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## *Mother's Day 1954*



—Photo by John M. Wall

(See article on page 4 and editorial)

## Gleanings From The Field

►The Ferndale Mission in Bell County has been organized into a church, according to Max Hardin, local missionary.

►The Muncy Creek Mission, in Middle Fork Association, has been constituted into a church, according to Edward D. Baker, associational missionary.

►Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of the First Church, McAlester, Okla., has become pastor of the Calvary Church, Jackson, Miss.

►A new Sunday school has been organized in Holly Hill, in Lewis County, according to County Missionary R. E. Poston.

►The Boone's Creek Association has purchased a residence in Ravenna, Ky., and Associational Missionary Arlon F. Davis has moved there.

►Dr. James Garvin Chastain, 100-year-old emeritus missionary to Mexico, died at Richton, Miss., February 20. His funeral was held in Clinton, Miss.

►The Gilpin Mission Sunday school has been started in Casey County Association, according to John S. Davis, associational missionary.

►The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its semi-annual meeting June 23-24, 1954, in Nashville. The Promotion Committee will meet June 22.

►Dr. Victor I. Masters, for many years editor of the Western Recorder, is now confined to the Walker Memorial Hospital, Avon Park, Florida. He went to the hospital April 2. We are sure many of his friends will write him.

►Superintendent Walter C. House, of the Temperance League of Kentucky, assisted Pastor Lyndon W. Collings and the Muldraugh Baptist Church in an 8-day revival March 21-28, with 28 decisions, 18 of whom were adults, and 7 families were united in their stand for Christ.

►Brother M. M. McFarland, for many years in Kentucky, now resides at Route 1, Box 316, Sebring, Florida. Though retired from pastoral work, he is doing supply work and helping in Sunday school enlargement programs.

►The Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, ordained in regular form, April 4, Brethren James Close, C. W. Reagan, and William Thompson as deacons. W. G. Potts delivered the charge; Pastor James Borders led the ordination prayer.

►Mr. and Mrs. William L. Walker, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, announce the birth of Charles Culpepper on April 5. Their address is 5533-1-Chome, Nakajima Hachijo-dori, Oita, Japan. Mr. Walker is a native of Danville, Ky.

►Brother George Grubbs, remembered in Kentucky, has recently led the Maple Baptist Church, in Horry County, Columbia, S. C., in the completion of their building. The educational building has 25 classrooms and the auditorium will seat 350.

►The Music Festival of Long Run and

Central District Associations will hold its Annual Music Festival May 11, 1954 at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, 3rd and St. Catherine Streets, Louisville. The evening of music will consist of two parts—the adults from 7:30-8:30 P.M. and the young people from 8:30-9:15 P.M. The public is cordially invited.

►As evidence the High Street Baptist Church, Somerset, is doing well under the leadership of Pastor R. A. Hill, we give the following from the April 11 bulletin: "The offering for last Sunday [April 4] totaled 378.30. The offerings for the month of March totaled \$1,148.87. Sunday school attendance averaged over 200, and six new members were added to the church."

►Mr. and Mrs. Randall T. Hughes, Evansville, Ind., announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Carolyn, April 11 in the Baptist Hospital, Evansville. They also have a son, Jack. Mr. Hughes is a first year student at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, and attended Union College. Mrs. Hughes is the former Miss Nina Lee Lyons, and attended Bob Jones and Georgetown Colleges.

►Pastor Harold D. Tallant, First Church, Madisonville, assisted Pastor A. L. Meacham in a revival meeting at the DeHaven Memorial Church, La-Grange in March. There were 35 decisions during the meeting, 27 of these being for baptism. A record attendance of 460 was in the Sunday School during that revival. R. A. Bell, seminary student and a product of the DeHaven Church, led the congregational singing.

►The "typical" Southern Baptist contributed \$32.48 in 1952 to his local church and \$35.36 in 1953. For local expenses he contributed \$26.48, and in 1953 \$29.22. For outside causes he gave \$6 in 1952 and in 1953 he gave \$6.14. To foreign missions in 1952 he gave \$1.00, of which 50 cents was through the Cooperative Program, and in 1953 he gave \$1.11, with 52 cents through the Cooperative Program.

►Sponsored by the Alumni Association of Georgetown College, a panel discussion will be heard by students during the chapel hour, Thursday, May 6. Taking part in the discussion "How Christianity Works in my Profession" will be five Georgetown graduates representing the fields of dentistry, medicine, law, education, and business administration. The participants are as follows: Dr. Max Ervin, Owenton (dentist); Dr. Don Chatham, Shelbyville (physician); Durwood Weldon, Georgetown (lawyer); Mrs. S. E. Cranfill, Georgetown (professor); and Miss Jane T. Kent, Louisville (office manager, American Printing House for the Blind).

►The first Convention-wide Rural Church Conference is to be held at the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., May 11-14, 1954. Decatur is adjoining Atlanta. Those who attend will be provided free lodging and breakfast. Many churches will want to send their pastors. Those from Kentucky interested in at-

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►James Reed, Independence, Ky., a student in Georgetown College, was examined by a council at the Great Crossing Church. Dr. George Ragland served as moderator of the ordaining council, and made many pertinent remarks during the ceremony, each of which added emphasis to the importance of the business at hand, writes the clerk of the council, Professor Charles Hatfield. Drs. Thomas J. Powers and O. W. Yates delivered sermons at the ordination and the ordaining prayer was offered by Pastor James Casey. Pastor Edward E. Ham has been at Great Crossings 18 months and in that year and a half his church has ordained three deacons and two ministers.

# Ready For Anything

R. CLARK, Irish Baptist

Writing to the Philippians Paul says: "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me" (4:13). J. B. Phillips renders the words: "I am ready for anything through the strength of Him who lives within me."

Here we have the essence of New Testament Christianity—Christ within. We have the secret of victory—through the strength of Christ. We have the attitude we should adopt—ready for anything. It is because we are not ready for all the will of God that blessing is withheld.

## Are we Ready for Service?

There is something for every Christian to do, something that no one else can do in the same way. If we are unwilling to do the service that God has for us, we are holding up the progress of His kingdom, and we are keeping ourselves out of blessing.

We are not here to play, to dream,  
to drift,  
We have hard work to do, and loads  
to lift.  
Shun not the struggle; face it,  
'Tis God's gift. Be strong.

Dr. Woods wrote: "There are plenty of people who will cheerfully die for a cause, but if you ask them to teach a Sunday school class they will go away in a rage." God is still saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Are we willing to say: "Here am I, send me?" Pearce Carey wrote this of William Carey: "His awed and surrendered personality was ready for God's use." Let us listen to the Master saying: "Go work today in My vineyard," and let us go forth to do His will.

## Are we Ready for Sacrifice?

Paul said: "I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them but useless rubbish that I may win Christ and be found in Him" (Phil. 3:8). Have we ever given up anything for Christ? He gave up the glory of the Father's presence and suffered in life and in death that we might be redeemed. Have we ever sacrificed anything for Him?

C. T. Studd laid a fortune at the feet of Christ and gave himself in missionary service. He said: "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make."

"If William Carey had not suffered and sacrificed there might never have been the Baptist Missionary Society or the modern missionary movement.

Pearce Carey writes: "Carey soon learned that for followers of the Crucified there was a cup to drink, a baptism to be baptized with, a sharp conflict of loyalties. His wife, with motherhood pending, could not but think him cruel.

His father called him mad, and his church could neither forgive him nor release him. Yet he could not turn back." He went on, and his church commissioned him, his father acquiesced, his wife became reconciled, and brave, and many responded to the call.

## Are we Ready to Do Little Things to the Glory of God?

Our Lord washed the disciples' feet and said: "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). Loving acts of humble service to fellow Christians is carrying out our Lord's command.

Most Christians can wash their own feet; if they cannot it should be done for them. Our Lord said: "I am among you as one that serveth." Don't despise the humble task of teaching a few girls or boys. It is your little bit of the Empire of Christ.

You may win a William Carey or Mary Slessor to Christ, and touch continents for Him. "Men and women are wanted who will do small things and dull things with a large heart and for a great purpose" (Dr. Woods). Because you cannot do big things never refuse to do little things, for the big thing is made up of countless little things done by ordinary men and women.

## Are We ready for Disappointment?

Yes, it comes and we should be ready for it. Things do not always work out as we had planned. We begin Christian work, we pray and preach with the expectation that multitudes will be swept into the kingdom, but it does not happen. We forget that Christ said that some seed fell on stony ground, some among thorns, and some by the wayside. There was nothing wrong with the seed or the sower, but the devil was active and men's hearts were hard.

When William Carey and Dr. Thomas landed in India, Dr. Thomas preached to the people with such freedom that they listened for three hours, and then gave them rice and curry, sweetmeats and fruit. Bengal scholars showed them such courtesy that Carey hoped that the citadels of learning would soon capitulate to Christ. They were to discover, however, that the struggle was going to be long and tense. Carey prayed and preached and worked for seven years before he saw his first Indian convert. During those years there must have been many heartaches and many tears. It is said: "He was almost dried up by discouragement." He laboured on and won through.

## Are We Ready for Persecution?

Christ said: "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." In this world of opposition to Christ and

the principles of His Word, there is tribulation, pressure, suffering.

It may be that we are not being persecuted because we have become experts at compromise. Our witness-bearing does not challenge the godlessness of our age. We are not doing much to hinder the kingdom of Satan, therefore he can afford to leave us alone. In some lands today, to be an avowed Christian means suffering reproach and the spoiling of material things. Would we stand the test if persecution came? Even though we do not believe that the church will go through the Great Tribulation, it remains true that we may be moving out into a time when it will cost us more than it does now to be true followers of Christ.

We need to be fortified by the truth that the living Christ is with His people in the floods of affliction and in the fires of persecution, and although sinful man may seem to win, Christ's final victory is assured. It is easy singing, "I'll go with Him through the garden," but not many of us go with Him all the way.

## Are we Ready for Prayer-Warfare?

A spiritual battle is raging, and we must be prepared to fight—to fight on in the face of seeming defeat, to fight in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the glad certainty that ultimate victory is sure. Our wrestling is not with human enemies. "We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil." It is by the weapon of prayer that we conquer.

Prayer is fellowship with God, but let us not forget that it is also conflict with the principalities and powers—which are opposed to Christ and His cross. We don't wrestle with God to win Him over to our side; we wrestle with the forces of evil which hinder us in our prayer life. We need prevailing prayer in the Conqueror's name.

**We may be ready to say prayers, but are we ready for warfare with the hosts of evil led by Satan himself? In this spiritual warfare our enemy is mighty, but our Ally is almighty, for the one called in alongside is the Holy Spirit. In this warfare all the weapons that we need have been provided by God, and using them we are sure to win. Are we ready for anything?**

►Dr. James W. McClendon, pastor for the last eighteen months of the First Baptist Church, Ringgold, La., has been elected assistant professor of theology at Golden Gate Seminary. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas. He entered the ministry after being separated from the U. S. Naval Reserve, and entered the Southwestern Seminary, which institution conferred both the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees. Dr. McClendon is said to have the distinction of having conducted the first revival meeting in the City of Princeton, New Jersey, since the days of D. L. Moody. Since we happen to remember that Princeton Seminary is there, we wonder if that is a correct statement? What about it, Princeton?



Pictured above is a scene from the Victory Night program of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union during their annual meeting held April 6-8. Recognition was given to all WMU organizations reaching the goals of the Fiftieth Anniversary year and to donors of gifts of \$500 or more to the \$50,000 Scholarship Fund. In the foreground (center) are Mrs. O. B.

Mylum, Anniversary Chairman; Mrs. Encil Deen, State President; Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Executive Secretary (right) and Miss Beulah Wingo, Young People's Secretary (left). State Vice-presidents, officers of victorious organizations and the choir of Walnut St. Church are on the platform. The convention was held in Walnut Street Church with this special service in Louisville Memorial Auditorium.

## The Catholic Press

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 Catholics, read your Catholic press. But read as an intelligent American. Don't take its statements any more as "gospel truth" than you do all you read in the daily paper.

In reading your Catholic paper be particularly on the alert for exaggeration, denunciation, and distortion. It tends to exaggerate what favors it, to denounce those who disagree with it, and to distort the truth when it is cornered.

About 1930, while studying for the priesthood, I sang in a choir at a Franciscan convention in the Civic auditorium in San Francisco. The crowd was fair, the meeting dignified and orderly.

The Catholic papers wrote of the "jammed" auditorium, tumultuous enthusiasm, and terrific impact of the meeting. I could not believe I was reading about the same gathering that I attended.

People who question the Catholic church's activity in politics, censorship, or public education are simply branded as religious bigots, ignorant anti-Catholics, or near-Communists. Paul Blanshard is called a godless materialist,

Bishop Oxnam a pink, and I (it's an honor to be condemned with Blanshard and Oxnam) am called a "second Martin Luther," a Judas, an unfortunate, unhappy, miserable wretch.

An example of distortion. Try to get a copy of Our Sunday Visitor February 28, 1954. All of page four is devoted to the "answering" of the "fantastic allegations" which I made in a speech in Constitution hall, Washington, D. C., January 21, 1954. The priest-writer, Rev. David Warham, admitted he didn't know how many were present but said "it was indeed a sad little group." (There were more than 2,000 present).

The two allegations he claimed to answer were (1) "many Roman Catholics are perturbed about their church," and (2) "nearly a third of all Roman Catholic priests quit the clergy." He states (in a whole page) that (1) priests cannot resign, (2) very few priests even try, and, therefore, (3) Catholics are not perturbed at all.

I had not even said that Catholics are perturbed about the priests that leave. This is what I said as a reason for their concern, "They deplore it's (the Roman Catholic church's) financial rapacity, its political alliances, its archaic moral doctrines (on birth control and divorce) which they either ignore or permit to ruin their lives and their marriages."

►Edward A. McDowell, III, of Louisville, a son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest, N. C., and formerly also of Louisville, is a student at the Yale Divinity School.

## Mother's Day 1954

Typical of the thousands of mothers we Baptists know and adore, the Western Recorder is this week using the picture on page one of Mrs. E. S. Ferrill, of Buffalo, Kentucky, to make graphic our thoughts for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Ferrill was 90 years old on January 26. Many readers will recall the voluminous article a few years ago in the Saturday Evening Post concerning the large wholesale and retail businesses operated by her late husband. Her youngest son, James Jones Ferrill is operating the business at present. Kidd Ferrill, another son, operates a furniture store, and Donahue Ferrill, still another son, operates an automobile agency, both in Hodgenville. Her daughters are living elsewhere.

Mrs. Ferrill joined the Buffalo Baptist Church when she was about 18 years of age, was baptized in the creek which runs through the town, and has remained a consistent member ever since. Today she is confined to her home, but she is always happy when her pastor, Brother John M. Wall, calls to read the Scripture and have prayer with her. She is on the extension list of her Sunday school, and enjoys especially reading *Home Life* and the *Western Recorder* along with her Bible.

►The Kansas Baptist state paper was changed from *Kansas Southern Baptist Beams* to *Baptist Digest* at a recent meeting of the executive board of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

**MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING—MAY 9:** We earnestly, and with a sense of great urgency, call attention to the Mother's Day offering which is to be taken in all our churches on Sunday, May 9, or as near that date as possible, through the Sunday schools. This fund is known as the Sunday School Charity Fund, and is used to minister to the sick, in our three Baptist hospitals, who cannot bear their own expenses.

Ministering to the sick was a part of the work of the Master while He was here on the earth, and it is no less a part of His work through His followers now. The parable of the Good Samaritan ought to come alive in all our hearts as we make that offering on May 9.

Every penny contributed will be wisely spent. Our three hospitals—at Lexington, Paducah, and Louisville—operated by our General Association, are under the direction of the Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists. Each has its own Board which is responsible to the Commission. Those on the Commission and those on the three Boards are good stewards of the work committed to their hands by Kentucky Baptists.

There are so many persons who are financially helpless, when faced by sickness and the high cost of hospital care. But it should be kept in mind that our hospitals cannot give charity unless funds are provided by the churches for that purpose. All the Boards and the Commission agree that paying patients should not be charged enough to pay for the charity cases. It is a denominational problem—yours and mine. There are no endowments or trust funds to carry on this work. The Commission wisely states: "Every dollar given to the Sunday School Charity Fund is a gospel dollar preaching the good news to our generation."

The goal this year will be a minimum of one dollar per member. The effort has the fullest approval of our General Association. Some will not give the dollar, and this means that the rest of us must give much more.

Make it possible for many of the helpless to receive needed hospital care which, otherwise, would be impossible, and without which they may die. Make it possible for such persons to receive a hospital statement marked paid in full "by the Sunday Schools of Kentucky."

**FBI REPORTS CRIME STILL ON INCREASE:** The FBI's annual report—January through December, 1953—reveals a startling increase in crime, the estimated number of major crimes in the US totaling 2,159,080, a 6 per cent increase over 1952. Rural crimes increased 9.6 per cent while the increase in cities was 4.5. Rural crimes in 1953 were up 39 per cent above the pre-war average of 1937-39.

During the year, robberies increased 8.5 per cent over 1952; burglaries 8.2; larceny rose 5.4; aggravated assaults 5.3; auto thefts 5.2; rape was up 3.8 per cent.

One encouraging fact is murders were down 1.2 per cent under 1952.

A tabulation of reports from 400 cities indicated that the value of property stolen in those cities last year totaled \$224,552,605.

The complete reports on persons arrested during 1953 were received from 1,174 cities which totaled in population 37,255,808 persons, or approximately 42 per cent of the nation's urban population. Those cities submitted data concerning 1,791,160 arrests. Those 1,791 cities reported that more than eight times as many males were arrested as females in 1953. The reports

showed that a higher per cent of females than males were charged with murder, aggravated assaults, larceny, embezzlement, and fraud. More males than females were charged with burglaries and auto theft.

Still considering the 1,174 reporting cities and the 1,791,160 arrests made there, 8.4 per cent were persons under 17 years of age or less, and 14.7 per cent were under 21. In auto thefts, it was shown that 53.6 per cent of all persons arrested were juveniles. In fact, 29 per cent were not old enough to get regular driver's license in most states. Nearly half the persons arrested for burglary were not yet 18, and two-thirds of these were under 16. Persons under 21 represented 50.6 per cent of the arrests for crimes against property—robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, forgery, buying and receiving stolen property, and counterfeiting.

Louisville, the largest city in Kentucky, was reported as follows: 41 murders or non-negligent manslaughter; 494 robberies; 549 cases of aggravated assault; 2,543 cases of burglary or breaking and entering; 1,987 auto thefts; larceny of \$50 or over, 2,054; larceny of under \$50, 2,500. The other cities are about in proportion on the basis of population, though of course there will be some varying.

Reading such figures as the above should incite every church member to feverish activity to enlist the young in the study of God's Word. Sin and its influence are running faster than some of the rest of us. What will we do in the face of figures which unmistakably indicate that, unless something is done to check the trend, America will become, in a few more decades, a nation of shame?

**HONORING MOTHERHOOD:** It is fitting that we should pause and pay a tribute of respect and love to mother. Who of us can ever pay the debt we owe her? It is not amiss to have Mother's Day on Sunday, for we do not thereby take glory from the Christ Who arose on the first day of the week; rather, we honor Him by respecting those who love the risen Lord, and who have sought to plant in the hearts of their children a knowledge of and faith in Him as Saviour. We pause to say to Christian mothers, We love you—you who have brought up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. May God help all mothers to know anew their full responsibility and to be, along with the father of their children, such persons as that they can be remembered supremely as the servants of God. Some come to Mother's Day with a great sense of sadness because mother's sweet voice is no longer heard: she has gone to join the great host of the redeemed where there are no more separations. But they are comforted by the beauty of her example, by the purity of her love, and by the certainty that, in Christ, there will be, down the way yonder, a day of blessed reunion.

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►At the summit of every noble endeavor, you will find a steeple pointing toward God.—*Christian Advocate.*

►There are folks who could behave differently in the parlor if they had gone there by way of the woodshed.

►Christians of the first century faced wild beasts in the arena, rather than surrender allegiance to Jesus as Lord. They could have lived saying, "Caesar is lord." Christians of the twentieth century are in a different arena, but multitudes still watch to see whether Jesus is Lord of their lives.

# Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

At its semiannual full meeting in April, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 new missionaries, bringing the overseas staff to 932; elected Dr. J. Winston Crawley, missionary to the Philippines, secretary for the Orient; and allocated the \$998,520 in advance program funds which it received from the Cooperative Program's over-and-above the budget receipts for 1953.

## Advance Must Continue!

In his report to the Board, Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen reviewed briefly the advance in foreign missions which the Southern Baptist denomination has made in the past six years. Gifts from the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention totaled \$8,759,948 in 1953, as compared with \$4,734,288 in 1947. Missionaries have increased in number from 625 to the present 932.

"But the full story of advance cannot be told in statistics," Dr. Cauthen said. "It must be told in terms of courageous decision, faithful service, and immeasurable patience on the part of missionaries who match conviction with life.

"As has been true through Christian history, greatest advance is often made through storm . . . Missionaries thrust out of China entered new fields."

The missions secretary said a fresh challenge to advance comes through the distress of "our fellow men in many areas of the world." He mentioned suffering in Korea; refugees in Hong Kong, Europe, and the Near East; the hunger, illiteracy, and disease of the masses of India and Pakistan; the urgent need for medical work in Indonesia where there is only one doctor for every 60,000 people, and Thailand where 100,000 mothers and babies die annually because of lack of maternal and child care.

"Among these nations there is a stirring into life with ominous overtones," he continued. "The Orient has thrown aside its attitude of inferiority in the face of the Western world's technological superiority. The Oriental now looks squarely into the eye of the Western man, conscious of his own rich historic background, his supremacy of numbers, and his inherent potentialities."

Dr. Cauthen said the reports of hydrogen bomb tests at Bikini have emphasized the urgency of giving the gospel to the nations. "The estimate that a single bomb can now destroy the largest city on earth has special meaning for one who has stood amid the ruins of Hiroshima," he said. "The uncertainty of the world situation is no argument for a hesitant, timorous, overcautious policy of world missions."

Dr. Cauthen said that if the present rate of approximately 77 appointments per year could be doubled, the Board's minimum goal of 1,750 missionaries could be reached in about eight years.

"In pressing toward a larger number of appointments it is our conviction

that standards for missionary service must remain on the present high level," he said. "Health, training, ability to live and work with others, and sterling qualities of character are essential. A genuine personal experience of grace, a profound conviction of God's call, and vital faith in the Christian message fruiting in contagious witness and loving service to others are indispensable. Missionaries are needed who will go, bear fruit, labor together in love, and hold adamantly to their purpose in spite of adversity.

"There is a spirit throughout the Southern Baptist Convention most favorable to advance," Dr. Cauthen continued. "In churches, large and small, in seminaries and colleges, and in councils of the denomination there is a strong feeling of urgency that advance be continued.

"This was reflected only recently in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It was the largest in the history of Southern Baptist life and has now attained a total of \$3,499,166 . . . Southern Baptists want and will support a program of accelerated advance.

"If from the glories of heaven, Theron Rankin could address to us his searching question of one year ago, 'Do you dare enter the door of advance?', we could answer back with renewed dedication, 'Come what may—we dare.'

"Advance must continue!"

## "What, Then, Is Our Hope?"

Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., Board secretary for missionary personnel, explained some of the procedures involved in determining a mission volunteer's fitness for overseas service and laid the responsibility of increased appointments at the "grass roots"—the home and the local church.

He said the problem of seeking to ascertain the fitness of a person for missionary service is a grave responsibility. The candidate is evaluated from the standpoint of five basic considerations, he said: (1) educational preparation, (2) the amount and quality of practical experience, (3) physical health, (4) emotional stability and maturity, and, underlying all of these, (5) his personal experience of salvation in Christ, his sense of call from God for missionary service, and his desire to co-operate in the proclamation of the gospel of Christ as believed by Southern Baptists.

Mr. West explained that this fivefold evaluation is made from three sources of information: (1) the candidate's appraisal of himself as expressed in personal interviews, autobiography, and written statements concerning belief and purpose; (2) the considered opinions of others, including members of the staff who have interviewed him and approximately 30 personal acquaintances who have given confidential information, and (3) medical reports from the physical and psychiatric examinations.

"The entire life pattern is evaluated

as to the probability of successful adjustment to life on the mission field," he said. "What is the immediate hope for significant forward movement beyond the present rate of advance in personnel? Decades of experience have proven that the answer does not lie in lowering the standards for missionary appointment.

"What, then, is our hope?" he continued. "It is that vastly greater numbers of our finest young people will heed God's call for service abroad and will follow through on their decisions. The problem is not with God but with us, not with the call but with the answers. Our relationship with candidates shows . . . the foundation is in the home and local church . . . Fundamentally, enlistment of new missionaries must be accepted at the 'grass roots' . . . As this sense of personal commitment permeates the lives of pastors, parents, and leaders in our 29,000 local Baptist churches we will see a miracle take place."

►Chaplain (Captain) George D. Park has been notified to report to Camp Stoneman, near San Francisco, Calif., on May 10, and from there he expects to be sent overseas to Japan at a later time. During March he had 22 professions of faith and 18 rededications in his services at the Goldville Chapel, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

►Dr. Eugene I. Enlow, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, was guest preacher assisting Pastor Bruce V. Hartsell in a revival at the Shepherdsville Baptist Church, closing April 13, and resulting in 15 professions of faith and 3 coming under the watchcare of the church. Pastor Hartsell says: "Dr. Enlow brought messages which gave spiritual nourishment to the Christians and presented a challenge to the lost."

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## Kentucky Reaches Goal in Ministers Security Plan

By W. C. Boone  
General Secretary-Treasurer

More than the necessary two-thirds of pastors and churches enrolled in the Ministers Retirement Plan have sent in their agreements to change over to the new Ministers Security Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board. There has been a very hearty response on the part of pastors and churches to this new plan giving increased benefits to our retired or disabled pastors and their widows. The plan will, therefore, go into effect for Kentucky as of July 1, 1954. We congratulate our pastors and churches who have taken advantage of this opportunity offered by the denomination.

Other cards are coming in daily. There are 82 pastors who have signed cards but whose churches have not notified us that they have accepted the new plan. There are also 49 churches which have approved the Ministers Security Plan but whose pastors have not sent in their personal agreement. We hope that these pastors will soon be matched

by their churches and the other churches by their pastors in completing these units to participate in the new plan.

As stated from the first, this new plan is entirely voluntary and the pastors and churches which do not wish to take advantage of the new plan will continue to participate in the Ministers Retirement Plan. In fact, it will not be possible for any pastor or church to make the change over after July 1 for at least six months from that date.

We believe Kentucky is the first of the larger states to reach the quota in adopting the Ministers Security Plan. We are confident, however, that all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention will reach their quotas before July 1.

## Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital to be Dedicated May 9

Ground was broken for the new building of the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, on May 9, 1948, and on the sixth anniversary of that event, on Sunday, May 9, 1954, the building will be dedicated.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, then executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, brought the address, and he will also be the speaker for the program of dedication. The B. S. U. Choir, under the direction of Mr. James Woodward, will sing two anthems and lead the congregational hymn.

Judge Eugene F. Siler, moderator of the General Association, will preside over the program. Judge Siler served on the Board of Trustees of the Hospital and was president of the Board in 1949. Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of the General Association of Bap-

tists in Kentucky, and Mr. H. L. Dobbs, executive secretary of the Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists, will bring messages on the program.

Kentucky Baptists and the residents of the Lexington area have looked forward to this date for many years. This institution of healing will stand through the years as a practical demonstration of the full Gospel ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Baptists and friends from over the state are cordially invited to attend all the ceremonies. Public tours of inspection will be conducted following the program, and on Monday afternoon and night. The first patient will be admitted at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12.

►Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Atlanta, Ga., preached three times at the First Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, April 4, and the next Sunday was at Tell City and Cannelton, Indiana. He supplied churches at Charlotte, N. C., on April 18, and was at Dr. Robert G. Lee's Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., on April 25. He visited the Western Recorder office on his way to the Indiana engagements. He is being kept busy by the Southern Baptist churches.

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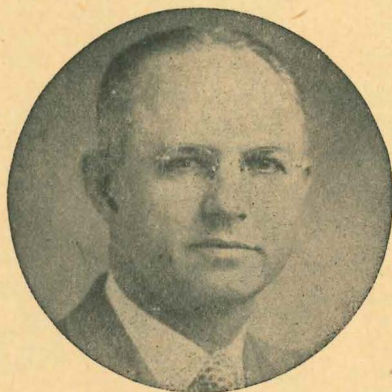
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### Enlargement Campaign in West Kentucky Successful

Eleven churches participated in an enlargement campaign during March 8-12 discovering great possibilities for growth in most of the churches. Campaigns were held at Bardwell, Cayce, Clinton First, Liberty, Midway, Milburn, Mt. Moriah, Sassafras Ridge, Spring Hill. Moscow met with Cayce and Obion met with Clinton, First.

The directors serving were: Rev. E. D. Davis, Marion; Rev. L. R. Riley, Mayfield; Rev. Orman Stegall, Mayfield; Rev. S. R. Helton, Barbourville; Rev. O. C. Markham, Clinton; Dr. W. A. Sloan, Clinton; Rev. Keith Dunn, Associational Missionary in West Kentucky Association; and Chester A. Igleheart, served as general campaign director. Miss Mary Ella Davis helped at Clinton, First, and held conferences with workers in her field. Antioch and Oakton are planning campaigns in the near future.

The nine churches reported 1,346 enrolled in Sunday school with 1,611 prospects giving them 2,957 total possibilities.

This association is truly in a position to attempt great things for the Lord. Bro. Keith Dunn, the new missionary, is doing a wonderful work in West Kentucky Association leading the churches to lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes.

An enlargement campaign is a church's most effective means of discovering its possibilities and needs.

### North Bend And Campbell County Associations Hold Clinic

Much interest was evidenced by a large attendance in the Sunday School Clinic held at the First Baptist Church, Newport by the North Bend and Campbell County Associations under the leadership of Rev. Roy A. Johnson, Associa-

tional Sunday School Superintendent of North Bend and Rev. R. T. Daugherty (acting) Associational Superintendent for Campbell County, in co-operation with our State Sunday School Department. Classes for each age group were taught by the following:

**Cradle Roll**—Mrs. J. S. Underwood, Knoxville, Tenn.; **Nursery**—Mrs. Ralph Couey, Carrollton; **Beginner**—Miss Mary Ella Davis, Louisville; **Primary**—Mrs. R. B. White, Paducah; **Junior**—Mrs. Roy E. Boatwright, Louisville; **Intermediate**—Miss Hazel Grady, Ft. Thomas; **Young People**—Bill Enete, Lexington; **Adult**—Rev. Roy E. Boatwright, State Sunday School Secretary; **Extension**—Howard Colvin, Williamstown; **Pastors and Superintendents**—Chester A. Igleheart, Louisville.

There were 313 enrolled during the week with an average attendance of 227. One day conferences were held at Silver Grove, Florence, Latonia and Walton churches. Although the attendance was small in these special conferences, they were considered most profitable.

These two associations are to be commended for the wonderful spirit of co-operation they have shown, not only in promoting this Clinic but many other more difficult programs they have sponsored together.

### Southwestern Regional Sunday School Clinic

During the week of March 22-26 the First Baptist Church, Mayfield entertained the Southwestern Regional Sunday School Clinic. Graves County, Blood River, West Kentucky and West Union Associations constitute this region.

In spite of a down-pour of rain the first three nights of the Clinic a good attendance was recorded with an average of 213 each night during the week. The administration books were taught in each department under the capable leadership of the following faculty: **Cradle Roll**—Mrs. R. B. Hooks, Harrodsburg; **Nursery**—Mrs. Ralph Couey, Carrollton; **Beginner**—Miss Mary Ella Davis, Louisville; **Primary**—Miss Mary Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., State Sunday School Department; **Junior**—Mrs. T. L. Nash, Lexington; **Intermediate**—Miss Maurine Elder, Nashville, Tenn., State Sunday School Department; **Young People**—Dr. W. A. Gardiner, Buechel; **Adult**—Rev. A. B. Colvin, Lebanon; **Extension**—Rev. Orman Stegall, Mayfield, and Pastors and Superintendents—Chester A. Igleheart, Louisville. Dr. H. C. Chiles, Murray, brought an inspirational message each night during the week challenging all Sunday school workers to a more consecrated life for the Master. Day conferences were held at First Church, Murray; West Hickman; East Church, Paducah under the direction of the clinic faculty. One hour was given to general Sunday school work and then department conferences were held dealing with problems pertaining to each age group.

Rev. Orman Stegall and Rev. R. A. Slinker in co-operation with our State Sunday School Department directed the Clinic.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, APRIL 25, 1954

(Numerical after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First (2)	119	809
Unity (1)	156	605
Bardstown		380
Bellevue	70	444
Benton, First		209
Blackford	59	238
Bowling Green (2)	257	1,182
Burlington	94	274
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	143	278
South Campbellsville		241
Carrollton		234
Central City (1)	255	479
Cloverport		233
Corbin, Central	122	547
First	121	452
Covington, Calvary		691
First (1)	107	421
Latonia (2)	225	1,168
Madison Ave.		321
South Side	97	559
Crestwood		251
Cynthiana (2)		361
Danville, First (3)	241	700
Dayton, First		292
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	119	
Erlanger	72	401
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	143	659
Falmouth		235
Ferguson (1)	81	280
Florence	91	338
Fort Thomas, First	85	300
Frankfort, First (1)		762
Thorn Hill	108	287
Fulton	166	495
Georgetown (1)	158	416
Glasgow (1)	98	669
Glendale, Gilead	207	331
Greensburg	64	218
Greenville, First	147	367
Harrodsburg (2)	229	941
Bruner's Chapel	88	211
Deep Creek		203
Hawesville		250
Hazard	87	567
Hazel	65	391
Henderson, First	181	527
Immanuel Temple (1)	126	746
Hima, Horse Creek		253
Hodgenville, First	120	465
Hopkinsville, First	132	652
Second	151	871
Independence	128	270
Jenkins, First		254
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial		311
Lawrenceburg, First	100	393
Sand Spring	49	294
Lebanon, First (1)	118	489
Leitchfield	80	276
Lexington, Calvary (1)	146	741
Grace (3)	155	741
Immanuel	253	666
Porter Memorial	149	376
London, First (1)	128	593
Louisville, Audubon	86	209
Baptist Tabernacle	208	773
Baptist Temple	101	321
Beechmont (2)	187	891
Bethany	47	235
Bethlehem	79	263
Broadway (1)		322
Clifton (1)	113	429
Crescent Hill (2)	249	830
Eighteenth Street		217
Fairdale (2)	157	359
Farmdale		435
Harmony	131	363
Highland Park First		460
Immanuel	59	371
Lee's Lane	197	284
Lynn Acres	88	230
Ninth and O (1)	204	1,214
Okolona	72	404
Parkland	273	1,069
St. Matthews (1)	166	612
Shively (1)	151	709
South Jefferson	108	569
Southside	61	446
Third Avenue	93	640
Twenty-third and Broadway (1)	206	700
Valley View	95	219
Victory Memorial (2)		1,036
Virginia Avenue		331
Walnut Street (4)	295	1,515
West Broadway	168	620
Ludlow, First		424
Madisonville, First	297	1,015
Marion		267
Mayfield, First	298	907
Middlesboro, First (5)	140	708
Mt. Sterling		260
Mt. Washington	59	270
Murray, First (1)	130	858
Newport, First (2)	134	820
Trinity	93	268
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	127	514
Eaton Memorial (1)	192	476
First (1)		916
Hall Street (1)	201	531
Macedonia	104	268
Seven Hills	119	379
Third (1)	364	1,151
Paducah, Oaklawn (1)	115	283

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## FALLEN ASLEEP

### MRS. ISA RODGERS

OWENTON, Ky., Mar. 6 — Our Heavenly Father, in His wisdom and love, called our beloved sister, Mrs. Isa Rodgers, to her Heavenly home, December 17, 1953.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Owenton. She loved and attended all adult organizations. During her declining years, she regretted she was unable to be active in the Lord's work.

RESOLVED, First: That the W.M.S. has lost an ardent member.

Second: That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.—Respectfully submitted, Mrs. E. R. Shipp, Katie Bryan, Mrs. C. W. Steadman, W.M.S. Committee.

### "MAMMY" ENSOR

Though suffering, she breathed not a murmur, for the Comforter stood by her side and whispered: "Fear not, I am with thee; with Me thou shalt ever abide." Then from earth and sorrow, He bore her across to that beautiful shore. With the sunshine of her smile engraved in our hearts, the years will pass, yet all the while, from us, she will never depart.—In memory of our dear mother, "Mammy" Ensor.—M. E. and E. C. Bratcher, Florence and Cora Lee Miller, Box 765-B, Route 2, Louisville, Ky. Written by Mrs. Cora P. Kail.

### H. E. SHIVELY

GREENSBURG, Ky.—Whereas, the Greensburg Baptist Church, being wholly submissive to the inscrutable will of Almighty God, who, in His infinite wisdom, has called from earthly labor His loyal and faithful disciple, Brother H. E. Shively, to his heavenly Abode to enjoy the blissful peace and happiness in the glory, beauty and majesty of His presence for evermore. Be it:

Resolved, that the Greensburg Baptist Church has lost the leadership of a true Christian, a loyal and faithful member, deacon, clerk and teacher.

Resolved, that the Greensburg Church hereby expresses its love and sympathy for the family in their sorrow, etc.—Phares Pierce, Dr. W. H. Crawford, Committee.

[EDITORIAL NOTE—Another set of resolutions was also received from the Men's Bible Class, Greensburg, which group he taught for the last eleven years.]

### JAMES STABLES

The deacons of the Grace Baptist Church have passed resolutions regarding the passing of their Deacon James Staples last January.

Mr. Staples was baptized into the fellowship of Grace Church January 2, 1938. He served faithfully for 15 years as a deacon, and for the past two years was the beloved teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Grace Baptist Church has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Staples, and the memory of his loyal service will be an inspiration to us as we carry on His work.—Earnest Sebastian, chairman; Robert William Jarboe, Shelby T. Dumas, H. J. Milby, Herbert Parsons, Wm. S. Chasteen, Roosevelt Routt, Lawrence Hornback, M. U. Driskill, and Melvin Torstrick, Pastor.

### MRS. W. C. CLAY, JR.

MT. STERLING, Ky.—Whereas, Mrs. William Caldwell Clay, Sr., a charter member of the Ella Greene Circle—which was organized about 1919 and was named for her mother—was called to her heavenly home on January 18, 1954.

And whereas, she was one of the best loved

and most faithful members of our Circle, coming as long as her health would permit and contributing to it as long as she lived.

And whereas, she was a most loyal member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, believing its teachings and instructing in its Sunday school, attending its services and supporting its every organization.

Therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Ella Greene Circle, . . . First, that we extend to her bereaved husband, her two sons, her sister; Mrs. McKee and her brother; Deacon Cecil S. Greene and also the rest of the connection, our Christian love and sympathy, praying that God will give them grace to bear their grief, firm in the conviction that their dear one has passed from death into life eternal.

Second, that in the passing of Mrs. Clay our circle has suffered an irreparable loss, the church has lost one of its most faithful and devoted members and the memory of her consecrated life will be an inspiration to us as we carry on His work.—Committee.

### MILTON YOUNG SLACK

HODGENVILLE, Ky.—Milton Young Slack, retired farmer, died near here March 31, 1954. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, having professed faith at an early age and remained faithful until the end. He served as deacon 44 years, and as church clerk several years. He was the son of John and Delia Slack. His wife died eleven years ago. The church has lost a devoted member, the community a good citizen. Surviving him are two sons: Oswald with whom he lived, and Ellis, of Louisville; three daughters: Mrs. Bernie Taylor of this city, and Mrs. Marvin Black and Mrs. Eugene Sherrard of Louisville. There are eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Funeral was conducted April 2 at his home church by a former pastor, Noah Benningfield, and the present pastor, George H. Douglas, Jr. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### J. E. HARE

OWENSBORO, Ky.—WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom, on February 2, 1954, called into his heavenly presence our esteemed brother, Joseph E. Hare, and,

WHEREAS, Brother Hare was an outstanding member of Third Baptist Church, regular in Sunday School attendance, faithful to the worship services, a member of the Board of Deacons, and a member of the Church Finance Committee at the time of his heavenly summons,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, feeling deeply the loss of this well loved and faithful brother, extend to the bereaved family our Christian love and sympathy, together with our fervent prayers for God's grace upon them in this hour of trial, that we, with them, turn our hearts to Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of our church, and a copy sent to the Western Recorder for publication.—William Hund, Committee, Third Baptist Church.

### MRS. MAYE CURRY

MORGANFIELD, Ky.—Since it has been the will of Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Maye Curry, on January 12, 1954. We submit the following resolution:

That in her death the Morganfield Baptist Church has lost a worthy member (indeed, she was a charter member), the community a useful citizen and the family a loving and devoted mother.

That we humbly bow in submission to the will of God and commend the bereaved to the loving care of Him who does all things well.—Committee—Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mrs. E. D. Tilford and Mrs. R. L. Paris.

### CHARLES H. RICHARDSON

COVINGTON, Ky. — Charles H. Richardson, age 54, died suddenly at his home, 300 Highland Avenue, South Fort Mitchell, of a heart attack Friday, March 5, 1954, at 2:30 p.m. His passing was unexpected, although he had had high blood pressure for the past three or four years.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Hilda Marsh Richardson, and four children: Paul, age 19, a freshman in college; Leva, 17, a senior in Beechwood High School; Delton, age 10, and Elizabeth Anne, age 7.

He is also survived by three brothers: Edgar, of Lexington, Ky.; Sam A., of Richmond, Ky.; and Lewis, of Science Hill, Ky.

Mr. Richardson and all the members of his immediate family are members of the Calvary Baptist Church at Covington, Ky., of which Brother D. B. Eastep is pastor.

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By H. C. Chiles

# Elijah Rebukes Ahab

Ahab was one of the most striking characters in the history of Israel. It was the terrible wickedness of this idolatrous king that brought him so much notoriety.

## I. The Covetousness. I Kings 21:1-4.

At Jezreel, approximately twenty miles from Samaria, Ahab had a luxurious summer palace and pleasure resort. It was noted for its pools of sparkling water, beautiful flower gardens and scenic parks.

After his signal victory over the Syrians and the extension of his kingdom, Ahab returned to his summer home. Adjacent thereto was a vineyard which belonged to Naboth. Even though Ahab had extensive holdings in real estate, he considered his property incomplete until he obtained this rich vineyard of his neighbor. He immediately decided that he would interview Naboth concerning the procurement of same. With a smile upon his face, and with words as smooth as butter, Ahab made an interesting proposal to Naboth. He offered him another and better vineyard for it. He also offered to pay him a high cash price for it. He made every legitimate effort to obtain it, thinking that it would round out his property. He did not make any attempt to confiscate the vineyard, but he did offer Naboth an ample equivalent, either a better one or sufficient money with which to purchase such a one. He assured his neighbor that it would be to his personal advantage to trade with him. Thus far, it appears that there were not any flaws in his desire or proposal.

With the possibility of being remembered favorably by the king in various ways which would be to his temporal advantage, there was a real temptation for Naboth to grant the request of Ahab. However, two things stood in his way of obliging the king. The first of these was his duty to God. The tenure for which the Israelites held the land was fixed by God's law, "The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine." Lev. 25:23. So, Naboth refused to yield to the temptation to violate an express command of God. The second obstacle in his way was his duty to his forefathers and his posterity. "So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers." Numbers 36:7. To Naboth, obedience to God and right conduct toward others were vastly more important than the making of money. Would that all might realize that it is always better to obey God than it is to comply with the wishes of men!

Naboth would not sacrifice right to

the pleasure of the king, and with manly independence told him so. Regretful that his king would seek his vineyard, sown with the rich seed of history, planted with touching associations and endeared with so many precious memories, Naboth said, "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."

When his offer was declined Ahab was sorely displeased. He had such an insatiable and covetous desire that he could not stand to have his purpose thwarted. Like a spoiled and pouting boy, he went home, threw himself on the bed, turned his face to the wall, and refused to eat or to see his friends. He sulked because he could not have his way. How do you act when you cannot have your way?

## II. The Conspiracy. I Kings 21:5-15.

Knowing Ahab's disposition, Jezebel immediately sensed that there was something wrong, so she inquired as to what it was. When he related his troubles to her, she promised him that she would give Naboth's vineyard to him. Alas, some people are very generous with the property of others! She bribed unscrupulous men to bear false testimony against Naboth to the effect that he was guilty of blasphemy, having spoken evil of both God and Ahab, whereupon he was stoned to death. Thus Ahab was the inciter and Jezebel was the schemer and executor of this diabolical plot.

## III. The Consequences. I Kings 21:16-20.

Upon learning of the death of Naboth, Ahab went down and took possession of his estate, and seemingly without any compunction of conscience. In obedience to the command of God, Elijah again confronted Ahab and said, "Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine." Obviously there wasn't any joy in the heart of Ahab as he stood there in his newly acquired vineyard. He remarked to Elijah, "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" Then, Elijah, who was not an enemy but his best friend, let him know that his sin was not being overlooked.

The suddenness with which Elijah reached Ahab indicates how quickly one's sins reappear. Cognizant of every particular of that terrible crime against Naboth and his family, God sent His prophet to Ahab to charge him with it and to declare unto him His vengeance. As a result of Elijah's message, Ahab received a horrible vision of bloody slaughter. He envisioned himself being gnawed by the dogs which roamed at night. Because the all-seeing eye of God is ever resting upon the evil deeds of every sin-

ner, the wrongdoer must inevitably face his sins. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

## Gleanings

►John L. Ashby is now serving as local missionary and pastor of the Van Lear and West Van Lear Churches in Enterprise Association.

►A week-end conference for state and associational Royal Ambassador leaders were recently held at Cedarmore—the first of its kind in the state. Glowing reports are made of the meeting.

►The latest report on Dr. Samuel S. Hill, Sr., is that his recent illness was not as bad as was reported. He is much improved, for which all his friend are thankful.

►Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brothers, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, announce the birth of Mary Lee on April 13 in DeLand Fla. They are in the States on furlough and may be addressed at 1010 North Pine Street, DeLand. Mr. Brothers is a native of Hopkins County. Ky.

►Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., passed away quietly April 25 at 10:37 a.m. at a hospital in Richmond, Va. Funeral was held Tuesday, April 27. He was secretary of the Latin American missions of the Foreign Mission Board. During his student days he was pastor at Junction City and Crab Orchard, in Kentucky. A fuller article will be printed about him later.

►Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., is adding a travel seminar as a special part of its curriculum, according to an announcement by President Sydnor L. Stealey. The first such seminar will be conducted during the summer of 1955 by Professors Marc Lovelace and Pope A. Duncan, Jr., and will include work in Europe and the Holy Land.

►Southwestern Seminary has three new professors. One of them, we notice, is Kentucky's William R. Estep, Jr., of Williamsburg. One-time teacher in Golden Gate Seminary, he has recently been pastor of the Houston Heights Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. He will teach church history. C. W. Scudder, a Peabody graduate, will teach social ethics; and James H. Daniel, a Belmont College professor, Nashville, will teach junior work.

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### REPORTING ON APRIL

April was another busy month for us as we began the month by visiting the First Baptist Church, Paintsville, C. H. Hockinsmith, pastor, on April 2. From April 4 through the 18th we were in a revival campaign with Central Church, Winchester, Paul Fox, pastor. The Lord blessed with twenty-four additions by profession of faith in Christ and six by letter. There were other professions by those who did not offer themselves for church membership. The remainder of the month was spent as follows: 19—First Church, Munfordville, C. H. Rue, pastor. Eight churches were represented in this meeting; 20—First Church, Newport, E. Keevil Judy, pastor; 22—Bedford, Ralph Elliott, pastor; 23—First Church, Leitchfield, Charles C. Porter, pastor; 24-25—We were in Evansville, Indiana, where we spoke Saturday night to the men of Calvary Baptist Church, A. H. Cullen, pastor. Sunday morning we preached in the Victory Church, Kenneth McDaniel, pastor. That afternoon we spoke to an Associational Brotherhood rally at the Walnut Street Church. Louis W. Stanger, Director of Education for the West-Kentuckiana Association promoted this meeting with the help of all of the pastors. Sunday night, we preached in the regular services at Walnut Street Church where C. W. Lawrence is pastor. 26—Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, H. B. Kuhnle, pastor; 27—Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, L. C. Ray, pastor; 29—Boone's Creek Associational Brotherhood Rally, Calvary

Church, West Irvine, William E. Bush, President and Arlon Davis, Missionary; 30—Bracken Associational Brotherhood Rally, May's Lick Baptist Church, A. D. Odom, host pastor and R. W. Johnson, Missionary.

### RIDGECREST PROGRAM RELEASED

We have received an advance copy of the Brotherhood-Foreign Missions week program at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, July 29-August 4. Space will not permit a full description of the program, but for those particularly interested in Brotherhood we are glad to advise that three days will be set over for the holding of BROTHERHOOD METHOD CONFERENCES in which each group of officers (Pastors and Presidents, Membership Vice-Presidents and Secretaries, Activities Vice-Presidents and Committee Members, Program Vice-Presidents and Choristers, and Associational, Regional, District and state officers) will receive special information and helps for their particular work. Your State Brotherhood Secretary will help lead the discussions for Pastors and Presidents. Copies of the entire program will be mailed to all local and Associational Brotherhood Presidents. We rejoice that a good number of Kentucky men have said they plan to attend this conference. If you can possibly go, write Willard K. Weeks, Director, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, today for reservations.

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Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us;  
She never could forget.  
And so I think that where she is,  
She must be watching yet.

Waiting till we come home to her,  
Anxious if we are late;  
Watching from heaven's window,  
Leaning from heaven's gate.

—Author Unknown

►Barnes F. Wilson, Decatur, Ga., a farm association official, has been elected a new assistant of church loan funds by the Home Mission Board.

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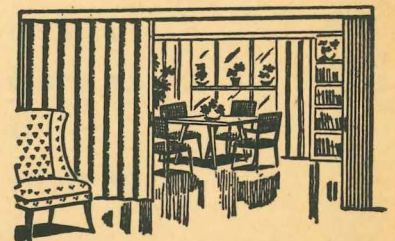
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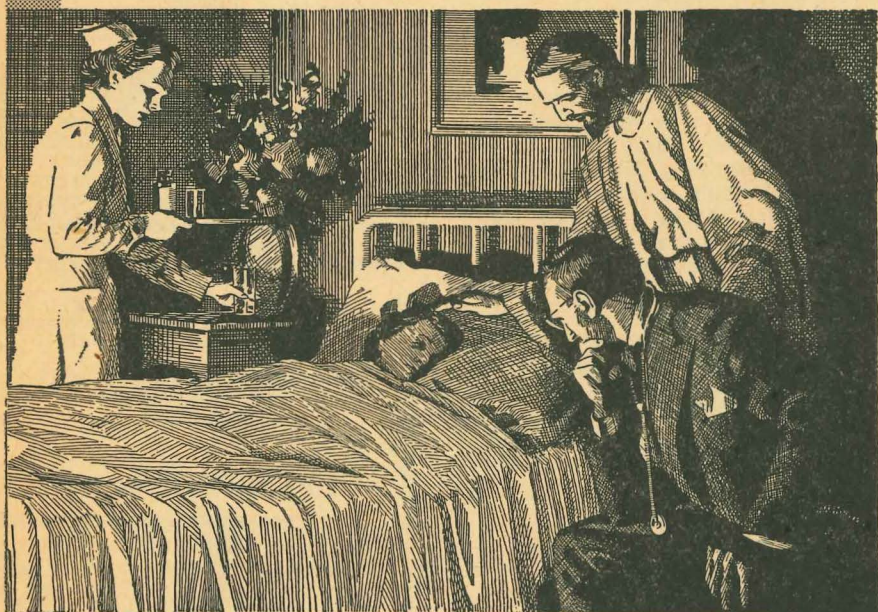
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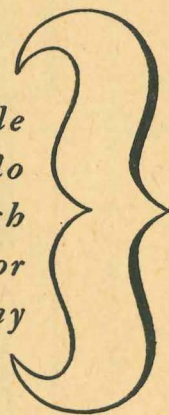
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