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Gleanings From The Field

The First Baptist Church auditorium of Ludlow, Ky., is being completely remodeled and decorated. Thomas H. Shelton is pastor.

The First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, T. E. Daugherty, pastor, recently closed a youth-led revival in which Sam Hill, Jr., was the preacher, and Lester Barker led the singing.

The First Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky., W. R. Cole, pastor, celebrated its centennial—1850 to 1950—May 14-21. The pastor writes: "God has been good to us and blessed our church through all these years." Special services were held each evening of the week.

REV. R. B. HOOKS, superintendent of evangelism in Kentucky, recently conducted a revival in the FOREST PARK MISSION in Bowling Green, Ky. The Mission has been fostered by the FIRST CHURCH of that city, of which DR. HAROLD J. PURDY is pastor.

MRS. WALLACE CAMPBELL of Versailles was the guest speaker for the Inspirational Meeting of the WMS of the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church of Danville, May 16. Her topic was, *Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this.* R. R. COUEY is pastor.

Dr. Preston L. Ramsey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Somerset, Ky., delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky., Sunday evening, May 14. Rev. Boyce C. Jones, a member of the Somerset church, supplied the pulpit in the pastor's absence.

PASTOR WILLIAM R. BRADSHAW, Friendship Baptist Church, Jamestown, Ky., does, in addition to pastoral duties, a fine work as evangelistic singer. A number of our churches have used him to their advantage. He has a few open dates for the coming revival season.

A young man by the name of Ward was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Hiawatha Street Baptist Church, Louisville, of Lynn Association, on May 14. Hollis Templeman delivered the message. Missionary H. S. Puckett preached at the afternoon service for Pastor A. B. Craddock.

The Knox's Creek Baptist Church, in Lynn Association, was dedicated on May 30. Messages were delivered by Raymond James at 10:00 o'clock, by R. T. Skinner, at 11:00 o'clock, and Isadore Childress at the afternoon

hour following lunch. The program committee consists of Brethren Leon Larrimore, E. L. Miller and H. S. Puckett.

A dedication service will be held at Little Flock Baptist Church, Lynn Association, on June 11. Pastor Jesse Goldsmith is planning for a homecoming service in the forenoon. The dedication message will be delivered by H. S. Puckett in the afternoon. Brother Puckett has been conducting a Training Union Study Course there recently with 30 enrolled. The book taught was *Building a Training Program*.

PASTOR JOHN E. HUSS became Pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on January 22 of this year, going to that church from Latonia, Covington, Kentucky. He has preached forty-seven times at Southside, there have been additions each Sunday morning, every Sunday night, and every Wednesday night. In four months 235 have been added to the church, and of these 100 were for baptism. Pastor Huss has also started the Hour of Power at Southside, and it has averaged 648 for sixteen weeks.

Miss Marjorie Ferguson, a junior student in Georgetown College from Louisville, Ky., was elected president of the YWA on May 3. Miss Marjorie was Secretary of the same organization last year, and was a member of the BSU greater council and Training Union, and other organizations. She is a daughter of Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Executive Secretary of the WMU of Kentucky. Other officers elected were: Betty Yancey, vice president; Wanda Beckley, secretary; Barbara Frogge, treasurer; and Mary Ellen Hoe, program chairman.

Pastor Leon Larimore led the Walnut Hills Baptist Church, near Park City, Ky., in the ordination of four deacons recently. These deacons were Glen Davidson, Ernest Shirley, Bryan Mansfield, and Harry Lobb. The chairman of the meeting was C. W. Rigdon, and the clerk, H. S. Puckett. The message was delivered by J. L. Dawsey, and the charge to the church was given by Deacon Hamilton. Prayer was offered by C. W. Rigdon, and following the laying on of the hands, H. S. Puckett dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Furman University this June is conferring four honorary degrees. A

Doctor of Laws degree is being conferred upon Dr. William C. DeVane, Dean of Yale College, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; a Doctor of Letters upon Dr. Robert F. Poole, president of Clemson College; and Doctor of Divinity degrees upon Secretary Charles F. Sims, of the South Carolina State Baptist Convention Board; and James F. Lupo, pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, Charleston, S. C. Dean DeVane and Drs. Sims and Lupo are Furman alumni.

Wayland Tightens Ban On Smoking

PLAINVIEW, Texas, May 22.—Students who smoke will be asked not to enroll at Wayland College, it was voted here this week by the college trustees.

This followed a recommendation by President J. W. Marshall. Trustees backed a similar one which would bar the employment of any teacher who smokes, drinks, dances, or gambles.

"We are not infringing on students' freedom or asking them not to smoke," Dr. Marshall declared. "We simply are saying they are free to go to some other college if they want to smoke."

The trustees last year voted to ban smoking on the Wayland campus. Today's action goes further by requiring that no student, teacher or staff member of Wayland College smoke at any time or place.

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T. C. Gardner, Chairman, Dallas, Texas

Report and Recommendations of Committee on Common Problems to The Southern Baptist Convention

FOUR COMMON PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN BAPTISTS:

American Baptists are facing four critical problems. None of these is new, but all are so fundamental that to neglect them would be disastrous.

We Must Declare Our Faith

In the first place, American Baptists either have distinctive doctrinal convictions or have no reason for existence.

These distinctives, drawn as we believe from the inspired Word of God, must be kept constantly before our people. Unless this be done, then our church organizations will find themselves without a distinct message; our new converts will have no idea of the meaning of Baptist distinctives; and the rank and file of our church members will be easy prey for every wind of false doctrine that blows.

Southern Baptists are just returning from a vast crusade of evangelism. The great multitudes who have been won to Christ and received into church membership constitute an imperative demand that Southern Baptists shall seek to indoctrinate them in the basic tenets of our faith.

In the past, in times of emergency the Southern Baptist Convention has found it wise and necessary to make

such statements of faith and policy. For instance, with reference to the doctrine of missions the Convention long ago made clear its faith and policy when it limited to representation those who support the missionary program. In 1925 the convention adopted a statement of faith and policy made by its president on the doctrine of the direct creation by God to meet the emergency of the teaching of evolution. In 1948 the Convention set forth a statement of faith and policy in its constitution defining the doctrine of co-operation (Article III, 1 and 2).

The Convention, through its boards and committees, is even now forming a position of policy and faith regarding the doctrine of tithing and stewardship. None of these statements of faith and policy has the effect of a creed or the law binding on the churches, or even upon the Convention itself, should the Convention decide to change them. They have all come about in response to needs and

emergencies which have arisen in the past and represent the faith and the policy of the working majority of the Convention.

We believe, therefore, that Southern Baptists should make a statement of faith and policy with reference to ecumenicalism which will be a guide to Southern Baptist committees, agencies, and institutions in the immediate future.

Baptists have always maintained the right of any Baptist body to set forth a statement of faith. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, as chairman of a committee of the Convention, brought such a statement at the Convention in 1924. He said in part: "That any group of Baptists, large or small, have the inherent right to draw up for themselves and publish to the world a conviction of their faith whenever they may think it advisable to do so."

No Entangling Alliances

In the second place there has been a great deal of agitation concerning activities of the World Council and the Federal Council of churches of Christ in America and their local affiliates. We believe that Southern Baptists have spoken in clear tones that they do not desire to align themselves in this sort of artificial unity. Strong committees in 1914, 1919, and 1938 presented reports to the Convention relative to this matter. We do not believe that Southern Baptists will ever enter into any sort of organic connection with the Federal or World Council in the vain hope that it will promote spiritual unity.

Perhaps it would be well to recount some of the actions of the Southern Baptist Convention giving reasons for such a statement.

(1) For Southern Baptists to join the World Council of Churches would be but to weaken our age-long struggle for separation of church and state. The World Council has in its dominant leadership many state churches and shows no disposition to take a stand against the union of church and state.

(2) The idea of a protestant ecumenical church has no scriptural authority. For Southern Baptists to join such an organization would be to eventually lose our adherence to the local, visible, democratic, sovereign, autonomous, authoritative, Christ-given churches of the New Testament.

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FAITH—Faith is essential in credit, love and hash.—Banking.

By Miss Norma Richards, Student Secretary,
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Reviewing the Work of The Simultaneous Youth Revival Throughout Year

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., April 31.—One year ago this month, Kentucky Baptist students and their leaders voted to accept as an undertaking one of the most important projects in many college generations—the Simultaneous Youth Revival Movement. They did so after much praying and realizing that the responsibility was great, in that the entire South would be looking to them for the answer.

A few weeks later, the state student secretary, J. Chester Durham, called a meeting of the evangelistic chairmen from every campus in the state with their student secretaries. They were to meet in Lexington to begin laying plans that would pertain to all the campuses. A theme had to be chosen, a date set, and many other things had to be done before the individual campuses could begin planning. Committees were appointed to prepare a handbook to be published and sent to each campus to help in organization for the meetings.

"Christ Is the Answer" was the theme; the date was February 12 through 17; and Kentucky Baptist students were ready to launch a unique campaign in youth evangelism.

By the time school had begun in September the Youth Revivals were tabbed the SYR campaign, and SYR was one of the big topics on pre-school retreat programs. Committees began to function, evangelists and song leaders were at a premium, and the date February 12 was eagerly anticipated.

Revival time came. Praying students had taken care of organizational phases—now SYR was in the hands of God.

Shortly after the close of the last revival, the student secretaries were called to state headquarters to report on success or failure. As usual, they were eager to do so. In fact, they were so eager that it was placed first on a three day program outline.

With Chester Durham leading, the

opening session went something like this:

CHESTER DURHAM: "Well, SYR is history. Let's hear about them. Sabin, tell us about the revival just experienced here in Louisville."

SABIN LANDRY: "Working with 32 different churches in Louisville it was necessary to put an emphasis on the rededication of heart, life and talents so that the soul-winning would be done through the individual churches. That was exactly what Rev. Jack Noffsinger, the evangelist, succeeded in doing.

"The meeting started off slowly. We began to realize that something had to be done so we called a special prayer meeting on Wednesday night after the service. God answered those prayers and on Thursday night there were 66 decisions. During the meeting 27 different churches were represented by decisions. There were 6 professions of faith; 110 rededications; and 11 volunteers for full-time service.

"God saw our need and filled that need greatly above our expectations. We had a great revival because the real results are just now beginning to be seen."

CHESTER DURHAM: "The prayers of Kentucky Baptists were answered in Louisville. What happened at the University of Kentucky?"

BILL CODY: "Our revival was held at the Baptist Student Center and our own ministerial students conducted the services. It seems as if it was just the thing we needed. The results

didn't run into large numbers but it was a 'shot in the arm' for the entire BSU program. There is a new life in the organization, everything is on the increase, new people are being enlisted, old students are being strengthened by the new interest.

"We did have some good results—6 conversions and 3 rededications. We're proud of our boys who preached the revival and we, too, feel that God saw the need at U. K. and filled that need."

CHESTER DURHAM: "It's your turn now, Maurice. Tell us what happened at Berea."

MAURICE WILLIS: "It was our first youth revival and so much depended on the outcome that it was frightening. We had one of the best evangelists in the south. Charles Wellborn, and also one of the best song leaders, Frank Boggs.

"Revival time came and we knew that we were ready to receive God's blessings.

"Many things came up at the last minute to dampen our spirits—the evangelist couldn't come for the opening service and we had to start hunting for someone to preach that vital first message. Because of the great opening night service, we learned one of the greatest lessons of the meeting—one man, the evangelist, cannot bring a revival.

"During the revival which lasted only through the week-end, we had 7 professions of faith, 5 coming by letter, and 35 rededications. Our people are eager now to have a youth revival for a full week or 10 days. Since the meeting closed there have been conversions and other decisions almost every Sunday.

"Berea College has many spiritual needs and God is richly blessing us as we are seeking His guidance in helping to meet those needs."

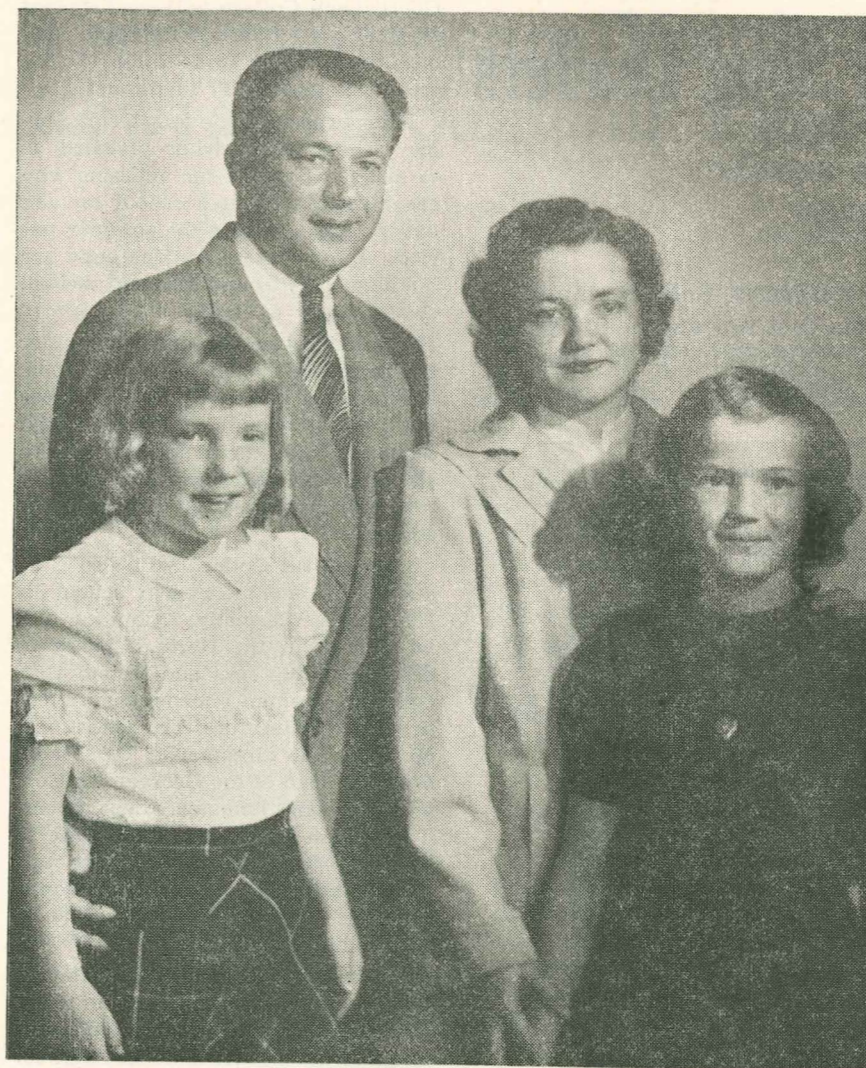
CHESTER DURHAM: "Beth, I've been hearing something about a real revival at Eastern. Did you really have one?"

BETH HAYWORTH: "We certainly did. We were told it couldn't be done. It was accomplished as we claimed the promise of Jeremiah 33:3; 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.'

"We were late in getting an evangelist but it was all in God's plan because we got one of the greatest in the South—Bo Baker. He brought us the type messages we had needed for a long time in our evangelism pointed at youth.

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New Worker Joins Parkland Staff



DR. H. LEO EDDLEMAN, pastor, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, announces the coming of Mr. ROBERT JAMES to his church's staff as minister of education and music, May 24, 1950. He assumed full responsibilities June 5.

Mr. James was teacher and superintendent of public schools for twelve years after being graduated from Mississippi College. He has done graduate study at the University of Alabama, and has had musical training at Westminster Choir College and Mackie College of Music. He has served on the staffs of the First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff; First Baptist Church of West Memphis; and Second Baptist Church of Little Rock. His military service was with the 155th Infantry.

His family circle includes Mrs.

NEVA JAMES, a native of Mississippi, and two daughters, MARGARET, 10, and JAN, 8.

Dr. Eddleman states: "The Parkland people count themselves fortunate indeed to have this delightful family added to their corps of workers."

Remember Cooperative Program Day
Sunday, June 11

College Course For Church Secretaries

ANDERSON, S. C., May 17.—Anderson College announces a two-year terminal course for church secretaries in the new catalog which was released from the press this spring.

Students wishing to secure preparation as church secretaries, may take this course and be ready to fill a position at the end of two years.

The course combines basic Bible courses with studies in the secretarial sciences and in other related fields.

Student development is guided through participation in the activities of the religious organizations on the campus, through faculty counseling, and through supervised work in local churches.

In the class in church administration students will study church organizations and methods used in promoting a well-rounded program of religious education through the church.

In the physical education department students will receive training in social recreation leadership.

MISS MARGARET GARRETT, head of the Bible Department of Anderson College, teaches the classes in Bible and church administration in the new church secretarial course. Miss Garrett is a graduate of Limestone College and of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She will work this summer with the Sunday School Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Charles T. Alexander Dies In Dallas, Texas

DALLAS, Texas, May 19.—After being in the ministry for approximately sixty years, Charles T. Alexander died yesterday. He was long pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, La., and held pastorates in Cleburne, Mineral Wells, Houston and Dallas, Texas. Also he was a writer for Baptist journals for many years.

Crozer Installs S. L. Blanton As Fifth President At Chester

CHESTER, Penna., May 9.—Dr. Sankey L. Blanton was inaugurated as the fifth president of Crozer Theological Seminary here in ceremonies held in the school's Commencement Hall yesterday.

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By Ernest O. Sellers

My Fellow Gospel Song Leaders

"Count Your Many Blessings"

Edwin O. Excell

EDWIN O. EXCELL was the son of a German Reformed minister. He was a big man physically, about six feet tall and heavy set and possessed a most remarkable voice, "extending from low-C to G-above," and of a power and quality seldom heard. His personality was also most striking.

Until about twenty years of age he worked as a mason and plasterer. At that age he began to follow music exclusively, beginning as a country singing school teacher then turning to evangelism, composing and song book publishing. For a period of over twenty years he was associated with the celebrated evangelist SAM JONES.

Born in Satk County, Ohio, December 13, 1851, he was assisting GRISY SMITH in Louisville Ky., when stricken with his last illness. Following thirty weeks in Wesley Hospital, Chicago, he went to his eternal reward June 10, 1921.

Some of his best known and widely used hymns were: "Let Him In," "God Is Calling Yet," "Scatter Sunshine," "Count Your Many Blessings," "Since I Have Been Redeemed," etc., most of which have been sung around the world. His magnetic personality, ponderous voice, homely comments and illustrations and infectious smile made him one of the most outstanding mass song leaders I have ever known. Once in San Francisco, at a large international Sunday school convention, I heard him exhort an audience to join heartily in singing by saying, "You've not all swallowed a brass band as I have, but come on do the best you can with what you've got." His drolling comment was effective.

MR. EXCELL attained much success as a publisher of gospel song books. However we have been informed that the bulk of his considerable estate he derived from successful real estate transactions. He did own many copyrights. These he would freely grant the use of to those who desired a song book of their own, he, of course, doing

the publishing. How many of such books were published we have no knowledge, but the list was considerable. We do have a list of ten books each of which attained a wide circulation. The writer recalls a series of church anthem books he used at the beginning of his musical career that were very popular. Also many special pamphlets written for such oc-



Ernest O. Sellers

casions as Christmas and Easter, the Sunday school, etc.

My associations with "Uncle Ex" covered the last twenty years of his life. We frequently met at Winona Lake gatherings, in attendance upon the great international Sunday school conferences, in meetings and other special gatherings, as well as in his Chicago office. He published some of my earliest compositions that long since have been forgotten. It is a most delightful memory I have of singing duets with him on many occasions. Mr. Excell actively supported every temperance movement. All who ever heard him sing "The Brewer's Big Horses Can't Run Over Me," have a thrilling memory, one they are not likely ever to forget.—*New Orleans Baptist Seminary.*

Summer Terms At Georgetown

Georgetown College Registrar, J. FOLEY SNYDER revealed today that Georgetown College will conduct two summer school terms, the first running from June 12 to July 15, the second from July 17 to August 19.

The purpose of the two-term summer school, Mr. Snyder revealed, is to make it possible for veterans who are hurrying through school to take extra courses during the summer period. Most colleges in Kentucky are holding only one summer school semester.

The education department, under the direction of DR. ROMIE D. JUDD, is offering a large number of courses required for grammar school and high school teaching certificates in order to accommodate teachers who want to take full advantage of their summer activities.

Georgetown College will also conduct a summer extension school in Lindenfels, Germany. Courses will be offered in the German language only, including first and second year German, German phonetics, conversation, and literature. The school will be under the direction of DR. VIRGIL WARREN, head of the Georgetown College foreign language department. The session will extend from June 19 to July 28. The cost will be approximately \$550 for all expenses. Veterans may receive G. I. assistance. All credits are transferable.

Last summer the enrollment for the two regular summer school terms averaged 225. Registrar Snyder anticipates a slighter smaller number this summer.

Credits will be given for both summer terms in semester hours, Mr. Snyder emphasized. Six semester hours will be the average load per term.

Approximately thirty seniors will be graduated at the end of this summer school, many of whom are veterans who are completing their work in two and a half or three years instead of the usual four.

Pastor Bailey Sadler began his third year with the Central Baptist Church of Cumberland, Ky., May 14. These have been fruitful years for both pastor and church. He recently closed a revival meeting in his church resulting in 13 additions by baptism and 9 by letter. There was one addition by restoration, and also 11 rededications.

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"The meeting was just an ordinary meeting until Saturday night before the closing Sunday services. On Saturday night before the preacher began his message, he asked if there was anyone who would like to give his testimony. Immediately people began to tell what God had done for them and two hours later the evangelist's message of the evening was still unpreached.

"Following the testimonial meeting, there was a 24 hour chain of prayer for the last two services on Sunday. From the first moment of the Sunday morning service the spirit of God was so keenly felt that there seemed to be an electric current flowing through the congregation. During the invitation, there were 300 rededications and 7 conversions.

"During the week we had a total of 15 conversions, 325 rededications, 11 by letter, and for full-time Christian service."

CHESTER DURHAM: "Russell, let's hear what happened at our senior Baptist College. What kind of meeting did you have at Georgetown?"

RUSSEL NOEL: "As seems to be true of every other campus in the state, we had the type of revival that was needed to fit our peculiar need. Dr. Carlyle Marney, our evangelist, brought thought provoking and spiritually deep messages—the type you can't dismiss from your mind when you leave the service.

"Probably our greatest joy during the meeting was the conversion of one of our foreign students who has been in this country for only a short time. Our greatest blessing was the way our students really began to think about this matter of Christianity—the need and potentialities that lie in the unreached masses."

CHESTER DURHAM: "Dottie B., can you tell us what happened at Murray?"

DOTTIE BRIZENDINE: "Jim Hatley, our evangelist, helped bring to

our students a new vision of a vital Christianity.

"Our services were deeply spiritual. The power of God was present as many lives were touched by Jim's gospel messages.

"During the week there were 6 conversions, 1 by letter, 24 rededications, and 3 for full-time Christian service. There were many results that were not visible—many that will only become evident during the remainder of the year."

CHESTER DURHAM: "Did Bowling Green have a revival?"

NORMA RICHARDS: "We certainly

Hear The Baptist Hour

June 4

Speaker: Dr. Duke K. McCall
Subject: "The Myth of the Average Man"

Stations: WCMI, Ashland; WZIP, Covington; WHIR, Danville; WLAP, Lexington; WKLO, Louisville; WLSI, Pikeville; WFTM, Maysville; WMIK, Middlesboro; WVJS, Owensboro; WPAD, Paducah; WMTC, Vancelev.

Consult your local paper for the time for broadcast.

did. I have never seen a revival so completely fill a need. So much good was wrought that it will never be able to be recorded on a sheet of statistics. It was a deepening of the spiritual life of the church and both campuses. Students were touched that we've never been able to reach before. During the week we had 19 conversions, 10 by letter; 45 rededications; and 3 for full-time service.

"God was truly good to us, and once more it was proven to the church that the BSU definitely has something to offer to the life of the entire church; and lost young people found that we had something to offer them—Christ."

CHESTER DURHAM: "You had something a little different at Hopkinsville, didn't you?"

MAURINE ELDER: "Yes, we did. As usual we had a Religious Focus Week. Luther Joe Thompson, from Springfield, Tennessee, was on our campus for the week. Religion in every phase of activity was presented and during the week of messages and personal conferences there were 25 rededications among our girls. That's the point we needed to stress, of course, since practically all of our girls are Christians."

CHESTER DURHAM: "Although we don't have student secretaries on the other campuses in the state, we do have some revival reports from them. There was a great revival at Barbourville. There were 73 professions of faith, 26 by letter, and 42 rededications.

"Dr. John M. Carter, President of Campbellsville College, has written me that they had a great revival there. He says, 'It is a real joy to write you of our heart-warming student revival led by Rev. Ernest Brown. Here on the campus as well as in the church we are feeling, and I am sure will continue to feel for some time, a depth of growing consecration to the Lord and His work. Ernest Brown is a dynamic speaker, most sincere, and an ardent believer in God's Word. I am delighted to say that we had larger crowds at church than I have seen in any other revival since I have been here. After the revival there was one prayer meeting that lasted for five hours.'

"At Lees Junior College there were 4 conversions; at Oneida there were 12. A great revival was held in Williamsburg and so it went around the state.

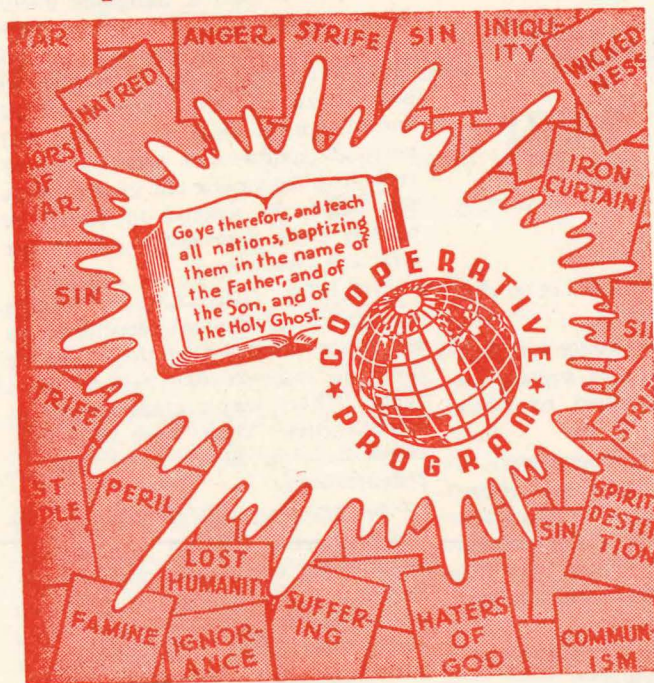
"The statistics for the state are: 92,809 total attendance; 198 conversions; 103 by letter; 708 rededications; and 46 for full-time Christian service.

"As the South looked to us to see if a Simultaneous Youth Revival campaign was 'worth the effort,' we looked to God for guidance.

"We are grateful to God and to Christians all over the state whose prayers made such a great campaign possible."

As we go to press, word has been received from Dr. C. E. Matthews, Secretary, Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, as follows: "I think you are absolutely on the right track, and I am going to recommend these simultaneous youth revivals to each state secretary of the BSU's in the South."

Cooperative Program Day—June 11



Southern Baptists, this year, celebrate the silver anniversary of their Cooperative Program—1925-1950.

These 25 years have been eventful. During these years Southern Baptists have moved away from special appeals in behalf of the causes fostered by the churches—making an appeal for each cause separately—and toward a grouping of all the causes into one common program of giving.

The Cooperative Program was, and is, the solution to the perplexing and oftentimes confusing problem of *how to be fair to all the worthy causes placed before the churches*. Each agency or institution in other days sent a speaker to the churches to make an appeal for money. The better the speaker the more he got. And without a broad, general and thorough understanding of *all the causes* fostered, churches would frequently make a *very large contribution* to one of the causes for which a specially attractive appeal was made, and then let the other causes suffer—causes which were equally important along with the one to which they gave the most.

But for the most part the Cooperative Program has changed all that. Churches now give **THROUGH** the Cooperative Program (not to); and every dollar given through the Cooperative Program is distributed faithfully—and we mean literally that, **FAITHFULLY**—to all the causes placed in the Cooperative Program by the messengers from the churches. The messengers them-

selves decide exactly what per cent of every dollar contributed will go for this or that cause included in the Program.

June 11

The churches of our General Association (churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are joining in this) are urged to set aside Sunday, June 11, or the most convenient Sunday nearest that day, as the time to make a great, supplemental offering through the Cooperative Program. Bear in mind, this is not a *special offering* for a special cause; it is a **SUPPLEMENTAL OFFERING FOR ALL OUR GENERAL WORK THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.**

On June 11 the offering should reach vast proportions. All our churches and each member in the churches should remember the great work being done. There is need beyond any word of ours to describe, right here in Kentucky and on out to the ends of the earth. This is no time for small or ordinary efforts. It is time for a *great* people to do *great* things through a *great* Cooperative Program. Perhaps some feel we are overworking that word *great*. We are not. We have a Great Commission, and we ought to regard everything connected with it as **GREAT**. And we ought to refuse to do anything less than this.

From the mountains to the Mississippi, and from our churches in Ohio and Indiana to the Tennessee border (and in a place or two beyond), let our pastors and churches push ahead for the glory of Christ in this united, co-operative effort next June 11, and then on through the year.

►“We ought to help the weak, but there is no sound reason for helping the lazy.”

►“Corrupt political and social conditions, cultural and moral degradations, reflect the lethargy of Christian people.”

►Baptists are still a people of small churches. Porter Routh states: “Of the 27,285 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 32.3 per cent have fewer than 100 members; 47.3 per cent have from 100 to 300; 10.4 per cent have from 300 to 500; 6.5 per cent have from 500 to 1,000; and 3.5 per cent have above 1,000 . . .” The small church has its advantages: the people know each other better; more people can be set to work; there is not so much of that dreaded feeling of being “lost in the crowd.” However, the large church has also its advantages. And anyway, the large church cannot stop its vital work merely because it has reached a certain figure.

June 1, 1950

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

Attendance List Omitted

Since the WESTERN RECORDER finds it necessary to reduce the size of the paper this summer, we are omitting the attendance list for a few weeks from our page. The editor has agreed to carry this in another part of the paper.

Northside, Princeton Grows

The Northside Church in Princeton is having excellent growth. The Sunday school was organized about a year ago with 45 and now there are 251 on the roll with an average attendance of 176. Mr. Gorman Mitchell is the superintendent and Brother Irvine Parrett is the pastor.

Muldraugh Makes Good Record

The Muldraugh Sunday school in Salem Association increased its enrollment during the past twelve months from 174 to 219. The resident church membership is 136. Mr. J. C. Hoover is superintendent and Rev. Morris Ashcraft is pastor.

Remember the Offering on the Eleventh

Let us again call the attention of all Sunday school workers to the **SPECIAL OFFERING** for the Cooperative Program on June 11. The purpose of this offering in all the Southern Baptist churches is to bring in more money with which to pay the expense of greatly increasing our Baptist work throughout the world, including Kentucky. We ask our Sunday school officers and teachers to urge their pupils to have a part in this offering. If that is not the regular preaching day we suggest that the offering be made on the nearest Sunday when the pastor will be present. And please keep in mind that this is not a Sunday school offering but that it is an offering to be made at the preaching service only. Let us all have a part in this opportunity to help give more people the gospel.

The Entire Family

Do you have entire families attending your Sunday school? This year we are emphasizing the importance of trying to get all members of all fam-

ilies to attend Sunday school. If you do this you will have the growth you want. **EVERY MEMBER OF EVERY** church ought to be enlisted in Sunday school attendance. **CHECK YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROLL AND LIST ALL FAMILIES NOT COMPLETE** and assign the prospects to classes and have those classes visit each week.

Before the Fourth of July

Let us suggest that you do the following things before the fourth of July if you have not already done them:

- Have a training class.
- Have your Sunday school attain the standard.
- Have one or more Vacation Bible Schools.
- Increase your enrolment by a definite percentage—perhaps 20 per cent.
- Seek to lead the lost to Christ as Saviour.

R. O. Fitts In South District Association

Brother R. O. Fitts reports a good association-wide VBS Clinic in South District Association. We hope all associations are having such clinics.

Dan Thomas At Vicco

Dan Thomas was at Vicco for a Sunday and preached for them. This is in the mountains near Hazard in Three Forks Association.

Old Salem Church To Celebrate 145th Anniversary, June 25

SALEM, Ky., May 12.—The Old Salem Baptist Church, in Livingston County, will observe the 145th anniversary of the church with an all-day Homecoming Service on Sunday, June 25, 1950.

Pastor Philip Yancey, special committees, and members are making every effort possible to arrange a suitable program for the day.

The church has not been able to secure the addresses of some of the members, former members, and friends from neighboring churches, and is using this opportunity to extend a cordial welcome to everyone.

Since January of this year the church has attained full-time services, and is beginning a building program for the purpose of erecting a new house of worship.

FALLEN ASLEEP

JAMES DENNIE EADES

In loving memory of James Dennie Eades who departed this life April 3, 1950. He loved his Lord and had been a faithful and consistent member of the Central City Baptist Church for 45 years; he served on the building committee of the church and was also for many years a trustee. The wife has lost a faithful companion and his three children a loving father.—Mrs. J. D. Eades, Central City, Ky.

J. C. ENSOR

A precious husband and father has answered the call to heaven. Beloved James Coleman Ensor was born August 27, 1869 at Springfield, Ky. He was converted at ten years of age and united with Hardin's Creek Baptist Church where he was a member many years. He later moved his membership to the Lebanon Baptist Church. He was deacon, trustee, Sunday school superintendent and teacher at Hardin's Creek. He loved his Lord, his church and his home. In later years his sight failed him and he could no longer be active as before. He had been confined to his bed for nine weeks with a broken leg. On Monday night, April 10, God called him home. He was the last of a family of ten children. He leaves his wife and five children. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. G. Schlafer, Lebanon Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. D. A. Payton. Burial was at Springfield. We shall miss him. We should like to have the smile he carried.

MRS. LURELLA SANFORD

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has called to Himself Mrs. Lurella Sanford, one of the charter members of the WMS of Central City Baptist Church, we publicly express our appreciation of her life and work among us.

She was a loyal and devout member of her church, ever ready to minister to the needy, contributing generously of her time and substance.

Since Mrs. Sanford's life for Christ was of such an inspirational character, we, the members of the WMS, meeting June 1, 1949, hereby:

Resolve that in her home-going our church and society lost a loyal member who will be greatly missed.

We further resolve that as a society we express to her husband, children, brother and sister, our sincere sympathy, and pray that God will comfort them in their sorrow.—Mrs. Norman Tucker, Mrs. J. D. Eades, Mrs. Ray Langley Lam.

[Editor's Note: This notice was received May 3, 1950.]

Revival Closes At Pleasant Hill Church In South District

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky., May 23.—A very successful revival meeting closed at Pleasant Hill Baptist South District Association Saturday night, May 6, 1950.

The Evangelist, Louis W. Arnold, Lexington, Kentucky, did an excellent job of preaching. The results of this meeting were twenty-eight professions of faith. Pastor J. C. Porter, Russell Springs, baptized twenty-eight at the baptism in the Lebanon Baptist Church in which his uncle, the late Dr. T. J. Porter, was pastor for thirty-four years.

Remember Cooperative Program Day Sunday, June 11

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DEJARNETTE,
State Secretary

"IS SOUL-WINNING EVERY CHRISTIAN'S JOB?"

By Miss Ruth Bishop
Madisonville, Ky.

(Continued From Last Week)

Upon returning to his native China he married and later had three daughters. Today these three women are the wives of the three greatest men in China—one is the wife of Sun Yat Sen, the "George Washington of China," the second, the wife of Kung, the late financial advisor of the Republic, and the last one, the wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. These Christian women led their husbands, the leaders in the Chinese Republic, to Christ, and the cause of missions in China has been greatly furthered by the witness of these Chinese Christian leaders, who had been led to know Christ through their wives, they in turn won to Christ by their father, who was saved by the simple witness of an old sea captain, Charley Jones. That is the chain reaction of personal soul winning, one man won another, he won another, he won his three daughters, they won their husbands, and a whole nation was influenced for Christ.

Just as Charley Jones witnessed, so did those early Christians—"nameless nobodies," scattered abroad, when telling the story of Jesus to others. And that is what we need today for a world lost politically, a world lost economically, a world lost spiritually.

The command of Jesus still stands! You must witness! It is a command to be obeyed! An imperative to every Christian.

Charles Wells, a Christian newspaperman, was watching a parade of Communist youths in 1934, in Moscow. There were 40,000 of them, marching in Red Square in zero weather. Many of them did not have shoes—their feet were wrapped in burlap and straw, their coats were patched and ragged and their faces were gaunt from hunger. As they marched they sang a simple little marching song—simple, yes, but 40,000 guttural voices of Russian youths made it ring around the world. Here were the words of that simple song, "We may be cold, we may be hungry, but we change the world."

They sang it, believed it, and marched to it, and the world is groaning under the tremendous change being wrought by these very ones, who marched that day. The tragedy of it all is that these poor deluded young people have marched for a cause that will never change this old world. Let Communism take the world and the world will not be changed—it will go on being the same old lost, unhappy, miserable world under Communism that it is today. But even more tragic than their misguided cause and wasted energy, is this fact! We do have the message that will change the world. We who are Christians have the only message that will ever change the world. But we are never cold, never hungry, and in our self-centered complacency, we are not changing this world very much. Perhaps what we need is the fire of persecution, as in the days of the early church, to melt out the dross and burn out the softness in our lives. Will it take persecution, scattering and dispersing us, to make us become zealous witnesses—spreading the gospel, one by one as we go out into the world?

Let us as Christians, in Free America accept now the challenge of this lost world and voluntarily go out to witness and win, lest it become necessary for God to send persecutions in order to scatter us and make us witness.

The imperative still stands—"You must be a witness." As we scatter, even this day, into all corners of this city, may we go out to ignite that chain reaction as we tell one and another and another about Christ, thus making Soul-Willing the obligation and opportunity of every Christian.

THE ADULT CHALLENGE By D. E. JONES State Approved Adult Worker

Summer Time

Summer time is here, so let's plan to keep our Baptist Adult Unions going even though some of us may be on Daylight Saving Time, and in spite of the fact that Summer is always a little hard on Training Union work. You can plan some of the happiest occasions of the year during this season. Adults can have a hay-ride, a fish fry, a weiner roast, an outside social or an outing of some kind just as well as younger groups. Get out in one of these beautiful spots which God has so wonderfully decorated for you and have a good time. Invite others who should be members of your group and take them along with you, then suggest they come to Training Union next Sunday night. You might even plan to have some of your Sunday evening programs out on the church lawn or some place near the church.

Each season of the year presents golden opportunities for expansion, growth in Christian personality and proof to the world that we can have a good time in the right way. June has always been thought of as Brides' month and a happy time when Heaven and earth seem to be in perfect harmony. Let's prove ourselves to be the real Bride of Christ. Don't be just a "June Bug," but be a real June Baptist, happy and ever looking up for Heavenly Joy.

Now, by the way, I suppose you have your plans all worked out to be with us at Clear Creek for the Training Union Assembly, August 12 to 18. We're planning something new and different this time which we believe you Adults will really enjoy, don't fail to be there. It will be a high week of spiritual experiences and fellowship. Watch for further announcements about the program.

Let me take time to thank all those adults who were at the Ashland Training Union Convention and for the wonderful way they contributed to its success. It was a great Convention and those who missed it surely missed so much. May God richly bless every one of you as you faithfully work for Him who has done so much for us.

Regional Song Festivals
Next Two Weeks.
Attend Yours.

Red Cross Honors Donors

The Louisville Red Cross Regional Blood Center recently celebrated the first anniversary of its Center—1347 South Third Street—and honored some 22,000 blood donors in the Louisville area.

Among other distinguished guests present were General McAuliffe, Major General Bliss, Surgeon General of the Army, and Admiral Ross McIntire who took part in the ceremonies. Mr. William Hodapp, chairman of the planning committee stresses the importance of continuing to give blood, urging that blood is an important peace time, as well as war time, necessity.

Baptist Pastor Named Temperance Leader

REV. WALTER C. HOUSE, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Skylight, Kentucky, has been named superintendent of the Temperance League of Kentucky, succeeding Mr. WALTER J. HOSHAL who retired some months ago. The new superintendent will remain pastor of the Liberty Church and will reside at Skylight.

Under Mr. House's leadership a two-day temperance conference has been called in June (previously announced in this paper) to bring together all Kentucky organizations interested in temperance promotion.

Superintendent House is 37, was born in Louisville and worked here several years before entering the ministry. He studied at Moody Bible Institute, Georgetown College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

While a pastor in Indiana he was also field representative for the Anti-Saloon League of Indiana, and of the United Dry Forces of Indiana. Eight months ago he became pastor at Skylight. He is superintendent also of Sulphur Fork Association's Sunday school organization, member also of the LaGrange Rotary Club, and of the American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago which secures nationwide information on the liquor question. He is also district representative of Spiritual Mobilization, Los Angeles organization which fights collectivism and communism.

Superintendent House is married to the former Miss Artie E. Colvin of Louisville, and they have a four and one-half-year-old daughter, Priscilla Ann.

June 1, 1950

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
Executive Secretary

Woman's Missionary Union Meets in Chicago

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention held its sixty-second annual meeting at the Medinah Temple in Chicago, May 8-9, 1950. The Convention theme was "Toward the Light." In addition to the beautifully decorated platform, an impressive innovation that added much to the atmosphere of the meeting was that at the beginning of each service, the maroon velvet drapes at the rear of the platform parted slowly revealing in large silver letters against a background of blue, the words "Be silent, be silent, the Master is here," while the organist played the hymn, "Tread Softly." Splendid preparations had been made for our coming by the WMU of Illinois and we were welcomed graciously by Mrs. R. W. Wallis, newly elected president and her committee-chairmen.

The devotions at each session consisted of Bible Meditations, scripture and prayer, led by various State Executive Secretaries. Special music for the sessions was provided by Mrs. H. H. Grooms, of Birmingham, who was the Convention song-leader, and by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago.

Speakers for the opening session were Miss Mary Christian, of Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. W. C. Tyler of Blue Mountain, Mississippi; and Dr. Georgia Harkness of Evanston, Illinois. Miss Christian spoke on "Beacon Fires," Mrs. Tyler on "... Homes where lamps are lit!" and Dr. Harkness on "Seeing Jesus Only."

Other speakers who challenged our hearts and lifted our spirits during the Convention were Mrs. George Wilson, Miss Gladys Keith, Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn, Mrs. Frank Laubach, Miss Mary-Ellen Wooten, Mrs. Ernest Brown of London, England; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Dr. Clarence Cranford and Dr. C. Oscar Johnson.

The reports of our officers showed steady gains in every phase of our work, including an increase in membership of 670,690 making a total of over 900,000; 401 new BWC's bringing the total to 4,263. The greatest gain

in young people's organizations was in the Girl's Auxiliaries and the largest gain in membership in the young people's organizations was in the Sunbeam Band. The quality of work done during the year was indicated by the 3,340 full-graded WMU's reported.

All officers were re-elected. A new state convention, the *Washington and Oregon State Convention*, was admitted to fellowship with us. Two important changes in our work were voted. The point on the Standards of Excellence pertaining to gifts was changed to read, "Seventy-five per cent of the members contributing regularly through the Cooperative Program." Point Eight on the WMS Standard was changed to read, "Two mission study classes; two thirds of the membership reading one missionary book during the year." These changes begin, of course, with the new year.

In the joint sessions of the Executive Committee and the State Secretaries it was voted that beginning with the new year free copies of the Year Book would be reduced in order to affect a very necessary saving of expenses. Those to receive free copies are: State Officers, Regional Vice-Presidents and Young People's Leaders, Associational Superintendents and Young People's Leaders, WMS Presidents and Young People's Directors. Other copies will continue to sell for 15c per copy.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has reached the total of \$1,745,620.16 and the Annie Armstrong Offering to date totals \$549,980.83. Since there will probably be additional receipts for the Annie Armstrong Offering we confidently expect that the goal of \$600,000.00 will be finally reached.

The registration of 2,057 was announced and Kentucky was one of eight states to have her full quota of sixty delegates. There were many others from Kentucky who registered as visitors.

As Dr. C. O. Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, who brought the closing address, pronounced the benediction one of the greatest conventions of Woman's Missionary Union came to an end and thousands of inspired, missionary-minded women turned their faces homeward, eager to be about their business of pointing those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death "toward the light."—This report is condensed from the notes of Mrs. Purdy, Miss Jones and Mrs. Ferguson.

Kentucky Pastor From Arkansas Is Graduated

Among those receiving degrees at the recent commencement exercises of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was FRANK F. NORFLEET, who received the degree of Doctor of Theology.

A native of Arkansas, Brother Norfleet graduated from Ouachita Col-



Frank F. Norfleet

lege, where he was a member of the foot ball squad, dramatic club, BSU Council, and president of the Life Service Band. During his senior year in college he served as chaplain of the Arkansas House of Representatives, and is thought to have been the youngest man ever thus to serve.

Throughout his seminary career, despite the demands of the classroom and the pastorate, he has managed to give much time to evangelistic efforts, and has averaged participating in approximately four revival meetings a year. He recently led in evangelistic services in the First Church Dumas, Arkansas, whose pastor is Rev. T. N. Shaddox, formerly of Kentucky. There were more than 125 rededications, with 30 additions to the church.

Doctor Norfleet is at present pastor of the Sligo Church in Sulphur Fork Association. He formerly served as pastor at First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville, Illinois.

PARENTHOOD—Don't bother to make me rich or famous, dear Lord. Just prolong that feeling that comes over Mom and me when Babe's temperature drops back to 98.6 degrees at long last.—Oren Arnold, "Family Man," *Woman*.

WESTERN RECORDER

Eleven

Your Supplemental Offering on June 11 May Be A Birthday Gift In Celebration of 25 Years of the Baptist

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You teach Chinese boys to read "Jesus Saves."
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 You instruct 29 European ministers in Switzerland.
 You hold out food to orphans in Italy.
 You preach Christ through 712 Foreign Missionaries.

In the Home Land

You teach young preachers in our 3 Seminaries.
 You instruct young women in our Training School.
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Kentucky Baptist Hospital	

Encircling the Earth For Christ

Make One Offering For Them All and Send It to Dr. W.C. Boone, Treasurer, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky.

The Little Lame Prince

Today we are going to read about a boy prince named Me-phi-bo-sheth. He was just a lad, about five years old, when our story begins.

Mephibosheth lived in the palace of his father whom we have already read about in our Bible story last month. Yes, you are right: Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan, and the grandson of King Saul.

When Mephibosheth was five years old, there was a terrible war in the land. His father, Jonathan, and his grandfather, Saul, were in the war. They had to leave home and fight in a cruel battle. Mephibosheth was left in the care of his nurse at the beautiful palace of Jonathan.

The morning that Jonathan and Saul left for the war, they must each have placed little Mephibosheth on their knees and said something like this: "We are going away for awhile to fight in the war, and help make our people have peace. You must be a good boy until we come back."

But they never came back. Father and grandfather were killed in the war.

So the little prince Mephibosheth was left alone—that is, except for his kind nurse who took care of him. She was the only one left to love him.

When the nurse heard of the awful death of Saul and Jonathan, she was afraid to stay any longer in the palace. The Philistines who had killed Saul and Jonathan were on their way to the palace. Of course, the good nurse knew that the Philistines would take the little prince, Mephibosheth, captive, and would burn down the palace when they came.

She hurried to Mephibosheth's room, gathered him up in her arms, and away she ran down the palace steps and over the hill. Perhaps she was going to the home of some friends where she and Mephibosheth could hide until the danger was passed.

Can't you see nurse and the little boy prince, two lone figures, hurrying away, through the hills, over many strange paths! Perhaps it was even nighttime, and the way was hard to find. I imagine the nurse carried him a long distance, but then he became so heavy, that she put him down to run alongside her.

As they ran along as fast as their legs could carry them, poor little

Mephibosheth fell. He was so tired. And when he fell, he hurt both his feet! Mephibosheth was a cripple all the rest of his life. The night of that journey was the last time he ever ran or walked. From that time he had to be carried wherever he went.

When the little lame prince became a man he found a kind friend. This friend had loved his father, Jonathan, very much. His name, you remember, was David, now king of Israel. David had promised Jonathan that he would take care of his children if anything should happen to his good friend.

Ever since Mephibosheth and his nurse had run away from the palace of grandfather Saul, King David had been fighting the troublesome Philistines. At last David drove them out of the country. Surely the people were tired of many years of war, and they were ready to settle down and live happy, comfortable lives.

No doubt one of the first things King David thought about when peace came was bringing the children of Jonathan to his own palace and letting them live with him. So David asked: "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2 Samuel 9:1).

One of the servants in the house of Saul, whose name was Ziba, and who was now Mephibosheth's servant, told David that there was only one: a lame son, named Mephibosheth.

Now even though Mephibosheth was a grown man, he still needed a good friend. No matter how young or old we become, we always have need of real, true friends, don't we? Mephibosheth especially needed a friend because he was a cripple. In the days when our story took place, people were not kind to cripples. Most of the time they were treated cruelly.

So King David, who remembered his promise to Jonathan, sent for Mephibosheth to come to Jerusalem and live with him. And we read in the Bible: "So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table;" (2 Samuel 9:13). What a happy ending to the story!

No one would ever treat Mephibosheth cruelly again, because David was his friend.

Special

From Dr. R. G. Lee, President, Southern Baptist Convention comes announcement that there was a deficit of a few hundred dollars in the local expenses of entertaining the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago.

Dr. Lee passes the request of Dr. J. B. Head on to the people—that our people in large numbers order a copy of the picture of the twenty-two thousand assembled in the Friday-night-evangelistic meeting in Chicago, at \$1.00 each. Send the money to Dr. Weldon Wilson, 5300 Glenwood Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois.

We believe many Kentucky Baptists will send the dollar and get this great picture and help the committee meet the deficit.

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Louisville Area News

Buechel Baptists Search For Oldest Bibles In Community

BUECHEL, Ky., May 15.—Pastor W. W. Richardson asked the congregation of the Buechel Baptist Church to bring the oldest English printed Bibles they had to the church service yesterday. In fact, he asked everybody to bring some kind of a Bible. He said that he would read his Scripture from the oldest Bible available.

When comparison was made it was found that Mrs. Bertha Martin, of Feganbush Lane had one in English printed in 1832. But the oldest English edition was the one brought by James Hipps, which bore the date of 1821. This was published by the American Bible Society, printed by Daniel Fanshaw, No. 20 Sloat-lane, New York. James Hipps is a son of Chaplain and Mrs. Ferdinand L. Hipps, and for some years has been a student at Georgetown College. This old Bible was originally owned by his great, great grandparents, "John Hipps, born July 7, 1812, and May Hipps, the wife of John Hipps, born February 22, 1817."

There was one Bible brought which was even older than this one, but it was not printed in English. This was brought by Mrs. O. S. Reynolds, and was printed by John Bell in 1678 in the Welsh language. There is a rich story behind the preservation of the Bible. Originally bound in tanned hide, it passed through fire and water in a battle with the Indians at what is now Cincinnati, Ohio. The cover was burned off, but the Bible was saved by the great grandfather of Mrs. Reynolds. After the tragedy her ancestor rebound the Bible with the leather from the top of his boot, and this is its present binding.

Bardstown Church Has Revival With Dale Moody Doing The Preaching

BARDSTOWN, Ky., May 16.—Dr. Dale Moody, Professor of Theology in the Southern Seminary, did the preaching in an eight-day revival held in the Bardstown Baptist Church April 23-30. There were thirty-one additions during the week, with fifteen coming for baptism. Dr. Moody's preaching was deeply spiritual and Biblical. The whole church

was greatly blessed and strengthened by his great preaching.

The pastor, C. Carman Sharp, led the singing assisted by the Men's Chorus. The men furnished all of the special music for the week and filled the choir each night. The same chorus leads the singing at the Sunday evening services and because of their good work the attendance at these services is increasing.

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. DELLA BUCHANAN

CECILIA, Ky., April 15.—God, who doeth all things well, in His loving kindness, on March 13, called Mrs. Della Buchanan, our sister in Christ, to be with her Saviour. She was a faithful member of the Cecilia Baptist Church and served many years as president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

BE IT RESOLVED that our society has lost a faithful and consecrated member, and her family a true and devoted mother. RESOLVED that we extend to the family our most sincere sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement.

RESOLVED, that we humbly bow in submission to His divine will, holding her memory dear, and cherishing every association we had with her.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, the Western Recorder, and a copy to be kept on the records of our WMS.—Committee: Mrs. H. S. Gardner and Mrs. Jesse Bates, president.

Gleanings

The Third Avenue Baptist Church has elected Mr. Newell Epperson as full-time Educational Director of the church. Third Avenue is looking forward to increasing efficiency and enlargement through his ministry.

Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Baptist State Board of Missions in Kentucky, was the speaker at the Brotherhood meeting of the Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ky., on the night of May 15.

Evangelist Dester E. Jones, pastor of the South Jefferson Church, has been preaching during May 15-28 in a revival with Pastor I. Ferd. Graves at the Franklin Street Church, Louisville. Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Averitt were the song leaders, and Bill Enete was the marimba player.

The new and renovated Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, was dedicated on Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 P. M., with Dr. H. Leo Eddleman preaching the sermon. Pastor John W. Kruschwitz had with him on that day also Dr. Dale Moody, Pastor Roy Hamilton, Pastor J. E. Darter and Dr.

LeVon Moore, all of whom had part on the program.

The Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has taken definite steps to enter into a building program. Plans call for a full church structure, including an educational building and auditorium. Pastor L. E. Martin says that they intend to proceed as soon as they have three-fourths of the money for either the auditorium or the educational building in the building fund. The new auditorium is to be large enough to seat 1,250 persons and the Sunday school will accommodate about that same number. The present auditorium, erected in 1898, is only about 500.

"What I Want For A Child Of Mine"

A little home that is clean and sweet,
An humble home, quiet and neat
A happy family, a table spread,
A father's blessing, a mother's good bread;
A swing in the trees where the robin sings,
And the humming bees make music ring,
Just lovely days of shade and shine
That's what I want for a child of mine.

And evening quiet, the shadows close,
A peaceful night for the soul's repose
A sweet scented bed when the prayers are said
A last good hour when the Bible's read,
Then a sense of His presence, blest
Afterward a deep, sweet rest.
A house with a room for a Friend divine,
That's what I want for a child of mine. . .

—Mrs. Frank Mitchell
Nebo, Ky.

[Mrs. Mitchell is the wife of a village pastor.]

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Blue Grass News

C. P. Williams Dies At Lexington Residence

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 6.—Cornelius Pearl Williams, 77, member of the First Baptist Church here, died May 5 following a long illness, at his residence, 202 Locust Avenue, here. He was connected with the Lexington Roller Mills for more than half a century, and six years ago he was presented a gold wrist watch as a token of recognition for his long service with that company.

He leaves a son, Arthur F. Williams, Lexington; three grandchildren—James C. Devine, Lexington; Mrs. Chester Dunn, Dayton, Ohio; and Arthur E. Devine, Houston, Texas; and three great grandchildren—Darryll Allen Devine, Lexington; David Lee Devine, Houston, Texas; and Miss Donna Marie Dunn, Dayton, Ohio.

Marvin Jennings In Crestwood Revival

FRANKFORT, Ky.—The Crestwood Baptist Church of this city has just closed a two weeks meeting in which there were 17 additions to the church.

Rev. Marvin Jennings, pastor of the Glen's Creek Baptist Church, was the evangelist, and Alva Parks led the singing. Special music was brought each night by students from Georgetown College.

Lake Worth Church In Florida Calls Emerson Wortham As Its Pastor

LAKE WORTH, Florida, May 15.—The First Baptist Church of Lake Worth has extended an unanimous call to Dr. T. Emerson Wortham to become its pastor, and he has accepted. Dr. Wortham has been serving the church as Interim Pastor since last January, and he was asked by the church to conduct its spring revival during April, which he did. He was assisted by Mr. Eugene Knotts, minister of music in Northwood Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, who had charge of the music. There were fifteen additions during the eight days

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of the revival, twelve of these coming on profession of faith and baptism. Many of the local members came re-dedicating their lives to Christ.

There have been additions to the Lake Worth church almost every Sunday since January, making thirty-five to date.

Dr. Wortham came to Florida many months ago from the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church of Winchester, Ky., seeking a climate which would be more beneficial to his health. He has recovered completely, and besides his preaching has also been doing some substitute teaching in the Senior High School about half the time. Mrs. Wortham has been serving as organist at the Northwood Baptist Church, West Palm Beach since September. Charles Wortham, their boy, is attending the local school.

Adult Day Observed At Ephesus Church Near Winchester

WINCHESTER, Ky., May 22.—Yesterday was observed as "Adult Day" at the Ephesus Baptist Church, in the Boone's Creek Baptist Church. Drexel Blankenship presided and introduced the speakers. The adult choir sang, "Amazing Grace." The adults presented a religious film, "No Greater Power," at the evening ser-

vice. The day was an inspiration to the entire church.

On Monday night, May 15, the Cornelia Leavell YWA honored their mothers and the WMS, their parent organization, with a buffet supper at the church. Misses Virginia Welch and Joanne Fox sang, "Faith of Our Mothers." Mrs. Drexel Blankenship challenged both mothers and daughters to greater service, both in the home and in the church.—Phillip E. Rogerson.

Northside Baptist Church Of Winchester Is Expanding Rapidly

WINCHESTER, Ky., May 23.—The auditorium of the Northside Baptist Church of Winchester has had to be enlarged twice in the last seven weeks. In that time there have been fifty-six additions, the Sunday school growth has jumped from thirty-five to 154, and the Training Union from forty to 150. The church has launched a building program campaign, and has set a goal of 300 in Sunday school by July 23. Pastor William Reid is a student at Georgetown College, and is president of the Baptist Student Union at that place.

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Part of the crowd which jammed the auditorium of the Chicago Coliseum, which is said to hold 15,000 persons.

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Georgetown College Choir Renders Concert In Dayton, Ohio, Church

DAYTON, Ohio, May 17.—The Georgetown College Choir presented a concert in the West Side Baptist Church here on May 7. Pastor John W. Kurtz says that the West Side Church was thrilled to hear these young people sing His praises. "Many of the people from the local homes are still speaking of the joy in taking some of those choir members into their homes for the night." More than 800 people attended the sacred concert.

Educational Director Allard Garren Resigns From Fort Thomas Church

FORT THOMAS, Ky., May 18.—Allard Garren, Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas for the last eight months, has resigned to return to Hendersonville, North Carolina. The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garren has had poor health since they moved to the North Kentucky sector, and her physician has advised the parents to take her away from the Ohio Valley region.

Gleanings

A Music Clinic was held during May 22-26 at the Ludlow Baptist Church. Sessions were held each evening in the week.

Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Baptist State Board of Missions, spoke for Pastor Walton R. Cole at the First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ky., on May 21. This was a part of their centennial anniversary program. A Fellowship Hour was held in the afternoon, and

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a negro choir from the Mount Olivet Baptist Church gave a musical program at the night service.

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rector of music for the Chicago Southern Baptist Convention, will serve as associate director of the Tenth Convention-wide Church Music Conference to be held in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 24-30.

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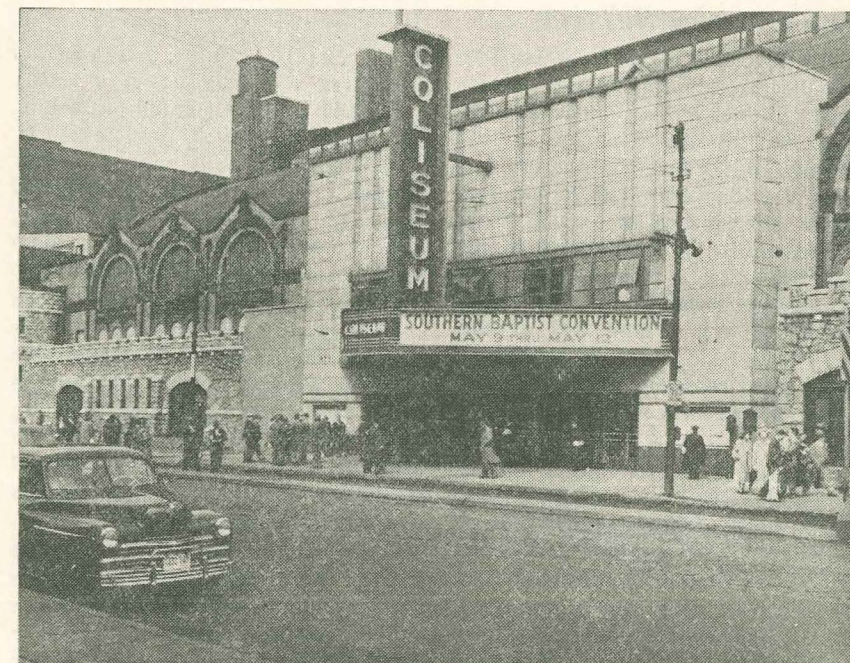
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William Henry Robertson Dies At Lebanon, Ky.

LEBANON, Ky., May 15.—William Henry Robertson, 72, a retired contractor, died Tuesday morning, April 25, 1950, at 12:20 o'clock. He was born January 12, 1878 in Marion County, Kentucky.

The funeral was conducted in the Lebanon Baptist Church by Pastor F. G. Schlafer and Brother M. M. McFarland.

Mr. Robertson was a deacon in the Doctor's Fork Baptist Church, Perryville. He was converted during the pastorate of Brother McFarland thirty-four years ago.

He was married to Dell Williams in 1897 and the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary two years ago.

In addition to the widow, he is survived by six sons: Charley, William and Garmon of Lebanon, James of Louisville, Elmer of Beech Grove, Indiana, and Monta of Whitestown, Indiana; one brother, Ernest, of Cornishville, Ky.; three sisters: Betty Brewer of St. Matthews, Ky., Maud Laws of California, and Lena Boldoff of Cincinnati, Ohio. Also to mourn his passing are fourteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Campbellsville Pastor Introduces Musician To Kentucky Baptists

CAMPBELLVILLE, Ky., May 3.—I recently preached in a revival meeting with Harry Linn Rosenstengel, musician, in the simultaneous revival meetings west of the Mississippi, at Huntsville, Missouri. This young man served with one of the U. S. Navy Bands during the war, and then for some time was a member of a nationally known dance band. Two years ago, in answer to the call of the Spirit, he turned his back upon that sort of thing, and now is engaged entirely in evangelistic singing and playing.

Mr. Rosenstengel is both a singer and a trumpeter. He leads congregational singing, directs choir anthems and hymns, plays trumpet solos, and uses his instrument in directing the song services. He also does vocal solos. He has been a student of serious music since he was a child, studying voice, trumpet and piano.

In working in this revival with this young man, I found him to be talented, capable, and consecrated, and I am glad to commend him to my brethren whenever they need such a person. He may be reached at 215 Eighth Street, Box 555, Esther, Mo.

He has been a Christian since he was nine years of age. He committed his life to full-time Christian service a little more than two years ago. Since that time he has spent one year in the School of Sacred Music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Marjorie Lafferty Becomes Educational Director, Horse Cave

HORSE CAVE, Ky.—PASTOR FULLER B. SAUNDERS announces that Miss MARJORIE LAFFERTY has begun her work as educational director of the Horse Cave Baptist Church, here.

Miss Lafferty, a native of this place, is a graduate of Western State College, Bowling Green, and has one year's training at the WMU Training School, Louisville. She will work here for the summer months returning to the Training School at the opening of the next session.

Parsonage Completed And Lot Purchased For Youth Center, Parking Lot

SOMERSET, Ky., April 14.—High Street Baptist Church has recently completed the building of a lovely \$18,000.00 brick Colonial parsonage, into which the pastor, Rev. Gerald K. Ford, and his family moved in December. The church people welcomed them into their new home with a real housewarming, showering them with many lovely and beautiful gifts.

In the past few months the church has had three study courses—*Studies in Acts*, by Fallis, *God's Hurry*, by Duke K. McCall, both taught by the pastor, and an Associational Training Union Study Course taught by the Training Union State Officers and their corps of workers. Large groups attended all of these studies.

The recently organized Brotherhood of High Street has purchased a large tract of land opposite the church building which is being made into a Youth Center and parking lot. Other improvements in the church building

and grounds are also being made and the people are turning out in large numbers to all services of the church. Many additions, by baptism and letter, have been made in the last year and a wonderful spirit of fellowship is manifest throughout the church. High Street is looking forward to a great work for the Lord in the months ahead under the capable leadership of their esteemed pastor, Rev. Gerald K. Ford.—Paul W. Smith, Clerk, High Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Winn Davis Dies In Glasgow

GLASGOW, Ky., May 12.—The funeral of Mrs. ELIZABETH WINN DAVIS was recently conducted in the Glasgow Baptist Church by her pastor, Dr. Victor Bradford Curry.

Mrs. Davis, a daughter of the late ELLA MONTAGUE and WILLIAM KEY WINN, was born August 3, 1868, in Simpson County, Kentucky. Her parents moved to Glasgow when she was a small child. She was converted under the preaching of N. Y. Terry, pastor of the Glasgow Baptist Church and joined the church in December 1880 and was baptized in South Fork Creek on Burkesville Road. She was married in this church to Walter W. Davis of Cumberland County, Kentucky, October 10, 1889. H. T. Daniels, her pastor, officiated. Her husband died in 1901, leaving her with two small children, Winn and Marion.

Mrs. Davis was a faithful member of the Woman's Missionary Society thirty-eight years, serving in many ways and was its very efficient president 1939-1940. Her most outstanding work in the church was as teacher in the Junior Department of the Sunday school 1921-1947. She loved and studied the Bible and led many of her pupils to Christ.

Surviving her are her son and daughter, Winn Davis and Mrs. Chester Watkins; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Gleanings

The First Baptist Church of Russellville, Ky., is in the midst of an extensive building program.

Rev. John M. Wall has accepted a call to be pastor of the Steubenville Baptist Church of Wayne County and assumed his new duties May 7. Pastor Wall formerly was pastor of the Muldraugh's Hill Baptist Church of Marion County.

Reaping the Harvest at Eaton Memorial Church



Many of those who united with the Eaton Memorial Church during the recent revival. Front row (left to right) shows Pastor Henry W. Schafer, Evangelist C. R. Hill, and Singer Harry Beckman, the first three on the left.

OWENSBORO, Ky., May 6.—The Eaton Memorial Baptist Church here concluded a series of revival services on April 21 in which God showered the church with an abundant harvest. There were thirty professions of faith, and seven additions by letter and statement, a part of whom are shown in the accompanying picture.

Brother C. R. Hill, pastor at Hartford, Ky., did the preaching, and Brother Harry Beckman, led the singing, both aiding Pastor Henry W. Schafer in this work.

The meeting was outstanding in answered prayer. The church conducted a chain of prayer all night, Saturday, April 15. Nearly 200 people participated. This had been preceded with a visitation program, in which 100 personal workers on Saturday afternoon and evening went out on the field to do personal work. The result was that on Sunday morning there were fifteen professions, two by letter, two young women to answer the call to special service, and many rededications.

By Friday evening—the last service—there were twenty-eight professions. This was a glorious victory. Yet the workers had united in prayer

for at least thirty souls. When the invitation was given one middle-aged woman, who was in the service for the first time, came trusting Christ. But then, we lacked one soul. Truly God was testing our faith. The congregation was seated and the woman received into the church. When a woman arose from the back to come forward to be reinstated into the fellowship of the church. She was yet on her way when a young woman arose from her seat to come forward to accept Christ. It seemed then that the whole congregation sat in awe at the Power of the Spirit. Since then God has continued to bless with other souls.

Daviess-McLean WMU Meets In The Yellow Creek Baptist Church

OWENSBORO, Ky., April 21.—The WMU of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association met at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Friday, April 14, this being the second quarterly meeting of the year. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. J. A. Quinn, president of the Yellow Creek WMU. The service opened with an inspiring devotional

by Mrs. Sam Riddle, of Maceo. Other points of interest on the program were: Report on the city of Covington and Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, as host of the WMU State Convention, by Mrs. John Hammatt, of Calhoun; report on the Convention, Mrs. J. T. Miller, Whitesville, superintendent of the Daviess-McLean WMU; "Community Missions at Work," by Mrs. C. J. Cowgell, Owensboro; "Co-operating for Better Worship," Mrs. Charles Emrich of Philpot; "Co-operating With the Young People," Miss Marjorie Jones, Louisville, State YP Leader.

Two new societies were recognized—Parrish Avenue and Maceo.

Yellow Creek Baptists have recently constructed a new building and, although the interior is not yet finished, the women were made welcome. A pot-luck luncheon was served at the noon hour by the host society.

The July meeting will be held at Calhoun. Mrs. Miller, superintendent presided.

First Street Church Of Russellville Showing Signs Of Healthy Growth

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., May 1.—The First Street Baptist Church here is erecting a new church building with seventeen Sunday school rooms and a library room. They are now worshipping in the basement, entering their new quarters last Sunday. They hope to have the new auditorium ready for use in about thirty days.

The Sunday school has grown from an average of forty to 110 now.

Pastor Roy L. Sears led the church in the ordination of three deacons yesterday. Those participating in the service included Pastor Guy P. Hall, who preached the ordination sermon; Pastor Justus Moore, who gave the charge to the church and Deacons; Pastor Sears, interrogator; Deacon W. D. Anderson, ordination prayer; and Deacons H. G. Bilyeu, C. R. Arnold, W. H. Rogers, Milto Sharp, J. B. Dotson, Harold Marshall, W. M. Rouse, Frank Powell, B. B. Gibbs, and Brodie Simmons.

Mrs. E. D. Davis, wife of Pastor E. D. Davis of the First Baptist Church of Benton, Ky., and Recording Secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, underwent a major operation May 16 at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. At this writing she is doing nicely.

Forest Hill Church Adds Ray Gregston To Deacon Board

FALMOUTH, Ky., May 15.—Ray Gregston was added to the number of deacons at the Forest Hill Baptist Church, Union Association, last night. After Brother Gregston had been examined by Pastor R. H. Tolle and the other deacons, Associational Missionary M. M. McFarland preached the ordination sermon.

There was a good congregation, and an offering was taken for Central Baptist Hospital.

Pastor Odom Reports Revival

MAYSVILLE, Ky.—Dr. A. D. Odom, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city reports an eight-days revival in which Dr. L. T. Hastings of Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School faculty was the evangelist, and Rev. and Mrs. John Morris of Clinton, Indiana, conducted the singing.

The visiting evangelist was given a heavy schedule with a thirty-minute radio program each morning in addition to daily morning and evening services at the church. The local pastor pays high tribute to the visiting minister.

There were thirty-nine additions to the church, thirty-three coming on profession of faith. The pastor states, "A fully departmentized Training Union has been organized with Mr. W. C. Clay, Jr., as general director . . . During my fourteen years in Maysville this was the most gracious revival we have experienced."

Magoffin's New President

MOUNTAIN VALLEY, Ky.—D. M. Aldridge has been elected by the Trustees of Magoffin Baptist Institute, Breathitt County, to succeed Rev. Ellis M. Ham as president of the school.

Mr. Aldridge is a native of Illinois, a graduate of the Southern Illinois

University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The new President has been active in mountain mission work both in Tennessee and Kentucky. For the past four years he has served on the faculty of Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's School in Pineville, Kentucky.

Joining Mr. Aldridge in the work at Magoffin Institute are his wife and three children. Mrs. Aldridge is the former Miss Kathleen Deahim of Chattanooga, Tennessee. She has served as Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of Erwin, Ten-



Rev. D. M. Aldridge

nessee, and also as Associate Director of the Chattanooga Goodwill Center.

The Magoffin Baptist Institute is a fully accredited school under the direction of the State Mission Board of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists. It includes all of the lower grades and a four year high school course.

Mr. Aldridge and his family moved to the Magoffin School to take up their new work on May 2 of this year. —Dalton Leath, Chairman Board of Trustees, Magoffin Baptist Institute.

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Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	400	1,708
Louisville, Ninth and O (1)	349	1,480
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	234	1,184
Murray, First	1,095	
Lexington, Porter Mem. (2)	320	1,070
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	200	1,048
Louisville, Parkland (1)	71	1,046
Owensboro, First (1)	79	992
Evansville, Ind., Grace (3)	309	949

Harrodsburg (4)	192	945
Bowling Green, First (2)	94	906
Covington, Latonia (2)	199	842
Hopkinsville, First	86	806
Frankfort, First (1)	761	795
Lexington, Immanuel	749	761
Owensboro, First	746	749
Mayfield, First	737	746
Louisville, Crescent Hill (1)	115	737
Lexington, Calvary (1)	28	731
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	---	713
Hopkinsville, Second	---	706
Louisville, Victory Mem. (1)	88	701
Somerset, First	61	681
Louisville, West Bdw. (1)	79	651
Danville, First (2)	92	646
Ashland, Pollard (2)	44	645
Glasgow (1)	---	628
Madisonville, First	---	626
Covington, Calvary	---	622
Newport, First (1)	43	620
Louisville, Beechmont	---	620
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (2)	198	619
Princeton, First	---	604
Barbourville, First (2)	115	594
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	85	585
Middlesboro, First	---	556
Louisville, Highland (2)	176	559
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	---	558
Louisville, 23rd and Bdw.	---	552
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	542
London, First (1)	43	532
Louisville, Clifton (1)	107	523
Campbellsville (2)	54	516
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	35	508
Louisville, Deer Park	---	502
Williamsburg, First	---	496
Winchester, First (1)	154	491
Corbin, Central	---	476
Corbin, First	---	464
Lebanon	---	448
Henderson, Audubon (2)	104	445
Henderson, First	---	433
Morganfield (1)	51	433
Erlanger (1)	47	433
Owensboro, Hall St. (1)	36	432
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	29	430
Henderson, Immanuel	---	430
Shively	---	426
Fulton, First	---	424
Covington, Southside	---	421
Paducah, East	---	410
Franklin, First (1)	46	398
Bellevue	---	395
Dayton, Ohio, Westwood (1)	42	385
Beaver Dam (1)	28	371
Greenville, First	---	352
Middlesboro, E. Cumberland Ave.	---	348
Winchester, Central	---	330
Jellico, Tenn., Crouches Creek	---	326
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	---	325
Cynthiana (2)	55	321
Louisville, South Side	---	320
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial (1)	13	318
Evansville, Ind., Temple	---	303
Richmond, First (2)	11	301
Owensboro, Buena Vista	---	301
Willisburg	---	297
Versailles	---	294
Fairdale (near Louisville)	---	294
Hima, Horse Creek (1)	56	285
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	---	280
Auburn	---	278
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	270
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave. (1)	29	268
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.	---	267
Pleasant Hill (near Campbellsville)	---	265
Vine Grove	---	263
Mackville	---	260
Middletown	---	260
Crestwood, Ky., Crestwood	---	257
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	70	256
Dayton, First	---	255

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Habakkuk Teaches Trust in God

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-13; 2:1-4; 3:17-19

Other than the fact that he wrote one of the interesting books of the Bible, very little is known about Habakkuk. He has been called "the prophet of faith," but he was one who had to fight through his doubts to the certainty of faith. Although he had great faith in God, he was troubled by the inequalities of life. He was perplexed with the problem that God sometimes permits the wicked to prosper while the righteous suffer affliction. He wondered why God, who was holy and just, said nothing when evil men brought their wicked devices to pass. The silence of God in the presence of evil is ever a great enigma.

I. His Complaint. Habakkuk 1:1-4.

Habakkuk's righteous soul was vexed from day to day with the unlawful deeds of those with whom he was associated. He was chafing under what seemed to him the divine delay in doing something about the terrible sins of his day. Unquestionably he was concerned deeply that the holiness of God should be vindicated by His visiting judgment for sinful deeds and suppressing all violence and iniquity.

His prophecy opens with a complaint because wickedness continued without any apparent interference on the part of God. In the midst of his adverse circumstances, Habakkuk went straight to God with his problems, made a full declaration of all his bewilderments, and awaited God's reply. In his bewilderment he cried, "How long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear" (v. 2)? Thus he introduced the subject and problem of unanswered prayer. Long and earnestly had he pleaded with God to interpose, but He had not done so.

God did not hear nor save because the people had refused to repent after they had been warned and then urged to do so. In spite of their refusal, Habakkuk was thoroughly convinced that, no matter what He permitted to happen, God was to be trusted fully by all who know and love Him.

II. His Controversy. Habakkuk 1:12-13; 2:1-4.

Habakkuk was puzzled about God's dealings and did not hesitate to say so. He could not understand why wickedness prevailed and yet the wicked were not punished. He observed that prosperity and power were in the hands of the perverse. The way of evil appeared to be the way of blessing. To Habakkuk, it was a day of no judgment upon the evil, and wrong judgment upon the righteous. He could not see why God did not deliver the righteous from all their foes. He inquired how a God who hates sin could allow the continuance of such monstrous cruelties and treacherous acts towards His people.

And something that shocked him more than ever was the fact that the instrument of judgment was to be the invading Chaldeans. The prophet did not question that his people had sinned and rightly deserved God's disciplinary chastening, but he was astonished when he learned that God planned to allow the wicked Chaldeans to accomplish the task. Nevertheless, he could visualize the terrible army of the Chaldeans marching on their mission of devastation and destruction. From the human viewpoint, this predicted invasion seemed to him to spell complete destruction. But, he continued to reason, surely God will not punish a righteous nation with one which is far less righteous!

Not fully understanding why God apparently remained unconcerned about what was transpiring, the prophet turned to Him who was the object of his faith, and expressed the conviction that he would be shown the reasons for God's seeming slowness in judging the wicked. He firmly believed that God was holy and just, and that He would not look approvingly upon sin.

In his crisis Habakkuk turned to God for consolation and hope. With Him he argued, "We shall not die." This contention was based on the fact that God's holiness demanded

that He keep His covenants with His people, in one of which He had guaranteed their perpetuity. His hope lay in God.

Habakkuk sincerely believed that God would make known His will, therefore, he announced that he would take his position and await the divine revelation. After he had prayed and waited, he said, "And the Lord answered me." His faith stood the test. It triumphed over every doubt and was equal to every emergency. The real test of faith is simply to trust in God and then wait patiently for Him to reveal His will. God answers His own who look to Him in faith and await His time.

III. His Confidence. Habakkuk 3:17-19.

Habakkuk received satisfactory answers to his questions about unanswered prayer and unjudged sin. He discovered that God always does right. He also learned that punishment often comes to God's children for their sins through other people, and frequently their enemies. The undying words of this paragraph constitute a remarkable expression of a faith that has triumphed over seeming contradiction, outward appearances and every doubt.

While the third chapter of this prophecy is a paean of praise to God for His marvelous works, verse two stands out as a remarkable expression of faith in God and dedication to His will. Habakkuk was in the place where God would have all of us to be. He relied completely upon God in every experience of life and learned that he could trust Him in all things. It would be so much better if, instead of praying that God will work according to our wills, we would yield ourselves to Him and ask according to His wise design and perfect will.

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Kentucky Missionary to Spanish-Speaking Lands, Writes Home

By ASA NEWTON PORTER, Missionary
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WACO, Texas.—Will you permit a few lines from one who was born and reared in Kentucky; converted, baptized and ordained to the ministry in a country church? During the month of October, 1948, I was permitted to return to Kentucky for a visit to that good church—Spring Hill, in Hickman County—and celebrated the fifth anniversary of my ordination. I was delighted to find that not only are sinners still being converted there, but that God is still calling into the ministry its young men, adding them to the long list of preachers who have gone out from that church during its more than 100 years of history.

The *Western Recorder* was always in my childhood home. It has followed me everywhere in the world I have gone. For more than forty years I have given my life to the preaching of the Gospel in the Spanish language to the Mexican people—first for a number of years under the Foreign Mission Board in old Mexico, but for the past twenty-five years located at Waco, Texas, working under the Home Mission Board, where I have had the privilege of baptizing more than 500 Mexican people.

Many of our converts have moved and are working in missions and churches in other places. Several years ago one of our deacons, with his large family, returned to Mexico to a region where the Gospel had never been preached. He began to have services in his home, inviting his neighbors. They invited a Mexican Baptist preacher to visit them. A church was organized. In one year there were more than 100 members.

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A brother who is now editor of a Baptist paper in Mexico was baptized and licensed to preach years ago in our Waco Mexican Church. Three Mexican Baptist preachers in California were converted and baptized in Waco.

During one year twenty-two families from our Mission returned to Mexico. We sent church letters to eight different states in the Republic Mexico. This continual shifting of our Mexican population has made it impossible to develop a strong, financially self-supporting, church in Waco.

Here is an example of a "third-generation Christian." About twenty years ago I won and baptized a man and his wife who had been strong Roman Catholics. The husband is now a deacon, and the wife is president of the WMS. In the years that have passed I have won and baptized four of their grown sons; performed the marriage ceremony for three of them; won and baptized the three wives who came from strong Catholic homes. Recently I baptized the twelve-year-old son of one of these—a grandson of the older couple.

A few days ago I was called to conduct the funeral service of a man who all his life time had been a Catholic. The family was poor, and when death came, the family was unable to raise enough money to pay the priest to hold the service, so he refused to go to them in their group. Some friends of the family had them send for me. A funeral of this kind always gives me an opportunity to preach the Gospel to a number of people who never in their life heard a sermon. Some of the best members in our church were won in a service of this kind.

Though the Lord has directed me to work in other fields, I am always interested in *The Western Recorder* and the work in my beloved native State. May the Lord bless all the work and the workers!

[EDITORIAL NOTE: A few of the older generation of the *Western Recorder* readers will remember Brother A. N. Porter, but those of the oncoming generations will have to get

acquainted with him. Suffice it to say, he attended old Clinton College, a Baptist institution operated years ago in Clinton, Ky., but now listed among our casualties in the educational obituary columns. He next attended Baylor University, and graduated from the latter institution in 1905. How appropriate that he should return to his old home church in Hickman County, Kentucky, to observe his Golden Anniversary in the ministry! What a fine thing it would be for our churches to keep a closer watch on the men on whom they have laid their hands in ordination, and when some appropriate anniversary—like the twenty-fifth, the fortieth, or the fiftieth—rolls around, to invite them back! Make of it a great day of preaching the Word that sinners might be converted from the error of their way, a day of reminiscences for the visitor and the older members of the church, and providing an opportunity for the young people to catch the flaming torch from their elders.]

Selecting a battle-scarred golf 5-iron, the minister took a firm grip, swung, and succeeded in removing half the ant hill, inflicting great casualties to the ants. Undismayed he stepped back, surveyed the situation, steadied himself, stepped forward and swung again with greater vigor and more determination. This time he succeeded in sending the remainder of the ants to their doom; that is, all except two little ants. At this point the smaller ant turned to his bigger brother and said, "You know, if we want to survive we'd better get on the ball."—*Speakers Magazine*.

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Report and Recommendations of Committee on Common Problems to The Southern Baptist Convention

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(3) There is involved in the question of co-operation with these ecumenical organizations the question of liberalism and modernism. It is an effort to lay a basis of union so broad that those who reject such truths as the deity, virgin birth and resurrection of Christ can work in harmony with true believers. This becomes apparent by the fact that many local and state councils of churches now welcome Universities and Unitarians into their organization.

(4) Could such cherished Baptist doctrines as believer's baptism, a regenerated church membership, soul competency, and salvation by grace be maintained if Southern Baptists should enter into close ties with those who deny those fundamental, scriptural truths? Even if these great doctrines were not endangered in our present churches Southern Baptists cannot enter into comity agreements which would deny these truths to people living in many of our American communities.

Diversity in Practice

The Southern Baptist Convention must never seek any authority or power to make churches subservient to the will of the Convention. The Convention is an advisory body of messengers from free and independent churches. The Convention is for counsel and has no ecclesiastical functions or authority over the churches.

No Alliance

In the fourth place, it has been suggested that an American Baptist Alliance be formed; that this alliance

be patterned after the Baptist World Alliance and accept into its membership all Baptist bodies now existing in America. It is our opinion that there is no need for such an alliance.

Recommendations

With these four common problems before us, we your committee, recommend the following:

(1) That Southern Baptists begin immediately a great crusade to indoctrinate all of our people in the fundamentals of our faith.

(2) That we hereby reaffirm our conviction that Southern Baptists cannot enter into organic connection with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America or any other organizations which would compromise Baptist principles and truths revealed in the inspired Word of God.

(3) That if there be a desire to investigate the possibility of changing the constitution of this Convention to limit the constituency in any way, that it be done only after a lengthy and thorough study by a qualified committee.

Dr. Nordenhaug Named President of Zurich Seminary; Dr. Means Editor of Commission

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, editor of *The Commission*, Baptist foreign mission journal, was named president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board May 4.

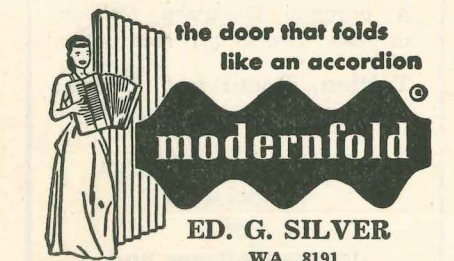
Dr. Frank K. Means, head of the Board's education and promotion department, was named editor of *The Commission*, with sufficient editorial help to be provided to enable him to carry the added responsibility.

Dr. Nordenhaug succeeds Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Europe, who has served as acting president since the opening of the new seminary last September. Dr. Sadler will return to the United States about September 1 to resume his duties at the Richmond office of the Board.

The newly elected president was born in Oslo, Norway, August 2, 1903, and is a graduate of the University of Oslo. He became a citizen of the United States in 1937 after spending five years in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., from which he was graduated with a Ph.D. degree.

Mrs. Nordenhaug is the former Miss Helen Bacon Rampp of Louisville, Ky. They have two children, Ted, 11, and Karin, 9. They expect to arrive in Zurich for the opening of the seminary this fall.

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