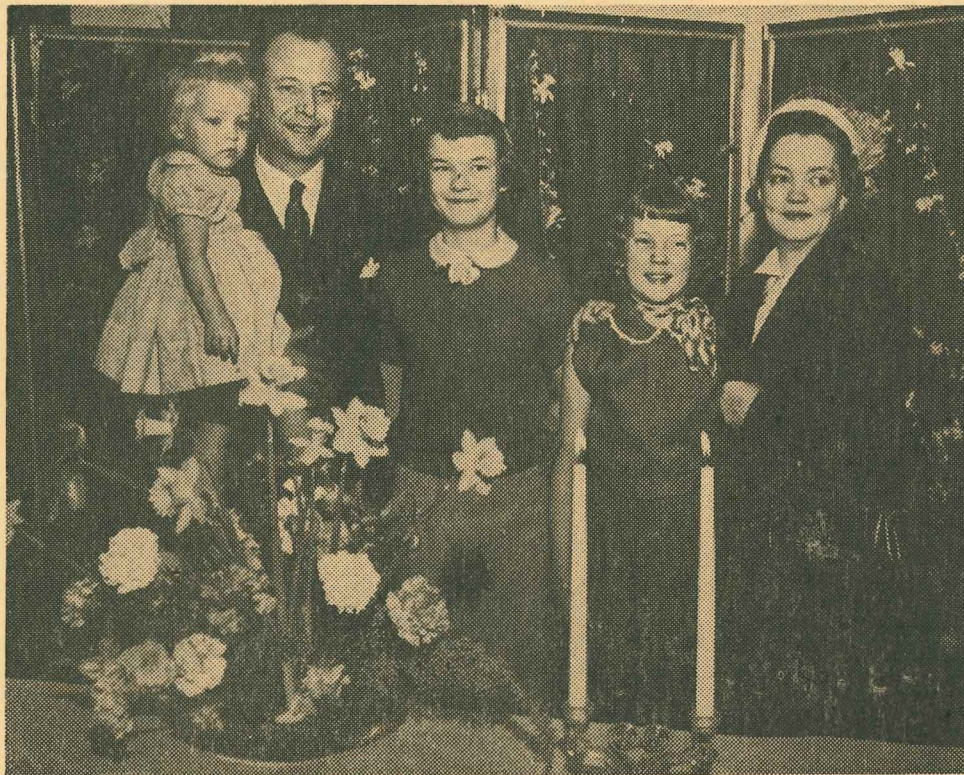


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The Robert James' Family Now in Atlanta



The Robert James family at the reception given in their honor at the Parkland Church, Louisville. Left to right are: (1) High and lifted up above the flowers and the candles, is little Robbie James in the arms of her daddy, (2) Mr. Robert James, (3) Margaret James, (4) Jan James, and (5) Mrs. Robert James.

The Jameses seem to be descending upon Atlanta. It hasn't been so very long since our Miss Grace James, formerly secretary to Dr. W. C. Boone at the office of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, went to the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. And now Parkland's Robert James has gone to Atlanta to be director of education at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, where Dr. Paul James is the pastor.

The people of the Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, on Sunday evening, March 14, gave a reception in honor of the Robert James family. They have been almost four years with the Parkland Church, where Mr. James served as minister of music and education. The church presented to the James family eleven place settings of their china pattern and also gave them a check for \$248.62 as farewell gifts.

"We commend Brother James and his family to you most heartily," wrote Pastor Elwyn N. Wilkinson, of the Parkland Church, to Pastor Paul James at the Atlanta church. "He is a noble yoke-fellow, an untiring worker and a gentle Christian. He is the kind of fellow who will do many, many things he is not expected to do. He is always considerate of the feelings and well-being of others, and his ability to get along with whom he works is unusual—he is a man of sterling character and is dependable in every respect." Continuing, Dr. Wilkinson, said: "Mrs. James and the girls are as lovely as lovely ladies can be. The poor at Tabernacle will love them devotedly and I am sure that they will in turn respond to the love of your people by loving them as they have loved us."

Gleanings From The Field

►Pastor I. H. Ball, Sr., is beginning a revival at Big Springs Baptist Church, near Brandenburg. Pastor William Drago, Franklin Street Church of Louisville, is the evangelist.

►Sarah Eddleman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman, recently underwent surgery at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville. She is improving and is expected to be taken soon to her home, 3029 Lexington Road, Louisville.

►Evangelist Wilburn J. Abbott, of Lewis Lane Baptist Chapel, Owensboro, and Lawrence Owens, music leader, assisted Pastor Harry L. Carter in revival services at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, March 28-April 9.

►Miss Edith Rose Weller, Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil who has been in the States on furlough, is returning to her field of service and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 89, Belem, Para, Brazil. She is a native of Bethlehem, Ky.

►Evangelist Reginald Wall, Decatur, Ga., preached in a revival with Pastor W. F. Bishop at the Belmont Height Church, Tampa, Fla., March 7-19, resulting in 39 professions of faith, 10 transferring membership, and 11 surrendering to full-time Christian service.

►Pastor Hankins F. Parker, of the Highland Church, Louisville, some weeks ago had a case of the mumps. His doctors soon sent him home from the hospital, and he seemed to be doing well. Later other trouble developed and he had to be returned to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. He is home again.

►Dr. James Winston Crawley, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, has been elected secretary to the Orient by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in semiannual full session in Richmond, Va. The post has been vacant since Dr. Baker J. Cauthen became executive secretary January 1.

►Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon, 626 Electra St., Longview, Texas, conducted a revival in the Mobberly Avenue Baptist Church, within five blocks of the evangelist's home. Pastor C. L. Porter reports 118 additions to the church during the revival; 75 by baptism and 43 by letter and statement.

►Pastor LaVerne Butler, Keck Avenue Church, Evansville, Ind. assisted Pastor Thomas H. Gordon in a revival at the First Baptist Church, Liberty, Ky., March 8-17. The meetings resulted in 31 for baptism and several for dedication. There have been 40 professions of faith and 5 received by transfer of letters since Brother Gordon went there the first of the year.

►The First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, recently ordained three new deacons. They are Brethren Tandy Faxon, Albert Ray Douglas, and Marvin Cole. Their ordination took place at the evening worship service on January 17. Mr. Bob Feather, minister of education, was in charge of interrogation. Reverend Charles Smith, pastor

of the Oakland Baptist Church, gave the charge and Pastor H. Franklin Paschall preached the ordination sermon.

►Rev. Pete Steelman, Ocean Springs, Miss., brother in the flesh, was the evangelist assisting Pastor Allen Steelman in the last two revival meetings at the Tompkinsville Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, Ky. There have been 52 additions in the 14 months the present pastor has been there. A study course of the Training Union Manual has been completed with an enrollment of 94. At the conclusion of the study course the Training Union enrollment reached 135, with 96 present. Cecil Butler is director.

►The Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, held its first recognition service for the R. A.'s and G.A.'s, February 24. Eight girls were recognized as maidens: Marilyn Vire, Fern Garner, Betty McCutchen, Mary Pelson, Alice Huffaker, Phyllis Vire, Betty Gehring and Janet Gehring. Three boys were recognized as pages: Kenneth Kennedy, Keith Ramsey and Kenneth Ramsey. Garvel Kendrick was recognized as squire. The service, under the direction of Pastor and Mrs. Randolph, brought high appraisal from all who were present.

►Brother Hobert Blair was ordained as a deacon of Clearfork Baptist Church, Eli, in Russell County, March 7. Participating in the ordination were George Gaddie and Charles Warren, Salem; Drewer Meece, Jr., Friendship; Leo Chrisman, Fairview; and Deacons Ottis Flanagan, Jamestown; Guy Owens, Dallas Wade and Angelo Wade, Fairview; Otho Blair, J. K. Butcher and Leslie Johnson, Clearfork. Charles A. Korbe, a student in Campbellsville College, is pastor at Clearfork.

►A joint service was recently held by the Rolling Fork and Mt. Gilboa Baptist Churches, in the East Lynn Association, at which time Brethren Harlan Caulk, Joe Caulk, Edwin Parrott and Wesley Parrott of Mt. Gilboa Church, and Brother Edward Fields of Rolling Fork were ordained as deacons. Pastor E. T. Wright, Jr., of both churches, served as moderator. Carl Loy preached the ordination sermon. Assisting also were Abraham Berry, B. D. Settles, and the deacons of sister churches.

►The Annual Religious Emphasis Week has just closed at Magoffin Baptist Institute with 25 decisions. A spirit of revival prevailed for several weeks prior to the meeting and many professions had already been made. Rev. Leo Jenkins, of Birmingham, did the preaching. From the beginning of the meeting the building was completely packed for each service. A number of people rode mule back for as much as ten miles to attend the services. During the week the evangelist was able to visit and preach in each place where Magoffin Institute sponsors mission services.

►Now that the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky., has a new pastor, Brother M. D. Morton, the deacons of that church have passed resolutions of appreciation of the fine labors of Brother

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Lloyd W. Benedict among them as their interim pastor. The document speaks of the "great spiritual and material blessings, such as unity and happiness in the church, many added by profession of faith and otherwise to the membership, large congregations and outstanding offerings enabling the church to pay the last outstanding obligation, and enter the new year with cash balances of more than \$11,000."

►The Long Run Associational W.M.U. will meet at the Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Wednesday, April 28, from 10:00 to 2:00 o'clock. An associational missions program will be held at the morning hour, at which time Pastor Roy L. Puckett will deliver the message, and all workers will be introduced. In the afternoon Paul Sanderson, missionary from Equatorial Brazil, will speak. Mrs. Vern Ferguson will be soloist in the morning, and Pastor B. B. Fletcher will sing in the afternoon. Mrs. Glenn Moore, superintendent of Long Run W. M. U. says that the nursery will be open, and the ladies should bring box lunch. Coffee will be served.

Spurgeon—The Great Gospel Preacher

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[Editorial Note: The following article, found among some of his old papers, was sent us by Dr. Ridout who, for about 30 years, was connected with the *Pentecostal Herald*. The article casts interesting light on Spurgeon. R.T.S.]

The nineteenth century had in it some remarkable preachers both in America and Great Britain. It was the age of Liddon, Parker, Beecher, Simpson, Talmage, and Spurgeon.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon began to preach at the age of sixteen and for forty years he held first place among the great preachers of the world. He preached for thirty-eight years in London.

At the age of nineteen he was called to the London Church (Baptist). The church had declined; about one hundred people made up the audience in a building designed to seat 1,200. "What a boy!!" was the talk of the people when they came out on Sunday morning to hear his first sermon on James 1:17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

An indignant Baptist leader was heard to say to another, "They have invited Charles Spurgeon to London and they are actually going to pay him one hundred and fifty pounds a year." When he came to London it was said of him: "He was unpracticed in the art of oratory, in style plain, practical, simple in manner, rude, bold, egotistical, in theology a deep dyed Calvinist, in church relations an uncompromising Baptist."

Crowds attended his ministry from the first. The church had to be enlarged to 1,800 capacity and often the aisles, as well as the pews, were crowded. Next they had to move from Park Street Chapel to Exeter Hall, then next to Surrey Gardens; finally the great Metropolitan Tabernacle was erected, where his audiences were always 5,000 people and more. Here also his prayer meetings held on Monday nights were attended by 1,000 people. This prayer meeting he called "the big wheel of the church."

First Text

Spurgeon was essentially and emphatically a gospel preacher. His first text as a boy preacher was from I Peter 2:7: "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious." At one of his anniversaries, he said: "Our ministry is a testimony that no new theology is needed to stir the masses and save souls." Spurgeon's voice was marvelous and said to be by one writer "probably the most wonderful voice God ever made."

Spurgeon was not a college graduate but he was a great reader and student.

He had a massive library. He was a voluminous writer; his published books were many; his sermons were translated into many languages and published weekly so that he was the most widely read preacher in all the world.

Methods

His method of pulpit preparation was unique. Let Dr. Theodore Cuyler tell about it in connection with a visit he made to Spurgeon on a Saturday afternoon. They were out in the garden and talked together as they sat in a rustic arbor. "It was six o'clock when we bade him goodbye and he assured us that he had not yet selected even the text for next day's discourses. "I shall go down in the garden presently," said he, "and arrange my morning discourse and choose a text for that in the evening; then tomorrow afternoon before preaching I will make an outline of the second one." "This," said Dr. Cuyler, "is his habit for many years. He never composes a sentence in advance and rarely spends half an hour in laying out a sermon. Constant study fills his mental cask and he has only to turn the spigot and draw."

Never Visited America

Spurgeon never visited America though urged to do so. In 1876 it was rumored that he was coming. The Redpath Lyceum Bureau hearing of it wrote him an offer of one thousand dollars a night for his lectures. He replied that "he never had any idea of leaving home for America for sometime to come. "As I said to you before, if I come I am not a lecturer, nor would I receive money for preaching."

Spurgeon was a Baptist and Calvinist, yet his gospel preaching had the most amazing effect; he received into his church over ten thousand members and his printed sermons it is estimated reached forty million readers; people of all denominations cherished his sermons and his writings. He was an out and out evangelical servant of the church of God.

Uncompromising

Spurgeon was uncompromising in his convictions and never tolerated looseness in theology. He was a great Bible believer. In 1887 he withdrew from the Baptist Union of England because of what he believed to be a defection from some of the cardinal doctrines of evangelical religion and the toleration of a lot of laxity in the Union. In one of

his articles on "The Down Grade Controversy," he said: "The atonement is scouted; the inspiration of the Scriptures is derided; the Holy Spirit is degraded into an influence; the punishment of sin turned into a fiction and the resurrection into a myth." These things indicate that there is scarcely any difference between the "new theology" of our day and that of Spurgeon's. Let us take courage.

Spurgeon never preached the social gospel, so called, but the outcome of his gospel wrought many great social wonders. He and his church were abundant in good works; he carried on an orphanage and many agencies to help the poor; he ran a preachers' college and operated numerous philanthropies. Mr. Chilvers, the present pastor of Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London, tells a grand story of a committee meeting held at the Tabernacle when Mr. Spurgeon was in the chair. They met to consider the pressing financial need of one of the branches of the work. It was felt by all but the chairman that the only thing to do under the circumstances was to pray to God that He should undertake for them in their need. Mr. Spurgeon interrupted with, "Wait a moment, brethren," and, taking a sheet of paper wrote: "C. H. Spurgeon, 50 Pounds," and then passed it round for the other members of the committee to add their names and the amounts they could give. When the paper had been round, the money needed was all promised, and the great man in the chair quietly said, "Now, brethren, we can conscientiously pray."

64 Graduate at Southern Seminary

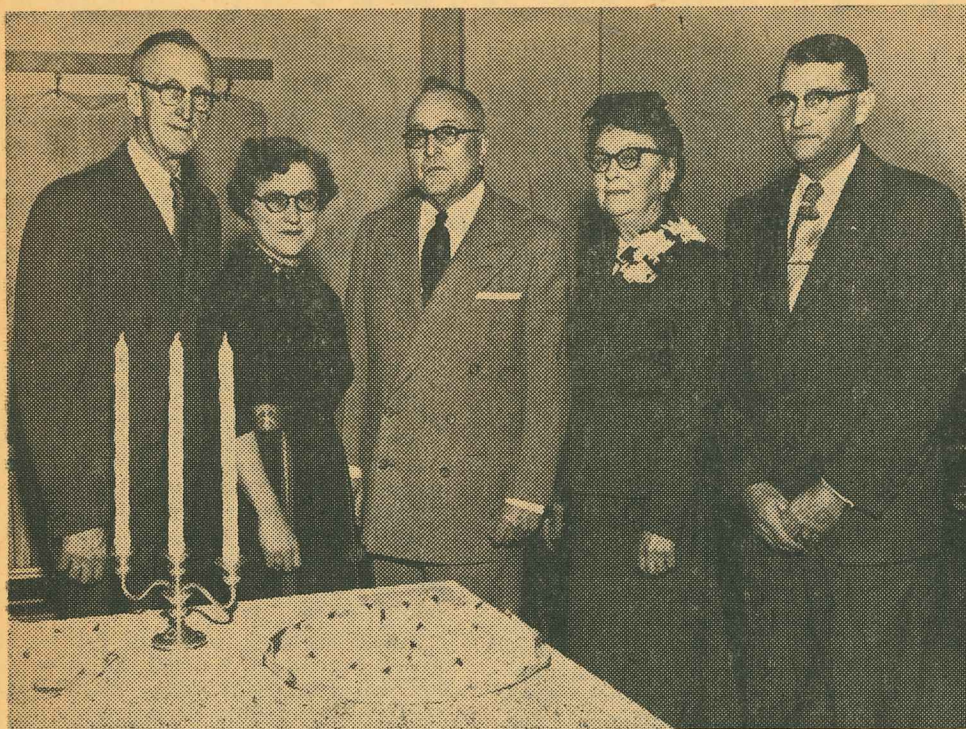
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — Sixty-four students received degrees at Southern Seminary's largest mid-year Convocation at the end of the first semester.

These graduates were replaced by sixty-three new students, which brings the total enrolment for the year to 1,528.

Twenty-three members of the mid-year graduating class received the Doctor of Theology degree, three the Master of Theology, twenty-six the Bachelor of Divinity, one the Bachelor of Divinity in Religious Education, seven the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree.

►Since April 1 Brother P. B. Baldrige has been serving as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Loyall.

"This is Your Life" Program Given to the Bylands



Left to Right: (1) B. A. Boyer, (2) Mrs. Earl Huck, (3 and 4) Pastor and Mrs. Wayne D. Byland, (5) Leonard Combs.

BELLEVUE, Ky. — To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Brother Wayne D. Byland as pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church a This-Is-Your-Life program and reception were held in the church. Many friends and relatives of the minister and his wife attended.

The church has prospered in a wonderful way during the last quarter of a century, both spiritually and financially. Last year a \$90,000 educational building was dedicated. This has on it a bronze plaque with the inscription: "Wayne Byland Annex—Dedicated to God but named for Him Who has worked so Long and Faithful in God's Service."

Also the Young People's Department and Gymnasium were remodeled at an approximate cost of \$15,000.

An average of about sixty new members a year has been recorded on the roll in the past quarter of a century.

The church expressed its appreciation and love for their minister and his wife by presenting them a range and refrigerator. Also, Mrs. Byland was given a necklace and ear rings, and Pastor Byland was presented with sterling cuff links and tie clasp, and, last but not least, an increase of \$50 a month in salary.

Bus Driver Converted On Way to Nashville

No group attending the City Mission Superintendents Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, February 21-24 had a more thrilling experience than the Texas group in winning their bus driver to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Nine city mission superintendents and 18 missions committee members were traveling on a chartered coach from Dallas to Nashville and occupied the time by telling conversion experiences, singing and praying concerning special objects.

The driver, Lloyd Tyler, listened with deep interest. After hearing the testimonies, Mr. Tyler was so impressed that he wanted the group to pray for him. "I have never accepted Christ and have not been in church services for ten years," he said. The testimonies had included the story of how one city superintendent had miraculously escaped death as more than 40 planes were shot

down in one raid during World War II, and how another, a pastor, had been

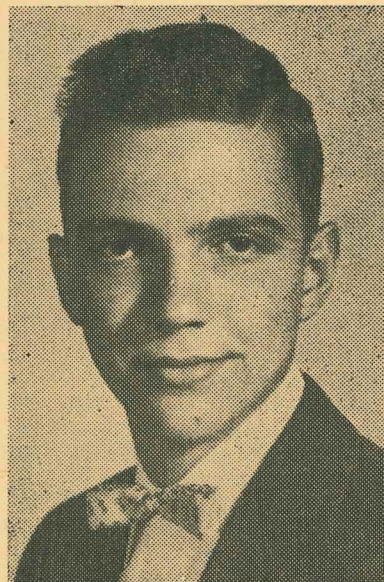


Lloyd Tyler

spared after the sinking of several ships in the convoy taking his group to Europe during the war, and another had been saved after facing the possibility of death in the threat of an oil field explosion.

The bus was parked by the side of the road and all who could knelt in the bus with the driver and during this prayer he accepted Christ as his Saviour. He expressed concern immediately for one of his brothers in one of the cities represented by one of the superintendents aboard the bus. Mr. Tyler, who lives in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, also made the mission tours of the Nashville field and was greatly impressed by the things he saw. He was interested in learning more about the Bible and the way to live the Christian life. He became the closest of friends with all the men on the bus and that experience inspired everyone for the fine program of the conference which followed.—Elmer Dunham, State Superintendent of City Missions, Dallas, Texas.

CORBIN BOY PRESIDING OVER INTERMEDIATES



Harold Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mauney of Corbin, is presiding over the Intermediate sessions of the state Training Union Convention in Madisonville, April 21-23. Harold, 16 year old, has been licensed and ordained to preach the gospel by the Central Baptist Church of Corbin. He is presently engaged in supply work and helping to organize and promote Sunday school and youth activities in Knox, Whitley and Laurel counties.

In addition to his active church participation, Harold has many other interests. He is a member of the A-Cappella Choir and Corbin High School Band; and was chosen to play first flute in the All-State Band, being featured in a duet during its annual concert. He is an announcer for Station WCTT, Corbin; and co-director on the Youth-for-Christ broadcast. He is an active member of the Tri-Hi-Y Club, and has the honor of being elected to serve as Chaplain of the Senate for the 1954 Kentucky Youth Assembly which was held in Frankfort.

►Dr. Wayne Ward, professor of Biblical Theology at the Southern Seminary, preached in a week-end revival with Pastor John T. Bunn at the Midway Baptist Church, resulting in two professions of faith in Christ, two dedications to full time Christian service, fifteen rededications, two by letter. Nineteen of these are members of the newly organized youth choir.

SEEING ANOTHER'S WORLD: We may live in the same world, but each has his *own world* with its peculiar problems and vexations. No two people are exactly alike, nor are their worlds alike.

Experience: No man is wise enough, without experience, to know precisely what he would do and say if he were in another's place; nor will he ever really know until he has for some time seen his brother's world from where his brother sits and under the circumstances in which his brother lives. Of course there is no excuse for doing wrong, no matter what our own "world" may be; but it would help us all to know a little more about the background and circumstance in which others battle every hour.

Ezekiel: An apt illustration is found in Ezekiel 3: 14-16: "So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heart of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me. Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and I remained there astonished seven days. And it came to pass, at the end of the seven days, that the Word of the Lord came unto me . . ." What a difference it made when Ezekiel saw the "word" of those in captivity, through *their eyes!* And after he had seen *their world* and their need and grief, he had something to say that was worth saying.

A World-Need: The whole world is in agony, but so little of the world understands the problems of the rest of the world. There is so little brotherhood because there are so few brothers. Jesus came among us as one of us. He is a Saviour and High Priest who understands us. He is touched with a feeling of our infirmities. Neither the priest nor the levite would have gone by on the other side if there had been understanding, in experience, of the problems of the poor man who fell among thieves. While we try to see the world, let us make certain we see, also, *the other man's "world."* Was there not something of this in what Jesus said? "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them likewise." We need to put ourselves in our brother's place and then ask ourselves: What would our desire and need be? Sitting where others sit would bring infinitely better understanding in the homes, the churches, the community, and the world.

A Teacher Wept: Years ago a great teacher in a seminary rebuked a young ministerial student because he went to sleep in one of his classes. Later the professor thought it would be wise to visit the home of the young man. There in the cramped quarters he found that the student's wife had been seriously ill for days. There were children, crying. The young preacher, for two or three weeks, had been doing the cooking and even the washing and ironing. Then, until far into the nights, he had studied his lessons, getting only three or four hours of sleep. No wonder he had fallen asleep in class! When the good professor knew, he wept and asked the tired student to forgive him. He was "astonished" when he saw another's world. "Bear ye one another's burden, and so fulfill the law of Christ" is a greatly needed rule today. Some say that travel broadens us. It does, if we travel far enough out of ourselves to enter into the heartaches and trials and burdens and crosses of the "world" others face.

William E. Gladstone, then prime minister of England, was working hard on a speech he was to deliver the next day in Parliament. There was no time to lose.

The address was highly important; for great issues were at stake. But as he worked, word came that his neighbor's child was desperately ill, and the parents were in deep grief. They wanted him to come and stand by them. Mr. Gladstone faced the question: Shall I be a good neighbor, or shall I prepare for the address? He laid aside his manuscript and all that night he sat by the side of the sick child, and with his *neighbors.* The next morning he was weary; but there was a new something in his soul. When he finished his address, members of Parliament crowded about him, saying it was the greatest of his life. What he had received during that long night of neighborly vigil poured forth like healing waters. He had gotten under the burden of another, and all England was blessed.

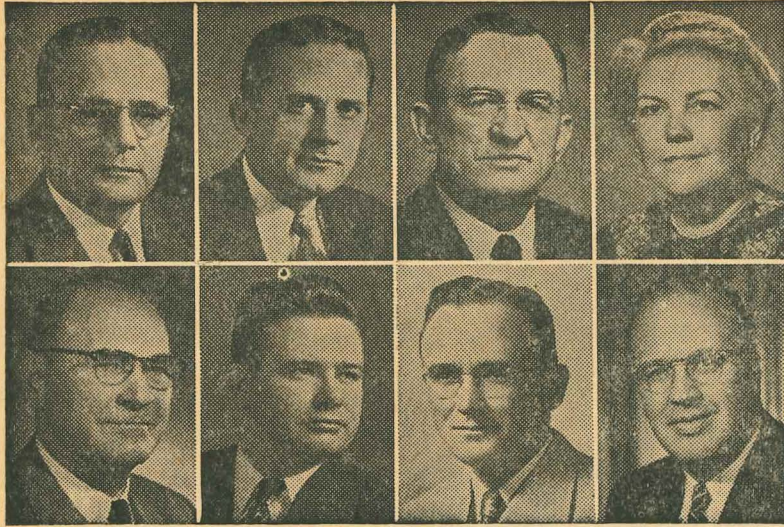
"INSIPID SERMONS": Editor John W. Bradbury, *Watchman-Examiner*, writing under the heading, *Inspid Sermons*, stated in part:

"According to a discussion in *The Christian*, London, England, *The Times* has been publishing letters from the people who are tired of 'insipid sermons' preached in Anglican churches." Dr. Bradbury went on to say: "The British have a way of writing the daily papers when they are aroused. Evidently shallow preaching is a public question in Britain. We wish the people would make it so in the United States. We have far too much poor preaching—if we are to believe the sidewalk complaints and absentee excuses."

Editor Bradbury continued: "Our idea of a good sermon is an inspiring exposition of the challenges of the Word of God, resulting in causing worshippers to be God-conscious. Too many sermons never seem to get any higher than a discussion of 'human problems'—as if those who have them do not know more about them than the preacher."

To a *great extent* Dr. Bradbury is correct. A good deal of insipid preaching has been done both in England and America, though this has not much invaded the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Men sin against their high calling when Christ Himself is not at the center of *every* sermon, when the sermon is not right out of the Book and straight from the heart of God as given the preacher by the Holy Spirit Who guides into all truth. But surely Dr. Bradbury does not overlook the fact that much of the Bible, even the New Testament portion, deals with human problems. If preachers, as Editor Bradbury suggests, "give an inspiring exposition of the challenges of the Word of God," then are they not bound to deal also with human problems? Sermons are insipid only when Christ is left out of them and when He is not preached as the one remedy and solution for the sin problem in any form. The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ offers man a divine Saviour Who died for our sins, Who was buried, Who rose again, Who ascended to the Father as our Mediator, and Who is coming again. But He also tells those who trust Him how to relate themselves to one another in the home, in the church, in the community, and in the world at large. And they are told, moreover, how to deal with the perplexities of life which come to all. And how shall they relate themselves to such problems?—in full confidence in the power of our divine Saviour and Lord! The so-called "social gospel" is no gospel at all; but on the other hand Jesus did not overlook human relationships nor did He fail to offer guidance to His disciples who have difficulties both within and without. With this we think Editor Bradbury and all other followers of Christ will agree.

Speakers for Southern Convention at St. Louis



Speakers on the Southern Baptist Convention and Pastors' Conference program to be held in St. Louis, Mo., May 31-June 5, include upper left: (1) Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., chairman of the Pastors' Conference; (2) Allan Shivers, governor of the State of Texas; (3) Slater A. Murphy, pastor, Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; (4) Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., president of the Woman's Missionary Union; lower left: (5) Sam W. Scantlan, superintendent of rural and city missions, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Okla.; (6) Dale Moody, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; (7) Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; and (8) Oliver R. Shields, pastor, Lafayette Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.—BAPTIST PRESS.

NEIGHBORS

A Message to Roman Catholics—

By Emmett McLoughlin

Emmett McLoughlin was for 14 years a Franciscan priest of the Roman Catholic church, stationed at Phoenix, Arizona. He broke with the church in 1948 and is now superintendent of Memorial Hospital in Phoenix. He is the author of the recently-published book, "People's Padre."

As a boy I was taught that Protestants used every opportunity to persecute Catholics.

I can remember how the O'Briens, the Corrigans and I as youngsters, were frequently scared as we passed the McKinley Public school in Sacramento on our way to St. Francis school.

On the other hand you must admit that Catholics do little to understand Protestants.

I can remember my sister speaking of a girl down the street, "She's a nice girl—even though she's not a Catholic."

Since I left the Catholic priesthood I have had thousands of letters from Catholics telling me that Protestants are not to be trusted and that they are all religious bigots.

On January 21, 1954, the Knights of Columbus in Washington, D. C., issued a statement against me saying, "We are certain that fair minded non-Catholics will repudiate his exploiters. . . ." The leader of those "exploiters" was Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, a Baptist and a fine God-loving, Christian gentleman.

Isn't this attitude of mutual suspicion and distrust a rather stupid thing for intelligent Americans? Why does it exist between Catholics and Protestants? Why doesn't it exist between Baptists

and Methodists? Or between Episcopalians and Lutherans? Whose fault is it? Your hierarchy, your priests and bis-

Goes to Radio Commission



A. L. Cox

Pastor A. L. Cox, First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Ill., has been named public service director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Director Paul M. Stevens. He will contact radio and television stations in the promotion of The Baptist Hour. Cox originated a local Baptist Hour in Harrisburg, Ill., 23 years ago, and it is still on the air.

hops, do not want you to associate with Protestants. You are forbidden to join your Baptist neighbors in a church service, a wedding, a funeral, a religious discussion or even an annual brotherhood meeting.

The Vatican ruled on June 5, 1948, "Catholics are not allowed, without permission of the Holy See, to engage in public discussion on matters of faith, especially at inter-denominational meetings. They are not even allowed to be present at them." (Moral and Pastoral Theology, Henry Davis, S. J., page 29).

How can such exclusiveness promote good American neighborliness?

Be a neighbor to your neighbor, even if he is a Protestant. Shouldn't we all be Americans, and then Baptists or Lutherans or Catholics?

You, as a Roman Catholic, have no concept of the richness of true "fellowship" that you can enjoy, if you live together not only as physical neighbors but also as "spiritual neighbors."

►Pastor Y. E. Holland resigned his work with the Second Baptist Church of Marion, effective April 18, after serving there nine years. The work prospered greatly under his leadership. He is now available for other work.

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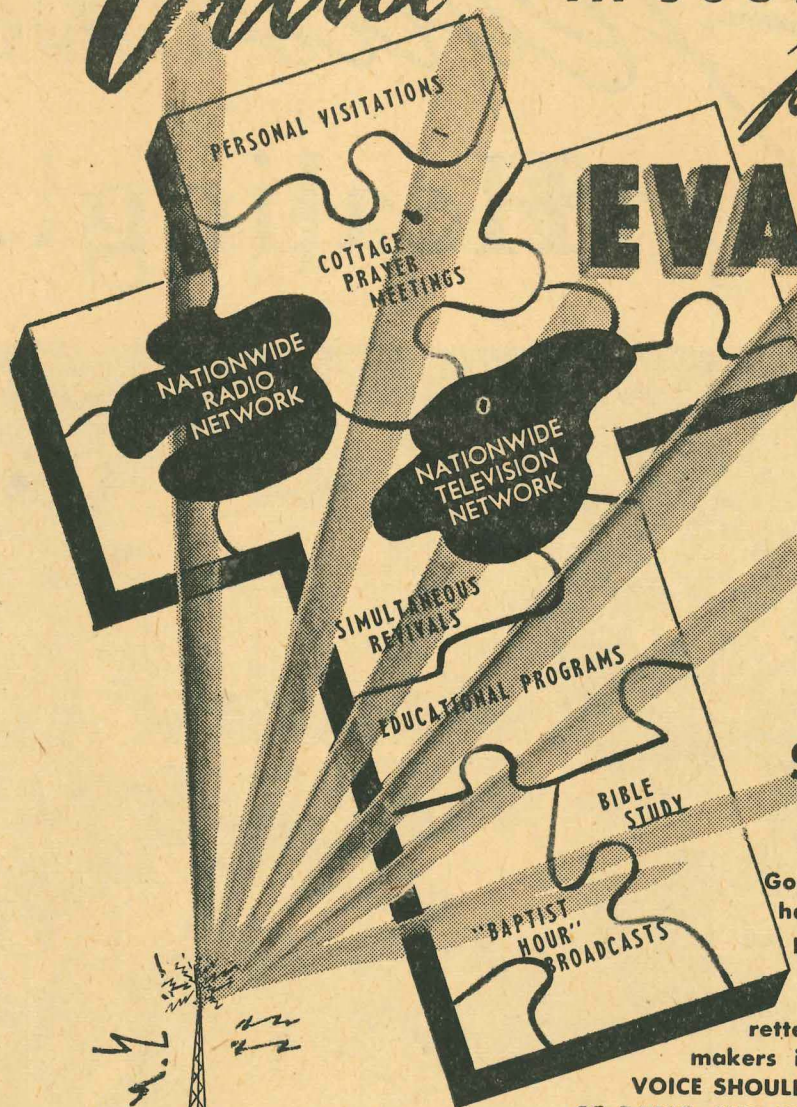
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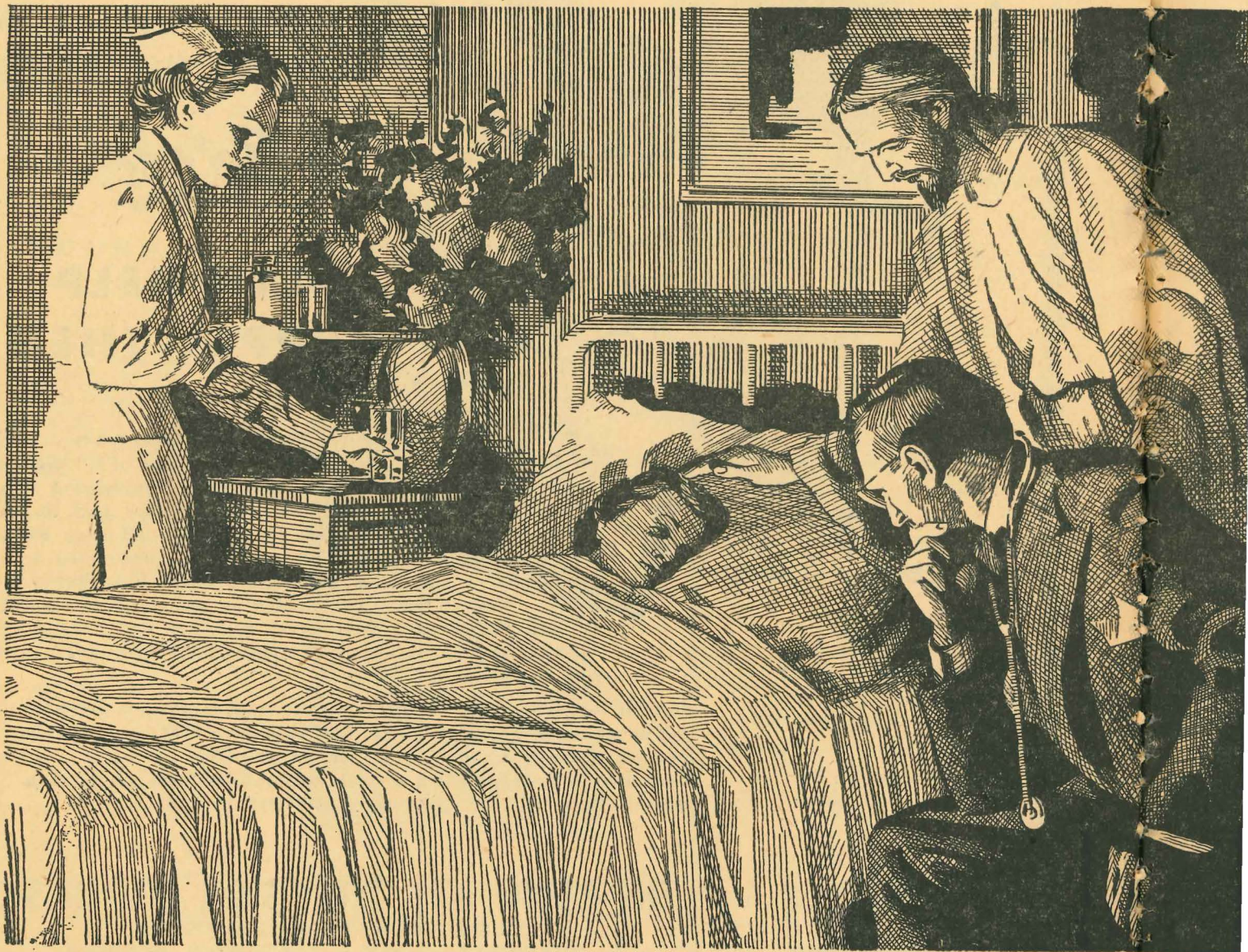
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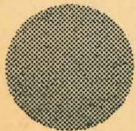
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Mt. Vernon—Pastor Raymond Lawrence; Superintendent Charles H. Noe.

LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial—Pastor A. Meacham; Supt. Alton Ross.

Fleming—Pastor Calvin D. Fields; Superintendent John M. Little.

High Ten in Sunday School Training Through March 31, 1954

Louisville, Beechmont	423
Stanford	371
Harlan	319
Owensboro, First	302
Louisville, 9th and O	275
Lexington, Grace	252
Louisville, Parkland	249
Newport, First	230
Madisonville, First	221
Cadiz	209

East Pittsburg Sunday School Makes Enrolment Gain

Pastor R. H. Hatcher; Superintendent Elmer Cottongim.

The Pull of the People was taught in September. At the close of this study the spirit of the people was high with



Elmer Cottongim

a desire to enlarge their building. At the next business meeting after this study the church unanimously voted to build an annex, setting the fourth Sunday in October to take an offering for the building which resulted in \$1,146.00. The offerings continue to be good for the new building. When the new building is completed they will start six new classes. This will be done this spring.

Their enrolment on October 1, 1953 was 217. On December 27, it was 223. The pastor stated that they will make continual progress when they get their additional space.

Ohio Valley Association Standard

We wish to extend our congratulations to the Ohio Valley Association for successfully reaching the Standard in Sunday school work.

Under the progressive leadership of Mr. J. A. Oakley and through the co-operation of the churches, Ohio Valley again stands among the group of associations having the distinction of doing standard work.

The Standard Sunday school in Ohio Valley are: Clay; Grangertown; Poole; Pride, Sturgis First; Sturgis Tabernacle; Old Bethel.

No doubt, other associations are doing Standard work or with a little more effort could reach the Standard. We would like to receive your application within the near future.

The Riverside Baptist Church Makes Growth

The Riverside Baptist Church makes great growth at Dayhoit, Kentucky, in the past year has increased its enrolment in the Sunday school from fifty seven to one hundred and fifty and increased its average attendance from forty to eighty-five. During that time the Sunday school reached the Standard and is now doing Standard work.

Rev. George C. Meadors is the pastor and Mr. L. J. Casteel is superintendent.

Upper Cumberland Association

A letter from Mr. Earl J. Lovitt of High Splint, Kentucky states "We held our regular monthly Associational meeting Friday night, March 19, with the Kelly Street Church with 125 present and 15 churches represented. Kelly Street Church had 25 present and High Splint Church had the same number, however, the attendance banner was won by the Mill Branch Church that had one hundred per cent of its officers and teachers present. We had our Associational officers' meeting thirty minutes before the regular meeting started. Rev. Arthur Walker, Everts Church, spoke to the group at 8:30 on the subject of evangelism and enlargement and fired us to the tune of one half million in April. We meet next month with the Sunshine Church on April 16."

Guthrie Baptist Church Goes Forward

A letter from the pastor of the Guthrie Baptist Church, Rev. Harry L. Winters, stated "at the beginning of the 'Million More in Fifty-four' campaign we had enrolled in our Sunday school 175 and an average attendance of 125. We began to prepare more room and organized one new class, a Nursery. In February we taught the book, 'The Pull of the People' with 29 receiving awards and 43 attending part time. Now we have enrolled in our Sunday school 273 with an average attendance for the past two months of 212. We are planning to organize one other class the first Sunday in April. We need at least 6 more classes but we are unable to organize them because of the lack of room. The church has a committee studying the needs to make recommendations to the church in the near future as to building more facilities.

"Best of all perhaps, is the fact that we are having additions to our church regularly and so many lost people attending that the church decided last Wednesday evening at prayer service to start a revival."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, APRIL 11, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	152	762
Unity	145	573
Bardstown	---	342
Bellevue	136	485
Bowling Green, Calvary (1)	120	222
First (1)	301	1,100
Buffalo	90	259
Burlington	82	219
Cadiz	110	425
Campbellsville (2)	---	569
Pleasant Hill	141	---
Carrollton	44	264
Central City (1)	274	495
Clay, First	---	232
Cloverport	57	210
Corbin, First (8)	149	394
Covington, Calvary	---	647
First (1)	144	363
Latonia (2)	300	1,080
South Side	140	503
Cox's Creek, New Salem	---	209
Crestwood	63	256
Cynthiana (2)	---	434
Danville, Lexington Avenue (1)	---	506
Dawson Springs	---	467
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	---	784
Erlanger	66	391
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	160	644
Grace	298	934
Walnut Street (2)	---	514
Ferguson (1)	91	247
Florence	116	364
Fort Thomas, First	---	271
Frankfort, First	---	855
Thorn Hill	125	---
Fulton	177	532
Georgetown	165	488
Glasgow (1)	106	613
Grant's Lick	118	204
Greensburg	73	222
Greenville, First	188	389
Harlan	179	694
Harrodsburg (2)	205	864
Hawesville	---	244
Hazard	81	371
Henderson, First	191	521
Immanuel Temple (1)	127	730
Hodgenville, First	123	453
Hopkinsville, First	147	629
Second	146	764
Independence	159	282
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	311
Lawrenceburg, First	100	350
Sand Spring	---	323
Lebanon, First	155	473
Lexington, Calvary (1)	147	746
Grace (3)	156	699
Hillcrest	---	303
Porter Memorial	164	530
London, First (1)	163	578
Louisville, Audubon	103	207
Baptist Tabernacle	211	743
Baptist Temple	---	331
Beechland	148	583
Beechmont (2)	200	1,009
Bethany	47	269
Bethlehem	91	254
Broadway	65	341
Buechel	---	252
Carlisle (2)	295	1,405
Clifton (1)	141	502
Crescent Hill (2)	244	995
Eastern Parkway	88	590
Fairdale (2)	186	432
Farmdale	---	391
Harmony	111	347
Highland Park First	---	504
Jeffersontown	97	292
Kenwood	---	259
Lee's Lane	138	285
Lynn Acres	93	333
Manly Memorial	107	---
Ninth and O	209	1,252
Okolona	---	474
Parkland	259	977
St. Matthews (1)	168	728
Shawnee	---	385
Shively (1)	156	740
South Jefferson	103	594
Southside	81	556
Third Avenue	91	649
Twenty-third and Broadway	205	737
Valley View	81	236
Victory Memorial (2)	225	868
Virginia Avenue	---	293
Walnut Street (4)	335	1,751
West Broadway	178	683
Ludlow, First	---	376
Madisonville, First	337	1,066
Marion	84	264
Mayfield, First	---	965
Middlesboro, First (5)	191	749
East Cumberland Avenue	94	321
Monticello, First	77	262
Morganfield, First	143	420
Morgantown	124	217
Mt. Vernon, First	108	458
Mt. Washington	49	275
Murray, First	197	908
Newport, First (2)	143	739
Trinity	100	210
Owensboro, First	209	1,039

(Continued on Page 13)

Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
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YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

Augusta Baptist Church, Bracken Association, held its second Youth Week April 4-10. Earl Hohman evaluates the week as follows: "It is a great help to the church and to the young people. The young people are very interested and eager to serve. They show a surprising initiative and this helps to develop that initiative. The future cannot help but show the fruit of a yearly Youth Week."

Smith Grove Baptist Church, Warren County Association, held its first Youth Week March 21-28. They report that as a result of the weeks activity they plan to make this an annual event. W. Harold Matthews says this about their week: "A most excellent time for the young people of the church to see and experience the responsibilities of the church program. The adults also reaped a great spiritual feast from these activities. Two of our older Junior boys were converted and are now candidates for Baptism."

LET'S HAVE YOUR REPORT.

A NEW TRAINING UNION FORM

Training Union Follow-up Memos for Unions	
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The original sheet is white, the duplicate sheet is pink, and the triplicate sheet is blue. The latter two are perforated so that they may be torn into eight separate memos. In Junior and Intermediate Unions, the leader will likely keep the white sheet in the Worker's Plan Book. The other two may be torn apart and passed out, or either one

of them can be filed as a complete sheet by the department director. These may be secured with your regular record forms.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT TRACT

The new tract giving the rules and subjects for the 1954 Young People's Speakers' Tournament is now ready. If you have not received one, write our office for your copy.

STUDY COURSE REPORT

Association	March	Total For Year
Allen	27	27
Baptist	41	130
Barren River		40
Bell County	126	296
Bethel	80	94
Blackford		2
Blood River	60	244
Boones Creek	75	191
Booneville		127
Bracken	68	104
Breckenridge		28
Caldwell County	93	221
Campbell County	1	169
Casey County		
Central	75	226
Christian County	63	363
Crittenden	53	150
Daviess-McLean	164	383
East Lynn		46
East Union		
Edmonson		58
Elkhorn	168	730
Enterprise	59	200
Franklin	136	179
Freedom		21
Gasper River		229
Goose Creek		
Goshen		32
Graves County	39	192
Green River		
Greenup	1	209
Greenville		
Henry County		
Irvine		
Jackson County		
Laurel River	4	99
Liberty		70
Lincoln County	65	241
Little Bethel	100	298
Little River	56	111
Logan County	20	123
Long Run	682	2,437
Lynn	12	33
Lynn Camp	11	11
McCreary County	61	204
Middle Fork		
Monroe	43	43
Mt. Zion	37	54
Muhlenberg	123	611
Nelson	34	157
North Bend	129	376
North Concord		12
Ohio County	79	645
Ohio River	65	213
Ohio Valley	43	135
Owen County	65	143
Pine Mountain	42	208
Pulaski County	80	140
Rockcastle		
Russell County	21	50
Russell Creek		239
Salem		88
Severns Valley	57	231
Shelby County	72	219
Simpson	2	106
South Concord		
South District	111	315
South Union		36
Sulphur Fork	44	120
Tates Creek	32	170
Ten Mile		
Three Forks		
Union		26
Upper Cumberland	85	223
Warren	71	285
Wayne County	34	34
West Kentuckiana	73	428
West Kentucky	33	250
West Union	243	621
Whites Run		
TOTAL	3,958	14,496

The 14,496 awards plus the 2,200 from the Seminary gives a total for the year through March of 16,696. This is 2,830 awards over the total for the same period last year. We think the 66 associations and 405 churches who have requested the 14,496 awards this year are to be commended. We hope that before the end of the year 14 other associations and 700 Training Unions who have not requested awards will do so.

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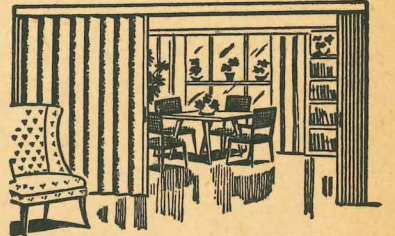
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A-1 Young People's Organizations 1952-53

(Continued from last week)

Elkhorn
 Calvary—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Int. RA, Jr. RA, 2 Sunbeams
 Grace—YWA, Int. GA, 2 Jr. GA, Int. RA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 East Hickman—Sunbeam
 Midway—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Sunbeam
 Nicholasville—Jr. GA
 Trinity—GA, Sunbeam
 Porter Memorial—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Georgetown—GA
 Paris, First—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Sunbeam
 Mount Vernon—Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA
 Hill Crest—YWA

Enterprise
 Belfry—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam
 West Liberty—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Paintsville, First—Sunbeam

Franklin
 Frankfort, First—YWA
 Forks of Elkhorn—Int. GA, Jr. GA

Freedom
 Cove Springs—Sunbeam

Gasper River
 Morgantown—Int. GA, Jr. GA
 Salem—GA

Goshen
 Leitchfield—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Int. RA, Jr. RA
 Little Clifty—Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Caneyville—Int. GA, Jr. GA

Graves
 Cuba—RA

Greenup
 Pollard—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Unity—Jr. GA, Sunbeam
 Cattlesburg—Int. GA

Greenville
 Jackson—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Stanton—Int. GA, Sunbeam

Henry County
 Smithfield—YWA, Sunbeam
 Port Royal—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam

Indiana
 Fairview—YWA, GA, RA
 Connorsville—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam

Irvine
 Egypt—Sunbeam

Jackson
 Gray Hawk—GA
 McKee—Int. GA

Laurel River
 London, First—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam
 East Pittsburg—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam
 East Bernstadt—Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam

Liberty
 Salem—Jr. GA, Sunbeam
 Glasgow—YWA

Lincoln
 Stanford—YWA
 McKinney—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam

Little Bethel
 Earlington—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Madisonville, First—YWA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Liberty—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Int. RA, Sunbeam
 Madisonville, Second—Int. RA, Sunbeam
 Dawson—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Sunbeam

Little River
 Blue Springs—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA
 Cadiz—Int. GA
 Buffalo—Int. GA, Int. RA, Sunbeam

Long Run
 Carlisle Avenue—YWA, Jr. GA
 Deer Park—Jr. GA
 Aburndale—GA
 Shively—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, 2 Sunbeam Bands
 West Broadway—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Int. RA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Mount Hermon—RA
 Crestwood—Sunbeam
 Okolona—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Audubon—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, 2 Sunbeam Bands
 Lee's Lane—YWA
 Lynn Acres—Int. GA
 Buechel—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam

Eighteenth Street—Jr. GA
 Eastern Parkway—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA
 Beechmont—Jr. GA
 Shawnee—Sunbeam
 Fairdale—YWA, Int. GA

Lynn
 Upton—Int. GA

Lynn Camp
 Good Hope—GA, RA, Sunbeam

McCreary
 Whitley City—GA, Sunbeam
 Stearns—Jr. GA

Muhlenberg
 Greenville, First—Int. GA, Sunbeam
 Central City, First—YWA, Int. GA, Int. RA, Sunbeam

North Bend
 Covington, First—Jr. GA, Sunbeam
 Madison Avenue—YWA, Sunbeam
 Union—GA

Ohio County
 West Point—Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam

Ohio Valley
 Sturgis, First—Sunbeam
 Clay, First—Int. GA, RA

Owen County
 Mount Pleasant—Sunbeam
 Pleasant Ridge—GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Richland—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Sunbeam

Pine Mountain
 Cumberland—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Lynch—YWA, 2 Jr. GA's, Sunbeam
 Totz—Sunbeam

Pulaski County
 High Street—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Int. RA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam

Russell County
 Russell Springs—YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Fairview—GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Clearfork—YWA
 Friendship—Sunbeam

Russell Creek
 Columbia—YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Greensburg—GA

Salem
 Muldraugh—Sunbeam
 Buck Grove—YWA, Jr. GA, Int. RA, Sunbeam
 New Salem—Int. GA
 Phillips Memorial—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam

Severn's Valley
 Severn's Valley—YWA
 Vine Grove—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Buffalo—Jr. GA
 Mill Creek—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Sunbeam
 Mount Zion—GA, RA, Sunbeam

Shelby County
 Burk's Branch—GA
 Mount Pleasant—GA, RA
 Simpsonville—YWA
 Bagdad—Int. GA
 Finchville—Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Hempridge—Sunbeam
 Shelbyville, First—YWA, Jr. GA, Sunbeam

Simpson
 Middleton—Sunbeam
 Franklin, First—Int. GA, Sunbeam

South District
 Danville, First YWA, Int. GA, Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Harrodsburg—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Int. RA, Jr. RA
 Bruners Chapel—GA
 Lexington Avenue—Sunbeam
 Perryville—Jr. GA, Sunbeam
 Gethsemane—Jr. RA

South Union
 Bethel—GA

Tates Creek
 Mount Taber—YWA, GA, Sunbeam

Ten Mile
 Poplar Grove—GA, RA, Sunbeam
 Paint Lick—GA, RA
 Warsaw—Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam

Union
 Cynthia—Int. GA
 Berry—GA, Sunbeam

Upper Cumberland
 Harlan, First—YWA, Int. GA, 2 Jr. GA's, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Closplint—Sunbeam
 Sunshine—GA, Sunbeam
 Everts—YWA

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 Mount Carmel—Int. GA
 Fulton, First—Int. GA, Sunbeam

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 Keck Avenue—GA
 Audubon—GA
 Immanuel—Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Henderson, First—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Jr. RA, Sunbeam
 Grace, Evansville—Int. GA, Jr. GA, Sunbeam
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By H. C. Chiles

Judgment of Jeroboam

1 Kings 14:5-16

Jeroboam was the son of a widow. He had a reputation of being industrious, but this fact may have been on account of his mother rather than for his own sake. At any rate, when Jeroboam reached manhood, Solomon was engaged in a great public works program which was a great contributing factor to the glory of his reign. Naturally he was looking for capable men to employ, so we read: "And Solomon seeing the young man (Jeroboam) that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph."

In due time Jeroboam was elevated to the position of king of Israel, with all the honors, prestige and power appertaining thereto. God assured him that He would bless him provided he would walk in His ways and do as He commanded him. What a wondrous opportunity he had! However, he wasted his glorious opportunity by treating it with disgraceful ingratitude and unexampled impiety. He had no interest whatever in conforming to the will of God. He deliberately walked "in the way of his own heart and according to the sight of his own eyes."

As a king, Jeroboam completely disregarded God. He positively refused to obey Him. He even went so far as to erect substitutes for God in the form of two golden calves, one of which he placed in Dan and the other in Bethel. He worshipped these and influenced his people to do likewise. They readily joined him in direct violation of the second commandment.

I. The Distress.

Notwithstanding his terrible sin of turning his back upon the true and living God, Jeroboam's kingdom seemed to prosper. However, things are not always as they appear to be. When anybody refuses to obey God, sooner or later, judgment will come. Jeroboam was no exception. Due to the greatness of his sin and wickedness the punishment had to be severe. It came first in the form of the critical illness of Abijah, his son, and apparent heir to the throne. On him Jeroboam and his wife lavished their affections and for him they entertained the fondest hopes. In fact, Abijah seemed to have been the hope of both the king and his people. Not only was the father's heart touched deeply because of his parental love, but he realized that if his boy, who was his pride and joy, should die his dynasty would become extinct. In that event the name would be forgotten except as it might be recorded in history, and that in an unfavorable light.

II. The Deceit.

Greatly distressed over the critical illness of his son, and knowing that the golden calves could not do anything for him, Jeroboam decided the wise thing to do was to approach the prophet, Ahijah, and to request him to intercede with God in behalf of the sick one. Multitudes today are like Jeroboam in that they do not have any time or place for God as long as everything goes well, but when trouble comes they immediately want His assistance.

Jeroboam was unwilling for others to know that in his emergency and extremity he had resorted to the prophet of the Lord rather than to his golden calves. Furthermore, he knew that it would be impossible for him to obtain any help directly from God on account of his grievous sins against Him. Conscious of his guilt, he was too cowardly to apply in person to Ahijah for the information and help which he wanted. Instead, he decided to send his wife to Ahijah in the hope of obtaining help.

Thinking that Ahijah could be deceived easily, Jeroboam proposed to his wife, who was also a deceiver, that they hoodwink the Lord's prophet. He plotted the deception and she consented to execute it. While it was legitimate and natural for them to ask for the restoration of their son to health, their attempt to practice deception was not justifiable. Assuming that God was to be dealt with on a strictly commercial basis, which is never the case, Jeroboam told his wife to disguise herself, and then to take certain gifts with her and to present them to the prophet. By this means of deception he hoped to receive a message of encouragement about their dying son.

III. The Disclosure.

Queen Ano disguised herself as a poor woman, took a present such as a peasant would offer, and secretly set out for Shiloh. Her attempted disguisement was a complete failure. Nobody can deceive God in the least. He is fully aware of all that one thinks, purposes, says or does. It is impossible to hide anything from Him. And He protects His true servants from being deceived. God knew all about this crafty scheme and disclosed it in advance to His prophet. Even in his blindness, he knew by revelation who was coming. As she approached him, her footsteps disclosed her presence and God revealed her identity. She was shocked when she learned that Ahijah knew her and was aware of the errand upon which she had come to see him.

IV. The Destruction.

In addition to the information which Ano sought about her son, Ahijah told her what was going to happen to Jeroboam's household because of his idolatry and terrible wickedness. In no uncertain terms he informed her that judgment was impending and inevitable. And he made it clear that his base ingratitude, reckless abuse of numerous God-given privileges, uncalled-for idolatry, persistence in crime, and utter rejection of God's warnings merited the punishment which was forthcoming. The prophet let her know that Abijah would die, but he added that because of his personal regard for the things of God, in spite of the wickedness of his father, he would receive an honorable burial. The rest of their children would die also, but their bodies would be devoured by the scavengers. Those who died in the cities would be devoured by the dogs, and those who passed away in the fields would have their flesh picked from their bones by the vultures and the crows. His family would be removed as the vilest refuse. It is well to remember that a curse rests upon any household whose members turn their backs upon God.

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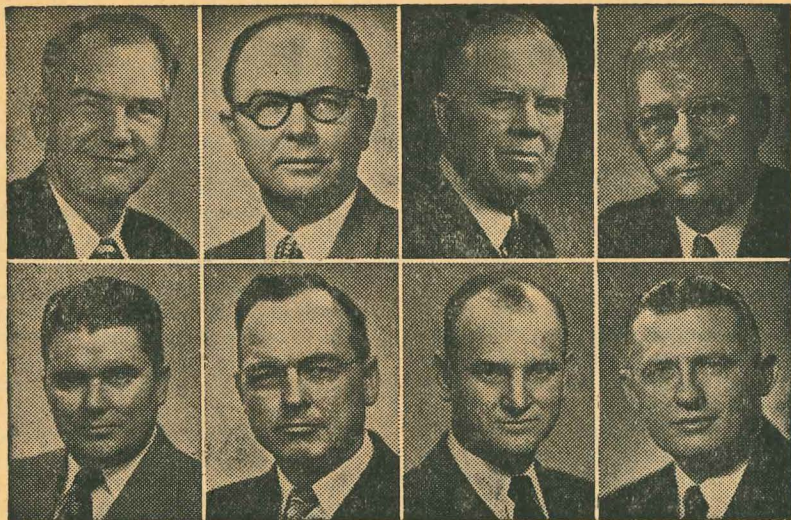
►Chaplain (1st Lieut.) Darrell C. Richardson, a native of Baxter Springs, Kans., and until recently pastor at Fort Mitchell, Covington, Ky., was recently awarded his diploma at the Chaplain School graduation ceremonies, at Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, N.Y., and he has been assigned to work at Fort Knox, near Louisville, Ky.

►The Brotherhood at Parkland Church, Louisville, has taken on a new vision. It has built the program of work along the principles set forth by the Brotherhood Guide Book. The new officers are: Basil Brook, president; Donald Cheatham, activities v. p.; William H. Slack, programs v. p.; Joe Grant, membership v. p.; Edgar Wallace, secretary; Shelburn Yates, treasurer; and Eddie Wright, chorister. Dr. Elwyn N. Wilkinson, pastor, is now serving as chairman of the state Brotherhood committee, and is leading the men of Parkland to incorporate the basic plans of Brotherhood work within their organization.

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Macedonia	94	244
Seven Hills	103	296
Third (1)	455	1,242
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Oaklawn (1)	150	298
Trinity	169	329
Twelfth Street (1)	149	432
Paintsville, First	77	270
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial	---	410
Princeton, First	127	565
Second (1)	161	358
Russellville, First (1)	122	406
Somerset, Calvary	122	260
First	202	610
Sonora	189	342
Springfield, First	161	575
Sturgis, First	---	311
Versailles	83	399
Williamsburg, Main Street	73	219
Willisburg	106	287
Winchester, Central (1)	137	598
First	158	466

Officers Planning Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis



Officers making final plans for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., June 2-5, are upper left: (1) Music Director Warren Angell, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; (2) First Vice-president E. H. Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; Second Vice-president, R. C. Campbell, Shelby, N. C.; (4) President J. W. Storer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; lower left: (5) Treasurer Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.; (6) Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion of the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.; (7) Secretary Joe W. Burton, editor, Home Curriculum Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and (8) Press Representative Albert McClellan, director of publications of the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.—BAPTIST PRESS.

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- A**-ll things come of Thee, and of thine own have we given unto Thee (1 Ch. 29:14).
- B**-ring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith said the Lord of Hosts (Malachi 3:10).
- C**-ast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days (Ec. 11:1).
- D**-o good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).
- E**-very good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights (James 1:17).
- F**-reely ye have received, freely give (Matthew 10:8).
- G**-od loveth a cheerful giver (II Corinthians 9:7).
- H**-onour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase (Proverbs 3:9).
- I**-f there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath (II Corinthians 8:12).
- J**-esus said, it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).
- K**-eep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:2).
- L**-ay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20).
- M**-oreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful (I Cor. 4:2).
- N**-either said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own (Acts 4:32).
- O**-f all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth to Thee (Gen. 28:22).
- P**-rovide yourselves bags which wax not old (Luke 12:33).
- Q**-uench not the spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19).
- R**-ender to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's (Mark 12:17).
- S**-eek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his Righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).
- T**-he silver is mine, and the gold is mine, said the Lord (Haggai 2:8).
- U**-pon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him (I Corinthians 16:2).
- V**-ow, and pay unto the Lord your God (Psalms 76:11).
- W**-hat shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul (Mark 8:36).
- X**-amine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves (II Corinthians 13:5).
- Y**-e are bought with a price! therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's (I Cor. 6:30).
- Z**-acchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold (Luke 19:8).

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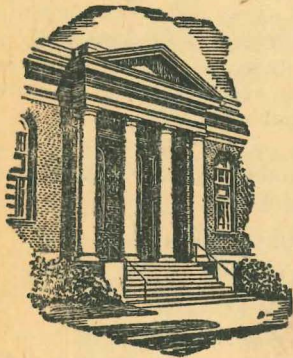
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