

Western Recorder



Aged Ministers and their wives have given their lives for our churches. Let's give generously to them through the Ministerial Relief Offering on July 26 (See Editorial Page).

►First Church, Union City, has elected Norman W. Cox as interim pastor. First Church, Parsons, also has an interim pastor in the person of Prof. C. H. McClure of Union University.

►President J. W. Storer spoke at the new Baptist headquarters in Memphis on the night of June 29. This was the first service held in the building purchased some time ago from Linden Avenue Christian Church.

►The Ormsby Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, has called as its pastor Bro. James B. Lewis. The new Ormsby Avenue pastor is a graduate of Georgetown College, and last year was a second-year student in the Southern Seminary. He succeeds Edgar P. Robinson.

►Howard College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Pastor J. T. Ford, First Church, Birmingham, Alabama, at the June convocation. He is a graduate of Union University and a son-in-law of Mr. Wesley Crockett, Jackson, Tenn. He was formerly pastor at Sturgis, Ky.

►The Government of Israel is micro-filming all manuscripts and codices of the Bible at the Vatican written or printed in the Hebrew language. The Knights of Columbus Foundation have undertaken to microfilm all material in the Vatican and will deposit it in St. Louis University, Roman Catholic institution in Missouri.

►The Second Baptist Church, Odessa, Texas, where Richard Philpot is the pastor, has just completed a revival in which 29 were added to the church, with 14 of these conversions, and a number of rededications. Evangelist Dan Vestal, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching and Rowland Gregory directed the music. Mrs. Philpot was at the piano. The church, only 18 months old, has received 514 members under the ministry of Brother Philpot.

►Miss Opal Keys, daughter of Mrs. Eula Keys, Anchorage, and Pastor Harold L. Anderson, of the First Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky., are to be married August 24 at 8:00 p. m. in the Kuttawa church, according to announcement made by Mrs. Keys. Mr. Anderson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Anderson, Montgomery, Ala., and is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, and is now a student in the Southern Seminary at Louisville.

►Some years ago Henry Ford was broadly quoted as saying, "History is the bunk." But fate has played a mean (or benevolent?) trick on him, showing how a genius in craftsmanship, manufacturing, mass production, big business, etc., ad infinitum, ad literatum, could be wrong on history. He never threw anything of value away, and so now his accumulation of a life time is being housed in the "Ford Motor Com-

pany Archives in the 55-room house of Fair Lane, where he died by candlelight on April 7, 1947, at the age of ninety." The accumulation includes 5,000,000 documents and 25,000 pictures, photographs, sketches, paintings, etc.

►The Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., says: "Rivermont Avenue Church, Lynchburg—Some members gave their pastor, Dr. Warner Earle Fusselle, a registered Tennessee walking horse and a new bridle and saddle. The horse is registered under the name of Judge Ruvian. He is a chestnut roan, with four white stockings, a blaze face and flat mane and tail. The Judge was four years old the first of June and he was bought in Lewisburg, Tennessee, a walking horse center. Dr. Fusselle gave the baccalaureate sermon for the E. C. Glass High School of Lynchburg June 7. He also gave the commencement address for Madison Heights High School June 11."

►Unusually large crowds are attending the midweek prayer meetings at West Lynchburg Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. Known as the Golden Hour Prayer Services, these services are held in the main auditorium each Wednesday evening, as there is no other room large enough to accommodate the crowds. During June the average attendance was 355. Dr. L. E. Martin, pastor, formerly at Elizabethtown, Ky., has organized and mobilized his people in support of the mid-week services. In addition to the periods of prayer and exposition of the Scriptures, special musical numbers are given each Wednesday night by the Golden Hour Youth and Junior Choirs. During June Dr. Martin led in a discussion of the Epistle of James.

►The Good Will Center Conference, sponsored by the Home Mission Board, meets each year, during Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 13-19. The program is designed to meet the need of the 100 directors and their assistants. Each year an intensive study is made of one phase of the Good Will Center program. A specialist in the field leads the discussion. This year the "Teen-Ager" is the subject for concentrated study and Mrs. I. L. Rouse, of Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, will be the speaker. Afternoons are given to program planning and recreation. We urge all those who are interested in Good Will Center work to plan to attend. This is the place to go to learn how to create and maintain a center.

►Dr. W. C. Fields, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi, left Sunday, June 21 on a six weeks tour of Baptist mission fields in South America. He was director of music and education of Carlisle Avenue Church and pastor of Bethany Church, both in Louisville, during his Seminary days. Dr. Fields will spend a month and a

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The Case Against Obscenity

By JAMES P. WESBERRY
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On Governor Bradford's monument at Plymouth are the words, "What our fathers with so much difficulty secured, do not basely relinquish."

America was founded upon the highest example of morality and ethics the world has ever known. Unfortunately, today there is, in the words of ex-President Hoover, "a dangerous weakening of morality and ethical standards in public life generally."

The very foundations upon which our great republic rests are being eaten away by immorality. The great corruption we have witnessed in recent years in public life is but a reflection of the lack of integrity and basic morality in our nation. There has been a great departure from the condition of which the Psalmist spoke when he said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Somebody once asked Lincoln if God were on the side of the Union. He said that the thing that concerned him was that the Union should be on God's side.

I, too, am vitally concerned that America shall be on God's side, and I tremble to think that some indifference of mine, some lack of positive action should contribute to the development of conditions which remove us as a nation from a position which the Lord will support. It is for this reason that I have interested myself as an ordinary citizen and as a Christian minister in the tragic and deplorable condition of unrestrained publication and sale of obscene literature, which threatens to smother the decency of America.

When the Governor of Georgia phoned and asked me to come to his office and then asked me to serve on this Commission, I told him I was a busy pastor and had far more than I could ever hope to do. He said, "There are three and a half million people in Georgia who need you." I saw an opportunity, which might personally cost me a great deal, whereby I could serve, as I have always served and hope always to do, the high cause of morality and decency.

In the unimpeded distribution of this salacious literature, we are being treated to a sorry spectacle of modern Ahabs who are willing to forsake the highest principles of decency to attain their selfish ends. If this were not true, they certainly would not consent to publish and peddle such literature.

It is indeed tragic and alarming that many publishers have long ago abolished high ethical standards and are attempting to conduct their activities under the protection of some of our most priceless traditions—freedom of speech and freedom of press. The truth of the matter is, and we need not kid ourselves, the

truth is that it is not possible to carry out a satisfactory life at any human level without self-restraint, without consideration of what is right and wrong, without consideration for the rights and liberties of others." Reinhold Niebuhr has summed up the whole quality of freedom when he says, "Man is most free in the discovery that he is not free."

The late Dr. George W. Truett, standing on the east steps of our National Capitol in Washington on Sunday, May 16, 1920, in a meeting in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention, said: "We will take free speech and a free press, with all their excrescences and perils, because of the high meaning of freedom, but we are to set ourselves with all diligence not to use these great privileges in the shaming of liberty. A free press—how often does it pervert its high privilege! Again and again, it may be seen dragging itself through all the sewers of the social order, bringing to light the moral cancers and leprosy of our poor world and glaring exhibiting them to the gaze even of responsive youth and childhood. The editor's task, whether in the realm of church or state, is an immeasurably responsible one. These editors, side by side with the moral and religious teachers of the country, are so to magnify the ballot box, a free press, free schools, the courts, the majesty of law and reverence for all properly accredited authority that our civilization may not be built on the shifting sands, but on the secure and enduring foundations of righteousness. . . . The spirit of law is the spirit of civilization. Liberty without law is anarchy. Liberty against law is rebellion. Liberty limited by law is the formula of civilization."

An Examination of Freedom

Let us examine this thing we call freedom. Freedom for which we fervently thank our God! Freedom for which our fathers died. Freedom for which we would give our lives! There is no conflict between freedom and decency; freedom is not a privilege for some, a burden for others; it is not an unrestrained force, a rampaging stream rushing pellmell over the property of the defenseless. Freedom without obligation is anarchy; freedom with obligation is democracy.

On the other hand, freedom can be a dangerous thing if translated into license. Such would be the freedom, according to Elton Trueblood, which would "give a man the right to do as he pleased with his private property, even if that property were human beings." Some of the opponents of slavery based their entire argument on this idea of freedom, which they implied was incompatible with any kind of limitation on the owners. Abraham Lincoln, in his famous debate with Judge Douglas, stated: "It is, as a principle, no other than that if one man chooses to make a slave of another man, neither that other man nor anybody else has a right to object." How absurd that slavery could ever be defended upon such an argument! But, as Trueblood points out, "the very fact that men could ever argue in this way is a vivid demonstration of the inherent contradiction which freedom understood as freedom from all constraint contains. . . . The

writers, publishers, and distributors of this filth are far less concerned with protecting these inalienable rights and freedoms than with assuring themselves of the right to make a profit by any means whatsoever. Those who are sincerely opposed to any sort of suppression of this literature in the belief that a form of censorship would inevitably result are, in most cases, regrettably uninformed as to the true nature of the books involved, or are unable to distinguish between true freedom and wanton license, or have believed false statements and half-truths about the operation of the Commission which I head and which was formed, not to censor, but to investigate and report on conditions and recommend action to prosecuting agencies.

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The flag of freedom will never be hidden by "a smoke-screen of moral indignation," but at the present time true freedom of speech and press may indeed suffer—not at the hands of those who are seeking to eradicate obscenity, but by those who seek to hide a vicious cancer in literature behind the smoke-screen of their fight against censorship. It is high time for all of us, including those who fear censorship, to begin doing something about cleaning up the awful mess of pornographic literature.

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There is great need here for many things; but we do not ask your gifts for ourselves or Nigeria. We do urge you to tithe your income through your church that more funds may be placed in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board and used where the greatest needs exist.—Wayne Logan, missionary dentist and pharmacist to Nigeria.

Offering for Ministerial Relief July 26

In the July 9 issue was an appealing article by Dr. Preston L. Ramsey, setting forth good and sufficient reasons why every church should make a real offering for ministerial relief on July 26. It is hoped all read the article and that if it was missed it may now be found and studied prayerfully.

In his article Brother Ramsey made it clear that disabled and aged ministers and ministers' widows have been receiving in Kentucky (small as the amount was) more than the Kentucky churches contributed for this cause. The fact is, the Relief and Annuity Board last year gave our aged ministers and ministers' widows approximately \$6,000 more than was received from Kentucky churches. Last year much of the relief money paid to ministers and widows in the territory of the General Association came from contributions made in other states. Kentucky Baptists do not want this to continue, and obviously it cannot. Each state should as nearly as possible bear its own responsibilities.

Dr. Ramsey's article should sink deep into our consciences. Let us remember the long and sacrificial years of service rendered by men and women now come to times of need. They worked on meager income while they reared their families. They could not lay aside for old age. Put yourselves in their place for a moment and see the world through their fading eyes, and then let your love for Christ and His servants dictate what your gifts should be. Baptists have not lost their sense of appreciation but need only to be reminded concerning these soldiers of the cross who bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus.

If it be asked, Why did they not come into the retirement plans of the Relief and Annuity Board? then recall that there was no such plan as we have today, when they were in their strength. And while we speak of this, let the younger and active ministers and their wives consider long the need of their coming into the retirement plan now offered. They too may face the day of need.

Funds cannot be taken from the Retirement Plans to supply the needs of those not participating in the Plans. Relief work has to be done from relief funds alone and the source of this fund is in the churches.

Surely Kentucky Baptists will do nothing less than their best on July 26—next Sunday. We must come from behind and take our place in service and generosity. Send as quickly as possible the offering to Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Bible Taught to Korean Prisoners

A report from Pusan states that more than 10,000 North Korean war prisoners have been enrolled for Bible study in one United Nations camp.

Over 5,000 of those prisoners have already finished their courses—nearly 4,000 in the New Testament and almost 2,000 in the Old.

An amazing fact is: More than 30,000 prisoners

taken captive from the North Korean forces have, in all camps, enrolled for Bible study, and more than 600 expressed a desire to study for the ministry.

This means that war, even with all its loss and grief, has brought at least some blessed overtones. Though some of the prisoners may elect to go back into Communist-held territory, they will go with a better understanding of Christian liberty, and they will become, we hope, evangelists of the truth. Wherever the seed is sown in fertile soil it bears fruit and wherever a knowledge of the Bible goes Communism dies.

Two Baptist Leaders Pass

Within recent days two Southern Baptist leaders have been called home: Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. J. E. Dillard, promotional secretary emeritus of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Rankin

No one will fully comprehend in this life the burden that was on the heart of Dr. Rankin. In a very real sense he carried the weight of the world on his soul. The July issue of *The Commission* carried an article by him, titled, "Do Southern Baptists Dare Follow God?" He asked, "Will God pass Baptists by as He moves on, seeking those who will dare follow Him out into the world of today?" It is an earnest, heart-searching appeal for *advance*. He will be sorely missed from the ranks of Southern Baptists. He was a great missionary, a great secretary, a man who loved Christ and His cause supremely, literally putting himself on the altar.

Dr. Dillard

For several years the writer was pastor of Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, while Dr. Dillard was pastor of the Southside Baptist Church there. We knew him well, and loved him as a brother pastor, a devoted friend. Later he became promotional secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention—a work in which he excelled by reason of his brilliant mind and challenging spirit. He loved Christ, his brethren, and yearned to see the whole program of Southern Baptists move forward. He was gifted as a speaker, as a writer, as an administrator. He had a keen insight into the problems of Southern Baptists, and he had the rare ability to elicit the support needed from the people. His ready pen and voice will be long remembered.

Though these have passed from the earthly scene, the work goes on: others arise to take their places, the ranks close and the advance for which they labored and prayed and wept gathers momentum.

The original document of the Bill of Rights recently was sealed in a glass case, which had been filled with helium, to preserve it through all the years to come. But only eternal vigilance can preserve the spirit and purpose of that document.

A Great Pastor Discusses

A Pastor's Need for His Men

By W. A. CRISWELL

Did you ever stop to think that your pastor may need you? Maybe he has a task only YOU can do. Why not go to him privately and tell him that you want to help him in his task? You will thrill his heart—yours, too.

Church power is man power. It is mighty men who make a mighty church.

Many things can be said about the building of the House of God. There are some things about its structure that are deeply and absolutely fundamental. One of these fundamentals is this: The strength of the church is the strength of its men. The Lord God in Heaven ordained it to be this way.

The offices of the church, according to the New Testament, are to be filled by men. The pastor (sometimes called the bishop or elder), is always a man. The deacon, likewise, is always to be a man. Paul said in the first letter to Timothy, second chapter, twelfth verse, "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man . . ." A church led by women will always be a weak church. There is no such thing in the earth as building a mighty church for God except through mighty men of God.

Men Provide Leadership

Church leadership must rest upon the shoulders of men. The pivotal place of leadership in life and nature is yielded to them. Biologically, sociologically, psychologically, as well as theologically and ecclesiastically, the man must assume this responsibility.

So many times our men are so unconcerned about their leadership of family and church that both are led into degradation and bankruptcy.

The home that is to succeed needs a consecrated man as the head. A church that is to succeed needs men who will consecrate their lives and talents. The laymen of the church give the church its place of dignity, respect, and power in a community. Edgar A. Guest once wrote it in poetry like this:

Leave it to the ministers, and soon
the church will die;
Leave it to the women, and the
young will pass it by;
For the church is all that lifts us
from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper
needs a layman on the job.
Now a layman has his business,
and a layman has his joys,

But he also has the training of his
little girls and boys;
And I wonder how he'd like it if
there were no churches here,
And he had to raise his children
in a Godless atmosphere?
When you see a church that's
empty, tho' its doors are open wide,
It is not the church that's dying;
It's the laymen who have died.
For it's not by song or sermon
that the church's work is done;
It's the laymen of the country
who for God must carry on.

Men Have Responsibilities

Some men say they are too busy to assume responsibility in home and church. I one time heard of a little boy who asked his mother if she thought his daddy would go to heaven when he died. The mother replied, "Why certainly, son; your father is a Christian and a member of the church. What makes you think he might not go to Heaven when he dies?" The little boy replied: "Well, when I ask Daddy to play with me he always says he is too busy at the store. When we ask Daddy to go to Sunday school with us, he is always too busy at the store. When we ask him to go to church and prayer meeting, he says he is too busy at the store. I just thought that when time comes to go to heaven that he might still be too busy at the store."

The man who does not have time for God and His church is too busy, absolutely too busy. We have many duties and many responsibilities in life, but there are none comparable to the responsibility God has placed upon us as heads of families and leaders in the church.

No man has any excuse that will relieve him of his God-given responsibilities, in his home and church, if he is mentally and physically able to discharge them. For a man to fail in these areas of his life will undoubtedly cause him to fail in the two fields through which he can make tremendous contributions to the work and cause of the Lord.

Pastor Needs Men

It is altogether impossible for any pastor, no matter how talented, to build a great and strong church without the help of his men. The financial program of the church is dependent upon

the leadership of strong laymen. For a pastor to turn aside from prayer and the ministry of the Word to give himself to the task of raising the budget and of paying the bills is a subversion of the will of God.

The pastor can pray with and work with his men in leading them into an adequate and blessed stewardship program, but the actual work of raising and distributing these funds is the task of the men of the church. It is my persuasion and it has been my experience that if the men are given this responsibility in prayer and in the Spirit of Jesus that they will respond to it nobly.

A community expects a pastor to do certain things for God and the church. When laymen consecrate their lives to a like devotion and effort, it is doubly impressive before the eyes of God and of the world. Laymen inspire other laymen to give and to support the boundless program of the Kingdom of God. We are in a big task, bigger than the preacher is able to do. He needs his men to work with him.

Men Should Help Reach Lost

The winning of lost men in any community is not only the responsibility of the pastor, but it is also the responsibility of every man who has been saved by the blood of Christ and who has the hope of Heaven in his heart.

Oftentimes a man assumes the attitude that he pays the pastor to pray, to read the Bible, and to win the lost while he, himself, is liberated from these responsibilities by his financial support (usually small) of the church. Our obligations far transcend those of sharing in the taking up of the collection each Lord's Day. The Kingdom of God is not a matter of just money; rather, it is much more a matter of the Spirit and of the saving power of God. We are saved to save others. When we fail in this, we fail in our primary task.

Blessed is the pastor, who, when he has preached out of his heart and when he raises his hand in invitation and appeal, can count on praying laymen to bring lost souls down the aisle to Jesus. It is men of this dedicated and consecrated effort who make possible a fruitful ministry. They are the men who inspire and encourage the pastor.—
BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL.

►The American Baptist Convention (Northern Baptists) has appointed Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas to be general chairman of a campaign to raise \$8,350,000 for the building of 300 new American Baptist churches.

►Pastor Robert A. Holland, of the Blackford Baptist Church, is holding a revival at the Franklinton Baptist Church, Henry County, July 20-31. The church is at present without a pastor, but the deacons and members are carrying on an extended visitation crusade to promote the interests of the meetings.

The Case Against Obscenity

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We have no quarrel with the press, nor with the principle of freedom of speech and press. I, like many others, would gladly defend the freedom of the press with my own blood, but I could well wish that the press might be more concerned about the misuse and abuse of freedom that produces such obscene literature as they would never think of publishing in their own columns. The press is mighty; and if the mighty press of our land, including, of course, the religious press, were to really come out against pornography, we could soon finish the task assigned to us in Georgia.

Thomas Jefferson's statement about the state of the newspapers of his day cannot by any wildest distortion be made to cover the situation regarding pornographic literature of our day. As a matter of fact, up until about thirty years ago there was very little lewd literature, as we now know it, being circulated and none of it was exhibited openly and unashamedly on the newsstands. Today, over 200,000 racks are literally teeming with magazines and pocket-sized books, many of which violate every standard of decency, and many of which have to be carted from the publisher to various news agencies in the country by truck because they violate United States postal laws, and many others which must be actually smuggled across state lines in private automobiles because of interstate commerce regulations against transport of pornographic publications.

In every state except one today there exist strong laws against the publication, distribution, and sale of the very type of literature which is now displayed so boldly, but few officers of the law will ever enforce these ordinances except under pressure of an aroused public opinion. These books have been described by the Selective Committee on Current Pornographic Materials in its report to the nation December 31, 1952 based on sixty-eight unbelievably obscene books—any of which is available to any one who has a quarter and can get to a newsstand or drugstore—as entirely devoted to "obscenity, violence, lust, use of narcotics, blasphemy, vulgarity, pornography, juvenile delinquency, sadism, masochism, perversion, homosexuality, lesbianism, murder, rape, and nymphomania."

J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has said, "The publication and distribution of salacious material is a peculiarly vicious evil; the destruction of moral character caused by it among young people cannot be overestimated. The circulation of periodicals containing such materials plays

an important part in the development of crime among the youth of our country."

We are not proud of the fact that according to an authentic source, Australia refuses to admit 64 of our magazines on the ground that they are immoral and have a bad effect on immature minds. According to the aforementioned Congressional report, already over 100 United States magazines have been banned from Canada and the Canadian Senate has established a Special Committee on the Sale and Distribution of Salacious and Indecent Literature. Press reports, we are told, from Madrid, Spain, declare that increased pornography in the United States and Canada can "prove an enemy within more to be feared than communism." James Douglas, of the London Press, is reported to have said: "American pornography percolates here. I have read some American best sellers which no English publishers would touch with a pair of tongs."

We have been shocked to find that much of this moral filth is being circulated among children. A principal of a leading boys' high school in Atlanta recently displayed certain types of extremely salacious material which he had found in the pockets of his students. He stated that during the past few months over fifty boys were found to have such pornographic literature in their pockets. When asked what he regarded as the moral result of this material upon the lives of his students, he said: "This very stuff has sent three boys to the training school." He said that the boys learn about various forms of perversion, such as sodomy, from this literature. He added, "I would like to say that I could not have given a good definition of sodomy. I had never heard of it, but now I have seen it and I have seen lots of it and I have heard lots about it and I know a lot about it. The first case I had was a little boy who was killed in the Ansley Hotel." And again he added, "That is pretty serious."

I cannot help but believe that if Thomas Jefferson had been confronted with the problem we have today, excluding the newspapers, that he would have been the very first to have cried out with no uncertain tone in opposition against such obscenity. The vague suspicion of censorship would never have caused him to withhold his condemnation of that which is more destructive morally within to the basic ideals of democracy than any enemy our nation faces from without. When Mr. Jefferson said, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press," he was

not thinking of this mighty stream of raw sex and lust that is being sold today behind the smoke-screen raised by those alleging an impingement on freedom of the press. Certainly neither Jefferson nor any other American could defend an irresponsible press. "Civil liberties and freedom of speech," as Federal Judge Goodman has said, "are certainly not synonymous with license and obscenity. Freedom from all restraint is destructive of democracy."

Those who so vigorously oppose the fight against obscenity surely cannot be aware of the terrible malignancy of the books, magazines and other materials at issue. Many of us have waited far too long to utter our protest and to oppose unrestrained printing and unlimited distribution of that which is, as one man described it, "not rotten, but worse than rotten."

There are many things we may not like about the Roman Catholics, but it is forever to their credit that they have been at the very forefront in America in the battle for decency both in the movies and in literature. They have made no uncertain sound as to where they stand concerning obscenity and this in spite of the fact that many of their members are leading publishers. We do not gain anything by criticizing them at this point. Other denominations should go and do likewise. I should like all people to know that I am happy to have had the privilege of introducing a resolution at the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Houston as follows:

First, that the Southern Baptist Convention most heartily commend this congressional investigation into obscene literature and lend our support to the legal restraints to arrest this evil.

Second, that we call upon our leaders and people, especially our denominational press to help arouse public sentiment and to educate regarding the dangers of such obscenity.

Third, that we call upon publishers, distributors and dealers to voluntarily co-operate in withdrawing from sale all types of literature destructive of the morality of our nation.

Fourth, that we commend those who are already co-operating in this worthy endeavor.

Fifth, that this matter be called specifically to the attention of the Editorial Department of the Sunday School Board requesting them to work out some practical plan whereby the purpose of this Resolution may be carried out as fully as possible."

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If you could but see the difference Christ makes!—Hannah Barlow, missionary to Japan.

Should the Downtown Church Move Out?

By PAUL S. JAMES, Pastor
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Dr. Hugh Price Hughes of London was speaking of the small attendance at certain churches which a few years ago were filled with large congregations. Somebody asked, "What has become of these good people?" The answer was, "Some have gone to heaven and others to the suburbs."

Because of changes it is easy for a downtown church to succumb to defeat. Its surroundings have changed. It finds itself crowded in between stores and tall buildings with maybe a gas station or two bordering on the garden of the Lord. It is on noisy streets where parking space is at a premium. It is removed from most of its members who live in residential sections where there are other Baptist churches. To get to town on Sunday morning they have to get up early and travel far.

So, "Why don't you sell your downtown property and move to a good residential area?"

Possibilities Outweigh Problems

Look at the problems and you may say, "Good idea." Look at the possibilities and you say, "No!"—for four reasons.

First, some of the greatest churches in America are down town, which proves it can be done.

Who started the idea that you can't have a great downtown church? It is not supported by facts. Without disparaging suburban churches that serve a large purpose, it remains that most of the great churches are down town. I have two neighbors. One is a Presbyterian and the other a Methodist. One man has been on his field as pastor more than a quarter of a century, the other more than a dozen years. The Presbyterian says, "Many years ago when the type of our community began to change and so many of our members moved to distant residential sections, it was feared that our days of effective services were numbered. However, by God's good grace we have come through the transition period with unimpaired vitality and are today stronger numerically, financially and (we trust) spiritually than we were thirty years ago." He calls his church "a church at work." Eighteen thousand babies of underprivileged families have received medi-

cal attention at the baby clinic his church sponsors.

In The Middle of Things

The Methodist pastor says, "When I first went to my present happy situation, a friend asked, 'When are you folks moving out?' We're not moving out," I said, "We're not moving anywhere. We're here to stay. If you're going to be first you've got to stay right down there in the middle of things." He advertises, "The folks are friendly" and fills his auditorium morning and night. They were planning to padlock the front door and call it quits twelve years ago.

Dr. George W. Truett, who preached to the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Dallas for forty-seven years, constantly laid upon the hearts of his people the vision and need for the downtown church. When asked if they ever intended to move, he always answered with an emphatic "no." He built into the hearts of his people a sense of mission to the whole City of Dallas and to the strangers who pass that way. The present pastor says, "I chose to be pastor of a downtown church. I asked God that I might have a downtown pulpit. When this call came, I knew it was from God. I knew it would be difficult, but where sin is the deepest and the going is the hardest and the need is the greatest, there I wanted to volunteer as a soldier of Jesus Christ." He was pastor of the largest Baptist church in the world.

Second, the downtown church should stay where it is because it has an established ministry and loyalty.

Its roots run deep. Its members know the meaning of "the tie that binds." It has a significant history, which should be magnified to the present generation as encouragement to meet today's responsibilities and tomorrow's opportunities. You can't live on history but you can be inspired by it.

Movements Vs. Monuments

The church which has continued across the years in the heart of the city says to its people today, "Others have labored and we have entered into their labors." We are not interested in preserving monuments but in promoting movements and the downtown church with a progressive program can be

under God a mighty movement in the cause of Jesus Christ.

Third, the downtown church should stay where it is because all roads lead in to the downtown church. It is at the hub of the community and it doesn't take long to get in by car or bus on modern boulevards and expressways. As long as people come to town every day in the week for business, shopping and pleasure, the downtown church doesn't need to make an apology for asking them to come in on the Lord's Day to worship and serve.

Within the sound of our chimes are the city's largest hotels. As long as the big stores and big theatres and big offices are in town, there will be a place for a big church in town. It is when we remove our church from the crowded ways of life that visitors have to ask a cop, "Which bus do I take?"

Fourth, the downtown church should stay where it is because it can do some things no other church can do. No church has a right to live simply because of its location. Its right to live is determined by its ministry, and being down town greatly increases the importance of that ministry. When a denomination surrenders its downtown church to the pressure of commerce and retreats to a situation of suburban safety, it trails a proud flag and loses a great chance. Every city needs such churches with a cosmopolitan appeal and a ministry to the whole city. They are havens in the midst of the hustle, saying, "Whosoever will, may come."

The Field is the City

Edgar Guest, who usually speaks in poetry, has given this expression in unfettered prose. "I like to see the downtown churches holding their places. It seems good to me that here and there amid the rush of traffic there should remain a building that has no bargains to offer and no shop window displays. This is a hospital for sick and weary souls. It is making a battle not for our own sake but for the sake of others. A church in any neighborhood is an asset but none so much as a downtown church."

Such a church has a wonderful chance to light a lamp that will shine over a great area. Many of these tall light-houses for Christ have flashed a brilliant light across a wide territory for many years. They have an impressive history. They have a name to live, and what happens here is still significant for it is known abroad.

Should the downtown church move out? Geographically—no!

In the expansion of its program—yes! In the maintenance and enlargement of its buildings—yes! In its effort to reach the city for Christ—yes! Let its members take their hats off to the past and their coats off to the future and the downtown church may find that its most glorious days are ahead.

Gaza Hospital Offered to Southern Baptists

RICHMOND, Va. — "If it were certain that Southern Baptists would make the money available, there would be no hesitancy in recommending that the Foreign Mission Board take over a 92-bed hospital in Gaza," Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said upon returning to Richmond, Va., after a six weeks' trip abroad.

Dr. Sadler said the 70-year-old hospital, established by the Church Missionary Society of England, is "the last vestige of Christian witness" in a Moslem area of 390,000 Arab refugees. Gaza, a seaport in southern Palestine, is now under the military sponsorship of Egypt. It had a population of 30,000 before the influx of refugees.

United Nations officials say that the hospital, which keeps two operating theaters going practically all the time, is recognized as the most outstanding of three hospitals in the area. People walk by the other two to enter the Christian institution, they said, declaring that they can't carry on their relief work among the refugees without this hospital.

Three Hurdles

Dr. Sadler listed three hurdles which Southern Baptists must surmount if they should assume responsibility for the hospital: (1) The Egyptian government is adamant about allowing new mission organizations to enter the country. (2) Consideration must be given to the fact that the hospital is now being subsidized by the United Nations. (3) Southern Baptists must decide if they are able to accept the hospital in view of their commitments in other countries.

Dr. Sadler says it is certain, because of bankruptcy in England, that the C.M.S. will have to give the hospital up; and it has no other religious organization in mind. "Perhaps this is one of the greatest opportunities in the Moslem world," he concluded. "But what we shall do about it will depend upon Southern Baptists."

"In Lebanon there are evidences of real progress," Dr. Sadler said. "One of the most distinguished citizens of the country said that Islam has never been able to put out the light of Christianity. And, in the opinion of this outstanding Christian, it will never blot it out."

However, as Dr. Sadler witnessed a baptismal service, he was reminded of what it costs to become a Christian in that land. One of the candidates, a young lady with a Druse background, was going through the ceremony despite her father's command that she must not. A young person from a Catholic family had resisted all sorts of pressure earlier in the afternoon.

Inferiority Complex

Dr. Sadler reported that a lawyer—member of the British, the French, and the New York state bars—who is an outstanding citizen of the country and a leading Christian of another denomination, said the Moslem attitude is indicative of a feeling of inferiority. It is the opinion of this man that the Moslems can't meet the strength of the West in any other way than to invoke the intolerance of their religion.

The missions secretary was impressed with growth in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. "There I found an attitude

Harold Tallant to Conduct Revival at Sonora Church



SONORA, Ky. — The local Baptist Church, of which A. W. Allison is pastor, announces a revival which will begin Monday night, July 27 and continue through Wednesday of the next week—August 5.

Pastor H. D. Tallant, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, will be the evangelist, and Edmond Keith, head of the Music Department of the State of Georgia, will direct the music.

Friends of the Sonora community are invited and urged to attend.

of tolerance that exists in no other part of the Moslem world as far as I know," he said.

Asked how he accounts for this tolerance, Dr. Sadler said it is partly because of the Southern Baptist Mission Hospital at Ajloun—a hospital Southern Baptists took over from the Anglicans. It is also due in part to the Greek Orthodox influence, he said.

A school of 104 pupils, under the direction of Mrs. J. T. McRae, is making an impact on the community through the families of the children. And it is likely that within a few months the first Baptist church of Jordan will be organized.

Dr. Sadler reported on a visit to a community in which lived the Moslem mayor and a member of Parliament,

both of whom are sympathetic toward Christianity. The member of Parliament is interested in the establishment of a medical clinic in his community, but he said there are more children than sick people and they would like to have a school first. When Dr. Sadler asked if he wanted a school like the one in Ajloun, he replied that he would be willing to have a Christian school in his community. Thus, it is likely that another clinic and educational center will be established in Jordan.

Accepting the Messiah

In Israel Dr. Sadler was impressed with the interest which the Jews are manifesting toward Christianity. "Many of the Jews in Israel are not interested in Judaism," he said. "They are interested in the perpetuation of the Hebrew culture, however."

He continued, "Never have I observed so much evidence of hospitality toward the gospel of the Messiah. I met a man who was formerly the chief rabbi of Bulgaria and who was offered the rabbiniate of the Tel Aviv Jaffa area. He declined and accepted Christ. 'I have heard much about you,' I said. He replied, 'Yes, I have become famous since I accepted the Messiah. But what they say about me is not nearly so important as what I say about the Messiah.'"

Dr. Sadler talked with another outstanding Jewish intellectual of Israel, a journalist, poet, and alumnus of the Hebrew University, who said there is a "spiritual vacuum" in Israel. Though he himself does not claim to be religious, he said he would be quite willing to have the spiritual vacuum of his country filled by Christianity. He said he and his colleagues had lost faith in Judaism.

Dr. Sadler reported that the Baptist school in Nazareth is moving along in an encouraging way; but it is expected that the elementary department will be disposed of and that Baptists will concentrate on secondary education in that area. It is thought that the Baptist orphanage in Nazareth will be moved to a farm near Tel Aviv. The evangelistic work in Nazareth is encouraging and a number of professions of faith have been witnessed in recent months, including that of a young Jewish lad and his sister.

In Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Sadler attended a meeting of the board of trustees of the European Baptist Theological Seminary and delivered an address at the dedication of a dormitory and library. There seventeen nations are represented in what he calls "an experiment in Christian internationalism."

Our earnest desire is that those who have never heard shall hear and those who have heard and rejected shall hear again the glorious gospel of salvation.—Joe Carl Johnson, missionary to Brazil.

Sunday School Department

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT, State Secretary



Parkland Baptist Sextet

The young ladies in the above picture will sing during each session of the Sunday School Week at Cedarmore, August 10-14.

Top row: (left to right)—Reta Rae McGinity, Joyce Brooks, Janet Cecil. Bottom row: Joyce Bishop, June Phelps, Lois Moore.

Everyone who attended the Sunday School Week at Cedarmore last year will remember how these young ladies thrilled our hearts each time they sang and the wonderful contribution they made to every service throughout the entire program.

The following are the Conference Leaders:

Cradle Roll and Nursery	Mrs. D. C. Sparks
Beginner	Miss Mary Ella Davis
Primary	Mrs. H. L. Garrett
Junior	Mrs. Roy E. Boatwright
Intermediate	Darrell C. Richardson
Young People	Dan Thomas
Adult	Arthur Hicks
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Pastors, Superintendents, Educational Directors	Roy E. Boatwright
Associational Superintendents and Missionaries	Chester Igleheart

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

Preparation Week, September 20-27

Preparation Week, September 20-27 will prepare Southern Baptist churches for the progressive steps to be taken in order to enrol a Million More people in Bible study in '54. September 20-27 is the logical time for such a week. It comes at Promotion time which is the best time to organize new classes and departments. In a program of expansion it is necessary to add new classes and departments.

Here are some reasons why every church should observe Preparation Week:

1. To study the guide book. The book entitled, "The Pull of the People," is especially prepared by Dr. J. N. Barnette for the "Million More in '54" program. It is written to inform, inspire and guide Sunday school workers in their effort to enrol a million additional people for Bible study.

2. To organize new classes and departments.

3. To enlist a staff of new workers.

4. To set up a weekly visitation program.

Who should teach the book?

The pastor is the proper person because he is greatly concerned about reaching people. He knows the possibilities of his community and church better than any other individual. He knows the church membership and the potential leadership.

The entire church membership should be made to feel the importance of attending Preparation Week. Much publicity should be given it. Has your church set the date on its calendar?

Order your books now from the Baptist Book Store. These books will be available around the first of August. They will cost thirty-five cents each. Sunday school study course credit will be granted for the study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JULY 12, 1953

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, Unity	104	442
Arlington	70	---
Bardstown	---	303
Bellevue	---	283
Berea	---	292
Blackford (Blackford Assn.)	72	230
Bowling Green, First	255	1,143
Burlington	81	233
Cadiz	61	221
Campbellsville	---	519
Pleasant Hill	123	265
Central City, First	172	375
Clay, First	---	217
Corbin, First	129	384
Central	96	458
Covington, Calvary	---	577
First	---	277
Latonia	165	855
South Side	---	406
Danville, First	184	608
Lexington Avenue	---	431
Dayton, First	---	211
Dayton, Ohio, Westwood	---	652
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	144	740
Erlanger	62	327
Evansville, Ind. Calvary	101	625
Grace	178	---
Keck Avenue	65	208
Walnut Street	---	396
Falmouth	---	205
Ferguson	75	212
Ft. Thomas	---	225
Frankfort, First	---	792
Thorn Hill	---	279
Fulton, First	---	389
Georgetown	---	448
Glasgow	87	600
Harlan	139	516
Hawesville	---	253
Harrodsburg	240	846
Bruner's Chapel	119	244
Hazel	62	299
Henderson, Audubon	111	203
Immanuel Temple	114	500
Hima, Horse Creek	---	230
Hodgenville, First	140	483
Hopkinsville, First	---	582
Second	128	753
Independence	118	239
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	259
Lebanon	104	443
Lewisport	---	205
Lexington, Ashland Avenue	---	1,136
Calvary	122	681
Felix Memorial	63	306
Grace	---	618
Hillcrest	---	250
Immanuel	161	---
Porter Memorial	---	508
London, First	168	569
Ludlow, First	61	320
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	167	570
Baptist Temple	---	250
Beechmont	134	745
Bethany	---	210
Carlisle Avenue	193	1,019
Clifton	76	351
Deer Park	---	433
East Audubon	83	230
Eastern Parkway	68	479
18th Street	125	403
Fairdale	---	323
Farmdale	120	283
Harmony	88	285
Immanuel	60	330
Ninth and O	157	1,019
Okolona	58	348
Parkland	250	902
St. Matthews	---	418
Shively	---	541
Southside	52	402
23rd and Broadway	146	564
Victory Memorial	219	659
Virginia Avenue	76	223
Walnut Street	231	1,411
West Broadway	138	577
Lynch	70	---
Madisonville, First	267	865
Middletown, First	91	261
Middlesboro, East	---	---
Cumberland Avenue	---	323
Morganfield, First	---	364
Morgantown	100	201
Marion Baptist	---	241
Monticello, First	64	241
Mt. Washington	---	241
Murray, First	102	764
Sinking Spring	77	203
Newport, First	109	628
Owensboro, Buena Vista	---	344
Eaton Memorial	128	320
First	220	952
Buena Vista	85	---
Hall Street	144	344

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Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE
State Secretary

JESUS CALLS US

In II Timothy 1:8-9 we read: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

Jesus is calling to us. To you and to me He speaks, urging us to greater service in His kingdom. We are being called with, "an holy calling," "according to the purpose and grace of Christ."

Some of you may be saying right now, "Jesus has never called me. Why would He?" Maybe you are not listening for the call of Christ, or still, maybe you are one of those people who thinks that Jesus calls to only those He wants to be missionaries or preachers. Jesus calls us to be Sunday school teachers, Training Union and W. M. U. workers. We are often called into a vocation to be an influence and shining light for other people. Jesus calls us to do any work that will help further His kingdom and complete the will of God.

However, I think that there is one main calling, which is really the duty of every Christian, that we are not hearing or trying to fulfill with our best efforts. This calling concerns the lost. It seems that a lot of Christians are trying so hard to keep up with all the individual activities of the church that they are forgetting the real duty of Christians and forgetting the real duty of the church. This duty being the propagation of the gospel to the lost.

Paul writes to Timothy, "Be not thou ashamed of the testimony of our Lord." Are you ashamed to speak of Christ to a lost person? Christians are being called continually to speak to the unsaved. If you are ashamed to speak of Christ and do the Lord's work, how can you be an A-1 Christian? Let me ask you three questions. Are your neighbors Christians? How many times have you spoken to them about Christ? What about your friends, and associates at work, are they saved? The answers to these questions show how you are living for Christ. And yet you let opportunities to speak to them about Christ pass by you daily.

It seems to me that there are three ways in which we can witness for Christ to the lost. First, by living a Christian life, one which shows that Christ is

our Master; second, through prayer, prayer for the lost, and prayer for power in the third step, speaking directly to the lost and presenting them with the gospel message.

It is our duty to speak to the unsaved and show them the way of salvation. If Christians do not speak to the lost, who will? Here you are, a Christian, saved



Robert Lancaster, Lexington, Immanuel, who won second place in State Young People's Speakers' Tournament in April at Campbellsville.

by the blood of Christ and grace of God, with an eternal inheritance in heaven. Are you going to keep all this for yourself or share it with others too?

Perhaps you say, "I can't do much by myself." But do you know that if every Southern Baptist brought one, just one, unsaved person to Christ this year, seven million people would gain an eternal life with Christ.

The great commission tells Christians to go forth and teach the gospel. Every Christian knows that it is his duty to go to the lost and show them the way of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, but still, a lot of them do not seem to know that James 4:17 says:

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."
—Robert Lancaster.



Miss Monita Hooks, Bruner's Chapel Church, Harrodsburg, who won second place in State Intermediate Sword Drill at Campbellsville in April.

The Baptist Hour's Dupree Jordon to be on Seminary's Conference

The annual summer conference of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will begin at 8 p. m., Monday, July 27, in the Alumni Memorial Chapel. All phases of the two-week program, which attracts a large number of pastors and other Christian workers from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, are open to the public. Persons living within driving distance of Louisville are especially invited to participate.

The program includes Bible study, with a major address at 11:30 each morning and a sermon each evening at 8 o'clock. There are no scheduled conference activities in the afternoons.

Professor Paul Minear, Andover-Newton Theological School, and Professor Kenneth J. Foreman, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, will be guest lecturers at the noon hour.

Dr. Minear will lecture Tuesday through Friday, July 28-31, on "Jesus Christ Our Hope." On completing the doctorate at Yale, Dr. Minear taught for one year at the Hawaiian School of Religion; and for ten years at Garrett Biblical Institute. Now completing nine years as Norris Professor of New Testament at Andover-Newton. Among Dr. Minear's writings are: *An Introduction to Paul*; and *Great Shall Be Your Reward; Eyes of Faith; The Choice; The Kingdom and the Power; Kierkegaard and the Bible* (co-author).

Dr. Foreman will begin his series Monday of the second week, speaking on "Alternatives in Theology." Graduated from Davidson College, A.B., 1911, Dr. Foreman also received degrees from Princeton University, Princeton Seminary, Yale University and Washington and Lee University. He was Bible and Philosophy professor at Davidson from 1924 to 1947. Since then he has been Doctrinal Theology professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will preach at 8 o'clock each evening of the first week. He is well-known as the author of *Broadman Comments*. The evening sermons the second week will be preached by Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of Wake Forest (N.C.) Baptist Church and chaplain of Wake Forest College.

Members of the faculty of Southern Seminary who will conduct the Bible study periods each morning include: Clyde T. Francisco, "Love and the Law;" E. C. Rust, "The Epistle to the Hebrews;" Theron D. Price, "Contemporary Thought on the Doctrine of the Church;" Henry H. Turlington, "Problems of Church Life;" Guy Ranson, "The Foundations of Christian Ethics;" and Henlee H. Barnette, "Christianity and Communism."

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Ohio Valley	Sullivan ----- Mr. W. G. Dorrah
Rockcastle	Livingston ----- Mr. Floyd Holcomb
Salem	Cold Springs ----- Mr. Lemuel Greer
Severn's Valley	Mill Creek ----- Mrs. Dennis Rogers
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Texan Member of Same Church for 57 Years

GATESVILLE, Tex. — (BP) — Dan Graves, resident member of First Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas for fifty-seven years, says he has spent two years and two days of his life in church. He also calculates that he has spent 311 days shaving, most of the time getting ready to attend church.

The church has twenty-three members of its congregation averaging 55.6 years of membership or a total of 1,280 years of active church service.

If you don't believe some people are important, ask them.

Friends In Need

By Helen Langworthy

Many of us hear about the Seeing-Eye dogs and marvel at their ability to guide their blind masters. But did you know that there are other seeing-eye animals that are probably just as clever as those that are educated for the job?

Take, for instance, "Inky," a black Persian cat. Inky's pal, "Penny," a Spitz, was blinded seven years ago. So Inky has taken over the job of piloting the dog to his meals and around their neighborhood. Strangers say that they are an odd looking pair as they walk down the streets so casually. The cat has even been known to defend Penny when the blind dog has been attacked by other dogs! Inky seems to have decided for himself that it's only right and proper that he look after his dog friend.

Then, there's the story of "Honky" and "Tippy." Honky was a big goose; Tippy, a mischievous terrier. Their owner said they were born enemies, until Tippy was hurt in a car accident and stricken with blindness. After the dog had recovered somewhat and was first allowed out of doors, he was naturally awkward and helpless. Honky stared at the brown dog, evidently puzzled that he would fumble about so queerly. Appearing to realize then that the dog's eyes were sightless, the goose walked up to him and honked. Like a person who won't take no for an answer, she kept up her loud honking until, at last, Tippy followed her. Honky led the dog to the pool, where he was accustomed to drink. After that, Honky took over the job of being the terrier's special buddy, guiding the blind dog in the yard; even to the point of being watchful of Tippy's running into holes or fences. Like the cat, Inky, Honky is capable of keeping his dog friend from danger, too. Stray dogs leave the neighborhood very quickly, when flailed with Honky's wings!

Another seeing-eye combination involves two dogs. "Brownie" was a cocker spaniel and was blind and helpless until "Bitzy" took over. Bitzy was an odd combination, part fox terrier. When the door was opened, she would rush out to survey the whole yard to see that it was safe for her pal. Seconds before Brownie would run head-long into a tree or tumble down the steps, Bitzy would be there with a gentle nip to Brownie's ear and, would pull him to safety. Ultimately, Bitzy gave her life for the blind dog. That day she had made her usual quick once-over of the yard just as Brownie came out. Tearing down the street came a huge dog looking for trouble. Bitzy ran ahead to intercept the foe and was injured so badly that she had to be put

to sleep. If Purple Hearts were given to dog heroes, then Bitzy would deserve one for giving her life to save her blind friend.

And out in Chicago, "Silver," a five-year-old collie who went blind, had her personal guide, an underslung, elongated daschund. Silver's owner discovered that she was going blind. She would huddle in her kennel and would not enter the exercise grounds. So, "Sascha," the daschund, was chosen to keep Silver company and to act as her guide. A rope linked the two dogs and with Sascha leading, Silver finally was coaxed up the ramps leading to the playground. Soon the rope was no longer necessary. Silver trusted Sascha completely and would follow her everywhere.

The Seeing-Eye Foundation uses as its motto: "The hearing-ear and the seeing-eye, the Lord hath made even both of them." And somehow the Biblical text describes those of the animal kingdom who have made their special job to be "the seeing-eye."

—Our Dumb Animals

The Eighth Commandment

By Ida Larson

Ronald sat under the oak tree behind the garage, just thinking. How wonderful it must feel to be grown up, like Ted! Then you could have a jackknife of your very own. And perhaps you could carve things and make whistles. Ted could.

"You're too little to have a knife, Ronnie," Mother had told him. "Knives are dangerous, you know."

And as for Ted—"I want you to stay away from him, son," said mother. "Why?"

"Because he never stays at home. He is always roaming the neighborhood, quarreling with the boys. And he does not go to Sunday school, as all good boys should. Besides, Ronnie, Ted is several years older than you. Play with boys your own age."

You see Ronnie had plenty to think about as he sat under the tree.

"I do think it's silly that I can't have a knife," he told Blackey.

"You know how I feel, don't you, Blackey? There comes Ted, now. Maybe he'll play with us a while."

Ted cut across the back lawn and dropped down on the grass beside Ronnie.

"What's on for today?" he asked.

"We might walk up town and see what's going on," suggested Ronnie, trying to sound as grown up as he could.

"Good!"

It was fun to look at all the wonderful things in the store windows. There were

bicycles, toy automobiles, boats, airplanes, games.

At last they went into one of the stores and looked around. Among a pile of jackknives Ronnie spied one with a shiny red handle.

"I'd like to have that one," he whispered. "But I haven't any money."

"You don't need any," replied Ted. "Just take it when no one is looking. That's how I got mine."

"Oh, I couldn't do that, Ted. In Sunday school I learned the Ten Commandments and one of them is 'Thou shalt not steal.' Mother would feel very sorry if I took something that didn't belong to me."

"Forget what you learned in Sunday school. And your mother will never know anything about it."

"Well, all right," said Ronnie slowly, looking all around him. Then he slipped the knife into his pocket.

The boys strolled out of the store, then, and Ronnie hurried home with a terribly guilty feeling. He did not even say goodbye as Ted left him at the back gate.

A day or two later Ronnie sat under the oak tree again. This time he was trying to make a whistle with the new jackknife. Suddenly the knife slipped and blood poured out of a deep gash in his thumb.

"Oo-oo!" screamed Ronnie, running to his mother.

"Why, how did this happen, son?"

Then, amid many sobs, the whole story came out.

"Im s-s-orry, Mother, It's the f-f-first time I ever stole anything. Truly, it is. And I'll never do it again!"

Mother said very little. Very gently she took care of the injured thumb. Then she put the knife away.

That very afternoon mother took Ronnie to town. And they went straight to the store where the jackknife belonged.

Mother took the knife out of her purse and handed it to Ronnie.

"I'll call the manager," she said. "Give it to him and tell him how sorry you are that you took it."

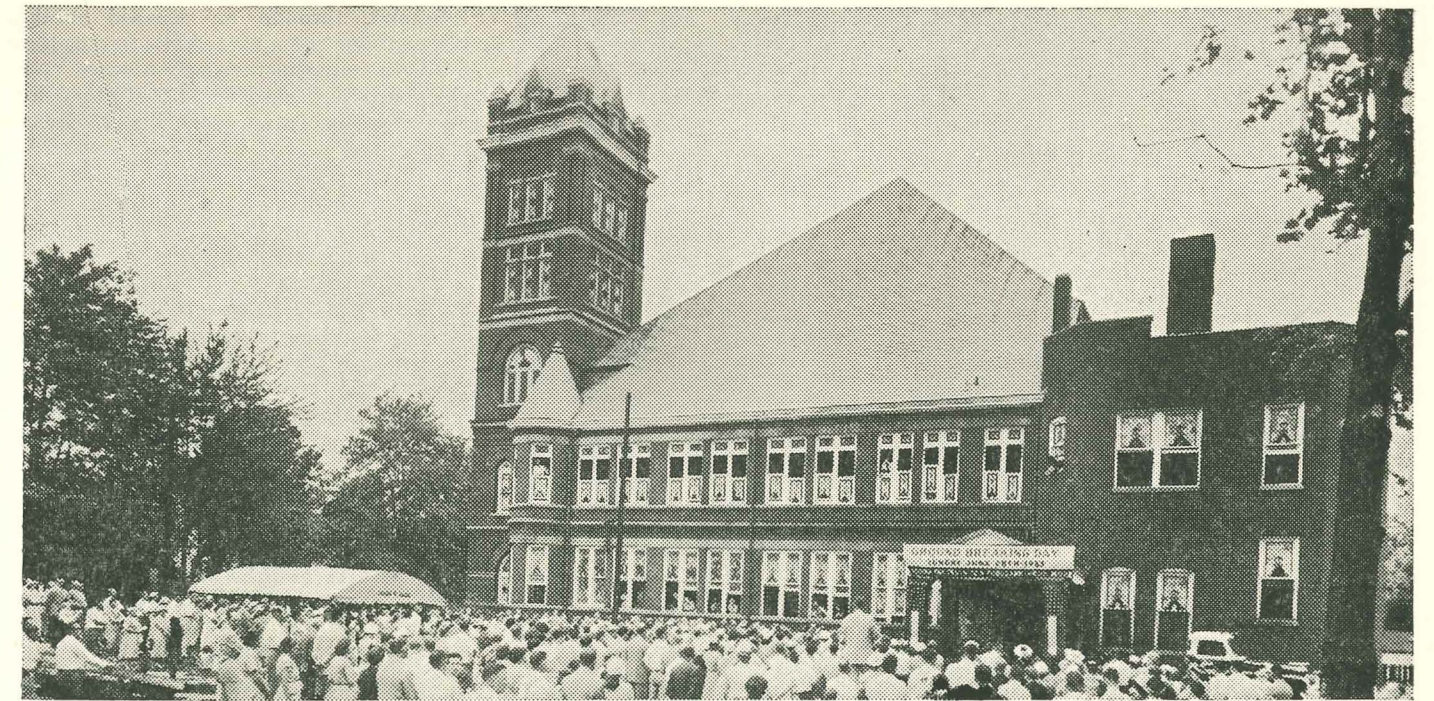
It was the hardest thing Ronnie ever had done. But as soon as he began, "I stole this from the counter—" the heavy feeling inside of him melted away. Indeed, his heart felt as light as a feather.

"I'm glad you've told me about it, son," said the manager kindly, patting Ronnie's head. "If I'm not mistaken, it will help you to grow up to be a good man."

Mother did not talk about it any more, at all. Neither did Ronnie. But for quite a while a very sore thumb kept him from forgetting.

Even after the thumb was well, he remembered the hard lesson he had learned. Indeed, he remembers it to this day.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

Ground is Broken for new Educational Building at Third Church, Owensboro



OWENSBORO, Ky. — The Third Baptist Church here, under the leadership of Pastor H. B. Kuhnle, broke ground Sunday, June 28, thus getting under way an educational building which has been sorely needed for some time, due to the steady growth of the Sunday school.

The new building will be a two-story brick and stone structure with a frontage of 122 feet and a depth of 100 feet. The new building, in addition to the offices, will contain six nurseries, four beginner departments, three primary

departments, and other departments in proportion. These facilities added to those already on hand will provide accommodation for some 1,600 people in Sunday school. The estimated cost is \$190,000, which figure does not include equipment of the building.

A special offering for the building fund was received on the same day as the groundbreaking. A goal of \$6,500 was set in order to bring the present building fund up to the \$100,000 level. More than \$7,100 was received. Construction will begin immediately. It is

estimated a year's time will be required for the completion of the building.

Showing the growth of the Sunday school during the past few years, the average attendance per Sunday for 25 years up to 1947 ran in the 500's, but since that time the averages have been: 1947—632; 1948—621; 1949—655; 1950—738; 1951—807; 1952—924; and 1953 so far it is 1,033.

The 1953 General Association of Baptists in Kentucky will be held in the Third Baptist Church of Owensboro in November.

Byron M. Wilkinson, Ex-Corbin Pastor, et al, on NBC Television Network

The telecast of "Frontiers of Faith," weekly broadcast of the NBC television network, featured a special program presented by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention on July 12.

Participants on the program included Pastor Byron M. Wilkinson of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., and formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corbin, Ky.; Acting Director Dupree Jordan of the Radio and Television Commission in Atlanta;

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Frank Boggs, featured soloist on the nationwide Baptist Hour radio broadcast; and George Watkins, soloist and musician director for the Grove Avenue Church. Also featured were a men's quartet and a mixed quartet from the Grove Avenue Church.

The live telecast of this program was later shown on a number of stations on July 12 and 19. Also it will be shown July 26 on the following stations:

- KRON-TV, San Francisco, Cal., 12 Noon
- WBAL-TV, Baltimore, Md., 12 Noon
- WNHC-TV, New Haven, Conn., 9:30 A.M.
- WSB-TV Atlanta, Ga., 2:00 P.M.
- WBZ, Boston, Mass., 10 A.M.
- KSTP-TV, St. Paul, Minn., 10:30 A.M.
- WRGB, Schenectady, N.Y., 11:30 A.M.
- WLW-TV, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10 A.M.
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- WDTV, Pittsburgh, Pa., 10:30 A.M.

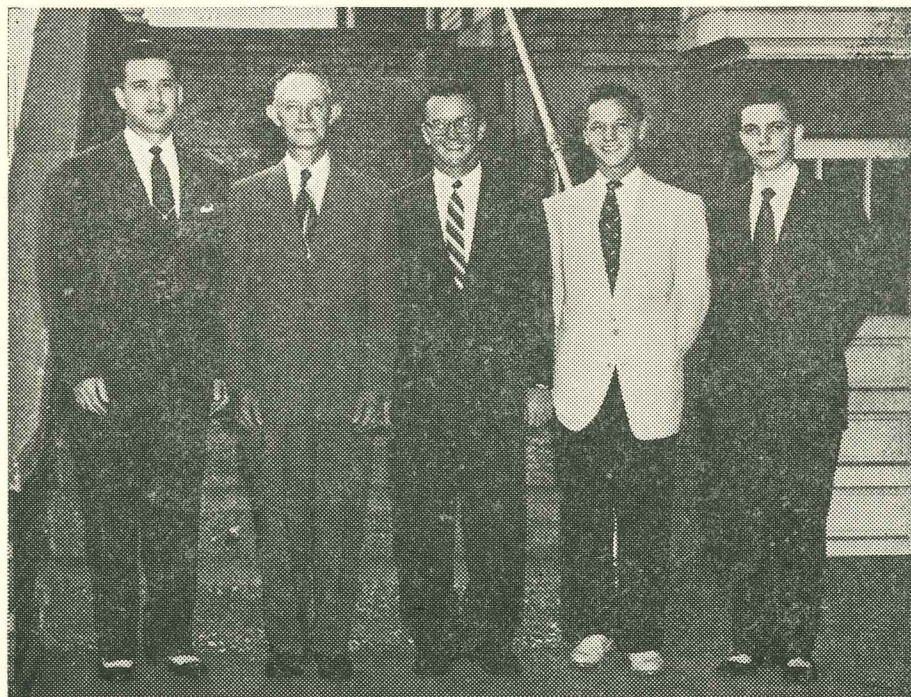
It will also be on some other stations, such as WPTZ, Philadelphia, Penna.; WLWC, Columbus, Ohio; KING-TV, Seattle, Washington; KFMB-TV, San Diego, Calif.; WAAF-TV, Kansas City,

Mo.; and WDSU, New Orleans, La.; but it will be necessary to consult local newspapers to ascertain the time schedule.

Wouldn't someone like to come to the interior of the fourth largest in population of Brazil's states? Rio Grande do Sul is the "now" of harvesttime, and how precious is time!—Dan N. Sharp-ley, missionary to Brazil.

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Four Young Men Go Out From Central Church, Corbin



Left to Right: (1) Pastor Harold Wainscott; (2) C. L. Disney; (3) Hugh Brooks; (4) Truman Mayes; and (5) Harold Mauney.

CORBIN, Ky. — Four young men are going out from the Central Baptist Church of Corbin, according to Pastor Harold Wainscott.

C. L. Disney, who for many years has served as a deacon and as a lay preacher filling various speaking engagements in the surrounding area, was ordained this spring to the full Gospel ministry and is now serving as pastor of the Park Hill Mission of the Central Baptist Church of Corbin.

Hugh Brooks is a senior at Eastern State Teachers College at Richmond, and recently was elected president of the B. S. U. there. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the spring, and is now serving as pastor of the Viney

Fork Baptist Church in Madison County.

Truman Mayes is a senior at Georgetown College and served last year as president of the B. S. U. Recently he was elected president of the student body at Georgetown and is president of the Kentucky State B. S. U. for the coming year. Truman is a volunteer for medical missions and will be working this summer in Oregon under the Home Mission Board.

Harold Mauney, a junior in Corbin High School, recently surrendered to full time Christian service. He has been supplying for some of the local churches and filling other speaking engagements.

The Case Against Obscenity

(Continued from Page 6)

For any who might be disturbed over the unanimous passage of this resolution at the Houston Convention, it might be well for us to remind them that the Convention had an unusually strong Resolutions Committee this year. This Committee had this resolution a full day before it was read before the Convention, and another full day elapsed before the Committee recommended that it be adopted. In other words, both the Committee and the Convention had plenty of time to meditate upon it. It was presented to the Convention on Friday night, May 8, with at least 12,000 people present, and the next day it was adopted without one opposing vote.

This is a pretty clear indication of the fact that Southern Baptists do not shilly-shally on matters of such great moral importance to our nation. This also is clearly indicative that when God's people are alerted to the moral filth that floods the newsstands of America the question of censorship will be about like "a tempest in a teacup."

Remedy

I could never say that obscenity is an evil for which there is no remedy. There are at least five methods of controlling poisonous literature.

First, through the application of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we had a redeemed civilization, we would not have this problem. If men had the mind of Christ, they could not

publish and distribute and sell that which is obscene.

Second, through an aroused public interest, and we may safely say that the public is being increasingly aroused and alarmed over this abortion of freedom and transformation of liberty into license.

Third, through education. We have reasons to believe that Southern Baptists and many other denominations will increase their efforts to educate their constituency concerning the dangers of this great evil. PTAs and many other fine organizations are joining in the process, beginning in the home.

Fourth, through mutual co-operation with distributors. This we are earnestly endeavoring to do in Georgia and are receiving fine cooperation.

Fifth, through legislation. The Commission in Georgia was created to encourage and aid the Solicitor General in the administering of the laws of the State regarding obscenity which are among the strongest in the nation.

The moral foundations of our nation are not only threatened, but defied by pornography freely circulated and hotly defended. The tide of decency has gone out in much of the literature of today. The time is truly ripe for a revival of decency in America. Future historians may record that in our age we gained everything but honor. Dean Gauss in his *Primer for Tomorrow* says: "The fall of Greece took place not through any uprising in the east, but was the result of personal disintegration of character. The very element of strength in our civilization, our liberalism and tolerance that helped in this era have betrayed us. Our very strength has become our weakness. We have become so broad we have no convictions. From modern man's business practice and economic theory the individual and his conscience has largely disappeared."

A great sore infests our nation, and our nation dies for lack of moral statesmanship. But, thank God, there are Naboths in every generation who, with the rock-ribbed morality of our founding fathers, stand up to be counted and say, "The Lord forbid it me that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." It isn't always easy to stand as Naboth did. Sometimes it is very costly, but the reward of doing what we believe God wants us to do is very great.

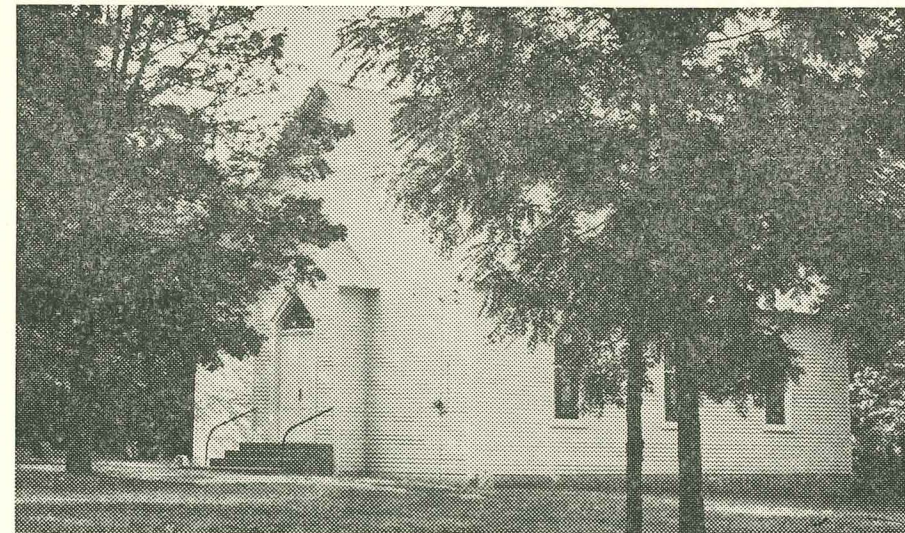
The tide of decency is out.

"Yet stands the Church,
A rock of faith and hope and honor,
Bastion of eternal truth,
Bearing marks of higher water,
Patient, now, in loneliness
Wooing back the tide!"

Here I stand, for God helping me, I can do no other.

Louisville Area News

Hillgrove Church to have Revival and Homecoming Soon



GUSTON, Ky. — Homecoming Week for the Hillgrove Baptist Church, in Salem Association, has been designated July 26-August 2, 1953. During this week the revival will be in progress. August 2, is Homecoming day. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to bring a basket lunch and enjoy the fellowship of Christian friends. Pastor Andrew Reese, Cave City Church, will be the evangelist in the revival, and Rev. E. B. English will deliver the homecoming sermon on August 2.

Harvests for the Lord are often reaped in unusual places. The psalmist said, "There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains." No one could visualize corn growing on a barren rock.

Elizabeth Jenkins, when she planned her marriage to Robert Phelps in the year 1818, never dreamed that six people would be converted to Christ and a church established. It was out of her wedding that Hillgrove Baptist Church was to come. Thus God reaped a harvest in an unusual place.

After the Rev. David Thurman had performed the marriage ceremony and the wedding supper had been served, he was asked to preach a sermon by those present. At the conclusion of his sermon Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins, father and mother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. John Shacklette, an uncle and aunt of the bride accepted Christ and united with the church. A few weeks later Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shacklette, another uncle and aunt of the bride joined the church dating their conversion to the sermon preached at the wedding of Elizabeth Jenkins. Their membership was first in the West Rudes Creek Baptist Church. These six people applied for their membership sometime in 1820 for the pur-

pose of organizing a church in the Hillgrove Community.

The Hillgrove United Baptist Church was formally and duly constituted June 29, 1822 with a membership of fourteen. At the organizational meeting two others joined the church making the total sixteen. It seems that for a period of approximately a year and a half that the membership fellowshipped together without formal organization. Their first church building was about one mile East of the present location. A division occurred in the membership and a second place of meeting was established in the highlands of Hillgrove Community. A short time later the membership was reunited and the present site was chosen as a place of worship.

Churches participating in the organization of Hillgrove were Nolin, Bethel, Mill Creek, Otter Creek and West Rudes Creek. Brother Warren Cash, of Bethel Church, was moderator and James Bland, of West Rudes Creek, was clerk of the constituting committee.

The first pastor called by the church after its constitution was the Rev. Simon Buck Hannon. He was to preach on the second Saturday and the Sunday following in each month.

From this humble beginning Hillgrove Baptist Church has grown to a full time church with a membership of 170. The Rev. Graff Parish is the pastor.

Bob W. Jones, Visalia, Preaches in Youth Revival At Middletown Church

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. — On June 21 the twenty-three-year-old Brother Bob W. Brown, pastor of Visalia Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., came with us for a one-week Youth Revival at the

First Baptist Church of Middletown. This was the first that this church had ever had. The Lord greatly blessed all our efforts and we had twenty-one conversions and additions for baptism and three additions by letter.

A high point of the meeting was the last night when Brother Charles "Chip" Miller, one of our fine fifteen-year-old boys—gave his life for full-time Christian service. A number of our young people rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Brother Brown is a fine Gospel preacher and holds the attention of his audience.

Our own Brother Bob Hickman, who is Middletown's song leader, and a student at the Seminary's School of Church Music, led our singing in a fine way.

All twenty-one of those who came for baptism, along with three others who had come before the revival, were baptized Sunday night, July 5.—I. Ferd. Graves, Pastor.

George E. Spann, Knob Creek Pastor, Dies Following Illness

Pastor George E. Spann, of Knob Creek Baptist Church, in Long Run Association, died at his residence, 910 Texas Avenue, Louisville, on June 28. He was thirty-eight years of age.

He had been ill for half a year before passing.

Funeral services were held for him at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Preston Street Road, where W. R. Manion is pastor, on June 30, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was graduated by Campbellsville College, and had attended classes at the Southern Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen M. Spann, one daughter, Miss Jackie Marie Spann; by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Spann, Glasgow, Ky., and one grandmother, Mrs. Malena Smith, also of Glasgow.

Dr. Carroll Hubbard has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, and has accepted the call of the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, and will begin preaching here August 23.

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Renovated Historic Old David's Fork Church Has Day of Dedication

The David's Fork Baptist Church, near Lexington, held dedication day for its renovated 96-year-old auditorium. Pastor Walter K. Price, Jr., who was recently married to Miss Edna Mae Parks of Owensboro and Louisville, had with him Pastor Wayne Todd, of the Immanuel Church of Lexington, and Evangelist Louis W. Arnold as speakers for the occasion.

The church was organized in 1801, having gone out from the Bryant's Station Church. They originally worshipped in a log house on Davis Creek, now called David's Fork.

The present house of worship was erected in 1857.

Present for the recent dedication was the church's oldest member, Miss Susie Darnaby. Her presence lent much color to the occasion from at least three angles. First, there is her long memory, crowded with the events which have occurred within her lifetime. Second, she is a granddaughter of the late Edward Darnaby, one of the members of the Traveling Church; and third, she is a daughter of the late Edward Darnaby, who wrote "A Brief History of David's Fork Baptist Church" in 1876.

Pastor Price spoke at the evening service.

Mel Dibble, Radio-TV Personality, Ordained at Calvary Church, Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 3. — Mel Martin Dibble, well known television and radio personality, was set aside to the full work of the Gospel ministry after an examination in an ordination council held at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, July 2. Dr. F. Russell Purdy, pastor of the candidate, was elected moderator of the council and Dr. Charles Hatfield, Georgetown, became clerk of the council.

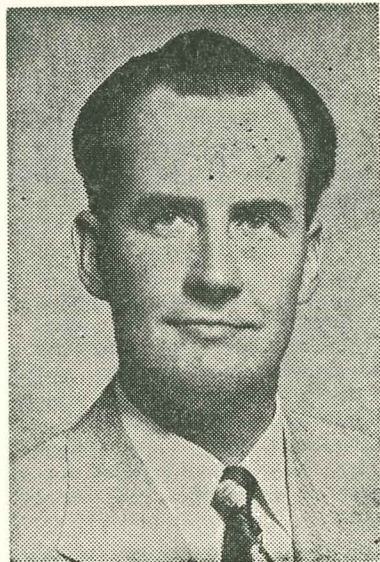
Mr. Dibble was examined relative to his Christian experience concerning which he brought a remarkable testimony. In the recital of his call to the ministry, he told of his previous experience in the field of sacred music and evangelistic singing, of his return to secular employment, being master of ceremonies for two programs on Station WLW, Cincinnati. Through the ministry of Dr. Billy Graham, Mel dedicated his life to the preaching of the Gospel. He is definitely persuaded that the Holy Spirit is calling him to devote his ministry to evangelistic preaching.

Dr. Wayne Todd, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, preached

the ordination sermon. The charge to the candidate was brought by Pastor John Wallace, of Felix Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington. The ordination prayer was offered by Dr. E. Lowell Adams, of Georgetown. Pastor O'Ray Weeks, Porter Memorial Church, presented the Bible. The candidate closed the service with the benediction.

Brother and Mrs. Dibble are members of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and will carry on a ministry of evangelism among churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. Dibble has a busy schedule of evangelistic meetings already mapped out.

Sherman W. Swan Leaves Midway to go to First Church of Paris



Sherman W. Swan

MIDWAY, Ky. — The congregation of the Midway Baptist Church and members of the community honored Pastor and Mrs. Sherman W. Swan, and daughter, Betty, at a farewell reception Sunday night in the church parlors. The affair, which attracted more than 200 persons, was sponsored by the Baptist Supper Club, of which Mr. and Mrs. James Raisor are co-presidents. Beautiful gifts of silver were presented to the Swans by Mr. Raisor on behalf of the congregation. Pastor Charles Bare presented Mr. Swan a gift from the Midway Ministerial Alliance. Presiding at the punch bowls were Mrs. Kenneth Courtney and Mrs. Charles Nave, Jr.

Mr. Swan presented his resignation as pastor of the Midway Church May 24 to accept an unanimous call to the First Baptist Church, Paris, Ky. During his pastorate of more than four years at Midway 167 new members united with the church, about 100 of whom were

by baptism. A new educational building was erected in 1950, and all church properties were redecorated. Missionary gifts increased to record amounts.

In a farewell message to the church the retiring pastor emphasized that all the good which has been accomplished was to be attributed to the Lord and the wonderful people of the Midway Church. Mr. and Mrs. Swan have been active in the affairs of the community.

Brother Swan assumed his duties as pastor of the Paris Church Sunday, June 28. Early in July the Swans made their home in the newly purchased parsonage at 1557 High Street, Paris.

James Peyton, Senior at Georgetown, Honored by University of Arkansas

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — Jim Peyton, Georgetown College senior, has been granted an assistantship in the English Department of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark. He will continue his studies, working in the graduate school of that university toward the degree of Master of Arts.

Mr. Peyton is well known among Kentucky Baptists for his leading role in "Job," the religious drama produced by the Georgetown College Maskrafters. He also played major roles in other dramatic productions of Georgetown's Speech Department, including "The Heiress," produced this spring.

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Y. W. A. Camp at Bethel Baptist Encampment

COVINGTON, Ky. — Miss Mary Gould, returned missionary from Thailand, was the main speaker for the Y.W.A. Camp which was held June 26-28 at Bethel Baptist Encampment, Covington, Kentucky.

The program was under the leadership of Miss Marilyn Hartig, Associational Y.W.A. Council President.

The theme, "One World, One Christ" was carried out through the entire program.

Miss Beulah Wingo, State Young People's Secretary led in the Morning Watch Services. Miss Jane Kent of Louisville was the Sunday school teacher. Rev. Joe Canzoneri, pastor of the Bullittsburg Baptist Church, was camp pastor and conducted the dedication service on Saturday evening. Mrs. Joe Canzoneri taught the mission study book, "My World Too." Miss Joyce Bandy, Campbellsville College, was in charge of recreation. Miss Maureen Riley of First Baptist Church, Covington assisted by Miss Pat Shelton of Latonia Baptist Church, led in the music. The members of the Y.W.A. of the First Baptist Church, Covington were in

charge of the banquet which was held Saturday evening.

There were some forty Y.W.A. members and their counselors who attended. Mrs. Darrell Richardson, Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, is Associational Y.W.A. Counselor.

Girl's Auxiliary Coronation Held in Ludlow Church

LUDLOW, Ky. — A Girl's Auxiliary coronation service, "Advancing in Love," was held recently at the First Baptist Church of Ludlow, at which time a number were recognized.

Miss Nancy Young was crowned queen and her flower-girl was little Miss Vickie Mullins. Douglas Peeno was crown bearer.

Misses Joyce Haynes, Barbara Baugh, Carole Houpp, Laverne Young, Betty Turner, Marcia Padgett became maidens. Ruby Snelson and Fay Kidder were ladies-in-waiting, and Nancy Hammons and Shirley Snelson were candle-lighters. Beverly Plunkett was made a princess.

Mrs. Labon Faulcomer, Young People's Director, presented the emblems, gave the charges and crowned the queen. Royal Ambassadors assisting in the

service were: Jimmy Young, Herald; Eddie Haynes, Lights; and Billy Hammons, Johnny Baugh, Claude Fightmaster and Tommy Silcox, ushers.

Mr. Tom Cole, music director of Latonia Church, rendered special music, "The Love of God," accompanied by Mrs. Clarence Peeno. The program was directed by Mrs. A. H. Hopperton, superintendent of North Bend Association, assisted by G. A. leaders—Misses Helen Poynter, Shirley Delk and Mrs. LeRoy Silcox. Mrs. Charles Haynes, R. A. leader, also cooperated to make it a success. Rev. Joe Waltz had the benediction.—Darrell C. Richardson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JULY 12, 1953

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Seven Hills	87	205
Third	284	932
Paducah, First	127	564
Immanuel	134	557
Trinity	90	261
Twelfth Street	---	318
Paintsville, First	60	299
Pikeville	---	231
Princeton, North Side	---	205
Second	122	234
First	102	---
Russellville, First	---	372
Somerset, First	---	675
Pleasant Hill No. 2	67	211
Sonora	96	250
Springfield	---	404
Stanford	112	270
Sturgis, First	---	237
Versailles	95	360
Whitesburg, First	---	419
Williamsburg, First	49	423
Willisburg	94	352
Winchester, Central	95	460
First	128	400

To The Women of Kentucky

BLACKBERRIES ARE RIPE!

All over Kentucky blackberries are hanging thick on the bushes. A favorite dessert of the nearly two hundred children at Spring Meadows is juicy red blackberry cobbler, hot from the oven. While you are canning your own berries, please can an extra jar or two for our children. Remember them again when peaches, pears, and apples are in season, for all these fruits are an essential part of their diet.

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New Bulletin Board of Gethsemane Church, Danville



Mr. J. B. Henson, a faithful member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church of Danville, Kentucky, whose wife passed away recently, is responsible for the beautiful bulletin board which was erected in her memory. Pastor Roy E. Huston and the congregation have expressed deep appreciation of this memorial and the consistent stewardship of their Christian lives which Mr. Henson and the late Mrs. Mary Henson have manifested in their midst.

Franklin's First Church Purchases Additional Ground For Future Use

FRANKLIN, Ky. — The congregation of the First Baptist Church purchased the Gooch lot on West Cedar and High Streets, Redmon Payne, chairman of the purchasing committee announced today. The deed was recorded Monday.

Price of the lot was \$11,000, Payne said. It was bought from the Church of Christ Foundation Inc., of Nashville. Agent in the sale was W. C. Grainger, local realty dealer.

A three-member, fund-raising committee, E. L. Gillespie, chairman, Mrs. Ottis Jackson, and Dr. C. M. Martin, with the aide of several members of the church raised the \$11,000 in about 90 days.

Beside Payne, on the committee which

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negotiated the purchase were Ed Dunn and Harris Pepper.

"There is no plan for building right now," said Chairman Payne. "However, it is planned sometime in the future."

A special building fund which the church has been setting aside and adding to over a period of years is well along, Mr. Payne said.—Clipping, Franklin Favorite.

Revival and Vacation Bible School Held at The Columbia Church

COLUMBIA, Ky., July 1. — The Columbia Baptist Church had a fruitful Bible School and revival recently with 215 on the roll and an average daily attendance of 179. Pastor A. H. Phillips directed the Bible School and was the evangelist for the revival. Brother George Sistrunk, Louisville, very acceptably and effectively took charge of the congregational singing, and rendered a number of solos.

The evening sermons were recorded

and broadcast on the local Station WAIN at 6 p. m. each day following. This proved beneficial.

The church received 23 new members, 20 of these being by baptism.

The Columbia Church has been thriving and has had well over 100 increases during the past twelve months.

Gleanings

►The entire back page of the June 28 bulletin of the Lexington Avenue Church, Danville, Kentucky, was devoted to testimonies by the church officers for the fine services rendered by Dr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Couey during their years with them. Also several of them speak of the work of Mrs. Poin-dexter, mother of Mrs. Couey, who resides with them. Dr. Couey and his family have now moved to Carrollton, Kentucky, where he has become pastor of the First Baptist Church.

►The Executive Board of the Liberty Baptist Association, in Southern Kentucky, has passed resolutions regarding the departure of Dr. Bradford Curry from their midst, going from the pastorate of the Glasgow Baptist Church to the Shively Baptist Church, in Long Run Association. The resolutions speak in highest terms of his leadership among them in all phases of their denominational work, and express their keen loss in his going. The paper is signed by the committee, composed of Mitchell Ellis, Glasgow, and Joseph Martin, attorney, Edmonton, Ky.

►The West Main Street Baptist Mission of Bowling Green held a successful Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 95 and an average daily attendance of 65. The faculty consisted of Dr. Charles B. Stovall, pastor; Harold V. Moore, principal; Joe Allen Smith, superintendent of Junior boys; Mrs. Herbert Cobb, superintendent Junior Girls; Mrs. Campbell Lockhart, superintendent Primaries; Mrs. Albert Lewis, superintendent Beginners; Charleen Jones, superintendent Nurse; Billie Medley, pianist; Mrs. Wilbur Sprouse, Jr., and Mrs. Lewie Lightfoot, refreshments. Other workers included Patricia Moore, Mrs. Wilson Davis, Linda Scantland and Glenda Cobb.—The Builder.

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Eight-Day Rural Church Program at Crooked Creek Church



Crooked Creek Baptist Church (Ohio River Association) of which Rev. Travis Terrell is pastor, more than doubled its Sunday school attendance on the last Sunday of an Eight-Day Rural Church Program which was conducted there recently by G. R. Pendergraph.

Tom Bray Becomes Full-Time Pastor of Sugar Grove Baptist Church

OWENSBORO, Ky. — The Sugar Grove Baptist Church of Masonville, Kentucky, located ten miles southeast of Owensboro, Kentucky, on U. S. Highway 231, in Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, entertained with a reception in honor of its first resident pastor, Rev. Tom Bray and his bride, the former Miss Barbara Birt, of Greenwood, Mississippi, June 13. Rev. and Mrs. Bray were married June 2 in Greenwood.

The invocation was given by Rev. D. Arthur Dailey, a former field secretary of the association. Welcoming speeches were made by Lawrence Lashbrook, church treasurer, Rev. Denzil Probus, moderator of the association, and Carroll Burton, superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Jimmie Yeiser, teacher of one of the young men's classes, was master of ceremonies. Special music was provided by individuals who are members of the church choir and training union. A maroon, leather upholstered chair and ottoman, a gift from the Sunday school, was presented to the pastor and his wife. Refreshments were served on the church lawn to members and friends.

Sugar Grove was organized May 25, 1861, (92 years ago), with 47 members. It has grown during that time from quarter-time, to half, and then full-time church.

This church is worshipping in the

oldest meeting house in the association. It was erected in the years 1860-1861. At the present time a basement is being dug to provide additional rooms.

Brother Tom has served as supply, then student pastor since the fall of 1952 while attending the Southern Seminary where he received his Th.M. degree. He accepted the call as resident pastor May 10, 1953.

The church has a membership of 195, an average attendance in Sunday school of about 100 and about 60 enrolled in



Pastor and Mrs. Tom Bray

Training Union. A church owned bus is a valuable asset and we feel a much greater service can and will be done for the Lord by having a resident pastor.

Dr. Oscar Flener, Bethel College Trustee, Dies

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Dr. Oscar Flener, Trustee of Bethel College for more than twenty-five years, and Vice-president of the Board, was called to be with his Lord, June 20, 1953. Dr. Flener had practiced dentistry in Hopkinsville since 1916. He was born in Ohio County and practiced in Beaver Dam and Russellville. He loved Bethel College and was a liberal giver and staunch supporter for many years. He rejoiced at the recent \$30,000 bequest to Bethel and longed for someone to give the college a million dollars.

Dr. Flener has served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville since 1917. He loved his church and always supported his pastor. He believed in Christian Education and gave liberally of his time to the college and to his church. His life was a beautiful exhibit of Christianity practiced in every day life.

Dr. W. Edwin Richardson, President of Bethel College, says Dr. Flener will be missed at the college in many ways. He never failed to respond when called on for anything. Truly he was a good man.

Dr. W. A. Sloan, who has been a teacher with the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School, Pineville, Kentucky, has been elected president of the West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute, and has accepted. He moved to Clinton, Kentucky, July 1. He taught four years in the Florida Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla. He is an A. B. and A. M. graduate of Colgate University and has a Th.M. from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and a Th.D. from Southern Seminary. He was pastor of Prospect Hill Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, twelve years, and in Tampa, Florida. He succeeds Rev. Harry Harp, who has been part time president for two years while pastor at Bardwell, Kentucky at the same time.

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By H C. Chiles

The Christian Home

Colossians 3:12-24

Beneath the superficial distinctions of race, culture and station, all have the same basic needs and yearnings. Before God and in Christ we are redeemed by the blood, saved by grace through faith, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and kept by the power of God. Being in Christ, we enjoy the same blessed privileges. "Christ is all." There is no salvation apart from Him. So far as the Christian's life is concerned, Christ is its source, its sustenance, its sphere, its satisfaction, and its security. He is adequate for the countless needs of every believer in Him.

I. PERSONAL RELIGION (Colossians 3:12-17)

In verses eight to eleven of this chapter Paul enumerated various vices, which should be avoided by all Christians. After telling the Colossian Christians to "put off all these," Paul exhorts them to "put on" various virtues: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, forbearance, and forgiveness. It is noteworthy that so much prominence is given to forbearance and forgiveness. But, ever remember that it is God's grace which enables a Christian to forbear with those who disagree with him and to forgive those who have done him injury. The outer garment, which is to cover all of these beautiful and precious virtues and hold them together, is love, "the bond of perfectness." Love binds all of these excellences together.

It is clear that there is such a thing as a Christian wardrobe. Before these new garments are to be worn, there are some old ones that must be removed. It is lamentable to see a Christian attempting to wear the new garments over the old ones. Such a procedure on the part of any professed Christian is most unsatisfactory and very undesirable.

These virtues, which Paul enumerated, are to be displayed as one displays the garments which he wears. The believer in Christ is to be clothed with them, not only in private but also when he is seen mingling with others. The Christlike way of living should always appear in those who are hid with Him in God. Instead of permitting their old master to dominate them, Christians should let Christ control their lives. The enthronement of Christ in His rightful place, as the Lord of the life, will enable a Christian to perform his duties acceptably and effectively.

Christ's legacy of peace is the most precious of gifts, an inheritance which

the world can neither give nor take away. It is independent of outward circumstances. Spiritual peace is based on a conscious fellowship with God, and it results in an absolute trust in Him that whatever life may bring it is for the best interests of those who trust in the Lord. Peace must be allowed to arbitrate in all spheres of the life of a Christian. What a blessing that peace prevails among those who are at peace with God!

Paul admonishes the cultivation of a thankful spirit. Such a spirit pleases the Lord, enriches the lives of those who observe it, and greatly benefits those who possess it. Thanksgiving is one of the most beautiful things that grows in the soil of the human soul. It is a duty incumbent upon all to render thanksgiving unto God for mercies received and blessings enjoyed. Let us thank Him with the gratitude of our hearts, with the praise of our lips, and by the obedience of our lives for our material blessings, our physical blessings, and our spiritual blessings.

In concluding this great passage on victorious Christian living, Paul called special attention to the word and the name of Christ. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; . . . And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." This "word" not only refers to what Christ said, but it includes the entire body of truth concerning the Lord Jesus, as found in the Scriptures. It is right and best that we let this "word" dwell in us as a permanent resident to influence and to control our lives. Every Christian must ever remember his vital relationship with Christ. Everything in the life must be related to Him. All that the child of God says and does should be in the name of Christ and for His glory. The supreme purpose of all Christian living, working and praising should be that the Lord Himself may be honored and glorified.

II. PRACTICAL RELATIONSHIPS (Colossians 3:18-24)

1. Husbands and wives. Verses 18-19.

It is the will of God that the wife be in submission to her husband. Blessed indeed is the wife who fills her God-ordained place, and, instead of usurping her husband's place as head of the household, faithfully works with him for the glory of the Lord. God's will is that husbands shall love their wives.

Blessed is the husband who, instead of being dictatorial, proves himself to be a kind, worthy, loving and devoted companion. His obligations are certainly as great or greater than those of his wife.

2. Parents and children. Verses 20-21.

Children are the pride and joy of any normal family. God's Word plainly teaches that children are to obey their parents promptly and cheerfully. Those who do so please the Lord, honor their parents, and bring credit upon themselves.

3. Masters and servants. Verses 22-24.

God's Word teaches that servants are to be obedient to their masters, and masters are to be considerate with their servants. How different things would be today in these and in kindred relationships if both parties were only governed by Christian principles!

Florida's Pastor Kelva Moore Added to New Orleans Seminary Faculty

Dr. Kelva Moore, 34, pastor of the Brownsville Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, will become a member of the faculty of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, beginning September 1, 1953, according to an announcement from Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President.

Dr. Moore will hold the position of Assistant Professor in the School of Religious Education.

Dr. Moore is a graduate of Clarke Memorial College and holds the B.A. degree from Mississippi College. He has earned the Th.M. degree from Southwestern Seminary and both the M.R.E. and the Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He taught in high school for one year and served as Fellow and Tutor with Dr. J. M. Price, Jr., in the New Orleans Seminary School of Religious Education for three years.

Mrs. Moore is the former Betty Ruth Irby of Quitman, Miss. She holds the B. S. degree from Mississippi State College for Women and the M.R.E. from Southwestern Seminary. They have three children, Betty Jane, 7; James Walter, 4; and Rose Mary, 5 months.

"The more I think of going to the Seminary to teach, the greater thrill it becomes," said Dr. Moore.

►Forty thousand Methodists celebrated the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of their denomination, at a stirring out-door mass-meeting at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field June 28. Some thirty Methodist bishops and 6,000 visiting delegates from throughout the Americas and abroad took part in the meeting. One thousand new members were received at the outdoor service, which launched an evangelistic drive to "win 250,000 more members to Methodism."

New Children's Home in Eastern Kentucky Soon to be a Reality

By SAM ED BRADLEY, Superintendent of Spring Meadows Middletown, Kentucky

The Children's Commission has selected Morehead as the location of the new eastern Kentucky Home, and their selection has been approved by the Executive Committee of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky's Executive Board. The Spring Meadows Executive Committee accepted their decision and has purchased a building site. Plans are being made for the new buildings and construction is expected to get under way in September. With good weather this winter, the new Home should be ready to receive children by this time next year.

The 1950 meeting of the General Association at Murray instructed the Children's Commission to select the location of the new Home when sufficient funds were available to start construction, their selection to be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the State Board and Spring Meadows which was instructed to build and operate the new Home.

We congratulate the Children's Commission on the wisdom of their choice. It was not an easy decision to make. Ashland, Paintsville, West Liberty, London and Corbin were all anxious to have the new Home located in their respective communities. Local committees worked diligently and well to locate suitable building sites. Each locality had certain advantages. Unfortunately, the Home could not be located in ALL the places desiring it. We believe the attitude of all the pastors and leaders who are disappointed in the Home not coming to their community will be that of a pastor whose city had, perhaps, most to offer in the way of financial support. He said, "We are not going to use any pressure. We believe our location is ideal and we will do all we can to help you locate here, but we are not selfish, and if the Children's Commission feels the Home should be located elsewhere we will work just as hard for its establishment and as faithfully for its successful operation."

Morehead was selected because of several factors. It is ideally located to serve the Ohio River, Licking River and Big Sandy River Valleys. Excellent highways make it readily accessible to all sections of eastern Kentucky. It is in a region where it will not have to compete with long established Children's Homes for local support. It is in a section of our state which does not have any Baptist institutions. Wholesale markets are there to meet requirement. A strong Baptist Student Union at Morehead State College, located in Morehead, can give

valuable assistance in the religious and moral program of the Home.

The location of Morehead State College so near the new Home will be a distinct advantage. Many programs, events and athletic contests will be open to our children. Many of the 1,000 students in the college are Baptists, or are Baptist inclined. They will have valuable contracts with the Home and thus get a vision of the work of Kentucky Baptists in their missionary and benevolent programs.

The Building Site

Spring Meadows has purchased the 125 acre site selected by the Children's Commission and we are busy making building plans. The building site lies on Ky. 32 (Flemingsburg Road) just outside Morehead. The tract fronts on the highway for more than a quarter of a mile. The buildings will be located on a ridge about 800 feet from the highway. They will have a commanding view of the highway which curves in toward the property. A heavily wooded mountain borders the tract on the south, North Fork of Triplets Creek being a short distance away on the north. A magnificent panorama of mountains and valleys lies to the east. A small mountain stream traverses the property between the hill on which the buildings will be located and the highway.

There are two small lakes on the property, most of which is in excellent grass. There is a 25-acre wooded tract at the rear of the property.

One of the factors governing the selection of this particular tract of land was the availability of natural gas from a 26-inch transmission line which crosses our property.

Spring Meadows, which will operate the new Home, welcomes this opportunity to expand its program of child care. Once again we re-affirm our goal—"to provide good care to the greatest possible number of homeless children on behalf of Kentucky Baptists and in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The Blewers Help Pastor Shirley DeBell in Vacation School at Salysville

SALYERSVILLE, Ky., June 17. — The First Baptist Church here conducted a Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 121, and an average attendance of 79. A splendid spirit prevailed through the school. Brother and

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Mrs. L. A. Blewer assisted Pastor Shirley W. DeBell and his fellow-workers in the school. Brother and Mrs. Blewer are students in the Southern Seminary, Louisville, and are employed as summer workers for Kentucky Baptists.

There were two professions of faith in the school and eight received by letter since February.

Eight-Months Old Rockhouse Church Conducts Two Vacation Schools

HYDEN, Ky. — The Rockhouse Baptist Church here has just completed a two-weeks Vacation Bible School. The enrollment at this school reached 105, with an average attendance of 72. The record attendance was 87.

In addition to this school, the Rockhouse Church sponsored a mission school at Bobs Fork. The enrollment at that school reached 101, with an average attendance of 67.

The Bible school at Rockhouse was climaxed on Friday night with a program at the church presented by the children, and with a picnic on Saturday at Beech Fork. Some 110 boys and girls from the two schools along with the Bible school workers enjoyed this outing. There was plenty of food, fun and fellowship for everyone.

The Rockhouse Church was organized November 8, 1952, with 12 charter members. Since that date the church has received 6 members by letter, 5 by baptism, and has 2 candidates ready for baptism. Brother Edward D. Baker is pastor.

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By J. W. STORER

When David wrote verse four of Psalm 27, he stated a truth which should have its appeal to every man as he faces life with its choices; to every Christian who likewise must choose between the good and the best; to every church as it considers where to put the emphasis on the opportunities which confront it. Said he, "ONE THING have I desired." To that one desire everything else was subordinated—and to the realization of that purpose all his many talents must be girded.

If any of us ever gets much out of life, we will have to get down to one thing—that is true of day-by-day living. And it is doubly true of the Christian life—concentration will make for power and production, versatility may be attractive for the moment, but it builds no greatness of character nor does it hold aloft one victorious banner.

Here too is found the chief trick of Satan in defrauding the churches. If he can get our people to do the thousand good things, and leave undone the best thing—the carrying out of the Great Commission—he can rest content. Which is my prime interest in underscoring the work of evangelism and adding my plea that we shall give it the proper place in our churches. At once let me say that this is nothing new, neither in concept nor desire; it is, however, not as ardently passed as it should be; all of us will admit that, who have anxiously observed the rapidly developing lines of battle between Prince Emmanuel and the great adversary of our souls.

Sometimes obsessed with fierce flanking skirmishes, we have failed to join the struggle at the point where victory can be won—indeed the only place where anything but an uneasy truce is possible.

The phenomenal growth of Southern Baptists can mean much or little, depending on the quality and Christlikeness of its members. As our churches prepare now for the 1955 Crusade, and it is not too soon to do that, let them have the mind of David, "One thing have I desired of the Lord," in concerted purpose; and let them have no other kind of acceptance of Christ as the Saviour except upon His terms, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Such evangelism will score amazing victories—and will stand the test of that reproach which is sure to come upon those who, scoring any ecclesiastical hobbling, or ill-fitting ecumenical harness, obey His call for sheer love of Him who sent them out to "make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." When there is obedience to that, we can claim the conditioned promise, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Southern Baptists, under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews and acting in concerted purpose, are set to a crusade for souls. I would, with every urgent impulse in my being, call upon our members and the leadership of our denomination to clear the track for this special and primal work, that we as channels of His grace may be used by Him to win, as the Spirit shall direct, lost men and women, boys and girls to own Jesus as Lord and Master. To that end, "One thing have I desired;"

"Thee I can love, and Thee alone,
With pure delight and inward bliss;
To know Thou tak'st me for Thine own,
O what a happiness is this!
Nothing on earth do I desire,
But Thy pure love within my breast;
This, only this will I require,
And freely give up all the rest."



The above map shows the three distinct divisions, with the exception of Alaska, and the dates of each for the simultaneous revival crusade in 1955, following in the wake of "A Million More in '54."

Southern Baptist Hospitals' Ministry Increased in 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Southern Baptists' twenty-six hospitals treated a total of 257,211 patients in 1952, according to J. P. Edmunds, secretary of Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. This is an increase of 12,731 patients over 1951. Total property value of the hospitals is \$66,991,522 with an indebtedness of \$13,953,275.

Baptist hospitals are located in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Texas leads all the states with a total of six, Oklahoma is second with five, Louisiana third with four, and Tennessee follows with three. [Kentucky will soon have three in operation. —Ed.]

Two thousand five hundred and two nurses were in training in twenty of the hospitals last year, and 1,788 were graduated.

They have a bed capacity of 6,801 for whites and 286 for Negroes. Last year 7,397 Negroes were cared for.

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M. Theron Rankin, an Appraisal

By FRANK K. MEANS
Editorial, The Commission

Judged by any standard, M. Theron Rankin was a great man—one of the greatest of his generation. Many will undoubtedly undertake to appraise his life and work.

What is here attempted is not a full-orbed, objective appraisal of the man. Such a comprehensive appraisal was skilfully made by Dr. J. B. Weather- spoon at the funeral. Rather, this is a personal analysis of the traits which made Dr. Rankin great.

Dr. Rankin was a man in whom there was no guile. In dealing with him it was never necessary to "read the small print in the contract," so to speak. One did not have to analyze his words for "hidden" meanings or be suspicious of ulterior motives. He believed others were guileless, too, until he was forced, in some few cases, to believe otherwise.

To a rare degree, Dr. Rankin was gifted as an administrator. He knew how to delegate responsibility, encourage individual initiative, and expect definite results. The *esprit de corps* in the Foreign Mission Board's staff reached a very high level under his leadership. He could be firm, if the occasion demanded, but it was a firmness based upon principle and established policy.

He was devoted to his family, and they were equally as devoted to him. His work, however, required him to be away from them for extended periods of time. The separations seemed to intensify their regard for each other, and homecomings were special events in which they all shared. Home, too, was a place of refuge where burdensome problems could be put aside momentarily and affection and understanding abounded.

Courage was one of Dr. Rankin's chief attributes. Whether he was wrestling with some denominational problem or was being harrassed by some unreasonable critic, he marshaled his facts and

sought to determine what was right. Having reached the decision, he had the courage to support it, even though it might be unpopular to do so.

This side of his character was never more manifest than when the Foreign Mission Board launched the Advance Program. At first, the idea met with suspicion and considerable resistance. Men whom he admired and respected, but who had not thought through the project as carefully as he had, saw "dangers" where he saw "opportunities." He had the courage to maintain his position, and every denominational cause has benefited as a result. In fact, it can be shown that some causes benefited more, percentage-wise, from the Advance Program than did foreign missions.

Dr. Rankin was a "team player," rather than an individualist. He welcomed newly appointed missionaries into the fellowship of the missionary family. The home office staff functioned as a well-disciplined team, each with his own duties, but each person understood that his duties were vitally related to the total task.

That same team spirit carried over into denominational affairs. He may have deplored the fact that so little of the "collection plate dollar" found its way to the Foreign Mission Board, but he believed strongly in the Cooperative Program. There were some who thought the Advance Program should be financed by means of special offerings, but Dr. Rankin, with scarcely a moment's hesitation, arose to his feet in the meeting of the Executive Committee and expressed his conviction that it should be financed through the Cooperative Program.

There is no accounting for Theron Rankin apart from an experience of grace in which he surrendered himself unconditionally to the will of God. The simplicity of his faith was almost startling at times, especially when one remembered that an alert and inquiring mind was part of his spiritual equipment.

Basic to the whole life of M. Theron Rankin was an awareness of God's eternal purpose. He did not think exclusively of what was immediately ahead in Southern Baptists' program of world missions. He thought instead in terms of God's purpose to redeem lost humanity. The triumphant consummation of God's redemptive program was to him an absolute certainty. His one concern was that Southern Baptists would have a worthy part in it.

These are the traits and qualities

which, in the opinion of the writer, made Dr. Rankin great. The same God who saw fit to remove him from among us can be trusted to lead us on unerringly into the future, but how we shall miss him!

Supreme Court Decides Church and State Issue

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Word has been received from POAU's state affiliate, "The Missouri Association for Free Public Schools," that on June 8, 1953, the Missouri Supreme County handed down two important opinions on Church State separation.

In the Franklin County case, initiated by POAU's Association, the court held that nuns could not teach in public schools nor could public schools be conducted on church property.

In the Scott County case the court held that school funds could not be used to transport children to private or parochial schools.

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Taylorsville Church Looks Back Upon 125 Years of its Illustrious History

The 125th anniversary of the Taylorsville Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Ky., was observed Sunday, July 5. Pastor W. Henry Crouch had with him on that occasion a former pastor—Dr. Carlton S. Prickett, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, North Carolina—who spoke at the morning and afternoon services. In addition to the local members, many former members and friends were present for the occasion.

The original building of the Taylorsville Baptist Church looked much like a one-story residence with two dormer windows above, and was called the Baptist Meeting House. It was erected in 1830.

However, for two years before they had a building of their own they met from place to place in the homes of the members. They were organized July 5, 1828, when Brethren William Stout, Francis Davis and John Holland, together with fifteen members formally constituted the church, according to a brief history prepared by Claude Brock, editor of the local newspaper, The Spencer Magnet. William Stout became its first pastor and Caleb Hardesty its first deacon.

"From the beginning, the church was

a member of the Long Run Association, and the clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Association," writes Mr. Brock.

Following Mr. Stout, other early pastors included Henry Thomas, Smith Thomas, and William Vaughn, the last named being one of the important leaders of Baptist work in Kentucky. Next came a pastor with an unusual name who grew up in the nearby Plum Creek Church at Waterford. He was Xerses Xavier Buckner, pastor also at the same time of the Fisherville Church, who was destined in later years to become an important leader of Baptist work in Missouri.

During the Civil War years J. M. Weaver was pastor, and he was destined to fill an important place for a long period of the church in Louisville which now bears his name. He was succeeded by Pastors Alexander Machatt, B. O. Brannah, D. D. Straten, B. F. Hungerford, W. A. Forbes, J. T. Tabler, B. F. Hungerford again, J. S. Gatton and Fred D. Hale. J. A. Booth had longest service—29 years—from 1885 to 1904.

Chesterfield Turner was succeeded in 1920 by A. Mack Parrish, and it was during his pastorate that the church ob-

served its centennial in 1928. Carlton S. Prickett came next in 1930 and remained for nearly four years. Then came Claude T. Ammerman, Chester A. Molpus, Walter M. Blackwell, Warner E. Fusselle, John M. Lewis, and now, the present pastor, Brother Crouch.

The 125th anniversary was also used by the church to pay tribute to one of their laymen, Mr. William Roy Stratton, a druggist, who is their oldest living member. He was baptized in nearby Brashear's Creek in 1888, and in the sixty-five years which have followed he has occupied practically every office in the gift of the church.

Feezor Elected Secretary Of Texas Baptists

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — Forrest Feezor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, since 1947, was elected executive secretary of Texas Baptists. Dr. Feezor's decision is not known at this time.

Evidences of poverty are truly pitiful here. For example, the other day we put out our garbage and a few minutes later there were several little boys and girls sorting out the contents of the can, eating what few scraps of food they could find.—Hoke Smith, Jr., missionary to Colombia, in language school in Costa Rica.

Campbellsville College Offers New Services to Kentucky Baptists

1. Extension Division to include international Sunday school lesson and other courses in curriculum beginning with September '53.
2. New department added to the College to provide special course for Ministerial students not enrolled in the College department.
3. Business and Secretarial courses to be offered beginning June 1, 1954 to those desiring only business courses (Three month course and eight month course). The present commerce department will operate and continue as in the past.

Due to the construction of additional housing facilities, the College yet has available a few rooms for the fall semester.

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