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Gleanings From The Field

Pastor A. A. Thacker, Fordsville, Ky., has been called to be pastor of the Audubon Heights Baptist Mission, in Henderson.

The Trinity Baptist Church of Paducah, Ky., on December 11, ordained five new deacons, i.e., Messrs. M. A. Waltmon, Harold Shelbourne, Joe Ryan, James Waltman and Mason Stewart.

There were eleven additions by baptism, one by letter and three rededications in the revival at Pembroke Baptist Church in which Pastor J. H. Maddox, of the Second Baptist Church of Hopkinsville assisted Pastor P. C. Walker.

Dr. L. B. Reavis has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paris, Texas, after serving there four years, and has accepted the pastorate of the Green Street Baptist Church, High Point, N. C.

Jackie Robinson, all-American basketball player from Baylor University, will be the week-end speaker at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Paducah Friday, December 29 to Sunday, January 1. Wayne Dehoney is pastor of the Paducah church.

Dr. John Newport has resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., and has accepted a position as Bible teacher at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. The administration hopes to expand the department into a "graduate school of religion."

C. Hubbard Upchurch, tenor singer and prominent member of the Beechmont Baptist Church of Louisville, has been elected president for 1950 of the Amateur Radio Transmitting Society of Louisville. He is a son of Rev. G. H. Upchurch of Lexington, Kentucky.

According to reports in *Southern Baptist News*, Clinton, Mississippi, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in session recently, took official action separating the offices of Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention. D. A. McCall has, until the action taken, been Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Griffin Henderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., has resigned to become Baptist Student Union director in Knoxville, where the University of Tennessee is located. Director Hen-

derson was at one time supply pastor at the Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville, of which Dr. L. C. Ray is pastor.

A simultaneous evangelistic crusade in Oklahoma's South Canadian Baptist Association in which eleven churches co-operated resulted in 296 additions to the church, 183 of these for baptism. C. Y. Dossey of the Home Mission Board directed the crusade and also conducted the revival in the First Baptist Church of Seminole, Okla. This was the first crusade in the newly organized association.

Dr. Paul Weber, Jr., finished his third year with the Trinity Baptist Church of Paducah, Kentucky, the first of December. The church honored her pastor on this occasion by presenting him with a large basket of yellow roses. During the three years, 192 persons have been added to the membership and the Sunday school has shown a substantial gain. All phases of the work are making progress.

Mrs. Mollie Hillenbrand died in her ninety-second year on December 12. She was the last charter member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Louisville. For many years she resided in the old family residence at the corner of Schiller and Oak Streets with her daughter, Miss Inez Hillenbrand, for twenty-two years office secretary in the WMU of Kentucky. In recent years she has resided with Miss Inez and another daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Albert M. Vollmer at 1615 Windsor Place. The funeral was held at her residence on December 13. Grandchildren include Miss Myrtle Lillian Hillenbrand, A. M. Vollmer, Jr., and Robert Lee Vollmer.

Mr. W. J. Lambert died at the Kings Daughters Hospital, Brookhaven, Miss., December 6. He was the father of Mr. P. I. Lambert, Bookkeeper and Accountant, Baptist State Board of Missions office in Kentucky. The elder Mr. Lambert had been sick only four days before passing, and his son arrived at his bedside the day after his illness began and remained there until after the funeral. His service was conducted by the Baptist Church at Topeka Miss., and burial was at the nearby cemetery there. He was seventy-three years of age, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Ard Lambert, eleven children in ad-

dition to our Mr. P. I. Lambert, thirty-six grandchildren, and three sisters.

Bethel Woman's College Is Fully Accredited

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., December 10.—Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools on December first when that accrediting agency for the southern states was holding its annual meeting. Bethel was accredited from 1928 to June of 1942 when the college closed on account of war conditions. Automatically her accredited standing at that time was lost. When Bethel was reopened in September 1945 it was learned that Bethel would be regarded as a new institution by the Southern Association which meant that the college would have to turn out a graduating class at the end of two years and those graduates would have to transfer to and graduate from senior colleges and universities before Bethel would be eligible for reaccreditation. In the meanwhile, the trustees and administrative officers of Bethel Woman's College saw to it that all requirements for accreditation were met. The two inspection committees of the Southern Association who inspected Bethel in the spring of 1948 and the fall of 1949 made favorable reports which resulted in Bethel receiving full junior college accreditation.

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"Silent Night"

By LELIA READING

(A Christmas Story)

The old stone church loomed up against the mountain. Silent, shadowed, the great peaks rose in the distance, range upon range of magnificent summits, austere, remote in the wintry night.

John Reid stood alone in the doorway of the church and looked out into the loneliness and solitude. "I hope it will snow," he thought. "Snow covers up everything, and keeps your thoughts on the flakes that fall in steady white waves. Snow could be a good thing—deep snow, plenty of it—snow enough to blot out the world!"

Arnsdorf! Here in the Austrian mountains—and on Christmas Eve! How far from home? Let's see—over the great forests, over the valleys and the lowlands, beyond the channel. That would be as a bird might fly.

As a bird! John laughed bitterly. As if he would ever fly anywhere again! But this was no time for remembering the hum of engines, the sky dark with wings and bright with fire. No time for remembering the long march to the southeast, the dreary arrival at the prison camp—in the church! That was the irony of it, two hundred men shut up for endless weeks in a church! Inside, the men had talked themselves out long ago, and they all knew by rote what every one thought—all the words that were to be said.

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And John Reid stood alone in the

doorway. He watched the guard pacing back and forth with his gun over his shoulder. The boy limped badly. Well, all the able-bodied men were needed for the vast armies that threatened the earth with their thundering tread—like vultures waiting to devour England—his England!

What would it be like there this Christmas Eve? The village of Wilding, coved in the valley, close to the Cotswold Hills. Winding, quiet, remote, lovely in the December night. Lighted candles in the window, Christmas carols—no, there would be no lights, no candles. There might be singing, but it would be the tense singing, echoes flung out to the waiting terror of night.

His England, his village, his mother. . . . He would not think of her now—not now. Thinking of her on this night, in this place, would be more

than he could stand. Loneliness was bad enough, but longing . . .

The ebony of night had silvered into mist. There was a promise of snow. John watched the guard as he limped monotonously back and forth. "I hate him!" John thought. "I hate all his race. They have made a hell of this world. Cities lie in ruins, roads are twisted, even the sky is desolate with fierce thunders. I hate all his race. This fine church with its tapered windows, its ancient walls, turned into a prison! Just more evidence of a world that has forgotten Christ—and Christmas! A world that has lost forever the dream of brotherhood!"

"And all for no gain. There was no need of this terrible struggle. Had not the English Victoria loved the German Albert? Had not the whole of England paid homage to the magnificent Handel, and cherished with a great dedication his celestial music—the strains of "Messiah"—the divine refrain that echoes down the ages? Had not English princesses ruled as queens in the land beyond the Rhine? Back further, even in the dim, far ages, German blood and English blood had been mixed in the stream of life? Scientists of both races had fought together to defeat disease and famine and poverty. Artists of both countries had seen the same beauty in the same earth, and their poets had sung of the same everlasting splendor.

"But it was all lost now. Years were lost and lives were lost, and the world was lost. That was the pity of it, the stark tragedy! Even the light of the world was lost, and there was no longer a gleam to beckon the world back to goodwill and brotherhood. Or, if there were but the shadow of a gleam, it would be in the homes of England. It would be in his mother's eyes. But he must not think of her!"

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The snow thickened into soft masses that whirled as they fell, and filled the night with intricate patterns of a web of mystery. Then suddenly there came a faint phrase of singing. It was soft and sweet—"Stille nacht, heilige nacht . . ." John caught his breath, leaned forward. He knew that song, all the words. "Silent night, holy night . . ." His tongue began to shape beloved, well-remembered words—"Silent night . . . all is calm, all is bright . . ."

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God, Man, and Money

By J. HOWARD WILLIAMS

(Continued from Last Week)

God's Financial Plan

Malachi 3:10-12; I Corinthians 16:1-2

God works by a plan. There was a plan of creation. The physical universe is run by a dependable plan. Christ died to make effective the plan of salvation. Since Christ committed the spread of the gospel to the redeemed, it is foolish to assume that He had no plan by which that program was to be advanced and sustained. In its simplest form the plan is that the redeemed are to give first themselves, and then a worthy portion of their substance that the gospel may be given to "every creature."

Let us observe the Bible teaching that when "offerings" were taken in Old Testament days, they were to be over and above the tithe. Giving always was to be in proportion to the income, and never is there any suggestion of a general plan for less than the tithe. Giving should always be an act of worship and an act of love. But just what is God's financial plan? On the basis of the study of the Word, we can conclude that His plan is the tithe.

The tithe should be adopted by all Christians as the minimum of giving through the church. Those who fear legalism in our urging tithing may well remember that tithing not only preceded Moses but is actually older than Jewish history. Older people than the Jews were tithers. Sometime in the morning of human history, God seems to have instilled within the heart of man the idea of tithing, for tribes which had become heathen were tithers.

The first reference to tithing in the Bible (Gen. 14:20) shows that Abraham tithed; though there is no record that he was commanded to do so. The command or teaching must have preceded his Bible-recorded experiences. Doubtless, he tithed before he was specially called of God.

[This series on stewardship and tithing is taken from a special Sunday school lesson published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, and was sent us by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for use. It can be purchased from the Sunday School Board for use in special classes.]

Five hundred years later, Moses, writing under inspiration, incorporated the tithe in the law. Moses did not originate the plan.

Jesus commanded the Pharisees (Matt. 23:23), and many believe He tithed personally. His enemies ac-



cused Him of many things, but never once did these critical, censorious men say that either He or His disciples failed to tithe. Though little is said about tithing in the New Testament, it is assumed that Christians gave a tenth or more. Tithing was so fixed in their thinking that it was accepted. One Bible student said that every sixth verse in the New Testament is about money or material things and man's relationship to such. Much is said about giving, and many early Christians went far beyond the tithe and gave their all.

Tithing will bring an adequate income. If all the people of God tithed, the average church with one hundred members under present conditions in

the South could count on an income of \$10,000 per year; a membership of five hundred, \$50,000 per year; and a membership of two thousand, five hundred, \$250,000 per year. If Southern Baptists had tithed in 1948, they would have given about \$650,000,000. Actually, they gave about \$130,000,000.

Malachi talks about storehouse tithing, and Paul in I Corinthians 16:1-2 talks about laying by in store as God has prospered. The ideal is that every Christian shall bring his tithe every Lord's Day to the house of the Lord and worship as he gives. There is every reason to believe that God will be pleased with this, and no church or denomination has been able to produce a better plan. All must concede that other plans are failing.

Man's Generous Reward

Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:10-12; Matthew 28:19-20

The rewards for stewardship are many and glorious. Stewardship costs, but it pays more than it costs.

Stewardship Grows People

The good steward is one who lives by principle and acts by conviction. It requires no strength of character to give by impulse. One does not need to be a Christian to feel moved to dole out a few dimes when faced by tragedy. Before a man will take his tithe to church on Sunday, something must happen to him. He must believe God, he must love man, he must have faith in the gospel as the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, he must be willing to obey Christ that all men may know. When that has happened, that man has attained strength of character, a motive for living, a challenge for life, a fellowship with Christ in the greatest task on earth—world redemption.

Stewardship Grows Churches

Dr. R. C. Campbell wrote a booklet, *God's Plan*, in which he gave numerous examples of "blessings which come to churches where large numbers tithed. Small and large churches experience revivals of religion, enlargement of enrolments, and joys in service when the people dare to trust God and tithe. There seems to be a vital connection between joyous service, spiritual power, and faithful stewardship.

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Shall Baptists Dilute Their Convictions?

By E. D. POE, Roanoke, Va.
in The Religious Herald

It is my candid opinion that we are not doing all that we should do to teach our own people our Baptist principles and doctrines; but on the contrary, are rather encouraging them to dilute their convictions, or at least are allowing them to drift into a sort of disposition to ignore our distinctions, and to join the unionizing efforts that are going on in almost every town and village in Virginia. This is my feeling after considerable observation here and there.

An Example

Now let me give you a few examples of what I am talking about. Last New Year's eve I was in a lovely community as supply pastor. I found that a union watch-night service had been arranged to be held in one of the centrally located churches. It was to include all the people of the town, including the Jews and their rabbi, and the service was to be closed with the celebration of the Lord's Supper in a "corporate" communion!

Three of the paedobaptist pastors came to invite me to co-operate in that service. Their hearts were warm, and I hated sincerely to dampen their ardor by explaining to them that I could not accept their invitation.

I did not argue, but explained as courteously as I could that we Baptists did not look upon the Lord's Supper as a sacrament (a saving act), and that we always observed it with bread and wine, and in our local churches for our own people. I thought I did a pretty good job of it.

A week or two later I got the reaction of the brethren who invited me. At a party one of the fine preachers who came to see me was asked if he had met me. "Yes, I have met him; he is a courteous old gentleman, but narrow like all the rest of the Baptists!" One of the ladies of the Baptist Church heard him when he made that statement and we laughed about it together when she reported it to me.

They thought I was an old pig-headed Baptist because I would not

attempt to dilute the truth and so corrupt the Lord's Supper!

So, this is what "unionizing" nearly always runs into, confusion, error, embarrassment. "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?"

"Let's See"

Are the "unionizers" sincere in their efforts to get Baptists to join



"And lastly I would like to call a meeting of the ushers immediately following the service."

forces with them? Let's see. Are they willing to espouse religious truth as the basis of union?

Truth is absolutely necessary for Christian unity, as we Baptists believe. Then what would all priestly and sacramentarian churches have to

give up to meet Baptists on the common denominator of truth? List some of them:

1. They would have to adopt believer's baptism. That would mean the stopping of all infant baptism, and the abandonment of all notions of the saving efficacy of baptism. Will they do this?

2. This baptism would have to be by immersion, in order to preserve the symbolism of baptism and make it teach what the New Testament declares it to mean and teach. Will they do this?

3. They will have to accept the doctrine of salvation through faith, without the aid of priest, or any priestly functions as a mediator between the individual and God.

4. They will have to get straight on the whole matter of sacramentalism—salvation by external mechanics, or ceremonies, like baptizing infants for the salvation of their souls, and immersing as a means of regeneration?

Now in all candor, Baptists are "kidding" themselves if they think that any considerable number of religious leaders in non-Baptist churches have any notion of getting rid of such errors, and, therefore, it is not disrespectful to raise the question of the sincerity of brethren who ignore these matters in their unionizing programs. They are not ready to give up these errors.

When will paedobaptists ever come to the Baptist position about these matters? Nothing would make Baptists happier than for all Christians to face this situation in sincerity and truth, and resolve to adopt Bible baptism with its scriptural meaning and purpose. But how long, O Lord, how long shall we wait for our friends of other denominations to meet us on this level?

We cannot dilute our convictions: truth cannot be diluted!

Fifteen of the churches in Greenup Association have been co-operating in the School of Missions during December 11-16.

Dr. Charles F. Bond, 75, died November 14 at his home in Prestonsburg, Ky. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Lloyd W. Benedict, at the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, where he was a member. Prof. A. C. Harlow and Evangelist W. K. Wood assisted. Formerly he was a physician at Ashland and Catlettsburg.

Should Baptists Receive Government Money?

By L. E. BARTON

The Alabama Baptist Convention at Mobile, after patient and full discussion, voted against receiving money from the federal government for the Birmingham Hospital.

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To accept this money would be, one believes, a violation of the first amendment of the constitution. It is not said here that the Supreme Court will rule that way when and if a test case shall come. But the court decision in the McCollum case was very definite against the use of public money to propagate religion; and one believes, regardless of court decisions, that hospitals do very certainly and greatly promote religious faith. Otherwise there could be no justification for their operation by religious bodies.

Using public money for building Christian hospitals and using public money for building or supporting parochial schools (of any denomination) is so identically the same thing that they cannot be differentiated except by unsound and illogical reasoning which approaches sophistry.

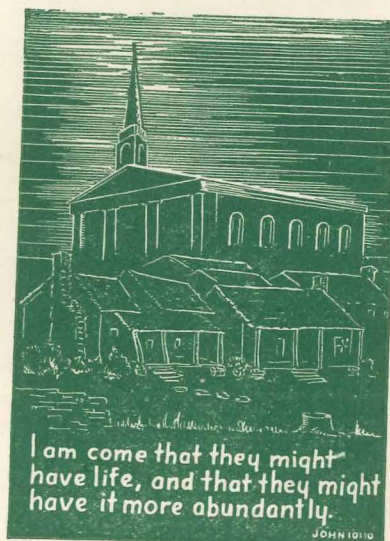
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If this unsound principle shall be approved by Protestant, and Baptist bodies as well as by Roman Catholic, such a grievous blunder will result in the enactment of an education bill which will turn a flood of public money into parochial schools; and that in time will completely blot out the line and break down the wall of separation, between church and state; and also go a long way toward the establishment of a State Church with all its accursed evils.

It is false reasoning to say we must not use public money for Roman Catholic or for Baptist schools but we may use public money for Roman Catholic, and Baptist hospitals, both of which propagate religion in their own spheres. I ask my Baptist brethren everywhere not to break down our consistent testimony on this subject; not to brand as hypocrisy everything we have said and written against the education bill which was adopted by the Senate; not to despise the testimony and blood of the martyrs who have suffered for the principle of freedom through the centuries.

We are in a welfare state which is

drifting constantly toward complete regimentation and final totalitarianism, and heaven pity the people who will be ruled by such political philosophy when it comes. It is the duty



of every brave citizen to resist this dangerous trend of government and to conserve our constitution which is the chief charter and protection of our liberties. You can't defeat the devil by partaking of his sins.

Baptists have plenty of money to support their institutions. Not only will they sacrifice a principle that is worth dying for by taking government funds, but they will suffer de-

terioration of character in accepting public money for the support of their work which they should carry on by themselves.

Two thousand years of history look down upon us. We cannot keep covenants with the dead, be true to the living, and play fair with unborn generations if we sacrifice what the past has achieved, what the present needs, and what the future will hold dear for posterity.

The Christian Century, November 16, under heading "Southern Baptists Spurn Tax Money" strongly commends the refusal of government money by Texas Baptists. "It sets an example," says the Christian Century, "that other church groups, including Baptists in some other Southern States, should follow."

Advertising the Master

There's coming a time I have longed for;

Its coming cannot be too soon;
While people now wait for disaster,
Their hearts will soon be in tune.
The soul-saving Campaign that's coming
Should've been long ago in our State;
It's high time the Baptists were waking;
Pray God they're not waking too late.

I've seen many signs on the billboards—

Ads for movies, for cigarettes, and for rye;

So few have I seen of the gospel—
What is the answer to God's question "Why?"

We've taught the gospel in churches,
But outside the lost are in sin;
Too few have done as commanded—
Go out and bring the lost in!

We know that "Christ is the Answer,"
But it's hard to convince sinful men;
If it's not every day where they see it,
And it's told them again and again,
I'm hoping and praying that pastors,
As they go like disciples of old,
Will win many souls to the Saviour,
Nor stop until all have been told.

Real Christians will all stand beside you

And do everything that they can,
To help you to fight Satan's forces
And bring Jesus' love to the land.
Go on, and be not discouraged!
The Saviour is backing you, too;
And God will reward every effort
Made by such Christians as you.

—May Bell
Butler, Ky.

"Silent Night"

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John's voice echoed out into the night and mingled with the other voice. John thought he saw a wave of a hand. Then, through the swirling snow came the words, "Heil, Comrade!"

John was startled. Could it be that the young guard was going to send him back into the church? Was he to be denied even the enveloping peace of the storm? He looked again at the guard, and this time he heard the words clearly, "Heil, Comrade!"

"Hello!" John answered. "Wie geht es Ihnen?" Maybe the guard couldn't understand English, although he had found that nearly all the German soldiers spoke both French and English almost as well as their own language.

The guard walked slowly toward John. "It's lonely out there in the snow," he said in perfect English. "It's now time for the next relay. If you don't mind, I think I'll sit here in the doorway with you for a while. My name's Karl Bauer. Wie heissen sie?"

"John. John Reid."

"Seems like half the English boys are named John."

"I've heard of a good many Germans named Karl."

They laughed together like the boys from one country—like friends, not like enemies.

"Ja wohl," Karl agreed. "I'm not very near home, either. And we're both so far away we won't get to see our folks this Christmas. My mother, now, my mother..."

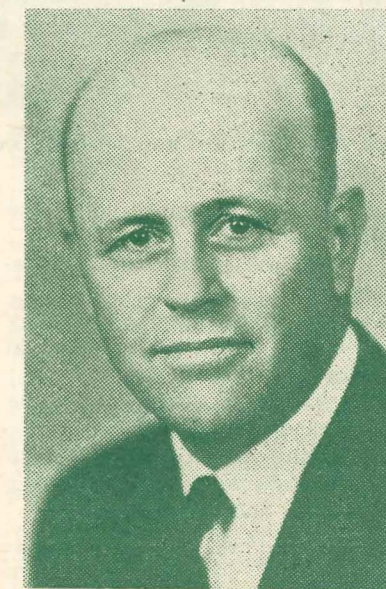
John cried out suddenly, "Your mother! Don't speak of her—not now!"

Karl opened his blue eyes wide, and pushed back a lock of blond hair. "You feel that way too?" he exclaimed. "Well, we'll talk about something else. Suppose you tell me about your town. Where is it?"

"It's just a little place," John began; "one long street winding along a stream at the foot of limestone hills, and not far away there's the River Severn flowing to the sea. From the

turnstile at Billingsgate you can see the light in our window—no—you can't see a light—you can't see anything but darkness!"

John stood up again. He lifted his face to the storm. Karl waited, very still. A silence, wide as the world rolled in between them. It seemed to John that an hour passed before Karl spoke again. "My town is Osterburg," he finally said, "a little village upstream on the Elbe from Hamburg. It's beautiful all the year round, but in winter, under its deep white, it's prettier than a Christmas card. Skating, skiing; Osterburg is great sport! Girls and boys



C. Y. DOSSEY

The Assistant Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will address the Third Annual Kentucky Baptist Evangelistic Conference, on Tuesday afternoon, January 10, on "The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism." On Wednesday he will make a second address in the morning, and will conduct a conference in the afternoon. Superintendent R. B. Hooks, of the Department of Evangelism, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, is arranging for the entire program, January 9-11, 1950.

both, we used to have moonlight parties on the ice if the night was clear. When it stormed we all came to our house, and my mother..."

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Silence rolled between them again. Finally, John cleared his throat. "You know, Karl, once I thought I'd be a poet. I thought of a lot of things—about steadfast stars and the river of life, and the old ancient rocks. I started to string words together like our Tennyson, or like your Heinrich Heine. I was going to explain the world to the world. That was in the days when the world could be explained. What were you going to do if you hadn't been—if you hadn't been—if the war—"

Karl tried to laugh lightly. "A musician!" he said, enthusiastically. "Think of that! I wanted to play the organ in the church at Osterburg. The officers of the town made fun of it. They didn't think we needed a church in our town, or anywhere, for that matter. For a while I didn't think so, either. Then my mother told me the story of 'Stille Nacht,' and that made me want to play the organ more than ever; made me love music so much that it meant life to me!"

John waited. "Then what happened?" John's question sounded strangely intense in the deepening night.

"I finally got to play a horn in a military band. Then I didn't even get to do that any more. Can you imagine a thousand tanks charging to music? Do airplanes need any accompaniment but the roar of their engines, the screaming of bombs? You'll think I've gone soft, but I don't appreciate all the glory we've won. I never forget how great my country is. But sometimes—like Christmas Eve—well—"

The wind cried down from the peaks, and its eerie voice seemed to wander further than the boy's thoughts.

After a while, Karl spoke again, and his voice sounded as if it came from a great distance. "What did you do when you stopped being a poet?"

John's reply was measured. "Pilot! Dunkirk!"

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The snow thickened into great white blankets that loomed like waves around them. "You can't see anything now," Karl said. "I've been trying to figure how far it is to Osterburg."

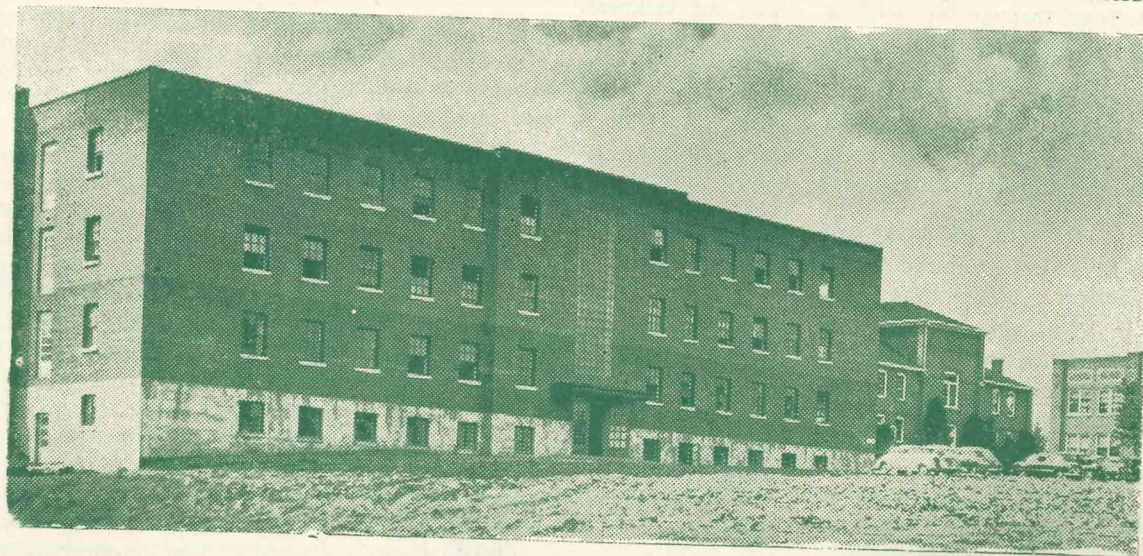
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Campbellsville College Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

CAMPBELLVILLE, Ky., December 11.—Dr. John M. Carter, president of Campbellsville College, announces the accrediting of Campbellsville College by The Southern Association of

twin beds placed in most of the rooms, and a complete redecoration done.
3. Space was made available and a new physics department added.

9. A resumption of the school paper six times during year.
10. More money spent on the library, physics, and other instructional supplies.
11. A general tightening up of the the grading system so that students rank with other leading colleges of the state.
12. A yearly audit of the books and budgeting for the year of income.
13. Better qualified teachers.



New Men's Dormitory at Campbellsville College

Colleges and Secondary Schools on December 1, 1949. It is the same accreditation as all other Baptist Colleges in the state. The following improvements were made in order to comply with their suggestions:

1. A new men's dormitory accommodating 110 men was built and occupied on September 18, 1949.
2. Two new bathrooms were installed in the girls' dormitory,

4. A new room equipped and home economics added.
5. A new book-store, coach's office, and printing presses secured.
6. College band, chorus, and daily broadcasts over WTCO added to school activities.
7. A student inn equipped for the convenience of the students.
8. A testing department added to assist students in knowing their aptitudes and achievements.

14. Complete new equipment for the commerce department.

As a result of the above improvements the association has recognized the college as being able to offer a much higher standard of training.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools chose Dr. John M. Carter as a member of its board of directors at its annual meeting in Houston, Texas.

Sunday School Board Votes \$5,000 for Christmas Day Baptist Hour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The Baptist Sunday School Board voted \$5,000 to pay for the radio broadcast of the Gospel message by Dr. Robert G. Lee on the Baptist Hour over 132 stations on Sunday, Christmas Day, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, has announced.

"We appreciate the splendid work the Radio Commission is doing in sponsoring the broadcast of the Word of God over an enlarged network

which reaches into millions of homes," Dr. Holcomb said, "and we think of no better investment than to have a part in sending the real message of Christ into American homes on Christmas Day."

Dr. Holcomb pointed out that the business men and ministers on the Sunday School Board felt that the investment of the \$5,000 through the Radio Commission for the Christmas Day broadcast would be in line with the expanded program of Bible teaching which the Board has been promoting.

"There may be other individuals, organizations, or churches in the

Southern Baptist Convention who would want to write Dr. S. F. Lowe at Atlanta and ask for the opportunity of having a part in preaching to millions of Americans on some particular Sunday," Dr. Holcomb said, "It is our prayer that others will catch the spirit which has prompted this gift by the Sunday School Board."

POPULATION — If the entire population of the earth were gathered into one area, standing shoulder to shoulder and breast to back, they would occupy an area less than 11 miles square.—*Expositor*.

The Truth About the Persecution Of Evangelicals in Spain

By REV. ELIUD RODRIGUEZ

Spain is the second largest country in Europe—about three-quarters the size of Texas. Its population, claimed to be mostly Roman Catholic, is about 28,000,000, living in some 97,000 cities, towns and hamlets.

A Fascist Dictatorship

Although I went to Spain as a minister of the Gospel, and not for any political purpose, I could not escape the evidence I saw everywhere in Spain of the Fascist dictatorship of General Franco and his *Falange* party which enforces it. In Tarrasa I saw a sign that read: "The *Falange* lies in ambush for . . . !" Everywhere the people dread the rule of the *Falange*. Everywhere signs proclaim the slogan: "We want Franco, not Communism."

. . . The entire country seems to be in an extreme state of unrest; even the police are panicky. Foreigners must report to them any change of address, even within the same city. My impression was that the masses of the Spanish people are seething with a desire again for violence against their oppressors, both in church and in state.

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There is much hunger in Spain, and the black market is the generally recognized way of transacting business. Graft is rampant. The honest people work, sweat, and go hungry, while a large percentage of the country's wealth is spent on pleasures and luxuries by the few. A factory girl told me that she had to work for not less than 40 hours to earn 75 pesetas (\$3.00). Skilled workers average about 200 pesetas (\$8.00) a week.

Are Spaniards Willing to Receive The Gospel?

Spain is one of the oldest Christian countries. Among over 200 photographs I brought from Spain, there is one of a second century sarcophagus with carvings that prove that Paul or some of his contemporaries preached the good news of justification by faith there in the first century . . . Yet, the vast majority of the Spanish people are either haters

of God or know nothing of any other religious teachings but the Church of Rome.

Yet I found everywhere an interest on the part of all kinds of people, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, in evangelical teachings. A rich merchant in Barcelona told me, "I would feel entirely at home in a Protestant meeting." A physician of another city told me, "I want to buy a Bible. I know you have the truth."

Are Protestants Persecuted?

From my first-hand experiences my answer is an emphatic "yes." Protestant [evangelical] pastors are beaten and imprisoned. Their chapels are wrecked and closed, the believers arrested and released after being warned not to gather for worship again under penalty of fine and imprisonment. I myself, with 18 other Protestants, was brought to the police station of Villanueva Geltru under guard of armed policemen. "Are we under arrest?" we asked. The answer was "No." Again we inquired, "Are we free?" And the sharp answer was "No, you are not free." After being questioned by the Chief of Police, our brethren were charged with "treason to Spain" by the Mayor and dismissed with a warning not to gather again for Protestant worship.

That same afternoon this group of Protestants went up a mountain to hold worship service there, using a crumbling wall as pews and a narrow mountain pathway as a meeting place. Later, three of them were cast into prison for nine hours and kept even without the traditional bread and water. When I asked the Mayor concerning responsibility for the persecution of Protestants, he answered, "I am only obeying higher orders."

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I have in my files photostats and originals of many receipts for fines, ranging from 50 to 5,000 pesetas, levied against Protestants who gathered to pray and study the Bible at home. [The author reproduced in his original article a picture of one of the documents demanding 50 pesetas fine against Enrique Angurell for allowing his son Benjamin to assist at a secret meeting for religious worship, also a picture of the receipt for the fine paid by the father.]

Protestant children are turned away from the schools if they refuse to attend mass and subject themselves to Roman Catholic teachings. Protestant couples are denied legal marriage if either of them was not baptized in infancy by a priest, unless they get married in a Roman Catholic Church. All protestant publications are banned . . .

How Many Protestant Churches In Spain?

Before Franco came to power, there were about 166 Protestant churches in Spain. Most of them are closed today. Our Spanish Christian Mission has been able to organize six chapels since 1945. Our membership

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TELEGRAM

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ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR NEW ORLEANS RELIEF CENTER TO REMAIN OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY. NEED FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF WAR ZONES STILL DESPERATE. PLEASE URGE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO CONTINUE LARGEST POSSIBLE SHIPMENT OF FOOD AND CLOTHING TO RELIEF CENTER.

R. PAUL CAUDILL

Simultaneous Revival Method Highly Successful

This editor believes, with all his heart, that the simultaneous revival method is the most effective so far devised. It means all the churches of a given territory getting ready for their revivals at the same time, moving as one body in all their preparation and announcements, then starting and carrying on the revivals all at the same time.

By this method an impact is made on the communities, which would be otherwise impossible. By so doing, a force, gained from common effort, is created. The more people you can get to think together, and act together, the greater will be the results achieved. It is a law which operates in the spiritual realm the same as in other realms.

The potentialities of the plan are so great that any pastor or church could well afford to make drastic adjustments to work with the other Baptist churches of the section.

The simultaneous revival plan does not "set a time for God to work" (as some have said): it sets all the churches working together and doing the thing which God Himself told us to be doing all the time. He is the Master, and He gives the orders. Christ's churches simply move together in the doing of His blessed will the way He wants it done.

According to reports from Superintendent C. E. Matthews, Home Mission Board, the total baptisms in 1946 were 253,361—before the simultaneous program began. After it started, the total for 1947 was 285,152, and in 1948, 312,246—both of them records. In all of the simultaneous crusades among city and rural churches there was an upsurge of conversions and baptisms and additions by letter.

Superintendent Matthews states:

We have from one of our state secretaries of evangelism this report: "Our state had a splendid increase in baptisms this year (1949) over last year (1948). The only associations that dropped off in baptisms were those that had no simultaneous campaign." One association in Texas had a simultaneous crusade in 1948, but did not in 1949. This association had more than 400 fewer baptisms in 1949 than in 1948. The Southern Baptist program of evangelism recommends that all churches have at least two revivals each year, one of these to be a part of a simultaneous effort.

Discussing "ways of defeating the effective-

ness of simultaneous crusades and thereby stand in the way of lost people in an endless eternity," Superintendent Matthews said: it is done by:

First, non-participation on the part of the churches.

Second, failure to make the program simultaneous, thereby destroying its effectiveness. This is done by some churches going eight or ten days, or beginning a week ahead or in the middle or at the close of the crusade. This breaks up continuity and unification of effort. At Pentecost they were of one accord, doing the same thing at the same time. If our simultaneous efforts are to be effective, all churches should follow the program, as it is outlined, in preparation and performance. Meeting Pentecostal conditions assure Pentecostal results.

There is no reason for supposing the Holy Spirit will not work in all the churches at the same time, when those churches seek His power. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and the unity of the people, explain the miraculous results of Pentecost, the greatest day in Christianity's history.

The January Evangelistic Conference

All eyes turn now toward the January Evangelistic Conference. It is highly important that all pastors and other soul-winners note the date and place—January 9 to 11, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

The Conference is important because Southern Baptists move now toward the widest, most intense crusade for souls in their history—west of the Mississippi River in 1950 and east of the River in 1951. Little enough time remains to get ready. Undoubtedly, many churches west of the River will be calling on pastors and evangelists on our side. Then, in 1951 we shall be having our own crusade and calling on some of them. We must get ready.

It is important because of needs in Kentucky right now. Evangelistic fires need to be kindled NOW. Let it not be said of us, "Too little, too late."

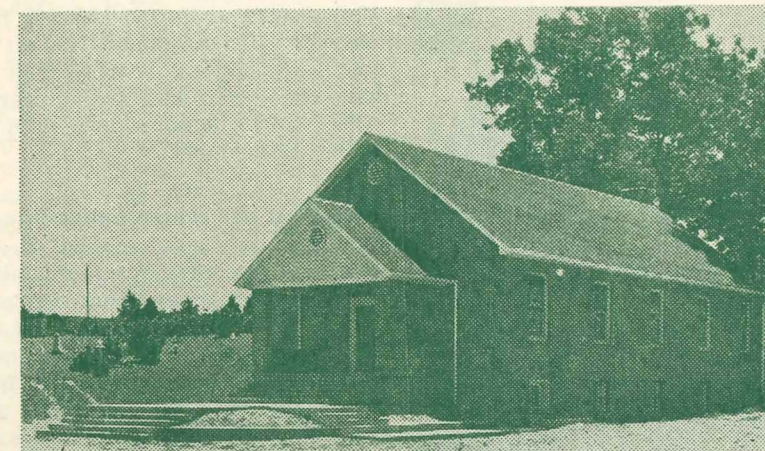
It is important because of strong program arranged. Secretary W. C. Boone and Superintendent of Evangelism R. B. Hooks are congratulated on plans made. The full program—subjects and hours will appear later.

Each person planning to attend this Conference should write a letter to the hotel preferred. This should be done at the earliest possible time.

Mortgage Burned at Pleasant Grove Church; Gerald T. Smith Goes to Georgia

HODGENVILLE, Ky., November 30. —The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, near here, was dedicated on Sunday, November 27. The work on the

Pastor Noah Benningfield, Mt. Washington, a former pastor, was present and read the history of the church at the afternoon program. Al-



Outside view of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Near Hodgenville, Kentucky.

erection of this building began in 1946, just a short while following Pastor Gerald T. Smith's acceptance of the pastorate. The meeting house cost \$16,000, not including labor costs, which was carried on largely by the men themselves and which in these recent years would have cost a sizeable figure. Also an additional \$1,200 was spent on furnishings.

so M. Y. Slack gave his recollections of former pastors. The mortgage was burned before the eyes of the members, as a part of the dedication program.

Brother Gerald T. Smith resigned his pastorate to take effect the date of dedication. The church had already called a new pastor, Rev. Conrad Willard, who was present on that



Noteburning Part of the Service at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Left to Right: Boone Smith, deacon; Pastor Gerald T. Smith; Amos Carrico, deacon; Emmett Braden, trustee; Tolbert Smith, deacon; Ova Simmons, deacon; and Leamon Powell, trustee.

day, and preached at the morning hour. Also on the program were Pastors W. L. Cloud and L. B. Cantrell.

The Pleasant Grove Church was organized with 23 charter members on September 11, 1852. Former pastors have been Brethren John Duncan, C. M. Johnson, L. B. Cantrell, R. B. Cundiff, Noah Benningfield, Cort R. Flint, Paul Stokes, William Prout, Gerald T. Smith, and the newcomer, Conrad Willard. The first church building was a log house, erected in 1853, and used as a hospital by the Union Army in Civil War days. The second was a frame structure, which served from May 30, 1897, until recently.

Pastor Gerald T. Smith has gone to become pastor of the Norcross Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga.

My Gift

By Dorothy Lee

Our only purpose, as we live,
Is something of ourselves to give
To others, as they pass nearby—
But what give I?

The painter paints for all to see,
The singer gives a melody,
The rich upon cash gifts rely—
But what give I?

I have no talents, large or small,
Nor have I wealth; it seems that all
I have is love that cannot die—
And this give I.

A picture's cold when paints are dry,
And songs and poems are heard, then
die.

There is no peace that wealth can
buy—
Still, what give I?

The art and riches fade away,
All tangible belongings stray;
I learn that but one gift will live—
The love I give!

D. C. Baptists Plan For New Churches

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—District of Columbia Baptists decided in their recent convention to spend \$250,000 in the next ten years to establish new churches, according to R. Edward Dowdy, editor, *Capitol Baptist*. They also voted to divide mission funds 50-50 after deduction of operating expenses and to plan definitely for the 1951 evangelistic crusade. Dr. Frank Burrell, pastor, Fountain Memorial Church, was elected president.

Have We Your Correct Address?



This is a photograph of what happens when you fail to give us your correct address, or fail to notify us when there is a change. Second class mail is never forwarded, consequently your Western Recorders are returned to us. We pay two cents on each one returned. We therefore urge that you let us know at least two weeks in advance when there is to be a change in your location. This will not only save hundreds of dollars in postage which can be used elsewhere in our Baptist work, but will assure you of receiving each and every issue of your paper.

Special Music at the General Association

The General Association had three choruses to sing to them this year. The first one was the Campbellsville College Chorus which sang for a half an hour prior to the opening of the Tuesday evening program. This organization is under the direction of Miss Sue Virginia McGee.

Later on the same evening the Chorus of the Seminary's School of Church Music sang three numbers under the direction of Donald Winters.

Following the conclusion of the Wednesday night program the chorus of Georgetown College sang. They came at the end of a busy session, much later than scheduled, but with everything out of the way, they probably had the best hour of any of the

choruses, for everybody who remained wanted to hear, and gave rapt attention. Prof. William Anders directed them.

The students are getting splendid musical training under these teachers and musical directors. The messengers appreciated the fact that the students took time out from their studies to sing for them. For this neither the students or colleges gained monetary award, but we must say that these roving ambassadors are building up good will for their schools.

God, Man, and Money

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The church of the Lord would be honored and respected by the world if it were adequately supported by its members. Tithing would give adequate funds for all needed build-

ings and equipment for our churches. It would support all necessary organizations to serve the needs of the community—and this could be done in the name of Jesus, the great Head of the church.

Stewardship Supports a World Program

Imagine what Southern Baptists could have done with \$650,000,000 in 1948 instead of the \$130,000,000 they received. Let us thank God for all that was done. It is more than we have ever done before. But imagine what we could have done with an added \$530,000,000!

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Many of our church buildings need repairing, enlarging, rebuilding; our own members need far more things done for them; many in our communities need helpful ministries we are not rendering. Our schools need buildings and endowments; our hospitals could do more for the sick and the under-privileged poor. There are more than twenty-five million unsaved people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, and there are more than nine hundred million people in foreign lands where Southern Baptists are sending missionaries. What can six hundred missionaries do among nine hundred million people?

Let us read Deuteronomy 8:18. Remember! Let Southern Baptists remember that it is God Who gives the power to get wealth—that He may establish His covenant. He blesses that we may bless. He gives power to get wealth that with us and our wealth He may carry out His plan. His plan calls for world redemption. All nations need Him. The nervous, war-weary world wants peace. With 530 added millions a year Southern Baptists could go far in discipling all nations. In addition to their own ministries, they would inspire the Christian world to action.

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There are glorious rewards: happy Christians, strong churches, a commanding world program, the Saviour's "well done," and the joy of seeing millions in heaven in whose salvation you have had some part.

A well-known columnist writes that ten years from now we will be laughing at the kind of hats women are wearing today. Another replies, "What's the use of waiting ten years, and un the risk of 'busting.'"

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER, State Secretary

Standard Sunday Schools

Kentucky is leading the South in the number of Standard Sunday schools. At the close of November we had sixty-eight, followed by the other states: Florida 19, Georgia 18, Texas 18, California 13, Oklahoma 13, New Mexico 11, and Tennessee 11. Other states had fewer than eleven.

The most recent to apply are the following, which on Dec. 13 made our total 86.

South Elkhorn—Pastor Henry Downing; Supt. Robert Littrell.

Beech Grove—Pastor M. E. Chilton; Superintendent Ralph Cundiff.

Bardstown—Pastor C. Carman Sharpe; Superintendent L. M. Wilson.

Lexington, Hillcrest—Pastor Ira McMillan, Jr.; Supt. Lee A. Lindsey.

Dates for Ridgecrest

The three Sunday school weeks at Ridgecrest are here given that you may make your plans to attend one:

June 22-28, first week.

June 29-July 5, second week.

July 6-12, third week.

When applying send two dollars for registration fee.

Address all requests for reservations to Mr. Robert Guy, Manager,

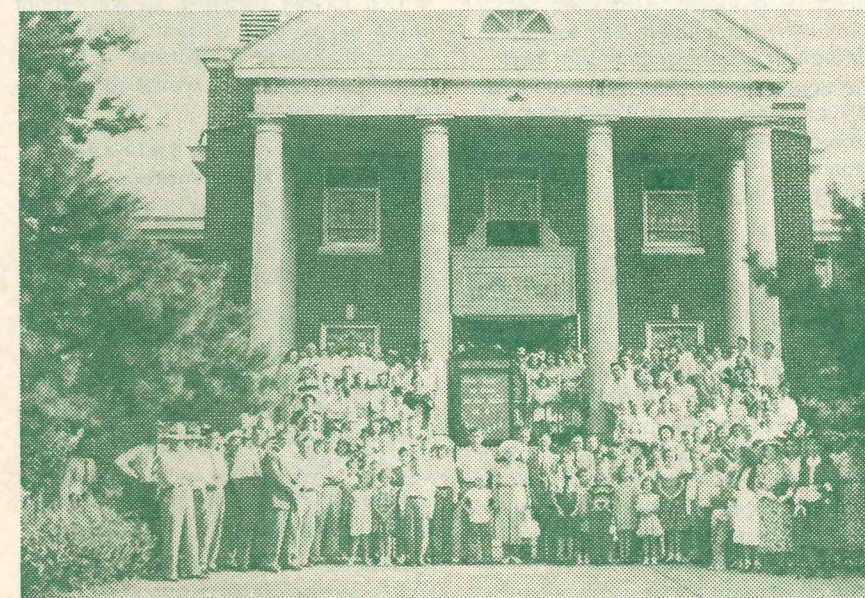
Ridgecrest, North Carolina. We suggest that you give first and second and even third choice for weeks just in case they are full any one week.

Clear Creek Sunday School Week

The week for the Sunday school Conference at Clear Creek Springs August 7-11. The program will start with the twilight hour on the evening of the seventh and close at noon on the eleventh. You may write to Manager, Clear Creek Springs, Pineville, Ky., for reservation. It seems a little early but it is well to get your reservation early. Dr. J. H. Halde-man and Dr. James L. Sullivan are two of the speakers. Mr. A. V. Washburn, of the Sunday School Board, along with others from there will help with the program. An association should pay the expenses of its associational Sunday school superintendent and churches will find it a good investment to pay expenses of some of its workers.

Christmas?

We have hardly had time to think about Christmas, we have been so very busy in conferences, conventions, training schools, campaigns and



Crittenden Monthly Sunday School Meeting

Superintendent C. S. Beighle, of the Crittenden Sunday school Association, reports that at a recent meeting they had 334 present from seventeen of the twenty-four churches. This is

wonderful. The average for the year was 190. It is hoped that this good association will have enough standard schools to qualify as a standard association within a few months.

correspondence. Anyway, we hope for all Sunday school officers, teachers and pupils a blessed Christmas, one that will bring them closer to our Lord and nearer to complete surrender and devotion to His work. May this Christmas be a helpful time in all our hearts for the glory of the Lord!

One Thousand Awards Ahead

For October and November Kentucky is 1,081 awards ahead of records for the same months a year ago. Let us keep up the pace for it reveals a fine interest in improvement for the Bible teaching work of our churches. USE JANUARY IN WHICH TO TEACH THE BOOK, STUDIES IN ACTS. Then send us the names of those who meet the requirements that we may order awards for them. Write for a blank on which to send these names.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE December 11, 1949

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	250	1,451
Louisville, Ninth and O (2)	212	1,089
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	191	894
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	296	849
Covington, Latonia (2)	175	769
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	178	744
Louisville, Parkland (1)	41	739
Danville, First (2)	55	720
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	179	719
Owensboro, First (1)	49	679
Harrodsburg (4)	195	674
Louisville, Crescent Hill (1)	108	674
Frankfort, First (1)	62	617
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	142	617
Mayfield, First	---	608
Bowling Green, First	---	586
Lexington, Calvary (2)	28	561
Hopkinsville, Second	---	549
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (2)	182	544
Immanuel, Lexington	---	542
Ashland, Pollard (1)	30	533
Louisville, West Broadway (1)	64	517
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	105	492
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	---	491
Owensboro, Third	---	483
Madisonville, First	---	427
Lexington, Grace	---	423
Barbourville, First (1)	79	415
Glasgow (1)	56	412
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	406
London, First (1)	33	404
Fulton, First	---	402
Louisville, Clifton (1)	65	400
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	399
Paducah, First (1)	36	394
Dayton, Ohio, Westside (1)	39	384
Shively	---	381
Louisville, Deer Park	---	380
Pineville, First	---	372
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	40	366
Princeton, First	---	357
Erlanger (1)	44	353
Covington, South Side	---	349
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	20	348
Lebanon	---	337
Williamsburg, First	---	334
Paducah, Twelfth St. (1)	101	319
Bellevue	---	309
Louisville, Meadow Home (1)	49	281
Franklin, First (1)	30	277
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.	---	268
Greenville, First	---	263
Richmond, First (2)	24	259
Corbin, Central	---	259
Evansville, Ind., Temple	---	257
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial (1)	16	253
Middlesboro, East Cumberland	---	253
Corbin, First	---	246
Winchester, First	---	245
Louisville, Gethsemane (1)	44	234
Ludlow, First (1)	20	226
Paducah, Trinity	---	223
Versailles	---	219
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	51	217
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	---	211
Albany (1)	48	209
Louisville, Shawnee	---	209
Horse Creek, Hima (1)	30	209
Sand Spring (near Lawrenceburg)	---	209
Newport, Trinity	---	202

Baptist Training Union Department

BYRON C. S. DEJARNETTE, State Secretary
127 East Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

Greetings and Best Wishes

We, the employed workers in the State Baptist Training Union Department, wish to extend to you our sincere greetings and very best wishes for a most joyous Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Byron C. S. DeJarnette
Margie Perkinson
Mrs. Girod Cole
Ava Albro
Dorothy Blankenship
George Fletcher

Annual Report (Continued)

State Training Union Department Workers

The writer of this report has been your State Training Union Secretary since February 1, 1934, and has been happy to serve in this capacity in answer to the call of the Lord and Kentucky Baptists.

On December 1, 1945, Miss Ava Albro, of Louisville, began as full time worker, after five months of special work. Continuing as full time Field Worker, she became, on June 15, 1947, the first employed State Story Hour Worker in the Southern Baptist Convention. On December 1, 1947, she also became Assistant to the State Secretary. Because of her consecration, vision of the work, fine spirit, and efficiency she has served and is serving most acceptably in both capacities.

Miss Dorothy Blankenship, of Louisville began work on September 1, 1949, as full time State Intermediate Worker. Because of her consecration, experience in Training Union work, and alertness, she has already in one month rendered valuable service. She succeeded Miss Maurita Morris, of Murray who was State Intermediate Worker from June 15, 1947 to August 31, 1949, when she resigned to enter Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. She was a consecrated energetic worker and made some good progress in promoting Intermediate work.

On May 1, 1949, Rev. George W. Fletcher, of Quincy, Florida, joined this department to become full time Director of Associational Work. Because of his consecrated use of his

talents along the lines of teaching, promotion, and organization, he has already done much in Associational Training Union work over the state.

Miss Margie Perkinson, of Birmingham, Alabama, has been our full time Office Secretary since October 17, 1949, and is already rapidly becoming adjusted to the work, because her life is dedicated to Christian Service. She succeeds Mrs. David Stone, of Louisville, who was Office Secretary from February 4, 1949 to September 30, 1949, and who did some good work in the short time she served. Even though her life is given to Christian Service, she felt that she could serve better in other capacities. Mrs. Stone succeeded Miss Etta V. Lea, of Shelbyville, who was Office Secretary from December 1, 1946 to January 31, 1949. Her desire to do Christian work, her office experience, and interest in the Training Union enabled her to do successful work but she felt she should leave for other work.

Since March 1, 1949, Mrs. Girod Cole, of Bessemer, Alabama, has been our half time office worker. Her interest in rendering Christian service likewise has enabled her to make a valuable contribution to the work of the department. She succeeded Mrs. Howard Gordon, of Louisville who served very satisfactorily in this capacity from January 5, 1949 to February 28, 1949.

Splendid service has been rendered by our State Approved Workers, who, although not regular full time or even part time employed workers of the Board, give what time they can to this work along with other responsibilities in their church, home, or business and are supported in whole or in part for expenses and honorarium by churches, associations, or conventions in which they do special work. They are Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette, 339 South Bayly, Louisville, State Approved Junior Worker; Miss Grace Morehead, Owensboro, State Approved Intermediate Worker; Rev. Harold D. Tallant, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, State Approved Young People's Worker; and Rev. D. E. Jones, Valley Station, State Approved Adult Worker.

Story Hour Corner

MISS AVA ALBRO
State Story Hour Worker

A Backward Look!

As the end of the year approaches, all of us are inclined to review the past year and its failures and achievements. As I think back over the Story Hour work of the past year, I think of the following things that have been achieved during 1949.

More Story Hours than we had this time last year 112

Story Hour Workers attended the State Convention at Paducah..... 35

Story Hour Workers attended the eight Regional Conventions..... 61

Associational Story Hour Leaders attended the two planning meetings for Associational Officers.... 7

More graded Story Hours in the State.

Increased interest and understanding of the work.

Of course, there were some failures! But we shall seek to use these as stepping-stones to bigger and better things.

A Forward Look!

Just as Janus of old had two faces, one which looked backward and one which looked forward, so we cannot think of the past without thinking of that which is in the future. I have a few dreams which I would like to see come true in 1950!

More consecrated, interested, trained Story Hour workers.

More Story Hours during the year..114

Story Hour Leaders attending the State Convention at Ashland..... 50

Story Hour Leaders attending the eight Regional Conventions..... 75

All Associational Story Hour Leaders attending the planning meetings for Associational Officers in October of next year.

Every church with least two Story Hours; more as they are needed.

In addition, I would like to know as many of the Story Hour workers in the State as it is possible for me to know. Won't you, sometime during the coming year, sit down and write me a letter or card telling me about your problems and your successes (127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky)?

Woman's Missionary Union

Holiday Greetings!

The officers and office workers of the WMU of Kentucky send you greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

We are grateful for all you have done during the past year for the growth of our work and for our own personal help. We could not have carried on without you. The progress of our work measures your interest, prayers and accomplishments.

May the holiday season be full of real meaning and rich blessing for you, in the name of Him who came to earth that all people in every age and every land might have eternal life and everlasting joy!

Miss Annie Allen Writes About Enterprise Association

In a very definite way, the Lord has been blessing our Group Rallies for Young People's Organizations during the eighteen months we have been having these in Enterprise Association—one in each of our three groups each quarter. They are sponsored by a Group Leader in each division with some assistance from the Associational Young People's Leader.

There is not space in this article to tell of all of these rallies but we cannot fail to mention a few of the outstanding results.

In Group Two, Pikeville Baptist Church, there were twelve fine Intermediate girls who dedicated their lives to God for special service.

In a number of our Rallies women and young people have been inspired to volunteer as leaders of young people's organizations. Other leaders have found new courage and inspiration to press on with more zeal. We feel that untold good has come as a result of these Rallies and we give to God all the praise and thanksgiving. The programs for our Rallies are given mostly by our YWA's, GA's, RA's and Sunbeams and this has done much for the development of these young people—our future leaders. We feel that all the efforts put forth have been fully rewarded by the results already witnessed.

At the request of several friends, I will write a little more fully about our most recent Rally, held December 3. This will be reserved for next week's article.—Miss Annie Allen.

South Central Regional Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Union of South Central Region convened at the First Baptist Church of Lebanon on October 28. Mrs. J. B. Minor, Regional Vice-President presided during the day. It was truly an inspiration to have so many noted speakers, such as Dr. V. Lavelle Seats, missionary to Africa, Miss Rose Marlowe, missionary to China, Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Miss Marjorie Jones, Mrs. Harold J. Purdy and Dr. F. G. Schlafer. They all spoke on "Making the King of Glory Known" in their respective fields.

The following officers were elected: Vice-President, Mrs. H. C. Randall, Columbia; Young People's Leader, Mrs. E. N. Perry, Richmond; Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Richmond; Member of State Nominating Committee, Mrs. W. A. Gordon, Danville; Alternate, Mrs. T. B. Grissom, Burnside.

We adjourned, trusting we will have equally as good attendance in 1950 when we meet with the First Baptist Church of Harrodsburg.—Mrs. W. A. Brady, Secretary.

Royal Ambassador Charters for 1950 Being Issued

Applications for 1950 Charters for Royal Ambassador Chapters have been mailed to all Royal Ambassador Counselors in the state.

The applications are printed on postal cards and all the counselor must do is fill in the blanks and return it to the state office. There is no charge for the Charter and it will be mailed as soon as the application is received.

The only requirements for a Chapter are: that the organization must have met three times within the last three months (Put the dates of the meetings on the application), the counselor must have been elected, and the officers of the chapter elected, and the counselor must sign the pledge that he/she will carry out the purposes of the organization as given in the Manual and the programs as outlined in AMBASSADOR LIFE.

There is space on the applications for the 1950 Charters for some information that has not been on the other applications. Please use the one that is mailed you for 1950, not the old application blanks nor the ones in AMBASSADOR LIFE. If you did not receive the 1950 application,

please let the office know and they will send you one immediately.

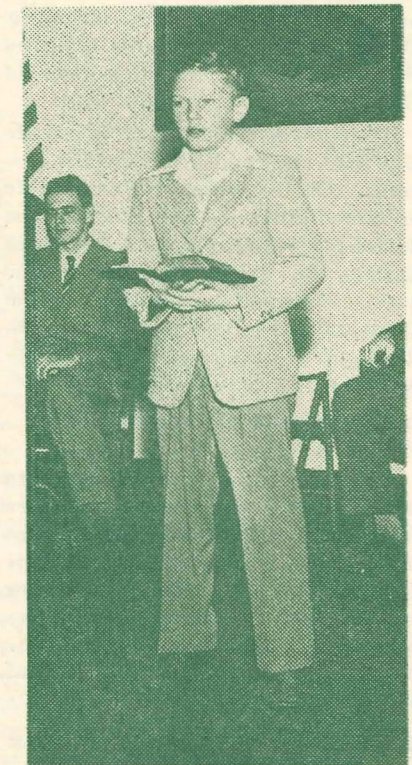
The Charter is an attractive 9"x12" certificate and may be framed and placed on the wall of the Chapter room.

Reports coming in from over the state indicate that many churches observed Royal Ambassador Focus Week during November.

Most of them followed the procedure of having a Father-Son banquet; a special Ranking Class or Mission Study Class; some special Community Missions project and of having the boys serve in a special capacity for the services on Sunday.

The organization in the Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church in Owensboro had one of the boys act as Sunday School Superintendent, one as Musical Director, one as Training Union Director and another as Pastor.

The best way to be found to get the church conscious of and interested in what the Royal Ambassadors are doing, is to use Focus Week to let them see what can be done. It is not too soon to begin now your plans for an effective program in your church for Focus Week of next year.



Gail Bennett

Ambassador-in-Chief of the Royal Ambassador Chapter of the Buechel Baptist Church reads the Scripture in the morning worship service in his church during RA Focus Week. Rev. W. W. Richardson is pastor.

The Mission of Christians

Acts 1:1-14

Sunday School Lesson for January 1, 1950

By H. C. CHILES, Murray, Kentucky

The Introduction. 1:1-3

The author of the Book of Acts is Luke, a scholarly physician, and the faithful friend and beloved companion of Paul. The "former treatise" to which he refers is the Gospel that bears his name. He describes his earlier writing as a record of what Jesus began to do and to teach. The things which He had started were still going on and gaining momentum, so Acts is a continuation of Luke's Gospel and has to do with the things which Jesus continued to do and to teach.

Who this Theophilus was, to whom Luke ascribes this and his former production, is not known. We may infer the probability that he was a friend of Luke, a man of social distinction, and a Christian of wide influence. The etymology of his name indicates that he was a friend and lover of God.

After the resurrection of Christ He was both seen and heard by His disciples. On ten reported occasions He presented Himself—five times on the day of His resurrection and five times during the subsequent thirty-nine days. The bodily appearance of the Lord, and His talking and eating with the disciples were proofs of His resurrection which could not be gainsayed.

I. The Promise of the Holy Spirit 1:4-5.

Christ commanded the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and await the arrival of the Holy Spirit. He also assured them of their immediate baptism with the Holy Spirit. Christ was unwilling for the believers to undertake the task of world-wide evangelization until they were endued with power from on high.

II. The Commission of Christ. 1:6-8.

Because the disciples were still expecting Jesus to bring national restoration and political independence to Israel, they asked Him if He would restore the kingdom immediately. He merely answered that this was not the consideration of present or paramount importance. It was not their privi-

lege to "know the times or the seasons," as those things are entirely with God. Christ stressed the fact that they were not to be absorbed in counting days, but in witnessing for Him. Instead of peering into the future, they were expected to be busy witnessing for Him.

Witnessing to Christ's gracious salvation is a task incumbent upon all Christians. No greater work than this can occupy the thought, the time, the strength or the substance of human beings. What a tragedy that Satan has blinded the eyes of so many Christians to the tremendous privilege and the marvelous responsibility the Lord has conferred upon us in commissioning us to be His witnesses! The sphere in which we are to witness is unlimited. No tribe, or district or nation is to be excluded. Our supreme business is to preach the gospel to every person. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

This task transcends our natural abilities, so we must have spiritual replenishment. Ability to perform this task does not lie in learning, however wide, nor in enthusiasm, however great, nor in money, numbers, prestige or any self-attainment. No amount of education, training, culture or human achievement will ever enable and qualify any of God's people for effective witness-bearing. It is entirely possible for a church to have a beautiful building, excellent equipment, thorough organization, cultured people, talented members and precise services and still be without spiritual power. All of these things may be used by the Holy Spirit to advance the work, but the power resides in Him alone. Apart from the Holy Spirit testimony for Christ will be ineffective. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." He alone can give us the power which we need for what needs to be done in the service of our Lord. If our witnessing for Christ is to be effective in changing the hearts and lives of people, the super-

natural power of the Holy Spirit must accompany it.

III. The Ascension of Christ. 1:9.

Against the law of gravity Jesus gradually ascended until He was enveloped in a cloud and disappeared from the sight of the disciples. It must have been a thrilling and an awe-inspiring sight for them to behold their Lord ascending. What deep and sober thoughts must have occupied their minds as He left them! What took place after He disappeared from human vision, it did not please the Lord to reveal.

IV. The Return of Christ. 1:10-11.

As the awe-stricken disciples gazed into heaven, two messengers stood by them and informed them that it was not the Lord's will for them to remain there gazing into heaven. They were reminded that they had a task to perform and should get busy at it. These heavenly messengers comforted the disciples with the assurance of the return of Christ. They said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." His coming will be as literal as was His departure. As to the time of His return we do not know, but, according to God's Word, He will come personally, visibly and gloriously.

V. The Days of Waiting. 1:12-14.

Eleven apostles, certain women—including the mother of Jesus our Lord's half-brothers, and enough others to total 120—met in the upper room and gave themselves with the same mind or spirit to prayer and supplication. Following their ten-day prayer meeting God blessed them with a mighty outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit, and He used them in a marvelous way as they witnessed for Christ.

DRINK—Joe Dimaggio, who doesn't drink, sat listening to tales about old ball players who used to drink. They told of the night when Derringer hoisted several drinks, boasted that he'd allow no runs the next day—and kept his promise. Another told of Paul Waner's hitting prowess, despite his drinking. "This is like listening to horse-betters," said Hank Greenberg. "You only hear about the winners."—Leonard Lyons, *McNaught Syndicate*.

Resolutions on Separation Of Church and State

[Editor's Note: The following resolution was presented to the Baptist State Mission Board, Tuesday, December 6, by Dr. L. E. Martin, pastor of the Severns Valley Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, and was unanimously adopted. Broad attention was given the resolution and its adoption in the secular papers. It points to one of the most vital questions and gravest dangers before the American people.]

WHEREAS the cherished principle of the separation of church and state which has been incorporated in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States is today being seriously challenged and in many instances violated by widespread practices throughout the nation, especially in the fact that federal financial aid is being granted to and accepted by church-owned and church-controlled organizations and institutions:

And WHEREAS Baptists believe in and have always stood uncompromisingly for the principle of the separation of church and state, and believe that the United States Supreme Court has clearly interpreted this historic American principle, declaring in part that, "Neither a state nor the federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organization or groups, and vice versa,"

And WHEREAS we recognize that Baptists, like other religious groups, operate their hospitals and educational institutions not alone for the purpose of ministering to the physical, mental, and intellectual needs of people, but also as a means of maintaining and propagating their own religious beliefs:

And WHEREAS, to receive financial aid from the Government, either state or federal is a violation of the Constitution, in that the Government, in such a case, is actually "participating in the affairs of religious organizations,"

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, respectfully request that the Boards of Trustees or other controlling officials of any institution owned and operated by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, accept

no financial aid in any amount or for any purpose, from either a city, the state, the federal Government, or from any government agency.

New Field Representative For Bethel Woman's College at Hopkinsville

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., December 12.—Mrs. Beulah Smith Wood of Princeton, Kentucky, is the new Field Representative of Bethel Woman's College. She began her work with Bethel some weeks ago and has been traveling in Missouri and Southern Illinois since November 1. She succeeded Miss Mary Julia Augenstein of Owensboro who was Bethel's Field

Concerning the Baptist World Alliance

Cleveland, Ohio,
July 22-27, 1950

If you plan to attend the BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS at Cleveland, Ohio, next July 22-27, it will be necessary for you to secure, at the earliest possible time, a registration blank. This can be done by writing to Dr. D. R. Sharpe, Chairman, Committee on arrangements, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland 15, Ohio. (Dr. W. C. Boone, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky, also has a limited number of these registration blanks).

Registration blanks should be filled out and mailed to Dr. Sharpe, together with the enrollment fee of \$5.00. No registration will be made without the registration blank, properly filled, and the enrollment fee of \$5.00. No application for reservation at hotels will be accepted except on the basis of this compliance sent to Dr. Sharpe. Hotels are being rapidly taken. Delay means failure.

Representative for three years. In September Miss Augenstein became Field Representative of the WMU Training School of Louisville. During these three years Miss Augenstein made many friends for Bethel throughout Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Tennessee. Bethel feels fortunate to have secured the services of Mrs. Wood who is a loyal Baptist, a lady of gracious manner and pleasing personality. She will also make many friends and help many students to decide in favor of Bethel. She will be traveling in Kentucky during the early months of 1950. Bethel takes this means of introducing her to Baptist pastors and churches of Kentucky.

The Unsaved

The Architect—Makes blueprints, but hasn't found God's plan for his life —Builds houses, but has no mansion in Heaven.

The Astronomer—Studies stars, but doesn't know the Bright and Morning Star.

The Cobbler—Puts new soles on old shoes, but knows nothing of a new soul for an old sinner.

The Conductor—Takes fares, but has no ticket to Heaven.

The Designer—Designs dresses, but has no robe of righteousness.

The Doctor—Saves lives, but loses souls. Doctors others, but needs the Great Physician himself.

The Electrician—Wires a house for light, but is in the dark himself.

The Engineer—Builds bridges, but knows nothing about the cross which bridges Heaven and earth.

The Geologist—Knows rocks, but not the Rock of Ages.

The Jeweler—Finds the flaws in a diamond, but not in his own soul.

The Lawyer—Knows law, but needs grace.

The Motorman—Keeps his train on the track, but doesn't know his own soul is derailed.

The Oculist—Helps others to see, but is blind himself.

The Pharmacist—Knows medicine, but hasn't found the remedy for sin.

The Preacher—The shepherd who doesn't know where he is going.

The Scientist—Searches for God's secrets in the dark.

The Sea Captain—His compass points to the North Star, but his spiritual compass isn't set toward Christ.—Dorothy H. David in *The Moody Monthly*.

HIS BIRTHDAY

All was quiet and peaceful this night as two lone figures, one on a lowly animal, outlined against the fullness of a beautiful moon, made their way slowly down the narrow road.

Many hours before, these two had departed their journey from Nazareth to the little town of Bethlehem. Bethlehem—which had not been roused out of its lethargy since David, the great king of Israel, had builded his capital at Jerusalem.

It had been a day unreal and strange in this sleepy little town. Never before had there been such a great throng of people in Bethlehem. They had come afoot, on mule back, and even some few in Roman chariots. Caesar Augustus was ruler at Rome, and Herod, his puppet, surnamed the Great, had sent out his dictum. Every man must go to his own province, his own city, there to be taxed so that Rome might see wherein lay her strength.

The people did not like to leave their herds and fields to pledge themselves to greater—ever greater taxes. But one did not disregard the order of Herod, backed and flanked by the eagles of the mighty Rome.

Now the town gates were closed, and every niche in the inns were full. Yet, one more couple had to find lodging somewhere.

Joseph and Mary were travel-stained and weary. Their poor donkey was weary, too, and his tongue hung out of his mouth in thirst.

These two and their lowly beast were no different than the countless others who had been pouring into the province all day—no different in manner, in tongue, in clothing. Yet God's purpose in their being in the little town was far different than anyone's else.

In spite of weariness the face of Mary shone with a heavenly brightness. This was to be the birthday of Jesus, and Mary was to be His mother! No wonder the radiance about her! No wonder the love and happiness that filled the hearts of Mary and Joseph. No different?—Ah, yes, so very different. The Heavenly Father had chosen these two to be the earthly parents of His beloved Son,

Jesus. This was the birthday of the King!

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"There is no space left."

"We have been full since noonday."

"No room!"

Poor Joseph and Mary, worn and almost fainting, could find nowhere to stay for the night. There seemed to be not even a corner where they might rest.

Once again Joseph asked for lodging.

"My inn is full," growled the innkeeper. "Move on."

"But I can pay for lodging," pleaded Joseph. "For myself I do not mind, but my wife—"

The innkeeper's heart must have softened as he looked into the kindly face of Mary. One could not let her drop in the streets. But there was no room . . . And then Joseph was saying: "Might not we find sanctuary in the stable? The hay will be clean and soft. It will be quiet there away from the great crowds. And we will gladly pay."

As he led the way to the stable, the innkeeper was silent. It had been a hard and tedious day.

At last all the noise and confusion of the day had subsided and the night was silent.

* * *

"Oh, surely it cannot be morning," said the sleepy little daughter of the innkeeper, as her mother awakened her.

"Nay, child, not morning, but hasten and arise. Dress quickly, strange things have happened."

As she walked out into the yard, the innkeeper's daughter found herself in the midst of a crowd who spoke excitedly, yet in a low voice. And the inn yard was as bright as day. Yet it was not day, and the radiance was coming not from the sun, but from a star—a star hanging low over the stable of the little inn.

The child listened as she heard a shepherd speaking to his companion: "We were keeping watch over the flock on yonder hillside this night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon us, and the glory of the Lord shone round about us: and we were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto us, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'"

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

Another shepherd joined in: "Immediately we came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

As the innkeeper's daughter crept close to the stable, she saw the baby of whom the shepherds had talked, and there beside the manger was the woman who had ridden up to the inn that afternoon. All care and weariness were gone from her face now. And the radiance about her matched that of the star above the stable. Strangers were kneeling before the baby—the baby Jesus, born in a stable because there was no room in the inn.

On this Christmas let us make gifts to Him because it commemorates His Birthday.

Remember

Don't crowd the Christ out of Christmas,

By parties and feasting and play;
Don't crowd the Christ out of Christmas;

As they did from the inn that day.

The poor, the lonely, and needy,
The sick and the sad and oppressed
Are those He has sent us for service
To Him who has loved us the best.

Don't crowd the Christ out of Christmas,

But open the heart and the home
To those, the least in His kingdom
Through whom He has chosen to come.

—Catherine Littrell

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—(Isaiah 9:6).

Long Run Has Recognition Service At Ninth and O Church

The Long Run Associational Royal Ambassador Recognition Service was held November 28 at the Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville. Forty boys participated. They were questioned by Pastor Maurice R. Barnes, Associational Royal Ambassador Council President, as to the work that they had passed, and then they were given the charge for further advancement by Glendon McCullough, Kentucky Royal Ambassador Secretary.

Special recognition was given to Wallace Sanders, Parkland Baptist Church, and to Ernestine McKay, Beechmont Baptist Church, as they have advanced to the highest possible rank—that of Ambassador Plenipotentiary.

A complete list of participants is as follows:

Page: Francis Coryell and James Smith, Beechmont; Don Dyer, Jules Ramey, Gail Bennett and Ronald Richardson, Buechel; Charles Pfannenschmidt, Donald Jean Dennison, Randall Kerr, Clarence Pfannenschmidt and Joseph Hatfield, Highland Park, Second; Billy Smith, Ninth and O; Carroll Eubanks, Robert Pharis, Don Durbin and Gynne Durbin, Shively; Danny Wilder, Eddie Hoback, A. Stanley Willett, Eddie Gaffney and Gilbert Doyle, Jr., Southside.

Squire: Billy Sexton, Central Mission; Willie Page, W. C. Walter, and Bobby Walter, Ninth and O; Walter Johnson, and Barrh Hahn, Audubon.

Knight: Jimmy Morris, Beechmont; Albert Miller, Ninth and O; Edward Begley, Jimmy Stiles, and Wayne Begley, Southside; Everett Mounce and Jack O'Bryan, Central Mission.

Ambassador: Donnie Frank Beechmont; Alfred Towell, Central Mission;



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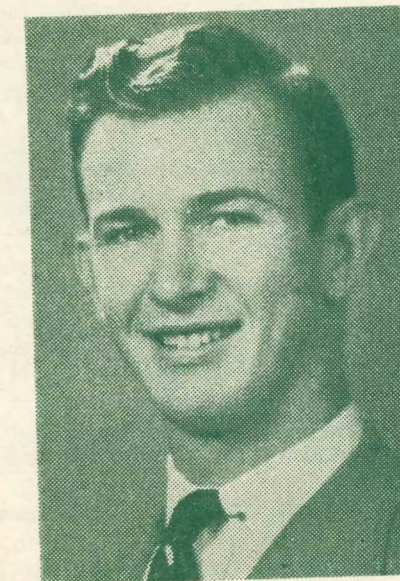
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and Woodrow Richardson, Buechel. Ambassador Plenipotentiary: Ernestine McKay, Beechmont; and Wallace Sanders, Jr., Parkland.

Joe Frank Hunt Surrenders to Preach

RINEYVILLE, Ky., December 10.—Joe Frank Hunt is the first young man within the history of the New Salem Baptist Church to surrender to the call to preach the Gospel. He made his surrender known to the congregation on the third Sunday in August.

He was converted at the age of nine years, and at the age of thirteen



Joe Frank Hunt

he was superintendent of the Sunday school. At the time of his dedication he was Director of the Training Union.

At the present time he is only eighteen years of age. He was born near Vine Grove and graduated from the Vine Grove High School on May 27, 1949. He is now a freshman at Georgetown College.

Baptist Association Observes "M" Night At Salvisa Church

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky., December 11.—The "M" Day meeting of Baptist Associational Training Union was held with the Salvisa Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon December 4 at 2:30 P. M.

The theme was: *In Christ is God's Everlasting "Yes."* The Director, Mr. C. F. Marlowe, presided. A splendid program had been planned. Pastor and Mrs. Charles R. Tucker were in charge of the music. The devotional was led by Pastor Dan Thomas. Twelve young people from the Salvisa Church presented the themes and scriptures for the twelve months of 1950. Director Marlowe, and the Associate Director, Mr. V. B. Pinkston, presented the plans and goals for 1950. Special music was presented by the Lawrenceburg Church. The message was delivered by State Training Union Secretary, Rev. Byron C. C. DeJarnette, who spoke on the subject "Can We Revitalize Our Churches Through Spiritual Training?"

The attendance was 181 from twelve churches out of the sixteen. Twelve Directors and ten Pastors were present. All seemed to be uplifted by attending this meeting.

Mr. Marlowe has been a successful director for many years.

Christmas Bells

Why do the bells at Christmas ring?
Why does the world with children sing?

Once long ago a wondrous star
Was seen by wise men from afar;
They followed it as it moved its light
To rest and make a manger bright.
Therein they saw a babe that lay
In peace upon the manger hay.
To them its mother said and smiled,
"This is the Christ, the Holy Child."

That's why the bells at Christmas ring,
That's why the world with children sing.

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Allensville Church to Note Pastor Paris B. Akin's 25th Anniversary

WINCHESTER, Ky., December 15.—Pastor Paris B. Akin has been preaching a series of sermons at the Allensville Baptist Church on the theme, *The Christian and His Relations*. His subjects have been: October 30, "His Membership and Church Relations;" November 6, "His Church and the World;" November 13, "His Church and the Tithe;" November 20, "His Church and the Lodge;" November 27, "The Christian the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World." December 4, "The Christian and His Prayer Life." This series has been blessed by increasing the attendance each Sunday night.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Brother Akin as pastor of the Allensville Baptist Church will be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in May, 1950.

The Sunday school has almost doubled in attendance since the completion of six new Sunday school rooms last May.

Two Kentuckians Were Candidates for Rhodes Scholarships

In the recent selection of candidates for Rhodes Scholarships, Kentucky was well represented in two of its young men. These were Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., son of Pastor and Mrs. Fred T. Moffatt, Sr., of Frankfort, Ky., and Charles E. Whittle, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Whittle, Sr., of Brownsville, Ky. Young Mr. Moffatt is a senior in Washington and Lee University, majoring in history. His father has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort for some years, and was selected last month to deliver the annual sermon before the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky next year.

Young Mr. Whittle is a graduate of Centre College, and is now majoring in physics at Washington University, St. Louis. His father, Charles E. Whittle, Sr., is a practicing attorney at Brownsville, and in former years was the president of Ogden College at Bowling Green at the tender age of twenty-three years. He was said to be the youngest president of any

college in America about twenty-five years ago.

Though others surpassed them in the process of elimination when representatives from all the states were brought together, they are nonetheless highly honored, and have brought great credit to Kentucky.

Lexington Preacher Desires to Work Among The Deaf Mute People

LEXINGTON, Ky., December 9.—Several weeks ago Richard Ewing was ordained to the Baptist ministry, along with two others. Brother Ewing feels called to minister to the deaf mute people, and is well qualified for this type of ministry. He has had to use the sign language all his life, though he himself can hear and speak well. This is quite a new field, in a way, and it is difficult for him to get a foothold somewhere. Perhaps through the *Western Recorder* we might be able to make the right contact.

If there is a church, or, a group of churches, who could go together and have a class for the deaf and mute, and need a sound Baptist preacher to do the work, we have the man.

Brother Ewing is a young man, and his zeal and love are unbounding. We would love to see something open up for him in this field. Any one interested might write to me or to Richard Ewing, 136 Leader, Lexington, Ky., for further information.—O'Ray Weeks, Pastor, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, 730 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Ky.

Gleanings

The funeral of David S. Norris, 52, was conducted by Pastors H. O. Niceley and Evans T. Moseley at the Alexander and Royalty Funeral Home, Harrodsburg, on Friday, December 9. He was a member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. James T. Norris, Harrodsburg; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret M. Royalty, Harrodsburg, and Mrs. Hugh Norris, Cincinnati, Ohio; and other relatives.

The funeral service for John R. Harper, 34, was conducted by Pastor E. N. Wilkinson, of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Lexington, at the Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on De-

cember 12. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Allison Harper, his mother, Mrs. Jennie Worsham Harper, and one daughter, Frankie Joe Harper. Also, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Consalvi, Lexington, and Mrs. Raymond Miller, Fort Knox, Ky.

Eastern Region News

Jellico Pastor Going To Central City's First Baptist Church

JELICO, Tenn., December 3.—The First Baptist Church of Central City, Ky., has called Pastor Francis R. Tallant, of the First Baptist Church here to be its new pastor. Brother Tallant presented his resignation to the church on Sunday, November 20. At the business meeting the following Wednesday the First Church of Jellico voted without a dissenting vote that he reconsider and continue on as its pastor. However, Pastor Tallant has made known his intention of taking up his new duties in western Kentucky the first of the new year.

Brother Tallant has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jellico for the last five years. Native of Tennessee, he is a son of the late Rev. W. C. Tallant, who died last spring. In going to Central City, Ky., he succeeds another Tennessean, Ray H. Dean, who some months ago returned to that state, residing at Orinda, Tenn., and is engaged in evangelistic and supply work.

Pastor Gifford Walters, Cumberland, officiated at the funeral of J. B. Wall, 70, prominent Harlan attorney, at the Harlan Baptist Church on November 27. Mr. Wall formerly lived in Corbin, Ky. He has resided as special judge in districts of Kentucky.

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is assurance that every possible measure of comfort will be provided for family and friends.

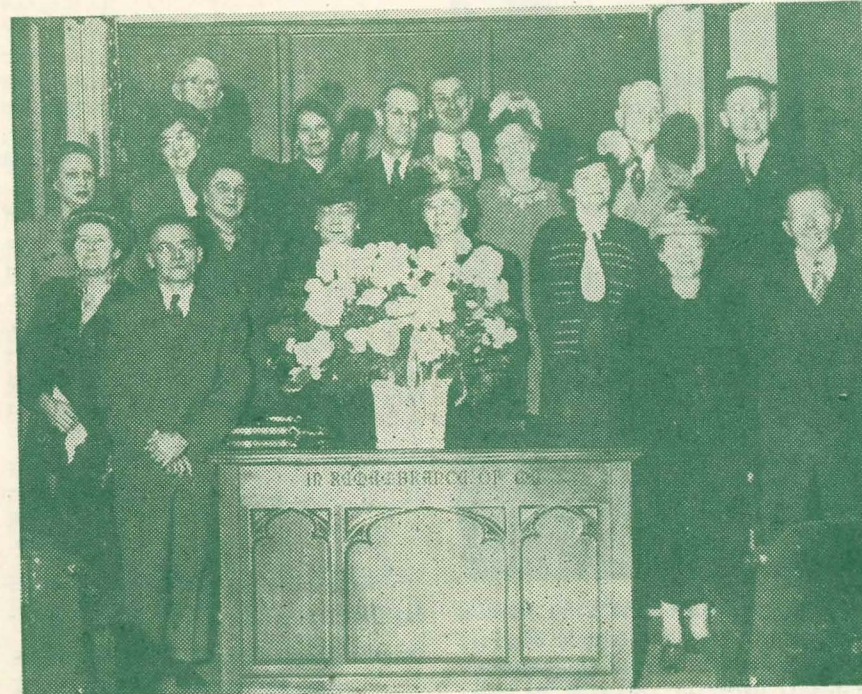
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Fort Mitchell Church Has Silver Anniversary

COVINGTON, Ky., December 2.—The Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary as an organized church on Sunday, November 27. A special birthday celebration was planned for the morn-

labor in the construction of the original building in which the work began.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. Andrew M. Smith. Rev. G. B. Bush served as pastor for more than



Charter Members of Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church who were present at the 25th anniversary on November 27.

Front Row (Left to Right): Mrs. Joseph Conrad, Joseph Conrad, Mrs. Ben Rivard, Mrs. Clarence Wert, Mrs. Luke Green, Mrs. Frank Tanner, Jr., Mrs. Adam Bauer, and Adam Bauer.

Second Row: Mrs. James Oldham, Mrs. Paul Bethell, Mrs. Robert Wikel, C. J. Meyer, Mrs. Charles Mayer, Charles Mayer, and Thomas Green.

Top Row: Paul Bethell and Wayne Rusk, Jr.

ing worship hour composed of local people who reviewed the history and achievements of the church for the first twenty-five years. They were: W. T. Perry, Thomas Green, Charles J. Meyer, J. Wayne Rusk, R. P. Hodges and Efton Bush, the last named being a son of the late Pastor G. B. Bush.

Rev. W. A. M. Wood, long time Field Worker for the State Mission Board and Associational Missionary for the North Bend Association, was one of the early leaders in the movement that sold the idea of the Ft. Mitchell Church to the brethren of the North Bend Association. Many laymen assisted him by donations of

twenty years. The present pastor is Rev. Darrell C. Richardson, who has been there for two years and a half, and he has been able to lead out in the fine constructive program which has resulted in more than doubling the Sunday school attendance, the church finances, the organization of a full graded Training Union, development of a youth program and remodeling of the church edifice to accommodate the increased attendance.

Special guests at the service were the charter members, twenty-six of whom are still living, and twenty of whom are still members of the Ft. Mitchell Church.

The only two charter deacons of

the church—J. Wayne Rusk, Sr., and Luke O. Green—both now deceased, played a prominent part in the early years of the church's history. Paul L. Bethel was the first treasurer of the church; J. Wayne Rusk was the first superintendent of the Sunday school; Mrs. Thomas Phillips was the first president of the Woman's Missionary Union; Adam Bauer was the first building fund treasurer; Luke O. Green was named the first mission fund treasurer; Mrs. J. Wayne Rusk, Sr., was the first president of the Ladies' Aid; Charles J. Meyer was the first church clerk; and Clarence G. Wert was selected as the first associate superintendent of the Sunday school.

Officers and Leaders of North Central Region WMU Meet at Dry Ridge

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky., November 15.—Mrs. Logan B. English, President of the North Central Region WMU, met her Executive Committee for an all-day meeting at the Carlsbad Hotel in Dry Ridge on November 9. The eleven associations were represented by the superintendents, young people's leaders, and regional chairmen.

Mrs. F. M. Clinkinscales, Williamstown, brought the devotional message. Definite plans of work for the coming year were made.

In the afternoon session Mrs. J. R. Hagon led the conference for young people's leaders.

The Teacher

I sing of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war. It is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. She lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. For her no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed. She keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. She awakens sleeping spirits. She quickens the indolent, encourages the eager, and steadies the unstable. She communicates her own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the very best treasures of her mind. She lights many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer her. This is her reward.—Henry Van Dyke.

Monticello Brotherhood Has Banquet for Wives



MONTICELLO, Ky., December 2.—The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church here recently enjoyed entertaining their wives as guests at a banquet given in the dining room of the church. Besides the well served chicken dinner, those present enjoyed a delightful musical program arranged by Miss Ruth Bell, church organist, on the new organ recently purchased by the church. Elbert Pike is the active president of the Monticello Brotherhood, and T. E. Smith is the pastor.

Pastor Asa Jones' Stolen Overcoat is Replaced By Beech Grove Offering

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky., December 3.—The Beech Grove Baptist Church met on Friday night, November 25, for a Thanksgiving program. The auditorium was beautifully decorated, illuminated by candlelight. The first ten minutes of the program were spent in meditation and silent prayer.

A bountiful dinner was served in the basement of the church. After dinner everyone returned to the auditorium, where favorite hymns were sung.

Pastor Asa Jones, while shopping in Louisville that day, had his overcoat stolen, so the church members, learning of this, made up an offering of

\$55.00 to replace the coat. This also provided the members an opportunity to show how thankful they are for Pastor and Mrs. Jones, and their small daughter, Patty Lou.

Golden Wedding Day For Prof. and Mrs. Homer Felts on Christmas

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Professor and Mrs. Homer Felts will be commemorated with an Open House at their residence, 715 Lebanon Avenue, Campbellsville, Kentucky, by their family and friends on Sunday, December 25, 1949, from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M.

After graduating from Bethel College in Russellville in 1895, Mr. Felts has spent the last fifty-four years in

various careers. He is both versatile and dexterous, and his friends have always kept him busy beyond what would be expected of one ordinary human being. From 1910 to 1928 he was Principal of the Business Department of Bethel College at Russellville. Then followed five years as Postmaster at Russellville. Beginning in 1932 he became a member of the faculty at Campbellsville College, where he continued until his retirement.

He has followed a career of teaching business subjects, county surveyor, court reporter, attorney, tenor singer, cornetist, band and orchestra director, Sunday school class teacher, political office holder, and so on and on, but most of all, first, last and always, a friend of all. He has showered his interests upon the young students who have grown up under him, and has bent every effort to make them succeed in the world. Mrs. Felts, like her husband, has been vitally interested in the doings of students and other young people. Their home has been a crossroads where young people have met and had fellowship together in social life and orchestra rehearsals. Theirs has been a golden sunset for all who have known them.

In Memoriam

MISS SARAH MANSFIELD

OAKLAND, Ky., December 5.—Miss Sarah Mansfield, 88 years of age, on October 31, 1949, passed away at her home near Oakland, Ky., on November 23. She was a most active and remarkable woman, until her illness began three years ago. She was a member of Bethel Methodist Church, but never missed an opportunity to attend Friendship Baptist Church, often walking more than two miles. She loved God's house and His children. It was always an inspiration to hear her quote the Scriptures. She talked as one who had been tested and tried. What an inspiration to feel her warm handclasp! It is fitting that she should be given honorable mention in the Western Recorder.—Mrs. M. Ruth Bratton, Route 3, Smith's Grove, Kentucky.

Gleanings

Pastor Ray Roberts has been conducting a revival at the First Baptist Church of Danville during the early part of December.

An eight-day revival began on December 4 at the First Baptist Church of Danville, where Pastor Ray Roberts did the preaching and Ray Moore has been directing the music. The First Church has set a goal of 1,000 for its Sunday school attendance.

James Cooley is Ordained a Deacon At First, Hickman

HICKMAN, Ky., November 18.—The First Baptist Church here met Sunday afternoon, November 13, at 2:30 o'clock to ordain James Cooley as a deacon. The meeting of the council was held with the deacons and ministers of other churches in the West Kentucky Association being present. The questioning was done by Pastor Joe Williams. After the singing of a hymn, Pastor R. M. Stovall, of Poplar Grove Church, delivered the message, and Pastor Orman Stegall, Spring Hill, delivered the charge, and then followed the laying on of hands.

Pastor G. R. Abernathy, West Hickman Church, led in prayer, and Chairman T. H. Streeter, of the Deacons of the First Baptist Church, gave the words of welcome. At the conclusion Brother Cooley pronounced the benediction, and the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to him.

The new deacon is married to a fine wife, and has two fine children—Shirley and Jimmie.

C. R. Hill Goes From Marion Church to Be Pastor at Hartford

MARION, Ky., December 5.—Pastor C. R. Hill has resigned at the First Baptist Church of Marion, Ky., in Ohio River Association, and has accepted the pastorate of the Hartford Baptist Church, in Ohio County Association. He came to the Marion church in August 1944, at a time when the membership was about 350 persons, and they were meeting in a one-room building. Brother Hill led the church to erect a beautiful house of worship at a cost of \$125,000, and the membership has increased to 415. Also during his presence here the church has purchased a pastor's home.

He was moderator of the Ohio River Association for two years, and was its State Board member for two years. He has served on several committees, and always stood ready to promote all the denominational work.

The Ohio River Association has passed resolutions regretting his going from their midst. The resolutions al-

so speak in highest terms about the work of Mrs. Hill among the women of their territory. The resolutions are signed by Brethren W. G. Potts, W. O. Wicker and G. O. Cavanaugh, Committee.

Walter H. Britton Dies

MAYFIELD, Ky.—Walter H. Britton, for many years the superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church here, and at one time chairman of the Deacons, died in Mayfield Hospital October 28. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. H. Horton, at the First Baptist Church auditorium, Saturday, October 29.

In 1906 Mr. Britton was married to Miss Alberta Pettie, who survives. She is the daughter of the late Dr. A. S. Pettie and Mrs. Pettie.

It was during Superintendent Britton's administration that the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church here had an average attendance of over a thousand, and that the largest attendance on record here was reached—2,503—September 30, 1923. From his young manhood he was a loyal member of the local church, and he will be greatly missed.

In Memoriam

MRS. L. W. BODENHAMER

PRINCETON, Ky., December 9.—Mrs. L. W. Bodenhamer, departed this life rather suddenly and went to be with Christ on Saturday, October 22. She was a native of Caldwell County and was Miss Imogene Cliff before her marriage. As a young girl she gave her heart to the Lord Jesus, and the last years of her life she was a member of the First Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky. She faithfully followed her Lord throughout the years, even down to the hour when she was called home. In fact she was on a mission for her church when she was stricken.

She served efficiently at different times in the Primary Department of the Sunday school, the Story Hour of the Training Union, The Sunbeam Work of the WMU, and on the Charity Committee of her church. She will be greatly missed by the entire church life.

In the community she was a neighbor whose compassionate heart feelings went out to all. In the home she was a loving and devoted wife and mother. In the church she was a loyal servant of Christ Jesus.

Our sincerest and most prayerful sympathy is hereby expressed to her husband and children.—Mrs. H. G. M. Hatler, Chairman of Committee; Mrs. Leon Cummins, Miss Berch Cummins.

Denzil Probus Preaches It Mt. Carmel Meetings

LIVIA, Ky., December 5.—Pastor Denzil Probus, of the Sorgho Church, in Daviess-McLean Association,

helped Jastor James A. McCamish in a revival at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church October 10-21. The results were twenty-one professions of faith, nineteen for baptism and five by letter.

Pastor McCamish says that Brother Probus is a fine Gospel preacher and brought fine messages. "He is doing a splendid work at Sorgho," the Mt. Carmel pastor continues. "Since his arrival there about two years ago a new parsonage has been erected and almost paid for. Now plans are being discussed for an educational building. His church is also growing in other ways."

Adrian Burchett, Active Eddy Creek Baptist, is Killed By Tractor

KUTTAWA, Ky., December 5.—Adrian Burchett, age nineteen, met with a tragic death on December 2, when a tractor he was operating overturned and crushed him. He was killed instantly.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burchett, of Caldwell County. He was one of the community's finest Christian young men. He was a member of Eddy Creek Church, near Princeton.

The funeral service was held at Eddy Creek on Sunday afternoon. Attendants estimated that no less than 700 persons were in attendance at his funeral. The sermon was preached by his former pastor, Brother L. J. Knott, of Kuttawa, and he was assisted by Pastor H. G. M. Hatler, of the First Church of Princeton, and Pastor W. Shirley Spahr, of the Cadiz Baptist Church.

Gleanings

The first anniversary of Wing Avenue Baptist Church of Owensboro will be observed on January 1.

Services will start in the Keck Avenue Baptist Mission, West Kentuckiana Association, on January 1.

Pastor Harold D. Tallant has completed two years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Madisonville, Ky.

The Hall Street Baptist Church of Owensboro has opened a new mission at Eighteenth and Lewis Streets. Henry Beach, Jr., is pastor of the Hall Street Church, and, beginning December 12, he conducted a revival in the Eighteenth Street Mission.

Commending the Work Of A. C. Couch in Eastern Kentucky

By S. A. Petry, Hazard, Ky.

HAZARD, Ky., December 6.—I feel like a brief report of a good brother's work should be printed in the *Western Recorder*. Rev. A. C. Couch, Vicco, Ky., was called to be pastor of the Yerkes Baptist Church in May, 1945. He has increased the members to nearly 200, among whom are seven public school teachers. His meeting house and grounds were presented to the church by Brother Boyd Campbell, and Brother Couch has added improvements to the amount of \$1,000.

Previous to the time of his call he conducted two revival meetings—one at Red Hill; the other at Confluence in Leslie County—resulting in eleven baptisms at Red Hill and nineteen professions at Confluence. Recently he conducted a revival at the Combs Baptist Church, of which his brother, Shafter Couch, is the efficient pastor, with the following results—twenty-seven professions, one by statement, and nine rededications.

While doing this work he was running a mining machine each day that the mines ran, entering the mine on schedule at 11:30 at night. I believe for most of that time his church was able to pay him only \$50.00 per month on his expenses. I wonder if it would not be both good judgment and good business to take him out of the mines into full-time work for the Lord?

Stearns Baptists Move In Their New Church

STEARNS, Ky., December 12.—December 11 was a great day for members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Stearns, Kentucky, for on this day they moved into the new church that has been erected under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Robert E. Connely. McCreary County has no building which can compare with this forty-three-room, fire-proof, brick structure of which any city could be proud. The auditorium has a seating capacity of over 600. There is a nursery with all modern facilities, a kitchen and recreation room. The building is heated by steam. Class rooms are so arranged that no child under the age of nine has to use stairs to attend Sunday school.

Twenty-four

The fact that the members of the church have helped in the actual labor of erecting this building, makes it worth more to them than if they counted only the value of the money that went into it. They, led by their pastor, are justly proud of having such a building with an estimated worth of \$150,000, having put only \$55,000 in labor and materials into it. For over a year the men of the church have worked faithfully night after night, from the pouring of the concrete foundation to the putting on of the shingles. Several of them worked during the day when they and the pastor could be found at work there every day, and every night that the duties of his pastorate did not call him away. Plans for this new church were drawn by Pastor Connely, and many items he himself built, such as a pulpit stand and installing lights, etc. These, together with labor by the church members, represents untold saving in the cost of the building.

The women of the church have also accepted their share in the work. They prepared light refreshments and served them to the men each night. Also, some of the ladies helped in removing varnish from the old pews so they could be finished to match the new ones just purchased.

A week of dedication services with a different speaker for each evening, followed. The program for this week consisted of such out-of-town speakers as: Dr. W. C. Boone; E. S. Lambers, Jr., teacher of Men's Bible Class, First Church, and Dr. Irving Rose, both of Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Hockett, Nashville; Missionary Earl Parker, China; Associational Missionary Roy Lewis; Presidents Sam S. Hill of Georgetown, and J. M. Boswell of Cumberland; and J. Chester Durham, State Student Secretary. Others invited to a place on the program include Pastors G. S. Sandusky, M. L. Chambers, O. G. Rainwater, C. A. Wingo, R. G. Crowe and O. I. Wilson, as well as many local people.

Virginia Pastor in Revival at First Church, Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., December 8.—We have just closed our revival with Dr. Wade H. Bryant, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, as our preacher and Mr. Billy S. Hilbun,

Director of Music of the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss., as our song leader. We had an unusually good revival. The following statistics will indicate that: Professions of faith, 32; From other faiths, 3; Rededications, 37; Student watchcare, 10; Letter, 15; Surrender to full-time Christian service, 6; Surrender to definite Christian service, 5; making a total of 108. —Herbert C. Gabhart, Pastor.

Gleanings

The Gatliff Baptist Church is now in process of erecting a new building. Pastor G. S. Gibson, Williamsburg, is both the architect and construction man.

Miss Barbara Jean Van Horn and Mr. Ernest Ratliff were united in marriage by Pastor Carroll Hubbard at the First Baptist Church of Ashland recently.

Pastor W. O. Douglas, Clairfield Church, was the preacher in a revival with Pastor James E. Partin at the Valley Creek Church. Eleven new members were received, eight of them being by baptism.

The Old Poplar Baptist Church, in East Union Association at King, Kentucky, has gone to full-time preaching. Also its first Baptist Training Union was recently organized there. Brother Grant Hobbs is pastor at Old Poplar.

The Crouches Creek Baptist Church is conducting a radio program on Sundays at 4:00 P. M. immediately following The Baptist Hour program of the Southern Baptist Convention, by Dr. Robert G. Lee. We have not learned the name of the station over which the Crouches Creek is broadcast.

Pastor H. D. Lawson, Black Star, Ky., was the preacher in a recent series of evangelistic meetings at the Big Poplar Baptist Church in East Union Association, resulting in forty-four additions by baptism, eight by letter, and twenty-two rededications. Later he held meetings at the Boston Church.

Miss Betty Jean Litteral and Corporal Robert E. Webster were united in marriage at the Unity Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky., in a ceremony performed by Pastor L. H. Tipton recently. Corporal Webster is with the Air Force at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S. C., so the newly married couple is residing there for the present.

Dr. Frank H. Leavell Dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Dr. Frank Hartwell Leavell, 65, secretary in charge of the Baptist Student Union Department for the Southern Baptist Convention, died at his home here, Wednesday morning, December 7. Dr. Leavell became ill Tuesday night after working as usual in his office Tuesday. His death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Funeral services, held at the First Baptist Church here, were conducted by his brother, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive-secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Burial was at Dr. Leavell's birthplace, Oxford, Miss.

Dr. Leavell received his early education at Oxford, his bachelor's degree at the University of Mississippi, and a master's degree at Columbia University. He also studied at Harvard University Law School and held honorary degrees of LL.D. from Mississippi College and L.H.D. from Baylor University.

A member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance since 1934, Dr. Leavell had been secretary of the youth committee of the organization since 1931. He had been connected with church student work for 27 years and came here in 1928 from a similar post in Memphis. Before his assignment to student work with the Convention, he was in charge of Baptist Training Union work in Georgia, with headquarters at Atlanta. He was secretary of the Georgia State Baptist Young People's Union from 1913 to 1922.

In 1922, Dr. Leavell became executive secretary of the Inter-Board Commission of the Convention, and held the post until he came here. At one time he served as secretary of the Convention's Education Commission and member of the World Baptist Young People's Union. He had also served as a member of the National Commission of Church-Related Colleges and the National Commission on University Work since 1935. Before entering Baptist Student work, he taught at Mercer University at Macon, Ga.

He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church and a member of the Rotary Club and Sigma Chi fraternity.

His wife, the former Miss Martha Maria Boone, of Memphis, survives him. Other survivors include two daughters, Miss Mary Martha Leavell of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. John P. Newport of Waco, Tex.; a son, Frank H. Leavell, Jr., who is a senior at Baylor University; five brothers; and two grandchildren.

Ohio Pastor Learns Value of Press

DAYTON, Ohio.—The West Side Southern Baptist Church of this city, John W. Kurtz, pastor, was challenged recently to recognize the value of the secular press in advertising its program to the general public.

The inspiration to make the trial



came from a remark made by General Secretary W. C. Boone, at the General Association, which met in Louisville recently. Pastor Kurtz contacted one of Dayton's daily papers and a reporter visited his church services on November 27, and on November 28 there appeared a lengthy article in which was printed the pastor's

picture and story of the achievements and aims of West Side Southern Baptist Church.

The West Side Church is a part of the Whitewater Association, which affiliates with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. It was the first Southern Baptist church to be organized in this city, 1935. Six years ago it led in organizing another congregation in North Dayton, and now, still another mission center is active in the West Moraine plat.

The youthful pastor will be 28 next month, but he is strongly entrenched in the hearts of his people and community. The present enrollment of his church is 800. Overflow crowds have had to be seated in the basement. There have been 107 new members added since he began his pastorate last June. The present building was dedicated last February, debt free; and already the church is considering another program of enlargement at its present site or else moving to a position nearer bus lines.

Pastor Kurtz is a former football fullback and looks the part. He is a graduate of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. While still a high school junior he was a full-time pastor of a country church near Versailles, Ky. In spite of his heavy work on the local field, he has found time to conduct 32 two-week revivals. His Sunday morning services have been broadcast over WONE since last July. He is married and has a two-year-old son, Johnny Wayne.

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"Silent Night"

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"An hour or so ago," John said, "I tried to figure the same about Wilding. Then it started to snow, and I tried to forget."

The wind whirled the snowflakes, and howled down from the mountains. "I wish," Karl said, "I wish the wind would thin out the snow so we could see black sky and silver stars."

"Why?"

"Because that's the way it was the night of the song."

"What song?"

"The one my mother told me about—'Stille Nacht,'" Karl answered. "It's the greatest song in the world. It was written by Joseph Mohr. And, you now, he wrote it in this very place—right on this hillside. That's the reason why I was singing it to-night."

Karl began to hum the tune. John's English words joined with Karl's German tune, and the song echoed out into the darkness—"All is calm, all is bright . . . round yon virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild . . . sleep in heavenly peace. . ."

They both were silent. The snow thinned out until only desultory flakes slanted down like feathers.

"Why did Joseph Mohr write a song about Bethlehem here in the Austrian mountains?" John asked, more to make conversation than that he wanted to hear the story.

"It was this way—" Karl's voice lingered on his words. John wondered whether the boy's mother had told the story the same way.

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"It is the year 1818, Christmas Eve in the Crownland of Salzburg, Austria. A trail winds through the snow along a mountain side above the town of Arnsdorf. Tracking the deep whiteness comes the parish minister, Joseph Mohr. He is returning from a visit to one of his flock who will not live to see this Christmas come.

"Walking through the deep silence, Joseph Mohr feels the hallowed stillness. A thread of thought comes to him. It repeats an echoing refrain—"Stille nacht." Around the minister loom the great mountains, the Tyrolean Alps, range upon range of magnificent summits, cut and broken

and cleft by deep valleys, locked in the wedge of winter. The sky is black above the snowbound earth, an arch of ebony set with a million diamonds. "It must have been like this that holy night in Bethlehem," thought the minister. "And there were shepherds in same country, abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night." The halo of the reverie and the silence of the night lent inspiration to Joseph Mohr, and the words of "Stille Nacht" were born—the words of an immortal song to a dark and needy world."

John listened. The arch of the night around him loomed ebony black, and the sky was set with a million stars.

"That's the way mother tells the story," Karl said. "I wonder if she will dare tell it this Christmas—if she will ever tell it again!"

John held his breath, shut his lips fiercely to himself, "Go on and talk about your mother. Talk about that German woman in the town of Osterburg. And I will think about my own mother in Wilding. She is thinking of me—I know she is—Mother—Mother!"

Then he heard Karl say, softly, "Mutter—meine mutter!"

"It cannot be far from Bethlehem to the Austrian Alps," John thought, "or a great distance between the first 'Stille nacht' and this hour in the white world—the white world that cries out its peace—its white peace! It cannot be very far, as the heart flies, as love may fly, from Arnsdorf in the Australian Alps to Wilding in England. A Christmas carol can gird the world in only a few seconds!"

"I think there is still a gleam of peace and Christmas in the world," John said, looking at Karl. "It was lighted years ago in the land of Judea, and it can never die!"

"It can never die!" Karl repeated softly.—*Sunshine Magazine.*

Let's Put Christ Into Christmas

By Lawson H. Cooke

As Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, it would seem that he should be at the center of the celebration.

Such is too rarely the case. The common practice of celebrating Christmas is by beautifully-decorated Christmas trees and the exchanging of Christmas presents within the family circle and among friends.

Now we are not at all against Christmas trees and the exchange of presents, but we should remember that Christmas is Somebody's birthday, and that that Somebody should come first in our celebration of the day.

We should follow the example of the Wise Men. They did not bring gifts to Mary and Joseph: "And when they had opened their treasures they presented unto Him gifts . . ." The shepherds did not exchange gifts among themselves; they hurried to the manger to pay homage to the new born Babe.

We suggest that we follow these examples in placing our gifts around the Christmas tree. Let's include a Christmas gift for Him whose birthday it is, and let's make this one the biggest and best of all.

And why not have a pretty holly-bordered envelope for our worship service Christmas morning, and enclose a Christmas gift for Jesus, thus enabling his church to extend the influence of its ministry around the world. This would really be putting Christ into Christmas.

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Clerk of Ft. Mitchell Church 25 Years



Mr. Charles J. Meyer (left) being congratulated by his pastor, Rev. Darrell C. Richardson (center) and Mr. H. H. Stewart, chairman of the deacons (right) upon his completion of twenty-five years of service as the clerk of the Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky. The Fort Mitchell Baptist Church recently observed its Silver Anniversary.

The Day Before Christmas

'Twas the day before Christmas, and all through the house there wasn't a youngster as still as a mouse. The presents were piled 'round, or were hung on the tree, with everyone wondering "which ones were for me?"

"Did you feel this one?" "I say, does it rattle?" "I know what's in that one!" "Oh, don't you dare tattle!"

And Ma, with her apron, hands dusty with flour, smiling at "snitchers," or in a mock glower; house full of spices, goody things bekin';

"snitchers" on tiptoe, and loose boards a-creakin'.

'Twas the day before Christmas, so happy and gay! And who in the world wouldn't have it that way.—*Sunshine.*

In Memoriam

MRS. CURTIS QUEEN

A contrite heart, a life well spent,
Devotion pure and rare;
And with all of life that's beautiful
She entered with Him there.

Mrs. Curtis Queen left us on October 31, 1949, for her heavenly home, above. Pauline, as she was lovingly known to our community, was a friend in need

and indeed to all who knew her. Possessed of a rare intellect and a loving and unselfish nature, she was one of our most helpful citizens and one of the most devoted members of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. She loved her church and served it faithfully as long as her health permitted.

Therefore, be it resolved, that in her passing, the First Baptist Church, the WMS and the community have lost an honored and devoted member and citizen; and that the husband has lost a most devoted wife. Be it further resolved, that we as a WMS extend to her family our sincere sympathy.

Be it also resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our WMS, a copy sent to her husband and one to the Western Recorder for publication.—Mrs. C. F. Wurts, Mrs. C. E. Quillen, Mrs. George Shanks, Ashland, Ky.

DR. JAMES C. MOBLEY

Dr. James C. Mobley was born near Boston, Ky., November 6, 1863, and died at Elizabethtown, Ky., August 19, 1949. Having graduated from Elizabethtown High School, he worked his way through Bethel College and received his bachelor of arts degree. Thereafter, he studied at the Kentucky School of Medicine, later joined the University of Louisville, from which he graduated in 1897. He practiced medicine in Elizabethtown and Hardin County throughout his professional career.

Dr. Mobley valued highly the honorary certificate from the University of Louisville given him in recognition of his more than fifty years of service to his community. He was a Past President of the Hardin County Medical Society and also Past Vice-President of the Kentucky Medical Society. He was modest and unassuming and was held in highest esteem by other members of his profession. Always well informed, he kept up with his profession by constant study and research.

Dr. Mobley was a valued member of the Severns Valley Baptist Church, the Masonic Order, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

He liked to read the Western Recorder, and records show that his father, Benjamin Mobley, was a subscriber to the paper in 1870 when J. C. was a small boy. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katie S. Mobley, who is a sister of the late David M. Sweets and of Rev. Henry M. Sweets of Louisville. Also surviving him: a daughter, Mrs. Robert Searcy of Louisville; a granddaughter, Mrs. J. T. Murray, of Louisville; a brother W. H. Mobley; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Weller and Mrs. J. E. Walters; and a foster sister, Mrs. Lon Pate of Elizabethtown.

He was greatly beloved by those whom he served.

"They are not dead who live in lives they leave behind: In those whom they have blessed, they live again."

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Foreign Mission Board Receives Large Part of Southwide Funds

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The sum of \$8,882,705 has been distributed to the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention in the first eleven months of 1949, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive-secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee. Of this amount, \$5,796,333 was from the Co-operative Program, the rest, \$3,086,372, from designations. 1949 receipts for the period was \$590,012 ahead of the same period in 1948. November receipts this year were \$630,615.

In distribution, the largest amount, \$4,542,017, went to the Foreign Mission Board. The Home Mission Board received \$1,646,565. Distribution was as follows:

S.B.C. Budget Fund	\$ 128,000.00
Baptist Brotherhood of the South	40,001.90
Radio Commission	94,199.22
Foreign Mission Board	4,542,017.99
Home Mission Board	1,646,565.56
Relief and Annuity Board	815,448.75
Southern Baptist Hospital	4,132.12
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	518,667.22
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	465,194.26
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	469,742.01
WMU (Training School and Designations)	44,925.72
American Baptist Theological Seminary	103,266.64
Miscellaneous	10,544.46
Total	\$8,882,705.85

Will Church-Related Schools Be Taxed

(Centre College News Bureau)

DANVILLE, Ky., November 21.—The value of private schools in educating large numbers of persons was emphasized to the delegates to the Kentucky Association of Church-Related Colleges here yesterday.

The delegates heard a report asserting the private schools' contribution to higher education in the State "costs Kentuckians relatively little." The budgets, it explained, of these schools are "in excess of \$5,000,000, of which very much comes from sources outside Kentucky."

The report brought out that the State Constitution exempted the schools from taxation in "recognition of the public services the private, non-profit colleges and universities rendered the state."

The possibility that taxation immunity might be altered was called the chief problem confronting the association. It was suggested this immunity might be removed or modified by legislation. The question arose during a special session of the Legislature last March, but Governor Earl

C. Clements held it was not a part of the business to be considered. However, action was taken requiring local assessors to list tax exempt property.

President Francis Hutchins of Berea College, who with Dean Louis Smith of Berea prepared the report for the association, said there is a need for church related and private colleges to "tell their story to the people."

Smith reported the private schools face the need of "important additions to income if they are to maintain and advance the quality of their work." "This means," his report stated, "anything that diminishes present income of private colleges will surely have consequences in relation to the range

and quality of the program which can be supported."

Private schools, it added, relieve the state of much expense in the education field.

New Faculty Members Named for Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH, Texas.—Two new members were named to the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary by the trustees in their annual meeting November 29.

They are Dr. Jesse J. Northcutt, who will become head of the Department of Systematic Theology, and William Curtis Vaughn, who will be instructor in New Testament.

Dr. Northcutt, a native of Oklahoma, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from the seminary. Prof. Northcutt taught at the seminary for nine years before accepting the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Abilene two years ago.

Vaughn, a native of Tennessee, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the seminary. He is now working toward a Doctor of Theology degree from the seminary.

Northcutt will begin his new duties January 1, 1950, and Vaughn will take his position June 1, 1950.

PHONEY—There once was a man named Forney, who manufactured various types of cheap jewelry. His pet speciality was brass rings, soon known as Forney rings. Time passed, and Forney changed to phoney, a word now used, especially in the U. S. to indicate something not genuine.—*Exchange.*

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The Truth About the Persecution of Evangelicals in Spain

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ship does not exceed 10,000. The law allows Protestants to worship only in private, and no sign can be placed on the outside of any chapel to indicate that it is a place of Protestant worship.

How Strong Is The Roman Catholic Church?

During my visit to Manresa I went to see the Cave of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, and the priest in charge told us that, "Manresa is a heathen city with 50,000 inhabitants and only 5,000 attend mass regularly." He also admitted that Protestants were good people, and there was room for them, even in Manresa. Alexander McLeish claims in his book, *War Time Series No. 8*, Part IV, page 49, that, "not more than 20 per cent of the population of Spain can be called Roman Catholic." Cardinal Spellman of New York, in his book, *Action This Day*, admits that "if the masses [of Spain] were not held back by force, they would rise up and wipe out overnight the churches and clergy of Spain." A few days before Easter of this year, 1949, the walls of Madrid were plastered with posters containing quotations from the Pope's Encyclical on Labor. But the Spanish workers, after stopping a while to read them, tore them off the walls and threw them away in anger.

What Of The Future?

The future for the Gospel in Spain appears to me to be very hopeful. The people are starving for the true knowledge of the saving Gospel of Christ. Spain never received any of the benefits of the Reformation of

the 16th century. But just as Spain, in the past, astounded the world with its political conquests, it might, tomorrow, begin a spiritual revival that would again astound the world. All that is needed is the opportunity for missionaries of the Gospel to gain access to the Spanish people. Franco and the religious regime of Spain stand in the way.

We must hope and pray that soon the doors of Spain will be opened wide to the Gospel message and that its people, starved for centuries of the knowledge of the saving power of Christ, will open their hearts to receive it.—*The Converted Catholic Magazine.*



(Night Letter) December 12, 1949
CORBIN, KY.

ON SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 25 ABOVE OUR REGULAR OFFERING OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BRING A LOVE BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND PLACE ON THE LORD'S TABLE AS A LOVE GIFT TO JESUS. THOSE WHO CANNOT GIVE DOLLARS CAN GIVE PENNIES. THIS WILL BE SENT TO OUR FOREIGN MISSION BOARD TO HELP PAY THE SALARY OF A FOREIGN MISSIONARY. WE REJOICE IN THE ANTICIPATED PRIVILEGE.

DR. E. O. EDWARDS, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Three Health Bills To Be Introduced

In the current issue of NEWS AND PLANS, monthly publication of the State Department of Health, Dr. Bruce Underwood, State Commissioner of Health, announced three bills which the State Department of Health plans to have introduced at this session of the state legislature.

The three bills provide for the licensing of hospitals, the licensing of practical nurses and control of the sale of barbiturates, commonly called sleeping pills or powders.

Dr. Underwood stated that it is believed that all hospitals, nursing homes and convalescent homes should be licensed in the public interest, so that maintenance of high standards could be assured. This legislation will be administered by the State Board of Health which will establish separate standards for large, medium and small hospitals, and allow time for the standards to be met.

Practical nurses in Kentucky, says Dr. Underwood, of whom there are about 500, need legal recognition, and Kentucky needs reciprocity for practical nurses with other states. It was pointed out that the proposed law will not affect those practical nurses who do not wish to be licensed; they will be free to continue their practice, but those desiring licenses may obtain them if they have had some formal training, and are properly qualified.

Dr. Underwood said that the bill for control of the sale of barbiturates is a very important one. According to one recent newspaper report, 1,000 people a year die in the United States from sleeping pills taken without the advice of a physician. If this bill is passed, it will make such control possible without the keeping of elaborate records by physicians and pharmacists.

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One Baptism for Every 10 Members is Florida Goal

DAYTONA Beach, Fla.—(BP)—One baptism for every ten resident church members is the 1950 goal of Florida Baptists, according to W. G. Stracener, editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, in his report of the annual meeting of the Florida Baptist State Convention held here. Other evangelistic conferences in January, a goal of 36 new churches, and a missionary address in each church in the state during the first three months of the year.

The group adopted a Cooperative Program Goal of \$732,427.83—a five per cent increase over 1949—which will be divided 50-50 between state and Southwide causes. Each church was asked to increase its gifts to the Cooperative Program by at least five per cent over 1949, and all non-budget churches were requested to make a special offering to the Cooperative Program in 1950, its silver anniversary.

A change in the convention constitution permits a person to be elected president for a second term after a lapse of one year, if the convention should so desire. Another change limits each church to ten messengers. A \$100,000 religious center building at Stetson University was voted.

Dr. Millard J. Berquist, First Church, Tampa, was elected president.

Year Round Baptist Hour Enters Second Quarter

With a special New Year's program on January 1 the Baptist Hour begins its second quarter of Year-Round network broadcasting.

The speaker for the first three months of 1950 will be Charles Wellborn of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Widely known as an evangelist and speaker on college campuses, Charles Wellborn has a colorful background. Twice he has won national awards for oratory and debates. He was with the Armed Forces during the recent war, serving with the Ski-Troops, and saw months of combat in Europe. He received decorations for bravery in action.

Wellborn's theme for his thirteen messages will be "Time For Decision." His January 1 topic will be "The Land of Beginning Again." The Baptist Hour is presented weekly by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as a contribution to the religious life of America and



Charles Wellborn

is broadcast from Baptist Radio Center, Atlanta.

This program will be heard in Kentucky over stations:

WLAP, Lexington, 2:30 P. M., 1450 k.c.

WINN, Louisville, 2:30 P. M., 1240 k.c.

WCPM, Middlesboro, 2:30 P. M., 560 k.c.

WMIK, Middlesboro, 2:30 P. M., (?)

WVJS, Owensboro, 3:30 P. M., 1420

WPAD, Paducah, 4:00 P. M., (?)

God's Hand: George Muller, a founder of the Bristol Orphan's Home, England, was relating to a friend some of the difficulties he had to contend with in providing the orphans with food, day by day, and when he had finished his friend said to him:

"You seem to live from hand to mouth."

"Yes," said Mueller, "it is my mouth, but God's hand."—*Bulletin*, First Church, Paris, Ky.

Charles F. Sims Elected Executive Secretary of South Carolina Baptists

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(BP)—The South Carolina Baptist Convention meeting here in the newly remodeled First Baptist Church, the only surviving building in which the Secession Convention met, set a 1950 Co-operative Program goal of \$1,800,000. Messengers to the convention voted to spend \$6,500,000 on a new combined campus for Furman University and the Woman's College of Furman University—\$3,500,000 to come from the Cooperative Program and \$3,000,000 from private subscriptions. North Greenville Junior College, formerly owned and operated by the North Greenville Association, was offered to the convention, and the matter was referred to its general board.

Future plans adopted at the meeting include a state-wide evangelistic conference in March and participation in the 1951 Eastern Evangelistic Campaign. The method of electing a general executive secretary-treasurer was changed from nomination on the convention floor to nomination by the general board and from a one-year term to an indefinite period of time.

Dr. Charles F. Sims was elected executive secretary to succeed the late Dr. W. S. Brooke. Dr. A. E. Tibbs, Dean of Furman University, was elected president.

DISCRETION—What with the human life span increasing steadily, the time may come eventually when a person may live long enough to reach the age of discretion.—*Home Life*.

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"Prove Me Hour" Series Heard on 125 Stations

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—Every set of "Prove Me Hour" transcriptions produced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Convention's Executive Committee have already been scheduled by radio stations, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Commission. The 125 stations now carrying these broadcasts are scattered throughout 18 of the Convention states.

Produced to show the need of individual stewardship, the program is aimed at increased Christian missions throughout the world. Among the six 15-minute transcriptions are messages by Robert G. Lee, R. C. Campbell, J. Clyde Turner, and Duke K. McCall, also a dramatized stewardship presentation, and a series of testimonies given by outstanding Baptist laymen, including W. Maxey Jarman and others.

As the transcriptions are returned from the radio stations to the Commission, they will be made available to churches which have equipment for using 16-inch records for use in their services or on special occasions. Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee, says "any one or all of these records would make a very effective presentation of stewardship in any church. This is one of a number of services being rendered by the Executive Committee in co-operation with the Radio Commission to supply stewardship audio-visual aids in the churches."

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The Eternal Star

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The first star I've seen tonight;
I wish I may, I wish I might
Have the wish I make tonight."

So goes the well known nursery rhyme;

I've said it over many a time.
And in my childish heart would say,
"I'm sure to get my wish today."

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The years have passed, 'tis many a day
Since I that childish rhyme would say.

Time passes on, we travel far,
And outgrow wishing on a star.

But there's one Star that shed its light

On this old world one Christmas night:

It led the Wise Men night and day
To where the holy Christ-child lay.

The Star that led the Wise Men then
Still leads this world of war and sin.
Above the din of battle strife,
That Star still leads to Love and Life.

—Nannie G. Meuth
Smith Mills, Ky.

Pretty Close Together

We had come to one of the periodic Sunday school lessons on tithing. Every one knew that the teacher of the adult Bible class in our little Arkansas church did not believe in tithing. The situation was tense as he faced the class.

Sure enough, he began as everybody had thought he would, stating his position in unmistakable terms.

"How many of you believe in tithing?" he asked.

All of the fourteen in the class raised their hands—they'd put the teacher in his place!

But no one was expecting the next question, which came as a shot from ambush: "And how many of you tithe?"

One or two raised their hands.

"See," said the teacher, "We are all pretty close together on this matter. I do not believe in tithing and do not tithe; you believe in it but you don't practice it!"—*Erwin L. McDonald, Louisville.*

Watch Out, Hunters!

"The opening of the rabbit hunting season in Kentucky this week was accompanied by increased danger from tularemia," reminds Dr. Bruce Underwood, State Commissioner of Health. Although the germ causing tularemia, more commonly known as rabbit fever, has been found in other small animals, wild rabbits are the most common source of human infection.

Tularemia germs usually enter the body in one of two ways—through the mouth, if poorly cooked infected meat is eaten, or through cuts and scratches on the hands when rabbits are cleaned and prepared for cooking. Thorough cooking, enough heat, will destroy any germs in the meat. Rabbits should be cooked long enough so that no blood or red meat remains. Rubber gloves should always be worn when dressing a rabbit, and, if the internal organs show small white spots, the animal should be burned or buried. The fur of diseased rabbits may also be infectious, so hunters should not handle rabbits they shoot without gloves. Hunters and members of their families are those most frequently exposed to the disease, since domestic rabbits have not been shown to be a source of infection.

People are urged to be very careful in handling wild rabbits, as tularemia is a serious disease, resulting occasionally in death. If there is any reason to suppose you or a member of your family may have been infected, call your physician at once.

LIBERTY vs. Power—The love of liberty is the love of others. The love of power is the love of ourselves.—William Hazlitt.

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Poll Indicates Majority Prefer California in '51

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(BP)—A random sample poll of Southern Baptist ministers completed this past week indicates that 66 per cent still want to go to San Francisco, Calif., for the 1951 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. B. O. Herring, chairman of the California Invitation Committee, has announced.

The tabulation showed that only 30 per cent did not favor the California site while 4 per cent were undecided.

At the meeting of the California convention, it was voted to make the polls to test present views of Southern Baptists since there had been some question about the vote at Oklahoma City. In the letter which Dr. Herring sent to nearly 1,100 ministers he stated, "We would like to say to the brethren of the Convention that if it be the sincere and unbiased will of a majority of our people not to come to San Francisco for the 1951 session then we would gladly yield the rights and privileges which the Oklahoma

City vote granted to us. Perhaps the instrumentality of a simple poll without undue persuasion of press or speech would yield some guiding data."

Returns were received from 390 pastors, representing all types of churches from all states, by the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information at Nashville, Tenn., and the tabulation sent by Secretary Porter Routh to Dr. Herring.

Of those who indicated that they attended the Oklahoma City Convention, 67 per cent favored the California site. Of those who indicated that they planned to attend the Chicago meeting, 73 per cent favored the meeting in California. Sixty-four per cent of the city ministers expressed a preference for the West, and 80 per cent of the open country ministers voted for California. No state voted a majority for not going to California. Texas voted four to one for going West.

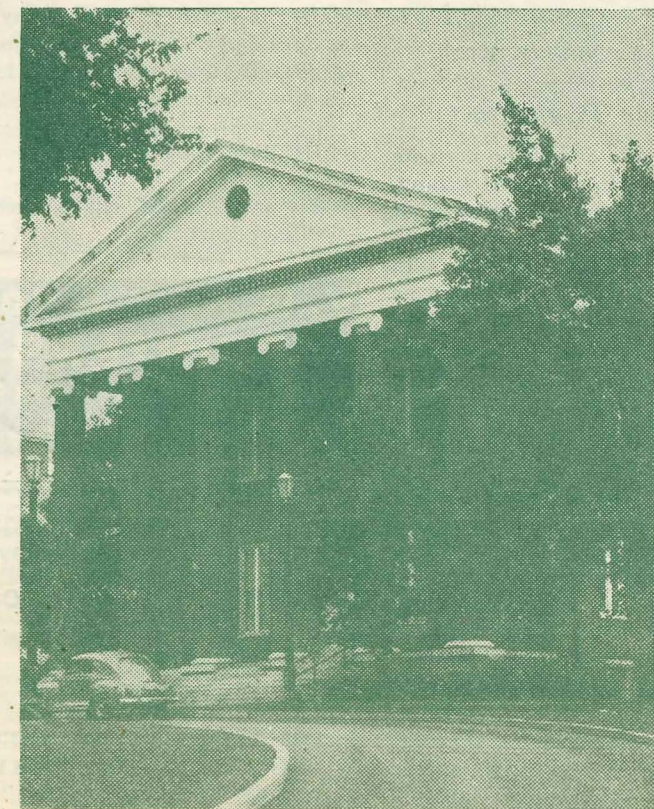
"We ought to live up to our agreement" was the comment on several cards.

D. C. Baptists Report Membership of 28,882

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—District of Columbia Baptists reported at their recent convention 1,323 baptisms and 1,813 other additions during the year, bringing their total membership to 28,882, according to R. Edward Dowdy, editor, *Capitol Baptist*, official paper for Washington Baptists. Sunday school enrolment was announced as 21,473. All churches contributed to all causes a total of \$1,488,885.78.

New officers for the convention are Rev. Frank Burrell, pastor, Fountain Memorial Church, president; Herbert Ludwig, layman, vice-president; Earl H. Pendell, secretary; and George Fraser, treasurer.

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