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Gleanings From The Field

Clarence E. Baker is now in his fourth year as pastor at Jasonville, Ind.

Fred T. Moffatt, pastor of the First Church, Frankfort, Ky., was engaged in evangelistic services with the First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ga., during April 24-29.

A release from Broadway Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, states that on Sunday, April 17, the Sunday school numbered 2,905, fifty were baptized, and ten others united with the church.

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and will take up the work May 1. He conducted a revival there recently in which 111 joined the church, fifty coming for baptism.

Richard Reid, editor of *Catholic News*, has been sent by the United States Government to Germany to study the problems of religious publications over there. This is given our readers just as a matter of information.

Pastor W. M. Hart began his twenty-first year of his second pastorate with the Central Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, on Sunday, April 17. His previous pastorate with that church was during 1915-1919.

Rev. Frank Halbeck has been elected field worker for the Home Mission Board in the department of Jewish missions and has accepted. He has, for some time, worked in the Jewish mission program of the Long Run Association, Louisville.

Pastor Howard D. Olive, Russellville, is preaching in a series of meeting at the Euclid Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., and during his absence the Russellville pulpit is being supplied by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner of the Southern Seminary.

The nominal church membership in the United States has now reached 80,246,124. This is 55 per cent of the total population. The total church membership gain for the year was 3.1 per cent gain as compared with 2.3 per cent in 1947.

Pastor Clarence Walker, Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches, held with the Charlton Avenue Baptist Church of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, April 14-15.

Robert Bohannon, Chester Hudson and Richard Peak were ordained as deacons by the Union Baptist Church in the territory of Henry County Association, at a service on April 3. Participating in the ordination exercises were Pastors Fred Horton of Union Church, Fred Bell, of Pleasureville, Frederick D. Gant, of

Bethlehem, and Robert F. Martin of Elmburg. Pastor Horton was moderator, and Pastor Martin was clerk.

Senator Robert S. Kerr, former governor of Oklahoma, has agreed to become the regular teacher of the Broughton Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. Senator Broughton died recently. Senator Kerr has taught a Sunday school class for many years in the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

Rev. Sam Ed Bradley, Superintendent of Spring Meadows, was elected Vice-President of the Southeastern Conference of Workers in Homes for Children at their recent annual meeting at the Georgia Baptist Home in Atlanta. In January he was elected Vice-President of the newly formed Association of Southern Baptist Executives of Children's Homes. This meeting was held at Jackson, Mississippi.

The American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, a training school for Negro ministers, will have a full-time general secretary to work with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., in the promotion of the school. Dr. E. P. Aldredge has done this work in a half-time basis since his retirement from the Sunday School Board nearly four years ago. Dr. Aldredge has been asked to continue until the Commission of the institution elects the full-time secretary.

Dr. Louie D. Newton has completed twenty years as pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta. During that time there have been 1,774 baptisms, 4,387 additions by transfer of membership. The total gifts for all purposes amounted to \$2,088,733, of which amount \$711,685 went for missions. As an honor to Dr. and Mrs. Newton the church is furnishing a waiting room on the second floor of the new building of the Georgia Baptist Hospital.

Aubrey C. Halsell, pastor of the Popular Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has recently conducted a revival with Pastor See Gallman and Second Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. There were 108 additions, 76 by baptism. Last year while he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, West Memphis, Ark., Brother Halsell baptized 208 souls—leading the entire state. He also organized three missions, two of which are now full-time churches.

Mrs. James Sion Johnson, of London, Kentucky, passed on to be with the Saviour on March 7. For some months she had been in the Mid-State Baptist Hospital at Nashville, Tenn. The funeral was held in the First Baptist Church of London, Ky. She is survived by four

children: Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Ark.; Mrs. Roy H. Silvers, Nashville, Tenn.; Roy R. Johnson, London, Ky.; and Mrs. Chester Nichols, Washington, D. C. The husband preceded her in death almost ten years ago.

Revival Demonstration

Scheduled for Convention

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—A youthful evangelistic service typical of Baptist youth revivals which resulted in 15,000 decisions for Christ last year will be held in Taft stadium here Saturday night, May 21, as part of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual session.

Robert Denny of Nashville, Tenn., associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Department of Student Work, said that the service will be "a natural, normal evangelistic service closing with a plea for professions of faith, as well as being a demonstration of youth revival techniques."

Young people from all of Oklahoma are being urged to attend the Saturday night service, Denny said. The stadium will be equipped to seat 20,000 persons.

Three Texas students—Howard Butt of San Antonio, Bo Baker of Fort Worth, and Frank Boggs of Dallas—will lead in the service. Baptist student leaders from all the Convention will co-operate.

Denny declared that "the youth revival movement is one of the greatest spiritual tides in recent decades. He estimated that 60,000 Christian decisions are possible each year in properly promoted youth revivals throughout the Southern Baptist Convention's 21-state territory, as compared to the 13,000 to 15,000 decisions last year.

Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland of Houston, Texas, chairman of the Convention's committee, said the the Saturday night sessions have been assigned to the youth revival emphasis "in the hope the service will spark a nation-wide crusade for winning young people to Christ."

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My Mother's Religion

By MADAME CHIANG KAI SHEK (SOONG MAY-LING)

The former first lady of China pays tribute to a Christian mother, and gives her personal testimony. This was written in 1934 and furnished the reading public by Radio Station XMHD, Shanghai. With the release came the purpose-statement, "... that those who read it may become interested and pray for China and its great people ... The purpose is not money but that you and your people may know."

BY NATURE I am not a religious person. At least not in the common acceptance of the term. I am not by nature a mystic. I am practical-minded.

Mundane things have meant much to me, perhaps too much. Mundane, not material, things. I care more for a beautiful celadon vase than for costly jewels. I am more disturbed as I traverse the crowded, dirty streets of an interior city than I am by the hazards of flying with poor visibility.

Personal danger means nothing to me. But I am concerned that my schools for the children of the revolutionary heroes shall raise for them, and perhaps for the communities to which they return, the standard of living and the quality of life.

Also, I am more or less skeptical. I used to think Faith, Belief, Immortality, were more or less imaginary. I believed in the world *seen*, not in the world *unseen*. I could not accept the things just because they had been always accepted. In other words, a religion good enough for my fathers did not necessarily appeal to me. I do not yet believe in predigested religion in palatable, sugar-coated doses.

"My Mother"

I knew my mother lived very close to God. I recognized something great in her. And I believe that my childhood training influenced me greatly, even though I was more or less rebellious at the time. It must often have grieved my beloved mother that I found family prayers tiresome and frequently found myself conveniently thirsty at the moment, so that I had to slip out of the

room. Like my brothers and sisters, I always had to go to church and I hated the long sermons. But today I feel that this church-going habit established something, a kind of stability, for which I am grateful to my parents.

My mother was not a sentimental parent. In many ways she was a Spartan. But one of my strongest childhood impressions is of Mother going to a room she kept for the purpose on the third floor to pray. She spent hours in prayer, often beginning before dawn. When we asked her advice about anything, she would say, "I must ask God first." And we would not hurry her. Asking God was not a matter of spending five minutes to ask Him to bless her child and grant the request. It meant waiting upon God until she felt His leading. And I must say that whenever Mother prayed and trusted God for her decision, the undertaking, invariably, turned out well.

Perhaps this is why I sometimes think I have grown spiritually *because* Mother was taken from me. Or, to be perfectly honest, I sometimes think that perhaps

God took Mother from her children in order that we might grow. As long as Mother lived I had a feeling that whatever I did, or failed to do, Mother would pray me through. Though she insisted that she was not our Intercessor, that we must pray for ourselves, yet I know for a certainty that many of her long hours of prayer were spent interceding for us. Perhaps it is because religion in my mind is associated with such a mother that I have never been able to turn away from it entirely.

"When you pray . . ."

Before I leave the subject of prayer, I want to tell you of a lesson I learned from my mother. It was shortly before she left us. She was ill and already confined to her bed. Japan had begun to show her hand in Manchuria. Most of this we kept from Mother. One day I was talking with her about the imminent Japanese menace and I suddenly cried out in irresistible intensity of feeling:

"Mother, you're so powerful in prayer. Why don't you pray that God will annihilate Japan—by an earthquake or something?"

She turned her face away for a time. Then looking gravely at me she said: "When you pray, or expect me to pray, don't insult God's intelligence by asking Him to do something which would be unworthy even of you, a mortal."

That made a deep impression on me. And today I can pray for the Japanese people, knowing that there must be many who suffer because of what their country is doing to China.

"My Own Inadequacy"

During the last seven years I have suffered much. I have gone through deep waters because of the chaotic conditions in China, the lopping off of our richest provinces, the death of my saintly mother, flood, famine, and the intrigues of those who should have been helping to unify the country. All these things have made me see my own inadequacy. More than that, all human insufficiency. To try to do anything for the country seemed like trying to put out a great conflagration with a cup of water. In contemplating history I began to feel the futility of life. Sometimes I would say to myself (never to my husband): "What if we do achieve a strong, unified country? In the sum total of things what does it amount to! As surely as a country rises to its zenith, so surely does it decline!"

During these years of my married life, I have gone through three phases as related to my religion. First, there was a tremendous enthusiasm and patriotism—a passionate desire to do something for my country. I would work ceaselessly to make China strong. I had the best of intentions. But something was lacking. I was depending on self.

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A Neglected Theological Need

By L. E. BARTON

The Southern Baptist Convention Committee on survey of our needs in theological education will make a very important report at Oklahoma City.

The first recommendation of the committee reads as follows: "That it is the purpose and intention of this convention to project a long range program of education seeking to meet the needs as far as possible of all our churches and ministers." That is a very worthy ideal and a goal much to be desired.

Recommendation six says: "That two new seminaries, one in the West and one in the East, be established as soon as suitable sites can be had and adequate plans be made for financing the same without injury or impairment to our existing seminaries."

That is also a good recommendation, but one wonders whether it goes far enough. That recommendation evidently contemplates two new full-fledged seminaries of graduate grade and scholastic standing.

Is there not also a vast need throughout our territory for help for men who have not gone and will not go to college? Dr. Dillard says, and I think he is correct, that fewer than one third of our pastors are college and seminary trained. My recollection of the figures, which could be at fault, is that seventeen or eighteen thousand of our twenty-six thousand churches are rural and a large per cent of those are half time and quarter time churches. This percentage will decrease through the years but will not disappear for a long time, if it ever does.

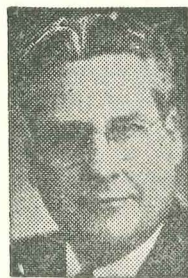
When the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was established, nearly all pastors were untrained in college and seminary. Therefore the seminary curriculum was adjusted so such men could attend and graduate from the seminary, and quite a few have done so with brilliant records.

But that becomes more and more difficult because of the multiplication of courses of study and because nearly all of the students now are college trained men, which makes it more embarrassing and difficult for untrained men to adjust themselves in a college atmosphere and compete with men of superior educational opportunities. Therefore if we "meet the needs as far as possible of all our churches and ministers," attention will have to be given schools for

under-privileged men who are called of God to ministerial service, who will be far more effective if they can have fundamental theological training which they will never get in college and could not get in college even if they went to college, which they will not do.

One of the "Three Changes in Theological Institutions" set out by Dr. Boyce in his famous address by that name was: "A Baptist Theological

The Baptist Hour



J. D. Grey

Hear the Baptist Hour Sunday morning at 7:30 A. M. o'clock, May 8, 1949. Speaker—Dr. J. D. Grey. Subject—"Mary the Mother of Jesus." Subject for May 15—"Jesus Knocks at Your Door." Heard in Kentucky over radio station WHAS Louisville.

School ought not merely to receive college graduates, but men with less of general education, even men having only what is called a common English education." That marked a departure, for most seminaries then required college degrees for entrance to the semi-

naries. But we have many men in the ministry who do not have a common English education. Many of them will be effective pastors if they can have training in a school for the under-privileged, such for instance as the Mountain Preachers School at Pineville, Kentucky.

If anyone thinks our seventeen thousand rural churches will largely be "pastored"—excuse the word—by college and seminary graduates, he just does not know Southern Baptist conditions. If we don't do something for the under-privileged men many rural churches will suffer on account of our neglect. This is no plea for an untrained ministry, but a plea for us to do the best we can with what we have.

The extension work being done by Howard College is good in its place, but it cannot possibly supply the need referred to here.

The convention will do well to widen the purview of this question and establish a school for the under-privilege type of preachers.

Remember that all theological education is not necessarily of the graduate type. I have heard some mighty men of God who were uneducated technically.

Northern Baptists Also Face Convention Expense Problem

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(BP)—Northern Baptists in California have been urged to contribute \$1.00 "sponsor memberships" to help underwrite entertainment expenses for the Northern Baptist Convention in San Francisco this spring.

The Convention will open May 30 and will have as its theme, "Your Reasonable Service."

(Southern Baptists, also facing tremendous expense in the holding of their annual Convention, will decide at the Convention's May meeting in Oklahoma City whether to charge a \$1.00 registration fee for messengers).

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INFORMATION FROM CHINA STATES THAT OUR MISSIONARIES ARE SAFE AND THAT THEY DO NOT ANTICIPATE PERSONAL HARM. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD NOTICE OF ANY WHO PLAN TO LEAVE SHANGHAI. DR. BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN, SECRETARY FOR THE ORIENT WHO IS IN SHANGHAI AND IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DEVELOPING CONDITIONS, HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTION THAT HE AND OUR MISSIONARIES MAY THINK NECESSARY.

M. THERON RANKIN

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There Are No Average Southern Baptists

By PORTER ROUTH, Secretary
Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information,
Baptist Sunday School Board

Arnold T. Toynbee, the eminent historian, has recently written, "Although sixteen great civilizations we know about have perished, we today are **not** compelled to submit the riddle of our fate to statistics."

A common occurrence in this objective and scientific age to clutch for statistical straws to save us from the whirlpool of some certain destiny. We read from the press (both denominational and secular), and hear over the radio and from the pulpit such phrases as "facts conclusively prove," "the average U. S. citizen," "according to a recent survey," and other polemic cliches.

As one who deals in data from day to day, I would be the last to say that they did not have great value, but God forbid that Southern Baptists should ever seek to "bind God in a statistical strait-jacket." And the mere fact that some number, or even some statement, is printed in a book does not make it sacrosanct. There is a difference between THE BOOK and a book.

In a few days, the 1949 *Southern Baptist Handbook* will be released through the book stores. Through the use of modern statistical machines, we have been able to learn a great deal about Southern Baptist churches in the abstract. For relationships trends, and correlations, this data will be of great value and ought to be studied carefully by many thoughtful Southern Baptists. **But God does not deal in the abstract through Christ Jesus, God reveals himself to men. Today, through the Holy Spirit, He can become vital in the life of any individual.**

There are no average Southern Baptists in the eyes of God. For each baptism, there should have been a real vital experience of conversion; **not a mere falling into a pattern somewhere along the normal curve.**

We say the average Southern Baptist gave \$24.12 for all causes through his church last year. Such is not the case. Multiplied thousands of people listed on Southern Baptist church rolls gave nothing—they never entered a church during the year. Others gave their tithe—and more than their tithe—and they gave themselves.

We say it required twenty Southern Baptists one year to win one person to Christ. **This is statistical nonsense.** The probability is that eighteen of the twenty

never invited anyone to church, and made no conscious effort to win an individual to Christ. It is a testimony to the power of God that so many are won by so few.

Records have their greatest value when they point up weaknesses, and measure strength. We do well to study both objectively, for Baptists make decisions wisely in the light of all the facts. But, to paraphrase Dr. Toynbee, **"Southern Baptists are not compelled to submit the riddle of our fate to statistics." THERE ARE NO AVERAGE Southern Baptists.**

Single Microphone Will Service 100 Wire Recorders At Convention Sessions

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—Except for a novel invention of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, it probably would be impossible for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City to see their speakers.

That is, the speakers undoubtedly would be buried behind and under a mass of wire recorder microphones—except for this amplifying box perfected by Jack Robertson, Radio Commission technician.

Indications are that between 100 and 200 pastors will bring wire recorders to the Convention for the purpose of transcribing the session's business and inspirational periods for replay back at their home churches. Thirty pastors did so at the Memphis meeting last year when wire recorders were a comparative novelty.

Dr. Sam F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission, said that provision for wire recorders will be made off the Convention platform, both in the auditorium and at Taft Stadium. A central microphone will be placed on the pulpit stand used by speakers, and the sound will be carried through an amplifier to a special room set aside for wire recorders. Outlets from the amplifier will plug directly into the microphone post of the recorder. The extra sensitive pulpit microphone plus the amplifier will give even better recordings than would be possible through the recorder's own microphone.

Positions on the amplifier board and space for the recorders will be assigned

by Dr. Lowe, and a service charge of \$2.50 will be made on each recorder to pay for cost of the special equipment and the technician who will handle it. Reservations for space should be made immediately, with payment enclosed, to Dr. Lowe at 1585 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta 6, Ga. Numbered cards will be issued entitling the holder to choice recorder space. Low numbered cards will be most sure of space.

Mother's Day Charity Fund and Bond Complete Medical Operation

A mountain missionary was greatly embarrassed to tell one of the general workers of the Baptist State Mission Board that he did not have sufficient funds to pay for a much needed operation for his wife. Arrangements were made with the Kentucky Baptist Hospital for the operation.

In filling out the application for the help from the Sunday School fund, which was quite humiliating to both the father and the mother, the father said, there were not any bonds or cash on hand to help with the operation, the mother interrupted to say, "Yes, we have the \$50.00 bond."

The husband said, "Why you are mistaken, we do not have any bond."

The wife said, "Oh, yes we do! I have saved just a little each month for some time, and I bought this bond without you knowing it. I did not know it would have to be spent on me, but we want to pay that much on the hospital bill."

The operation was most successful, and in a few days the happy wife and mother returned to her mountain home, not only to take care of her splendid family, but to help serve in the mission church. While in the hospital, which was one of her first trips out from the mountains, she said, "I did not know there were so many friendly people in the world as I have met here."

Remember the Sunday School Charity Fund. Give that others may live!—L. O. Griffith.

Baptist Relief Packages Reach Yugoslavia

Information reaching Baptist relief agencies in the United States reveals that relief packages addressed to Anton Balog in Yugoslavia have been reaching needy families within the Russian area of Europe.

After many indications had come that American parcels sent behind the Iron Curtain endangered the lives of addressees this information was welcomed. The parcels should be sent to Anton Balog, Brace Ribnikara 41, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. They should be marked "Gift—Pavlon—G. L. V.," and no remark should be made about need or requests for help.

Re-Thinking Our Organized Church Life

By G. S. DOBBINS

[Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins here discusses with Southern Baptists the complex problem of our organized church life, suggesting possible avenues to a solution. Millions of Southern Baptists have watched with far more than the usual interest the work and findings of this most important Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their effort has been to relieve in as large a measure as possible the overlapping and conflicts which have developed in our rapidly growing Convention and church life. Though a bit long, the article deserves a careful thinking-through.—Editor.]

The report of the Convention's Committee on Church Organizations may well mark an epoch in the life of our churches. Having gone from simplicity to complexity, we are now on our way back to a greater degree of New Testament simplicity. Having developed organizations once conceived of as apart from the denomination and churches, we now see all these organizations as integral parts of the whole, with the local church body a true unity. In this process of re-thinking, certain principles may well be borne in mind.

Individual Churches Should Be Kept Always in View

Let us consider the church as a whole. A New Testament church is an indivisible organism. We start from this concept of a church as a totality, a living body with members, a fellowship or *koinonia*, a family of God, a school of Christ.

Let us view the church in its parts. Paul compares the church with a human body—many members under one headship. For practical purposes the members may be divided into age and sex groups, or placed in different organizations for functional purposes, but the parts are never to be separated from the whole, and the whole is more than just the sum of these several parts.

Let us view the church and its parts in their relationships. A church is a living organism, not just an organization nor a number of related organizations. An organism is made up of living parts, each of which is necessary to the other. Not all of the parts are of equal size, nor all have the same importance, nor all have the same needs, nor all perform the same functions, but the body is strongest and healthiest when each part is related to every other part and to the whole so as to achieve and maintain maximum efficiency.

All the Church and All the Churches Should Be Engaged in All Major Matters

A list of the matters of paramount importance which should engage the interest and enlistment of every member would certainly include *preaching, worship, evangelism, Bible study, training in membership, missions, stewardship,*

service, fellowship. Certain groups within the church may be made especially responsible for the promotion and conduct of these services and activities, but each is the responsibility of every member. In a fruitful New Testament church these functions will not be placed as separate categories in separate departments, but will be conceived as the vital organs through which the church maintains its life and reproduces itself.

The Churches, Though Free, Need Guidance

Within the body of more than 26,000 independent and autonomous Southern Baptist churches, there are necessarily many variations. Perhaps the most significant variation is as to size. The majority of these churches are small in size, with one-room buildings and meager equipment. Other churches are much larger, with better equipment and facilities. Still other churches are very large, with relatively adequate means for carrying on a complex program. Obviously the organizational needs and opportunities of these varied churches are not the same.

Every Baptist church is completely free to adopt and adapt its own plan of organization. Yet every church finds itself in need of guidance at a number of essential points—*guidance in organization and administration, in methods, in selection and use of materials, in discovering and developing leadership, in determining and reaching its objectives.* The churches accordingly have established agencies charged with responsibility to develop and disseminate the best principles and methods, the best materials for their use, the most workable patterns of organization and administra-

tion, the most practical means of leadership training, the most useful standards for the setting up and attainment of desirable aims. Clearly these agencies were intended as servants of the churches, clearing houses for means and materials, instrumentalities of the churches for the promotion of common purposes and ends.

Churches Function Most Fruitfully Through Teamwork

Recognizing that an individual church, to be effective, must function as a whole through its organizations carefully related to one another and to the church, many churches have established the church council or its equivalent. According to this simple plan, representatives of the several organizations and activities of a church meet together as often as needful to co-ordinate and correlate the work of the church as a whole. Thus a balanced program for the church is sought, with conflicts, duplications, and overlappings reduced to a minimum.

Obviously the same principle applies in the working out of a co-ordinated program from the headquarters offices of the several agencies that provide plans and materials for the use of the churches. Representatives of the several agencies, meeting as a *council for counsel*, should find it highly profitable to lay their plans, programs, printed materials, calendars, standards, etc., on the table with a view to securing maximum teamwork with minimum tension, duplication, overlapping, together with the cordial and enthusiastic reinforcement of each by the other.

Teamwork thus secured *locally* by means of the church council and *organizationally* through an *inter-agency council*, will find its effective expression *denominationally* through the "Co-operative Program." The support of denominational causes and enterprises through the combined gifts of the churches is one aspect of the *Co-operative Program*; the other and even more important aspect is the educational and spiritual promotion of these causes and enterprises. Every organization of the churches should therefore lend itself intelligently and prayerfully to the objectives that its every member be informed and enlisted in wholehearted support of the denomination's institutions and activities. This becomes especially imperative in the light of our contemplated missionary advance in both home and foreign fields, with challenges to the enlightenment and the enlistment of every church and every member through every instrumentality at our disposal. Humanly, the chief hope of fulfillment of our mission, in the destiny-determining years ahead, lies in the effectiveness of our teamwork.

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Alligators sometimes die because they don't know enough to back out of holes. This might be worked into a parable for diplomats.—*Washington Star.*

My Mother's Religion

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Then came the second phase. These things that I have referred to happened and I was plunged into dark despair. A terrible depression settled on me—spiritual despair, bleakness, desolation. At the time of my mother's death the blackness was greatest. A foreign foe was on our soil in the North. A discontented, political faction in the South. Famine in the Northwest. Floods threatened millions who dwell in the Yangtze valley. And my beloved mother taken from me. What was left?

And then I realized that, spiritually, I was failing my husband. My mother's influence on the General had been tremendous. His own mother was a devout Buddhist. It was my mother's influence and personal example that led him to become a Christian.

I began to see what I was doing to help, for the sake of the country, was only a substitute for what he needed. I was letting him head for a mirage when I knew the Oasis. Life was all confusion. I had been in the depths of despair. Out of that, and the feeling of human inadequacy, I was driven back to my mother's God. I knew there was a power greater than myself. I knew God was there. My mother was no longer there to do my interceding for me. It seemed to be mine to help the General spiritually, and, in helping him, I grew spiritually myself. Thus I entered into the third period where I wanted to do, not my will, but God's.

Life is really very simple, and yet how confused we make it. In old Chinese art, there is just one outstanding object, perhaps a flower, on a scroll. Everything else in the picture is subordinated to that one beautiful thing. An integrated life is like that. What is the one flower? As I feel it now, it is the will of God.

I used to pray that God would do this or that. Now I pray only that God will make his will known to me. God speaks to me in prayer. Prayer is not self hypnotism. It is more than meditation. The Buddhist priest spends days meditating. In meditation the source of strength is oneself. But when one prays he goes to the source of strength greater than his own. I wait to feel his leading, and his guidance means certainty.

In the feudal time of the Three Kingdoms, there was an old general called T'sao T'sao. Once upon a time he was going on a long march. His soldiers were weary. Said he to them, "From my horse I can see a beautiful garden, full of luscious plums." Their mouths watered, new strength and courage

came. But for how long? The plum garden did not materialize, and the soldiers were more weary than before. That, to me, is like meditation. But when I am spiritually thirsty, I do not think of plum gardens—I go to the Fountain of Living Water.

Prayer is our source of guidance and balance. God is able to enlighten the understanding. I am often bewildered, because my mind is only finite. I question and doubt my own judgments. Then I seek guidance, and when I am quite sure, I go ahead, leaving the results with Him.

Our finite minds beside His infinite mind seems to me like this: I go walking; and the hills loom above me, range upon range, one against the other. I cannot tell where one begins, and another leaves off. But from the air (I seldom have time to travel any other way now) everything has a distant color and form. I can see things so

much more clearly. Perhaps that is like my mind and God's. And when I talk with Him, He lifts me up to where I can see clearly.

I do not think it is possible to make this understandable to one who has not tried it. To explain, to one who has had no experience of getting guidance, what it means, would be like trying to make a stone-deaf person understand the beauty of a Chopin sonata.

What I do want to make clear is that whether we get guidance or not it is there. It is like tuning in on the radio. There is music in the air, whether we tune in or not. How is it done? As Brother Lawrence told us long ago, "by practicing the presence of God." By daily communion with Him. One cannot expect to be conscious of God's presence when one has only a bowing acquaintance with Him.

China's problems are greater today than ever before. But despondency and despair are not mine today. I look to Him who is able to do all things, even more than we ask or think. At this time of writing, I am with my husband in the heart of the bandit area. Constantly exposed to danger, I am unafraid. I know that nothing can happen either to the General or to me till our work is done. After that, what does it matter?

Radio Commission Gets New Home

The new home of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1585 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia was consecrated during an open house Tuesday night, March 8.

The former home of the late Preston Arkwright, president of the Georgia Power Company, it is located on a fourteen acre plot in beautiful Druid Hills; contains eighteen rooms with twelve thousand square feet of floor space, adaptable for adequate offices and excellent studio for radio and television.

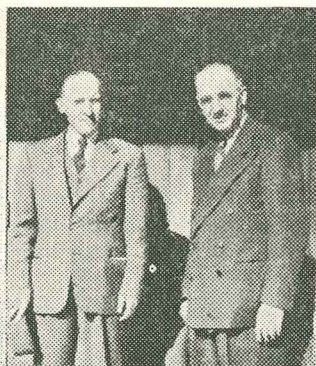
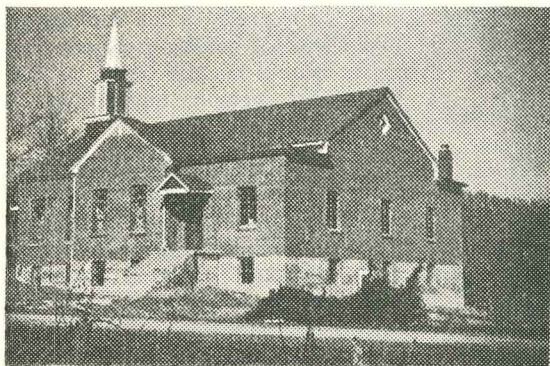
The rapid growth and expansion of the radio service of the Commission, of which Dr. S. F. Lowe is director, demanded larger quarters and a central location



for all activities. The purchase price of the property was considerably less than half the estimated cost of a new building.

The Commission will begin work in the new home on April 1, and the latter part of "The Baptist Hour" for April through June is expected to originate in the new studio.

Oneida Church Has Formal Opening This Week



(1) The new Oneida Baptist Church, the formal opening of which is being conducted May 1-8; (2) Pastor Lyn Claybrook and President D. Chester Sparks at the front door of the New Oneida Baptist Church meeting house; and (3) Pastor Claybrook baptizes Lloyd Morris (previously erroneously printed Lloyd Harris), who built the new building. He was the first to be baptized in the new edifice.

The Oneida Baptist Church is this week having the formal opening of its new meeting house. The formal opening began with two services on Sunday, May 1, and will have a program each night at 7:30, and close with two more programs on Sunday, May 8. Pastor Lyn Claybrook has announced "The Church—The Pillar and Ground of the Truth," based on I Timothy 3:15, as being the theme of the week.

Pastor Gifford Walters, of the First Baptist Church of Cumberland, Ky., spoke at the first session. The speaker Monday night was Dr. W. A. Gardiner, Kentucky's Sunday School Secretary, who preached on "The Church Teaching the Truth." Tuesday night Secretary Byron C. S. DeJarnette, spoke on "The Church Training in the Truth." The program last night was on "The Church and Prayer," and "My House Shall be Called a House of Prayer."

Tonight is Woman's Night, at which time the Woman's Missionary Union will be in charge of the service, and Mrs. George R. Ferguson will deliver the keynote address. Other leaders in Booneville W. M. U. will have part on the program.

Tomorrow night will be "Oneida Institute Night," at which time it is hoped to have all former presidents and teachers of Oneida, together with all those who are now connected with the school in any way. Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, Ky., and Dr. James M. Boswell, President of Cumberland College, also of the same city, are scheduled to deliver messages.

"The Local Church and The District Association" will be the subject on Saturday night. On that occasion the district associational leaders in the Booneville region will be the speakers.

Services all day, with dinner on the grounds, will be held Sunday, May 8. Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary of the Baptist State Board of Missions in Kentucky, will preach the dedication sermon

at the 11:00 o'clock hour. After dinner the whole history of the building of the new church will be reviewed. The Oneida Baptist Choir will render a program of sacred music at 7:30 o'clock.

The new structure was erected by Mr.

Lloyd Morris, contractor. There is an old expression among us, "You've made your own bed, now lay in it!" But in the case of Mr. Morris, he built the baptistry for the Oneida Baptist Church, and then

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Oneida Graduates 22 in its 1949 Commencement

ONEIDA, Ky., April 25.—The Oneida Baptist Institute Commencement was held April 3, 1949. Dr. F. Russell Purdy, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., was the preacher of the baccalaureate sermon. The commencement sermon was preached by Dr. E. O. Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corbin, Ky.

The valedictorian of the senior class,

Inery Reed, was also adjudged to be the best athlete in the school. He was rated as No. 1 man on the All-Tournament basketball team, both in the region and in the district.

J. L. Tigue, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, awarded diplomas to twenty-two graduates, and Donald R. Estes, Principal, made the presentation of Awards.



Front Row (Left to Right): Zella Hammons, Lois Gabbard, Barbara Bowling, Betty Petroff, Eleanor Davidson, Ruth Barger, Betty Lou Britton, Betty Lou Webb.

Second Row: Cledith Gilbert, Hazel Arnett, Lois Warren, Matilda Hale, Marie Burns, Jo Ann Britton.

Back Row: Clayton Arnett, Arthur McIntosh, Inery Reed, James Ledford, Lyn Claybrook, Mitchell Gilbert, Edgar Allen, Miss Grace Reynolds, class sponsor, Amy Bowling. Five members of the class were not present for the picture.

Re-Thinking Our Organized Church Life

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Churches Need Adapted Means to Meet Varying and Changed Conditions

Our assumption has been that every church will do its part best through the operation of all the major organizations—the Sunday school for Bible study, the Training Union for training in church membership, Woman's Missionary Union for promotion of missions, Brotherhood for enlistment of men. We have assumed that each of these organizations should provide its own leadership and their training. We have tended to assume that the "standards" for each of the organizations and for units within those organizations were suited to and attainable by all the churches alike.

Do not conditions compel us to re-think these assumptions? Can we any longer concede that any of the functions mentioned above is the exclusive responsibility of any one organization? Are we not in danger of reducing a church to fragments instead of preserving its unity? Seeking to maintain our integrity as a denomination against the strong pressure of ecumenicism, can we afford the risk of our churches becoming divided against themselves? Conserving to the utmost the unique contribution of each of our church organizations, does not the pressure of change and need demand adaptations according to which the major objectives of every church, whether large or small, may be achieved by modification of the organizational setup if to do so will better achieve the objectives?

As an irreducible minimum, every New Testament church should be engaged in preaching, worship, Bible study, membership training, evangelism, missions, stewardship, fellowship. The organizations through which it performs these and other functions are not "auxiliaries," they are the church working in and through its members. If a church with limited numbers and resources has only one organization (say, the Sunday school) it should seek through what it has to attain the other objectives. If it can add a training department, the combined organizations should seek together the total objectives. If the women and the men of the church are brought together in separate organizations (W. M. U. and Brotherhood), they too should add their strength to the achievement of the church's total objectives. The two supreme activities of the church, evangelism and missions, should be the felt

responsibility of every organization and every member. The organized women of a church, with their historic and high interest in missions, would nevertheless be interested as the women of the church in all other phases of its work, yet seek to instill the spirit of missions and to inspire the support of missions in every phase of the church's life. The organized men would likewise seek the enlistment of all men of the church in all its services and activities. In like manner Sunday school and Training Union would be church-centered in all their plans and purposes. "Get the job done!" might well be the slogan of all the organizations, determined that if the full-rounded program of a church cannot be secured in one way, other ways and means will be found. There is general agreement concerning these ideals; the need is for their co-operative implementation.

Churches Appreciate Being Consulted Directly in the Making of Plans and Programs by Their Agencies

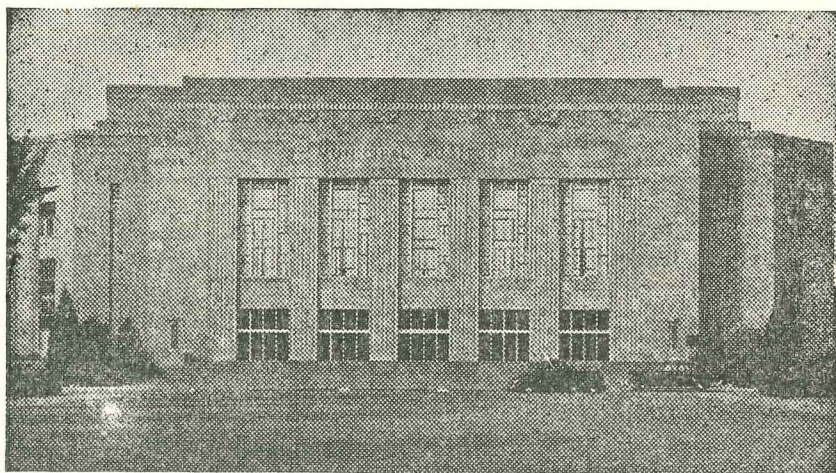
In a democracy, such as our Baptist churches represent, there are two ways of discovering and carrying out the will of the people: (1) By selecting representatives and constituting them into boards of trustees or their equivalent; (2) By direct referendum, seeking to learn from the churches immediately their needs, their opinions, their desires. The latter method has been somewhat neglected in our Baptist economy. A small group of representatives of the churches, constituting a committee or board, and

meeting briefly and occasionally, will probably possess inadequate understanding and information concerning many of the churches and their needs.

If we are to keep close to all the churches and through their agencies undertake to meet all their needs, would it not be wise to submit to them directly, through brief questionnaire form, requests for their help and counsel as to the adequacy of what is now being done and as to changes that would better meet their needs? In sessions of the "inter-agency council" referred to above, would it not be helpful to have present certain unofficial advisors to represent the churches large and small, favorable or critical, enlisted or unenlisted?

Tentative Conclusions Should Become Realizations

The Committee on Church Organizations, after three years of study and conference, presents its findings as directions toward which we have tentatively agreed to move and not as goals fully gained. The organizations of the Inter-Agency Council is an accomplished fact and holds out great possibilities. Guidance and materials for churches more clearly in accordance with their varied needs; an integrated plan of leadership and membership training; the reducing and combining of meetings with a view to greater efficiency and fruitfulness; the correlating of curricula and standards, the simplifying and unifying of church financing; the educational promotion of our total denominational Co-operative Program and its constituent causes; the magnifying of the church as a spiritual entity and of the pastor as the shepherd and bishop of the undivided body of Christ: these are matters which we agree should be thought through and carried through to successful consummation. Lest these matters be postponed or neglected, we would doubtless do well at the next meeting of the Convention to register the conviction that what has been so well begun be now pressed steadily to further realization.



Oklahoma City's 6,500-seat Municipal Auditorium, above, will be the scene of day sessions of the 1949 Southern Baptist Convention. Night and Sunday sessions will be held in Taft Stadium, seating 20,000.

Editorials

They Understand Baptists Better

A good deal of water has passed under the Baptist bridge since last May, and all of us face the Oklahoma Convention feeling that those on the outside understand us a little better perhaps than they did a year ago, and that there is a better understanding even among Baptists themselves.

Following the emphatic refusal of the Memphis Convention to participate even unofficially in the World Council of Churches, then about to meet, there was a great deal of discussion pro and con, some of it bitter. The press—secular and religious—carried on the debate for weeks. Some charged that the Southern Baptist Convention had reversed a trend toward union with other religious bodies, and had returned to the isolationists' position. Others asserted, rightly, that the Southern Baptist Convention had never evinced any trend toward organic union with other religious groups.

As bitter as the discussion was for a while there have come out of it some blessings which we believe will endure. First of all, the Baptist position was plainly stated by the vote of the Convention itself. *There will be no entangling alliances.* The Convention did not wish it, and it could not, even if it had desired it, vote Baptist churches into organic union with other religious bodies. *Indeed, the Convention cannot vote Baptist churches into anything!*

In the second place, the discussion cleared the air in so far as a good many leaders and agencies of the Convention are concerned. From platforms and in the press, one after another came out squarely against doctrinal compromises. They would never enter into organic union with those of different faith and practice.

In the third place, it afforded opportunity for Baptists to declare to the whole world their eagerness to co-operate in every possible way with other Christian groups in the interest of the common good. Great moral and civic victories of the past bear eloquent witness to the friendly, Christian spirit of co-operation which has characterized the Baptist attitude. They have placed their hands alongside those of other Christian groups to achieve moral and civic betterment in their communities and counties and states and nation. They have, in many instances, taken the lead in great causes for the common good and have called on others to work with *them* even as they have with *others*.

But they propose and determine to remain true to their own interpretation of the New Testament, and to preserve their identity as a people, and the sovereignty of their churches. They will never permit entangling alliances to stifle their witness or lessen their sense of divine mission in the world. **It is on this ground that the Southern Baptist Convention has again and again refused in Christian spirit to have anything to do with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. It is on this**

ground that the writer has himself, along with the churches to which he has ministered, refused even the remotest connection with the Federal Council. Such is the position of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and with them we stand.

Yes, some blessings have accrued from the prolonged discussion of a year ago. The air has been cleared considerably. We do not mean the dust has all gone and that there are no problems. There will always be. But the world knows the position of the Southern Baptist Convention, and as other problems are faced, our people will speak their minds—a wholesome practice for Baptists.

They'll Be Carrying Bibles Next

The liquor manufacturers are now making an all-out effort to reach all the people and to impress the general public with their good intentions.

Many instances could be cited but we take only one. In the *Courier-Journal* of March 28, 1949 there appeared an advertisement by the Kentucky Division of U. S. Brewers Foundation in which the value of community singing was emphasized.

In the advertisement particular attention was called to the big singing day at Benton. It stated:

Kentuckians love to sing . . . and preferably in the company of other Kentuckians. Ever since 1884 there has been a big singing day at Benton, where such old favorites as "Lone Pilgrim," "Bound for Canaan" and "Green Fields" have swelled the hearts of all who listen. Group singing is a tradition in Kentucky."

Then, blasphemy of blasphemies! . . . in connection with sacred songs . . . songs Christian people have used to worship God . . . the advertisement goes right on:

Yes, and beer is a tradition in Kentucky too!

Like group singing, BEER BELONGS in Kentucky. Since the days when pioneers around the open hearth lifted their voices in song, Kentuckians have enjoyed beer, the beverage of moderation.

Paul said by inspiration many years ago, "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if *his ministers* also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Cor. 11:14, 15).

The manufacturers of home-wrecking, life-defeating, soul-destroying alcoholic drinks have no conscience about linking their business with the most sacred things of life. How long will the good people of Kentucky stand for this sort of thing? How long will they permit this offspring of Satan to parade in sacred garments? . . . indeed, to parade at all?

The manufacturers also, to cover up the true nature of their product, are offering scholarships . . . opportunities for cultural advancement to young people; and a good many are taken by their guile . . . They feel that an industry which does so much good (?) could not be all bad, and that perhaps people have been a bit too hasty in their condemnations. So the serpent worms its way into the garden and deceives!

R. G. Lee Didn't Do It!

The *Religious News Service* reports that Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention wired his request that sessions of the UN be opened with prayer. The telegram was sent to J. M. Dawson at Washington.

The UN ought to open all its sessions with prayer and we are grateful to Dr. Lee for reminding them of the neglected source of guidance.

However, the news release goes on to say, "Stressing that Dr. Lee spoke for a CHURCH with more than 6,000,000 members, the telegram added that its request is 'augmented by uncounted millions in the United States.'"

We didn't see the telegram but we're willing to affirm that R. G. Lee did not tell them that he "spoke for a church with more than 6,000,000 members." He knows that there is no such thing in the South or in the world as a "church with more than 6,000,000 members." When will people who try to handle "news" for Baptists learn that there is no such thing as the Southern Baptist Church? Why will not reporters learn the terminology of Baptist people! They fill their minds with the concepts of other groups and then try to push alien caps down on Baptist heads. Reporters should know the facts they write about, and they should know enough about the people of whom they write to express their thoughts in terms which will not misrepresent them. Baptists have, through the centuries, opposed the idea that "local" churches can band themselves together into a general authoritative body which some call "a church." Such a thing just doesn't exist for Baptists, and it wouldn't be a good idea to try to create such a thing!

Denominations Condemned

Heretofore it has fallen, in the main, to ecumenical leaders to decry denominations, and to seek by every means at their disposal—from entreaty to intimidation—to cause Baptists to abandon their name and distinctives, and to blend with all others in one huge, organic union or ecclesiastical federation.

Of late however, there seem to be a few within the general body of Baptists who object to the word *denomination* on the ground that it over-shadows the autonomy of our churches.

If it could be demonstrated that *the Baptist denomination* over-shadows and thwarts the sovereignty of our churches, this editor would himself join the outcry, and that quickly and loudly. However, such is not the case.

Denominationalism, from the Baptist viewpoint, *must never become a synonym for ecclesiastical authoritarianism*, and denominational servants must ever be careful to see that no cause is given anyone so to interpret the word. The principle of the sovereignty of the churches lies deep in the hearts of all our peoples, including those chosen by God and the brethren to serve in general work. It is one of the basic principles governing the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

It should never be overlooked that autonomous churches themselves exercise their rights as self-gov-

erning bodies and voluntarily associate themselves with other Baptist churches which are equally autonomous and bring about what the churches call associations and conventions. To these associations and conventions THE SOVEREIGN CHURCHES send *messengers*, not delegates. The difference is vital. **Baptist churches cannot delegate their authority to any other body, not even to another Baptist church.**

The word *denomination*, among Baptists and for Baptists, simply designates a people. Webster's Dictionary defines the word *denomination*, "Act of denominating or naming. A name, designation, or title; especially a class name. A group of individuals called by the same name; especially one of the large religious bodies . . ." And that word *body* for Baptists will simply designate the over-all mass of regenerated and baptized believers who are members of sovereign Baptist churches. The convention or the district association cannot be said to be *the denomination*, for the whole denomination will never be present at any one of these gatherings. These conventions and associations are made up of *messengers* from Baptist churches but they are not the whole denomination.

In company with other like bodies, each sovereign Baptist church carries on ITS OWN WORK, and it is none the less ITS OWN WORK because it is associated with other equally sovereign churches. It is the work which such church would be doing, to the limit of its numerical and financial and physical strength, if it were the only Baptist church on earth. A Baptist church finds that ITS INDIVIDUAL EFFORT goes further and is done more economically when it associates itself with other like bodies in the common task, even as churches did in the early days as recorded in the New Testament. They pooled their *individual* efforts and, working together voluntarily, under one who directed their attention to the common need, they threw the combined weight of their INDIVIDUAL efforts into a common task. Baptists must never permit their progress in denominational integration to obscure and subordinate the churches themselves; nor must they permit any institutionalism, formalism, or externalism to relegate to shadowy vagueness the spiritual nature of their faith and mission.

►The *United States News* makes the startling statement that "the cost of running the United States Government for one year would buy up all the gold in the world, and then some. Government spending now is greater than the total national income of 1933. The United States owns more than half of all monetary gold. But the entire stockpile, if cashed in, would finance the Federal Government for only six months . . . In one year's time, the year beginning next July 1, the Federal Government plans to spend more than \$45,000,000,000 in cash, or an amount greater than the value of all the gold mined in all countries in the last 456 years.

►The farmer and city feller are pretty much alike—they're just ignorant on different subjects.—Lt. I. E. Bibons, *Country Gentleman*.

►It used to broaden a man to travel. Prices being what they are, it just about flattens one now.

►Many a man has been made an unconscious prop for dangerous propaganda.

►About all the song some of the drinking *men* of distinction know is the bottle hymn of the republic.

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

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Costa Rica Under Foreign Board

Baptist mission work in Costa Rica, an outgrowth of the work of the Home Mission Board in Panama, will be transferred to the Foreign Mission Board on May 1, 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes, missionaries serving in Costa Rica under the Home Board, were appointed *in absentia* by the Foreign Mission Board at its April 19 meeting when the transfer was approved.

This brings three of the Central American republics under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board, the other two being Guatemala and Honduras. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Webb, living in Guatemala City, are directing the work of these two republics.

Secretaries M. Theron Rankin and Everett Gill, Jr., inspected the Costa Rican work while in Latin America early this year for the organization of the Colombian-Venezuelean Baptist Convention. The Home Mission Board suggested the transfer late last year after the work became too extensive to administer from the Panama mission.

Missionary Airplane in Brazil

A small "Piper super-cruiser" plane was purchased with Christmas offerings for the use of the Corrente mission station in North Brazil. Although other mission groups have been using planes for some time for work in Brazil as well as elsewhere, this is a first for Southern Baptists.

Interior Brazil has few highways and railroads. The plane will enable missionaries in this station to get supplies and mail in only a few hours where heretofore it has taken six days to make the trip out and six days back. When Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnson transferred from Victoria to Corrente early in 1948 they went part way by slow river boat and then by jeep and horseback over trails they hacked out of the jungle (Read Mrs. Johnson's story of the trip in the May issue of *The Commission*, page 23).

Mr. Robert R. Standley, appointed at the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board for work in North Brazil, is a licensed pilot. Another pilot, Mr. Lonnie Doyle, formerly in the armed forces with twenty-nine missions over Europe to his credit, was also appointed for Brazil. He will probably serve in the Amazon region.

New Foreign Missionaries

Twenty-eight new missionaries were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at its April meeting:

To **Africa**—Miss Stella Austin of North Carolina and Dr. and Mrs. William Gaventia of Georgia and Tennessee, for Nigeria.

To **Europe**—Miss Virginia Wingo of Alabama for Italy.

To the **Orient**—Miss Hilda Bledsoe of Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tatum of Georgia and Tennessee for Hawaii; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollaway of Arkansas and Illinois, Miss Annie Hoover of Arkansas and Miss Lenora Hudson of Texas for Japan; Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Kentucky and China, for China (Mrs. Walker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, missionaries to China).

To **Latin America**—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crocker of Tennessee for Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Doyle of Mississippi and Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Standley of Ohio and New York for North Brazil; Mr. Cecil Johnson of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews of Alabama and Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Tennison of Texas (Latin American countries not designated); Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes of Texas for Costa Rica.

Foreign Board Elects Treasurer

Mr. Everett Deane, assistant treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, was elected treasurer at the April meeting, his election to become effective when Mr. E. P. Buxton, treasurer since 1927, retires at the end of this year.

Mr. Deane, a native of Virginia, has served as assistant to Mr. Buxton since 1934, except for two years when he was in Navy service during the war. He came to the Board in 1930 as an assistant in the book department.

Seminary Project for Latin America

The Foreign Mission Board is reconsidering the whole question of theological education in Latin America with a view to establishing only four major institutions in that area, two in the Spanish-speaking part of the continent and two in Portuguese-speaking Brazil. Smaller institutions in other centers, supported mainly by the national constituency, will serve as Bible schools for students with less preparation.

Brazil already has two good seminaries with women's training schools, one at Recife in the north and the other at Rio de Janeiro in the south. Both are fairly well equipped now, except for the need of a new seminary building at Rio. Logical locations for the other two would be Buenos Aires, Argentina, where a seminary is already established, and Cali, Colombia, where property has been acquired for a seminary and other mission buildings.

March Receipts for Foreign Missions

March receipts of the Board totaled \$572,618, as compared with \$355,086 March last year. Receipts for the first three months this year are \$2,765,765; receipts for the first three months last year were \$2,371,055.

Treasurer E. P. Buxton reports a total

of \$1,666,332 received through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering up to April 22.

Relief Offerings Are Down

The Foreign Mission Board voted to transfer \$100,000 from rehabilitation to relief funds in order to continue work with refugees and displaced persons in Europe. This action was taken following a report from Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Relief Committee, that only about \$16,000 remained in the treasury of the committee and that receipts were falling too low to maintain the work.

Principal for Rome Training School

Miss Virginia Wingo, professor of Bible and missions at the women's training school at Louisville, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to take charge of the new women's training school in Rome. She will leave for Italy this summer to begin work when the new school opens this fall.

Emeritus Missionary Dead

Mrs. John W. Lowe, emeritus missionary to China, died April 9 in Richmond. She and Dr. Lowe were in North China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion and through three famines. Dr. Lowe died May 6 last year.

Missionary Album

Do you have a *Missionary Family Album*? You may order it from the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia. The price is \$2.00 a copy, or \$5.00 for three copies.

Attention All Chaplains!

Your attention is called to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association on May 21, 8:00 A. M., 14th floor of the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

All Chaplains are invited and urged to be present with us at this breakfast. The price of breakfast will be \$1.50. Obtain your tickets from Rev. Jack Manning, First Baptist Church, Britton, Oklahoma or from the Chaplains' Booth, Convention Hall.

A splendid program has been arranged. Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, Air Chaplain, Washington, D. C., will be our speaker.

Meet us . . . Skirvin Hotel, 8:00 A. M., May 21.

Many of the politicians these days gas their audiences instead of electrifying them—*Fay Way*.

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A political leader's task is to keep ahead of four or five crowds, each going in a different direction.—*Origin unknown*.

Jesus Answers His Critics

Sunday School Lesson for May 8, 1949

Bible Material: Mark 11:27 to 12:40.

Golden Text: He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Matthew 7:29.

MARK 11:

27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

MARK 12:

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Discussion

Last Sunday's lesson dealt with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and his declaration of divine authority. His entry into Jerusalem began what is usually called the last week. It was only a short period, but into those few days He packed an eternity of lessons and deeds.

Our lesson today begins with his return into the city on one of those mornings. Residing near Jerusalem with some of his closest disciples He seems to have gone back and forth—into the city by day and out by night.

On this day, as on other days, Jesus went directly to the temple. His interest seems to have focused there. On the previous visit He had rebuked those who traded in the sacred area of the temple. He overturned their tables and seats de-

claring that it had been written that the house of God should be called of all nations a house of prayer, but they had made it a den of thieves. He would not sanction the lowering of the sacred purposes of God concerning his temple to the level of the secular. Do we not find here a solemn caution for our day also. Things dedicated to God are to be his alone; they are never to be debased to lower levels.

It is easy to understand that Jesus' action on the previous day would cause much resentment on the part of the traders in the temple area. It was an act of One high in spiritual authority. By driving these "thieves" from the temple Jesus had asserted his power to control what went on in the house of God. We are not surprised therefore when the men come back to Him with the question, "By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?" There was not another person in all Jerusalem other than the High Priest or the Master of the Temple who would have done such a thing.

Jesus' answer was not direct. He was not yet crucified, and this declaration, like many others, was to wait until He had said on the cross, "It is finished." A plain assertion, in so many words, of his Diety to these angry critics was not in his immediate plan, though He had on other occasions declared Himself. He rather countered with another question to which He knew they would not give a direct answer. He said, "I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me."

Thrown into confusion by Jesus' question, "they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things."

There was more than escape-device in the question of Jesus. It meant more than a mere avoidance of reply. There was, in the ministry and baptism of John, a declaration pointing to the answer of their question: John declared Jesus' identity, and, linked with that identity was the authority of the Son of God, "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." For the scribes to have confessed that John's baptism was from heaven, that he was indeed a true prophet of God, would have been to acknowledge Jesus' authority, not

only to cleanse the temple of evil doers but his right to expect recognition as the Messiah. It should be noted here that, not only in that instance, but at all times, Jesus has nothing to say to those who in disobedient unbelief refuse the evidences, and who refuse to acknowledge Him as "my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Though the scribes were put to silence, there was one among them who, with more serious intent than the rest, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment?" Not first in order but first in importance.

The Master's answer to him (Jesus knew there was a higher motive in his question) was prompt and clear. He said, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Jesus, by his answer to the inquirer, grouped three assertions into one great commandment: "The Lord our God is one Lord;" "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God" with all the power of your being: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We are commanded to acknowledge the only God as the Lord of our lives. We are commanded not only to acknowledge Him as Lord, but to love Him. We are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves. Loving God as Lord, we love Him more than ourselves, for He is the supreme object of our allegiance and affection. Obedient to his command as Lord, we love our neighbors as, equally with, ourselves.

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Providence Church, Near Franklin, Erects and Pays for Its New \$15,000 Sunday School Annex

By CHAUNCEY R. DALEY, Louisville, Ky.

FRANKLIN, Ky., April 16.—A \$2,912.38 offering in a single service in a small rural church calls for an explanation, and especially so when it represents the last of more than \$15,000 given within seventeen months. Here is part of the story:

In the summer of 1947 Providence Baptist Church, six miles west of Franklin, in Simpson County, Kentucky, was going along in about the same manner as any small rural Baptist Church. Instead of meeting only one Sunday each month, as had been the custom for years, services were conducted on two Sundays each month, but the Sunday school and Training Union were struggling for existence, mainly because there was only a one-room building for ten Sunday school classes and four Training Unions.

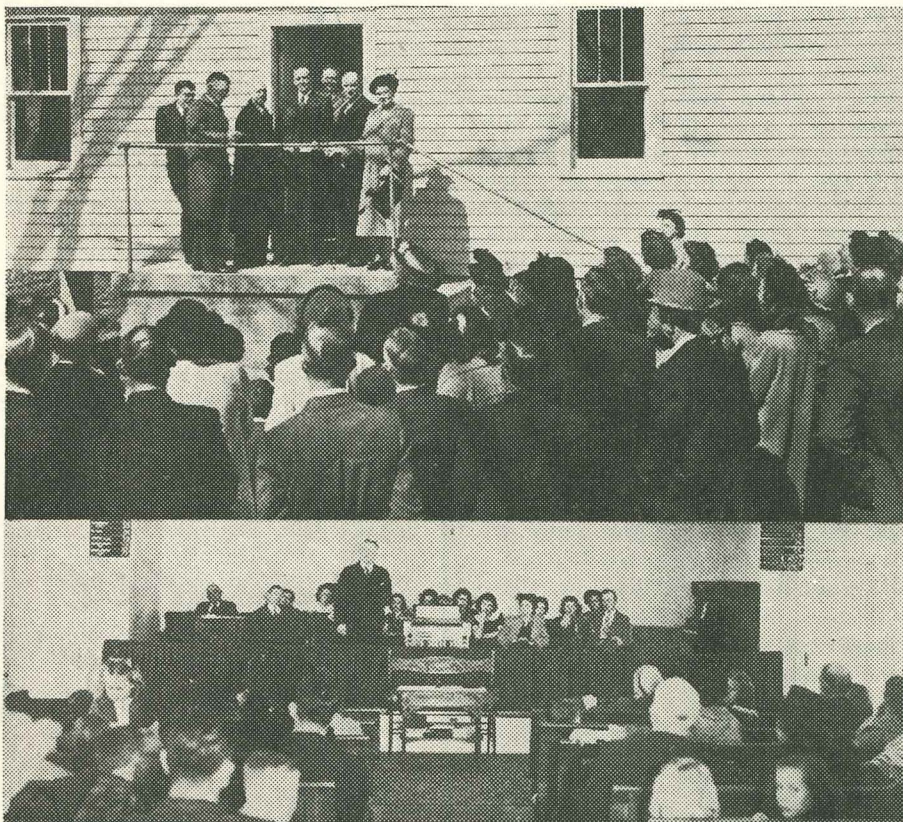
The church came out the annual revival that summer with a feeling of dissatisfaction and unrest. For a number of years there had been the feeling on the part of some that a Sunday school annex should be erected and that feeling was now cemented into a determination. The church pledged itself to three sig-

nificant steps almost simultaneously: (1) to erect an educational annex; (2) to have full-time worship services, and



Chauncey R. Daley

(3) to adopt tithing as the plan for church finances. The pastor resigned other work to give full-time service,



Above: Pastor Chauncey R. Daley, in the presence of a host of witnesses, ignites the match which sets ablaze the notes which the banker (on the extreme left of the platform) has been holding against the officers of the Providence Baptist Church.

Below: Inside, the congregation is addressed by Dr. R. T. Skinner, Editor of the Western Recorder, after the last cent had been paid to wipe out the indebtedness.

more than fifty persons of an average Sunday school attendance of about seventy immediately agreed to tithe, and a building committee was appointed.

Upon receiving suggested plans from the Department of Church Architecture of the Sunday School Board, a contract was let for an eight-room annex. The project was launched with \$1,200 and an unlimited amount of faith. The story from there includes the usual heartaches and joys of such an endeavor, but within a year the new building, costing \$11,322 was in use. The new building called for decoration of the old, the installation of a heating system, and many other expenditures bringing the total project to more than \$15,200.

This brings us to the March 20 service. Of the \$15,200 only \$2,488 remained to be paid. This day was named Debt Retirement Sunday, and the local banker was invited to be present at the service with the notes for the remaining indebtedness. Dr. R. T. Skinner was invited for the service, and before he spoke an offering was taken. In this offering there was demonstrated many usual examples of loyalty and generosity. Men stood in a line to present \$100 checks. Most of these had already tithed on their yearly crop income, some had borrowed the money for the explicit purpose, some were not even members of the church, some were land owners, others were share-croppers. When a sharecropper gave \$100, a widow who is part owner of the land he tills, and who makes her living by day work in town, came to the pastor with five \$20-bills. An old couple with no source of income both of whom are semi-invalids over seventy years of age, and both of whom had shortly before returned from the hospital, had insisted on sending an offering. Boys and girls of school age who work at odd times gave as much as \$25.00. The offering amounted to more than \$2,900. After a lunch, which was served by the ladies, the treasurer gave the banker a check covering the notes and the notes were burned in the presence of the happy congregation. Few present will ever forget March 20 in the history of Providence Baptist Church.

[EDITORIAL NOTE: Pastor Chauncey R. Daley is a Th.M. graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is at present a post-graduate student in the same institution.]

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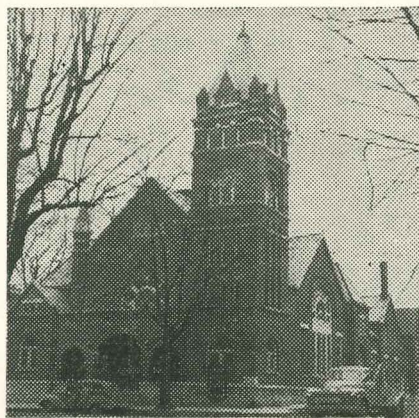
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Broadway Church Of Louisville Moving For- ward Enthusiastically

The Broadway Baptist Church of Louisville is moving forward enthusiastically under the leadership of the new pastor, the Rev. Edwin F. Perry. A number of strong Christian leaders have joined the church since his arrival on January 15.

Architects' plans for the first unit of the new building to be erected on Brownsboro Road have been approved, and ground will be broken shortly.

Since moving into the temporary meeting place on the campus of the Southern Baptist Seminary, the family spirit has been stimulated by a monthly fellowship supper. All food is prepared and brought from home by the members and everyone—men, women and children—and they work together in the setting of tables, serving of food, and cleaning up afterwards.

One of the most unique and enjoyable suppers was the one on Wednesday, March 23, at which time the drive for the building fund was officially launched. Centerpieces on the tables were trucks filled with gold and silver wrapped candies; wheelbarrows filled with sand; toy rakes, shovels, and hoes; and other building materials. Place cards were miniature cut-out drawings of the architects' plan for the new

church. Inside each church was pasted a small silver paper mirror with the caption, "Can't you just see yourself in our new building?"

Items on the menu were named for some part of the building: electric juice, soldier course, shingle carrots, wheelbarrow salad, pocketbook rolls, gold butter, brick ice cream, mortar sauce, and sleepers' coffee. Following the supper a brief inspirational service was held in the assembly room. The center of attraction in the room was a small lighted church set on a landscaped plot.

The chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. John A. Miller, reported the receipt of a substantial number of unsolicited gifts.—Mrs. Davis C. Hill, Church Secretary.

In Memoriam

DEACON J. T. JEFFRIES

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 24.—Since God in His wisdom saw fit to take Deacon J. T. Jeffries from our midst on January 10, 1949, at a reward for work well done in the interests of His Kingdom here on earth.

Be it resolved by the members of the Highland Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., that we go on record in expressing sorrow over the death of Brother Jeffries, who, since becoming a member of the Church on November 7, 1937, did all in his power to further the cause of Christ through service as a Deacon, as Sunday School Superintendent, as a missions worker and in various other capacities as a conscientious Christian, gentleman and fellow member.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the church, that a copy be presented to the bereaved family of Brother Jeffries so that they may know of our sorrow and appreciation of his services, and that a copy be published in the Western Recorder so that all may know of the keen loss felt in Highland Baptist Church.

Gleanings

Editor Joe Burton, of Home Life Magazine, Nashville, will address the Long Run Associational Sunday school meeting at Walnut Street Church, Louisville, on Monday night, May 9.

Dr. T. P. Haskins, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is the evangelist in special meetings with Pastor Roy C. McClung at the Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, during April 27-May 8. The music is in charge of Prof. R. Inman Johnson, music teacher at the Southern Seminary and choir director at Walnut Street.

Shively Makes

Unusual Progress

Under Pastor Ben F. Mitchell's leadership, and those associated with him, the Shively Baptist Church is making remarkable progress.

The church bulletin—BAPTIST TIDINGS—states in the May 1 issue, "Our Sunday school is now reaching 800 people for Bible Study with a near-capacity attendance each Sunday morning. Surely this growth in our Bible School will challenge all of us to march forward for the cause of Christ through our Sunday school.—Mark Pharis, General Superintendent."

It is noted also in this bulletin that 163 were present at prayer meeting on the previous Wednesday night. Wherever there is large support of the prayer meeting, there is progress along all lines.

Pastor Hinton Floyd Folsom, of the Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, has been elected Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism for the Long Run Association by its Executive Board. Further details will be published later.

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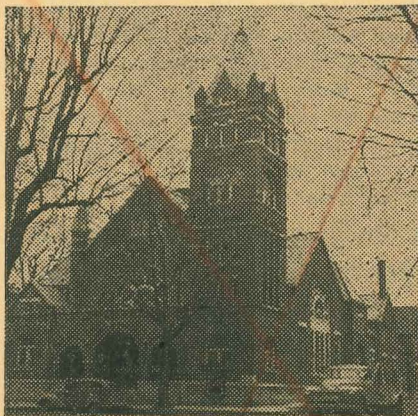
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A. Dalton Leath Preaches In Revival at First Baptist, Winchester

WINCHESTER, Ky., April 28.—Pastor A. Dalton Leath did his own preaching in a week's revival at the First Baptist Church of Winchester, and the choir director, W. G. Burkett, led the singing. The morning services at 7:00 A. M. were attended by an average of about 175 each day. There were 24 additions by baptism, four by letter and many rededications. Thursday night was designated as family night. The church was filled to capacity, with large and small families sitting together. That night many families were united in Christ and in church fellowship. The revival has made such a change in our church life and in our town.—Sarah Dean, Educational Secretary.

Gleanings

The Hindman Baptist Choir gave a musical program over Station WKIC, Hazard, Ky., on Friday, April 15.

Rev. William Ed. Timms started a special series of services at the Wilkinson Street Chapel in Frankfort on April 24.

Pastor O. G. Lawless, of the Albany Baptist Church, has just completed a revival at the Evarts Baptist Church where Rev. J. S. Aiken is pastor.

Pastor Henry Downing, of South Elkhorn Baptist Church, has been helping Pastor Ralph E. Huffman in a revival at the Calvary Baptist Church at the Forks of Elkhorn, Frankfort, a young church.

Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, was the speaker at the Clinic and dinner meeting at the Woman's Missionary Society of First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Ky.

General M. G. Hilfield, Professor C. D. Redding, and Messrs. Joe Leary, Milton Mefford and Bert Sparks will be the laymen speakers during May 22-25, at which time they will conduct a Laymen's Revival at the First Church of Frankfort.

The marriage of Miss Katherine Warren Hukill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Young Hukill, and Bernard A. Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Burton of Delmer, Ky., took place April 21 at the First Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., with Dr. George Ragland officiating.

The Carlisle Baptist Church is conducting a youth revival in which Rev. Louis McCord, Gassaway, W. Va., is the evangelist. On April 10 the church contributed an offering of \$1,000 to Rev. David Mein, missionary to Brazil, to help pay for a new car to use in his work.

After spending several months of rest in Lake Worth, Florida, Pastor T. Emerson Wortham is feeling fine and is back at work at the Central Baptist Church of Winchester, Ky. During his absence Dr. George W. Redding, Professor of Bible at Georgetown College, was the supply preacher.

Pastor O. B. Mylum, of the First Baptist Church, Berea, Ky., recently assisted Pastor Roy Lyons at the Thorn Hill Baptist Church of Frankfort, Ky., in a revival meeting. There were 27 additions, of whom 22 came for baptism. The church in general was revived and many have said it was the best meeting held for some time.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., has called Rev. William B. Green, Dallas, Texas, as pastors' assistant for the months of May, June, July and August. Mr. Green is a 1948 graduate of Baylor University, and has spent one year as a student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Willow Baptist Church, Union Association, has added a new basement with Sunday school rooms and a furnace. The auditorium has had new windows and a vestibule added. Pastor William J. Oldham is planning for new pews to be installed this summer. A Vacation Bible School and an evangelistic meeting are on the schedule for early summer.

Dr. E. O. Edwards began his fifth year as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corbin, Ky., on May 1. He has assisted in two revival meetings recently. The first was with Pastor W. J. Johnson at the First Baptist Church of Whitley City, and the other was with Pastor E. R. Prather at the Ferguson Church in Somerset, Ky., for twelve days. He was one of the speakers for the Commencement at Oneida Institute's recent commencement.

Dr. Samuel S. Hill, President of Georgetown College, preached at the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Ky., on April 24, during the absence of the pastor, Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, who was away from home in a revival meeting at the First Baptist Church of Carrollton, Georgia. Dr. Moffatt was the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church of Leitchfield, Ky., on April 19, at which time Pastor Clinton B. Coots, the deacons and Sunday school teachers and officers were having a banquet.

In Memoriam

RICHARD M. McDONALD

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 28.—Mr. Richard M. McDonald was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, September 8, 1883. He passed on to his heavenly Home on March 7, 1949. He spent his entire long and useful life among friends and relatives in his home county.

In early childhood he became a member of the Bethel Baptist Church, where in later years he served as moderator and a deacon of that church. During the latter years of his useful life, he served as a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Kentucky.

Brother McDonald was a man of conviction and had the courage to stand for what he believed was right. He was a very conscientious and valuable deacon of this church, and a devoted husband and father.

Surviving him are his devoted wife, Ethel Stafford McDonald, and his loyal and youthful son, Charles Edwin McDonald. Also surviving him are one sister, Mrs. Milton Arnold, and three living brothers, Fred McDonald, Dan McDonald, and Frank McDonald.

During his early manhood, he was engaged in a general retail business. His many friends and neighbors testify that he was a Christian gentleman in all his business transactions. He served as Deputy Sheriff, Franklin County, where he was a kind, but fair and impartial officer of the law. Later he became a contractor in which he was a very successful business man. He was a member of the Masonic Order of this city, where he was able to extend his fraternal services to his fellow man. He was a faithful member of the Deacons, the Men's Bible Class, and other Christian activities of the First Baptist Church.

His Christian example will be missed in his home, his church, and the community at large. His friendly smiles and sincere prayers filled with emotional fervor dwell in the hearts of all who heard him.

May the sincere Christian life of this devoted and conscientious follower of the lowly Nazarene inspire all who new him to carry on where he left off to answer the call to come higher and dwell in peace with Him forever.—B. W. Wright, J. B. Nash, T. E. Martin.

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Hindman Dedicates New Church Building After Years of Effort

HINDMAN, Ky., April 4.—Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary of Baptists in Kentucky, Louisville, and Dr. Percy Ray, rural church worker for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. J. M. Boswell, President of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., were three visiting speakers yesterday for the dedication program of the new Hindman Baptist Church in Knott County. Many visitors were present from points throughout eastern Kentucky, and congratulatory telegrams were received from friends far and wide.

The day of dedication was a fitting climax to the nearly ten years which Rev. J. S. Bell has been laboring as pastor in the countyseat of Knott.

"The first we heard of Bro. Bell was in the spring of 1939," wrote Miss Mavis Engle and Mrs. Mable Hall in a brief history published some weeks ago, "when he came to Hindman at the request of the State Mission Board to hold a revival meeting and to try to reclaim the work here. At that time we were not affiliated with the Three Forks Association of Baptists. He came back in the fall of 1939 and held a second revival, after which the Hindman church called him to be our pastor. He accepted the call at Christmas of that year, and moved his family here about three months later."

Miss Engle and Mrs. Hall then turn their attention to comparisons of the work as it was ten years ago with what it is today. "During the years of this pastorate," they wrote, "the church has made much progress in many ways. In going through the records we have found some interesting figures: In 1940 our total membership was 33. During these years we gained 137 by baptism and 16 others. Our membership in 1948, including non-residents, was 231. Enrolment in our Sunday school in 1940 was 243. In 1948 it was 351. VBS increased from 128 in 1940 to 407 in 1948. Enrolment in the Training Union was 35 in 1940 and 47 in 1948.

"Brother Bell has led us to give of our money in a way that we never dreamed of. In 1940 the total of our gifts for all purposes was \$289.32. In 1942 we gave \$3,486.48. In 1947, it was \$9,947.97. And last year we reached a high of \$15,856.57. The State Mission Board and the W. M. U. have given us \$8,500 during these years. This was included in the amounts mentioned above.

"In 1940 there was only one family receiving the Western Recorder—our State Baptist paper. Now every family in the church receives the weekly.

"Brother Bell visits the day schools in the county. Up to last year he visited Carr Creek High School every other week. Because of our building program he

discontinued that for a while, but is starting again this year. He has visited Caney High School and College almost every week since 1942.

"The actual work on our new building began in July, 1945, and the cornerstone was laid September 1, 1946. About the last of March, 1947, it was thought advisable to hold services in the Court House because the old church was considered to be unsafe. During the first week of April it fell down. We continued services in the Court House until November 2, 1947, when we held our first service in the new church. This structure has cost about \$40,000 . . . We are so thankful that Brother Bell followed the Lord's leading and came to us to be our pastor in 1939."

[Editorial Note: Pastor J. S. Bell delivered the Annual Sermon before the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky at its last convention held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., in November, and more recently Georgetown College conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon him.]

Clyde B. Stephens Holds Successful Revivals In Eastern Kentucky

WEST VAN LEAR, Ky., April 20.—I am writing in regard to one of the most successful revivals ever held with our two churches—the Van Lear Baptist Church, at West Van Lear, Ky. These two churches are about three miles apart. Rev. Lewis H. Lynch is pastor of both churches, giving half-time to each. He preaches Sunday morning at the Van Lear Church, and each evening at the West Van Lear Church, and he has his prayer service at Van Lear each Wednesday evening, and at West Van Lear each Thursday evening.

Mr. Lynch came to our field August 15, 1948, and his good wife and two children came in October of the same year. They have done a wonderful work since coming to our field, and enlisted all members of the two churches in working for the Lord.

The two churches, after much fervent prayer, called Rev. Clyde B. Stephens, pastor of Grace and Unity Baptist Churches in Pike County, Kentucky, as the evangelist. Rev. Lewis H. Lynch led the music, and Mrs. Lynch accompanied at the piano. It was a continuous revival from February 20 to April 1. The one at Van Lear Church continued through March 18, and then Evangelist Stephens started preaching at the West Van Lear Church and continued on through April 1.

There were twenty-six added to the Van Lear, and eighteen to the West Van

Lear. One boy eleven years old was saved, and the others were fifteen to eighty-one years of age—practically all of them adults. Three of the men at West Van Lear were above seventy—J. P. Burkes, 73; John Rivers, 78; and M. T. Duncan, 81. Mrs. J. B. Burkes, 68, came from the Southern Methodists, and was baptized along with her husband, and united with him at West Van Lear. Certainly it was a pleasure to see these old people accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Each of these dear old men was led to their personal Saviour by Evangelist Stephens and Pastor Lynch on visits to their homes.—Dormon Picklesimer, Deacon.

Gleanings

The Hindman Baptist Choir gave a musical program over Station WKIC, Hazard, Ky., on Friday, April 15.

Pastor O. G. Lawless, of the Albany Baptist Church, has just completed a revival at the Evarts Baptist Church where Rev. J. S. Aiken is pastor.

The Carlisle Baptist Church is conducting a youth revival in which Rev. Louis McCord, Gassaway, W. Va., is the evangelist. On April 10 the church contributed an offering of \$1,000 to Rev. David Mein, missionary to Brazil, to help pay for a new car to use in his work.

Pastor O. B. Mylum, of the First Baptist Church, Berea, Ky., recently assisted Pastor Roy Lyons at the Thorn Hill Baptist Church of Frankfort, Ky., in a revival meeting. There were 27 additions, of whom 22 came for baptism. The church in general was revived and many have said it was the best meeting held for some time.

Willow Baptist Church, Union Association, has added a new basement with Sunday school rooms and a furnace. The auditorium has had new windows and a vestibule added. Pastor William J. Oldham is planning for new pews to be installed this summer. A Vacation Bible School and an evangelistic meeting are on the schedule for early summer.

Dr. E. O. Edwards began his fifth year as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corbin, Ky., on May 1. He has assisted in two revival meetings recently. The first was with Pastor W. J. Johnson at the First Baptist Church of Whitley City, and the other was with Pastor E. R. Prather at the Ferguson Church in Somerset, Ky., for twelve days. He was one of the speakers for the Commencement at Oneida Institute's recent commencement.

There never will be any tomorrow for the man who wastes today.

Action without thought is like shooting without aim.

No one is small who does a small job in a great way.—Saadi.

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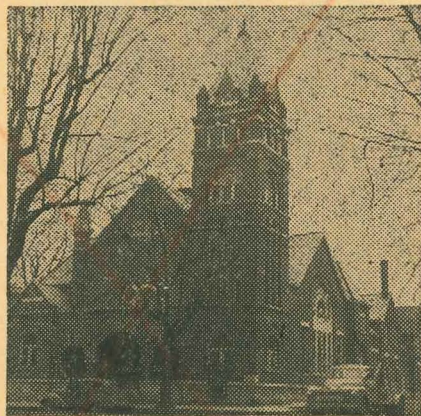
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School of Missions is A Success at Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Ky.—Eight out of the twelve churches in Central Association completed a very successful School of Missions, announced the Chairman, the Rev. W. L. Hellams, Springfield.

The speakers for the school, April 10-15, included Rev. Joe Prater and Rev. W. W. Williams for the State Board; Rev. Jim Pickup, Rev. Frank Blevin, Rev. Loyd Corder and Rev. H. H. Peevy for the Home Board; and Rev. H. M. Harris and Rev. A. R. Gallimore for the Foreign Mission Board.

According to a notice from the Director of Schools of Missions for the State, Rev. W. H. Curl, Central Association is now leading in attendance per service for this School of any throughout the state.

The following eight churches reported an average attendance of these figures for the seven services held: Lebanon 211; Willisburg 200; Springfield 180; New Hope 176; Bethlehem 171; Muldraugh's Hill 154; Mackville 128 and Thompsonville 72.

E. Lewis Rogers Dies At His Home in Glasgow

GLASGOW, Ky., April 25.—Mr. Edmund Lewis Rogers, 65, died at his home, 416 West Washington Street, here on April 20. Mr. Rogers was for many years County Surveyor and at various intervals served as City Engineer.

He was a member of the Glasgow Baptist Church where funeral services were held, with Pastor Bradford Curry officiating.

Surviving Mr. Rogers are his wife; one son, John Lewis Rogers; two daughters, Misses Alice and Lou Russell Rogers; a sister, Mrs. Bartlett (Lelia) Dickinson and one granddaughter, Charlotte Rogers.

Mrs. Orda Faulkner Dies After 18 Years' Illness

SOMERSET, Ky., April 22.—Mrs. Orda Litha Faulkner, 66, wife of William Farris Faulkner, died at her home April 21, after a long illness of 18 years.

Mrs. Faulkner was a member of the Pitman Creek Baptist Church at Cabin Hollow and was active in its activities as long as health permitted.

Surviving Mrs. Faulkner are her husband and a son, Gleason Gibbs Faulkner of Elihu.

William Harold Matthews Ordained to Gospel Ministry at Hartford

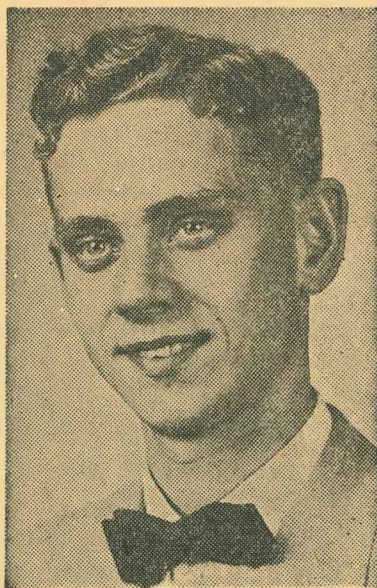
HARTFORD, Ky., April 25.—The Barnetts Creek Baptist Church, near here, a half-time church, called William Harold Matthews as pastor in February, and in March asked for his ordination. The

ordination took place at the Hartford Baptist Church here.

Pastor Andrew Hall, pastor of the First Church of Hartford, was moderator of the council. Pastor Van Eaton, of the Walnut Street Church, Owensboro, preached the ordination sermon, and the uncle of the candidate, Rev. Russell Walker, delivered the charge.

The church at Hartford granted him a license to preach two years ago, and it was there that he delivered his first sermon.

For three years Mr. Matthews has



Wm. Harold Matthews

been a member of the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, and is a junior student at Western Kentucky State Teachers College.

LIBERALISM—A liberal is a man with both feet planted firmly in mid-air.—Prof. Harold J. Laski, British Political scientist, *Men Only*.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Jackson Dies in Ky. Baptist Hospital, Louisville

SOMERSET, Ky., April 19.—Mrs. Roberta Garland Jackson, 26, wife of Kenneth Earl Jackson, died at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville April 18. Death was due to a heart ailment.

Mrs. Jackson was a member of the First Baptist Church here and took an active part in the affairs of the church and Sunday school, giving liberally of her time and talents.

Surviving Mrs. Jackson, besides her husband, are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Garland; a small daughter, Virginia Louise, born April 15; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Hagan of Lexington, and Mrs. Louise Kiser of Somerset; one brother, D. J. Garland of Somerset, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stafford of Somerset.

Gleanings

Rev. Sam Morris, author, lecturer and well-known temperance worker of Houston, Texas, will speak at the Campbellsville Baptist Church May 11.

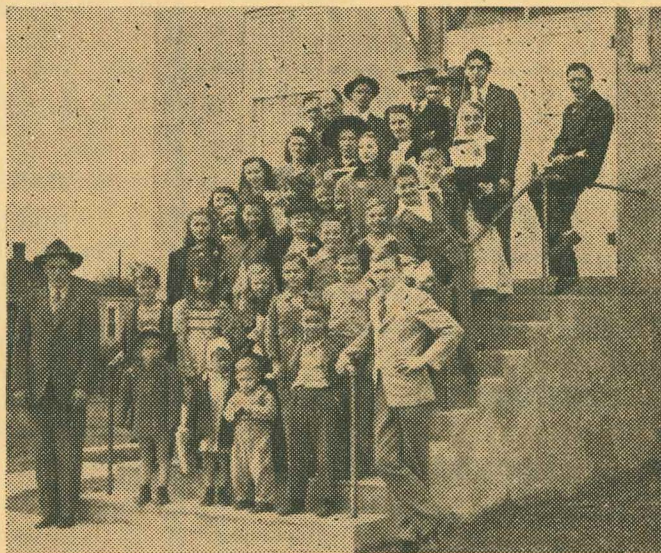
Mrs. Laura Carver, wife of Luther Carver, and member of the Shiloh Baptist Church, died at her home at Railton, near Glasgow, April 16.

Mrs. Ina Jewell Cellar wife of David F. Cellar and a member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church, died in the A. D. Price Memorial Hospital, April 21.

The First Baptist Church of Franklin, Ky., where Bailey F. Davis is pastor, has voted to employ Mrs. Ronald Dunn as Church Secretary, to succeed Mrs. Joe Hagnas, who will continue the work until the new incumbent takes over on June 1.

Mission Is Fast Growing Youth Church in Columbia

The accompanying picture was taken soon after Columbia Baptist Church opened its mission on Campbellsville Street, Russell Heights. Rev. Chester L. Young, a senior in the Seminary, is pastor. He and his wife have passed their examinations as missionaries to go to Hawaii. They are building up a good work at Columbia, according to Bayard Antle, superintendent of the Sunday school. On



April 10 there were 53 present, and on April 17 there were 56. The Mission has a beautiful building, and the inside is said to be just as nice as one will find in most any church. The beech floors have been sanded and waxed.

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Ohio River Association Has Doctrinal Emphasis

BREMEN, Ky., April 20.—We had the joyous privilege of being one of the guest preachers in the Doctrinal Emphasis Week of the Ohio River Baptist Association, March 28 to April 1.

Monday night we were with Pastor C. R. Hill and the Marion Baptist Church. They are justly proud of their beautiful new modern church building—one of the best in Western Kentucky. Pastor Hill is certainly doing an outstanding work in Marion.

Tuesday night we were with Pastor G. O. Cavanah and his good people at Smithland, Ky. Pastor Cavanah is doing a real constructive work at Smithland. Happy pastor and people.

Wednesday night we were with the Crooked Creek Church. Brother R. F. Thurman of Marion, Ky., is the efficient pastor of this loyal body of saints.

Thursday night found us preaching at the Caldwell Springs Church, where the revered John T. Cunningham of Princeton, Ky., was pastor for many years. Brother Perry N. Brookshire of Marion, Ky., is the beloved pastor of this faithful church.

Friday night we were with Pastor J. S. Woodall of Fredonia, Ky., at his devoted Repton Baptist Church. A fine pastor and people to work with.

The enthusiastic reports of the meetings from all the pastors, guest preachers, and the churches, indicate a fine week of work and fellowship in all the churches.—*John W. T. Givens.*

Educational Building Dedicated at Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot

OWENSBORO, Ky., April 25.—Dr. Edward A. McDowell, Jr., associate professor of New Testament of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, delivered the dedication address of the new educational building of the Dawson Baptist Church, at Philpot, on April 24.

Rev. Eldred Taylor, Daviess-McLean associational missionary, was the morning speaker. Pastor Hugh L. Smith presided.

Luther E. Vanover, 68, Dies of Heart Attack

OWENSBORO, Ky., April 6.—Luther E. Vanover, 68, well known civic leader, church worker and businessman of Owensboro, died suddenly at his home, 424 Hill Avenue, at 8:30 P. M. Monday, following a heart attack. He had been confined to his home for more than a week.

Mr. Vanover was a Republican and took an active part in politics, being the Republican county chairman from 1924-

28. He was also a member of the jury commissioners in federal court here.

Mr. Vanover was a director and appraiser of the Owensboro Federal Savings and Loan Association since its organization in 1913.

He was born January 21, 1881, at Panther, a son of J. P. and Luvenia Short Vanover. He attended the Utica grade school and Utica Normal. Prior to going into the real estate business, he taught school in the county for four years.

Mr. Vanover was a member of the Third Baptist Church, of which he served as a deacon, and was moderator



Luther E. Vanover

of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura Henderson Vanover, one son, Aubrey Vanover, one daughter, Miss Helen Vanover, one sister, Mrs. Stella Wiggington, three brothers, Arthur Vanover, and Simon Vanover, all of Owensboro, Elmer Vanover, Louisville.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 P. M. today in the Third Baptist Church, the Rev. H. B. Kuhnle, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

Pallbearers: Active, Hubert T. Howard, Chester Igleheart, Leslie Galloway, James Harralson, Joseph Martin and Adley Galloway; honorary, members of the Men's Bible class of the Third Baptist Church.—*The Owensboro Messenger.*

Dr. Thurman Leads Revival In First Baptist Church

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., May 2.—Dr. William Peyton Thurman, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, will bring the messages during the revival which started in that church yesterday, and will continue through the week.

Tonight has been set aside as "Sunday School night." Clifford Ahlert will direct the music.

L. R. Riley Delivered Dedication Sermon at New Bethel Church

MAYFIELD, Ky., April 25.—The New Bethel Baptist Church, which is located east of Mayfield on the Benton Highway, was dedicated yesterday. The church building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. A. G. Riley who died before the church was dedicated.

The dedication sermon was delivered in the morning by Rev. L. R. Riley, brother of the former pastor. Lunch was served, and the afternoon sermon was followed by Rev. W. H. Horton.

Rev. L. D. Wilson is pastor of the New Bethel Church.

In Memoriam

MRS. SALLIE NEVILLE PAYNE

ARLINGTON, Ky., April 25.—Mrs. Sallie Neville Payne passed away at her home near here April 11, 1949, after a brief illness. She was born March 31, 1866. At an early age she was converted and joined the Hopewell Baptist Church, near her home, later moving her membership to Arlington, where she lived a consistent Christian until death.

She was a graduate of Clinton College, Clinton, Ky., and was a teacher in the schools of Carlisle and Graves County. For years she was a teacher in Sunday school in her church.

She was married to J. H. Payne, of Carlisle County, on October 3, 1890. He preceded her in death about five years ago.

Mrs. Payne was a charter member of Woman's Missionary Union of Arlington Baptist Church, serving as Secretary of that organization a number of years. She was faithful in attendance until the infirmities of age forced her to give up the work.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. E. C. Neville, Arlington; one son, DeWitt Payne, Clinton; two granddaughters, Clarissa Jane and Carol Jean Neville, five nephews, three nieces and other relatives to mourn her homegoing.

Funeral services were conducted in the church April 12 by Rev. E. F. Adams, of Paducah, and her pastor, Rev. George Archer. Internment was in the Arlington Cemetery.

Charles H. Wilson Dies At Home in Smithland

SMITHLAND, Ky.—Charles H. Wilson, 76, one of Western Kentucky's most prominent attorneys and former circuit judge of the Fourth judicial district, died April 21 at his home here after a long illness. For more than thirty years he was legal counsel for the Illinois Central Railroad in Livingston County.

Judge Wilson had been for many years a member of the Smithland Baptist Church, where he taught the Men's Bible Class.

Surviving Judge Wilson are his widow; four daughters, Mrs. J. D. Warmington, Paducah; Mrs. Rex. C. Simms, Buffalo, Wyo.; Mrs. J. T. Tully, Fort Knox, and Miss Eyleen Wilson, Chicago; three sons, Edward Polk Wilson and Charles Polk Wilson, both of Paintsville, and Theodore M. Wilson, Louisville; two sisters and four brothers.

Pastor H. O. Niceley, of Hopewell Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Ky., preached for his brother in the flesh, Pastor Curtis L. Niceley, at the First Baptist Church of Benton, Ky., in a series of meetings which closed April 20.

Gratifying Progress Reported by Church Organizations Committee

By GAINES S. DOBBINS
(See Page 6 of This Issue)

Conferences characterized by constructive teamwork have been held by the Committee on Church Organizations and representatives of the Convention's agencies in the effort to carry out the Convention's instructions to provide plans and materials more fully adapted to the varying needs of the churches; to correlate more closely the study courses and curriculum materials; to seek economy in requirements of meeting; and to formulate and promote a more unified plan of stewardship-financing. While these matters were singled out for special attention, other similar needs were also to be considered.

The agencies agreed to undertake preparation of materials which would seek to make available essential values thought of as belonging to a special organization—Sunday school, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood—not as a substitute for any of the organizations but as a means of securing desired end-results even though all the organizations are not present. The majority of our churches do not have all the organizations; yet they all need Bible study, training in church membership, missionary education and promotion, and enlistment of the men. These adapted materials will no doubt be welcomed and widely used.

Free interchange of study course credit for comparable subjects was at once agreed upon and put into effect. Agreement was likewise reached to proceed as rapidly as possible to the institution of a church-supported and church-directed system of unified, cumulative study courses. These courses will be in four main categories—Home Missions, Bible Teaching and Workers' Training, Training in Church Membership, and Foreign

Missions. A comprehensive Guide, setting forth the Church Study Course plan, is to be devised and distributed. Awards will be made through the church rather than through the separate organizations.

Recognizing the right of a church to have as few or as many meetings as it sees fit, the Committee pointed to the need of economy in requirements of meetings and proposed the goal of 25 per cent over-all reduction, with a view



Russellville Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky., where Dr. Howard D. Olive is the pastor.

to elimination of unnecessary meetings and concentration on purposeful values of those held. It was agreed to emphasize development of more workers to share leadership responsibility; encouragement of formation and use of the Church Council and the Associational Council as calendar-making and corre-

lating agencies; correlation of local calendar with S. B. C. calendar; requirement of not more than one general associational meeting per quarter; and renewal of co-operative effort to enlist all of our people in all of our program.

Realizing the need of many of our churches for a consistent plan of systematic and proportionate giving, and of the denomination for greatly increased dependable income for its missionary and benevolent work, the Committee urges united educational promotion of the causes represented in the co-operative Program, a unified budget plan of church financing, and careful correlation of appeals for authorized special offerings under church control.

The most outstanding concrete result has been the formation of an Inter-Agency Council, made up of representatives of all the Convention interests involved, pledged to meet together annually and oftener if necessary, for the purpose of co-ordinating and correlating plans, programs, activities, materials, objectives, so far as may be needful and practicable, before sending them out to the churches. The Committee most heartily approves that plan and urges its maximum and continuous utilization.

Much remains to be done in the further study of organizational problems and the implementing of proposals already made. How this shall be done is left to the discretion of the Convention.

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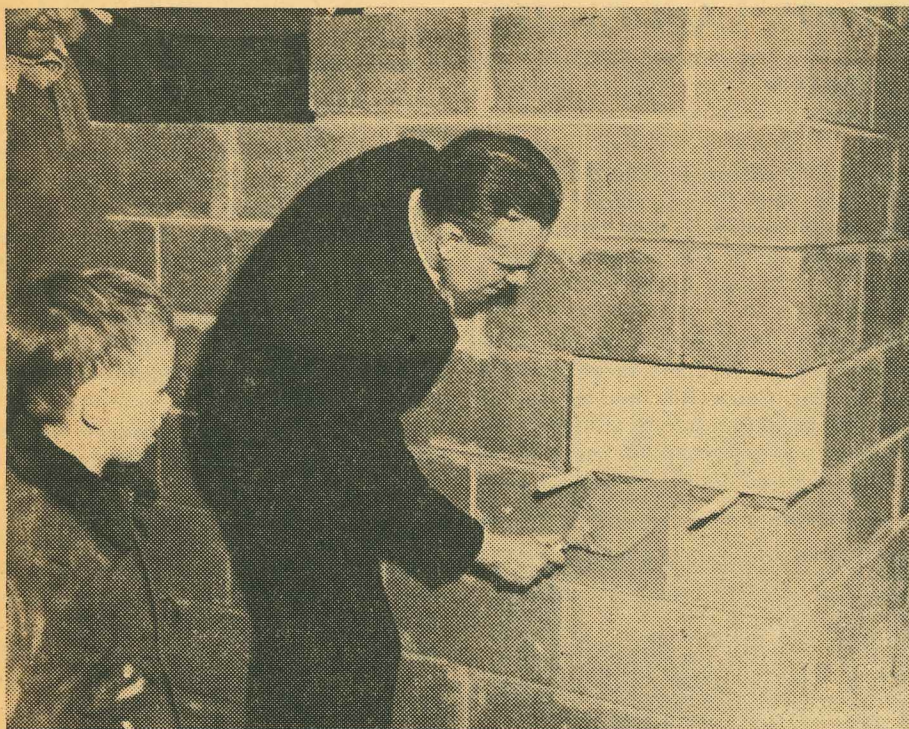
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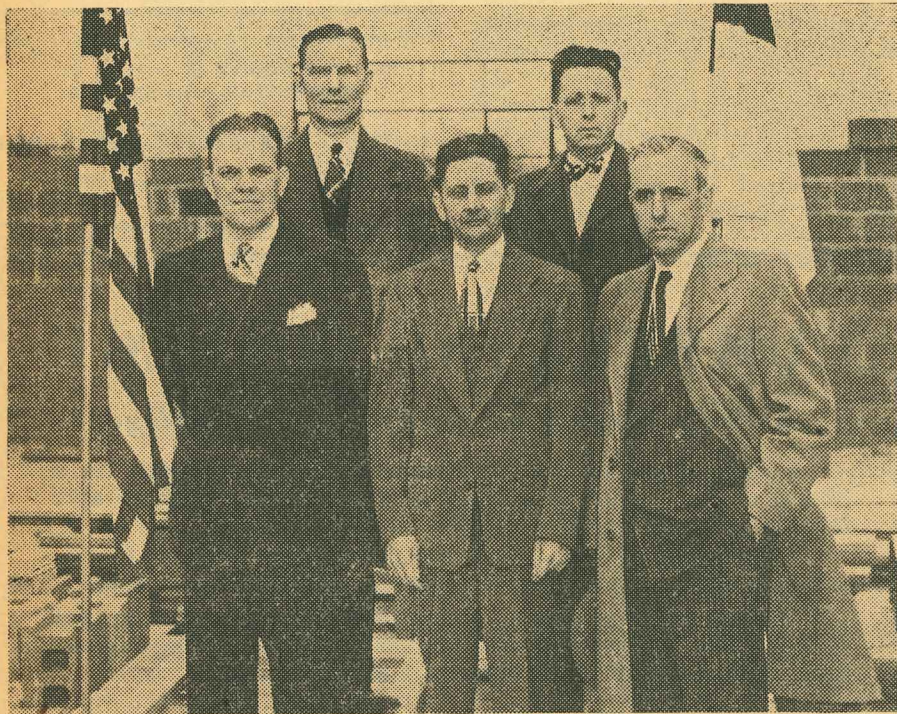
Cornerstone Laying for Wood Memorial Mission



Pastor John E. Huss sealing the cornerstone after it had been laid in its place for the Wood Memorial Mission.

COVINGTON, Ky., April 11.—On Sunday afternoon, April 10, the services for the Cornerstone laying of the newly named Wood Memorial Baptist Mission was begun at 2:30 P. M. This was a day many had anticipated, and some 200 people were on hand to participate in the ceremonies. The Mission was begun

February 8, 1948, with bitter cold weather, and twenty-one people were present in the organization service in the Rose-dale Roller Rink, and nineteen became members. The work has grown rapidly in the last year with the enrolment reaching eighty and the average attendance being fifty-five. Missions can



Participants in the Wood Memorial Baptist Mission Dedication: Front Row (Left to Right)—Pastor John E. Huss, Latonia Church; David Traugott, Superintendent since its organization; J. Perry Carter, Field Secretary of City Missions for Home Board. Second Row—Chase W. Jennings, Superintendent of North Kentucky Baptist Mission Program; Ira Cummins, Superintendent, Latonia Sunday school and general supervisor of the mission program of the church.

be started and maintained even in cold weather and in none too favorable meeting places.

The services were opened by the Pastor of the sponsoring church, Rev. John E. Huss, and he called on Draper Gibson to lead the song service. Ira Cummins, Superintendent of the Latonia Baptist Sunday school, gave the invocation. Rev. Darryl Richardson, pastor of Ft. Mitchell, was called on to read the Scripture and lead in the dedicatory prayer. Brief messages were then brought by Chase W. Jennings, Superintendent of Missions; O. J. Steger, Pastor, First Church, Newport; and Rev. J. Perry Carter, Field Secretary for City Missions of the Home Mission Board. Rev. Morris Coers, Pastor of Immanuel, was unable to meet his appointment but gave recognition of the occasion on his Monday morning devotional, "The Temple of the Air."

Pastor Huss then called on David Traugott, Superintendent of the Mission from its beginning, to place the mementoes in the cornerstone. Bro. Huss then put the cornerstone in place and sealed it for the future. Mr. Q. B. Swann, Chairman of the Deacons of the Latonia Church pronounced the benediction.

The Latonia Church is investing \$16,000 in the erection of a mission building, while they are seeking to raise \$200,000 for their own expansion. This program has not injured mission giving as the church gave \$16,000 of undesignated funds to the Co-operative Mission program during 1948. Missions at home and abroad go hand in hand.

Pleasant Ridge Has Forty-three in Its T. U. Study Course

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky.—The Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church of Crittenden Association has a vision of the Lord's work. It was our privilege to work with this church in Study Course work. There are 112 enrolled in B. T. U. work in the church with an average attendance of about seventy-five for the past quarter of work. In a study course under the direction of the pastor, Bro. Harold Clark, assisted in teaching by Bro. Robert Shettler, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Maysville, there was an average attendance of forty-three, and all those receiving rewards for most outstanding work.

Forty-three people willing to study and prepare for the Lord's work will mean to this church a greater message, which in results—more lost men, women, boys and girls shall hear the wonderful story of Jesus and come to know Him as Saviour.—Kirtley Jolly.

In connection with the "cold war" and our somewhat chilly relations with Russia, it might be appropriate to note at this time Andrei Vishinsky's middle name is "Yanuari."—Quote.

Need For Relief Continues Great Among European Refugees

BY MARJORIE E. MOORE

RICHMOND, Va.—Steadily diminishing income for relief, over against an appeal from European Representative Jesse D. Franks for help in meeting new needs, was the problem faced by the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its April meeting.

"It looks like we'll soon have to close up shop," L. Howard Jenkins, the chairman, said after hearing the treasurer's report for receipts for the first three months of 1949. "We can't do relief business without funds."

Yet letters from missionaries in China, Japan, Israel, and Europe arrive every week expressing unlimited gratitude for bales of clothing from the Southern Baptist Relief Center, New Orleans, and Dr. Franks reports needs in Europe which cannot be ignored.

"The biggest and most urgent need of all is that growing out of the refugee problem," Dr. Franks wrote. "In the Displaced Persons category are between 800,000 to 1,000,000 miserable, though not entirely hopeless, souls in Germany, Austria, and Italy. The most pitiable and helpless refugee group is that horde of eight to ten millions who do not qualify as Displaced Persons and therefore have least hope of finding homes in other parts of the world."

Dr. Franks said the number of refugees is growing. "Every day they keep pouring across the borders. They come from behind the iron curtain needing everything—food, clothing, medicine, work, and spiritual comfort."

Another needy group are the students, who need food, clothing, books, and scholarships, Dr. Franks wrote. "I am so glad that Southern Baptists are doing something really big and constructive in this field. In this group the churches have their most far-reaching opportunity, one which they dare not neglect."

Contributed goods of all kinds will be needed for at least another year, in the judgment of the leaders of relief projects who met recently for conference. Dr. Franks expressed the opinion that "Southern Baptists again have shown up to good advantage here. New Orleans Center has been a great success. This service we should continue."

In conclusion the relief representative said, "Southern Baptists are in a peculiarly favorable position in Europe now to render a great spiritual service, sharing with our Baptist brethren the fellowship of service so richly inviting fields of evangelism, education, missions, and church reconstruction. The churches and only the churches can enter this wide open door. This is no time for us to do less for relief; it is the time when we should begin to shift our emphasis from the largely physical to the definitely spiritual service of relief."

The committee authorized its director, Dr. George W. Sadler, to write Dr. Franks that the Relief effort would be sustained so long as support for it from the Convention permitted the program.

Mothers Who Made History

By Harry Albus

The mother of George Washington taught her son the Biblical ideas of political and social morality which Washington kept before the nation throughout his life. Family prayers were held twice a day with regular readings from the scripture.

Mother of Ferdinand Foch, the great general of World War I, taught him to put his faith in God and to pray. As a result his men said of him, "General Foch is a man of prayer, a prophet whom God inspires." Throughout his life he continued the prayer habits learned in his mother's home.

James A. Garfield's mother was an earnest Christian who taught her children that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." A widow with four children, she not only managed her farm, but built with her own hands a

log house which was also used as a church. There she taught her own children as well as others the scriptures.

The mother of Dwight L. Moody struggled against poverty in a New England farm. A widow with many problems, she taught her son the importance of eternal values. At 17 Moody accepted Christ and a few years later dedicated his life for service.

Sir Isaac Newton's mother prayed with and for her son every day of her life. It was the grief of her deathbed that she left a son of seven years at the mercy of a rough world. But Newton said, "I was born in a home of godliness and dedicated to God in my infancy."—*Arkansas Baptist*.

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The mother of England's famous William E. Gladstone led her son to faith in God when he was nine. He chose as his life motto: "In practice, the great thing is that the life of God may be the supreme habit of my soul." He also wrote, "All I think, all I write, all I am is based on the divinity of Jesus Christ, the central hope of our poor wayward race."—*The Baptist Observer*.

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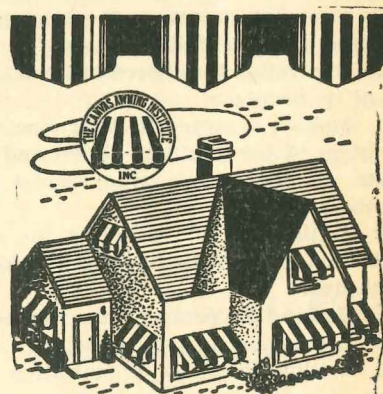
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"The Baptist Training Union Enlargement Campaign." (Quoted from the tract by the same title issued by the Baptist Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee).

WHAT IT IS

The Baptist Training Union enlargement campaign, as projected by the Baptist Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in co-operation with the state Training Union departments, is a tested and proved method of building bigger and better Training Unions. This method of work has developed along with the growth of the Training Union. Its major objective is to lead the church to undertake Training Union work as a church enterprise and to set up a Training Union large enough to reach and hold all the members of the church for the training ministry.

To reach the objective, the campaign proceeds along the following lines:

1. Interesting the church in the training of its members.
2. Making a survey to determine the condition of the Training Union and to locate all the people who should be members.
3. Setting up or expanding the organization and enlisting new workers as needed.
4. Visiting the prospects for membership with a view to their enlistment.
5. Setting the new organization to work in a definite and practical way.

HOW TO PUT ON ASSOCIATION-WIDE SIMULTANEOUS ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Organization

We suggest here the organization and procedure necessary to put on an association-wide simultaneous enlargement campaign.

1. Special associational enlargement campaign committee, composed of associational officers and two or three pastors. This committee is usually set up jointly by the pastor's conference and the associational Training Union executive committee. Usually a pastor is chairman, and the Training Union associational director is co-chairman.
2. The chairman of the associational campaign committee will work in co-operation with the state Baptist Training Union secretary and the pastors of the association in all his plans.
3. Local church key worker, usually Training Union director.
4. The pastor of each church.
5. Campaign director and faculty for each church. The campaign directors

and faculties for the churches should be selected by the state Baptist Training Union secretary, in consultation with the associational committee. They may be full-time Baptist Training Union workers, pastors, or other experienced workers.

Teachers and department campaign leaders in many cases may be local workers of the church holding the campaign. In the largest churches they will need to be brought from outside the association. *Warning!* In a simultaneous enlargement campaign keep all local workers on the job in their own churches.

Duties of the Associational Campaign Committee

1. In consultation with pastors and associational Training Union officers, agree on date for the campaign. Eight days are best. Each church should vote to hold the campaign.
2. Appoint a key worker (director if church has one) in each church in the association and report names and addresses of each to the state Baptist Training Union secretary not later than one month before the campaign is to be held.
3. He will get from the state secretary the list of campaign directors and other faculty members, and work with the state secretary in assigning these to the churches.
4. Have at least one rally in some church of the association several weeks before the campaign, to which all churches will send representatives.

In this meeting seek to create the widest possible interest in the campaign.

5. Order all free literature in good time for distribution before the date of the campaign. See that each church orders its books at least three weeks in advance.
6. On Sunday afternoon, the opening day of the campaign, the chairman will call a meeting of all pastors, local church key workers, general and department officers, campaign directors, and faculty members. At this meeting free literature will be distributed. Campaign directors will meet their pastors and key workers and arrange for beginning the work.

Duties of the Church Training Union Director or Key Worker

1. Talk and plan and work for a big attendance on the night class work, urging all church members to attend. Use printed enrolment slips and have the people sign up for the classes. Work this thoroughly in all unions, departments, and in the Sunday school.
2. Secure entertainment for the visit-

ing campaign director and other members of the faculty.

3. Get all supplies at the Sunday meeting mentioned above.
4. Distribute the books, collect money, and remit Baptist Book Store.
5. Work with the pastor and visiting campaign director in enlisting new workers needed and in visitation.
6. Keep attendance on proper blanks.
7. Distribute all awards when they are received.

Duties of the Campaign Director for Each Church

1. Direct the campaign and usually teach a class. Conduct the general conference period each night.
2. Direct the work of the department leaders in the campaign.
3. See that records are kept.
4. See that a minimum of ten forty-five minute periods, or the equivalent (including the examination), is given to the study.
5. Give a written examination with books closed. All who have been present as many as six periods may take the class examination. Others may take the home study examination, answering twenty questions. Seventy per cent is the passing mark.
6. Request awards promptly, using the blank provided by the state Training Union department.
7. Follow all suggestions outlined on previous pages for putting on a campaign in a church.
8. Report on progress made in his campaign every day to the associational campaign director, and attend all central meetings of workers called during the week by the associational campaign director.

Conferences of Church Campaign Directors and Representatives from the Churches

The associational campaign director should call a meeting of all the church campaign directors, local Training Union directors, department directors and leaders, pastors, and faculty members to meet at some central place on Sunday afternoon, the opening day, for full instructions on conducting the campaign. If possible, a conference of these workers should be held daily at some central location. At this daily conference, all church campaign directors report on the previous day's work on blanks furnished to them by the associational director. Objectives for the next day's work are adopted, and problems presented and discussed. These conferences are very important. If they cannot be held every day these workers should meet as often as possible during the week.

(To Be Continued)

20%-ERS

The following churches have reported their church Training Union attendance for April 17 equivalent to 20 per cent of the resident church membership: Gethsemane; Jellico, First; Kuttawa; Lynch; London, First; Steubenville; Beaver Dam; Eddyville; South Elkorn; Victory Memorial; Crestwood Baptist; Hodgenville, First.

Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
Executive Secretary

Our New President

We had hoped to be able to present a picture of the new president of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky and a report of our annual meeting before this time. Unavoidable delays have made this impossible. We are happy to announce the election of Mrs. Harold J. Purdy, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, as our new president. A fuller announcement, picture of Mrs. Purdy and a report of our meeting will appear on this page soon.

Miss Sampson Returns to Her Work

It is with much gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we are able to report that our Young People's Secretary, Miss Mary Sampson, has recovered from her recent illness sufficiently to resume her work. Following is a letter from her to you.

"Dear friends: I wish so much it were possible for me to personally thank every one of you who has remembered me during these weeks of my illness. The letters of encouragement, the beautiful cards and the flowers have meant more than I can ever tell you. Especially have I been conscious of your prayers that have brought constantly increasing strength and healing. I simply cannot express my gratitude for your love and interest. I am so glad to be back in the office and working along with you to make Christ known in our Kentucky.—Gratefully yours, *Mary Sampson.*"

Delegates' Cards for Oklahoma City

Requests for delegates' cards for the Oklahoma City W. M. U. Convention are coming in. If you are planning to attend make your request now. Kentucky is to be allowed sixty delegates. Credentials allow you a vote and a seat in the section reserved for Kentucky. Your credentials may be exchanged at the registration desk for a badge identifying you as a delegate.

Notice to W. M. U. Training School Alumnae

The following notice appeared on this page in an earlier issue of the Western Recorder but we have been requested to insert it again:

"W. M. U. Training School Alumnae annual business meeting will be held during breakfast Wednesday Morning, May 18 The place is the Oklahoma City Y. W. C. A. The time is 7:30 A. M. Breakfast (including tip) will be \$1.00. Buy your ticket Tuesday in the foyer of the municipal auditorium. If you are not in Oklahoma City before Wednesday morning come along and we will do our best to take care of you. Maybe you could get a friend to buy your ticket for you

and meet you with it at the Y. W. C. A. Anyway—breakfast meeting at the Y. W. C. A., 7:30, May 18.

Y. W. A. Week at Ridgecrest June 16-22

You who have attended Y. W. A. Week at Ridgecrest know what is in store for those who go June 16-22, 1949. This is an ideal vacation spot as the climate and beauty of the mountains, the people you meet and the friends you make, together with the wonderful program bring a re-vitalization of the body and spirit.

You will want to know these outstanding people who will appear on the program: Mrs. George R. Martin, President of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union; Dr. George Harkness, professor of applied theology, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois; Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Recording Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union; Dr. Walter Judd, Congressman from Minnesota; Mrs. George Sadler, a favorite Vesper speaker and wife of one of the Secretaries of our Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention; Miss Akiko Endo, Japan; Miss Emily Goon, China; other national guests and missionaries and fifteen hundred young women from Y. W. A.'s in the United States and other countries.

Miss Sampson has received the information from Mr. Robert Guy, Manager of Ridgecrest, that Kentucky has been allotted space in Pritchell Hall, Hillside Annex, Lakeview, and Crystal Springs Lodge. Prices for rooms, including three meals a day are: \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00 according to bath accommodations. More detailed information as to the plans for our State will be sent to each Y. W. A. in Kentucky. Reservations must reach Miss Sampson by June the first.

Cumberland G. A. Houseparty

Following is a report of the G. A. Houseparty held at Cumberland College. The report has been prepared by Mrs. Wendell Belew.

"A Story—A Song—A Saviour"—What a thrilling theme for young girls. Those who attended the G. A. Houseparty at Cumberland College, March 25-27 and heard Mrs. Charles P. Gunther and saw her wonderful illustrations in devotionals each session can never forget that theme.

Miss Rose Marlowe, missionary to China, Mr. John McGee, missionary to Nigeria and Mrs. G. S. Munro, of New Zealand, presented such vivid and realistic pictures of our work on their fields that we all felt that we really could have

a part in sharing the story of our Saviour with those of other lands.

Due to the illness of Miss Mary Sampson, Young People's Secretary, Miss Inez Haley of the W. M. U. Training School and Miss Jane Kent of Louisville graciously carried out the details of the program.

All of those who attended the Houseparty appreciated the cordial hospitality extended by Cumberland College through President and Mrs. James M. Boswell, the college faculty and college Y. W. A. Every facility of the college was available to the House Party and before the week-end had ended we all felt as if we were a part of Cumberland College.

As G. A. Girls and their sponsors from all over Eastern Kentucky left on Sunday afternoon they took with them a broader vision, a deeper spiritual insight and a greater desire to follow more closely the ideals of Girl's Auxiliary in making Christ supreme.

Summer Camps

If you are planning a Camp for your Association or Region and would like to have a worker from our office and have not sent in your request please do so at once. Our workers' schedules are filling rapidly and we will be unable to help you unless we know your needs and the dates of your camp at once. The theme for our camp program this year will be "That the World May Know Christ." Much helpful information may be secured for your camp planning work by writing the State Office.

Grand Canyon College

Dean Is Elected

Wayland College Dean Goes to Arizona

Dr. Floyd S. Wise has accepted the deanship of Grand Canyon College at Prescott and will assume his new duties June 1. For the past school year Dr. Wise has been dean and head of the department of Social Science of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas.

Plans are being completed for the opening of Grand Canyon College at Prescott on September 14 of this year, according to announcement by Dr. Willis J. Ray, president of the college. Dr. Ray states that Prescott is providing class rooms and office space to accommodate 300 students. Tourist courts within a radius of three blocks of the college buildings will be made available for dormitory space.

Mother's Day Kentucky Baptist Hospital Charity Offering, May 8

AGE—It's only natural for older people to be quiet. They have a lot more to be quiet about.—*Platteville Journal.*

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER
State Secretary

Standard Sunday Schools

The following have helped to increase the number of Standard Sunday schools.

Glasgow—Pastor Bradford Curry; Superintendent R. F. Goodman.

Frankfort, First—Pastor Fred T. Moffatt; Superintendent Gilbert Blakeman.

Paducah, Trinity—Pastor Paul Weber; Superintendent J. C. Foth.

Pleasant View—Pastor E. W. Simpson; Superintendent Ben Atha.

Good Clinic in Owen County

Another good Sunday school Clinic has been held—at least that is what the pastors and others said, and that is what we workers in the Sunday school department believe. For the morning sessions held in Owenton there were 137 registered, and at night in the eleven co-operating churches there was an average attendance of about 300 with an enrolment of approximately 500. We quote from some pastors and others:

"As a pastor who is working towards building a Standard Sunday school this Clinic has met a very definite need. Its program reflects much prayer, planning and practical-mindedness."

"As associational superintendent I find it impossible to express amply my appreciation for this week's work."

"This clinic has been a wonderful experience—a mountain-top experience."

"I feel inspired to witness for Christ. Thank You! I have a fresh love for Him."

"This clinic inspires us to do more for our Master and do our work in a more efficient way."

"The clinic was certainly a high mark in my experience."

"As a young superintendent I had little training and I feel this has been some of the best teaching I have ever experienced."

"To me the clinic was interesting, informing and challenging."

Pastor H. L. Green and the Owenton Church took care of us both in the homes and at church in a great way. Brother Green has been a friend for more than a quarter of a century.

Greenup Grows

The Greenup Association had, at the close of March, increased its Sunday school enrolment 1,397 and the workers are going on to greater achievements. Five of the Sunday schools had attained the Standard of Excellence.

Start a Sunday School Worker's Study Club

By A. V. Washburn

Every day people read something. Why not help our workers to read some-

thing which will be of particular help spiritually in the field of Sunday school work? In other words, why not add a feature to your regular program of training which will mean spiritual growth and more effective service for more workers?

Here is an easy way for any worker to follow a regular plan of study and self-improvement in addition to other Training Course opportunities his church provides. He can study right at home! An average of fifteen (15) minutes a day would guarantee 7½ hours each month—enough to complete one of the Sunday School Training Course books each month.

The chief idea of the club is to enlist as many Sunday school workers and prospective workers as possible in a systematic plan of individual study to supplement the regular training schools provided by the church. Some existing clubs arrange to study the same book individually and then, before writing it up, meet for fellowship and general discussion thus receiving some benefits of group study.

Start a club in your church now! Attractive folders with all necessary instructions, together with an enrolment blank for each member, may be had free of charge by writing W. A. Gardiner, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky. We feel that every church may strengthen its Sunday school program by enlisting more workers in regular study.

Hustonville Instead of Huntsville

We apologize for the mistake of listing Hustonville as Huntsville as Standard. Pastor Oscar Davis called our attention to this error and we appreciate it.

Brother Wheeler Thompson to Illinois

We greatly regret to lose Brother Wheeler Thompson, but he has felt called by the Lord to the work as Secretary of the Department of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School work for the General Association of Southern Baptists in Illinois. He is a great Christian worker and we shall miss him very much. Congratulations to the Illinois brethren in securing him as head of the Sunday school and Vacation Bible School work.

Hillcrest, Lexington Has Growth

"We have enjoyed seeing an increase of 35 per cent in both enrolment and average attendance," says Pastor Ira McMillan, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE April 24, 1949

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	236	1,738
Harrodsburg (2)	198	1,523
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	233	1,211
Louisville, Ninth and O (1)	214	1,171

Indianapolis, Ind., Bdwy.	1,059
Louisville, Parkland (1)	972
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	959
Covington, Latonia (2)	925
Georgetown, First	890
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	874
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	870
Owensboro, First (1)	847
Bowling Green, First (1)	795
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PRAYER—If you don't know whether you are on your head or on your heels, get on your knees.—Moody Monthly.

New Orleans Seminary Commencement on May 3

By Louis E. Bohlen

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 4.—Seventy-nine students received their degrees and awards from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at Commencement yesterday, May 3.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas delivered the Commencement address.

Dr. Samuel Hovey Jones delivered the alumni address during the Commencement exercises. Dr. Jones is editor of the BAPTIST COURIER, state paper for the Baptists of South Carolina. He received his Doctor of Theology degree from the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Of the seventy-nine graduates, five received the Doctor of Theology degree. The Seminary also conferred the Bachelor of Divinity degree, the Bachelor of Theology degree, the Bachelor of Religious Education degree, the Master of Religious Education degree, the Diploma in Music, and the Certificate in Christian Training.

Sand Spring Calls J. W. Kruschwitz; Votes to Engage an Architect

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky., March 26.—The Sand Spring Baptist Church, near here, is on the move now under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. John W. Kruschwitz. Mr. Kruschwitz, Mrs. Kruschwitz and little daughter, Karen Lee, came to the church the first of February from the Mayslick Church. They were welcomed with a miscellaneous shower. Through the month of

March each Sunday evening following an impressive worship service the church enjoys a religious film, sponsored by the Koinonian Class. At the March business meeting the church voted unanimously to have an architect to draw plans and estimate the cost of constructing a Sunday school addition.

The writer had the privilege of visiting the Sand Spring Church the Sunday before Pastor Kruschwitz and his family came on the field. That great country church (one of the finest in all the state) had made every possible preparation for the coming of the new pastor, and, for a few days after their revival, the church, in great enthusiasm, came into the newly, re-finished parsonage and



John W. Kruschwitz

left the pantry full and overflowing with good things.

Pastor Kruschwitz is a brother of Dr. V. C. Kruschwitz, pastor of the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

Oneida Church Has Formal Opening This Week

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was buried in it—buried in his old life, and has risen to walk in newness of life, as Paul says. One of the pictures shows Pastor Claybrook, amid the Jordanic scene, about to lower him beneath the wave. Mr. Morris was one of eighty-four to be baptized the first two weeks after the body of Christians entered its new meeting house. The painting in the background is the work of Mrs. Mary C. Cosby, of Bowie, Texas, who painted the scene from a photograph of the Jordan River loaned by Dr. W. C. Boone. The cost of the painting was donated as a gift by the senior deacon and his wife, Brother and Sister James F. Roberts, given in memory of the father and mother of Deacon Roberts.

Pastor Claybrook desires to extend an invitation to all who can come for any of these programs. Their hearts and homes are open to all visitors.

Jesus Answers His Critics

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Jesus summed up all the commandments of God in that statement. There is not one of the Ten Commandments that will be broken if one obeys to the letter and in the spirit this command of Jesus. The reach is as wide as even Christ would make it. The man replied, "Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but me. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

To quote the last verse of the lesson is to give another great, final truth: those who from the heart make the acknowledgement which escaped that man's lips have gone far toward a great, spiritual experience. Jesus said, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." Jesus did not declare that the man was in the kingdom. He said, "not far." The man was on the verge of complete surrender to Jesus as *that Lord*. Who knows? In a little while he may have gone all the way in repentance and faith.

None can call Him Lord but by the Holy Spirit. None can love Him with all the being but by the Holy Spirit's work in the heart. None can love his neighbor as himself without having experienced the work of grace wrought by the Spirit of God. Earnestly, heart-searchingly, man must come to Him for that blessing and life-enrichment.

TRUTH—The truth is a good thing to tell abroad; it is a better thing to tell at home first.—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

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Dr. James E. Fox Dies
In Paducah; Funeral
Held at Hopkinsville

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., April 7.—Dr. James Ernest Fox, 72-year-old former superintendent and resident physician at Western State Hospital, died at 3:45 this morning at Riverside Hospital in Paducah.

Funeral services will be held in Hopkinsville. Plans today called for rites to be conducted at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at Keightley Funeral Home. The body will be taken from Hopkinsville to Louisville for burial at Resthaven Cemetery.

Dr. Fox served as head of Western State Hospital here for approximately four years. He came to the institution on the Russellville Road to succeed Dr. A. M. Lyon as superintendent and held that position until last fall, when he retired from active duty and was replaced by Dr. F. K. Foley.

Although the family had moved to Paducah, Dr. Fox's church membership remained at the First Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, whose pastor, Dr. William Peyton Thurman, will conduct the services Saturday.

In addition to being head of the hospital here, Dr. Fox had also served as resident physician of the United States Marine Hospital at Louisville and was formerly city health officer for Paducah.

Dr. Fox has been seriously ill for approximately the past month, having been confined to his room at the Paducah hospital since March 6.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Gratia Fox; a brother, Ross Fox, resident of Hartsville, S. C.; and a sister, Mrs. C. E. Sipes, Arlington, Va.—*Kentucky New Era*.

[NOTE:—Dr. James E. Fox, whose death is recorded in the news story above, taken from the *Kentucky New Era*, of Hopkinsville, Ky., is an uncle of Pastor Carroll Hubbard of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky.]

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2. That the Relief Center has discontinued all promotional work as of March 16, 1949?
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4. That plans were made to call off the Relief Drive in our state after we had gotten under way?

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Superintendent Writes of Clothing Needs by the Glendale Children

By C. FORD DEUSNER, Superintendent
Kentucky Baptist Children's Home

GLENDAL, Ky.—Have you ever wondered how we clothe the 185 boys and girls who are in our Kentucky Baptist Children's Home? Has it ever occurred to you that this is an exacting undertaking? We are proud of the fact that our boys and girls have the reputation of being neatly dressed when they appear in public, whether it be at school, or church, or other kind of social gathering. We seek to avoid drabness on the one hand, and extravagance on the other.

Necessarily, we use a limited amount of worn clothing in outfitting the children. However, we try to give each child at least one new outfit in the spring and autumn season of each year. We pay particular attention to fitting the children's feet. Shoes must be new, durable, and correctly sized for foot health and comfort.

We make it our aim to secure a clothing sponsor for each child in our care. The sponsor may be an individual, a Sunday school class, a training union group, a woman's missionary circle, or a brotherhood organization. In a sense the child is "adopted" by this individual or group. From their sponsors the children receive mail, Christmas and birthday gifts, graduation presents, and money for their clothing.

We prefer that money be sent for the

clothing of the children. There are a number of reasons for this preference. First, we can buy clothing in lots at wholesale prices, or at least at a discount. Second, better fittings can be secured. Third, the children are given some option or choice in the matter of color, figure, cut, etc. We believe this is eminently desirable. However, should the sponsor elect to provide the clothing directly, we co-operate to the best of our ability by furnishing upon request clothing lists, age, and sizes required for fitting the child in question.

We commend this method of clothing our children to the prayerful consideration of our Baptist people. We believe

it merits their attention. A number of our children do not have sponsors at present. Some of these have but recently come to the Home. Names, ages, grades in school, and birth dates of these children will gladly be provided to would be sponsors upon request. Simply address the Superintendent, Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale, Ky.

Former Louisville Pastor Is Secretary Of Maryland Baptists

The Maryland Baptist Convention has elected Brother Clifton C. Thomas, of Staunton, Va., as its Executive Secretary. In former years, while a student here, Secretary Thomas was pastor of Baptist Temple in Louisville.

The new Maryland secretary is a native of Goochland County, Va. He attended the University of Richmond before coming to the Southern Seminary. Following his four-year pastorate at Baptist Temple, he served as pastor in such churches as Waverly Place Church, Roanoke, Va., for more than seven years; and for some years at the First Baptist Church of Newnan, Ga.

Mrs. Thomas is the former Miss Elmyra Snead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quintus Albert Snead, Hanover County, Virginia.

Every Baptist a Tither

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