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Yawning on the spread pallet, this Indian boy is a prize applicant for a Cradle Roll operated by one of our Home Mission Board missionaries.

Cleanings From The Field

►H. A. Zimmerman, formerly of Napa, Calif., has gone to be pastor of the First Baptist Church, North Pole, Alaska.

►Evangelist Arthur Fox, Morristown, Tenn., is just back from a gracious revival in Newnan, Georgia, where there were 86 additions.

►A total of \$2,353.13 has been received by the Walnut Street Church, Owensboro, for its organ fund.

►The inauguration of Dr. H. Leo Eddleman as president of Georgetown College is announced to take place in the middle of September.

►John R. Sampey, Jr., professor of chemistry at Furman University on May 1 received the Herty Medal, awarded each year by the American Chemical Society to an outstanding scientist in the South.

►Howard College's student body, Birmingham, Ala., has arranged with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to underwrite the support of Missionary James D. Hollis, to the extent of \$1,000. Hollis, a '44 graduate of Howard, is serving in Macao.

►The Hustonville Baptist Church has just completed its spring revival with Evangelist Marshall Black, Harrodsburg, doing the preaching. The singing was under the leadership of Pastor W. R. Bradshaw. The meeting resulted in 11 additions.

►Mr. and Mrs. Oren C. Robison, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have moved from Joinkrama to Benin City. Their address is American Baptist Mission, Benin City, Nigeria, West Africa. Mrs. Robison, the former Martha Boaz, is a native of Murray, Ky.

►The Pilot Church, Lincoln County, has ordained Otis Williams and Olin D. Williams as deacons. Eugene Webb was moderator; C. M. Hill, Eubank, interrogator; and W. G. Boyd, clerk. The charge to the candidates and the church was delivered by C. L. Jenkins.

►The Smiths Grove Church observed Youth Week recently, with 5 young people, 14 Intermediates, and 5 Juniors filling the official positions. R. B. Hooks, Jr., was the evangelist, assisting Pastor W. Harold Matthews. The meetings resulted in the salvation of 2 of the older Junior boys.

►Howard C. Sivells, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1950, has been elected Brotherhood secretary of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. He will succeed Roy F. Sutton, now pastor of a new Baptist church in Denver, Colo.

►Dr. L. E. Barton's new book *Amazing Grace*, which interprets Ephesians in expository sermons, will appear early in May. It may be obtained from the Baptist Book Stores, but those seeking autographed copies are requested to order them directly from the author, Box 1534, Montgomery, Ala.

►The regular quarterly meeting of the Long Run Library Association was held

April 5 at Broadway Church, Louisville. The group voted to change the name to Long Run Library Council. After the meeting the members helped Mrs. George A. Carver and her staff process 122 new books in the Broadway Library.

►Pastors who expect to record Southern Baptist Convention on tape should get in touch with the Radio Commission, Atlanta, Ga., at once. The registration fee is \$3.00 to offset rental cost of chairs, tables, etc. Mail your card to: Henry S. Bowling, Engineer, "The Baptist Hour," Box 8, Station E., Atlanta, Ga.

►Mrs. E. A. Nelson, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to Brazil, died April 18 in Tulsa, Okla. She was appointed to Brazil in 1897 and served as a pioneer missionary in the Amazon Valley until retirement in 1938. Her husband, native of Sweden, died in 1939. His work is described in a book, *The Apostle of the Amazon*, by the late L. M. Bratcher.

►Members of the Florida Baptist Woman's Missionary Union adopted a resolution at their annual convention directing that the Young Men's Conference meeting in Tampa, October, 1954, be interracial. The Conference, under the leadership of the WMU, will be the first Baptist youth meeting ever held on an interracial basis in Florida.

►The Bumpus Mills Church ordained Norton Burk to preach the Gospel on April 9. Pastor Rudolph Noel served as moderator and Pastor Robert Wyatt was clerk of the presbytery. Pastor J. W. Nelson led in the questioning. The sermon was preached by G. Edison Burk, a brother of the candidate. The charge to the candidate was given by Pastor J. R. Guess and the charge to the church by Pastor Henry Royland. R. W. Wyatt presented the Bible. Brethren Ulysses Hester, D. W. Elliott, Edward Shelton, William Harp, Judson Guier, Marsh Barber and Ray Owen Marken also assisted.

►Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Moore, Georgetown, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Wilma Lucille Moore to Rev. Marion H. Hare, son of Mr. George E. Hare, Jacksonville, Fla. The wedding is to take place at the Georgetown Baptist Church June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Miss Moore is a graduate of Georgetown College. For a time she was church secretary of the Georgetown Baptist Church and is now subscription clerk in the office of the Western Recorder. Mr. Hare is a graduate of Stetson University and is completing his undergraduate work at the Southern Seminary this May. He is pastor of the Underwood Baptist Church, Underwood, Indiana.

►The First Baptist Church, Raceland, has voted to purchase two corner lots which adjoin their present property. Tentative plans call for the construction of a new sanctuary, and a large area will be changed into a blacktop parking lot. Ultimately they will erect a new educational building. A parsonage is planned in the near future near the church build-

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—Jude 3.

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ing. Pastor Richard Miller says that 23 members have been added since January 1, 1954.

►Brother Dan Thomas, who recently resigned his work with the Sunday School Department to become pastor of Wing Avenue Church, Owensboro, has written a statement of his appreciation of General Secretary W. C. Boone, Sunday School Secretary Roy E. Boatwright, of Miss Mary Ella Davis and Mr. Chester Igleheart of the Sunday School Department, of other friends in the Baptist Building" and of all Kentucky Baptists. He states in conclusion: "As I leave denominational service to resume the pastorate, you can rest assured that I am interested in everything we are doing as Baptists, and you can count on my wholehearted cooperation with every department of our work." [We regret that extreme shortage of space does not permit printing his entire statement. Brother Thomas did an excellent work with the Sunday School Department.]

The Importance of Religion In a Penal Institution

By W. JESS BUCHANAN, Warden of
Kentucky State Penitentiary, Eddyville, Ky.

Nothing is as important to any individual as his religion and faith in the Almighty. If it could be said that religion is more important in one place than another, I would not hesitate to state that it is in a penal institution where sin-sodden individuals are paying their debt to a sin-ridden society, where those incarcerated have been termed as the by-products of social and political conflicts who are starved for more simple goodness and genuine, not-on-the-surface moral guidance. Yes, some are here because society has failed to fulfill this yawning need.

No philosophy or enlightened devices of crime amelioration has yet, or ever will, surpass the complete acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. This surrender can effect a complete transformation in an incarcerated individual when all other modern rehabilitative methods and devices have failed.

The prison Chaplain is, primarily, a man of God; he is blessed with the unique, yet exalted privilege of ministering to unfortunates who have defied the laws of God and man. It is often through the religious education and guidance which inmates receive in prison that they learn that while man is unrelenting and exacts his "pound of flesh" for violation of his laws, God is forgiving, ready to open His arms to them, pour out His magnificent blessings and bring peace to their restless souls, hearts, and minds.

It is surprising the number of inmates incarcerated who have never had religious training, who have never before attended Sunday school or church. It is in prison that some first learn of God. There are some who have attended church and Sunday school occasionally and have had religious teaching which made no lasting impression, because no personal touch or interest had been portrayed in the teaching; therefore, the inner man had not been touched because of on-the-surface treatment.

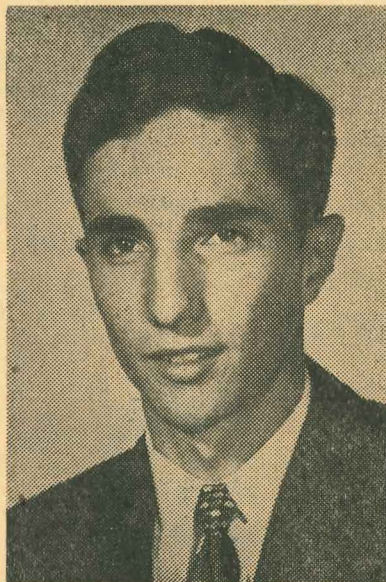
Sadly missing in our society is the sense of responsibility for our fellow man. Through the prison chaplain, religious administrators, and other Christian employees, the inmate sometimes receives his only religious training with the "personal" touch. It is in prison that some come to the realization that they can no longer go alone under their own strength. They then turn to God for strength, refuge and guidance. I can't imagine where a man would need the gentle, soothing hand of his Saviour more than when he was locked in his cell at night with gray, massive, stone walls and forbidding steel bars encasing

him. Realizing, too, that tomorrow and many more tomorrows, he will be in the same place.

Yes, the incarcerated individual is none other than a sinner, as we all are, only he has sinned to a more intensified degree according to the laws of society. When the inmate turns to God, it is only then that he has the confidence to face the future, the smears and slurs he will receive in a free society for having served a term in prison.

It is through the religious training and guidance and study of the Bible which some receive in prison, that they come to understand the laws of our society and their derivatives. It is through their religious training and Bible study that they first completely understand the Constitution of our United States and the

Buffalo Ordains Harold G. Meers to Preach



Harold Gray Meers

At the request of the Round Top Baptist Church, Hardin County, the Buffalo Church ordained Harold Gray Meers to preach the Gospel April 4. He is at present a senior in Campbellsville High School and expects to enter Campbellsville College next session. He has been called to be pastor of the Round Top Church. Dr. W. W. Stevens, Hodgenville, president at the council and Carl Shaw was elected clerk. John W. Wall, Buffalo, was interrogator. Dr. Paul G. Horner preached the ordination sermon and Joe Patterson, Barren Run, presented the Bible.

freedoms we enjoy, and the part man's supreme love of God played in the founding of our beautiful and beloved America.

No employees of a penal institution can be a greater asset to the warden than the prison chaplain and Christian custodial employees—employees who have a profound interest in the inmate as a human being and a creature of God; who have set out to win the inmates with enthusiasm, confidence, intelligence, with a creative faculty, and a deep, abiding faith in God. Sparks from this type of service cannot help but ignite the hearts of normal men. In remaking an individual whose nature is out of shape, the motor must be repaired. The 'motor' is the heart and the greatest of all mechanics in the repair of human beings is our Lord. Each inmate is an individual case in many respects. The beginning place, however, is with God.

There is no way of evaluating the importance of religion in a penal institution. It is the responsibility of the prison administrators to take over when free society's home, school and church have failed; and it is far from an easy feat. The public often exploits our failures (and we have many), but rarely learns of our successes in setting men on the right road.

I have learned much of human nature during my years as warden of this institution. I have learned that not all people who are committed to penal institutions are criminals; but misguided, under-privileged individuals who failed to receive the necessary personal and religious guidance in their formative years. We know some have sin-hardened hearts; some have mental deficiencies and twisted minds whose hearts we probably cannot reach; but we must be undaunted. We must think of the Johns, Jims and Bills who were once belligerent, defiant individuals who now understand and enjoy the higher and finer things of life. This type is a constant inspiration to all who have stumbled and fallen into the deep pits of sin and despair, and to those who have dedicated themselves to the purpose of helping the incarcerated.

We do not feel we have been a failure if we have helped one individual committed to our custody to return to society and become a respectable citizen. I do feel though that once the seed for the love of God is planted in the heart of man, he may stray from the path but sooner or later he will return to the fold. It is the duty of Christian people to lend a helping hand and plant the seed.

►The Oaklawn Church, Paducah, Ky., has called Brother Craig Ratliff, Amarillo, Texas, as associate pastor. He is a graduate of Baylor University and is completing his first year in the Southern Seminary. His primary duties will be to superintend the work being carried on by the Oaklawn Church at the Reidland Baptist Chapel. Pastor Grant L. Jones, of Oaklawn says this work was started the first of the year, and there were 61 present at the Chapel last Sunday to hear Brother Ratliff's message.

Class Rooms Brought to Third Church on Wheels



The Third Baptist Church of Owensboro has been crowded during these months until their new Educational Building is completed. They had been using four frame houses for a portion of their Sunday school, but when these were torn down in order to make room for the new building they had to find room for the classes. First, they were scattered all over the neighborhood in various homes and offices. Now they have rented large busses. Pastor H. B. Kuhnle says that in cold weather the busses were comfortably heated, and in warm weather the windows are opened. They are driven up in front of the church property on Sunday morning, and driven away when classes are over. What a fine way to solve the class-room shortage problem!

New Location Means New Day for Chilean Baptist Seminary

It was the beginning of a new day for the Baptist seminary of Chile when the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted in its February meeting to appropriate \$35,000 from Advance Program Funds for the purchase of property in Santiago for its new location, said Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the Board's secretary for Latin America, just before he died.

Mississippi's Ben Landrum Now Leading Baptists In Jenkins, Kentucky

The Jenkins Baptist Church voted March 17 to accept the recommendation of the Expansion Committee, which calls for the erection of a new auditorium and the converting of the present auditorium into educational space, as outlined in blueprints from Brother Hardie C. Bass, of the Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. The erection will start in the near future.

Pastor Ben Landrum moved to this pastorate from the Juniper Grove Baptist Church, Poplarville, Miss., on September 14, 1953. He has led them in the study of "The Pull of the People."

The Jenkins Church was asked by the Pine Mountain Association to accept a goal of 40 as their part in the campaign, but the church voted to make it 50. The old enrolment of 166 has now been

swelled to 301. The church is now working toward a goal of 400 for this associational year. The total contributions last year was \$5,982.26, and the budget for this year is \$11,142.00. Each month this year the gifts have far surpassed the monthly allotments of the budget.

Mrs. King Added to Georgetown's Music Staff

Besides having a new president, Georgetown College also has a new teacher in its music department. She



Mrs. Ardis Brown King

is Mrs. Ardis Brown King, wife of James King, professor of music at the University of Kentucky, and minister of music at the Felix Memorial Baptist Church, also in Lexington. Mr. King has only recently dedicated his life to full time Christian service. The couple have one son, David Howard King, aged six months. Mrs. King replaces Mrs. Bobby Burke Jarvis who left the employ of the college to join her husband in the Canal Zone.

New Church Organized Near Owensboro on Leitchfield Road

OWENSBORO, Ky., Mar. 15.—Organization Day of the Immanuel Baptist Church here was observed February 21. Participating in the services were: Associational Missionary Cecil Laster, Daviess-McLean Association; Pastors Richard Cook, Macedonia; Leslie Moody, Green Brier; Peyton Woodruff, Dawson; and H. B. Kuhnle, Third.

Brother Laster directed the organizational activities; Brother Cook welcomed the new organization; Brother Moody brought a charge to the new organization; Brother Woodruff brought a message of inspiration; and Brother Kuhnle talked of our inheritance of religious freedom and cooperation, and urged all to work together for the cause of Christ.

Deacons elected were: J. T. Henderson, chairman, Calvin McDaniels, Marvin Roberts, Victor Campbell, William Niceley. The trustees are: Donald Brown, chairman, Leo G. Hite, Cecil Stinnett, Essie Simms, Charles Wilson.

Marvin Roberts was elected clerk; William Niceley, treasurer; and Wayland Horton, assistant treasurer. Pianists are Miss Linda Ford and Mrs. Donald Brown.

Robey Daugherty was made assistant Sunday school superintendent and Alexander David, associate Training Union director.

Iron Curtain Has Two Sides

By DR. BRUCE H. PRICE
119 Twenty-fourth St.
Newport News, Va.

A plea on behalf of Roman Catholic priests and freedom of worship behind the iron curtain was made a few days ago by a high American official. We, who are Baptists, would like to add our voice in support of the privilege of Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, and evangelical Christians to engage in religious activities without interference from the authorities behind the iron curtain.

But the iron curtain has two sides, and Baptists are just as much concerned about freedom of worship and propagation of the gospel on this side as we are behind it.

Before me is a paper with these headlines: "Vatican Treaty Curbs Baptists in Colombia Mission Program," "Italian Police Expel Minister," and "Baptist Pastor Jailed in Spain."

The urgent call of the American official for religious freedom in the slave countries will not be heard until the same freedom is granted in the so-called free world.

To all those interested in better treatment of religious leaders under Communism I should remind that Jesus asked, Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

NEITHER MIGHT NOR MAJORITY MAKES RIGHT: The democratic principle—the right of all to have equal voice in procedure—is basic. Majority rule has value because it represents the decision of most of the individuals in any given group. However, there may be a wide difference between the decision of the majority and what is right, even as there may be a wide difference between the decision of the minority and what is wrong—or vice versa. The fact that a matter receives the majority-vote or even unanimous approval has nothing whatever to do with the right-and-wrong factors involved. Right was right and wrong was wrong before the action was taken, and there was no change one way or the other as a result of human action. Votes simply represent the honest opinions of men. No individual or group of men can make a thing right by declaring it to be so. God's will is the only source of right, and man's task is to discover it under His guidance, and his duty is to follow it even if he walks alone.

No opposing individual should be discouraged from doing additional study on any matter to which the majority has given approval, nor should objection be raised to his voicing his convictions. Though a man with a democratic spirit abides by the decision of the majority in so far as the organization is concerned, he is still an individual with a personal responsibility. We have seen circumstances in which additional study and expression of conviction on the part of the minority resulted eventually in keeping organizations from making permanent certain mistakes. We have also seen circumstances in which a noisy, unthinking minority hindered good courses of action outlined and decided upon by a serious and prayerful majority.

We have come on days which demand greater emphasis on the responsibility of individuals to do their own thinking rather than allowing others to think for them. A certain amount of dependence must be placed on others in the process of reaching conclusions, but no man nor group of men will ever have the right to dictate the conclusion. Each must weigh statements made and discern for himself. Those who use escape devices to avoid responsibility of weighing facts and discovering and weeding out pseudo-facts easily become the pawns of other minds: they shame their own dignity as individuals and neglect to exercise a God-given right. Individual thinking and a personal seeking to know the will of God concerning every matter must never become an abandoned practice. We must not allow ourselves to be pushed into a pattern of thought and behavior; however, in following this course of liberty, we must make certain that we are not clinging to a position in mere stubbornness and just for the sake of being individualists. The unthinking individualist is a sore on the body of humanity which can be cured only from the inside.

There is sometimes a disposition to ridicule those who do not agree with us, whether we be in the majority or in the minority. Ridicule is always a sign of weakness, the weapon of little minds and of dangerous men. Let us hear what men have to say; let us weigh their thoughts, if any. Let us reason with them and perhaps face surprise that they know something, too, and perhaps discover they also have well-grounded convictions.

The final criterion is the Word of God—the Truth He has given us and which He unfolds to redeemed, listening hearts by His Holy Spirit. Nothing is settled until God's Truth and His Will settle it. Man is never

right until he knows and decides God's Way. Under His guidance in His Truth, Christ's followers find themselves thinking and acting together: *not because they want to go along with the crowd*, but because they are MOVING WITH HIM. Desire to move with the crowd means a surrender to expediency—the course of weakness, failure. Surrender to the will of God means life, always. Should not Baptists have some of these things in their hearts as they come to make decisions in their personal life, in their churches, and in their denominational gatherings?

A NEW PROGRAM OF INFORMATION—Report on Baptisms: We purpose to publish once each month a list of the top thirty churches of the General Association in evangelism.

The first report will appear, if the churches respond, in the June 17 issue and will cover the entire month of May.

The published report, for each of the top thirty churches, will state the total number baptized during May and the total membership on the last Sunday of May.

From reports which come in from all the churches, the top thirty churches will be determined on a percentage basis—the ratio of baptisms to church membership.

There are, we suspect, some of the so-called smaller churches which, on a percentage basis, are leading some of the churches with much larger memberships.

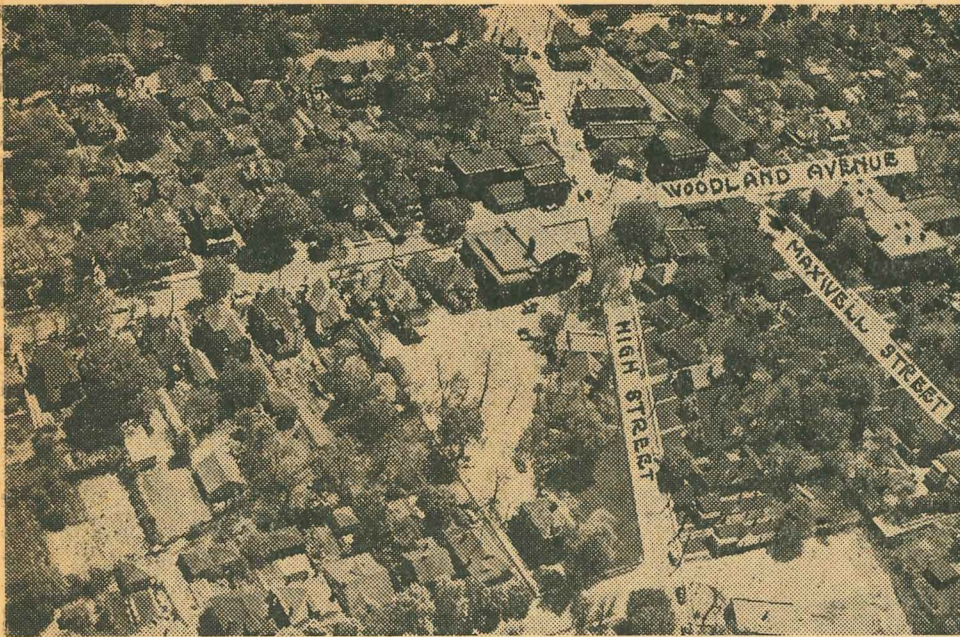
This is how you can help us. *Immediately* after the last service in each month, mail us a statement of the total number baptized during that month. With the statement on baptisms, tell us the church's membership on the last Sunday of that month. The reports from all the churches will then reach us in time to be set up and run in the Thursday's issue which comes out either on or immediately after the middle of each month. As stated above, the report on May will appear June 17. The report on June will appear July 15. The report on July will appear August 19. The report on August will appear September 16, and so on.

Reports of Sunday school and Training Union attendance have created widest interest. Why should we not be greatly interested in the number who have been saved and baptized?

REPRESENTATIVE AT THE VACATION: According to recent press release from Washington, D.C., Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was confronted in a press conference with the questions: "Mr. Secretary, will you give us the Administration's position on relations with the Vatican? Are there any plans for setting up either direct or personal relations with the Holy See? Do you see values in such relation?" Dulles answered only one question: "I know of no plans to alter the present situation." He did not state the administration's position, nor his own personal view. The public is entitled to plain speech. With regard to coming elections: The public should exact from all candidates the promise that all possible efforts will be exerted to keep any kind of representative from going to the Vatican from our Government, and when answers are given they should be published, whether yes or no or neutral.

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▶ You don't have to be in a key position to open the door of opportunity.—Biblical Recorder.

Immanuel, Lexington, Notes Pastor's Anniversary May 16



Airplane view showing the newly acquired property added to old property. The Immanuel Church now owns one entire city block for parking and future expansion.

The year beginning in May 1953 has been an eventful one for Immanuel Baptist Church of Lexington. Under the leadership of Wayne E. Todd, the church has experienced a tremendous year of advance.

The physical expansion has included: four dwellings purchased, remodeled and equipped; one lot purchased; the parking lot doubled in size; one house previously owned by the church remodeled into four Beginner departments; and three floors of the main building remodeled to provide six ultra-modern nurseries, offices, library, music room, and ladies' lounge. The total cost of property, remodeling, and equipment was approximately \$130,000.

Along with this has been an organizational development: 14 new departments in Sunday school and four departments and two unions in Training Union were added; an Explorer Unit and Cub Pack were organized in the Scouts; the Royal Ambassador chapters were re-activated; duo-services of Sunday school and worship at 9:45 and 11:00 were instituted; the Family Night Program was started for the Wednesday night service; a complete rotation system for the deacons was adopted, and five new positions on the church staff were created.

During this expansion and development the spiritual emphasis has remained strong. There have been 160 additions to the church; four of our young men have given themselves to full-time Christian service; the missionary spirit has been such that we maintained the position as second in the state in gifts to missions; 336 new pupils were enrolled in Sunday school; enrollment in Training Union has reached an all-time high of 457; and the duo-services have been responsible for adding 200 to the attendance upon worship services.

The financial status of the church has

indicated the vision of our people: a "Christmas for Christ" offering on December 20 amounted to over \$21,000; the total offering for the year was \$126,424.49; the budget for this present year is \$131,995.32; a new financial system has been set-up and the 6-point record envelopes are being used along with the unified budget plan.

We have felt God's leadership in all that we have undertaken. We are



Wayne E. Todd

grateful that He sent our pastor to us and pray that together we will launch forth into greater service for Him during the coming year.—Keith Mee, Director of Education.

►Dr. Duke K. McCall is preaching in a revival with Pastor Fred T. Moffatt at the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, at this time. The meetings began May 9 and will continue through May 16. Al and Ivy Walsh are leading the music.

Baptists Replace Brewers As Sponsor of "Game of The Day" Broadcast

A very obvious precedent was set in Louisville, recently when the big league baseball "Game of the Day," of Mutual Broadcasting System came out over Station WGRC under the sponsorship of the Long Run Association of Baptists. Previously for five years a local brewery had been the sponsor. Many protests from lovers of the great American Sport were received by the Station. Other complaints were heard here and there about this fine sport, loved by so many people, being connected with alcoholic beverage, but no one had done much about it.

When Charles Harris, Vice-president of WGRC approached the station's Commercial Manager, Tom Underwood, a Baptist, about the likelihood of church sponsorship, he immediately called the office of Long Run Association of Baptists and negotiations were begun. The time was short but with the ever ready spirit of the Baptists to get out a testimony for Christ and displace any evil with good, the association's Superintendent of Missions, this writer, Ben F. Mitchell, and its Chairman of the Radio Committee, A. W. Walker, with the gracious co-operation of Station WGRC and local Christian business men, were able to sit in Mr. Harris' office on the day of the opening game between the **Tigers** and the **Indians** and hear the announcer invite people to "give God a chance in your life," to "seek the solution to life's problems in the Lord Jesus Christ," and to "attend your neighborhood Baptist Church."

The Louisville Courier-Journal commenting editorially said: "Obvious, indeed. Precedent, indeed. We should like to add on our part that it is also cheering. The Long Run Baptists, tracing their ties to the days of the LINCOLNS in Kentucky, have been historically lively and tireless in their zeal. Now they prove that every day's most common needs may be drawn into a purpose."—Ben F. Mitchell.

Louisville Man Wants More Christian Lawyers

DELAND, Fla. — (BP) — A Louisville, Kentucky, man wants more dedicated Christian young people in the profession of law. Leroy Highbaugh, Sr. says, "As I see it, lawyers write the laws, lawyers interpret the laws, and lawyers enforce the laws."

But he has more than words for his dream. He has announced with President J. Ollie Edmunds of Stetson University a plan to grant funds from the Highbaugh Foundation to ten Christian young people each year to study law in Stetson's law school.

The scholarships, valued at \$1,500 each over a period of three years will be used at Stetson's College of Law beginning this fall. At that time the law school will move to its new campus in St. Petersburg.

Progress Being Shown at Hustonville

HUSTONVILLE, Ky. — The Hustonville Baptist Church had special services February 7, both morning and afternoon.



Men Working on the Young People's Department at Hustonville

It was a combined Homecoming, Recognition and Anniversary Day. The morning speaker was Brother Marshall Black, Harrodsburg. The afternoon speaker was Dr. John M. Carter, president of Campbellsville College.

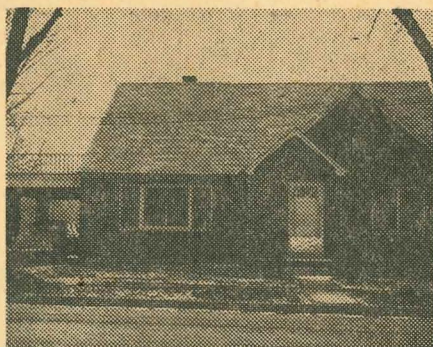
A delicious lunch was served in the church dining room. The tables were decorated in cut flowers. The center piece was a large white decorated cake containing three candles in honor of the

third anniversary of Pastor W. R. Bradshaw, under whom exceptional progress has been made.

Recently the Young People's Department of the Sunday school has been completed. Pastor Bradshaw trains the young people along musical and Bible study lines.

The Sunday school has been departmentized this year. Its enrollment is now 328—about three times as many being enrolled as were enrolled when Brother Bradshaw became pastor.

The budget has been increased and the church is cooperating in the Million More in Fifty-four movement. The church has a revival in the spring and in the fall, with a tent revival somewhere in the community in the summer. The church has had radio ministry for about a year over WHIZ.



Hustonville Parsonage

Dr. Goerner to Conduct Mission Tour in Nigeria

A study tour of mission points in Nigeria will be conducted by Dr. H. C. Goerner, professor of missions at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., following the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London in the summer of 1955.

The tour is being organized and conducted at the invitation of the executive committee of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. According to Dr. Goerner, who visited Nigeria in 1947 and is familiar with conditions there, it will be better for those planning to visit the field in 1955 to go in a group in order to save the time and energy of the missionaries.

Dr. Goerner's party will spend about two weeks visiting churches, schools and hospitals across Nigeria, and will make a brief stop in the Gold Coast before returning to the States. The tour will be open to pastors, laymen and women who have a definite interest in Baptist missions. As a study tour, it will enable visitors to see the results of a hundred years of mission work at first hand, and to share their observations and experiences with the churches at home upon their return.

The tourists will be entertained in

homes of missionaries while in Nigeria, and will rely largely upon mission cars for transportation. Interested persons may secure further information by writing to Dr. H. C. Goerner, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.

Can a Devout Catholic Be a Loyal American?

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."

On March 11, 1954, I addressed a large group of ministers in Los Angeles.

One of the questions asked (and it is asked in almost every group before whom I appear) was, "In the event of conflict between Catholicism and Americanism what percentage of Catholics would desert the Vatican to stick by their country?"

My answer always is that only about one-fourth of all so-called Catholics are "good" Catholics. By "good" Catholics I mean those who attend mass regularly, observe Lent, abstain from birth control, and in general pay attention to their bishops and priests. So three-fourths of

all "claimed" Catholics think more of their flag than of the Vatican.

The general run of devout Catholics believe there is not and cannot be any conflict between Americanism and Catholicism.

They are kept in ignorance.

They don't know that Pope Pius IX condemned Americanism.

They don't know that Pope Pius IX condemned the American principle that the right to govern arises from the "consent of the government."

They don't know that the Catholic church has repeatedly condemned the American doctrine of freedom of thought and freedom of religion.

They don't know that the Catholic church has repeatedly condemned the American public school system and teaches that she alone in the world has the right to control education.

I tell my audiences that the Catholic clergy and hierarchy deliberately conceal Catholic teachings from their people. I tell them also that those people would leave that church if they realized that Catholicism would destroy Americanism if it could. I tell them that an intelligent, loyal American cannot be a sincere, devout Catholic. The two concepts are contradictory. Can anyone prove me wrong?

►Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Southern Baptist missionary to south Brazil who recently returned to the United States on furlough, may be addressed at Box 163, West Point, Ky., in which town her son, Dr. Edgar Ballance Bratcher, is pastor. She is a native of Caneyville, Kentucky.

►Rev. Vernon C. Taylor, Valley Station, Ky., was with Pastor Ralph S. Voris and the Riverside Church, Four Mile, Ky., March 29-April 11 in an evangelistic meeting. One of the highlights of the meeting was the fine group of 250 school children who came each morning to learn the gospel choruses taught by Brother Taylor. In appreciation, the children at the conclusion presented him with a pen and pencil set. The converts ranged in age from 8 to 83 years. Dr. Voris says: "Brother Taylor led the singing in a wonderful way and then brought good messages, which were inspirational and scriptural."

Vine Grove Pastor in Cave City Meetings



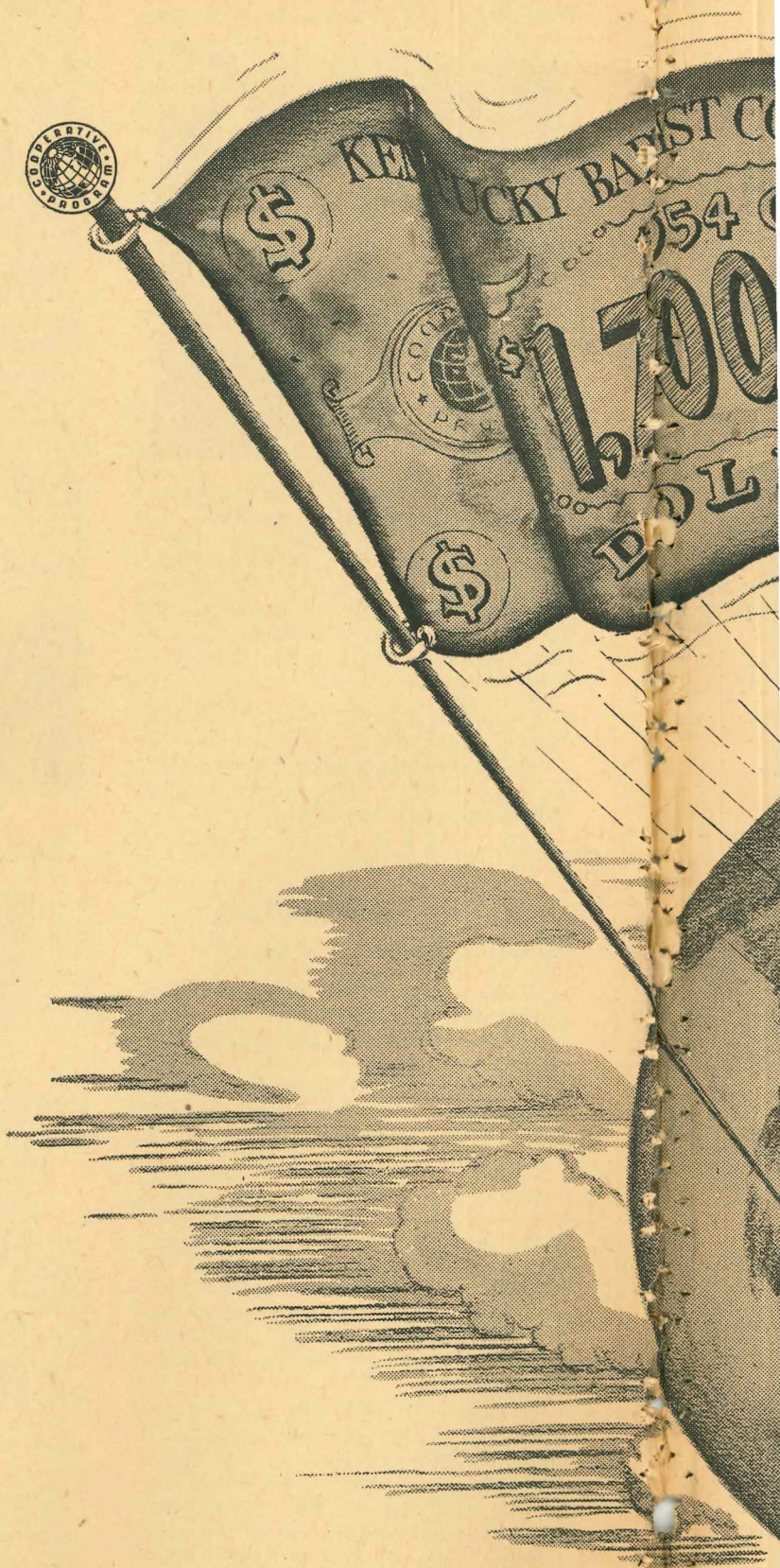
James S. Haskins

Pastor James S. Haskins, Vine Grove Baptist Church, is the evangelist now preaching in the Spring Revival at the Cave City Baptist Church, were Brother M. Andy Reese is pastor, March 22 through April 2. Pastor C. N. Rue, Munfordville, is directing the song services and the youth services.

The Shadow of The Cooperative Pro

They brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Acts. 5:15



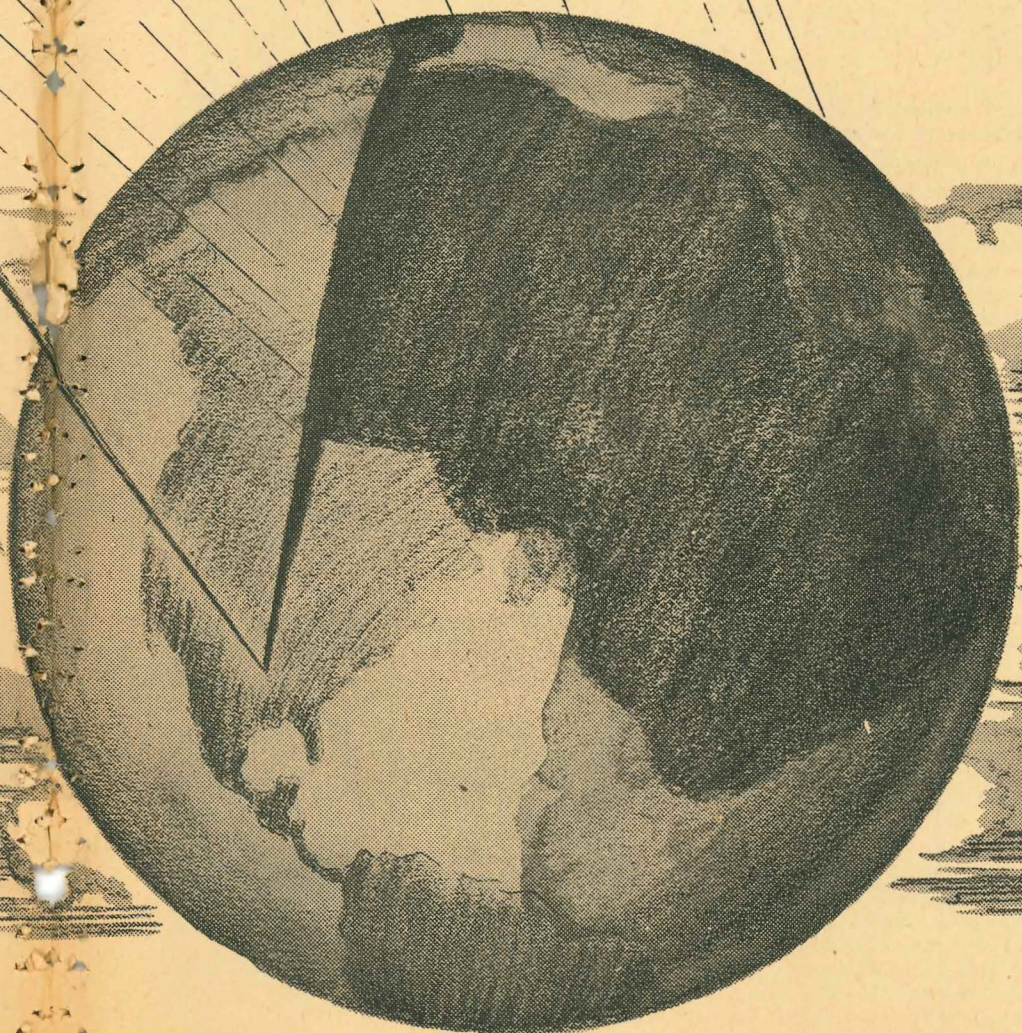
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Is That Military Service Man Enrolled in Your Sunday School?

We urge every church by Sunday, July 4 to have enrolled every Military Service Man and Woman in the Military Service Membership Plan.

There are an estimated 350,000 Southern Baptist men and women in the armed services. This large number provides a great opportunity to enrol additional thousands in our Sunday schools in Kentucky before the end of this year.

The Military Service Membership plan provides for a regular Sunday school ministry to absent service men and women of Young People's age—seventeen through twenty-four. Young People's classes and departments carry on the ministry by mailing the Young People's lesson quarterly each quarter, sending the church bulletin, writing personal letters, etc.

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By thus keeping the ties strong between your absent service young people and the home church, you can more easily re-enlist them in Sunday school as regular members promptly upon their return to civilian life.

A well-rounded ministry would include; personal and newsletters sent periodically to servicemen, the remembrance of special days and events in the serviceman or woman's life; correspondence with the chaplain; correspondence with the pastor of a Baptist Church near the base; and to re-enlist the veterans upon their return.

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Ormsby Avenue, Louisville Making Good Enrolment Increases

Pastor James B. Lewis; Superintendent Hobart Bush. The Sunday school increased from 115 to 135 in enrolment from October through December. This is a good beginning and we are sure this Sunday school will show a large increase by the first of October.

Immanuel Church, Paducah Has a Large Increase First Three Months

Pastor Frank F. Norfleet; Superintendent Harold Lofton. The Educational Director, Mr. Leon Walker, writes that their Sunday school enrolment the first three months in this year had an increase of 140. Their enrolment in October was 1,003 and the enrolment at the end of December was 1,143. They planned to start the Extension Department in January and were making plans to put more emphasis on the Cradle Roll Department work. We can be assured of a great increase at Immanuel by the first of October.

Kenton Sunday School Hopes to Reach 53 Increase in Enrolment

Pastor Frank J. Kuriger, Jr.; Superintendent Walter Roden. Their increase in enrolment from October 1, through December was fourteen, which lacks only two of reaching a 20% increase. Their plans are to go beyond the 20% increase for the year. We are sure by this time they have reached their goal in enrolment of 135.

Pineville, First, Planning for Good Increase by October 10, 1954

Pastor Raymond Sanderson; Superintendent J. Frank Baugh. Their Sunday school enrolment October 1, was 559 and on the last Sunday in December it was 578, an increase of 19. The pastor writes, "We are still striving to reach our goal for a Million More in '54." We are sure they will even go beyond their goal by October 1.

Eaton Memorial, Owensboro, Making Good Gains

Pastor H. W. Schafer; Superintendent Hobert O. McDaniel. The Pastor states that their goal of increase in Sunday school enrolment is 30%. On October 1, their enrolment was 594 and at the first of January it was 641, an increase of 47. They were working for 500 average attendance by March with an enrolment of 700. This does not include their mission which has also made a nice increase in enrolment from 70 to 96. They have made worthy increases in enrolment in their Sunday school at Eaton Memorial as well as in their mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MAY 2, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First (2)	125	825
Unity (1)	150	689
Bardstown		327
Bellevue	70	431
Benton, First		203
First Missionary		255
Bowling Green (2)	307	1,220
Burlington	90	264
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	143	288
South Campbellsville		236
Carrollton, First		252
Central City	263	514
Cloverport		230
Corbin, First	117	432
Covington, Calvary		713
First (1)	130	492
Latonia (2)	248	1,157
Madison Ave.		290
South Side	119	552
Cynthiana (2)		394
Danville, First (3)	252	810
Lexington Avenue (1)		527
Dawson Springs		322
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	135	786
Erlanger	65	415
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	162	602
Falmouth		243
Ferguson (1)	78	262
Florence	89	349
Fort Thomas, First	68	283
Frankfort, First (1)		895
Thorn Hill	146	353
Fulton	158	526
Georgetown	119	498
Glasgow (1)	98	744
Greensburg	70	249
Greenville, First	124	371
Harlan	156	641
Harrodsburg (2)	221	932
Shawnee Run		203
Hawesville		257
Hazard	97	418
Hazel	59	304
Henderson, First	166	479
Immanuel Temple (1)	134	726
Hima, Horse Creek		276
Hodgenville, First	111	440
Hopkinsville, First	145	846
Second	150	1,161
Independence	148	292
Jenkins, First		245
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial		418
Lawrenceburg, First	91	347
Sand Spring	33	268
Lebanon, First (1)	125	484
Leitchfield	94	292
Lexington, Calvary (1)	138	801
Grace (2)	151	774
Hillcrest		297
Immanuel	269	800
Porter Memorial		614
Rosemont		214
London, First (1)	143	595
Louisville, Audubon	96	206
Baptist Tabernacle	203	765
Baptist Temple	109	347
Beechmont (2)	145	1,109
Bethany	33	247
Bethlehem	112	266
Broadway (1)	75	339
Carlisle Avenue (2)	355	1,371
Clifton (1)	130	512
Crescent Hill (2)	223	1,023
Deer Park		496
Eighteenth Street		256
Farmdale		376
Harmony	123	381
Hazelwood	62	458
Jeffersontown		277
Kenwood		247
Lee's Lane	129	313
Lynn Acres	86	
Ninth and O (1)	221	1,235
Okolona	70	459
Parkland	334	1,253
St. Matthews (1)	189	750
Shawnee		412
Shively	172	757
South Jefferson	117	611
Southside		516
Third Avenue	74	439
Victory Memorial (2)	234	837
Virginia Avenue		311
Walnut Street (4)	282	1,662
West Broadway	161	670
Ludlow, First		403
Marion		262
Mayfield, First	306	945
North Side	167	289
Middlesboro, First (4)	129	665
Monticello, First	79	276
Morgantown	151	234
Mt. Vernon, First	137	397
Mt. Washington	54	279
Murray, First (1)		924
Newport, First (2)		825
Trinity	101	222
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	135	513
First (1)		1,011
Hall Street (1)	216	513
Macedonia	86	256

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Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

2,250 Register For Baptist Training Union Convention

Each of the eight regions in the State were represented at Madisonville April 2-23 for the State Convention. This week and next week this page will be used to present some of the highlights of the Convention.

General Officers' Section

Among the many splendid features of the Convention, one outstanding feature was the conference for General Officers. This conference was held on Thursday and Friday mornings. The General officers met with the adult Department for a worship service. Thursday morning a very inspiring film strip on the Christian Home was shown. Then the group met for conference with Mr. James Whaley and Mr. R. S. Middleton. Here they were challenged by the leaders. Mr. Whaley presented many Training Union opportunities and suggested ways by which they may become real victories for each Union.

Mr. Middleton discussed planning Assembly Programs. The beautiful interest centers and snappy ideas for assembly programs that glorify God were well worth the trip to the Convention.

The Friday morning worship period was conducted by the soul lifting male octette from Campbellsville College and the professor of Music Mr. E. A. Alexander. The conference was conducted by Dr. Robert Cook, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. J. Chester Durham, Baptist Student Union, Louisville, Miss Ann Huguley, Sunday School Board Nashville, and Mr. Clem A. Walters, Training Union Department, Louisville. The discussions were as follows, Training Union and its Relation to Men and Women in the Armed Service, Mrs. Cook; Youth Week—Mr. Durham; Elementary Work, Miss Huguley; The Local Training Union and the Associational Program, Mr. Walters. Those who missed these conferences missed a real blessing.—Clem A. Walters.

Sword Drill Winners



**Verna Mae
Ping**



**Virginia
Potts**

Kentucky had two first place winners in the state Sword Drill this year re-

cently held in Madisonville, at the state convention. The winners are Miss Verna Mae Ping of Somerset who represented the South Central Region, and Miss Virginia Potts of Madisonville who represented the Western Region. These girls will be in the Southwide drills and will represent Kentucky at Ridgecrest and Glorieta respectively. The second place winner in the state drill was Miss Sue Phelps of Paducah, South Western Region.

We wish to congratulate all Intermediates who had part in the Sword Drill.

Junior Winners

The four winners of the Junior drills will be presented next week with their pictures.

Two Winners of the Young People's Speakers Tournament

Miss Carolyn Sue Lovins, from the First Baptist Church of Paducah representing Southwestern region was one of the winners in the Speakers' Tournament. She spoke on the subject "How Wide is your Witness?" Miss Lovins will represent Kentucky in the Southwide Speakers Tournament to be held at Ridgecrest North Carolina.



**Carolyn Sue
Lovins**



**Howard R.
Newson**

Mr. Howard R. Newson of Pikeville, Kentucky also won first place in the Speakers' Tournament speaking on the subject "The Love of God." Howard is now a member of Gano Avenue Baptist Church in Georgetown, Kentucky and represented Northeastern region in the tournament. He will be Kentucky's entry in the South wide Tournament to be held the second T. U. week at Glorieta, N.M. June 17-23. Robert Lancaster, Lexington, Kentucky is second place winner.

We wish to congratulate all the young people that had a part in the Speaker's Tournament. Each one did a wonderful job as they witnessed for the Lord in this manner.

►First Lieutenant K. Brownie Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Houghton Gardner, 262 W. Burnett, Louisville, and grandson of Mrs. C. W. Bowles and the late Rev. C. W. Bowles, was killed in action in Korea October 25, 1951. The remains were interred in the Zachery Taylor Memorial Cemetery, on Brownsboro Road, near this city, with military honors April 13, 1954. He was born June 18, 1919.

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CREDENTIAL CARDS—W.M.U. CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS

Kentucky is allowed sixty credential cards for the W.M.U. Convention in St. Louis, May 30-June 1. By vote of our State Executive Committee all requests for these cards must be approved by the W.M.S. of which you are a member. Please write to the State Office for credentials. You will be sent two cards. Please have your W.M.S. President sign these cards and you will take one with you to present at the Registration desk in St. Louis and return the other to our office. The first sixty accredited persons to register in St. Louis will be our messengers from Kentucky. If sixty have not registered by 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 31, others will be registered from Kentucky to fill our quota. The registration desk in St. Louis will close on Monday night. Please be sure to register early in order that we may have a full delegation of accredited messengers from Kentucky. The Convention is to be held in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis. Read the "Welcome" in the May issue of Royal Service and join us in this great convention. The session opens on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and closes on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. The Statler Hotel will be the headquarters hotel for Woman's Missionary Union. The theme of the meeting will be "Come Women, Wide Proclaim."

Certainly we need this great convention in these crucial days in our world. We need to quicken our faith, renew our hope, stimulate our love, find how we can serve best. Let us go to St. Louis if we can, let us all pray for this significant meeting.

A letter from Miss Mary Christian of the Sunday School Board reminds us that there will be a special Mission Booth in the Book Exhibit where you will find all the books in the W.M.U. Series of Stewardship, Community Missions, all the Biography Series for Junior and Intermediates and some of all the other Baptist Home and Foreign Mission books. For inspiration and for information go to St. Louis, May 30-June 1.

GRATITUDE AND WELCOME

On this page you will find the conclusion of the splendid report of our State Meeting, which was prepared by Mrs. John H. Houchens who was publicity chairman for our meeting. Included in the report is a list of the officers elected. There are some whose names you will miss from the list and others whose names will be new to you.

We very much appreciate the splendid, faithful service rendered by several whose terms of office expired at this annual meeting. Among them are Mrs. G. J. Walters, Vice-president from

Southeastern Region, Mrs. H. C. Randall, Vice-president from South Central Region and these members of our resident committee: Mrs. John T. Steverson, Mrs. C. H. Luhr and Mrs. Macon C. Vick. We are also remembering the splendid contributions to our work made by Mrs. Frank F. Norfleet, State Stewardship chairman who resigned earlier in the year. Mrs. Norfleet and her husband, who is the pastor of Immanuel Church, Paducah, are rejoicing in the blessing that has come to their home with the arrival of a beautiful and precious baby girl, Lady Elizabeth.

We shall miss these fine workers even though we sincerely welcome their successors: Mrs. Wendell R. Rone, wife of the pastor of First Church, Middlesboro, Vice-president from Southeastern Region; Mrs. E. B. Lanter, Vice-president from South Central Region; and these members of our resident committee, Mrs. Ira Archer, Mrs. Wallace W. Sanders and Mrs. Carl W. Liebert. Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Sanders are returning to membership on our committee after having served in other years and Mrs. Liebert will be remembered as the president of Lexington Avenue W.M.S. in Danville and general chairman of arrangements for our State Meeting held there in 1952.

Mrs. H. C. Randall, who served faithfully for four years as president of her region, was elected as our State Stewardship chairman. She has been our approved worker in Stewardship for the past year and has led out in this work since the resignation of Mrs. Norfleet. We are happy to welcome her to our official family in this new position. We are grateful for the leadership of these new officers and anticipate an even greater year of service together in the coming year.

LOOKING FOR A BARGAIN!

Everyone is looking for bargains! Here's one for you if you do not now own a copy of our history "Golden Remembrances of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky." There were some of these valuable books left at the close of our anniversary celebrations and our Executive Committee voted to put them on sale at half price. Order one now for your records, for your church library or for gifts to W.M.S. officers and Anniversary chairmen, etc. Buy them from your Baptist Book Store now.

CALLING CARVER SCHOOL ALUMNI

The Alumni of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work will hold their annual luncheon meeting at the Third Baptist Church, Grand and Washington Avenue in St. Louis, June 3, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale near the registration desk at the auditorium where the W.M.U. Annual Meeting and Southern

Baptist Convention will be in session. The price is only \$1.00 and Third Church has a reputation for its good food. Most of all though, we look forward to this meeting for its fellowship and for the program that will bring us in touch with our alma mater and with alumni around the world.—Sincerely, Hannah E. Reynolds, Alumni President.

VICTORY SESSION MAKES HISTORY

By Mrs. John M. Houchins

(Continued from two weeks ago)

The Girls' Auxiliary was the featured youth organization, under the direction of Miss Beulah Wingo, young peoples' secretary. G. A.'s from the Crescent Hill Church demonstrated the "forward steps," with the Melodia and Crusader choirs from Walnut Street assisting.

Miss Bertha Smith, missionary to Formosa, based her talk upon Psalm 47:4. With humor and down-to-earth common sense, she recounted her experiences since she escaped from the Communists in 1948 and started her work on Formosa.

Mrs. Stull in her final Bible meditation on Thursday afternoon told most feelingly of her return to her Peruvian mission field after 12 years' absence.

The Sunbeams were featured on the program, with the Walnut Street Cherub Choir singing.

Mrs. Encil Deen was re-elected president. Vice presidents (nominated by regions) elected to serve were: (Central) Mrs. A. C. Overall, Lawrenceburg; (North Central) Mrs. B. W. Wright, Frankfort; (South Central) Mrs. E. B. Lanter, Berea; (Northeastern) Mrs. E. L. Howerton, Pikeville; (Southeastern) Mrs. Wendell H. Rone, Middlesboro; (Southern) Mrs. W. F. Ware, Trenton; (Western) Mrs. Al Burton, Evansville, Indiana; and (Southwestern) Mrs. Hugh McElrath, Murray. Other officers elected were: Mrs. W. J. Clark, Louisville, recording secretary; Mrs. C. P. Gunther, Louisville, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. W. H. Jaegle, Louisville, treasurer; Mrs. George N. Smith, Georgetown, community missions chairman; Mrs. Frank Hill, Elizabethtown, mission study chairman; and Mrs. H. C. Randall, Columbia, stewardship chairman.

The salaried officers are: Mrs. George R. Ferguson, executive secretary; and Miss Beulah Wingo, young people's secretary.

The resident members of the Executive Committee are: Mesdames Thurston Cooke, Hugh R. Peterson, L. M. Polhill, Henry Schoo, Ralph Grooms, Gaines S. Dobbins, Fellmer Hoening, W. P. Stuart, V. V. Cooke, Ira Archer, Carl Liebert, Wallace W. Sanders, and Dr. Emily Lansdell.

State nominees (1) for chairman of Margaret Fund committee—Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller; (2) for trustee of Carver School—Mrs. Ira J. Porter; and (3) for South-wide nominating committee—Mrs. Paul Stewart, Paducah.

The 1955 annual meeting will be with the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, April 5, 6 and 7.

For May 23, 1954

By H. C. Chiles

Micaiah Withstands False Prophets

Syria had taken some territory from Israel, after which a truce was declared between them. At the end of three years, Israel was still waiting for an opportunity to recover Ramoth-gilead. Jehoshaphat was the king of Judah, and had done so much to reform his realm and to abolish idolatry. His son and heir-apparent had been married to Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab. Jehoshaphat made the serious mistake of visiting Ahab and Jezebel and feasting with them on terms of intimate friendship. Having apparently secured his friendship, Ahab solicited his help in recovering his lost possessions. Jehoshaphat yielded to the temptation, unreservedly pledged the support of his people, and entered into an unholy alliance for the sole benefit of that wicked king, but it proved to be unprofitable to him. In fact, such compromises never pay.

I Kings 22:5-8.

A decision of utmost importance had to be made. Victory or defeat depended on it. Even though he had entered an alliance with Ahab, Jehoshaphat was not willing to venture into a conflict without discovering the will of the Lord as to that matter. He knew full well that success was impossible apart from divine aid. It is always best to inquire of the Lord before making decisions. How much better it would have been for Jehoshaphat had he made inquiry before entering that alliance with Ahab!

Instead of doing what Jehoshaphat requested, Ahab assembled four hundred false prophets. Fully aware of what the king wanted to do, they told him exactly what he wanted to hear and prophesied success to his undertaking. They remind us of some present-day preachers and teachers who ask, "What do the people wish to hear?", and then proceed to make their message conform to the wishes of their hearers. The judgment of hirelings is without value as a guide for conduct.

Dissatisfied with the declaration of these prophets, Jehoshaphat insisted on hearing a messenger of Jehovah before entering upon another Syrian campaign. Naturally, Ahab could not afford to jeopardize his project by refusing to consult a prophet of God. However, he hated Micaiah, the "prophet of the Lord," because in his previous utterances he had pronounced an impending doom upon the king. Isn't it a pity that people will hate those who are kind enough to give them fair warning about their sins? Although Ahab hated Micaiah, he was invited to express his opinion as to what was the will of the Lord with reference to this proposed campaign.

I Kings 22:13-18.

Complying with the expressed wish of Jehoshaphat, Ahab sent for Micaiah. This inconspicuous man of God was one of the noble characters of the Bible. The messenger who went to bring Micaiah informed him as to what the other "prophets" had declared, and then advised him to speak favorably of the project also. When he received the suggestion that he would be expected to give a pleasing prophecy, he absolutely refused to be swayed by any such worldly considerations. The emoluments of the king, the bribery of courtiers, and the patronage of those who hated God were powerless to win him over.

Being a faithful servant of God instead of a man-server, and understanding all that was involved, Micaiah courageously declared to the king's messenger that his message would be exactly what God directed him to say, even though it might result in his own imprisonment and starvation. He intended to listen to God and then speak for Him regardless of the consequences. He was not afraid to declare God's message to anybody on any occasion, no matter what it might cost him to do so.

Contrary to what the four hundred had said, when they had predicted a great victory for Ahab, this lone prophet of the Lord boldly declared that the pursuit of such a course would end in his defeat and death. He stressed the utter folly of his entering upon this proposed campaign. In this prediction that the project would end in disaster, the prophet of God was eminently correct.

I Kings 22:26-28.

Ahab's attitude toward Micaiah revealed a universal trait of fallen human nature. People simply will not take the advice of those whom they dislike. Ahab's anger was so great that he ordered Micaiah taken back to his city, imprisoned, and fed with the bread and water of affliction until the victory was won and the king returned triumphantly. Thus, abuse, imprisonment, persecution and suffering were the immediate results of his faithfulness and devotion to God. Upon the issuing of this order for his imprisonment and starvation diet, Micaiah remarked that if Ahab won the battle such a victory would be positive proof that he, the prophet, had not spoken God's message. Meanwhile Ahab was slain, just as God's servant had predicted he would be, which was an additional proof that God had spoken through Micaiah.

►Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, is reported much improved after a very critical illness.

Gleanings

►Dr. and Mrs. W. Owen Carver, Sr., are both sick at this writing. In fact, Dr. Carver has been taken to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. His physician reports at this writing that he is doing well.

►Brother W. G. Potts, retired pastor who lives on Gilmore Lane, Okolona, near Louisville, supplied on April 25 for the Allen Baptist Church, in Enterprise Association, where Brother Bert Caldwell recently resigned to go to the Wheelwright Church.

►Pastor J. G. Cothran, well remembered in Kentucky, was a recent visitor to Nashville, Tenn., and Princeton, Ky., where many old friends were glad to see him. He is now leading his congregation at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Williamston, S. C., in a revival meeting, with Dr. George H. Moore, Main Street Church of Greenwood, S.C., doing the preaching. Lieut. William A. Cothran, his son, who is a jet-pilot, led the singing.

►The Centennial Celebration of the Portland Avenue Church, Louisville, will be held May 17-23, 1954. The night services will begin at 7:30. Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of the mother church—Walnut Street—will speak at the first service on *Christian Action*. The speaker for Tuesday night will be Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, seminary professor and president-elect of Georgetown College, on *The Church*. Dr. Eric C. Rust, London, England, now visiting professor at the Southern Seminary, will speak Wednesday on *The Word of God*. Thursday night's sermon will be on *The Church Proclaiming the Word*, by Dr. Lewis C. Ray, Baptist Tabernacle. A pageant will be directed by Mrs. Fred G. Tueker Friday night. Saturday night—Pastor Gordan C. Whiteley, West Side Church, on *The Individual Member's Responsibility to the Church in its Work*. Sunday morning Dr. H. Cornell Goerner on *The Church and its World Mission*. President Duke K. McCall will preach Sunday afternoon at 2:30, and a reception will follow at 3:45. Chaplain Paul B. Jagers, former pastor, will close the week's program Sunday night.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION
ATTENDANCE, MAY 2, 1954
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Seven Hills	110	292
Third (1)	395	1,151
Paducah, First (1)	203	618
Oaklawn (1)	125	286
Trinity	160	335
Twelfth Street (1)	157	402
Paintsville, First	77	298
Paris, Central	67	274
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial (5)	---	465
Princeton, First	116	540
Northside	112	226
Second (3)	170	362
Russellville, First	126	482
Somerset, Calvary (1)	175	353
First	---	684
Pleasant Hill No. 2	81	260
Sonora	91	272
Springfield, First	156	476
Sturgis, First	302	---
Versailles	95	491
Walton	86	363
Whitesburg, First (7)	70	654
Williamsburg, First	63	463
Main Street (1)	54	235
Williamson, W. Va., East Williamson	68	342
Winchester, Central (1)	125	527

School of Missions held in Liberty Association



Brethren W. H. Curl and Cecil Adams led 24 churches in the Liberty Baptist Association in a School of Missions February 14-19. On the last day a final service was held with the Horse Cave Church, at which time Pastor Leon Larimore delivered the inspirational message.

Shown above are, front row (left to right): O. G. Foster, Alfred Jones, Frank DiMaggio. Second row: Arlon Davis, Mearl Wadley, Vernon Pendleton, Mrs. Earl Parker, Mrs. H. L. Carter, William Moody, Fred Barnes. Third row: D. D. Cash, Miss Anna Todd, H. B. Edwards, Earl Parker. Fourth row: Ed. Cunningham, Daniel Cantu, E. A. Slinker, Lyn Claybrook. Back row: Carl Robbins, W. H. Curl, Cecil Adams. Ben Bushyhead. W. W. Boggan and J. L. Denington are not in the photograph.

Forks-of-Dix-River to be Rededicated Sunday

LANCASTER, Ky. — The Forks-of-Dix River Baptist Church, organized in 1782, will have all day services and home coming next Sunday, May 16. During the morning service opportunity will be provided for old-timers and home-comers. An old-fashioned dinner on the grounds will be spread at the noon hour.

A dedication service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the newly erected class rooms and additions to the property. Pastor R. B. Hooks, Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, will be the afternoon speaker.

The present building was started in

1847, and was dedicated in 1850. Only minor repairs have been made on this structure until this year.

On January 1, 1954, the congregation voted to let a contract for the adding of nine class rooms, balcony, vestibule and entrance. During the process of this remodeling the church decided to put in a hardwood floor and new acoustical block ceiling. They also refinished all the woodwork and redecorated the walls.

The colonial pattern has been maintained throughout the reconstruction to fit in with the architectural pattern of the original design.

This is the fifth year of the pastorate of Brother Herbert E. Tuck. He is a student in the Southern Seminary.

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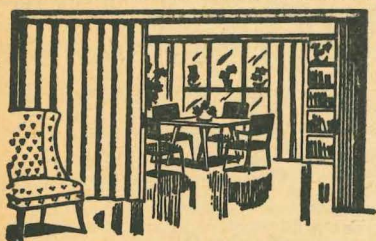
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PLAN NOW FOR 1955

It is not too early to be planning your Brotherhood program for 1955. The South-wide program of Brotherhood work is already made up and ready for

distribution. Our office will be sending all pastors, local and Associational Brotherhood presidents and missionaries a new tract entitled, "Mobilizing Church Manpower," soon which sets forth the major emphases of our work for 1955. They are: (1) Evangelism, (2) Enlistment, (3) Missions, (4) Youth. Come on men! Let's get on the ball and plan now for 1955!

MAKE A PULPIT OUT OF YOUR WORK BENCH!

"Make a Pulpit Out of your Work Bench" is the general theme around which we hope to enlist the men of our churches in personal witnessing. We are mailing all pastors, Brotherhood Presidents (local and Associational) and all Missionaries a new tract entitled, "Desk Top Witnessing," which is one of two tracts being produced by our Brotherhood Commission pointing up the general theme suggested above. This tract is particularly pointed to business and professional men but implies much more than witnessing behind a desk. The idea is that all of us, Lawyer, Doctor, Butcher, Mechanic, Teacher, Store Clerk—whatever you are—shall have on the desk, counter, bench or somewhere in the place we work, a Holy Bible, which though closed, will give silent testimony that we are Christians to all who may see us in our places of work. "Desk Top Witnessing" will open the door for soul winning, spiritual conversation and rededication.

Curtis Edward Sage, 9th And O Superintendent, Dies in Louisville

Curtis Edward Sage, superintendent of the Sunday school, deacon and leader at Ninth and O Baptist Church, passed away Monday, April 5, 1954. Also he held various offices in the Men's Department, and did extensive work with the young people. He was active in the music circles of his church. Some of the most poignant memories of Mr. Sage center around his God-given voice. There are but few families in the vicinity whose lives were not touched because he sang at their wedding or at the funeral of a loved one. His voice was the overflow of a heart that lived and

loved. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Velma Sage; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond MacPhearson; his mother, Mrs. Nancy Sage; three sisters, Mrs. J. R.



C. Edward Sage

Clifford, Mrs. W. D. Hibbs, and Mrs. Mattie McGill; two brothers, Ralph E. and Chester W. Sage; and two grandchildren.

►Pastor William H. Rogers will lead the Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, in the ordination of three deacons—Brethren W. O. Skinner, Sam Todd and W. B. Faxon—on Sunday afternoon, May 9.

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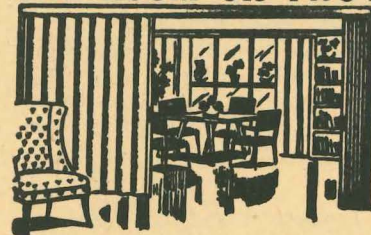
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Physical and Spiritual Building Going on at The Fairdale Church

Pastor B. B. Isley and the Fairdale Baptist Church, Coral Ridge, near Louisville, are now erecting a portion of their educational unit. It is at present a one-story structure, 106'x52', and will cost \$46,000. When the unit is complete it will accommodate 800 in Sunday school. The future auditorium will seat nearly 900.

Of interest to many is the response the young people are making to the call to full time service. Brother Kenneth Stib-

bins finished his work at Georgetown College in January; Howard Pryor is in his second year, and Miss Lora Garrett is in her first year there. Bill Gooch entered the Seminary in January, having completed his college work before entering the ministry. His wife is the former Miss Donaline Stibbins and she completed her work at Campbellsville.

Brother Clarence Hicks had nearly three years at Clear Creek and entered the Seminary for special work. The Rockbridge Baptist Church called him in January and requested his ordination. A council was called to examine him. Brother George Hays of Walnut Street gave the charge and Pastor

Rollin S. Burhans, Crescent Hill, gave the message. Even though Rockbridge is quite a distance away, four of their deacons—Ark Sims, Robert Derr, Curtis Thompson and Ruell Scott—sat in on the council.

Four other young men are waiting to finish high school to take up their special training for the ministry. The Fairdale Church has two full-time missions—Minor's Lane and Cove.

►Evangelist Nelson Duke, Montgomery, Ala., has been assisting Pastor H. M. Johnson, Jr., in his revival at the East Audubon Church, Camp Taylor, Louisville.