ever, that a boy or girl is born into this world so nearly brought up that very little remains for him to learn, even from adverse ex-

perience. Certainly this isn't true of our children at Spring Meadows, who are a perfectly normal and healthy group and who have just as many experiences as children their age normally have. Perhaps because of early lacks our children have some lessons to learn later in their development than most children who are fortunate enough to have both their parents with them during their childhood years.

Such a little thing as just ordinary every-day courtesy and its habitual practice is a case in point. The daily use of such expressions as "Please," "Thank you," "Excuse me," and so on are as new to some of our children as if the words had just recently been coined; and as far as their experience with the words and the actions resulting from their use are concerned, they *have* just come into the language. But the children learn quickly, and usually it becomes a point of pride to use them as often as possible.

Learning the property rights of others is another lesson that has to be learned the harder way sometimes, perhaps after the child comes to us. Sometimes a great deal of time, counseling, and help must be given the child before he is able to resist these temptations with his own resources of strength and courage.

Other habits must be changed for better ones, even as entirely new ones are acquired, and it is no wonder that occasionally we find a confused youngster who cannot see a reason for all the fuss and flurry and who may finally decide that it just isn't worth the effort it takes. But discouragement just can't be a part of the life of a person who works with children; and even if it all has to be done over and over again it is time well spent if the child gains insight into a new and better way of living.

Values of Work

We've been thinking about our sixteen girls who are working this summer as Nurses' Aides at Baptist Hospital. Perhaps the fact that today is pay day and each of the girls has a nice check to deposit to her own credit is responsible for causing us to think! These girls range in age from sixteen to nineteen years, and each of them will quite soon be absolutely dependent upon herself. Under supervision and among sympathetic and understanding friends they are learning four very valuable lessons early in their working experience: Regularity on the job—and thus far no girl has missed a day from work or been late in reporting to her supervisor; the lessons taught by routine, even though it grows irksome sometimes; the carrying and discharging of the responsibilities connected with the job; and finally, the handling of the money that comes as a reward of labor. Kentucky Baptists may well be proud of these girls, the work they are doing, and the lessons they are learning. They are building for the future. We of Spring Meadows and Glendale are very proud of them.

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

Trinity, Newport Church Building

The Trinity church in Newport has bought a most attractive lot with a very large residence on it which they are repairing and rearranging for their work. There is a long garage on the back of the lot sufficient to house the Junior and Intermediate departments with eight classes each. Pastor Leo Drake is very happy in the new quarters.

Grant's Lick Plans Building

Pastor Garlon Sills and the Grant's Lick Church plan to erect a new church building. A most satisfactory conference was held with the building committee as to plans. This great country church is looking to the future with determination and enthusiasm.

Whitesville Is Standard

The Whitesville Sunday school has qualified as Standard, bringing the total for Daviess-McLean Association to two for the year.

Great Clinic At Madisonville

With Pastor Harold D. Tallant and Associational Superintendent Frank Mitchell as hosts our department conducted a "double-header" in Little Bethel Association. Each morning and afternoon for five days people came from twelve associations to learn Sunday school work, with a total of 165 enrolled. Each night enlargement campaigns were conducted in 19 churches with one or more visiting workers in each church. A religious census was taken by the churches on the opening Sunday and a closing rally was held on the closing Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Harold D. Tallant, the host pastor, is doing a great work in Madisonville, looking forward to the erection of a new building on a new location. The school is running well over 500 in attendance. Associational Superintendent Frank Mitchell is leading in a great way.

We wish we had space to name every one of the fine pastors in the association. They are doing fine work and deserve to be mentioned by name, but our space is limited. Three of the Sunday schools are Standard and they are working for ten others to qualify before the end of September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE JULY 18, 1948

Church	Mission	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (3)	180	1,363
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	207	915
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	876
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	178	857
Harrodsburg (1)	56	826
Owensboro, First (1)	41	800
Bowling Green, First (1)	24	749
Covington, Latonia (2)	67	707
Mayfield, First	---	611
Louisville, Bapt. Tabernacle	---	608
Somerseset, First	---	594
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	---	591
Madisonville, First	---	587
Lexington, Immanuel	---	576
Harlan (3)	173	562

Ashland, Pollard (2)	85	562
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	149	532
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	99	521
Louisville, West Broadway	---	513
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (3)	139	503
Murray, First	---	489
Newport, First (1)	38	487
London, First	---	481
Louisville, Beechmont	---	450
Hopkinsville, First	---	430
Corbin, First	---	426
Glasgow (1)	20	418
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	15	415
Hopkinsville, Second	---	395
Lexington, Grace	---	391
Louisville, Deer Park	---	385
Greenville (1)	84	383
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	368
Louisville, 18th Street	---	367
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	42	356
Henderson, First	---	354
Shively (1)	42	347
Campbellsville	---	341
Fulton, First	---	328
Franklin, First (1)	19	322
Paducah, Twelfth St. (1)	70	314
Barbourville, First	---	312
Winchester, Central	---	305
Covington, South Side	---	303
Bellevue	---	302
Henderson, Immanuel	---	301
Morganfield	---	274
Louisville, South Side	---	273
Crouches Creek (near Jellico, Tenn.)	---	272
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	269
Lebanon	---	261
Evansville, Walnut St	---	259
Pleasant Hill (near Campbellsville)	---	256
Jellico, Tenn., First	---	255
Richmond, First (1)	10	254
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	---	250
Evansville, Ind., Temple	---	248
Hodgenville, First	---	246
Columbia (3)	63	243
Versailles	---	239
Mackville	---	235
Mt. Vernon (Rockcastle Co.) (1)	41	233
Sturgis, First	---	223
Leitchfield	---	209
Ft. Thomas	---	203
Dayton, First	---	201
Sand Spring of Lawrenceburg	---	201

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE,
State Secretary

Victory, Shepherdsville Record

Miss Thelma Roby, of Victory Baptist Church, Shepherdsville reports a good record for the Training Union of that church on Sunday night, July 13 as follows: Enrolled 50, present 50; Adult Union present 17, grade 93%; Intermediate Union present 17, grade 86%; Junior Union present 9, grade 74%; Story Hour present 7. This year 40 completed the

Study Course. There are 124 on the church roll.

Caldwell-Princeton, Maple Avenue

On Thursday night, June 17, at the Maple Avenue Baptist Church, Princeton, it was a joy for the writer to speak to the Caldwell County Associational Training Union in their quarterly mass meeting. There were about 100 present from five churches. Mr. Harold Hollowell, Princeton, is the Associational Director. Executive Committee, Officers and Leaders' Council, and Mass Meetings are being held regularly each quarter.

Franklin-Frankfort

It was my privilege to speak to the Franklin Associational Training Union in their annual which was held at the Elkhorn School, Frankfort, on Friday night, June 18. There were about 200 present from about a dozen churches. The Pastor Advisor, Rev. J. Carroll Trotter, was Toastmaster. Miss Laura Van Meter is Director. This Union is functioning well.

Regional Convention

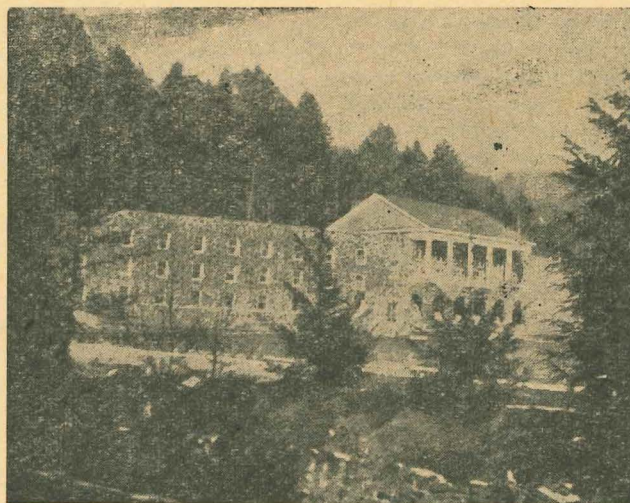
Western Convention will meet with Hopkinsville, First, Friday night, September 3, through Saturday night. For free bed and breakfast in home, please write before August 25 to Mrs. Elmer Fentress, R. F. D. 1, Hopkinsville. Plate will be \$1.00.

20%-ERS

The following churches have reported a total Training Union attendance equivalent to twenty per cent of their resident church membership:

July 4: Crestwood, Frankfort; Dallasburg, Wheatley; London, First; Lothair, First; and Zion, Henderson.

July 11: Crestwood, Frankfort; Jellico, Tennessee, First; Lothair, First; Lynch; Madisonville, First; Walnut Street, Evansville, Indiana; and Zion, Henderson.



Kelly Hall, Clear Creek Springs, Pineville, where the Fifth State Training Union Assembly will be held beginning Saturday evening, August 7 and closing at noon Friday, August 13.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY P. WINBORNE
Executive Secretary



DR. HERBERT C. GABHART
President
Kentucky Baptist Encampment

Correction, Please!

On page 24 in August *Royal Service*, "Mission Study" should read "Program Plans."

These suggestions are for presenting the fine August program material prepared by Mrs. Everett Gill, Jr., on South America.

Please tell your WMS and BWC Program Chairman that they are for her, not for Mission Study Chairman. We will be so grateful for your help in getting this material before the right person. Thank you.—Juliette Mather

Mission Study Notes

The leisure hours which vacation days bring to us should mean increased opportunities for our women to engage in missionary reading and study. This is a good time for every Mission Study Chairman to urge the members of her WMS to include at least one book on missions in her summer reading program.

Also, outdoor Mission Study classes with picnic lunches may be planned for this season.

The alert Mission Study Chairman will be looking forward to our New Foreign Mission Series of books for fall study. China is the field to be studied and the following books, together with leader's helps will be available after September 1:

Adults: "Light for the Whole World"—a symposium by the Boards' secretaries featuring the achievements, the present needs, and the necessity for expansion on the several fields.

"Torch Bearers in Honan"—by Mrs. Eugene Sallee. Brief biographical sketches of four pioneer missionaries.

Young People: "It Happened in China"—by Buford Nichols. A random sketch of incidents before and after the war, has no chapter divisions, more in the nature of a diary, especially for men.

"For Christ in China"—by Archibald McMillan. A challenge to young people to see the needs and to invest themselves

of their substance in winning China to Christ.

Intermediates: "Three Pairs of Hands"—by Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley. A picture of youth in China and their conflicting loyalties.

Juniors: "Whirligigs in China"—by Anna S. Pruitt.

Primaries: "Chopstick Children"—A picture-story book depicting Chinese children in their homes, schools and Sunday schools.

Please order all leaflets, maps and other additional helps, as well as the books, from our Baptist Book Store, 317 Guthrie Street, Louisville, Ky.—Mrs. Harvey F. Morrison, State Chairman of Mission Study.

Another Encampment Reminder

Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, President of the Kentucky Baptist Encampment has arranged a splendid program for the 1948 Encampment to be at Clear Creek Springs, August 16-20. He is eager that a large group of representative Baptists of Kentucky attend this Encampment where one will be privileged to enjoy many excellent speakers, fine Christian fellowship, good food and invigorating mountain air.

This week should be a great occasion for Baptists of Kentucky.



DR. THOMAS EUGENE WEST
Twilight Hour Speaker
Kentucky Baptist Encampment

A Letter From V. J. McNabb

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 25, 1948.—I have been forced to give up my work as General Superintendent of the Sunday school at Central Baptist Mission due to the fact that I am not physically able to lead out and do the work necessary to carry out the program for another year.

I am employed elsewhere and give only my spare time to the Mission and I find I am not able to continue with the work.

The three years there have been a wonderful experience—one that I shall always cherish in my memories. You good people have contributed to the success of the work with prayers, workers, and money. Our growth has been marvelous and the praise and the honor is the Lord's. We labored, you prayed and paid, and the Lord gave the increase. We have baptized 115 in the past three years. Many more have made public professions.

Writers' Conference To Be Held At Ridgecrest

The annual Writers' Conference at Ridgecrest will be held August 5-11. The program includes workshops in writing, and addresses dealing with vital themes of interest to persons engaged in Christian journalism.

Feature speakers on the Conference program include Dr. O. T. Binkley of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Professor Phillips Russell of the University of North Carolina, Professor Floyd H. Baskette of Emory University, Dr. R. N. Daniel of Furman University, and Mrs. Edith Patterson Meyer of Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. Dr. Binkley's general theme will be "Spiritual and Social Issues Confronting Christian Writers," while Dr. Daniel will speak on the general subject, "The Christian Message in Great Literature." Professors Russell and Baskette and Mrs. Meyer will conduct the workshops in various fields of creative writing.

Interested people are invited to attend Writers' Conference. They are also invited to submit original articles for consideration in these workshops. These will be returned to the authors with a brief criticism. Articles may be on any subject. Any articles to be submitted should be sent not later than August 1 to Clifton J. Allen, 161 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Unusual Vacation Bible School—Catlettsburg

CATLETTSBURG, Ky.—The Catlettsburg Baptist Church of which Dewey H. Jones is pastor recently conducted an unusual vacation Bible school. With a membership of 760 and a resident membership of 645 the church enrolled 340 in the school and had an average attendance of 289, of which number 187 had a perfect attendance record. The school contributed \$63.82 through the Co-operative Program, and there were 26 professions of faith.

A unique feature was the emphasis given temperance. The teacher of this work, Mrs. E. E. Caldwell, wife of the Sunday school superintendent, had prepared her own material suited to age groups, giving facts about the harmfulness of alcohol when used as a beverage.

Intermediate enrollment reached 62 with an average attendance of 54. The 13 through 16 group demonstrated that Intermediates can be interested in vacation Bible schools.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once mistook an insane asylum for a college. Realizing his mistake, he explained to the gatekeeper, and commented humorously, "I suppose, after all, there is not a great deal of difference."

"Oh, yes, there is," replied the guard; "in this place you must show some improvement before you can get out."

God Is Preparing New Christian Leaders For China

By MISS MARY NELLE LYNE
Berkeley, Calif

When General L. P. Fu arrived in the U. S. A. during the summer of 1947, on an official mission for the Government of China, he was not a Christian, but he brought a letter of introduction from a Southern Baptist missionary in China to her Home Board missionary friend in Berkeley. The General was interested in improving his English, learning about American life and also in Christianity. He requested the help of the Berkeley missionary, which was joyfully given. After some months of English and Bible study, he surrendered completely to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Not long after his baptism, he went to San Francisco to meet a close personal friend arriving from China. As Andrew of old persuaded his brother to come to his newly-found Messiah, so General Fu brought his friend immediately to the Chinese Sunday school class and asked the missionary to teach him English and the Way of Salvation.

Mr. S. C. Mou is a very distinguished and gracious gentleman. Chinese acquaintances say of him, "He is as prominent in China politically as General Fu is militarily." He, as Secretary-in-Chief to the Shantung Government, and General Fu, as leader of the national troops in Shantung Province, worked hand-in-hand during the eight years of terrific warfare. They both had a large part in winning the victory. Now both are taking a year's leave of absence and will make a study of life in our United States, then will probably visit Mexico, Canada, and Europe. They are investing in and producing valuable visual-aid materials to illustrate the talks and recommendations they will make after their return to China.

Mr. Mou has a Christian wife at home and two young sons whom he longs to lead aright, so he was deeply interested in Christianity from the start. Earnest conversations were had with the missionary and with General Fu, and soon the momentous decision was made and he was "born anew." With a radiant face he came forward to confess Christ and ask for baptism in Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday morning, following a message by the guest preacher, Dr. L. A. Brown. Quite fitting was the occasion, because Dr. and Mrs. Brown are South-

ern Baptist missionaries to the Foreign language groups on the West Coast.

We thank God for bringing these influential Chinese leaders to our country, and for giving us the rare privilege of introducing them to Jesus, but most of all we thank Him for His marvelous saving power. We shall continually follow them with our prayers as they now face the baffling problems in China with a new courage and with divine power and as they testify to their great constituency of Jesus Christ, who alone can bring peace in China.

Shut-Ins Brought To Church By Ambulance

PADUCAH, Ky., June 24.—More than thirty "shut-ins," lying in cots or propped up in their seats directly in front of the pulpit, attended a regular service in East Baptist church here at which 500 members were present.

For most of the "shut-ins"—who came by ambulance or special cars—the church attendance was their first in months, or even, in some instances, in years.

Here's how the unique attendance came about. The church's extension department, which serves about 80 "shut-ins" by teaching them Sunday school lessons and giving other aid, decided to make one gigantic effort to round up invalid and aged members and bring them to church.

No one knew how the plan would work out. The department toyed with the idea for several weeks after a woman, a paralytic for five years, had told a worker she would like "to go to the Lord's House one more time before I die."

A local funeral home, informed of the plan, volunteered for the job of transporting some of the "shut-ins" to the church.

Had the weather been co-operative, there would have been an even greater number of "shut-ins" at church. One 98-year-old woman, all dressed for church, looked up at a threatening sky and decided against risking a storm. Some of the other old folks were persuaded by their families to make a similar decision.

The church's pastor, Thomas J. Tichenor, divided his sermon between the bedfast, the elderly ones, and the rest of his congregation.

A bouquet was presented to the oldest couple at the service, married 56 years. Another bouquet went to the oldest per-

son present, an 86-year-old woman. She had to sit while a soloist sang "Silver Threads Among The Gold."

The East Baptist church is known for engaging in unusual church activity. Recently ushers used a tub to receive the morning service offering on a day when contributions were being sought for building construction funds.

Its members describe it as "the church of many babies and much friendliness."

Infant Baptism

By JOHN T. STALLINGS
Nicholasville, Ky.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins once said that the First World War was attributable to the practice of infant baptism. Many smiled at his words; some met them with derision; a few took them seriously.

Barth has said, "Everyone in Europe is baptized: so what?" He means that infant baptism has obscured the necessity for conversion and regeneration.

Kierkegaard has written at some length on the abuses of infant baptism. He had a saying that "when all are Christian, none are Christian." He saw clearly that infant baptism leads to spiritual complacency and somnolence.

In many countries it has led to spiritual obtuseness. When *Life With Father* was shown in a theatre in Rome, one who saw it could not understand the fuss made about "father's" baptism. He remarked, "We get that taken care of the first week we are alive."

As one reads the earnest and sincere but confused discussions of infant baptism by European theologians he wishes that Dr. Mullins were here to show them the fallacy in regarding infant baptism as a sacrament and to exalt the voluntary and spiritual aspects of true Christianity.

It is to our peril that we forget to preach, "Except ye be converted, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." It is to our peril that we forget to preach, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

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HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., June 7.—President Paul Garrett of Western State Teachers' College, Pastor Alfred J. Dickinson of Elkton, Pastor Luther Joe Thompson, Springfield, Tenn., and Dr. Susan B. Riley, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., were the speakers on the program of the 89th commencement of Bethel Woman's College. Degrees were awarded by President Powhatan W. James to fifty-five graduates. Associate in Arts graduates were:

Joyce Helen Binder, Ft. Thomas; Martha Elizabeth Cloud, Pembroke; Patsy Ruth Cosby, Mayfield; Martha Edna Gary, Hopkinsville; Phyllis eJan Gough, Pembroke; Anna Faye Hooks, Hopkinsville; Juanita Kurtz, Lancaster; Sallye Belle Arndorff, Russellville; Esther Lorene Rish, Hopkinsville; Dorothy Helen Sanford, Gracey; Bette Schonheit, New York City; Mary Hayden Stites, Hopkinsville.

Teacher Training graduate: Polly Smith, Eminence.

Home Economics—Alliene King Jones, Harrodsburg; Muriel Evelyn Morton, Mansfield, Ohio; Margaret Edith Stovall, Hawesville; Mary Frances Waggener, Burgin.

Pre-Nursing—June Cavanah, Smithland; Joyce LaVerne Landon, Cairo, Ill.; Marilyn Monzelle Ogden, Milton; Kathryn Mae Weber, Frankfort.

Pre-Professional—Louise Jeanne LeBoeuf, Glasgow.

Piano—Mary Regina Wilkins, Russellville.

Voice—Evelyn Louise Morgan, Covington; Helen Marie Neill, Russellville.

General Business—Adam Mabry Adams, Hopkinsville; Anna Tylenne Allen, Owensboro; Martha Helen Baker, Frankfort; Virginia Lee Brown, Beaver Dam; Lucy Thomas Board, West Point; Mary Louise Cook, Carmi, Ill.; Ruth Claire Engle, Lancaster; Ann Williams Garrott, Pembroke; Peggy June Gharst, Effingham, Ill.; Catherine Major, Slaughters; Norma Milikan, Marion; Myrtle Lou Mitchell, Princeton; Susie Louise Pendelton, LaGrange; Geraldine Louise Smith, Shelbyville; Avaline Agnes Swafford, Pineville.

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Dr. C. Oscar Johnson To Attend World Council Of Churches At Amsterdam

NEW YORK—Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, of St. Louis, President of the Baptist World Alliance has left here for Stockholm. While in Europe he will visit Prague, Warsaw, Vienna, Geneva, Rome, Milan and Frankfort to co-ordinate relief

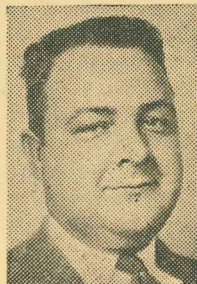
for minority groups and aid for reconstruction of churches.

Prior to his departure, Dr. Johnson, who is pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, said he would attend the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, in August.

He declared that Europe needs much clothing and other materials "but spiritual encouragement most of all." Main purpose of his trip, Dr. Johnson said, is to see as many Christians as possible and to let them know that their welfare is the concern of the people of this country.—(RNS)

John W. Perry Is Ordained To Ministry By Mill Creek Church

VINE GROVE, Ky.—The Mill Creek Baptist Church met with the following named council for the purpose of examining John W. Perry for ordination to the ministry: L. E. Martin, Severns Valley; Earl Potts, Youngers Creek;



John W. Perry

Walter E. Sanders, Mt. Zion; E. Warren Rust, Vine Grove; E. C. Stevens, Clifton, Louisville; W. H. Butler, Tunnel Hill.

Deacons taking part from the several churches were: Claude Brown, Irvin R. Hibbs, Clifton Brown, Euler Hawes, Andrew Atcher, Nelson Meyers, Raymond Pfeiffer, A. E. Harned, Wayne Yates, Bryant Atherton, Raymond Jones, Joseph C. Jones, Walter Kirtley, L. C. Goodin, D. S. Wallace, W. O. Harper, G. R. Jacobs, H. R. Taylor, Escheol Buchanan.

The council organized by electing Pastor E. Warren Rust as moderator. W. O. Harper was elected clerk, and L. E. Martin the Interrogator. All questions asked by the council were answered favorably. The council voted that Brother Perry be approved for ordination. The council then retired to the assembly where a great throng had gathered. Dr. L. E. Martin reported the council's action, and Brother Irvin Hibbs, moderator of the Mill Creek Baptist Church took the vote to the church and the recommendation was adopted unanimously. Associate Pastor Stevens delivered the sermon; Pastor Walter Sanders delivered the charge to the church and candidate; Pastor Rust presented the Bible; and Rev. Mr. Ray, retired, and member of Tunnel Hill, offered the ordination prayer. The laying on of hands by the council followed.

Brother Perry is pastor of the Mill Creek Church.

Ky. Baptist Hospital School Of Nursing Organizes Baptist Student Union

"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work" (John 4:34).

The student nurses of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing find another way to serve God and their fellow students. A B. S. U. has been organized on the campus. With much enthusiasm, the girls have set forth to make serving God a part of their daily living.

A B. S. U. council was carefully chosen previous to a candle lighting service at which each member took her office. The presiding officers are: President Miss Flora Clark, a graduate of Georgetown College; vice-president, Miss Elsie Brunner; secretary, Miss Allene Franks; treasurer, Miss Elsie Conkling; faculty advisor, Mrs. Harold Wilkell; pastor advisor, Dr. Wayne Oates. Mr. Chester Durham was present and delivered a brief message at the close of the service.

In the short while that the B. S. U. has been organized the girls have already taken part in statewide interests.

During Hawaiian emphasis week they sponsored a play. One night was set aside for special music and speaking. It was a big success and they were able to make an offering of \$16.00

Although the B. S. U. is a new organization on the campus, many plans are being made to make it a big success in carrying out their Christian work.

The Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, recently experienced a gracious revival conducted by C. B. Jackson, Associate Superintendent of Evangelism in Texas. W. H. Cagel directed the singing. There were 52 additions. Of this number, 44 were for baptism. Rev. J. H. Maddox is pastor of the Church. Under his leadership growth is continued. Within the past two and a half years \$30,000 has been spent for building and repairs; the Sunday school attendance has practically doubled—reaching an average of 538 in May. Future growth is limited by lack of space. Plans are under way for a new educational building. Present membership is 1,202.

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HOME MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

With the recent appointment of Rev. and Mrs. George Fujita and Miss Helen T. Ige, Southern Baptists are opening for the first time organized work among the Japanese in California. Brother and Mrs. Fujita were appointed general workers among the Japanese in the state, and Miss Ige was appointed to the mission field at Sawtell, Los Angeles.

Brother Fujita was born in Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii. He has recently graduated from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to going there he spent two years in the Baptist Bible School in Hawaii. He was converted in 1935 in Shimonoseki, Japan, where he lived from 1929 to 1938.

It is Brother Fujita's wish eventually to return to Japan to work among his own race, but before going to that country he desires to work with the Japanese people in California. His wife, a graduate of Seinan Jo Gaguin, a Baptist girls' school in Kokura, is now in Hawaii, but will join her husband in California soon. They are the parents of a son two years old.

Miss Ige was born in Los Angeles of Japanese parents. She finished two years' work at the Woman's Training School in Louisville, Kentucky, in May. Before going to the seminary she studied for two years at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Miss Ige has been active in church work and is anxious to witness to her people here in America. She worked with the Japanese as a student worker under the Home Mission Board in the summer of 1947.

Other appointments recently made by the Home Mission Board include Rev. and Mrs. Emmanuel Rojas to the Baptist church at Limon, Costa Rica. Brother Rojas has been serving as pastor of this church for the past year and will now be working under the direction of the Home Mission Board. He is a graduate of the Latin American Seminary at San Jose. He was born in Remedios, Cuba. His wife, a registered nurse, assists him in his work.

Rev. Jesus Rios is already at work as pastor of the New Mexican Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. Brother Rios has served under the Home Mission Board for several years as pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church at Edinburg, Texas, which pastorate he resigned last December. While in Texas Mrs. Rios served as kindergarten teacher for the Board.

Charlie Apache, a Navajo Indian who has been helping Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bowren, missionaries in New Mexico,

has been appointed interpreter and will now give his full time to this work.

JACOB GARTENHAUS TO EUROPE

Jacob Gartenhaus, superintendent of Jewish work under the Home Mission Board, sailed July 2 for England and Europe. While there he will attend the meeting in London of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance. He is a member of the executive committee of the Alliance. Dr. Gartenhaus also hopes to confer with several Jewish leaders in Europe in the attempt to win them to Christ.

NEW CO-OPERATIVE MISSION WORKERS

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, new director of stewardship and evangelism in Mississippi, has recently been appointed superintendent of rural work in that state for the Home Mission Board in co-operation with the State Mission Board.

Other rural workers recently appointed include: Rev. H. L. Carter, Bardstown, Kentucky; Rev. W. T. Edwards, Alabama; and Rev. George W. Lampkin, Alton, Illinois.

Two new city mission workers have been appointed, Dr. E. T. Pratt, East St. Louis, Illinois, and Rev. Robert O. Barker, Columbia, South Carolina.

HOME MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

At every monthly meeting of the Home Mission Board it is necessary to add new missionaries to take care of replacements. There are some new fields which ought to be entered, but there are so many fields already in operation that budget limitations make it difficult to enter new fields.

NEW MIGRANT UNITS NEEDED

The migrant workers who are already in the field are doing such a splendid job that there is the new challenge that the Home Mission Board establish three more migrant units. Missionaries with trailers and equipment for service and worship ought to be in a number of centers where migrants congregate. Fall crops are now attracting migrants to other sections than those occupied by them during the fruit season. More money and more workers are needed to enter this ripe field.

ALASKA IS CALLING

In compliance with the action of the Southern Baptist Convention giving the Home Mission Board authority to survey the needs in Alaska, plans are developing for such survey. The Board took

action on the matter in its July meeting and authorized a survey.

EVANGELISM RE-EMPHASIZED

Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest this year proved so helpful that plans have been made for the first week in June of next year to be Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest. The emphasis will be on evangelism and all phases of home missions. Dr. R. G. Lee and Dr. W. A. Criswell have been engaged for evening preaching services. The theme for the Ridgecrest conference will be "Pastoral Evangelism and Missions."

WOMEN DRINKERS

Dr. E. M. Jellinek, of Yale University, estimates the number of women in the U. S. A. 20 years and older at 25,800,000 in 1910 and 45,500,000 in 1945; 3,000,000 women using alcoholic beverages in 1910 but 16 million in 1945; 87,000 women chronic alcoholics in 1910, as compared with 110,000 in 1920; 100,000 inebriate women but not chronic alcoholics in 1910, but 450,000 in 1945; and the number of chronic alcoholic women for each one hundred thousand women 20 years old and older in 1910, 384 but in 1945, 242.

"Thus in 1945 more than 5 times as many were using alcoholic beverages as in 1910. The number of chronic alcoholic women (that is, women who in consequence of many years of excessive drinking have developed bodily or mental disorders) was somewhat greater in 1945 than in 1910. In 1945 the number of women drunkards (inebriates) who were not chronic alcoholics was four and a half times the number in 1910."

The reason why such a large proportion of women drinkers were alcoholics in 1910, was the lack of social approval of drinking, with the result that few but disclassed women were drinkers and many of these were, of course, alcoholics. —Clip-Sheet.

Pastor E. O. Edwards led the First Church of Corbin in a revival June 13-23. Dr. E. S. French, Jr., the assistant pastor, directed the congregational singing, and Miss Alma Black had charge of the two choirs. This is Dr. Edwards' fourth year as pastor of the Corbin church. New members are being added constantly by baptism and otherwise. The total membership is well over 1,200. The Sunday school has been going past the 400 mark all this summer. All phases of the work are in a state of progress.

MARRIAGE—A marriage may be holy wedlock, or an unholy deadlock.—*Pulpit Preaching.*

Oklahoma City Already At Work On The 1949 Southern Convention

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 21.—The local committees of Oklahoma City who are to look after the entertainment of the Southern Baptist Convention at its forthcoming session in 1949 met and organized recently.

It was decided that "No requests for reservations will be accepted except that the card or envelope containing the request is postmarked February 1, 1949 or after. This is in order to forestall an avalanche of requests before the hotels and other housing facilities know exactly how many rooms they may be able to give in excess of original commitments. Also so that those making reservations may know exactly their arrival and departure times."

Andrew Potter was elected general chairman, and T. B. Lackey assistant chairman. Other chairmen of committees are as follows:

Albert McClellan, Publicity; I. L. Yearby, Auditorium; Garland Howard, Finance; Charles Litton, Parking; J. A. Pennington, Registration; W. R. Bumpas, Ushers; Hayden Williams, Luncheons and Breakfasts; Harold Lassiter, Mail; M. E. Ramay, Exhibits; Sam Scantlan, Restaurants; John Dixon, Reception; E. P. Boston, Emergency and First Aid; Guy Bellamy, Transportation; and Orval Ray, Sight-seeing and Recreation.

Bethlehem Church Has Musical Program At Naomi

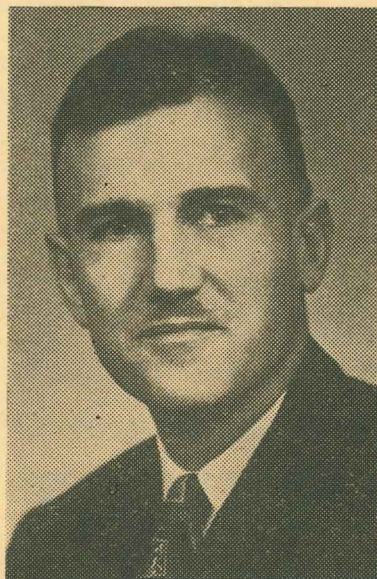
EUBANK, Ky.—The Bethlehem Baptist church of Naomi, Kentucky, was host to an all day singing convention, Sunday, May 30. The service was held in

celebration of the completion of a very successful singing school, which was taught by Mr. Frank Spencer, of Nancy, Kentucky.

Pastor John G. Presley, of the Bethlehem church, led the congregation in prayer at the reconvening of the afternoon session. Mr. Huey Norfleet gave a short talk on the founding and organization of the church.—Mrs. Ruth A. Presley, R. T., Eubank, Ky.

Dean A. F. Yancey Of Murray State Becomes Dean Of Georgetown

Prof. A. F. Yancey, Dean of Men at Murray State Teachers' College since 1944, and teacher in the Department of Physics from 1931 to 1948 in the same institution, is the new Dean of George-



A. F. YANCEY

town College, according to announcement made by President Samuel S. Hill. He will assume his new duties on September the first.

Dean Yancey was born at Owenton, Ky., May 10, 1902. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yancey, Owenton. He graduated from the Owenton High School in 1920, took his A.B. at Georgetown College in 1924, and his M.S. from the University of Michigan in 1929.

The new Dean began his teaching career as an instructor in the Georgetown High School during 1924-25. Then followed six years in which he taught in the Department of Physics in Georgetown College. He is no stranger at Georgetown, having already spent eleven years there both as a student and a teacher. "I shall be most glad to find myself again more intimately associated with Baptist work in Kentucky," he said. "I anticipate working with Dr. Hill and his associates on the faculty."

Continuing, the new Dean says: "Our aim is to increase the physical plant, maintain a high level of teaching ability, implement the existing good relations between our Baptist constituency and

Sadie Tiller Crawley Becomes Vice President Blue Mountain College

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., July 13.—Mrs. Sadie Tiller Crawley is to be the new Vice President of Blue Mountain College here, in September.



For seven years she was until recently Dean of Women at Baylor University, and prior to that, 1934 to 1940, she was Dean at Blue Mountain. As a young woman she attended Bessie Tift College in Georgia,

Tennessee College, Murfreesboro, and was awarded her bachelor's degree by Blue Mountain. In early life she left the educational field to become the wife of Pastor A. L. Crawley, then at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church of Covington, Ky. Later his work took them to the First Baptist Church of Newport, Tenn., and the First Baptist Church of Humboldt, Tenn. Upon his death in 1932 she went with her two sons, then quite small, to be hostess of Whitefield Dormitory at Blue Mountain College where she served for two years.

She is author of several books published by the Sunday School Board, one of which, "A Faith to Live By," came from the press last month. One of her sons, J. Winston Crawley, graduated from Baylor and the Southern Seminary several years ago, and is now a missionary to China, and the other son, Owen Crawley, resides in El Dorado, Ark., where he is connected with a petroleum company.

the college proper, and in every way to make Kentucky Baptists proud of our only senior college. In a spirit of humility and daring, I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of a big job, keeping ever in mind that I am treading in the footsteps of great men."

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Relations Between Northern and Southern Baptists

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Before discussing this question further, it would be well to set out some definitions. How does the Southern Convention bestow recognition? There are two distinct ways in which this is done. The first is described in Article III of the Constitution, which provides that any missionary Baptist church may send messengers to the Southern Convention by contributing financially to the work of the convention during the preceding fiscal year. (This was amended at the Southern Convention in 1948 to require a friendly and co-operative spirit also.) The amount of the contribution and the size of the church determine the number of messengers allowed, up to a maximum of 10. This means that according to the Constitution there can be no geographical limitation upon Baptist churches "in the United States and its territories."

Basis for Tension

Here is the basis for tension, since the conception has developed that whenever such local churches send messengers to the convention, the boards of the Convention may send workers to assist those churches. The entrance of rep-

resentatives from the boards of the Southern Convention has been the main target for the protests of Northern Baptist leaders. This being true, it follows that without reference to the recognition of a group of Baptists as a co-operative constituency, the Southern Convention's constitution itself contains the seeds of tension.

It should be mentioned again that from the very first organization of Baptists into general bodies, each such general body has always identified itself as national in scope. From a constitutional viewpoint, then, there has always been a complete overlapping of territories; it is surprising that the tension has been delayed so long. Some feel that the only method of relieving constitutional tension would be to amend the various documents so as to make geographical boundaries take precedence over the recognition of missionary Baptist churches, or so to interpret recognition as to deny the right of agencies of the Conventions to assist churches which have sent qualified messengers.

The second type of recognition by the

Southern Baptist Convention is defined in By-Law 17, which reads:

"Any Baptists within a state, desiring recognition as a co-operating constituency of this convention, shall file their application with the secretary before the annual meeting of the convention, stating the number of Baptists in the churches which desire co-operative relations and the amount of money given to the work of the Convention during the preceding year. The application shall be referred to a committee of one from each co-operating state who shall investigate all matters pertaining to the request and make report to the next annual meeting for its action. When groups so received have 25,000 members in their churches, they shall be represented by members on boards and the Executive Committee."

This recognition, of course, represents the final step to full co-operation. So far as tension between Northern and Southern Baptists is concerned, however, this final recognition is not material; for already, without reference to such recognition, Southern missionaries and agencies may be actively engaged in any state under the interpretation of Article III of the constitution.—*Baptist Standard*.

A man, filling out a job application blank, came to the question: "Have you ever been arrested?" His answer was, "No." The next question asking "Why?" was meant for those who answered the first part in the affirmative. Nevertheless he answered it with, "Never got caught."—Richard G. Quistorf.

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