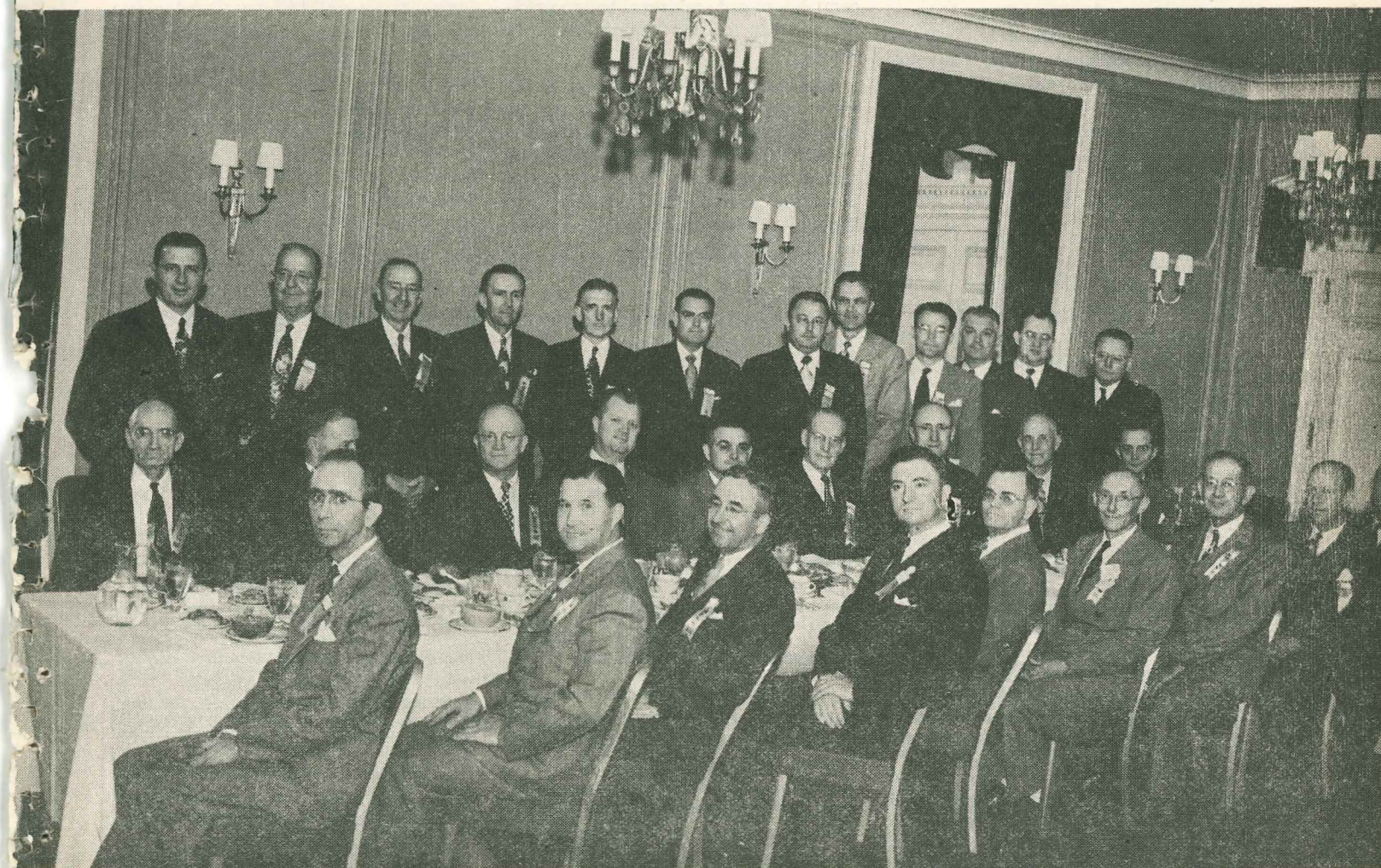


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Evangelist Angel Martinez, Louisville, Ky., preached in a revival meeting recently with Pastor W. Herschel Ford at the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, resulting in 127 additions.

Hospital Minister Zech Ford Bond, of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, conducted a revival meeting with Pastor Roy A. Hamilton at the First Baptist Church, Paintsville, Ky., during June 4-11.

Pastor Guy P. Hall, of the Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky., did the preaching for Pastor Young E. Holland in a revival at the Second Baptist Church of Marion, Ky., resulting in nine additions.

Dr. John Mein, one of our beloved missionaries to Brazil, is back in the States on furlough. His residence while on furlough will be 1542 South Seventh Street, Abilene, Texas. Many churches will be contacting him.

Pastor A. W. Walker had a special service for the seventeen high school and eight college graduates at the Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, on Sunday morning, June 11. The thirty-ninth birthday of the church fell on the same Sunday.

Pastor Lloyd W. Benedict, of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Ky., spent a week with his mother, Mrs. M. Luella Benedict, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Tefft, at Palmyra, New York, recently. He has now returned to Prestonsburg.

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, conferred the honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws upon three men at its recent commencement. They were George S. Anderson and C. M. Caldwell, both of Abilene, and President Floyd D. Golden, of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N. Mex.

MISS MARTHA CLAYBROOK, daughter of REV. AND MRS. LYN CLAYBROOK of Oneida, Kentucky, recently received her RN degree from the School of Nursing of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. Three years ago Miss Claybrook was graduated with honors by Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. She is to be married in August.

Harrodsburg is to observe its 176th anniversary Friday, June 16. Citizens are getting their old pioneer clothes

out of the moth balls for that occasion, and many of the male citizens are not being recognized by their best friends because of thirty days of beard growth. Jack Crouthers has written the script for a pageant of Fort Harrod and a re-enactment of the stirring scenes which occurred in the early days of the city's beginnings in its battles against the elements and the Indians.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, by his seminary-mate, Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, at the 101st commencement of the college in Liberty, Mo. Dr. Johnson delivered the commencement address to a graduating class of 115 seniors from 19 states.

The commencement address at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, was delivered on June 2 by the Honorable JOHN SHERMAN COOPER, special consultant to the Secretary of State and United States Delegate to the United Nations Assembly, Somerset, Ky., and Washington, D. C. At the conclusion of the program President H. L. DONOVAN conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon him and others.

One spot of beauty stood out in the Chicago Coliseum. That was the dark velvet curtain stretched across the entire front of the auditorium, over which was superimposed four-foot high, cut-out old English letters, spelling out the words, "Freedom's Holy Light." The letters were evidently cut out of wall board, or some light veneer wood, with a jigg-saw, and were covered with glimmering tinsel, reflecting highly shimmering, sparkling, glassy surface.

Sunday, June 4, was the twentieth anniversary in the pastorate of Buell H. Kazee at the Morehead Baptist Church, Morehead, Ky. During his first year the total offerings amounted to about \$1,000. Now the church gives around \$10,000 to all causes annually. In addition to his pastoral work Brother Kazee sings and preaches in revival meetings and Bible conferences in Kentucky and other states. He states in his bulletin of May 26, "There are advantages and disadvantages to a long pastorate. Only God knows which is greater. . . Let us go on in the Spirit."

The June 1950 issue of THE BAPTIST STUDENT is devoted entirely to the late Frank Hartwell Leavell. The articles therein are written by about seventy-five of his many, many friends. Frank Leavell lived and walked among the youth of the world. No one except the old, old-timers ever realized that he was anything but a youth himself. Almost every person in the South who is fifty-five years of age or younger has had some contact directly or indirectly with him in their youth. His recent passing leaves man conscious that they are bereft of a friend who has helped them somewhere along the line of life. Many will enjoy reading this issue of THE BAPTIST STUDENT.

The European Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, will have a pastors' conference June 20-29. Among the four speakers will be Louisville's Dr. S. L. Stealey, professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His conference subjects will be around the theme, "Our Historical Heritage." Other speakers will be Pastor Enrico Paschetto, of Italy (who was in the Louisville Seminary about ten years ago), who will speak on "Our Evangelistic Task;" Pastor A. A. Hardenberg, Hengelo Baptist Church, Holland, on "Our European International Co-operation," and Prof. Johannes Schneider, of the Department of N. T. Interpretation, Berlin University, Germany, who will talk on "Our New Testament Foundations."

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By W. C. Taylor
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Is Jesus Really the Answer?

You hear it so much. It is the slogan for every occasion. Conventions, congresses, summer assemblies of youth all spread it on banners.

Then things go on as before. The kingdom of God cometh not with slogans. And the plain truth is that Jesus alone is never the answer to any problem where more than his own will is involved.

If two wills are to render the decision, then both must agree. And they must agree, inevitably, both on the right answer to be found and the right way to find it.

Life isn't mathematics. But you recall boys who worked their problem all wrong, looked in the back of the book and found the answer, and then put that answer down as the end of their erratic solution of the problem. It was the right answer but they didn't get it, and the professor easily saw the wrongness of the right answer, wrongly appended to processes it had no legitimate connection with. There is a lot of semi-communistic reasoning going on, and then at the end of this messy reasoning we are told: "Jesus is the answer."

You have to come to the answer the right way. Contradictions and falsehoods and half-truths and one-sided views and inaccurate statistics and wishful thinking and religious wisecracks and demagog manipulation of susceptible groups, plus the declaration at the end of the last page: "Christ is the answer," are not a

solution of the problems of the soul. A bookkeeper will hunt half the night to find where he is wrong by a cent. Certainly these far more glaring blunders merit a checking up. Jesus is not the correct answer to any such process of confused thinking.

Jesus is the answer to the solution of all problems where he alone is involved, or is fulfilling his functions in the harmonious decision of the Trinity. "He loved me and gave himself up for me." Ah! That was his decision alone, so far as any creature is concerned. The Father loved the world. And Paul writes of the love of the Holy Spirit. There we can be sure that Jesus is the answer, wholly, perfectly, satisfyingly, unto the uttermost, infinitely, inexhaustibly.

"All things were made by Him." That was the decision of a single creative will or of the one Triune God. For that he was wholly adequate by himself. There are, furthermore, in the continuity which exists between creation and divine providence, spheres where he makes decisions, has made them, of old in eternity. There, no human conditions holds him back.

He was the answer before the world began. He saw in the man he created the potentially fallen race that did ensue. He alone could decide on redemption by the sacrifice of himself. HE DID SO DECIDE. He is the answer there, the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. Do you notice that being said in any of these congresses to impressionable minds, that might believe the truth if they once heard it, warm from believing hearts?

Jesus Christ is the eternal answer in all those decisions that have to do with creation, our given nature at its pure best (his image), his providence, his redemptive work on Calvary, his coming again into our human life in the resurrection, his appearances, his sending the Holy Spirit as his only Vicar and Other Self, his acceptance of the believer, and his intercession as our great High Priest. He found a solution so perfect that God accepted it as fully satisfying, making it possible for the Judge of all the earth to be "just and the justifier of him that has faith in Jesus." Do our speakers on "Christ is the answer" ever say any thing about these great things? There is a sphere in which he is, in all their objective reality and efficacy, the one and only answer.

So Newman sang:
"O living wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

"O wisest love! that flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against their foe,
Should strive and should prevail."

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Dr. A. E. Prince has resigned as president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., after more than nine years in that office. He expects to devote his full time to the ministry. Dr. Howard S. Higdon, dean of Hannibal-LaGrange for the past two years, and formerly dean of Campbellsville College in Kentucky, will serve as interim president of the institution until a president is secured.

By J. W. Storer
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Un-Conventionalities

It will be kept in mind that what is here set down are the opinions and views of the writer—and may or may not coincide with the opinions and views of others.

Last year at Oklahoma City the "meet in Chicago" was promoted by a group which had skill, if not finesse. The plea was "plenty of hotel space," and "ample room at the Coliseum." Then too, it was urged that Chicago needed us. So we went to the Windy City—we came, we saw, but did we conquer? I ask you!

There were 17 Conventions in Chicago during the week Southern Baptists were in session. Three of them had their headquarters in the Stevens Hotel, where we had ours. Not all of them were as dry as the Southern Baptist Convention. What you mean "dry?" I mean not wet!

The first session was held on Tuesday night. It was Foreign Mission night, and people were turned away—the only time this was true during the Convention. The chairs were very uncomfortable, and after three long hours I was seated, slatted, and satiated.

An unusual feature was a sound picture, "Advance in Africa," and it was indeed a moving picture.

The addresses were good, though it was difficult to hear them. Most of all I found the brief messages of the newly appointed missionaries up-lifting. But I could not help thinking of the ratio of difference between 700 plus missionaries and 7,000,000 minus members of the Southern Baptist Convention. Looking at it that way we discover we are not as big as we brag we are.

I asked a taxi driver what the Coliseum was built for. He replied that the main thing was horse shows and fights. Nice prelude for SBC attendants. At that, there was a good deal of horse sense shown—and no fights.

After a particularly long address, one is made aware that length is one of the least important qualities which a speech can have.

An announcement was made about the Baptist Displaced Persons Program. Without being facetious—we are indeed troubled with Baptist Displaced Persons. Perhaps "Mis-placed" is a better descriptive.

When the train strike came on, there was a mighty hurrying and scurrying to find a way home. There is something very disconcerting, even sinister, in looking at the long lines of idle railroad cars at a time when economic hypochondria, a highly nervous condition, is tormenting the country. Be it remembered that it is impossible to divorce problems of economics from problems of right. There is too much "feather-bedding" in this country, period.

The Executive Committee's "Report on Promotion" Wednesday night was unique. Told in dialogue and narrator style, spot light and musically accompanied, it brought us from the beginnings of the Cooperative Program up to date on our business and financial plans. Very informative, and the result of hard work in preparation.

When perspective will enable historical observations to be freed from the moment, the one big thing done by the Convention was the setting up of two new Theological Seminaries; Golden Gate at Berkeley, California, and Southeastern at Wake Forest. Actually, of course, since Golden Gate was in existence as a California State project, and was taken over by the SBC, Southeastern is the only new—"de nova," as my friend Tibbs says—seminary.

The report of the Committee on Theological Education was adopted without a dissenting vote. Which was a surprise!

Our Convention has long since passed the point where any considered action is possible by the messengers in session. It must be done by the Committees appointed to work between annual meetings.

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Some radio singers should get a big hand—over their mouths.—*De Pere (Wis.) Journal-Democrat.*

By Ernest O. Sellers

My Fellow Gospel Song Leaders

"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"
Charles H. Gabriel

CHARLES H. GABRIEL, "Gabe" to his intimates, was born on an Iowa farm. He began his career in a most inconspicuous manner encouraged only by his mother. He played in bands, sang in choirs and picked up his musical education as best he could. He once told me he had never taken a music lesson in his life, yet his writing did not violate the rules of harmony or good taste, nor good literary form. Unlike many leading musicians of his time he did no teaching to speak of, nor was he noted as a public performer.

Leaving the farm as a laborer he landed in San Francisco and became a church choir director for which he wrote, "Send the Light." That song and a few others led him back to Chicago, that great headquarters for gospel song writers and publishers.

MR. GABRIEL had a rare gift of melody and no small ability of poesy. He wrote the lyrics for most of his songs employing the pseudonym of CHARLOTTE H. HOMER, or simply C.H.G. His compositions, all religious, embraced hymns, church anthems, juvenile cantatas, Santa Claus cantatas, four operas, books for organ and piano players, duets, solos and hundreds of special days musical programs such as Christmas and Easter and for use in the Sunday school. All of these combined ran well into the thousands of copies. Undoubtedly his most famous hymn, the so-called "Glory Song"—"Oh That Will Be Glory For Me"—the song MR. ALEXANDER carried around the world. It was MR. GABRIEL's life-long practice to write and harmonize a hymn every day. Some of his most widely known are:

Higher Ground; The Glory Song; He Lifted Me; The Awakening Chorus; Brighten the Corner Where You Are; Just When I Need Him Most; I Stand Amazed In the Presence; The Way of the Cross Leads Home; He is So Precious To Me; Send The Light.

MR. GABRIEL devoted the last forty years of his life to composing and editorial labors for three publishers, Excell, Alexander and Rodeheaver. With his light tenor voice he sang duets with MR. EXCELL that were

widely known. It was my privilege to sing with him on many occasions especially during the TORREY campaign in Chicago.

No one, certainly not he himself, would claim that his compositions were of the standing of BARNEY, DYKES, or HAYDN, but he did write for the common people and they ac-



Ernest O. Sellers

cepted his work gladly and enthusiastically; he wrote for the people, not the musicians. His only son, a fine musician and successful newspaper writer, died as the result of his World War One experience. MR. GABRIEL once told me that it was a chance remark made by his son as they were parting and the son leaving for the war in Europe, that led to his writing "When the Gates Swing Outward Never," and that that composition of all that he ever wrote was the only one that had back of it any incident or story which led to its composition.

MRS. GABRIEL died a few years before his own death. He sent me a copy of a hymn he wrote the night of her death, one expressive of his

anticipated reunion with her and other loved ones in that better land. He died September 14, 1932 in Oakland, California. I miss "Gabe" constantly, but more especially when I visit the haunts of our former associations.—*New Orleans Baptist Seminary.*

This Week's Cover Page

Members of the Southern Baptist Press Association at the breakfast held during the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago:

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Is Jesus Really the Answer?

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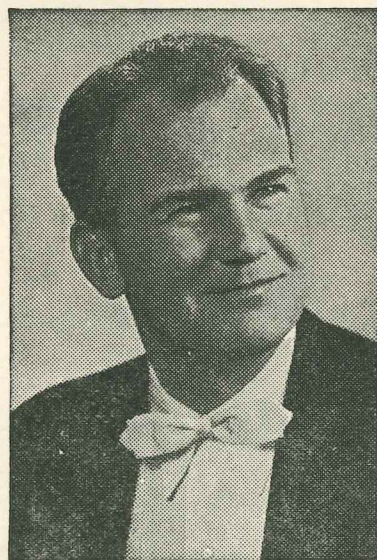
While on furlough I heard a story. It illuminates how utterly Jesus is not the answer, where human wills are involved. He and they are the answer, if they come to oneness; and that oneness will be his thought, not theirs. "Bringing every thought into captivity to Christ," is the formula for Christ's being the answer, in all cases where other wills are involved. There are just three possibilities here. One is that Jesus is right and that in doing his will we find our way. Another is that Jesus was wrong, an ignorant, misguided child of his times, and we know better than he, so we discard him as the answer, except as a sort of clothes line on which to hang out the wash of our own opinions and claim his name for the solution we propose. The third possibility is that neither we nor Jesus know the answer, so we turn to Marx, or William James' pragmatism, or Freud or Harold Laski—or whoever may be the successor of that poor inhabitant of eternity who is now offering "pie beneath the sky" for socialist votes.

But to the story. A New England farmer moved into a community, none too friendly to the stranger. He worked hard, cleared away stones from a farm, got things going in a great way. A neighbor, afflicted with the surplus piety of small talk, stopped to give him grudging recognition of the achievement and said: "Well, you and God have made great changes in this farm." The sensible reply came: "Yes we have. But, of course, you recall what it was like when God alone was farming it." And that is just what all life is like when we exclaim that "Christ is the answer." HE IS NOT THE ANSWER in any problem, or to any extent, or in any sphere where human wills are involved, except as those wills yield him the unconditional surrender which brings all wills to pray: "Thy will, not mine be done."

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Christ is the answer to the objective side of redemption, his "finished work" on the Cross, so far as his offering himself up to God as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. But in the subjective side, an experience of

grace comes only to "whosoever will." Jesus is not the answer to the problems of world peace or prosperity or health or harmony. There are two billions and a half of other wills to consult in the decision. And if 2,499,999,999 of those men were one with Jesus, but one were against him, the solution would not be permanently found. "By one man," sin and death entered the world, and by one man they could certainly stay. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." No single will in humanity can be lacking to any perfect solution of human problems. And to say that



Warren M. Angell

The Tenth Convention-wide Church Music Conference to be held in Ridgecrest, N. C., August 24-30, takes pleasure in announcing that Warren M. Angell, Dean of Music, Oklahoma Baptist University, and eminent choral conductor, will direct the great conference chorus of several hundred voices in Handel's *Messiah* on the closing evening of the conference, August 30. His presence and teaching during the entire week will richly bless all in attendance.

This conference, for all church musicians, can take a few more reservations. Write now to Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, now, enclosing \$2.00 registration fee.

Jesus alone is the answer to human problems of State and Society is the idle chatter of children who have begun to talk—and think. We shall have to content ourselves, on any hypothesis, with less than Utopia. And the president of Harvard, I believe it was, warned us, at the end of this war, that we would have fewer cynics and disillusioned young people, if we didn't lead them to expect so much of humanity.

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There is a leap of faith by which old fashioned disciples of Christ, such as Matthew who wrote *Matthew*, and John who wrote *John*, and Paul who wrote *Romans VIII*, had a virile hope that Jesus Christ holds in his wounded hands the ultimate answer to all this world's needs. That hope is voiced in such sayings as these. "All authority is given unto me, in heaven and on earth." "We can do nothing against the truth." "All things work together—not alone, as isolated items of experience—work TOGETHER, in the loom of the divine Weaver of providence, to good for those who love God." They and their Saviour are a match for all hell and all hellions. You are not blind to the forest of evil, but you hear your Leader confidently say: "Let them alone. Every plant which my Father has not planted shall be plucked up." You read that "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess" the final and absolute and unresisted Lordship of Jesus Christ. Then will he have his answer and be satisfied. But none can own him as Lord who do not first know him as Saviour. The problems of time and eternity wait on missions and evangelism.

Junior Girls' Auxiliary At Manchester

MANCHESTER, Ky., May 22.—About thirty Junior Girls Auxiliary members of the MANCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH took part in the Sunday school and church services on Sunday, May 7. The girls sat in special seats and led the singing, with SALLY MARGARET DEZARN at the piano. During the church service the choir was composed of the Junior girls. MARTHA LEE MARCUM was pianist for the church services.

The remainder of this Focus Week the girls will be visiting the sick in the community, taking flowers and fruit. They will be busy learning their Forward Steps and will close the week with an outing on Friday afternoon.

Un-conventionalities

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It is a matter for gratitude that the Committees take their work seriously, and bring the Convention the results of their faithful work, for final action. But what, except for very palpable and glaring errors, can the Convention do, other than adopt the reports. Actually, the days for deliberation by the Convention have long gone. We are too large, and our business is too complex. There is a danger here which we had best be watching. It breeds both indifference and what the French call a *lazy fare*. We have become spectators, rather than participants. And it furnishes fertile soil for a Dantonian appeal. Of course, Brother Danton got the axe, but he made a lot of trouble for Convention heads before his topped!

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Ellis Fuller was at his best, speaking to the Convention Thursday morning. And he surely did help clear the atmosphere of disputant disturbers.

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Best story I heard—an old wheezer—Farmer Giles had been invited to supper by his rich Kentucky neighbor. Expecting that his journey homeward would be dark, he had taken his stable lamp. There had been a bit too much of Kentucky Derby Dew, but Giles reached home in the wee hours, safely guided by his lamp. Next morning, he received the following note from his friend: "Dear Giles—I am returning your stable lamp with bearer. Please send back my parrot and cage."

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We go to San Francisco next year, and late in June. The following year (1952) we go to Miami. This business of going from one extreme to another, gets me down. I plain don't like to travel. We will, however, have a very wonderful place to meet in San Francisco, clean, commodious and comfortable. No more mule barns, please!

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There was a news item in a Chicago paper headlined, "Sues Air Line; Charges it delayed honeymoon." Sued for \$10,000—what a honeymoon he must have expected. Which makes me recall a statement attributed to

Mae West: "I'm not as bad as they say I am—I'm worse!"

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No one has any conception of the dignity of labor until he has seen President Lee presiding. Those who anticipated a riot and a ruckus about a hangover from the Oklahoma City attempt to codify the Convention can well understand what Dean Inge meant when he said, "Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due."

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As I grow older, I find myself less censorious; I've discovered that most men are as good as life permits them to be.

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I think a preacher friend of mine is too bitter in saying that if we took all the men who have held office in the Southern Baptist Convention the past twenty years and dropped them in the middle of Lake Michigan, their families would mourn them, and the Memorial Committee would shed crocodile tears at the next session, but that the Convention would be better off.

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Yea—I think my friend is soured on the stalk.

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After many years of Convention going, I've discovered that one way to save face is to keep the lower part of it shut.

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Saw a sign on a church—"Be square all week, and then be 'round on Sunday."

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Significant? In the Convention Bulletin (which prints all the proceedings of the Convention, and which the brothers who attend ball games carefully garner and memorize for home reporting) was this delicious item:

"After Item 3 was amended to read as follows it was adopted, (3) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention do not undertake for the present, to operate Bible Institutes, President Lee asked the Convention to pause for a moment of prayer and thanksgiving!"

It is a necessity for all who attend Convention sessions to refrain from taking things too seriously; they must have both imagination and a sense of humor.

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Someone has said that imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is.

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On the way up via plane, the winds were contrary and gale-like. One of our Oklahoma preachers spent the entire time with his face in his hands and a cup in between—there just ain't no justice, lo, he moaned.

Revival Keeps Pastor From Convention

ISLAND, Ky.—Rev. Joe Prater, pastor of the Island Baptist Church, had reservation made and bags packed to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago; but Sunday morning (May 7) five young people came rededicating their lives to Christ. Six more came Sunday evening, one of them making profession of faith.

The church voted to continue the services on Monday evening, the pastor cancelled his trip to Chicago, and the congregation swung into a God-sent revival meeting that is still in progress.

Seventeen professions of faith have been made so far, and twenty rededications. Pastor Prater is doing the preaching and a great choir of young people leads the singing. Island Church is proud of its young people and the Juniors in the church. This revival broke out first among this inspiring group. GOD STILL SENDS REVIVAL!

CORRECTION

In the May 25, 1950 issue of the *Western Recorder*, Gleanings From the Field, Page 2, under the news item referring to Pastor Foster E. Howard's being in a revival meeting with Pastor Maurice Barnes at the Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, we incorrectly reported "87 additions." This should have read 35 additions. There were 87 decisions in the meeting.

HUMAN NATURE—A man was having difficulty in a restaurant trying to pour sugar from the jar into his cup of coffee. Finally he remarked: "This jar is just like some people. You have to pat them on the back to get the sweetness out of them."—Moody Student.

Editor L. L. Gwaltney Retires

Information has just reached this paper that DR. L. L. GWALTNEY, since 1919 the editor of *The Alabama Baptist*, has announced his resignation, effective July 1.

This decision by Editor Gwaltney removes another of the older men from the active fellowship of Southern Baptist editors. To say that he will be missed is putting it mildly. It would be difficult indeed to overestimate his influence in Alabama and throughout Southern Baptist territory. He is an able writer.

Dr. Gwaltney was born in Elberson, Virginia in 1876. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and attended Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia. He later received the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1908. Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, honored him with the Litt.D. degree in 1927.

Editor Gwaltney was ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1902. He was pastor of Baptist churches at Prattville, Greenville, and Florence, all in Alabama. His denominational service has been wide and effective. In addition to his ministry through the *Alabama Baptist*, he actively engaged in service through his association and state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. He is author of a number of books.

Dr. Leon Macon New Alabama Editor

DR. LEON MACON, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bessemer, Ala., has been elected to succeed Dr. Gwaltney July 1. He is a native of Alabama, a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham (1933) and received his Th.M. from Southern Seminary in 1938. He was honored with the D.D. by Howard College in 1949.

According to release from the *Baptist Press* Dr. Macon "gives as his proposed writing platform for *The Alabama Baptist*: (1) loyalty to all Baptist causes, (2) avoidance of controversies, and (3) use of the paper as voice for entire constituency."

Pictures Are No Substitute For The Word Of God And Preaching

From here and there, over the state and beyond, comes word of a gradual movement which seems to be under way—the substitution of slides and moving pictures for regular worship services.

This editor is not trying to dictate to churches, but he does have the right, and we think, respon-

sibility, to speak his convictions. Nothing should ever be made a substitute for the reading and study of God's word and the preaching of the truth from the *pulpit*.

Visual education is a new and valuable means of imparting information to old and young alike. Through the eye we learn more rapidly than through the ear. *Visual education* is a wide open door to effectively serving the people and many churches are taking advantage of this opportunity to inform and challenge.

However, in the opinion and deep conviction of this writer such things ought never to substitute for the preaching of the gospel.

The people are hungry for something that is real from the heart of God and the good pastors. They yearn for Spirit indited preaching! The man of God does well to see that both his message and his heart are thoroughly prepared for the high hours of worship; and in this writer's conviction he does well to see that nothing breaks in on that holy hour.

Canadian Pastor Bars Baby Baptism

J. C. SINCLAIR of Markham, Ontario, sent us the April 29 issue of *The Telegram*, daily paper printed in Toronto. On the front page, and carrying the two-column-heading, "United Church Pastor Bars Baby Baptism—Convinced It's Wrong," is the story which begins:

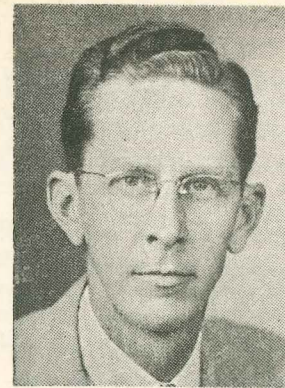
After 10 years of wrestling with his conscience, Rev. W. N. Crandall, United Church minister here (Bethany), has concluded that he should no longer baptize infants.

Rev. Mr. Crandall who is the minister of Bethany Pastoral Church in this village, 19 miles west of Petersboro, said today that he thinks infant baptism is "wrong, and has no Biblical backing."

The story, rather full for the front page of a great daily paper, goes on to say that Pastor Crandall's conclusion had been reached after ten years of thought. Said he, as stated in the story:

I have baptized infants in my years in the ministry, and I wish now that I hadn't done it. I am convinced that it is wrong. The Bible gives no authority for it. Our Lord said that we were to baptize believers—and I don't see how an infant could be considered a believer. . . The Bible says we must find salvation by belief, and no infant could do that.

Pastor Crandall is coming, as millions of others who have made the New Testament, alone, their guide, to the Baptist interpretation of the plan of salvation and the ordinance of Baptism.



Dr. J. H. Haldeman



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Dan Thomas



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Dr. R. T. Skinner



Dr. E. A. Petroff



Dr. James L. Sullivan



Mrs. Guy Simmons



Mrs. Will S. McCraw

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**WHEN?
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**WHERE?
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Miss Helen Young



Miss Mary Ella Davis



Miss Provo Stevens

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DEJARNETTE,
State Secretary

Columnists Appreciated

I wish to express my very sincere and deep appreciation of the following workers of this department who, since May 26, 1949, have prepared the third (at present the second) column of this page every six weeks: Miss Ava Albro, State employed Story Hour Worker—*Story Hour Corner*; Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette, State Approved Junior Worker—*Junior Jottings*; Miss Maurita Morris, State employed Intermediate Worker, until September 1, 1949 and since then Miss Dorothy Blankenship, State employed Intermediate Worker—*Intermediate Highlights*; Rev. Harold D. Tallant, State Approved Young People's Worker—*Young People's Chats*; Rev. D. E. Jones, State Approved Adult Worker—*The Adult Challenge*; Rev. George Fletcher, State Director of Associational Work—*Associational Items*.

I am indeed grateful for the splendid services these fine workers have rendered in making these columns informing, inspiring, and most helpful in many respects. I have heard good words from others concerning the contributions of these workers through these columns. As they continue preparing these columns, please feel free to write them if they can be of any help to you.

Training Union Dates

July 13-19—Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest
July 20-26—Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest
July 27-August 2—Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest
August 12-18—State Training Union Assembly, Clear Creek
August 28, 29—Western Regional Training Union Convention, Madisonville, First Baptist Church
August 31-September 1—Southwestern Regional Training Union Convention, Paducah, First Baptist Church
September 8-9—North Central Regional Training Union Convention, Winchester, First Baptist Church
September 22-23—Southern Regional Training Union Convention, Scottsville, First Baptist Church
September 24—Promotion Day

September 29-30—Northeastern Regional Training Union Convention
October 6-7—South Central Regional Training Union Convention, Lebanon, First Baptist Church.

October 13, 14—Central Regional Training Union Convention, Louisville, Walnut Street

Story Hour Corner

State Story Hour Worker
Miss Ava Albro

Are you acquainted with Robbie Trent's newest book, *Always There Is God*? If not, you have a real treat in store for you.

In this book, Miss Trent has created a masterpiece. The theme running through her book is summed up in the closing sentences. "In the beginning God was making the heaven and the earth. God is still the same. God will be the same always."

In a very simple, concise way, Miss Trent and the illustrator, Elinore Blaisdell, have presented a deep thought in a child's language and way of thought.

Don't fail to secure this book from the Baptist Book Store (\$2.00) at the earliest convenient time.

Perhaps you are looking for a special book to use during the summertime. How about *Summertime* by Clara Ingram Judson? In this book the author makes suggestions for summertime activities. As Vacation Bible Schools are over and early summer rolls into late summer, the children in your home or your Story Hour may be asking "What can I do?" or "Give me something to do." Why not place this book on the booktable or bookshelf in your Story Hour—and let the children find suggestions for work and play activities? Order from the Baptist Book Store. \$1.00.

All of this reminds me to ask you, "What are your plans for the summer, Story Hour worker?" Have you scheduled any special activities? Why not begin now to make plans to attend Clear Creek for Training Union week?

WHERE? Clear Creek Springs
WHEN? August 12-18
WHO? All of you Story Hour Workers
WHAT? Conferences, workshops, and observation

Bring your children with you. A graded Story Hour will be provided for the children!

No Shorts At Cedarmore

Visitors at CEDARMORE on Memorial Day numbered many hundreds. There were groups of picknickers, and lots of fishermen, one of whom caught a ten-pounder! The Memorial Day showers held off until afternoon, much to the delight of everyone there.

It has been requested that announcement be made that the wearing of shorts is "against the rules" at CEDARMORE. CEDARMORE, as you know, is primarily a place for spiritual retreat, and secondarily a place of recreation. Mixed crowds are there most of the time. In the interest of the work which is sought to be done, in an effort to fulfill the purpose for which CEDARMORE was acquired, and in keeping with good taste in matters moral and spiritual, it has been deemed wise to prohibit the wearing of shorts. *Jeans are permissible.* But the long and short of it is: "Don't wear shorts at Long Run Camp."

Motor boats are allowed on the lake for fishing purposes only. If you hold a fishing permit (issued by Rev. Marvin Byrdwell, Manager, Bagdad, Kentucky, on recommendation of any Baptist pastor) you should also hold county or state fishing license as required by law. **No fishing or picnicking is allowed on Sundays.** It should go without saying that no drinking of alcoholic beverages, or misconduct of any kind, will be countenanced at any time. Sunday visiting hours have been set for 1:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M., standard time.

We want you to enjoy CEDARMORE. Stewardship calls for you to use it. **It is asked, however, that you be willing to abide by the rules which the trustees have formulated for the good of all concerned. For any information which you might need as you form plans for picnicking, etc., write or call Rev. Marvin Byrdwell, Bagdad, Kentucky.**—H. Floyd Folsom, Missions Superintendent, Long Run Association.

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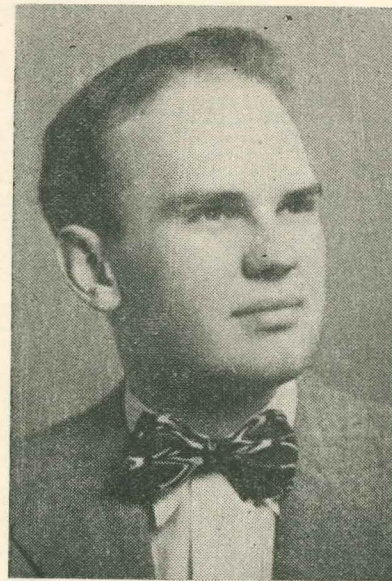
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Louisville Area News

Beechmont Church Has New Associate Pastor In J. Edward Cunningham

J. Edward Cunningham, Clinton, Ky., is the new Associate Pastor of Pastor J. Ray Dobbins at the Beechmont Baptist Church of Louisville. He will be in charge of the Junior Church Service, which meets simul-



J. Edward Cunningham

taneously with the morning worship service. He will also be a youth leader in the church.

Brother Cunningham was formerly pastor of the Second Twelve Mile Baptist Church, Pendleton County, Kentucky, about two years. He is a 1950 graduate of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and will enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall. While in Lexington he was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church there. He was interested in and active in the Baptist Student Union Work at Lexing-

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H. D. BRUCE, President

ton, and was its Evangelistic chairman.

He was married in August, 1948, to Miss Mary Queen Jewell, also of Clinton, Kentucky. They are now making their home at 511 Southern Heights, Louisville.

Mrs. Rosa V. Blair Ray, Wife Of Former Pastor James S. Ray, Passes

The funeral of Mrs. Rosa V. Blair Ray, 73, was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 31, 1950, at the South Side Baptist Church, Louisville. Her husband, Rev. James S. Ray, twenty-five years ago founded the South Side Church, and he was its first pastor.

Though a native of Henderson County, Kentucky, she has lived in Louisville for many years. She is survived by her husband, already mentioned; four sons—Norville Ray, Delbert Ray, James B. Ray, and Edwin Ray; six daughters—Mrs. Juanita Tharp, Mrs. Nellie Fair, Mrs. Ruth Sweeney, Mrs. Elva Harp, Mrs. Nola Hurt and Mrs. Crystal Shelton; forty-four grandchildren and twenty-nine great grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, John Blair.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray have for some time held their membership in the South Side Church.

Ninth And O Youth Lead In Fine Revival

By Roy C. McClung, Pastor

The young people of Ninth and O Baptist Church took complete charge in planning and promoting an eight-day revival series May 14 through 21 which proved to be one of the finest spiritual blessings the church has enjoyed in many days.

Rev. Jess Moody, world traveler, and international youth evangelistic leader was the guest preacher. Brother Moody is now a first year student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Others on the evangelistic team were Tom Cole, music director, Chester Culver, organist, and Woody Watkins, pianist—all Louisville students.

These eight days were filled with thrilling experiences which resulted from earnest, persistent prayers and effective personal witnessing. Robert Lewis, a young deacon in Ninth and

O, was the presiding officer and chairman of the steering committee. At the end of the eight days 41 decisions for church membership were registered, 27 of these being for baptism, and 90 for specific rededication of life—making a total of one-hundred thirty-one wonderful decisions.

The church has gained a rare blessing from the services and from the preaching of this dynamic young evangelist—and beyond that, a new confidence is felt in the Christian



Jess Moody

abilities of our younger generation. The youth-led revival will not be soon forgotten in Ninth and O.

Pastor M. E. Williamson, Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Port Arthur, Texas, completed a series of revival meetings with the Fairdale Baptist Church, Louisville, S. Jasper Morris, pastor, with visible results of twenty-two conversions and seven additions by letter and a number of rededications. The interest was good and the middle Sunday of the meeting had a record attendance in Sunday school of 294. Charles H. Ham, member of the South Side Church, led the music.

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Receipts For Second Quarter of Year, 1949-1950

November 1, 1949 to April 30, 1950

W. C. Boone, General Secretary and Treasurer

In this exhibit the name of the church and the amount contributed for the second quarter of the Associational year, November 1, 1949 to April 30, 1950, is given. The first column is the amount raised for the Cooperative Program. Designated amounts are included in the second column and are not subject to percentage division among the objects included in the Cooperative Program.

In some instances church treasurers failed to give the name of the contributing church in remitting funds and credit had to be given to the association as a whole.

(Continued from last week)

	Co-op. Program	Designated		Co-op. Program	Designated		Co-op. Program	Designated
CAMPBELL COUNTY—								
Mentor	397.43	291.67	Buena Vista	1,448.13	1,134.44	Clear Creek	33.38	144.51
Newport, First	4,574.25	1,071.12	Calhoun	431.89	220.31	Clover Bottom	349.33	396.48
Oak Island	108.73	58.00	Crabtree Avenue	762.91	122.73	David's Fork	447.98	142.77
Persimmon Grove	7.54	5.00	Curdsville	134.00	47.25	Dry Run	17.00	122.66
Pleasant Ridge	122.01	122.01	Dawson	1,992.59	401.65	Durbin	17.87	41.38
Second Twelve Mile	277.23	251.79	Eaton Memorial	7.40	20.00	East Hickman	272.41	923.41
Silver Grove	262.60	64.20	Eureka	54.64	44.17	Felix Memorial	1,384.34	1,082.72
Trinity	760.57	66.80	Friendship	321.29	479.75	Gano Avenue	3.00	249.10
Wilmington	267.84	191.95	Glennville	75.00	75.00	Georgetown	2,510.00	2,039.16
CENTRAL—								
Association	50.00		Green Briar	76.27	35.95	Glens Creek	166.38	317.76
Bethlehem	254.50	315.04	Griffith	2,316.70	429.30	Grace	1,626.55	2,742.97
Bradfordsville	120.43	117.25	Hall Street	46.58	162.01	Great Crossings	1,036.41	632.77
Bradfordsville Mission	15.00	28.72	Hopewell	302.17	267.54	Hillcrest	663.84	882.01
Brush Grove	22.40	22.40	Island	76.02	100.22	Hillsboro	391.00	139.78
Lebanon	2,113.75	2,828.04	Karn's Grove	587.19	277.40	Immanuel	6,385.75	1,603.14
Mackville	729.52	827.88	Livermore	1,201.76	228.11	Lexington, First	1,410.00	3,480.85
Muldrough	214.50	161.70	Macedonia	504.45	146.00	Long Lick	100.00	1,117.54
New Hope	290.00	214.50	Maceo	290.23	168.74	Midway	867.19	202.55
Rockbridge	28.00	28.00	Mt. Liberty	14.08	21.55	Millersburg	317.20	426.46
Springfield	844.68	1,262.75	Mt. Vernon	197.50	299.80	Millville	172.76	309.06
Stewarts Creek	118.00	69.18	Newman	16,290.48	2,634.23	Mt. Freedom	10.00	427.47
Thompsonville	512.87	205.36	Owensboro, First	10,927.42	3,220.74	Mt. Pleasant	1,039.06	2,090.47
Willisburg			Owensboro, Third	37.91	10.85	Mt. Sterling, First	418.58	598.02
CHRISTIAN COUNTY—								
Bainbridge	49.24	221.58	Pack	632.78	328.65	Nicholasville	409.55	1,433.55
Bethel	173.71	124.56	Panther Creek	232.40	83.20	Paris, Central	939.62	199.28
Casky	184.81	8.80	Parrish Avenue	956.94	191.39	Paris, First	1,339.20	65.00
Concord	85.25	113.27	Pleasant Grove	389.32	66.10	Pinckard	18.00	3,173.86
Crofton	204.18	441.45	Pleasant Ridge	86.05	74.00	Porter Memorial	3,532.53	192.26
Gracey	3,464.79	1,474.28	Red Hill	136.94	110.46	Republican	54.43	35.00
Hopkinsville, First	2,428.72	1,200.65	Sacramento	1,513.62	164.23	Rosemont	15.00	85.63
Hopkinsville, Second	21.41	32.85	Seven Hills	152.61	203.52	Sadleville	40.50	21.85
Kelly	113.99	83.57	Sorgho	508.91	293.20	Silas	146.07	278.08
Lafayette	41.31	95.28	South Hampton	14.80	2.00	South Elkhorn	742.89	326.81
Little River	26.11	72.00	Stanley	47.87	47.87	Stamping Ground	142.77	6.00
Locust Grove	63.25	23.90	Station	454.08	317.99	Stonewall	325.82	311.83
Macedonia	60.15	29.00	Sugar Grove	1,495.85	497.03	Trinity	1,774.00	956.52
New Barren Springs	49.05	30.88	Utica	1,425.00	335.40	Versailles	1,774.00	956.52
New Ebenezer	3.00	12.70	Walnut Street	1,162.22	1,125.02	Winchester, First	1,069.30	1,373.69
New Palestine	366.09	633.40	Whitesville	26.60	26.60	ENTERPRISE—		
Pembroke	415.05	128.34	Yellow Creek	1,154.11	64.68	Allen	90.52	223.45
Pleasant View	95.00	62.50	Yelvington	20.00	20.00	Belfry	172.82	29.90
Salem	199.73	105.50	EAST LYNN—			East Williamson	870.63	34.70
Sinking Fork	96.13	148.26	Bethel	128.50	151.25	Elkhorn City	47.79	72.57
South Union	43.68	65.00	Good Hope	182.87	70.00	Garrett	102.57	107.36
Trinity	160.47	125.15	Holly Grove	70.00	27.85	Grace	102.57	58.21
West Mt. Zoar	23.94	20.00	Mt. Gilboa	125.38	55.00	Inez	269.19	121.72
West Union	97.56	14.55	Mt. Washington	195.12	50.00	Irene Cole Memorial	1.00	1.00
CRITTENDEN—								
Bethany	104.41	12.00	Pleasant Grove	195.12	50.00	Lancer	17.00	17.00
Corinth	6.00	12.00	Rolling Fork	30.16	78.15	Licking River	94.84	70.67
Crittenden	275.53	506.20	Union Band	97.07	97.07	Marrowbone	54.00	17.05
Crooked Creek	6.00	15.00	EAST UNION—			McVeigh	82.80	26.62
DeMossville	6.00	114.87	Eagan	23.48	349.77	Mouth Card	229.18	18.34
Dry Ridge	869.50	434.77	Eee Springs	25.00	21.00	Paintsville	2,274.39	1,240.52
Gardnersville	150.00	61.20	Gatliff	7.34	21.00	Pikeville, First	1,639.81	1,431.95
Grassy Run	17.51	17.51	Jellico, First	1,576.66	16.59	Road Fork	75.00	150.00
Gum Lick	14.25	14.25	Mossy Gap	7.08	16.59	Salyersville	8.20	14.25
Knoxville	75.33	48.42	Mountain Ash	28.00	38.37	Stone	35.30	26.50
Lawrenceville	67.48	43.25	Mt. Carmel	8.62	38.37	Unity	56.90	30.45
Mason	48.00	276.67	Oswego	24.00	24.66	Van Lear	43.60	30.45
Mt. Carmel	428.09	219.80	Pleasant View	64.23	74.76	Warfield	8.82	26.18
New Friendship	202.09	55.00	Pruden	64.23	8.82	West Liberty	84.06	125.81
Pleasant Green	219.80	219.80	Saxton	8.82	8.82	West Van Lear	44.31	43.42
Pleasant Ridge	143.16	146.97	EDMONSON—			FRANKLIN—		
Riverview	22.00	22.00	Association	6.00	6.00	Bellepointe	70.00	178.14
Sherman	92.00	100.00	Bee Springs	25.00	25.00	Bethel	88.26	53.50
Short Creek	206.96	157.16	Brownsville	156.61	238.06	Buck Run	134.50	94.05
Turner Ridge	157.16	72.30	Hill Grove	8.45	27.05	Cedar Grove	15.94	148.26
Unity	700.05	138.38	Holly Springs	5.85	27.05	Crestwood	285.30	103.35
Williamstown	700.05	138.38	Silent Grove	28.00	28.00	Evergreen	258.53	176.72
DAVISS-McLEAN—								
Association	5.95	5.95	Sweeden	28.00	20.00	Mt. Olivet	411.64	411.64
Bethabara	398.50	478.55	ELKHORN—			Frankfort Chapel	150.00	150.00
Bethel	107.14	91.00	Association	204.50	204.50	Frankfort, First	3,166.04	5,654.12
Brushy Fork	304.27	65.05	Ashland Avenue	650.00	341.10	Lebanon	136.00	146.41
Buck Creek	131.92	138.19	Bentley Memorial	23.35	9.06	Memorial	80.66	80.66
			Calvary—Frankfort	260.21	111.39	Mt. Cramel	53.89	53.89
			Calvary—Lexington	4,263.00	15,198.98	Mt. Vernon	48.45	238.69
			Cane Run	21.95	15.20	North Benson	880.28	270.72
			Chevy Chase	70.53	491.66	North Fork		

	Co-op. Program	Designated		Co-op. Program	Designated		Co-op. Program	Designated
Pleasant Ridge	344.41	280.28	Walnut Grove	6.23	6.23	Concord	81.22	25.00
Providence	62.47	198.03	Wayne Avenue	118.00	58.37	Corinth	124.00	213.08
Swallowfield		3.28	Westmoreland	1,059.56	78.50	Dalton		55.80
Thornhill	752.60	685.98	Wildwood	391.73	64.20	Dawson Springs	676.54	487.66
FREEDOM—								
Albany	281.94	238.78	GREENVILLE—			Dixon		130.00
Branham Grove	42.70	61.00	Campton	94.03	19.15	Earlington	503.22	198.74
Burkesville	24.27	254.18	HENRY COUNTY—			Grapevine	128.38	228.62
Cave Springs		23.00	Association	45.44	127.57	Green Grove	7.75	7.75
Central Grove	6.00	54.00	Bethlehem	178.49	509.97	Hanson	108.93	105.03
Stony Point	8.00	118.85	Campbellsburg	372.76	495.37	Harmony	113.66	122.79
GASPER RIVER—								
Aberdeen	33.41	75.00	Campbellsburg	18.20	160.50	Johnson Island	125.00	18.77
Barnett Lick		29.50	Emmence	392.43	278.00	Liberty	70.00	85.00
Bethel		16.52	Franklinton	16.00		Little Zion	10.00	
Big Mudly	31.50	51.00	Lockport	25.84	57.35	Madisonville, First	5,480.06	2,902.38
Chapel Union		57.16	New Castle	183.25	173.45	Manitou		63.00
Chapinville		20.00	Pleasureville	419.15	208.65	Morton's Gap	125.00	140.31
Monticello	68.42	42.87	Port Royal	241.80	465.02	Nebo	82.31	111.00
Morgantown	245.25	265.43	Smithfield	562.35	258.37	New Hope	10.00	7.00
Mt. Liberty	23.96	48.78	Sulphur	285.15	203.06	New Salem	34.60	44.67
Mt. Olivet	54.22	56.75	Turners Station	107.31	138.74	Nortonville	135.34	126.52
Mt. Vernon	50.00	27.50	Union	50.57	44.15	Olive Branch	325.01	
New Liberty	65.75	65.91	IRVINE—			Pleasant Grove	60.68	42.25
New Midway		16.00	Annville	3.00	18.00	Pleasant Valley	60.00	
Pleasant Grove		15.00	Egypt	8.85	13.85	Pleasant View	88.85	
Quality		78.50	New Zion	6.00	6.16	Pond River	4.60	
Richland		115.30	Oak Grove	15.50	36.60	Providence, Second	87.36	
Rochester		20.00	Tyner	5.00	3.50	Richland	149.18	
Salem	173.53	133.50	JACKSON COUNTY—			Salem	336.29	
Union	15.00	57.47	Gray Hawk	3.00		Silent Run	27.76	
GOOSE CREEK—								
Goose Rock	5.78	20.24	Marland Branch		3.35	Slaughters	82.85	318.01
New Home	5.00	5.60	McKee	144.52	66.88	Southard Chapel	10.00	
GOSHEN—								
Caneyville	245.66	93.76	LAUREL RIVER—			Victory	345.50	196.50
Clarkson	55.57	173.05	Association	5.00	20.00	White Plains	90.14	
Hanging Rock		28.00	Corinth	21.87	21.50	Woodson Avenue	81.12	130.27
Leitchfield, First	1,699.99	1,461.57	East Bernstadt	464.99	536.73	Zion Brick	38.21	20.00
Little Clifty	53.79	23.08	East Pittsburg	110.00	88.00	Association		56.75
New Hope	15.00	35.44	Greenmount		85.00	Bethany	18.00	27.86
Pilgrim	61.50		Hart	1.75		Bethlehem	20.29	6.10
Pleasant View		10.00	Hawk Creek		17.76	Blue Spring	656.80	297.2

The Cuckoo and the Hedge Sparrow

By IRENE BYERS

Before the sun had risen above the hills a loud voice called from the woods. Mrs. Wren stopped preening her feathers, put her little head on one side and listened. Yes, there it was again.

"Did you hear that?" she called to Mrs. Hedge Sparrow.

"Hear what?" asked Mrs. Hedge Sparrow, tucking a twig into her nest. She did hope Mrs. Wren was not in a talkative mood, for she was busy.

"Why that horrible cuckoo," replied Mrs. Wren.

"Cuckoo! Cuckoo!" said the voice again.

"Oh, dear," sighed Mrs. Hedge Sparrow. "Now we shan't have a moment's peace. Cuckoos are such lazy, good-for-nothings."

But Mrs. Wren had a plan. Leaving her husband in charge of her half-finished nest, she flew away to where she knew a blackbird and thrush was breakfasting.

"That dreadful cuckoo is back," she cried. "Come and help me chase her away." The two birds didn't like the cuckoo any more than she did, so they willingly flew with her in the woods.

"Cuckoo! Cuckoo!"

"There she is in the oak tree," twittered the wren. "I can see her big gray body and her striped vest." But by the time they reached the tree, the voice mocked them somewhere to the left. The birds flew here and there, but always the crafty cuckoo eluded them.

"It's no good," said the blackbird. "She's much too clever, but just let her dare come near my nests, that's all."

"Or mine," panted the little wren. "But now I really can't waste any more time." So the birds flew back to the hedge, and so busy were they completing their nests that they quite forgot the cuckoo.

But the cuckoo didn't forget them. All that day she sat and waited, and early next morning she was hopping below the hedge.

"Good morning, Wren!" she called. "Still at it, I see. Why don't you rest for a bit and enjoy the lovely sunshine? I ever saw such birds for

work." Mrs. Wren popped her head out of the nest.

"No thank you, Cuckoo," she said. "I know all about you. As soon as my back was turned you'd lay an egg in my nest, and I'm certainly not going to bring up your family for you. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Be off with you."

So the cuckoo, finding that Mrs. Wren was not easily deceived, flew away to a lower part of the hedge-row. Here, perched on the lower branch of a tree, she watched and waited. There they all were, flying in and out of the hedge, picking up bits of moss and feathers, doing the work she should have been doing herself. All that morning she waited her opportunity, and at last it came.

Mrs. Hedge Sparrow, having laid four beautiful blue eggs in her nest, felt she needed one last good feed before she settled down to the task of hatching them. So she and her husband flew off into the woods. How the cuckoo laughed! She flew down from the branch, pushed her way through the cleverly hidden nest, and laid her own egg among those of the hedge sparrows. It was not as blue as the others and, if anything, a little larger. Then with a loud cry of triumph she flew away like a gray shadow.

Mrs. Hedge Sparrow was a little puzzled when she returned. Surely she had laid only four eggs!

"Oh, well," she thought, "I couldn't have counted properly!" She settled her warm body over the eggs and waited for her family to hatch.

Soon there were five babies cheeping and clamoring for food. One was a strange looking creature, and not at all like her other babies. He was black and ugly, and he had the loudest voice of all. His mother grew quite alarmed at his loud cries, and she and her husband worked all day to keep him fed. The other babies had a very uncomfortable time, too, for the baby cuckoo grew fast, and was continually pushing them to the edge of the nest.

Three weeks later when she and her husband returned after a hunt for food, there was only one baby in the nest, who had pushed all the others

out. Oddly enough, neither of them showed any concern, but continued to feed their monster child.

Indeed, so proud was Mr. Hedge Sparrow that he climbed onto an upper branch and began singing at the top of his voice.

Come and see our wonderful baby," he chirped. "He's the handsomest baby you've ever seen." So loud were his chirpings that a blackbird and a thrush paused in their flight and came to look.

"What do you think of him?" cried Mr. Hedge Sparrow. "Did you ever see a finer baby? Why, he's even bigger than my wife."

"He certainly is big," said the thrush thoughtfully.

"Squawk," went the baby cuckoo in such a fierce tone that the blackbird dropped his beakful of food into the nest. In a moment the baby cuckoo swallowed it and clamored for more.

As soon as they could the two friends flew away from the nest.

"If that isn't a cuckoo, I'll eat my nest," cried the blackbird.

"Poor things," said the kindly thrush. "I only hope they don't find out."—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Japanese Captain Who Attacked Pearl Harbor Converted

WHEATON, Ill.—MITSUO FUCHITA, former captain in the Japanese Navy, who was commanding officer of the 360 planes that attacked Pearl Harbor, has trusted Christ as his personal Saviour.

Recently, when Mr. Fuchita was invited to give a lecture to a culture club, he chose to read to the 1,000 men gathered at the meeting, "What Must I Do to Be Saved," a gospel tract by Evangelist John R. Rice.

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MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
Executive Secretary

New State Mission Study Chairman Writes to You

When Mrs. Ferguson asked me for an article on Mission Study for the *Western Recorder*. I was delighted. What better place could there be to give to Kentucky women our three Mission Study goals? Here they are with a little explanation about each:

1. A Mission Study Institute in every Region.

An Institute in every Association is the real goal but we are asking the Mission Study chairman of each of the eight regions to either work up a Mission Study Institute for her region, making sure the Associational Mission Study Chairmen are present, or assist the Associational Chairmen in putting on an Institute in every Association.

What is a Mission Study Institute? There seems to be confusion and uncertainty about this. A small leaflet, "How to Plan Your Mission Study Institute" by Mrs. John Maquire answers all questions. This is free on request to our State WMU Office. It is, briefly, "A group of people meeting together under a capable leader, to prepare for teaching a mission study class." In other words, its purpose is to teach teachers how to teach a specific book more effectively. The plans, methods, use of maps, posters, flannelgraph, slides, music, etc., can be applied later to other books.

Mission Study need not be a dull, painful duty to be endured! It can be made attractive, challenging—a privilege rather than a duty. Much depends on the teacher or teachers. A great deal depends on careful planning and preparation and the use of all the available helps. Mission Study is so tremendously important. We must not neglect this valuable method of enhancing it.

2. Every WMS 100 per cent in reading an approved Mission Study book during 1950.

In the *Western Recorder* of March 6, 1950, the entire WMU page was taken up with a list of churches whose WMS claimed this distinction in 1949. Doubtless there were others whose names were not sent in. With

a little extra checking and encouragement by the Society's Mission Study Chairman almost every WMS can be on this Honor Roll for 1950!

3. More Missionary Round Tables.

This goal was suggested by Mrs. J. I. Freeman, Birmingham, Alabama, Chairman of the Southwide Mission Study Committee. She says Missionary Round Tables "offer a great challenge and a great field. There are so many fine books coming to us—books which we should master and yet which cannot be recommended for the average group of women in a mission study class. Too, there are so many very splendid women who need to wade out into deeper water than the average and I am inclined to feel that there would be many groups of such women in Kentucky."

Indeed Mrs. Freeman is correct, and we have learned recently of a number of successful MRT's in Kentucky cities and towns. Even a small town would probably have ten women in its WMS who would get much pleasure and profit from such an organization.

For information write to your State WMU Office for the free leaflet "MRT" and MRT book list. This answers every question and gives practical suggestions to help you in organizing and conducting a Round Table.

(In some respects the MRT is similar to the old Book Club, in which a group of women each bought one volume or pooled the expense of purchases, then passed the books among the members according to some plan.) At intervals, or once a year, the members meet to discuss and evaluate the books they have read. The Booklist is carefully edited, giving title, author, date, publishing house and price with a brief description of each volume. It offers a variety of choices as, "Books About Africa," "American Minorities," "The American Negro," "The Jew in the World," "The Orient," etc. To be a member of a missionary Round Table would be something like belonging to a good study club. Another feature is that the shut-in can belong.

In closing may I pass on the suggestion of one of the Regional Chairmen at our State Conference? She said, "Put hands and feet to your Mission Study. Back it up with your money and prayers. After you've learned of a great need, do something about it! Then your Mission Study is really worthwhile."—Mrs. W. L. Trabue.

Preaching Mission To Japan

In response to an invitation from the Japan Baptist Convention, the Foreign Mission Board will send fifteen men to Japan to engage in a preaching mission from September 15 to November 15.

It has been the conviction of the Board that such a preaching mission should be undertaken only on the invitation and hearty co-operation of a national Baptist convention, and that it should be financed and handled as a part of the Foreign Mission Board's program.

All of these requirements have been fully met in connection with the Japan Preaching Mission. The initial suggestion came from Japan and after correspondence with the Foreign Mission Board, the Japan Baptist Convention extended an urgent invitation that the mission be undertaken. Numerous suggestions have been made that the selection of preachers be made from pastors whose churches would bear their expenses, but the Board has felt that all expenses should be provided through its regular budget funds.

The Board's committee for the Orient, with Dr. CLYDE V. HICKERSON as chairman and Dr. BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN as secretary for the area, is working with a committee appointed by the Japan Baptist Convention to make all arrangements in Japan.

Of those who have been invited to make up the mission, the following have definitely accepted: E. D. HEAD, Fort Worth; CLIFTON J. ALLEN, Nashville; ELLIS A. FULLER, Louisville; DUKE K. MCCALL, Nashville; W. A. CRISWELL, Dallas; ROLAND Q. LEAVELL, New Orleans; LOUIE D. NEWTON, Atlanta; C. OSCAR JOHNSON, St. Louis; E. NORFLEET GARDNER, Henderson, N. C.; VERNON B. RICHARDSON, Baltimore; JOHN L. SLAUGHTER, Birmingham; LAWSON H. COOKE, Memphis; and CLYDE V. HICKERSON, Richmond.

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ADVANCE HAS BEGUN!

Arnold F. McRae Is Ordained By The Grace Church Of Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 2.—At the invitation of the Grace Baptist Church here, a presbytery representing six churches of Elkhorn Association met yesterday evening at 7:00 P. M. for the purpose of examining Brother Arnold F. McRae for the gospel ministry. The presbytery was composed of Pastor Ira McMillen, Jr., Hillcrest Church; Pastor Ross Figart, Spear's Mill Church; Rev. W. J. Simpson, Porter Memorial; Dr. T. C. Ecton, Calvary Church; Edw. A. Walker, Pastor George M. Trout and Deacons B. F. Wilson, William M. Morris, Herman M. Woodward, S. C. Hatton, A. T. Flanders, D. N. Welch, E. O. Alford, Luther Hundley, Wilson Sauteben, all of Grace Church; and Pastor M. P. Delaney, Jr., and Deacon J. S. Woodward, Trinity Church.

The presbytery was organized by electing Pastor Trout as interrogator and Pastor M. P. Delaney, Jr., as clerk.

After a thorough and satisfactory examination concerning his conversion, call, and interpretation of the principal Bible doctrines the presbytery voted unanimously to recommend the ordination of Brother McRae.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Pastor Trout; the charge to the candidate was given by Pastor Figart; and the presentation of the Bible was made by Edward A. Walker. Dr. Ecton led in the ordination prayer. After the laying on of the hands by the presbytery, Brother McRae, the newly ordained minister, pronounced the benediction.—M. P. DeLaney, Jr., Clerk.

Two Trustees Make Generous Donations To Evergreen Church

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 31.—The Trustees of the Evergreen Baptist Church burned before the congregation its final note of indebtedness on the newly acquired parsonage on Sunday, May 28. Prior to the coming of the present pastor, Raymond Sanderson, a parsonage was acquired. There was much to be done in making it a pleasant place in which to live. Yet under the leadership of the trustees

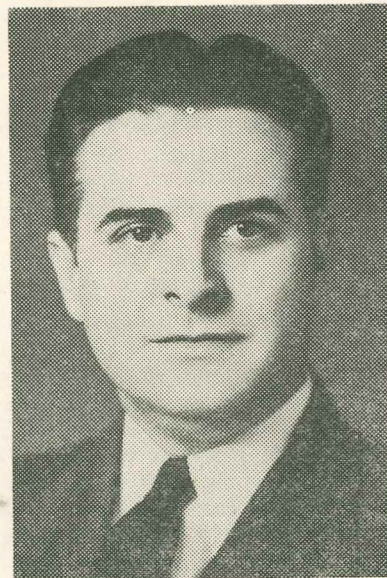
the building was completely remodeled and decorated.

The final note was paid off on May 28, and was given to the church by one of its noble members, Leon Terry. Brother Terry was recently given an honorable certificate of recognition, signaling him as deacon and trustee of the said church for his Christ-like services of thirty-eight years. He is greatly loved by his fellow members.

Another noble trustee, Felix Poole, contributed to the church fifty new hymnals.

The church is redecorating its auditorium, and this work is expected to be completed within a week or so. Much progress has also been made recently toward the construction of Terry Hall.

E. Lowell Adams Is New Georgetown Pastor



E. Lowell Adams

GEORGETOWN, Ky.—Dr. E. LOWELL ADAMS has accepted a call to be pastor of the Georgetown Baptist Church here and will begin his duties July 2.

Dr. Adams is a native of Missouri and received his A.B. degree from William Jewell College in 1942. From the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary he received his Master of Theology degree in 1945 and his Doctor of Theology degree in 1949. For the past year he has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Covington, Ky. While doing graduate work he was pastor of Cornishville, Ky. Before entering the Seminary he

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was pastor of churches in Missouri and Kansas.

Mrs. Adams is native of Indiana and a graduate of the WMU Training School of Louisville. The Adams' have a little daughter, Sara Beth, three years old.

New Bus At Clover Bottom Increases Church Attendance

VERSAILLES, Ky., May 24.—The CLOVER BOTTOM BAPTIST CHURCH, at its annual Homecoming last October, started a fund with which to purchase a bus. The bus was purchased and put into operation the first Sunday in April. From a beginning of nine passengers on the first run, capacity loads have been carried on almost every trip. Church attendance both morning and night has almost doubled.

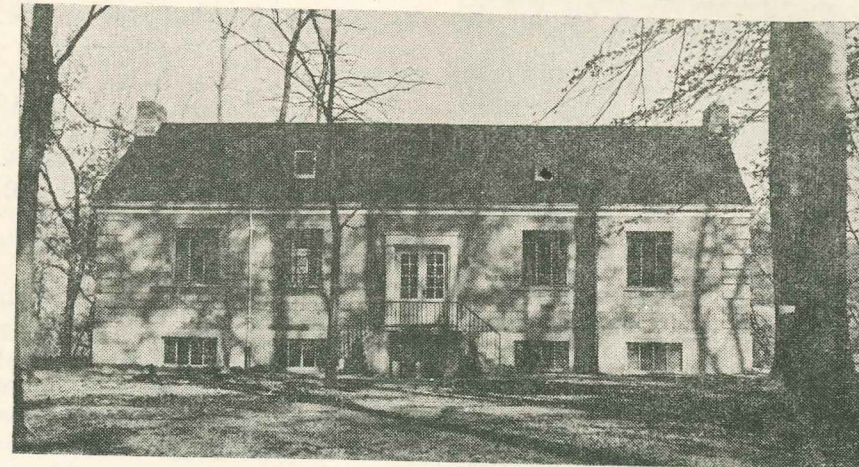
During a recent revival, at least fifteen boys and girls who were passengers on the bus were converted. Needless to say, we feel the bus has paid for itself over and again. The bus is driven and cared for by a member, JUNE HUNTER GUYN.

The Clover Bottom Baptist Church has concluded an eight-day revival meeting in which Dr. O. W. YATES, Executive Secretary of the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, was the evangelist. PASTOR E. I. ENLOW led the singing and assisted Dr. Yates.

Twenty were added to the membership by baptism, and four by letter. There was one dedication to the full-time Christian service and numerous personal rededications. The candidates were baptized at the church on Sunday night, May 21.—Wilbur Hill, Clerk.

Pastor F. Russell Purdy has just completed his third anniversary at Calvary Church, Lexington.

Leadership Week at Bethel Encampment



Bethel Assembly Auditorium and Dining Room

COVINGTON, Ky., June 10.—Under the direction of Rev. T. H. Shelton, LEADERSHIP WEEK will be the first camp held this summer at Bethel Assembly Grounds, near here, July 3-8. Special conferences for pastors will be held in the mornings, with departmental meetings at night. Dr. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor of the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, will be an inspirational speaker at both morning and night sessions each day throughout the week.

Rev. R. B. Hooks, Rural Church Worker for the Baptist State Board of Missions, will speak the first four mornings, and also on Thursday and Friday evenings on some phase of the work of the pastor. He will speak on four subjects dealing with the pastor, i.e., "The Pastor as a Person," "The Pastor as a Parent," "The Pastor as a Preacher," and "The Pastor as a Shepherd." For his other two messages, he will talk to the pastors, concerning the coming simultaneous revival east of the Mississippi River. On Thursday evening he will address the Pastors' Conference on "The Simultaneous Campaign Organization," and on Friday evening, "Spiritual Preparation for a Simultaneous Revival."

Rev. George W. Fletcher, of the Training Union Department, will conduct Training Union conferences throughout the week; as will Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky WMU, before the Woman's Conferences.

Others appearing on the program will be Pastors R. Don Gambrell, T.

E. Daugherty, A. B. Colvin, Harold Brown, and Ira Cummins.

Reservations may be made for this camp by writing Mrs. Chase W. Jennings, Camp Manager, 1800 Scott Street, Covington. The registration fee is \$1.00, and \$7.00 for board and room if one stays all week.

George Haney Goes From South Lebanon To Miamisburg, Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio, June 1.—George Haney, who has been with a nationally known refrigeration concern here in Dayton for sixteen years, and who has served faithfully in the capacity of pastor of the South Lebanon Baptist Church of the White Water As-



Pastor George Haney

sociation of Kentucky Baptists for the last two and one-half years, has resigned that pastorate to accept the call of the brethren at the Miamisburg Baptist Church, in this same state.

In the fall of 1947 a revival was held in the town of South Lebanon, Ohio. This meeting resulted in fifteen conversions, among them being the mayor of the town. The Westwood Baptist Church of Dayton continued to mother this church as her mission until October of 1948 when it was formally organized into a Baptist church. They have a lot measuring eighty feet front and more than 100 feet in depth. They are meeting in a \$4,000 basement at this time, all clear of debt. The church now has sixty-four members. The little town felt a great loss when Brother Haney announced that he had accepted the pastorate of the Miamisburg Baptist Church, ten miles south of Dayton on Highway 25.

He will take up his work on the new field on June 11. The Miamisburg Church has a most promising future under the leadership of Brother Haney. They are also members of the White Water Association of Kentucky Baptists.—John W. Kurtz.

DeCoursey Baptist Church Worships In Its New Building

COVINGTON, Ky.—The DeCoursey Church members have entered their new building. A record of 186 was recorded for the Sunday school that first Sunday, and large crowds attended the morning and evening services. A revival was begun at once and continued for two weeks. The pastor, Rev. C. R. Rader preached the first week and Rev. W. A. Fox of New Zion Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ohio, preached the second week. There were six professions of faith, three by letter and thirty-two rededications.

The church has made remarkable progress under the leadership of Pastor Rader and his good wife. The membership is to be commended for their vision and labor in seeing the need for a new location and building in the DeCoursey community. May this good work continue on in the years of service that lie ahead!

SOCIALISM—The inherent weakness of socialism is the false premise that government provides bounty for all of the people.—American Builder.

D. M. Aldridge Becomes Magoffin's New President

By T. D. BROWN, Pineville, Ky.

For several months it has been known that Brother E. M. Ham would not continue as head of Magoffin Baptist Institute. The school board, after prayerful and careful search, laid the matter on the heart of D. M. Aldridge, head of the Department of Missions and Religious Education of the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School. Brother Aldridge, after much prayer, gave an affirmative reply to the Magoffin board and placed his resignation in the hands of President L. C. Kelly.

Brother Aldridge came to the Bible School in May, 1946. He has served both as an employee of the Executive Board of the General Association and the Bible School. As employee of the Executive Board he has had much to do with mountain mission work in this part of Kentucky, with special emphasis on missions in the mountains. As instructor in the Bible School he has taught different subjects with special emphasis on Missions and Religious Education. In both fields his work has been outstanding.

Besides regular classroom work and service on mission fields, Brother Aldridge has been contact-man between the school and the government—handling matters related to the G. I. Bill of Rights. This work alone has taken much time. The majority of men in the school for the past several years have been veterans.

Brother Aldridge has conducted more meetings in this area than any other man on the faculty. Within the past two years he has directed 34 Vacation Bible Schools in which many children have found the Lord. He was also chairman of the Missions Committee of the First Baptist Church of Pineville.

His work as counsellor with students has been outstanding, not only because of constant contacts with veterans, but because of his unique understanding of men and their problems. He has been constantly sought for counsel and advice.

Merrill Aldridge is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbon-dale, Illinois, and of the Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary. Since coming to Clear Creek he has written a syllabus for guidance in his missions classes.

Mrs. Aldridge is a graduate of Tennessee College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and of the WMU Training School, Louisville. Also she has had experience as director of religious education and in Good Will Center work.

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To such young people in such positions the denomination owes fullest co-operation, sympathy and support. Magoffin Institute is 17 miles from Jackson, Kentucky—two and a half miles of this distance, if you go by car, must be traveled by jeep or truck. The Aldridge car will be parked that distance from the school. They will be more distantly removed from many common conveniences than some of our missionaries on foreign fields. And there are three small children in the family. But they are not complaining; they have gone to answer a challenge and a call, accepting the work as servants of God in the center of His will.

Kentucky Baptists can place ut-

most confidence in them, and we can expect to hear great things from Magoffin under their leadership. Their many friends bid them God speed and pledge them their constant prayers and co-operation.

Three New Deacons Ordained By The Wilson Creek Church

ASHLAND, Ky.—The Wilson Creek Baptist Church met recently for the purpose of considering the ordination of Clifford Wilburn, Harve Jones and James Whitlock as Deacons. The ministers and deacons present included: Rev. Bert Caldwell, Greenup Associational Missionary, Greenup Association; Bert Blevins, Rush; J. M. Brickey, Summitt; Ora Sloan, Denton; Dan Newsome, Wilson Creek; W. M. Kerchermer, Lum Terry, Hager Hensley and George Haney, of Wilson Creek; and R. W. Layne, Cannonsburg.

Dan Newsome was elected moderator, and R. W. Layne clerk. J. M. Brickey examined the candidates on the Bible and their beliefs, after which the council recommended that the candidates be ordained.

The ordination prayer was offered by Hager Hensley, followed by the laying on of hands. Bert Caldwell delivered the combined charges to the church and candidates. Ora Sloan offered the closing prayer.

HABIT—Habit is nature's safety valve; if we had to stop and think consciously of each separate action we would be in a lunatic asylum before night.—Lewis Gordon, *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

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Malachi Pleads For Wholehearted Religion

Malachi 2:10-17; 3:7-12; 4:5-6

We know nothing of the writer of this prophecy except his name, Malachi, which means "My messenger." He does not give us any particulars about himself, and he is not mentioned elsewhere in the Scriptures. The burden of his message seems to have been a warning about the judgment of God upon the priests and the people because of their terrible sins. He also foretold the coming of John the Baptist, of the Messiah, and of the great and terrible Day of Jehovah.

In Malachi's day the spiritual condition of the people was at a very low ebb. Both clergy and laity were indifferent, boastful and defiant. The sacred ties of the home were lightly esteemed.

I. The Causes of Reproof. Malachi 2:10-17.

Although the Israelites had been chastened during the period of their captivity, upon their return they dealt treacherously with each other. After exposing the corrupt practices of the priests, the responsible leaders in the moral and spiritual life of the people, and rebuking them, Malachi turned to the people, and in striking language pointed out one sin after another of which they were guilty. His primary charge against the people was in regard to marriages. Many of them dismissed their wives with thoughtless gestures of disdain, deserted their children, and married foreign women who were the daughters of idolatrous people, which was contrary to the frequent and explicit teachings of the Law of Moses. Such conduct was despicable and abominable.

Though offending in their personal lives, they continued to bring their offerings to the altar, but God could not stand it any longer. And most tragic of all, the people were blind not only to their own sin but also to the judgment which God pronounced upon those who were living in such wickedness. He clearly expressed His disapproval of public demonstrations of contrition with no reality behind

such pretensions. He demands sincerity in worship and He will not accept the worship nor the sacrifices of those who are living in wilful sin. In view of their sins, it is not at all strange that they were not obtaining the blessings of God.

II. The Charge of Robbery. Malachi 3:7-12.

God did not mince matters. Through His prophet He simply told the people exactly where they stood. He said, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from my ordinances, and have not kept them." In spite of His blessings upon them, they had intermarried with the heathen, they had dealt deceitfully with their brethren, and they had neglected to worship God. The people had departed so far from God and His ordinances that they did not recognize the fact that they had gone astray at all. What was even worse they felt no conviction for their sin and denied that they owed God anything.

As a skilled spiritual surgeon Malachi diagnosed the condition of the people, exposed the root of the disease, recognized the disaster which would come if it was not cured, and pointed out the blessings to be received when the remedy was applied.

Robbery is a grave thing for it involves the taking of that which belongs to someone else. God's question, "Will a man rob God?" seems to be one almost of amazement. Surely no man would be so foolish as to rob God, yet that is what men have done and are doing every day. Malachi struck at a very vital point when he revealed that the heart of Israel's difficulty was dishonesty toward God. The particular sin of which the Israelites were guilty was that of stealing the tithe which was rightfully God's. When the people took for themselves what belonged to God that was robbery as truly as when a burglar steals the property of another. These people had kept for their own selfish purposes what

God had definitely commanded them to return to Him.

When they withheld their tithes and offerings they were defrauding God. The difficult situation in which they were placed was the judgment of God upon them because of their failure in this respect. Malachi 3:10 proves that there are numerous blessings which God has to give, which we will never receive unless or until we present at least the tithe to Him. Those who think that they need God's tenth in addition to their own nine-tenths will discover, sooner or later, that they have less for themselves after robbing God than they would have if they were honest with Him.

If the tithes are brought into the storehouse God has promised to pour out on the people such a blessing as they will not be able to receive. That is always God's way. No one can out give God. He is not going to be a debtor to any man, and far beyond anything we can ever give to Him is the vastness of the return He will so graciously bestow upon us.

III. The Challenge to Repent. Malachi 4:5-6.

God's appeals to men are based on His mercies toward them. He is not asking favors from us; He is asking only for a normal response to the favors which He has bestowed upon us.

Many times God had to speak through His prophets of impending judgment on sin, but He was so gracious in that He always held out the promise of blessing for repentance and obedience. It is always best for people to heed God's challenge to repent of sin, to believe on Christ, and to live in accordance with His will.

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The film is 16mm. and runs about ten minutes. Churches requesting the picture should give first and second choices of showing date. There is no charge for the film, but transportation costs both ways must be paid by the user.

The new DP legislation is expected to make several thousand more Bap-

tist Displaced Persons eligible for immigration to the United States. The Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office is seeking assurances from sponsors who will offer these home-

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SPEAKER: Dr. Duke K. McCall
SUBJECT: "Missing Heirs"
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less people jobs and places to live. For further information and application blanks, write Charles Gage, Displaced Persons Representative of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans 15. National figures show that only five per cent of all DPs who have come to this country thus far have had to be re-located a second time, according to the US Displaced Persons Commission.

RESURRECTION—In the Fiji Islands there is a pathetic custom of calling to the dead. The savage climbs a high tree or cliff and after mentioning his dead friend's name, cries, "Come back! Come back!" We who stand by the graveside of our Christian dead know that one day they will come back, when our Lord returns for His own.—*London Christian Herald.*

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Peter David Cantrell, 102-Year-old Member of Brush Creek Church

MAGNOLIA, Ky.—PASTOR NOBEL COTTRELL, who resides here, had the unique experience recently of visiting and talking at length with one of his older members of the Brush Creek Baptist Church in Russell Creek Association.

The member, who still feels spry for a youngster his age—102—is PETER DAVID CANTRELL. Mr. Cantrell was born in Green County (never lived any other place) April 3, 1848. He joined the Brush Creek Church when thirteen years of age and has never held membership in any other church.

Pastor Cottrell, in talking with his oldest member, was impressed with his unusual memory. He readily recalled the names of the ministers who conducted the revival in which he was converted eighty-nine years ago. They were, "Rev. Jim Hardy, Rev. Sam Hardy, and Rev. Larkin Sidebottom."

Mr. Cantrell also recalled some events connected with the Civil War when he was in his 'teens. "The Union soldiers marched in front of our house on the way to Munfordsville where they made battle. I remember hearing the roaring of cannons," he said.

Talking on to his pastor he said, "Shortly after I was converted and joined the church, I was made house-keeper for our church. The salary was five dollars a year, but they only paid me two dollars and sixty cents,

and I didn't get to keep that: the guerrillas from the Union Army searched our house and got eighty dollars of my father's money and my two dollars and sixty cents. It was in a dresser drawer," he concluded.

Asked by his pastor how he accounted for his living so long, Mr. Cantrell replied, "Well, I've always been a good boy; I never once remember of sassing my daddy and mammy. I never did that in my life."

Mr. Cantrell has three children dead and four living. Those living



Peter David Cantrell

range in age from 63 to 73. In recent years he has not, of course, been active in church work.

Pastor Cottrell ministers to five churches: Oak Hill, Boiling Springs, Aetna Grove, Brush Creek, and Hardyville.

Memorial Mission Will Honor George W. Truett

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—The First Baptist Church here will start work immediately on a George W. Truett Memorial Mission in West Dallas, thanks to an anonymous gift that will ultimately amount to more than a half-million dollars. The announcement was made by Dr. W. A. Criswell, the church's pastor.

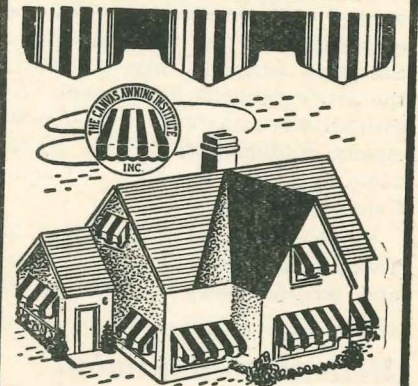
The gift is in South Texas business property. Already \$50,000 has been raised to construct the mission in

honor of the church's famed pastor for almost a half century, the late Dr. George W. Truett. The gift is from a retired Dallas lady missionary who says she became a missionary because of the influence of Dr. Truett.

"Underprivileged persons are much more likely to attend a neighborhood church than one of the large city churches," said the woman who made the huge gift. "When parents are saved, children are given an opportunity to be reared in Christian homes."

CONSCIENCE—It is astonishing how soon the whole conscience begins to unravel if a single stitch is dropped.—Charles Buxton, quoted in *Ladies' Home Journal.*

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Edison Thomas Becomes Identified With State Mission Board

EDISON THOMAS has been employed, on a part-time basis, to assist in the visual aid and publicity work of the Baptist State Board of Missions. This was done, Brother Griffith states, in an effort to extend the Board's Public Relations Service.

Mr. Thomas is a native of Cadiz, Ky., and worked for a secular newspaper there before entering the Navy where his work was releases, feature stories and photography.

After being graduated from the Cadiz High School Mr. Thomas took some courses at Western State College designed to further equip him for newspaper writing; later he took some courses in creative writing at the University of Louisville. He has been employed by the Reynolds Metals Company where he also assisted in the firm's publicity department. Additional work has been with the War Assets Administration, and writing radio scripts for the March of Dimes Campaign.

Since coming with the Board Mr. Thomas has been making pictures and writing news articles for the

secular newspapers concerning the Special Cooperative Program Offering.

Mr. L. O. Griffith states that the large response to the use of visual aids and the opportunity of getting religious news in secular papers made



Edison Thomas

necessary extra help. He adds, "The State Board is offering the service of Mr. Thomas to departments, institutions and churches in making pictures at just what it would cost the Board. Anyone interested may contact the Baptist State Board of Missions, 127 East Broadway, Louisville Ky."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	292	1,775
Louisville, Ninth and O (1)	340	1,443
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	201	1,196
Owensboro, First (1)	86	1,021
Louisville, Parkland (1)	63	1,003
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	206	1,000
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	323	985
Bowling Green, First (2)	71	798
Murray, First (1)	44	776
Mayfield, First	44	765
Frankfort, First (1)	71	756
Owensboro, Third	748	748
Covington, Latonia (2)	179	737
Lexington, Immanuel	724	724
Hopkinsville, Second	708	708
Madisonville, First	703	703
Lexington, Calvary (1)	32	697
Louisville, Victory Mem. (1)	95	678
Louisville, Crescent Hill	677	677
Louisville, Beechmont	666	666
Louisville, West Bdwy. (1)	67	645
Barbourville, First (2)	201	623
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (2)	153	602
Covington, Calvary	601	601
Danville, First (2)	80	596
Newport, First (1)	55	591
Evansville, Grace (3)	294	591
Somerset, First	574	574
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	71	564

Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	563
Glasgow (1)	26
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	38
Louisville, Clifton (1)	104
Owensboro, Hall Street (1)	24
Princeton, First	538
Hopkinsville, First	522
Louisville, St. Matthews	516
Louisville, 23rd and Bdwy.	505
London, First (1)	42
Louisville, Deer Park	484
Paducah, First (1)	49
Winchester, First (1)	131
Shively	452
Morganfield (1)	54
Henderson, Audubon (2)	135
Covington, Southside	446
Louisville, Highside	444
Fulton, First	441
Henderson, First	439
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	36
Central City, First	424
Dayton, Ohio, Westwood	42
Henderson, Immanuel	416
Hodgenville, First (1)	8
Erlanger (1)	40
Bellevue	385
Paducah, East	385
Williamsburg, First	378
Beechland	346
Greenville, First	342
Cynthiana (2)	74
Louisville, South Side	336
Versailles	325
Owensboro, Buena Vista	325
Louisville, Franklin St.	322
Evansville, Temple	316
Owensboro, Eaton Mem. (1)	13
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	306
Willisburg	299
Louisville, Baptist Temple	287
Jellico, Tenn., Crouches Creek	285
Sturgis, First	278
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	277
Middlesboro, East	272
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	62
Ft. Thomas	262
Louisville, Shawnee	262
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	261
Sonora	257
Louisville, East	252
Vine Grove	252
Ludlow, First	250
Monticello, First (near Harrodsburg)	247
Bruner's Chapel (near Harrodsburg)	247
Auburn	243
Crestwood, Ky., Crestwood	243
Horse Creek, Hima	50
Midway (1)	16
Hazel	238
Mackville	235
Sand Spring (near Lawrenceburg)	232
Shepherdsville	230
Ft. Mitchell	230
Paintsville	229
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	229
Leitchfield, First	228
Dayton, First	228
Lee's Lane (near Louisville)	223
Lexington, Hillcrest	221
Richmond, Calvary	211
Louisville, Gethsemane (2)	44
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Marion Baptist	203

STRENGTH—The ancient Norseman said, "Vain is the strong oak in our ships without strong hearts in our men."—American Workers Digest.

Methodist Admirer For Baptists

DR. ARTHUR J. MOORE, Methodist Bishop in Georgia, remarked, recently, in the course of a sermon at Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta: "I admire you for your unquenchable faith in CHRIST's power to redeem men and nations; your unswerving loyalty to the vision of Christ-like service; and your individual and collective contribution to religious liberty and all the basic truths that make for righteousness in this broken, sin-cursed world."

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