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Rev. and Mrs. J. Wesley Mahan, Williamsburg, Kentucky, who celebrated their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary April 18, 1954. (See page 6)

Gleanings From The Field

►Miss Eva Berry, executive secretary of the Missouri WMU, has resigned, effective June 1.

►W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, has been announced to speak at the Conservative Baptist Convention, whose sessions are being held May 19-25 in Detroit.

►Frank E. Voight, pastor of the Grandin Court Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., has been elected secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Virginia Baptist General Association.

►A total of 19,039 persons have come into the fellowship of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis during the 26-year pastorate of Dr. Robert G. Lee. The membership roll now stands at 9,053.

►The First Southern Baptist Church in Bakersfield, Calif., reached 1,100 in Sunday school attendance. This is the first time any Southern Baptist church in California has passed the 1,000-mark in Sunday school.

►T. W. Medearis, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association, who offered his resignation to the executive board in December, has asked that the date of his resignation become effective July 1, 1954.

►Thomas W. Dunlap, for three years pastor of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, in Kentucky, has become pastor of the Dalewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., where he succeeds Ralph Longshore. The Nashville church is a year old.

►Dr. Elroy Lamb, pastor, Lexington Avenue Church, Danville, spoke on "Lydia—the First Christian Business Woman" at the quarterly meeting of the Baptist-South District Federation of BWCs, at the Harrodsburg Church. Mrs. Julia W. Watts, president, conducted the business session.

►The New Bethel Church, Route 2, Hardinsburg, Ky., has called Brother James Graves as its new pastor. Bro. Graves is a native of Texas and is a first year student at the Southern Seminary. For the first time in its history, the New Bethel Church is now having full-time services.

►Seventy-one churches of the Long Run Association recently engaged in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade. The results insofar as additions are concerned were: 860 additions by baptism, and 474 by letter and statement, a total of 1,334. There were 33 commitments for full-time religious service. This was an average of a little better than 12 baptisms for each church, though of course some had more and some less.

►The Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, has begun construction on a Sunday school building. Contract calls for an expenditure of \$77,401.05. Building Committee consists of Pastor Stephen H. Cobb; Walter Schmitz, chairman; James Biggerstaff; Clyde Beck; William R. Simpson; Wayne Miller; Wilston Winstead; and Ed Heck. This is the first section of a large plant the church expects to erect.

►At the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board several Kentuckians were appointed for overseas service: Mary Lou Messengill of Middlesboro; Daniel R. and Fannie Morris Cobb (she a former resident of Scott County); Gerald S. and Eunice Listrom Harvey (he the pastor of Glenville Church near Utica). Miss Messengill goes to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Cobb to Thailand; and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey to Southern Rhodesia.

►Rev. John M. Jones, who is chairman of the Million More in '54 Campaign in South Union Association, and moderator of the Crouches Creek Church, Jellico, Tenn., has returned from the Willow Grove Church, in Harlan County, where he has been in a revival meeting which resulted in 63 being saved, 10 joining by letter and 13 by reinstatement, making a total of 86. The church is in Upper Cumberland Association, and Bro. Walter Hubbs is pastor.

►Loren R. Williams of the Department of Music of the Sunday School Board announces that as a part of Music Week programs for Ridgecrest this year there will be offered a course in Church Orchestra. There will be an orchestra for actual demonstration. All persons coming to Ridgecrest during Music Week, and who play an instrument which can be used in an orchestra, are urged to bring the instrument and music stand.

►Dr. John L. Hill, though retired since June 30, 1953, is being kept busy filling engagements throughout the South. He is in great demand as special speaker at conventions, assemblies, conducting lay revivals in churches, commencement addresses, etc. His rich experience and warm heart have endeared him to teeming thousands. He expresses gratitude for good health and for opportunities for continued service. Mail still reaches him at the office of the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

►Paul Scott Howerton, seven pounds and eight and one half ounces, arrived at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on April 29, preparatory to taking up his permanent residence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Paul Howerton, H-7, Seminary Village, Louisville. The young man's father is a first-year student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is minister of music at Baptist Temple, Louisville. His mother is the former Miss Eunice Drury, Versailles, Ky. On his father's side he is a grandson of former Pastor E. L. Howerton, Pikeville.

►A Brotherhood was organized at the First Church, Dawson Springs, March 18. Its membership opened with 49 members. Judson Ellis, a baker of Hopkinsville and teacher in the Men's Department of the First Church in that city, was guest speaker. Watt Ridley was elected president. Other officers elected were: Newman Purdy, vice president; Noel Creekmur, secretary; Carl Sisk, treasurer; James McChesney, pro-

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gram chairman. Other officers and committees will be elected at a future meeting. The Brotherhood has purchased new china, silverware, tables and all-steel chairs for the Dawson Springs Church. Jesse S. Bell is pastor.

►The Foreign Mission Board named 20 for foreign mission service at the April meeting: Carolyn Cate, R. N. (Tenn.), to Jordan; Daniel R. Cobb, (S. C.), and Fannie Morris Cobb (Ky.), to Thailand; C. Ray Crowder and Imogene Thomason Crowder (Ala.), Nigeria; Anne Dwyer, R. N. (Va.), Gaza; Gerald S. Harvey and Eunice Listrom Harvey (Bo.), Southern Rhodesia; Mary Lind, R. N. (Minn.), Paraguay; Mary Lou Messengill, R. N. (Ky.), Japan; Donald B. McCoy (Tenn.), and Sterline White McCoy (Okla.), Brazil; Elton Moore and Jean Cooper Moore (Miss.), Indonesia; William R. Norman, Jr., M. D. and Lois Williams Norman (Ala.), Nigeria; R. Keith Parks and Helen Jean Bond Parks (Texas), Indonesia; and Emit O. Ray (Texas) and Kathryn McCluney Ray (Ariz.), the Bahama Islands.

The World's MOST SIGNIFICANT Act

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The world has seen several impressive acts within the past ten years. Among them are: the atomic and hydrogen bombs, the supersonic jet planes, the inauguration of President Eisenhower, and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

But *this act* of which we speak signifies the world's greatest miracle; it symbolizes the world's greatest transformation; and it signalizes the world's greatest crusade. And it is the only thing we are told to do in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

What is this *most significant* act? It is the first thing Jesus did in His public ministry, and the last thing He commanded before His ascension. It is once used to describe His entire ministry in one locality (John 3:22).

I

The only act we are told to perform in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is that of baptism (Matt. 28:18-20). How, then, can anything be more important than that? "In the name of the Father" reminds us of His supreme authority which we must obey; of His supreme judgeship to which we are all subject; of His supreme goodness for which we ought to show decent gratitude and of His supreme Fatherhood to which we gladly submit.

"In the name of the Son" reminds us of our highest example Whom we are to follow; of our peerless guide Whom we are to obey; of our preeminent ideal to Whom we look; and of our divine Saviour to Whom we owe allegiance.

"In the name of the Holy Spirit" reminds us of His indwelling presence; of His heavenly mission as agent of the Father; and of His present administration over the church which is Christ's body.

II

This act of baptism signifies the world's greatest miracle, the resurrection of Christ (I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:4). Every baptism should remind us anew that Christ's resurrection was accomplished in spite of mighty Rome, then earth's greatest empire, which did its utmost to keep Christ in the grave. To defeat a great empire is surely impressive! So now Satan's mighty empire of worldliness is doing its utmost to keep us in the grave of sin, but our

baptism signifies both challenge and victory over the devil and all his hosts.

The world's then greatest religion, Judaism, officially opposed the resurrection of Christ (Matt. 26:59, 65), and our baptism signifies complete superiority over that faith which wilfully rejects its Messiah.

The world's calendars have been changed by those inspired with the resurrection of Christ, and whose lives were transformed by the Saviour in Whose name we were baptized.

The whole world is to be judged by our Christ Whose resurrection—symbolized by our baptism—gives us assurance of complete righteousness (Acts 17:31).

The world's sin is covered by Him Whose death, burial, and resurrection takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29), which act is signified—but not secured—by our baptism.

The world's believers are changed by Christ and His resurrection from darkness to light, from death to life (Rom. 6:4; Gal. 2:20), from sin to righteousness—a change beautifully signified by baptism.

Christmas, the world's greatest holiday, is ours now only because Christ arose from His temporary grave, which act is signified by our baptism in His glorious name.

III

This act of baptism symbolizes the greatest transformation in the world, the conversion of a human soul. Since one soul is worth more than the whole world, then the conversion of that soul is the greatest change in the world.

Baptism symbolizes our death to sin and our emancipation from the Old Testament law. We confess, in baptism, that our sin calls for the death penalty and that we deserve to die because we have sinned. But since Christ died for our sins, we die to our sins. In conversion, we accept Christ's death as complete atonement for our sins; in baptism, we symbolize our voluntary death to our sin and its allurements. This symbol is impressive to the degree it is understood and practiced.

Baptism symbolizes our burial from the world. It speaks of our complete death to sin. A corpse when buried is hidden from the world, is completely unresponsive to the world, has no responsibility to the world, and is usually

forgotten by the world. Just so the baptized believer is utterly independent of all things worldly. Baptism symbolizes that independence—effectively, we hope.

Baptism also symbolizes our rising to a new life, the Christ life. It symbolizes our re-birth, the start of a new mode of living with heavenly citizenship. Our old self was declared to be dead and buried; the new life is none other than the indwelling Christ.

This baptism is one more conquest of that old serpent the devil. He has now no more dominion over us. We accepted death, his weapon, once for all and now we are forever safe from the second death (Rom. 7:1-7; Rev. 20:14).

IV

This act of baptism signalizes the world's greatest crusade. The mediaeval crusades sought to recover the Holy Land from the Turks; our crusade seeks to win every soul on earth from Satan.

This crusade is worldwide, for we are told to go to all nations with its redemptive message.

This crusade is life-changing. It transforms cannibals into kind Christians, head-hunters into holy soul winners, drunkards into Spirit-filled disciples, atheists into sensible believers, and prodigals into dutiful sons and daughters of God.

This crusade signalizes the world's greatest improvement. For in every place where this gospel of Christ has gone, there has appeared decency in place of debauchery, kindness instead of cruelty, purity instead of putridity, godliness instead of greed, and saintliness instead of sin.

With divine authority Christ told us that all His power is back of this act of baptism; that "all nations" is the scope of it; that all His commands are the authorization of it; and that all the duration of this age is the length of it (Matt. 28:18-20).

Significant? Yes, but only if we who are baptized make it so. Only by our Christlike obedience, attitude, personality, and behavior will our baptism be really valid. For this is ever true: a real Christian is the most impressive sight this world ever sees!

Virginia Secretary Announces Resignation

RICHMOND, Va. — (BP) — James R. Bryant, executive secretary of Virginia Baptists for seventeen and one-half years, plans to resign at the end of this year, it was announced at the regular spring meeting of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education.

► Brother Don White has left the East Bend Baptist Church, in Northern Kentucky, to become pastor of the Burgin Baptist Church, in central Kentucky.

► Pastor Joe Waltz has left the care of the Ludlow Baptist Church, in northern Kentucky, and has gone to be pastor of the Fairborn Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio, in White Water Association.

Girls Learn About Community Missions in Their Own Locale



The Girls' Auxiliary of Central Baptist Mission, Louisville, bring sunshine into the homes of shut-ins, such as Mrs. Jeanette Hatfield as shown in the picture. They bring a message in song, prayer and testimony wherever they go. Mrs. Hatfield has been a shut-in for six years. She has known many children from the Mission as they have grown from G.A.'s into adults. On each special occasion, she and others are remembered by a visit, by flowers, or by cards. There are about 40 Junior G.A.'s and 15 Intermediate G.A.'s.

Rural Pastors' Conference

By G. R. Pendergraph, General Worker
Promoting Rural Church Program

Two important Rural Pastors Conferences will be held July 5-9, on two of our Baptist college campuses. Coupled with an intensive effort to accentuate the part played by our rural churches in our denominational program of extending the Kingdom of God, is an effort to give to the pastors and lay-leadership of these conjugations an opportunity to come together to study their problems and programs. Such is the purpose of these conferences.

The first conference will begin at 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 5 at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, and continue through Wednesday noon, July 7. The second conference for pastors and laymen will open on Thursday, July 8, 9:00 a.m., at Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, and will continue through Friday afternoon, July 9.

It is hoped that many rural pastors, laymen, and missionaries will avail themselves of the wonderful opportunity for study and fellowship which will be available in these conferences. Because of the joint interest in the State Mission Board and Baptist schools in helping our rural churches and pastors, these conferences are made possible without cost to those who attend. The meals served at the college will be provided by the State Mission Board. The colleges will furnish lodging. Those who attend are asked to bring their own bedding.

Personnel appearing on the program at these two conferences are: Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board; S. F. Dowis, Department of Co-operative Missions, Home Mission Board; W. C. Boone, Executive Secretary of General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; George Redding, Professor of

Bible, Georgetown College; Inman Johnson, Professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Lucien Coleman, Secretary of Brotherhood Department, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; Eldred M. Taylor, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; R. B. Hooks, Pastor of Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Harrodsburg; W. Edwin Richardson, President of Bethel College; and John M. Carter, President of Campbellsville College.

Guy Boggs Resigns as Minister of Music at Lexington Ave., Danville

DANVILLE, Ky. — Mr. Guy N. Boggs, who for the last year has been minister of music at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church at Danville, Ky., has resigned



Guy N. Boggs

that position in order to enter the preaching ministry. Mr. Boggs is a second year student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He is a native of South Carolina and was educated in the city school system of Greenville. He received his B.A. from Furman University and spent two years in the Navy. The larger portion of this time he was assigned to the Naval Air Station on Guam. He has conducted numerous revival meetings.

Lexington Avenue Baptist Church regrets very much his leaving for he and his wife, Nell, have been an inspiration to the entire congregation. His plans for the future are not definite. Lexington Avenue Church is happy to commend him for his fine work and to wish him God's blessing in finding a place where he can enter the preaching ministry.—ELROY LAMB, Pastor.

Mission Gift Receipts Total \$900,254 in April

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Mission gifts for the month of April reached \$900,254, bringing the total for the first four months of 1954 in the Southern Baptist Convention's portion of the Co-operative Program receipts to \$3,656,549, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee. This is an increase of \$408,016 or 12.56 per cent over last year's figure of \$3,248,533 for the same period.

Southern Baptists gave \$552,902 in designated gifts to Convention-wide causes in April bringing the year's total to \$4,329,487. This is an increase of \$298,491 or 7.40 per cent during the first four months of 1953.

Cooperative Program and designated receipts together totaled \$1,453,156, bringing the year's total thus far to \$7,986,036, an increase of \$706,507, or 9.71 per cent.

Texas led the states in Cooperative Program receipts for the month with a total of \$125,000, Tennessee was second with \$77,375, North Carolina third with \$75,165, South Carolina fourth with \$74,260, and Oklahoma fifth with \$69,012.

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, District of Columbia, New Mexico, and Virginia are the states not showing an increase in gifts when compared with the same period last year.

Florida has given \$28,238 more to the Southern Baptist Convention Co-operative Program this year than last. Other states showing increases are Georgia with \$57,124 more, Kentucky \$15,795, Louisiana \$29,771, Mississippi \$39,527, Missouri \$45,209, Tennessee \$49,609, and Texas \$65,592.

►The possibility that Wake Forest College may not move to Winston-Salem in 1955 was voiced recently by Harold W. Tribble, president. The college is planning to occupy the new campus in the fall of 1955, however, Tribble said the move may be made during the following summer. "We don't want to move until we have adequate facilities," he said.

NEW CONVERTS AND MEMBERS: Many churches engaged recently in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. Looking at the picture as a whole, hundreds and even thousands were added to the churches either by letter or on profession of faith.

Most pastors and other church leaders are hoping and praying that these new members will add spiritual strength. Whether they do or do not add strength depends at least in some measure on what the churches do with and for them. The evangelistic crusade should not be considered closed with the last night of the meeting, though, tragically, this is sometimes true. Actually, the work has just begun.

Every church needs a program of indoctrination for new members, and sometimes some of the older ones would profit by it. They need to know the beliefs of their church and why it so believes and teaches. They need to be inducted early into the full work and life of the membership. Idle hands soon find other activities. A church that is too large to use its membership is much too large. A church that neglects to enlist and develop its new members will give an account to God for failing to teach them to observe all things whatsoever He commanded.

Your State Paper and New Members: Hundreds and hundreds of the churches of the General Association are now sending, through their budgets or by other plans, the *Western Recorder* into the homes of their memberships. Such churches should, as they start making plans concerning the enlistment of all new members in the life of the church and the denomination, send as soon as possible the names of those who are to receive the state paper. Some of the new members of course came from homes already receiving the paper but in many instances new homes have been reached and the paper should go to those also. It is the church's responsibility to inform and challenge through the printed page. Let us have all additional names as soon as possible so that changes can be made on our mailing lists. We want to help you help your people.

"FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST": The degree to which Christ controls a life measures not only the joy of that life but also the imprint it makes on the world. Paul could say, "For me to live is Christ." Moffatt translated it, "Life means Christ to me," and Williams rendered it, "For me to live means Christ." For Paul, Christ was the Center, the Hope, the Motive, the Incentive, the Power, everything. It was actually as though Christ was living all over again in the flesh. Is not that something of what Jesus meant when He said, "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you" (Jno. 14:20)? For Christ Jesus to live in the world was for the Father to live in the world. For the Christian to live in the world ought to mean that Christ is living in the world. The Christian's overwhelming sense of the indwelling Christ must be a moment-by-moment experience; it means victory for the Christian and for Him. Few have gone this far along in their growth in grace. Discussing this, Dr. W. T. Connor said: "One would say, if he told the truth, 'Life equals gain' . . . Another, speaking honestly, would say, 'In my case, life equals pleasure.'" But Paul said, Life means Christ to me, and Christ means life—"For me to live is Christ." In the power of the Holy Spirit, the Christian is Christ's means of expressing Himself to the world: through him, His deeds are in action again. Does He yearn after the lost?

so must the Christian. Did He give His all? so must the Christian. When His followers can say in truth, "For me to live is Christ," then revival will come in great spiritual torrents, not just in small showers of blessings.

CATHOLIC BISHOP REBUKED FELLOW-CATHOLIC: Millions of evangelicals and a great many Catholics have felt that Senator McCarthy has carried on his war against communism in a manner to do far more harm than good, and those who so feel are, to say the least, as bitter enemies of communism as McCarthy. The Senator from Wisconsin, however, received a considerable jolt some weeks ago when a Roman Catholic, Bernard J. Sheil, senior auxiliary bishop of a Roman Catholic archdiocese and founder and director of the Catholic Youth Organization, publicly denounced him as a "city-slicker from Appleton," saying that "using immoral, Hitler-like technique is not the way to fight communism. . . . It is not a game to be played so politicians can build fame for themselves. If someone were to tell me that the masters of the Kremlin inspired the burlesque to distract us from our real dangers and keep us from taking effective anti-communist measures, I would have half a mind to believe him."

McCarthy, himself a Catholic, has done his religious group immeasurable harm by his methods. He has become as much distrusted as the communists. And Sheil has done his people a favor by rebuking McCarthy, though we doubt it will change his tactics. The "city-slicker from Appleton" must himself be watched. He carries all the earmarks of a dictator-in-the-making. Already he has done much harm to the sane efforts which sensible people have exerted to root out communism. One gets the impression by listening to him over the radio and television that he has an all but completely disorganized mind, that he is irresponsible, that he seeks more to promote McCarthy than to destroy communism.

OUT OF THE PAST: (From the files of Southern Baptist state papers, gleaned by *Baptist Press*):

100 YEARS AGO: New Orleans is building a \$40,000 Baptist meeting house, \$3,500 of it to be raised by the Southern Baptist Convention.

50 YEARS AGO: Tickets to the Southern Seminary's convention luncheon would cost \$1.00 . . . Some of the state Baptist papers are selling new Baptist sewing machines for \$22.00 . . . Some churches will pay pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention this year. . . . Colonist railroad tickets to California from Houston or Kansas City cost \$25.00.

25 YEARS AGO: John R. Sampey elected president of Southern Seminary, succeeding E. Y. Mullins. J. B. Weatherspoon succeeds C. S. Gardner as professor at Southern. . . . Southwestern Seminary announces 539 students for the year. . . . Baptist Sunday School Board granted privilege of making a program for Ridgecrest by Southern Baptist Convention. . . . Jackson, Miss., is getting its first radio station. . . . L. R. Scarborough warns that there is peril in consolidation of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. . . . David M. Gardner of Birmingham pleads for the brethren to consider seriously the issues confronting the Southern Baptist Convention.

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► America is called a "Christian" land, yet there are 10,000 villages that have no religious services of any kind, and 30,000 villages that have no resident pastor.—World Religious News.

Georgetown College's 125th Anniversary Commencement Begins this Month

By CLARICE S. MUNRO, Publicist

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — The steps of historic Giddings Hall will be the scene of Georgetown College's historic pageant celebrating the 125th anniversary of the college. The pageant will take place during the climatic weekend of the celebrations, on Monday night, May 31, at 8 o'clock.

The pageant, with a cast of around 100 students, will depict the colorful story of Georgetown from 1829 to the present day, with four wars intervening. There will be such scenes as fighting on the steps of Giddings during the Civil War, and the hoisting of the Confederate flag atop the building by Southern sympathizers. A carriage, drawn by students, will re-enact the incident when an early president was borne in such a manner from the railroad to the college. There will be the "young ladies" of the twenties marching, in uniform, to church on Sunday morning. Saucy buggy riders will go a-courting (a crime which would have meant instant dismissal had they been caught). Luther Rice will preach again on horseback, and Dr. Arthur Yager will give his parting address from the back of a 1910 automobile, prior to his leaving to become governor of Porto Rico. The beloved Isaccher Pawling and Rockwood Giddings will take their places among others loved and revered in college history.

To celebrate the Commencement of its 125th year, Georgetown College will this year confer four honorary degrees. Those being honored are as follows: Miss Ata Lee, (Doctor of Science), Dr. A. L. Crabb (Doctor of Literature), Dr. W. G. Violette (Doctor of Laws), and Rev. W. K. Wood (Doctor of Divinity).

Miss Ata Lee, a graduate of Georgetown College, is from Washington, D.C., in the Home Economics Education Service. Dr. A. L. Crabb is a professor in the Graduate School of the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Violette is a prominent member of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and president of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky. Rev. W. K. Wood is a mission evangelist in Ashland, affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

All four degrees will be conferred at the graduation exercises of the college, on June 1, at 10 a.m. (Central Daylight Time.)

The first event of the 125th Anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, May 30, at 11 a.m., at which time Dr. Edwin Fleetwood Perry, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon.

The music faculty will give a musicale at 3 p.m. that afternoon. A reception will follow from 4:15 to 5:15.

Judge Eugene E. Siler, Williamsburg, moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, will speak at the 125th anniversary service at 8 p.m.

Monday, May 31, will be a day filled with fast-clocking events. The day will start off at 10:30 in the morning, with two programs scheduled for that hour. The Senior Class will hold its class day program and the Board of Trustees will be in session simultaneously. Reunion luncheons will be held at noon, and a graduation rehearsal at 3:30 p.m. A campus picnic is scheduled for 5 p.m. and an Alumni Meeting at 6:30. The 125th Anniversary Historical Pageant will be at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1, the Senior Breakfast will be at 7:30 and Dr. A. L. Crabb will address the 125th Anniversary Commencement at 10 a.m. All events are scheduled on Central Daylight Time.

This will bring to a close the events of the School Year of 1953-54; but the 125th Anniversary will extend over into the first semester of the 1954-55 session. Events already announced to take place in the first semester will be the inauguration of President H. Leo Eddleman in mid-September; the anniversary Home-

Springfield Church Has Two Morning Services



Prue H. Kelly

Dr. Prue H. Kelly, pastor conducted a youth revival in his own pulpit April 11-18. Assisting him was Bob Crutcher, Elizabethtown, now a student in Campbellsville College, with the music.

The Springfield Church has voted to have two morning services beginning May 1, to take care of the crowds who have been attending. The first will be at 8:45, before Sunday school, and the second will be at 10:45.

coming on Saturday, October (date still tentative); and the coming of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, November 16-18.

Mahans Observe 68th Wedding Anniversary

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. — Rev. and Mrs. J. Wesley Mahan celebrated their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary here, April 18. He was 89 last February 8.

For almost 50 years "Brother Mahan," as he is affectionately called, was pastor of Baptist churches in Tennessee and Kentucky, and in all his pastorates he was a builder of churches and of church buildings—five houses of worship having been erected under his leadership, the last being at Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. He retired from active pastoral duties at the age of 72 and since then he and his wife have resided here.

The Mahans still attend, with a remarkable degree of regularity, the services of the First Baptist Church here, where they have their membership, and of which Rev. Freed is pastor. On their anniversary Sunday Pastor Freed said of them, from the pulpit: "Brother and Mrs. Mahan are an example of Christian love making a Christian home." Mrs. Mahan was the former Miss Sarah Elizabeth Smith of Newcomb, Tenn. He is the oldest of six children of Thomas C. Mahan and Cynthia Archer Mahan. His brothers and sisters are James M. Mahan, Lee Mahan, Mrs. Jennie Mahan Ellison, Mrs. Clemmie Mahan Faulkner, and Mrs. Dora Mahan Siler.

After their marriage, Brother Mahan attended Georgetown College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Western Recorder joins their many friends in best wishes for many more years of happy service together.

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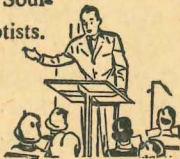
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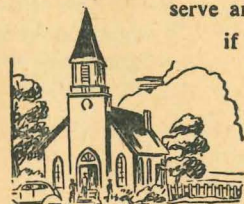
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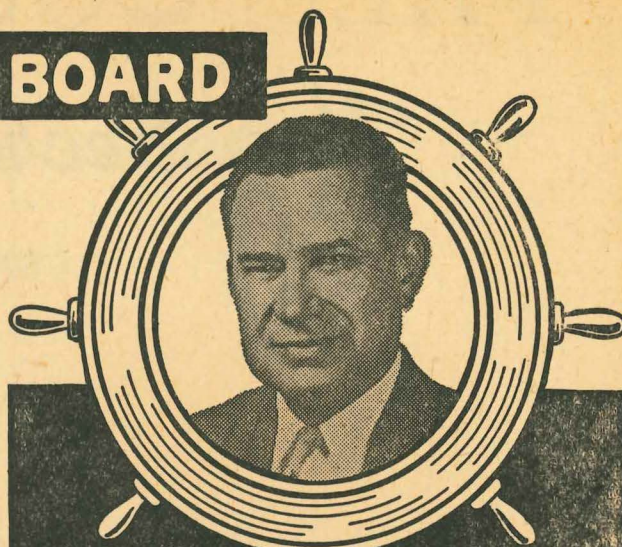
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The Cooperative Program and Foreign Missions

The Cooperative Program is the lifeline of the Foreign Mission Board. It provides the greater part of the funds needed for current operating expenses for mission work throughout the world. From it comes salaries for missionaries, funds for evangelistic work, and aid to pastors and Christian workers. Schools, hospitals, seminaries, good-will centers and kindergartens on the mission fields look to the Cooperative Program for financial reinforcement. It makes possible publication of literature for the work of the churches. It provides funds for construction of buildings for schools, hospitals, churches and missionary residences.

Advance in world missions depends upon a steady in- crease in the Cooperative Program. Every missionary ap- pointed means a long range increase of financial responsi- bility. In order for the number of missionaries to increase year by year the Cooperative Program must increase an- nually. Our objective is to have a minimum staff of 1750 at the earliest possible date. We have now 912.

The best way to make possible further advance in world missions is to pray, support the Cooperative Program, win the lost to Christ in your own community, and volunteer your life to go as a missionary in answer to the call of God.

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Nelson Association Standard for 1953-54

Again it is our privilege to announce that Nelson Associational Sunday school organization has succeeded in reaching all the points to qualify for a Standard Association. The Sunday schools that are Standard are: Cedar Creek; Chaplin, Mill Creek; Mt. Moriah; Mt. Washington, New Salem; Riverview and Victory.

Mr. H. W. Jones is the efficient Superintendent. Under his leadership throughout the years Nelson Association Sunday school work has shown a steady growth.

Other associations are on the verge of becoming Standard. We urge all of our associational Superintendents to strive to this end in 1954.

High Ten in Sunday School Training Through April 30, 1954

Louisville, Beechmont	427
Stanford	371
Harlan	349
Louisville, Victory Memorial	341
Owensboro, First	308
Hopkinsville, First	303
Louisville, 9th and O	292
Madisonville, First	285
Lexington, Grace	262
Louisville, Parkland	262

Lest We Forget

By **John T. Sisemore**, Director of the Department of Christian Education Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington

It is easy to drift into practices which destroy both the spirit and the effectiveness of our work. This is particularly noticeable when we let the means become the end. Lest we forget, in providing training schools the end can soon become "having another study course," or getting a few awards rather than providing a comprehensive program of training.

Some of the so-called "short-cuts" in training courses which occasionally come to light are actually absurd when we consider their destructive tendencies and realize the fact that dishonesty is not only condoned but inadvertently taught. The people actually come to feel that any way the time may be cut is not only legitimate but highly desirable. They fail to realize that any cut in time

simply robs them of the advantages of training and leaves the impression that training is simply a necessary evil.

Some of these vicious practices are enumerated below:

1. Counting the preaching services as a class session. One noticeable exception is that books may be taught in prayer meeting, but never preached in a sermon as a means of credit in the Sunday School Training Course. A class session is absolutely required.

2. Counting attendance at associational meeting as class time. This cannot be counted as training school time any more than attending Sunday school or observing family altar can be counted.

3. Reducing the time. Ten forty-five minute periods are required or at least seven and one-half hours must be spent in teaching time before any awards can be granted. It is simply a concession for pupils to allow them to earn the award by attending as many as six periods, and, of course, do the necessary written work.

4. Drifting from class to class in schools providing more than one class. This in no case meets the requirements for credit.

There is another problem in training which is an individual matter. This is the practice of refusing to attend a school on the basis of, "I've had that book." It would be well to ask, "Does the book have me?" Only those who are interested merely in securing an award or those who have little if any appreciation for training would hide behind such a thin excuse.

We should constantly seek to raise the standards of our work rather than lower them. Let us not be guilty of cheating ourselves under the guise of saving time.

Trinity, Paducah Working on "Million More Goal"

Pastor Rudy Bouland; Superintendent Roscoe H. Park. Their enrolment October 1, was 596 and January 1, it had increased to 607, a gain of 11. This is a good beginning and we are sure they have continued this good work through the year.

Bellevue, Campbell County Association

Pastor W. D. Byland; Superintendent Edwin Kersting. The pastor writes that their increase for the first three months of this year was 60. With this good beginning we are sure they will have a wonderful increase at the close of the year which ends September 30.

Henderson, Hyland Sunday School

Pastor A. A. Thacker; Superintendent George Williams. This church with a membership of 161 and Sunday school enrolment of 228 had a Sunday school enrolment gain of 13 in enrolment. The pastor stated that this increase had been made in spite of considerable loss through transfer of workmen. This is a good beginning for this good church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MAY 9, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First (2)	89	733
Unity (1)	108	579
Bardstown	---	361
Bellevue	66	451
Benton, First Missionary	---	224
Bowling Green (2)	313	1,275
Burlington	77	240
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	147	294
South Campbellsville	---	217
Carrollton, First	---	227
Central City (1)	249	491
Cloverport	51	258
Corbin, Central (1)	148	552
First	137	424
Covington, Calvary	---	641
First	167	414
Latonia (2)	213	1,112
Madison Avenue	---	280
South Side	118	501
Cynthiana (2)	---	365
Danville, Gethsemane	136	240
Lexington Avenue (1)	---	531
Dayton, First	---	308
Dawson Springs	---	359
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	135	740
Erlanger	58	382
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	163	589
Keck Avenue	118	307
Walnut Street (2)	---	465
Falmouth	---	240
Ferguson (1)	71	254
Florence	108	371
Fort Thomas, First	87	252
Frankfort, First (1)	205	935
Thorn Hill	18	382
Fulton	150	543
Georgetown	152	552
Glasgow (1)	102	698
Grant's Lick	84	207
Greenville, First	132	395
Harlan	126	608
Harrodsburg (2)	259	842
Bruner's Chapel	97	214
Hawesville	---	271
Hazard, First	107	430
Henderson, First	174	529
Immanuel Temple (1)	146	832
Hima, Horse Creek	---	274
Hodgenville, First	106	464
Hopkinsville, First	154	802
Second	144	882
Independence	155	262
Jenkins, First	---	225
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	334
Lawrenceburg, First	99	350
Sand Spring	40	310
Lebanon, First (1)	128	431
Leitchfield	75	264
Lexington, Calvary (1)	141	800
Grace (2)	165	815
Immanuel	235	793
Porter Memorial	145	613
London, First (1)	189	677
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	206	761
Baptist Temple	---	304
Beechmont (2)	134	978
Bethlehem	71	262
Broadway (1)	---	392
Buechel	64	298
Carlisle Avenue (2)	362	1,590
Clifton (1)	127	512
Eighteenth Street	---	246
Fairdale (2)	192	442
Farmdale	---	395
Harmony	155	329
Hazelwood	66	459
Highland Park First	---	462
Immanuel	84	408
Jeffersontown	90	265
Kenwood	---	254
Lee's Lane	174	348
Lynn Acres	101	265
Okolona	68	468
Parkland	248	993
St. Matthews (1)	171	671
Shawnee	---	373
South Jefferson	101	621
Southside	94	520
Third Avenue	80	467
Twenty-third and Broadway	169	731
Victory Memorial (2)	212	869
Virginia Avenue	---	278
Walnut Street (4)	271	1,674
West Broadway (1)	159	632
Ludlow, First	83	385
Madisonville, First	324	1,129
Marion	---	307
Mayfield, First	291	938
Middlesboro, First (5)	160	707
Monticello, First	74	319
Morgantown	140	242
Mt. Washington	66	261
Murray, First (1)	167	903
Newport, First (2)	136	852
Trinity	82	240
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	127	517
Eaton Memorial (1)	213	417
First (1)	198	1,340
Hall Street (1)	189	505
Macedonia	93	312
Seven Hills	91	294
Third (1)	383	1,236

(Continued on Page 13)

Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

Kentucky Baptist Training Union Convention Recognition

The Baptist Training Union Convention was held April 21-23 at First Baptist Church, Madisonville. The very first session proved to be a time of real Christian experience for the large number of Kentucky Baptists from all parts of the State. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, brought a soul stirring message on the subject, "Opening the Door of Faith."

Our hearts were strangely warmed as more than a score of young people went forward to present themselves as "living sacrifices" to be used wherever God may lead them.

After a full day of inspiration and information on Thursday we were challenged to be more loyal to our loving Lord and His call for our lives as Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., spoke to our hearts on the subject, "Loyalty to Royalty."

The last session of the convention closed on a high spiritual note with Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, conducting the Life Dedication Service. His message to the convention was, "Total Commitment." Again we were made to rejoice as a large number responded to the invitation to Christian Service for Christ.

More than sixty decisions were made during the convention. Some for foreign mission service, others for full time service in the home land and others willing to wait for the Lord to direct them in the way He would have them go.—Clem A. Walters.

The Intermediates Came To Madisonville Also

The Intermediate section of the State Training Union Convention was attended by approximately 500 Intermediates from all parts of the commonwealth. Mr. Harold Mauney, Corbin, presided at all the sessions. Pianists for these sessions were Miss Patricia Burgess of Murray and Miss Kathleen Thompson of Louisville.

Mr. R. L. Middleton, author of "Youth Conquering for Christ," "Don't Disappoint God," et al., was in charge of the very impressive worship programs. Other convention personalities for these sessions include Miss Roxie Jacobs of the Tennessee Training Union Department;

Mrs. Robert Cook, of Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Beth Hayworth, Kentucky Baptist Student Union Department; Mrs. O. W. Stites, Louisville; Miss Marilyn Russell, Bowling Green; Mrs. Francis Tallant, Henderson; Mrs. P. G. Shuck, Lexington; and Mrs. Lyndon Collings, Muldraugh. The sessions were climaxed with a message entitled "Some Things I Would Tell You if I Could," brought by Dr. W. O. Vaught of Little Rock, Arkansas.

An added feature to the program was the Intermediate banquet held in the city park clubhouse.

Tour To Glorieta

The Training Union Department is conducting a tour to Glorieta for the second Training Union Week, June 17-23. The entire tour will cover the period of June 14-27. Side trips and sight-seeing are only a part of the itinerary which the tour includes.

If you are interested in the details and further information concerning this conducted tour, please send your request to the Baptist Training Union Department, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Gleanings

►Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Kahne, Ashland, Ky., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Bobbe Dee Kahne, to Mr. Fletcher Taylor Wolfe. Miss Kahné is a graduate of Georgetown College and was for a time Nursery, Beginner and Primary Worker in the Training Union Department in the Kentucky Baptist Building. At present she is a student in the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary. Mr. Wolfe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Wolfe, Norlina, N.C. He attended Mitchell College and is now a student in Southern Seminary.

►Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Juanita Evelyn Ford to Rev. Orville Lee Wollard, Jr. The wedding is to take place in the Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville. Miss Ford is a graduate of the University of Louisville, and carried on post-graduate studies at the National University of Mexico. Mr. Wollard is a son of Mr. Orville Lee Wollard, Sr., of Centralia, Illinois, is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, and is now a student in the Southern Seminary.

►The Cayce Baptist Church has completed new class rooms, refinished the walls, floor and seats of the entire building and installed new light fixtures. More class rooms are planned later. A bank of earth is to be removed from the front to make the meeting house more accessible to the public and more visible from the highway. All of this has been done under the leadership of Pastor Paul Jones, formerly of Midway Church, west of Hickman, and by volunteer help from the church members and interested citizens of the Cayce community.

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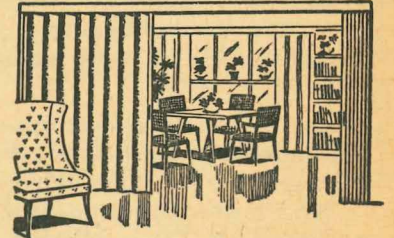
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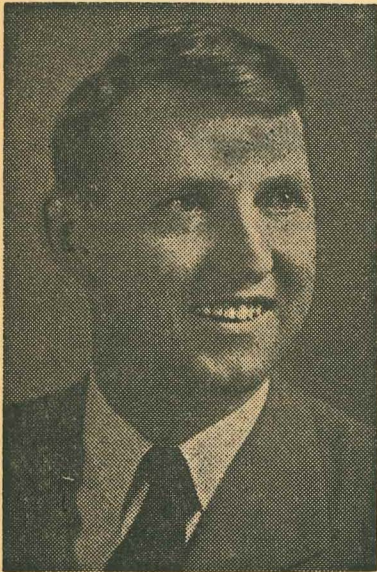
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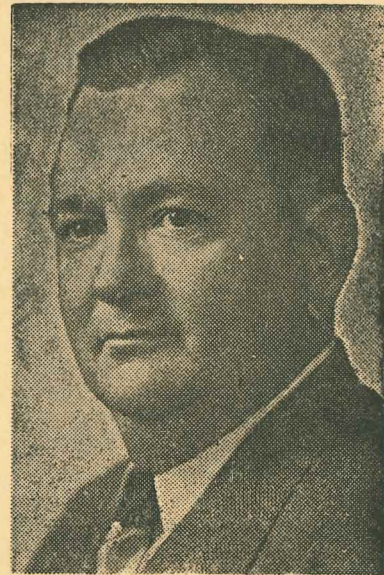
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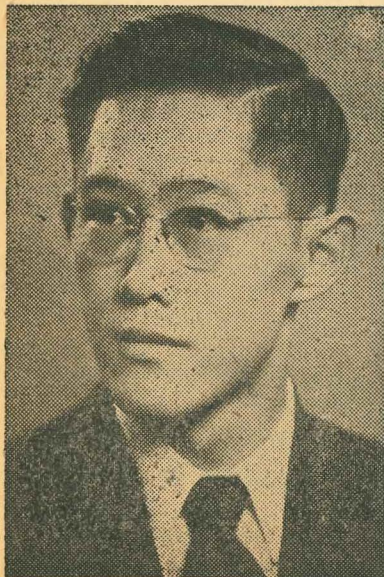
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Conferences on State Work:
Rev. Fred Tucker—City Missionary
Rev. Reginald Johnson—Missionary
Rev. Arlon Davis—Missionary
Dr. W. C. Boone to speak
Thursday noon.

Camp Staff for both Intermediate and Junior Weeks



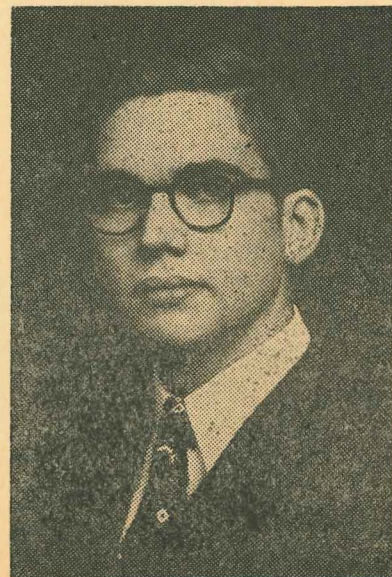
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Bugler.....	Robin Northcutt
Handicraft	Bob Coleman
Pianist and Ranking.....	William McElrath
Music Director.....	Rev. Glen Grober



Summer Royal Ambassador Camp Workers

Left: Rev. Bill Shinto from New Mexico. Bill's parents were born in Japan. He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and a 1954 graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is Pastor of the Mission of Munfordville Baptist Church, Munfordville, Kentucky.

Right: Mr. William McElrath from Murray, Kentucky. A graduate of Murray State and has completed his first year at the Seminary. He is music and educational director at the mission of Fairdale Baptist Church, Louisville. He has served as counselor for Junior and Intermediate chapters, Memorial Baptist, Murray, and as Associational Royal Ambassador Leader for Blood River Association.



For May 30, 1954

By H. C. Chiles

Elisha Points to Spiritual Resources

After a remarkable ministry for God Elijah was translated. Then Elisha came into prominence and rendered a notable service for Him. In this connection, it is encouraging to note that when one of God's workmen passes from the scene of action He always has another ready to carry on His work. As His servant goes forth in His name, He enables him to triumph over all of the unrighteous forces arrayed against him.

I. The Warning. II Kings 6:8-10.

After the miracle of curing the leprosy of Naaman, the commander-in-chief of the Syrian army, Benhadad continued to be a fierce enemy of God's nation, Israel. Even though he knew that the Israelites enjoyed the protection and blessing of God, he continued to war against them. If he had been wise, he would have sought to cultivate friendly relations with them. Instead, he caused numerous predatory raids or forays to be made into the territory of Israel. Those making the raids were not strong enough to undertake any sieges or to engage in any pitched battles. Their object was plunder, so they seized and carried away people, animals and other types of property.

Repeatedly Benhadad sought to seize and kill Jehoram from ambush, but all such attempts were frustrated by Elisha the prophet. God had enabled Elisha to foresee the location of each ambush, and each time he had warned Jehoram of the snare, which was thereupon easily avoided. As is often the case, Benhadad had clever plans, but he made the terrible mistake of leaving God out of his calculations. Nobody can ever afford to ignore God.

II. The Worry. II Kings 6:11-13.

Because his schemes were frustrated so many times, Benhadad became suspicious that a traitor from among his officers or intimate advisers was conveying the information about his plans to the Israelites. Enraged at the thwarting of his plans, and perplexed at the mysterious manner in which his secret designs were made known to the enemy on so many occasions, the king started a thorough investigation.

When he called his servants together and demanded a confession, believing that somebody was playing into the hands of the enemy, his associates unanimously protested his accusation and denied any part in it. One of his servants went so far as to declare that what Benhadad said in his bedchamber was being proclaimed by Elisha to the king of Israel.

Upon learning that Elisha was the one who had frustrated his designs and plans, the king thought of a new device. Filled with indignation, he resolved that

he would capture the prophet. He thought that would avert any of his future plans being detected, and that henceforth they would be very successful. So, he issued an order to locate the prophet in order that he might be captured. In due time, it was reported that Elisha was in Dothan, a place that was fairly accessible without any great danger.

III. The Well-being. II Kings 6:14-17.

Having learned that Elisha was in Dothan, the king had the town surrounded by a considerable force of infantry and cavalry with their numerous chariots. It was an exceedingly large number of soldiers to send against one man, but they were very inadequate for the task, since the one who was to be seized was God's prophet. It was necessary for them to outwit God before they could take His prophet.

When Elisha's servant arose that morning and looked out from the city walls, he was terrified at the sight of that mighty host which had encompassed the town during the night. There were not any forces within the walls with sufficient ability to defend them against that mighty host. Since Elisha was the only one whom they wanted, it appeared likely that the inhabitants of Dothan might surrender him in order to preserve their own lives.

Frantic with fear at the presence of the army, the servant inquired as to what should be done. With magnificent faith, Elisha assured his servant that there was no reason for being afraid because "they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

It is interesting to observe that the prophet did not pray that God would send a host of heavenly messengers to guard him, but rather that He might open the eyes of his fearful servant so that he might see the great number that were present already. He was anxious for God to enable him to see His abundant provision for their protection. In response to Elisha's prayer, God revealed the protective hosts to the young man. As might be expected, this vision changed the coward into a hero. He came to realize that God always protects and defends His own. It should be remembered that God can handle any army just as readily as He can an individual when He chooses to do so.

COURTESY—The Schwerin research people are finding that politeness pays off, even in TV commercials. One version of a commercial had a restaurant customer thanking a waitress for a menu. When the commercial was shortened, that bit was cut. Result: a 41% loss of audience recall.—TELEVISION AGE.

Part of S. B. Convention To Be on the Air

The Southern Baptist Convention in Saint Louis, Missouri, June 2-6, will receive widespread publicity this year with more sessions than ever before being broadcast and telecast by local stations.

Portions of the Convention may be televised from Kiel Auditorium in Saint Louis over KSD-TV and WTVI at nearby Belleville, Illinois. Both stations have promised to give time to the Convention meeting through special events set up by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Radio stations in Saint Louis which have offered time to the Convention include: KSD, WEW, KMOX, and WIL. Others are expected to volunteer time as the Convention shapes up.

The Foreign Mission Board hour at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, will be carried by one of the stations definitely.

A number of Illinois radio stations are currently planning to hook up as a network across that state to carry a daily Convention newscast by Dr. Louie Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, and member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. This program will be broadcast from the Jefferson Hotel at 8:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. DST) each morning, June 2-6, for the benefit of these and local stations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MAY 9, 1954

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Paducah, East	197	631
First (1)	152	594
Oaklawn (1)	145	293
Trinity	143	320
Twelfth Street (1)	144	422
Paintsville, First	65	318
Paris, First	63	259
Perryville	98	231
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole	---	---
Memorial (5)	---	373
Princeton, First	126	567
Northside	120	291
Second (1)	204	376
Russellville, First (1)	116	439
Somerset, Calvary	158	256
First	170	677
Pleasant Hill No. 2	59	224
Sonora	103	275
Springfield, First	148	497
Sturgis, First	---	271
Versailles	---	396
Walton	101	359
Waynesburg, Double Springs (1)	---	282
Whitesburg, First (7)	80	566
Williamson, W. Va.,	---	---
East Williamson	80	245
Willisburg	103	333
Winchester, Central (1)	132	488

►Dr. John L. Hill is to speak at Bethel College commencement at Hopkinsville, Ky., May 27 at 8 p.m. The Glee Club will give a program Friday night, May 28 at 8 o'clock, and the Alumni Meeting will take place Saturday morning at 11:30. The afternoon will be devoted to the crowning of the King and Queen, followed by the president's tea. Class Night will round out the day's program at 8:00. Dr. H. Leo Eddleman will preach the sermon Sunday morning, and Dr. Powhatan W. James, former president, will preach at the graduation exercises that afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

Roy A. Hamilton Feted For 24th Anniversary

A dinner was given in honor of Pastor Roy A. Hamilton by some friends and some members of the Immanuel Baptist Church at the Nicholson Hotel, near Louisville, on March 11, 1954. The occasion was a desire to commemorate the anniversary of his 24 years in the ministry.

The main address was given by Ollie B. Carpenter, treasurer of the church. Also taking part on the program were Miss Myrtle Carpenter, who read the Scripture, and Robert Clendenin, who led in prayer. Following the meal, a gold loving cup was presented to the pastor by Mrs. Frances Gribble.

Brother Hamilton has been pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church for the past three years. During his ministry here an extensive building program has been completed. This included remodeling of the auditorium, a new chapel, sixty new class rooms and a dining room and kitchen. Also 385 persons have been

added to the church roll by baptism and by letters.

Those present for the occasion were Pastor and Mrs. Roy A. Hamilton, their



Pastor and Mrs. Roy A. Hamilton

daughter Linda, Miss Myrtle Carpenter, Robert Clendenin, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nunnelley, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, Ollie B. Carpenter and Mrs. Frances Gribble.

*Southside, Louisville,
Calls T. L. McSwain*



The Southside Baptist Church of Louisville has called Thaburn L. McSwain, Statesville, N. C., to become its pastor. He recently resigned the pastorate at the Bethel Baptist Church in Statesville to return to the Seminary to resume post-graduate studies. He received his B. A. degree from Wake Forest College in 1949 and the B.D. from Southern Seminary in 1952. Mrs. McSwain is the former Betty Mulloy of Louisville. They have a 16-months-old son, Lawson. At Southside Mr. McSwain succeeds Brother Maurice P. Barnes, now at Killarney Baptist Church, Winter Park, Florida.

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"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIE"

The theme for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 2-5 is to be "FORWARD... IN CHRIST JESUS." Brotherhood work will be presented Thursday night, June 3 at 7:40 p.m. We trust many laymen of our state will be able to join their pastors in attending the Convention this year. Our goal is 20,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention to be "FOUR STAR" churches. By this it is hoped that these 20,000 churches shall have a Brotherhood, Sunday school, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union. Is your's a Four Star Church?

PATIENCE PLEASE

Our department is working on the first issue of its state-wide bulletin. We have been planning it for three months but simply could not get around to it in time to get it published when we wanted to. Send us your news items. We will include them in this first issue of the bulletin. We hope to get it out by June 1.

Enrolment up 14 Per Cent In SBC Seminaries

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Enrolment in Southern Baptist seminaries was 14 per cent larger for 1953-54 than for the preceding year, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission, Nashville, Tenn. He also said that for the same period figures released by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare revealed a 17 per cent drop in enrolment for theological seminaries in the United States.

Total ministerial students enrolled in Southern Baptist colleges, seminaries and schools reached an all-time high of 10,007.

Film, "Where Love Is," Now Available

The twenty-five minute technicolor picture, "Where Love Is," which was made on the campus of Spring Meadows by the Sunday School Board for use by all the Baptist Children's Homes in the Southern Baptist Convention has been released and is now available for showing.

Usually the rental charge for a film of this length is \$9.00, but in order to make it possible for every church to use this wonderful picture a nominal charge of only \$3.00 plus postage is being made. This will cover cleaning and servicing the film.

The film has received warm praise wherever shown throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. After the film was shown recently in one of our Kentucky churches one of the members wrote, "The little girl in the movie did a wonderful job of acting not to mention the beautiful coloring and scenery. I fell in love with the little curly haired girl and the little boy with the teddy bear, both of pre-school age. I believe many questions that many of the members had in their minds when they came to the service last night were answered. I don't think many could say that Spring Meadows is a place where children are mistreated. I think it is a beautiful place and certainly the expressions on the faces of the workers were anything but cold and indifferent. My husband and I have never been to Spring Meadows but before this summer is ended we are planning to visit you with our two boys some Saturday or Sunday afternoon."

The film may be ordered from Spring Meadows. Please book the film well in advance of the date you wish to show it in your church and if possible give us a second choice of dates. We want to keep our copies of the film in constant use.

High School Graduates

This year Spring Meadows will have the following high school graduates: *Bettie Jo Fightmaster*, who came to live at Spring Meadows January 1, 1950, from near Cynthiana, following the death of her mother.

Her three younger sisters came to the Home at the same time. Since their admission to Spring Meadows their father has also passed away. Bettie Jo is a most attractive young lady, being quite tall. She is active in the Crescent Hill Baptist Church where she sings in the choir and is frequently used in special

music as she has a splendid voice. Many of you will recall having heard her sing last fall at the General Association in Owensboro. Bettie Jo will likely work in the office of one of our Baptist dentists in St. Matthews this summer and she hopes to enter Georgetown College this fall to make preparation to serve as a teacher of Home Economics. She is a skilled seamstress, making all her clothing.

Beulah Bell Wilson entered Spring Meadows November 24, 1941, from near Williamstown. For several years she lived in a private home in Indiana, but returned to Spring Meadows in the summer of 1948. Beulah is a splendid girl who makes friends readily. She has been quite active in the youth organization of her church (Crescent Hill Baptist) where she also sings in the choir. Beulah's plans following graduation are incomplete.

Charles Clark Harris went to live at the Kentucky Boys' Estate in October 1947, and moved to Spring Meadows when that institution closed in February of last year. Charles has been one of the finest young men on our campus, giving perfect cooperation and always willing and anxious to help in every possible way. Mr. Smith, our barber, has had Charles as an understudy for the past year and he has cut hair of many of our boys.

Like Bettie Jo, Charles has a splendid voice (he also sang at General Association and at the Thanksgiving breakfast in Owensboro last fall). He has been in demand for solos before various civic groups in the Louisville area for some time. In an audition before music authorities it was said that it would likely be a hundred years before we had another voice like his on our campus. Consistently, he has rated "superior," in state-wide music contest. Charles hopes to go to college this fall and make a career in music.

At least one nice contribution has been received by Spring Meadows to be used in furthering his musical education.

Would you like to have a child for three weeks?

Again this summer we are using the plan we tried so successfully last year of having all vacations at Spring Meadows at the same time. School will be out May 28 and the children will leave immediately for their vacations.

They will visit their sponsors and friends. Those who are to be picked up will leave Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30. Those who will travel by train and bus will leave Monday, May 31. Classes and Missionary Societies who have been sponsoring a child will have first choice on having their child for the vacation period.

Since there are some children who do not have a sponsor and since in some cases the sponsor will be unable to have their child visit at this time, it is important that we have a number of invitations for children to visit your class, missionary Society, church, or you as an individual for the three weeks' vacation. If you want to have a child for this vacation period write us at once and be sure to enclose a recommendation from your pastor. In all cases where the children travel by train or bus, the sponsor pays for the fare.

The children are to return from their vacations June 19 and 20. While the children are on their vacations the staff and workers at the Home will be on their vacations.

State Board of Health Visits Spring Meadows

Last week two representatives from the Nutrition Division of the Kentucky State Department of Health visited our campus and spent most of the day. They were high in their praise of food preparation and service and our high standard of sanitation. Each week copies of our menus are submitted to them for study and suggestions. The visitors had made an intensive study and analysis of our menus from October through March and in their written report they said, "They show good nutritive balance and consistent attractiveness . . . the use of different methods of preparing the vegetables adds interest to the menus . . . contrasts in texture, color, flavor, and form of foods in a meal combination have been well planned . . . the use of simple desserts, suitable for children is commendable and much better than serving the richer pies and cakes."

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