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—Photo, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Indian taking bread from old-fashioned oven. Also he is giving the Bread of Life to his own people as a home missionary.

Gleanings From The Field

►The Ingleside Baptist Church, of Shreveport, La., is sending, expenses paid, Pastor T. C. Pennell and his family to the Holy Land in appreciation of his 25 years as their shepherd.

►The Kings Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Ky., is having its spring revival May 24-30, with Brother Warren Redding, Greenup, Ky., assisting Pastor Floyd Collins.

►Congressman Budge has introduced bill HR-8744, "to make it a crime to televise advertising showing pictures of persons pouring, drinking, or opening containers of alcoholic liquors."

►The East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, will confer the Doctor of Humanities degree on Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, at its commencement in June.

►Pastor Boyd Armstrong has resigned the care of the Southside Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., to accept the pastorate of the North Phenix Baptist Church, Phenix, Ala., taking up his new duties the last Sunday in May. He formerly lived in Kentucky.

►Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, completed fifty years as a preacher of the Gospel on April 25. Thirty years of that time were spent in pastorates, and the last twenty in denominational work.

►James M. Moore has resigned as pastor of the Leach's Station Baptist Church, Greenup Association, in Eastern Kentucky, to become pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church, in East Detroit, Michigan, affiliated with the Motor City District Association and the Arkansas State Baptist Convention.

►Everette L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reports that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1953 totals \$3,573,195.58, an increase of \$292,822.79 over 1952. Largest offering came from Texas and totaled \$1,280,059.02. North Carolina was second with \$310,549.16; and Virginia was third with \$228,179.08. Books are closed on May 1 each year.

►The Erlanger Baptist Church had a week of revival services, April 11-18 with the pastor, Jack P. Lowndes, doing the preaching. Mr. Preston Lawrence, music and education director of the Carlisle Avenue Church in Louisville, was song leader. There were several additions and the church was generally revived. On Sunday night, April 25, the Georgetown College Choir presented a program of sacred music at the Erlanger Church.

►The Hillcrest Church, Lexington, was led in a revival recently by Pastor Raymond T. DeArmond of Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., with the music being led by Brother Gus Falter, student at Southern Seminary, according to Pastor Paul Hatfield. There were 30 additions by letter and baptism. Hillcrest is looking forward to entering its new 75-capacity auditorium within the next few weeks.

►Dr. J. Lyn Elder, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, is to be the associate professor of psychology of religion and counseling at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, beginning next semester. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University and the Southern Baptist Seminary. Native of Biloxi, Miss., he served as a chaplain with the paratroopers during World War II. He, his wife and two sons, will move to Berkeley in June.

►Herman D. Moore, who has been doing Christian work as a layman for several years, associated with Magoffin Baptist Institute, as a local missionary, was examined by a council called by the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Ky., April 28. President D. M. Aldridge was moderator; Delbert Moore clerk; and Pastor Kenneth S. Clendaniel interrogator. The church, acting on recommendation of the presbytery, proceeded with the ordination. The sermon was preached by Supt. Eldred M. Taylor and the prayer was led by Brother Aldridge.

►Pastor Fred G. Schlafer, First Church, Paducah, Ky., was the evangelist working with another ex-Kentuckian, Bro. Samuel G. Shepard, in a series of meetings at the First Baptist Church, Caruthersville, Mo., March 21-31, resulting in 45 for baptism, 10 by letter and statement, and 10 who rededicated their lives to the Lord's service. On the final Sunday 617 were present in the Sunday school. This was the third largest attendance in the history of the church.

►Noah Benningfield, pastor of the Simpsonville Church, has been called to the High View Baptist Church, Buechel, and took up his new work there April 11. He has been at Simpsonville for three and one half years. During that time the heating plant has been completely remodeled and extensive repairs have been made on the parsonage and church. Sunday school attendance has increased 50%. High View was organized as a mission six years ago by the Okolona Church, and was constituted a church last December.

►F. A. R. Morgan, Southern Baptist missionary educator, died in Eastland, Texas, recently of a heart attack. His funeral was held at Eastland. He was a native of Whetstone, Ky. He attended Decatur Baptist College, Decatur, Texas; Baylor University and the University of Chicago. He was a public school teacher and a professor at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College before going as a missionary to Brazil in 1919. There he taught in the *Colegio Americano Batista*, Recife; was founder and president of *Colegio Batista Mineiro*, Belo Horizonte; president of *Colegio Batista Flumenense*, Campos; of the *Colegio Batista Brasileiro*, Sao Paulo; and of *Centro Batista Paulistrano and Bible School*, Sao Paulo. He is survived by his widow, the former Gertrude Weatherby, and three children, one of whom is Mrs. Horace E. Buddin, missionary to Brazil.

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►Historic Pleasant Grove Church, Avoca, Ky., broke ground for a basement for the auditorium April 25. It will be 44'x120', and will contain eight class rooms, kitchen, heating plant, and assembly and recreation rooms. Dr. Dan C. Moore, pastor, pointed out that they plan to continue supporting local and foreign missions as this structure is erected. Ultimately they hope to erect a new education building as well as a new auditorium. Participating in the ground breaking were: Pastor Moore; Pastor William Bowen, Peewee Valley Mission; Bryant Tolbert, minister of music; Allan Henson, chairman of deacons; Supt. James Zaring, chairman building committee; Ralph Drewery, Training Union director; Ernest Wooldridge, Brotherhood president; Mrs. James Zaring, WMU president; Mrs. C. H. Kurtsinger; Pvt. Floyd Clark and W. W. Chilton, Jr.; W. W. Chilton, Sr.; Supt. Ben F. Mitchell; Dr. Henry E. Turlington, and others. The basement is expected to be completed by August.

Why Do Hospital Bills Seem High?

You are often faced with the problem of answering this question. I do not know the answer you give but I would like you to know some of the answers I give when the question arises.

First, many of our hospital problems, as they concern the public, could be solved by a better public relations program. By this I mean not only with our nurses, employees, doctors and patients, but with the public as a whole. We have a story to tell but we are not properly telling it. If the people are well informed they are not so quick to criticize. We need to establish a program either through our district conferences or our state association which would provide the means of telling our story through newspapers, radios, churches and other organizations so we could have a well-informed public. People want to know, Why? We have the answers.

The greatest desire of the boards of trustees, the administrators and the medical staffs of our hospitals throughout the country is that the best possible patient-care be rendered at the lowest possible cost. We have the finest hospital system and medical care in the world, and we must not for one moment think of sacrificing any of these services in order to reduce cost. Through better hospital administration and medical care we shall keep the cost at the lowest point.

In 1952 (I do not have statistics for 1953) income differed from expenses by not more than 5% in more than half of the 1,400 short term non-profit general hospitals studied. The fact is that more than one half (61%) would have shown deficits if as little as 5% of income had been earmarked for depreciation, replacements and improvement. This alone is a definite indication that hospital charges generally are not exorbitant. We know this, but the public at large does not. We must find a way to inform them.

I do not believe the cost of hospitalization is any more out of line than most items that are involved in our present day cost of living, especially when we consider the added benefits and services plus a decrease in the length of stay and, above all, the lower mortality rate. One of the most simple answers to the question, Why Do Hospitals Charge So Much?, is to ask the question, How Much Should Hospital Charges Be? Charges must be made that are consistent with the services rendered. The nature of services rendered is a vital factor affecting hospital cost per patient day. The hospital with the most comprehensive service, naturally has the highest cost. People go to hospitals because of necessity in most instances, and not because of choice. It is but human nature for us to resent having to pay for something we did not want in the beginning, and when we

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pay for something we do not want, the cost is sometimes too high at any price.

It is my observation, after twenty-five years of hospital experience, that we have less criticism today on hospital charges than we had in the early thirties which was the low ebb of the depression. The charge for a four-bed ward at that time was \$2.50 per day, those same four-bed wards today are \$10.00 per day. However, let's look at some of the facts and see what changes have taken place.

The hospital of today is a peculiar type of institution as compared to any other business or industry. It is complex and intricate to say the least and is economically in the field of big business. In order that the sick and injured may be properly and successfully cared for, it is necessary that the hospital remain open twenty-four hours per day, 365 days per year including all weekends and holidays. To stay open twenty-four hours per day every day in the year, it is necessary to have sufficient employees to cover three shifts per day, with enough relief workers to give each employee days off during the week, holidays, vacations and sick leave. The actual number required at Kentucky Baptist Hospital at the present time, not including student nurses, is approximately two per patient and two and one-half if students are counted. This includes standby personnel which adds to the cost of hospital care. For instance we have personnel in our x-ray, laboratory, operating rooms and other departments on duty each afternoon, night and weekend only for the purpose of taking care of emergency cases that might come to the hospital during these off hours.

Many times this stand-by personnel may be on duty all night without being disturbed, while other times they are busy throughout the afternoon and night. In other words they are not fully utilized. Yet in order to perform our duty to the sick, it is necessary that these services be provided. Stand-by personnel and equipment runs into thousands of dollars of added expense and investment each year and would not be necessary if we could operate the hospital only eight hours per day with no weekends.

In the commission on financing reports entitled "Factors Affecting Cost of Hospital Care," it is stated that total expenditures for all non-federal general hospitals rose from \$439,000,000 in 1935 to more than 2.7 billion dollars in 1952,

a rise of 520 per cent. Payroll accounted for the largest share of hospital expenditures. The non-profit general hospital payroll increased 719% from 1935 to 1952. While all other expenditures increased 386%. In 1936 payroll accounted for 44% total expenditures for non-profit general hospitals, while in 1952 this percentage had risen 57%. In our hospital the cost of payroll is approximately 60% of the average daily cost per patient.

The report goes ahead to state that inflation is an important factor in hospital operating expenditures. For example if the value of the dollar had remained unchanged from 1935 to 1952 the increase in total expenditures of all non-federal general hospitals would have been 199% instead of 520%, and if population had remained the same, the increase in total expenditures, after adjustment for inflation, would have been only 148%.

I have often thought that the question of cost of hospital care comes up because the patient's relatives or friends are so little informed about "the behind the scenes activities." For instance, very few people know the large fuel bill of our hospitals. Last year the coal bill alone at Kentucky Baptist Hospital amounted to more than \$21,000. I had occasion recently to ask one of the leading industrialists of the city how much he thought our fuel bill would run per year. He said he thought \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year, might be a little high. He was astounded when I gave him the figures. Then there is the matter of electric light and power bills of \$1,500 to \$1,700 per month in our institution. Telephone bills alone amount to more than \$1,000 per month.

Few people realize the cost of operating a laundry, a maintenance department, central supply, store room, administrative offices or the equipment and numbers of employees engaged in the food department, x-ray, laboratory, operating rooms, etc., because they do not see these people or departments. Very few would think of the considerable amount of money necessary to operate a school of nursing with room, board, laundry, nurse instructors and university affiliation fees involved in the expense. It is difficult for some people to realize that when you serve a tray of food in the room it will cost 50% more than to serve the food in a cafeteria. All of this is reflected in the patients bill.

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►The Korean Baptist Seminary was opened April 8 at Taejon with an enrolment of 140 students and 12 faculty members. Dr. John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionary, is president; among the faculty members are Rev. and Mrs. Theodore H. Dowell and Rev. and Mrs. Daniel B. Ray, also missionaries.

Having Part on St. Louis Program of S. B. C.



Pictured above are twelve persons having parts on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention at its 97th session being held in St. Louis, Mo., June 2-5. Reading from left to right, they are: (1) Emily Lansdell, president Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky.; (2) Dale Cowling, Little Rock, Ark., chairman of the committee on Order of Business; (3) Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga.; (4) J. Ray Garrett, Washington, D. C., chairman of the Committee on Boards; (5) J. C. Murphy, Ruston, La.; (6) C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, D. C.; (7) Olin T. Binkley, Wake Forest, N. C.; (8) Roy McClain Atlanta, Ga.; (9) Alfred D. Moore, New York, N.Y.; (10) Joel Sorenson, Stockholm, Sweden; (11) Robert Naylor, Fort Worth, Texas; and (12) Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, Chicago, Ill.—Baptist Press.

Church Music Leadership School At Georgetown College July 5-8

A State Church Music Leadership School for the state of Kentucky will be held at Georgetown College July 5-8. Music Directors, organists, pianists, choir singers, departmental song leaders and pianists, prospective song leaders and others who are interested in a good music program in their church should attend.

The purpose of the school will be to develop church music leadership. Opportunity will be afforded to study voice, theory, conducting, hymn playing, and choir work. Those who attend will be better prepared for the position of leadership in their own churches and communities.

Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of Department of Church Music, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his associate, Dr. Loren R. Williams, will come from Nashville, Tenn., to be the directors of the school. Other faculty members will be announced later.

The music facilities of Georgetown College will be used by the Leadership

School during these special days. The college will furnish room and bed free. One must bring his or her bed linens. Meals may be secured at student costs in the College Cafeteria. Children under 15 years of age must be accompanied by their parents or a guardian. A registration or reservation fee of \$1.00 should be sent to the State Music Leadership School, Kentucky Baptist Building, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky.

The McGinnises and Miss Berry to be at Camp Joy Near Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, Edmonson Co., Ky.—Camp Joy, operated by the W. M. U. of Southern Region, has plans for early summer especially designed for youngsters. Camp dates include Intermediate Week, for R. A.s and G. A.s, June 21-25; Y. W. A. Weekend, June 25-27; and Junior Week for R. A.s and G. A.s., June 28-July 2.

Rev. and Mrs. Harlan McGinnis, missionaries to the Gold Coast, Africa, will be with them, and Miss Minnie Berry, as well as many pastors and their wives from the Southern Region to assist in the program, giving missionary mes-

sages, teaching mission study classes, conducting recognition and coronation services, handicraft, supervised recreation and swimming.

The R. A. and G. A. cost per week is \$10.75 for insurance, room and meals. The Y. W. A. Weekend will be \$4.00 for insurance, room and meals. The registration fee for each group is \$1.00 per person.

The Young People's Leaders are urged to send in their registrations with the \$1.00 per person fee, giving full information on the groups, whether Intermediates, Junior R. A.s or G. A.s, the rank and step reached by each, by June 5 to Mrs. Mont Breedlove, 502 West Cedar, Franklin, Ky. The capacity is limited, so the rule of first-come-first-served will be in operation.

Washington Pastor Praises Kentucky's Congressman Perkins

From Pastor A. Lincoln Smith, of the Congress Heights Baptist Church, Esther and Brothers Place, S. E., Washington, D. C., who was pastor of the Campbellsburg Church in Kentucky while at the Seminary, writes concerning one of our Kentuckians now residing in the National Capital.

"I believe that all Kentucky Baptists will be interested in the support that one of their distinguished citizens is rendering to the church of his choice while in the Nation's Capital," writes Pastor Smith.

"Congressman Carl Perkins united with the Congress Heights Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., by Baptism April 8, 1951. Soon afterward he spoke in the church bringing a clear cut testimony of his Christian faith and his desire to serve his Lord.

"When the church was seeking a much needed site in this crowded city the Congressman was most helpful in acquiring a most desirable but difficult site to get. After its purchase he gave much time and consideration in helping us find the best architect possible. He has recently been a great help in arranging a \$210,000 loan to finance the building program. He and Mrs. Perkins are faithful in their attendance and interest while he is in the city.

"In many ways he has been most helpful to me personally as he has sought to help his pastor do the job that needs to be done so critically here in our Nation's Capitol. I would be negligent of the divine instruction if I did not seek to 'render honour to whom honour is due.'

"This has been written without his knowledge and without the slightest suggestion that he desired any recognition of his work."

We in Kentucky are glad to know of the fine work of one of our citizens and also to know what the former Campbellsburg pastor is doing.

►Henry T. Brannon has spent 47 years with the Tate Springs Baptist Church, near Fort Worth, the last 25 years being as pastor.

NEW PRESIDENT AT CLEAR CREEK SCHOOL: We congratulate the Board of Trustees of Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School on their choice of D. M. Aldridge as president, succeeding L. C. Kelly who retires June 13 to become president emeritus. Mr. Clyde Creech states that President Aldridge's election came after "much prayer, deliberation, and consultation." Retiring President Kelly states that he is "glad to turn the helm over to Brother D. M. Aldridge," and commends him to the friends and supporters of the institution. President Aldridge has for several years been president of Magoffin Baptist Institute of Mountain Valley, Kentucky. Following graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary he was on the faculty of the Clear Creek School for several years. The Magoffin Board of Trustees paid deserved tribute: "It was with a deep sense of regret that the Magoffin Board of Trustees voted to accept the resignation of President Aldridge. . . . He has made a great contribution . . . and we feel that as a result of his vision and consecrated labors the school will continue to go forward. . . . We heartily commend him to our sister institution and to a place of continuing service to Kentucky Baptists and the cause of Christ." Retiring President Kelly is credited in large measure for bringing into existence the Clear Creek School and for its growth in buildings and equipment and influence. Associated with him through the years there have been loyal friends—Trustees and others—who, like President Kelly, felt something should be done for mountain preachers who have not opportunity to obtain college and seminary training. Both Magoffin and the Clear Creek School are included in the program of the General Association.

CONVENTION SERMON: No, this isn't it. We're just expressing regret that, because of limited space, we shall not be able to carry this year the Southern Baptist Convention sermon. It is to be preached by Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor, Highland Heights Church, Memphis. His subject: "Advancing With Christ." He magnifies Christ and challenges Southern Baptists to advance with Him. It will be heard with pleasure in St. Louis.

SUPPLEMENTAL OFFERING: Sunday, June 13, is the day set for taking the Supplemental Offering to be made through the Cooperative Program. Dr. W. C. Boone states: "This is an opportunity for the churches that have not given anything this year to take an offering for the Cooperative Program. It is also a day to catch up or to give an extra offering to all our Baptist work through the Cooperative Program. We hope every church in the state will give something through the Cooperative Program." Special envelopes for the offering are available, and free. Write your State Mission Board. We must not underestimate the importance of this annual offering. If for any reason the offering cannot be made on June 13, then the nearest possible date should be chosen. If we are to advance with Christ, we must advance together.

BAPTISTS WHO KNOW: Southern Baptist churches recently stressed need for all members knowing their own denomination. It is a needed emphasis and should be extended.

There have been, though we say it with embarrassment, some "don't know" Baptists. Some do not even know the program of their own churches: they

rarely attend the business meetings; but when something is done with which they are not in agreement (if by accident they happen to hear of it), they are frequently the ones who loudly assert that "a few are running things down there." Some never bother to attend associational meetings, nor do they secure a copy of the minutes to inform themselves. Still fewer attend various state and Southwide meetings.

It is admitted that not all can attend associational and state and Southwide meetings; but *all can be informed Baptists*. They can secure and study carefully the literature of the denomination: the state paper, magazines of the various organizations and departments.

We believe it is the duty of every church to see that such literature is made available, and to encourage the people to read it. We live in an enlightened age: presses are running day and night. It ought to be next to impossible today for Baptists to have "half-baked" ideas about their denominational work; and it would be if all the churches started and carried on a campaign of information. Thousands of Southern Baptist churches make provision in their budgets for the informing of their members by denominational literature.

Certainly we ought to stress the local programs of evangelism and indoctrination; but, along with this, we ought to look farther than our own borders as churches, and see the broad program of the whole denomination. An informed Baptist is a working, praying, giving, sacrificial, victorious Baptist.

THE YOUNGER AND THE OLDER: All who love the Master and His work rejoice to see a great many younger Baptists coming into the administrative life of the churches. They ought to have places of leadership, as they show by life and action that they are well qualified. It means the injection of new blood and fresh vitality. It is a tragic mistake not to include younger Baptists in the organizational life of the churches. We sin both against ourselves and against the future of young Baptists when we fail to take advantage of the new growth God has given.

But on the other hand, is there not a danger of losing much spiritual value by letting slip away from all leadership in the churches the ripe experience of older Baptists? One sees this now and then—the older ones made to feel they are no longer needed or wanted.

In God's great spiritual forest, He lets grow, side by side, the older trees which have weathered life's storms and gathered strength, and the younger trees which furnish the kingdom's building material for the days ahead. And isn't it wonderful that this is true! Each needs the other. The older ones keep the younger ones from leaping to dangerous extremes. The younger ones keep the older ones from being so conservative that progress is hampered. One recalls how Paul said: "But now hath God set the members each one in the body even as it pleased Him. . . . But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of thee" (1 Cor. 12:18, 20-21).

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►A speech is not a Christmas tree on which to hang tinsel gee-gaws and glittering ornaments. Dont spend time scouting around for fancy words to pretty-up your talk. Toying with words, like toying with your voice, calls attention but to the wrong things.—The Art of Good Speech (Prentice-Hall).

A Personal Testimony

By MISS LUCILLE ANDERSON
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

"Ridgecrest," said one of our finest young men as he stood before a church group, "Ridgecrest is a spirit." I liked the sound of it then. I love the knowledge of it now.

Now I have been. I remember. I know. I "have the witness in myself." And I try so hard to tell others. But really to know, you must go.

You must climb the steps to the pillared porch of Pritchell, or swing through the screen doors at the back, and sense the expectancy with which other people look at you. "So you've come, too." their eyes seem to say. "What will this week bring to us, do you suppose?" And those same eyes will meet yours in a glance of fellowship when it's time to go, and the word this time is, "It's been good to be here, hasn't it?"

You must sit for a while after dinner on Pritchell's porch, lifting up your eyes unto the hills (which you may have climbed that afternoon with a congenial group), and then walk slowly up the path to Lake Dew for the twilight gathering together of God's people in a lake-side service. I promise you that from then on, the words of the hymn, "up to where they gather on the hills of God," will take on new meaning for you.

You must stand, during Foreign Missions Conference week, at the top of the stairs leading down to the dining-room, and look into the sea of faces below you, happy faces, shining faces, the faces of men and women who have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. From that week on, our foreign missionaries are not "foreign" any more. They become dear friends, as they speak from the platform or in the conferences, as they sit across from you at table, or in the chair next to yours on the porch. And as you read their names in The Commission, or in the W. M. U. magazines and State denominational papers, those names are people, attractive, personable, lovable. Their work becomes your work, and when they ask for your prayers, your prayers are for them, not just for names on the Calendar of Prayer. Oh, the amazement of it! The experiences, the dangers, the disappointments, the griefs, the hardships that lie behind those happy smiles, yet never were faces so radiant, so at peace, so *young!* I promise you that the words of Romans 9 will take on new meaning for you:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

You must sit in on a "Singspiration" in Pritchell's lobby during Church Music Week, after the evening assembly program, when young people and "staf-

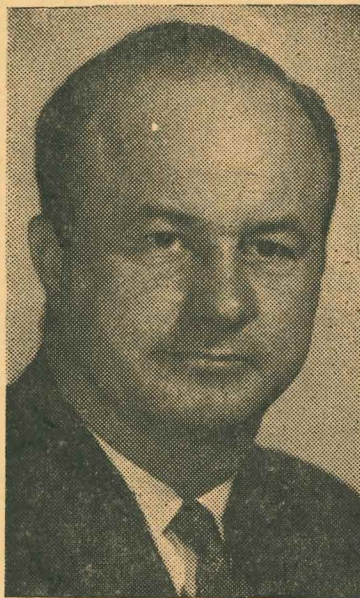
fers" fill the lobby—chairs, stairs and floor! You will feel amazed wonder growing in your soul and the spirit of Ridgecrest flooding your heart as these young men and women, boys and girls, older folks, too, lift hearts and voices Heavenward as they sing and witness for their living, loving Christ.

Ridgecrest is peculiarly for young people. Whether it's Student Retreat week or any of the others, the young people are there. Young people who are having fun, who plan to come back. Young people who are getting the highest and best that Christianity as a way of life offers, who are learning to walk with the Master in the morning of life. I heard the wife of a pastor of another fine denomination say to a friend, "There's just something about Ridgecrest that appeals to young people."

You read these things, but you still don't quite feel them, do you? That's because Ridgecrest is a spirit. Really to know, you must go. You don't have to go there to worship God, but if you go you will worship Him, for He is there, in Spirit and in Truth.

In the words of Our Lord and of Philip, "Come and see."

Georgia Pastor in Kentucky Revival



Rev. Ed. Vallowe, of Macon, Ga., was the evangelist assisting Pastor C. N. Taylor in a revival recently at Walton, Ky. During the meetings 488 were in attendance at Sunday school and 125 in Training Union, making record breaking days. Twelve came on profession of faith and three by letter.

Why Hospital Bills Seem High

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Twenty years ago the cost per patient per day at Kentucky Baptist Hospital was \$5.25 as compared to approximately \$20 per day at the present time. I use figures of twenty years ago because most of us are prone to compare prices of today against the thirties. Twenty years ago the average patient's stay was fourteen days as compared to seven at the present time. This rapid turnover of patients alone has caused considerable increase in cost. It is but natural as the length of stay goes down the cost per patient day goes up. Twenty years ago the new miracle drugs and antibiotics were unknown and the average drug bill per day for each patient was thirty-five cents. With the arrival of the so called miracle drugs and antibiotics the average bill is approximately \$2.90 at the present time. Twenty years ago our mortality rate ran between four and five per cent. Today our mortality rate is approximately two per cent.

Twenty years ago we hired nurses for forty dollars per month for fifty-two hours per week. Today the minimum pay for beginning nurses on general duty is \$225 per month for a forty-hour work week. Twenty years ago the pay scale throughout the hospital generally was below that of other comparable institutions and professions. As a result of this, hospitals have had further to go in catching up on salary and wage scales than most any business or industry, but today they are at least on level and in some instances higher than comparable positions in the community.

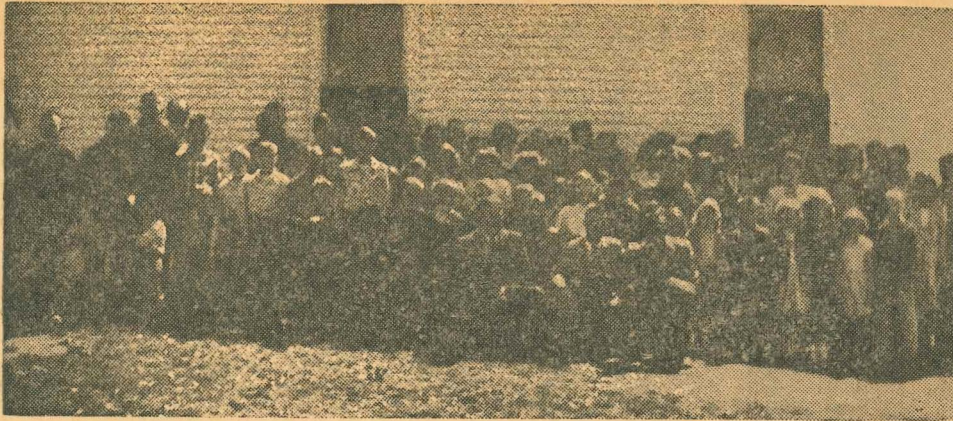
Advances in medical science and hospital care have made it possible to reduce the patient's stay in the hospital fifty per cent within the past fifteen to twenty years. These advances have been costly in as much as they have caused increases in the number of personnel required per patient, and as each advance is made more extensive laboratory, x-ray, drug procedures and other treatments are required, but they are obtaining results.

When we consider the increased income of our American people, the short length of stay in the hospital, early ambulation and return to job reducing loss of pay, I would doubt sincerely that percentage wise our patients bills are any higher today than they have been in the past. Most important, in my opinion, is the fact that these increased services brought about by new treatments and new drugs have saved many patient's lives making the cost cheap at any price.

I close with these few words—The patient is receiving more for his money today than at anytime in the history of hospitals. Hospital bills seem high because we have failed to tell our story.

Education . . . has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.—*New Outlook.*

Cedar Bluff Has Eight Day Rural Church Revival



A part of the Sunday morning attendance at Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Caldwell Association, on the last day of their Eight Day Rural Church Revival, which was held by H. W. Jones, associational missionary and G. R. Pendergraph, state rural worker. The church has 63 members, but reached 101 for its Sunday school and 73 for its Training Union. They had seven additions to the church. Clyde Wade is pastor.

The K. of C. Oath and The Masonic Devil

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."

Every red-blooded American Catholic rightly gets furious at the stupidity of the contents of the faked and false Knights of Columbus oath which has been rather widely circulated by fanatics who knew nothing about it:

I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth.

In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and witness the same further with my name written with the point of this dagger dipped in my own blood and seal in the face of this holy sacrament.

When I was a Catholic priest I went through all the degrees of the Knights of Columbus. They are a friendly group of just average men, joined for mutual recreation, lower cost drinks, and business interconnections. Their oath is a very innocuous one of loyalty to God and country and of the preservation of all secrets of the Order. I have never heard of any secrets. No blood is ever spilled by anybody for anything.

The alleged oath of the K. of C. was written by some vicious irresponsible zealot.

But equally vicious and stupid attacks on the Masons originate with the highest authorities of the Roman Catholic church itself.

We were actually taught that the head of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Scottish Rite was the devil (Lucifer himself) who takes human form to preside at their convocations.

Pope Pius IX alone issued three encyclicals and two allocutions (verbal decrees) against them.

Pope Leo XIII condemned Masonry

as the "enemy of religion and morals," "rooted in vice and wickedness" and excommunicated any Catholic who joined the "pernicious sect" (Encyclical "Human genus" April 20, 1884.).

Catholic Canon Law through the "Index of Forbidden Books" forbids you to read any book that merely asserts that Masonry can be useful to civil society (Canon 1399).

In view of the fact that most of our presidents, including George Washington, were Masons and their leadership has produced a nation giving religion, including Roman Catholicism, its greatest moral and financial support, the attitude of the Popes and the Hierarchy seems rather stupid.

It is hard to associate the Shriners' Crippled Children Hospitals with "vice," "wickedness," and "pernicious sects."

Perhaps the Knights of Columbus should go on record repudiating reckless statements of their own Popes rather than worry about the false K. of C. oath.

W. L. Walters to Enter Seminary



W. L. Walters

Mr. W. L. Walters, Louisville, will quit the teaching profession to enter the ministry and study at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has already had considerable experience in religious work, and will be available for pastoral work or any assignment the churches have for him.

Walters was graduated from Murray

State College, with the B. S. degree and was president of the senior class in 1941. He received the M. A. degree from the University of Louisville, and has done considerable work toward his Ph.D. degree at Indiana University. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. For the last nine years he has taught school, and also spent three years in the U.S. Navy, being released as a commissioned officer. His application for entrance at the Seminary has been accepted and work there will begin in September. His address is 2815 Conestoga Avenue, Louisville. Telephone Cypress 9900. He has already done considerable preaching. In 1948 he was married to Dorothy Virginia Froste of Hazard, Ky. They have one son, Stanley Bruce, age 13 months.

Miss Lillian Magdalene and Mr. John William Moffatt were united in marriage April 12, 1954. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Henseler and the groom is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred T. Moffatt of Frankfort, Kentucky. The newly married couple is at home to their friends at 1610 South Limestone, Lexington, Ky.

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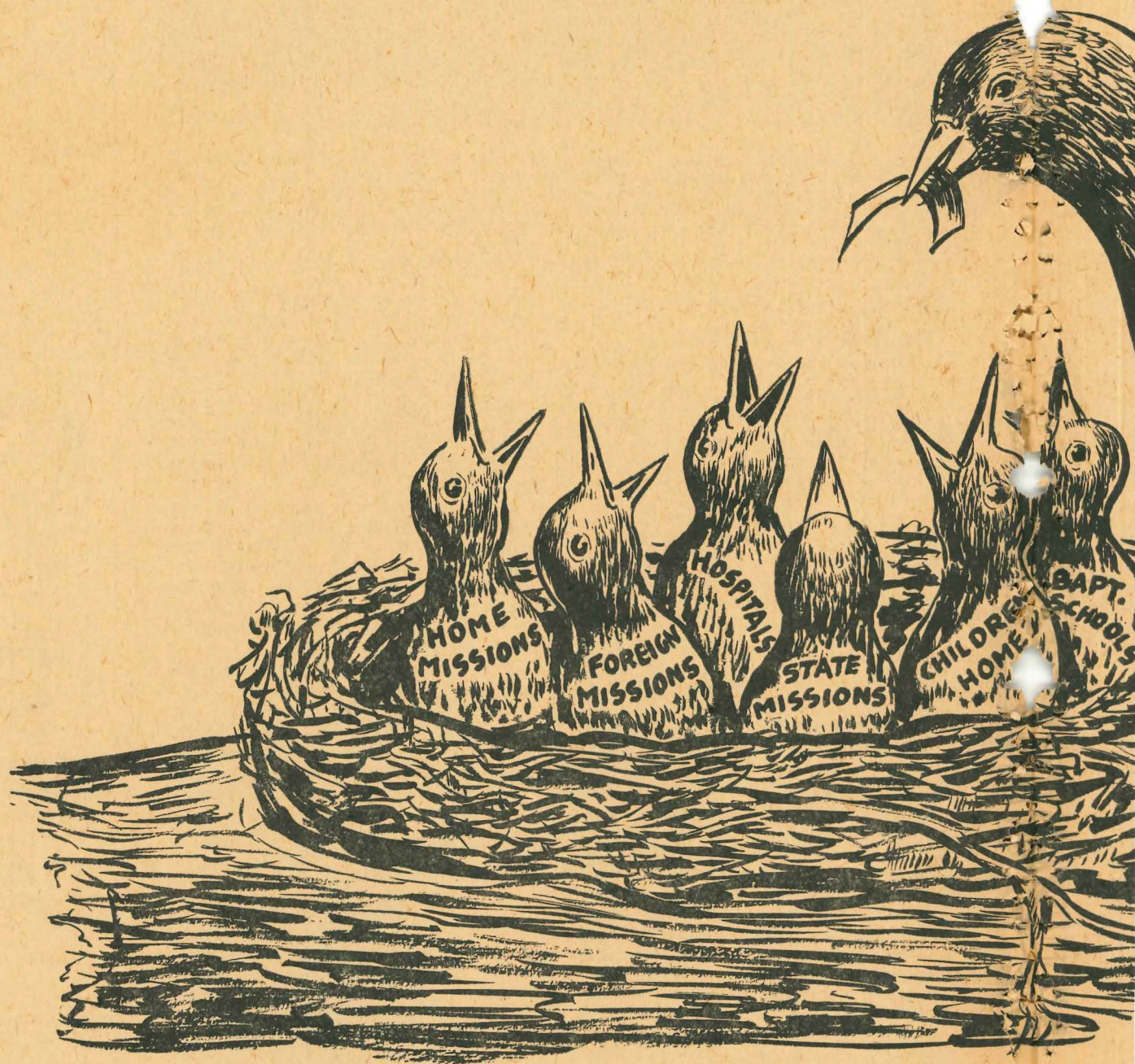
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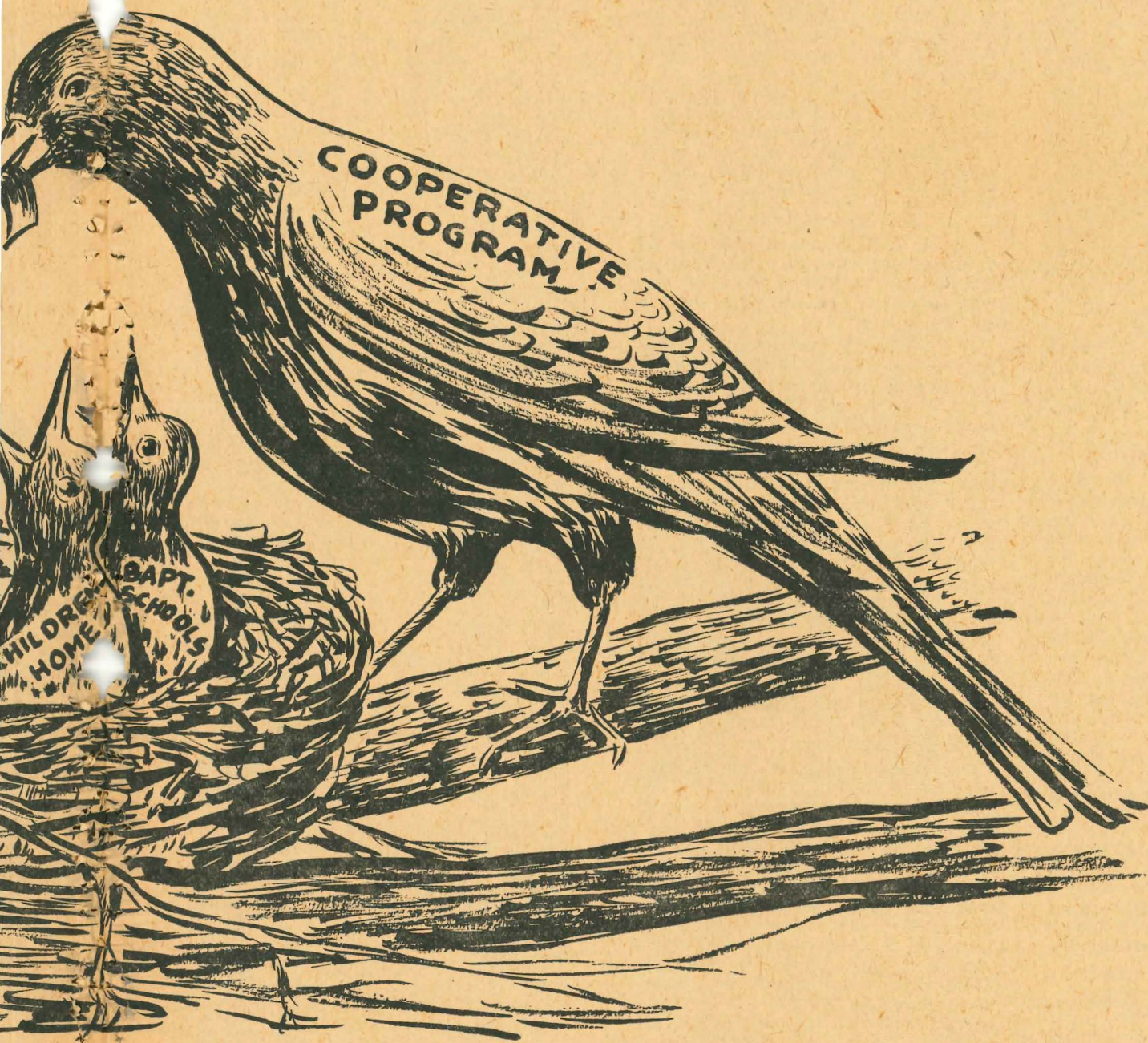
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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Standard Sunday Schools

Crittenden—Pastor W. M. Lowrey; Superintendent Fred H. Turpin.
Raceland—Pastor Richard Miller; Superintendent C. J. Ward.
Summit—Pastor A. M. Lester; Superintendent W. T. Green.

Special Associational Evening Conference

June 8 is set aside for Special Associational Evening Conference. Each association should have, at least, all the pastors and superintendents together in some central place to receive reports, to make suggestions as to how to promote the last phase of our Program for "A Million More in '54." This should be a very important meeting since it will reveal much of the success in increasing our enrolments and also it will reveal our failures. Upon analyzing each situation plans can be offered to aid in overcoming our weaknesses. Plan now for your June 8 meeting.

Vacation Bible Schools

Do not fail to have a Vacation Bible School this Summer, even though it may be necessary for your church to secure outside help or to have your school in July or August. Last year about 700 churches failed to have a school. Based on the average enrolment of all the Schools in the State, if these 700 churches had conducted Schools some 35,000 more boys and girls would have been blessed with more Bible study. Also, using the same basis for figuring the conversions, some 680 more boys and girls would have been converted. Brethren, let us do all within our power, following the will of the Lord, to have a Vacation Bible School in each church.

Cedarmore

How about spending a most profitable week with your family at beautiful Cedarmore, August 9-13? Here you will receive some most valuable helps in your Sunday school work. Write Rev. Marvin Byrdwell, Bagdad, Ky., for reservations.

A Letter from Mrs. McCraw Explains a Plan to Increase Interest in Your Extension Department

Enrolling more prospects is still our chief interest as we continue our efforts for a 90,000 Extension gain in the drive for "A Million More in '54."

Recently I heard about a plan which was carried to high success in a church with a membership of 678. The plan was a "special visitation" which resulted in an increase of one-third in their Extension enrolment.

Would you like to pass on this plan for a "special visitation" to the Extension workers in your association? Here it is:

1. The Extension superintendent and associate compiled a list of prospects secured from the church census, the

church rolls, canvassing places of business open on Sunday, and appealing to the church congregation for names.

2. The Extension workers were invited to come to the church at nine o'clock on this special visitation day. There they were given names of prospects to visit. An inspirational talk was made by the pastor and a prayer offered for the success of the visitation.

3. Then the workers went out to visit and enlist the prospects.

4. At noon they returned to the church to report on what they had accomplished and to enjoy a pleasant lunch together. Each brought a sandwich and the superintendent provided ice tea.

Results: 19 new Extension members were added to the 57 they already had, making a total of 75 Extension members.

By following this simple plan, many new members may be enrolled. Pass it on and watch for the increase.

"A Million More in '54"

Mr. A. V. Washburn says "Surely the days upon us now are crucial in our crusade for "A Million More in '54," with an all out effort now we can achieve victory."

Dr. E. W. Westmoreland says: "Anybody can start well, but the test of the champion is in the finish!"

Dr. J. N. Barnette says: "The reports received are very encouraging. The victory can be made complete, provided enough churches put forth regular, definite effort during the next few weeks.

The underlying motive that keeps us all active in this conquest is the fact that when we enroll more people in our Sunday schools for Bible Study, it always results in more people won to the Lord. I believe this is perhaps our quickest way to win large numbers of people to Jesus and teach them and train them to do all the things He has commanded."

First Baptist Church, Jenkins, Ky.—
Rev. Ben Landrum, Pastor, Ted Bumgardner, Superintendent.

Our church started the church year with 166 enrolled in Sunday school. We now have 399 enrolled. Our attendance was running around 100, in April we averaged 266 per Sunday. Our offerings have grown more than 150%. Most important of all, we have baptized over 60 people. We are now in the process of building a new sanctuary and increasing our educational space to enable us to double what we are now doing. How was it done? In September, we studied *The Pull of the People* and followed the tried methods outlined therein. "Now is the accepted time." Why not enroll them in weekly Bible Study and win them to Christ?

Williamstown Church—Pastor George C. Bridges; Supt. Joe K. Kinman.

The pastor taught *The Pull of the People* in September. They have started three new departments, and three new classes. Their enrolment gain from October 1 to January 1 is 26 new members or a gain of 26%. This means that they have gone over their goal on enrolment. They will show a wonderful increase if they keep on at this rate the remaining months of this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MAY 16, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	115	754
Unity (1)	124	574
Bellevue	80	415
Benton, First Missionary	---	227
Bowling Green, Calvary (1)	80	216
First (2)	297	1,170
Campbellsville (2)	---	623
Pleasant Hill	126	278
South Campbellsville	---	243
Carrollton, First	---	265
Central City	185	508
Clay, First	---	238
Cloverport	---	227
Corbin, Central (1)	149	531
Corbin, First	138	449
Covington, Calvary	---	704
First (1)	---	409
Latonia (2)	210	1,113
South Side	115	541
Cynthiana (2)	---	421
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	---	457
Dayton, First	---	287
Dawson Springs	---	320
Elizabethtown,	---	---
Severns Valley (2)	---	701
Erlanger	72	395
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	165	595
Walnut Street (2)	---	485
Ferguson (1)	---	277
Florence	84	344
Fort Thomas, First	91	296
Frankfort, First	---	983
Fulton	148	511
Georgetown	164	513
Glasgow (1)	90	693
Greenville, First	119	372
Harlan	153	636
Harrodsburg (2)	264	887
Bruner's Chapel	99	228
Shawnee Run	---	225
Hawesville	---	234
Hazard, First	86	413
Hazel	61	319
Henderson, Audubon (1)	---	338
First	180	492
Immanuel Temple (1)	120	719
Hima, Horse Creek	---	246
Hopkinsville, First	161	703
Second	---	851
Hudgins, Aetna Grove	---	211
Independence	156	273
Jenkins, First	---	226
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	334
Lawrenceburg, First	86	350
Sand Spring	45	314
Lebanon, First (1)	124	428
Leitchfield	81	283
Lexington, Calvary (2)	128	821
Grace (3)	157	865
Immanuel	311	921
Porter Memorial	154	583
London, First (2)	147	634
Louisville, Audubon	71	211
Baptist Tabernacle	199	736
Baptist Temple	---	334
Beechland	168	544
Beechmont (2)	163	976
Bethlehem	79	241
Broadway	---	328
Buechel	---	311
Carlisle Ave. (2)	356	1,352
Clifton (1)	133	523
Crescent Hill (2)	186	885
Deer Park	---	496
Eastern Parkway	---	517
Eighteenth Street	---	245
Fairdale (2)	145	430
Farmdale	---	370
Harmony	128	315
Hazelwood	48	479
Highland Park First	---	455
Immanuel	111	393
Jeffersontown	90	354
Kenwood	---	234
Lee's Lane	133	329
Lynn Acres	11*	306
Ninth and O (1)	214	1,330
Okolona	101	460
St. Matthews (1)	179	691
Shively (1)	146	747
South Jefferson	98	607
Southside	64	488
Third Avenue	102	485
Twenty-third and Broadway (1)	222	737
Valley View	70	214
Victory Memorial (2)	215	896
Virginia Avenue	---	271
Walnut Street (4)	275	1,660
West Broadway (1)	163	701
Ludlow, First	63	381
Madisonville, First	---	1,111
Marion	---	306
Mayfield, First	272	960
North Side	141	311
Middlesboro, First (5)	292	701
East Cumberland Avenue	---	299
Monticello, First	74	294
Morganfield, First (1)	---	477
Mt. Washington	66	276
Murray, First	126	---
Newport, First	124	791
Trinity	95	244

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Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

JUNIOR WINNERS

There were four first place winners in the Junior Memory Work Drill recently held at the State Convention in Madisonville. From the North Central Region is Miss Barbara Matheny of Covington; Southwestern Region is represented by Miss Barbara Burgess of Arlington; and Western Region claimed two of the winners—Miss Gail Bruce of Central City, and Miss Mary Rita



Gail Bruce



**Mary Rita
Webb**



**Barbara
Burgess**

Webb of Owensboro. Each of these will win a trip to the state assembly, Cedar-moore, during Training Union Week this summer.

Geo. E. Wheeler is New Brotherhood Secretary for Illinois Baptists

George E. Wheeler, student in the School of Religious Education of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and at present serving the Immanuel Baptist Church of this city as its minister of education, has been called by the Baptists of the State of Illinois to serve them in the capacity of State Brotherhood Secretary.

Mr. Wheeler has served the Immanuel Church since December 1, 1952, during which time the Sunday school has shown consistent growth. This church is at present enjoying its best year in Sunday school attendance. The outstanding achievement, numerically speaking, since Mr. Wheeler came to Immanuel, was the absence of a slump in attendance during the months of June, July and August last year. The present average attendance in Sunday school is 388 per Sunday.

Pastor Roy A. Hamilton, of Immanuel Church, has this to say regarding the work of Mr. Wheeler: "The spiritual life of Immanuel Church has been greatly enriched through the wonderful minis-

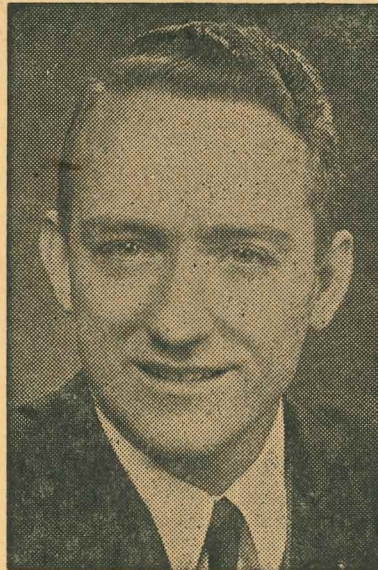
try of George Wheeler. His interest in the work, his love for Christ, and his desire to further the cause of Christian education have contributed to the strengthening of the whole program of the church.

"Brother Wheeler has been a capable co-worker and a real friend. He has given himself, his time, his tithe, and his talents, to undergird and strengthen the work. The Sunday school has taken on new life through his untiring efforts.

"He and his family have endeared themselves to the church through their efforts, but the work will continue to grow because of the spade work they did. Yes, they will be missed, but they will make new friends and influence many more in the work of the Master."

Mr. Wheeler, before coming to the Seminary, was minister of education of the Winstanley Baptist Church in East Saint Louis, Illinois, having served three and one-half years in that capacity.

The new Secretary is married to the former Roberta Gibbs of East Saint Louis, Illinois, she being a registered nurse. They have three children, Robert,



Geo. E. Wheeler

age fourteen, Sandra, age eleven, and Danny, age nine.

Mr. Wheeler is a member of the senior class at the seminary and, following his graduation in May, will assume his new duties on June first.

►Groundbreaking exercises were held by the Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, for its new \$50,000 structure on May 7. This is the initial portion of the three-phase building program the church has outlined for the future. Organized last November with 16 members, the church now has a roll of 85. The structure now being erected will have a seating capacity of 300, with more than 12 classrooms, kitchen and two office rooms. Plans are for the building to be completed by September 1. Future building will be carried out as the church grows and the funds become available. The main building will seat 750. The third building will match in symmetry the unit now being erected to complete the overall plan.

Harmony Church Calls Finley Ray



Finley Ray

The Harmony Baptist Church in Owen County has called Finley Ray to be its pastor. He has already taken up his work with this good country church in connection with his studies at the Southern Seminary, and much interest is being shown by the people in attendance and contributions. Brother Ray is a graduate of Georgetown College, and is the son of Dr. Lewis C. Ray, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville, and Mrs. Ray.

►Dr. Duke K. McCall preached in a series of revival meetings with Dr. Fred T. Moffatt at the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, May 9-16. He was assisted by Al and Ivy Walsh, musicians.

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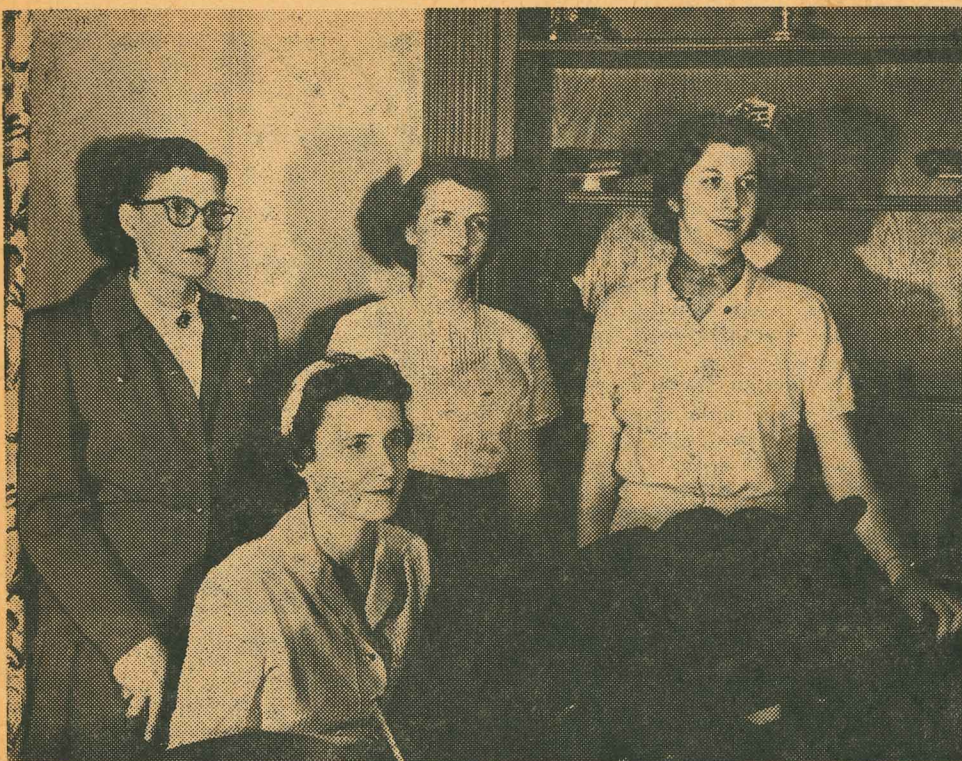
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Four Kentuckians Graduate From Carver



Kentucky students in the 1954 graduating class of Carver School of Missions and Social Work are (left to right) Nina Warren, Campbellsville; Marjorie Ferguson, Louisville; Nancy Bergman, Irvine; Sarah Dean (seated), now of Springfield, Tenn.

By Mrs. George R. Ferguson

We are happy to present to you the above picture of the 1954 Kentucky graduates of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The picture was sent to us by the publicity director of the school with the request that we use it on our W. M. U. page. We trust that you received a real blessing from your study concerning this great school in your April W.M.S. Program meetings.

Let us follow these girls with our prayerful interest as they take the places God has called them to in our great task of winning a lost world to Christ. Pray, also, for the administration and faculty of our school and for the Executive Committee of WMU as they guide in the work of the school.

PRAY

When you read this page of the Western Recorder it will be very near the time for the opening of the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, in St. Louis. We hope that you will pray daily for this meeting. This is always a high period in our work for inspiration and the latest information concerning our work. Many important decisions must be made in the business sessions that affect our work in a very vital way. Don't neglect to pray for the meeting.

Pray for the speakers as they bring their messages. Among them will be Dr. J. W. Storer, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Dr. Courts Redford, Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, Miss Juliette Mather, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Mrs. David Ahn from Korea, Mr. Alfred Moore, who is associated with Dr. Frank Laubach, Mr. Jose

Rey Toledo of New Mexico who is conducting a terrific fight to gain freedom of religion for those who live on the Indian Reservations and Mrs. Marvin Garrett (Mary Ellen Wooten of Kentucky), from Nigeria. Special emphasis will be given to Mission Study as that is our "special" for this year. Sunday evening will feature the homeland, Monday evening foreign fields and Tuesday evenings, Baptist world fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN MAILED

Our new State Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. H. C. Randall, has prepared her first bulletin for Associational and Regional Chairmen and it has been mailed to the Regional chairmen who will mail them to Associational chairmen. The Associational chairmen will glean information from these to use in her work and to pass on to local chairmen. One suggestion made by Mrs. Randall is:

"Let's check up on our plans for this year. (More than six months have already gone.) 1. Have you approached every member of your Society about placing her name on the Tither's Honor Roll. 2. Has your Society adopted the Calendar of Stewardship Activities as your plan of work in stewardship? (Tither's Honor Roll and Calendar of Stewardship Activities are free from the State Office.) What is your score?"

R. A. NEWS

After the State WMU meeting, it was my privilege to attend three weeks of Associational meetings in the Western part of the state. I spoke at the following Quarterly Meetings: Bethel, held at Auburn; Blackford—Chestnut Grove; Simpson—First, Franklin; Christian—Gracey; Little Bethel—Liberty; West

Kentucky—Mississippi; Graves—Cuba; Blood River—First, Murray; Muhlenburg—East Union; Ohio County—Zion; Lynn—Three Fork of Bacon Creek.

I pray that the enthusiasm manifested toward the furtherance of R.A. work, shown at these meetings, will be equally matched with the ability to inform other Baptist Churches in Western Kentucky of the importance of our Baptist Boys' Organization.

After attending the WMU meetings during the day, I had the opportunity of meeting with boys in many of the Associations. Although there are only two RA chapters in Blackford Association, one at Hawesville and the other at Pellville, the pastor of each church was anxious for their chapter to be A-1 this year. Mr. Redman, at Franklin, Simpson Association, planned their first Associational R.A. Conclave and Banquet with six chapters present. The fathers, counselors, pastors, and boys really turned out for the second annual spring Banquet and Conclave for Daviess-McLean Association. This was held April 16-17 at Eaton Memorial, Owensboro, with Mrs. Moseley Cambron, associational R.A. leader, in charge.

More than 75 boys and leaders attended the First Associational conclave for West Kentucky Association, April 20, at Liberty Church. Several churches, who planned to organize one or more chapters at an early date, were represented. April 21, I showed the slides at High Street Baptist Church, Mayfield, for the prayer and praise service. Rev. James Tharp is pastor.

The boys of Blood River Association enjoyed their second annual conclave at the BSU Center of Murray State College, April 22. Hal Shipley, student and Royal Ambassador leader for the Association had a well planned program. The WMU of First Church, Murray, provided food aplenty.

Under the direction of Mr. Randolph Allen, Christian County Associational Royal Ambassador leader, the boys and leaders held their first conclave at the First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. I explained RA work on the chapter and association level. Officers among the boys were elected and plans made for an Associational RA baseball league.

The Brotherhood of First Baptist, Greenville, invited me to show the RA slides for their program April 26.

I conducted a recognition service at Cadiz Baptist Church, Cadiz, and showed RA slides to the congregation afterwards. Rev. Trevis Otey is pastor.

On April 29, I met with the Ohio County Association of Royal Ambassadors for their conclave at Beaver Dam. This Association had a successful RA basketball league last fall.

It is encouraging to see these new Associational Royal Ambassador leaders conducting their first conclave and making future plans for RA work. With the boys being elected as conclave officers, the boys will have many opportunities to help these leaders in making greater plans for the associational conclaves and in organizing new chapters.—Mr. J. C. Ballew.

For June 6, 1954

By H. C. Chiles

Amos Condemns Social Injustice

God often selects and prepares men for His work whom we would not select if the choice were left to us. Therefore, it is not surprising that He chose a man like Amos to be the bearer of His messages to Israel and the adjacent countries. Amos was one of the first writing prophets. His character was as transparent as the light of day, and his moral conceptions and standards were the very highest.

I. A FALSE ACCUSER.

Amos 7:10-13.

Amaziah, the priest in charge of the idol worship at Bethel, decided that he would get rid of Amos by ordering him to go back to his own country and to prophesy to his own people, but his scheme did not work.

Then, Amaziah deliberately and falsely accused Amos before Jereboam II, charging him with conspiracy against the king and with treason, and insinuating that he was working in the Northern Kingdom strictly for personal gain. Nothing could have been farther from the truth, but this is simply another illustration of how men often try to evade their responsibility to God by blaming His messenger for something. Ungodly men are always quick to point out anything in the life of a servant of God which might tend to decrease his effectiveness. But, Amos' false accuser did not frighten him in the least, for he had an implicit faith in God and His protecting care.

II. A FAITHFUL AMBASSADOR.

Amos 7:14-17.

1. His name.

Amos signifies "burden." The name was prophetic of his work. He carried a heavy load when he went forth as God's representative with his great message of denunciation of sin and warning of divine judgment.

2. His background.

Amos was born and reared on the edge of the desert. He resided at a little village in Judah named Tekoa, about six miles from Bethlehem. He lived close to nature. Before he became a prophet, he was a shepherd and raised a peculiar breed of small, ugly sheep, but they were highly esteemed on account of their fine wool. As a herdsman his income was not sufficient, so he supplemented it by gathering and selling sycamore fruit or fig-mulberries. And one of the strange things about this fruit was that it did not ripen properly unless a tree-dresser made a small slit in the end of it.

3. His call.

One day, during the reign of Jereboam II, God called Amos from his work in

the field and commissioned him to warn the people of the punishment which He was about to send upon them because of their gross wickedness. He was to be both a forthteller and a foreteller. He was expected to proclaim God's message to his generation and to make predictions concerning the future.

4. His obedience.

Amos went to Bethel, the capital of the Northern Kingdom, which had acquired so much wealth and power, with the attendant results of pride, luxury, self-indulgence, corruption and idolatry. There Amos faithfully delivered to the people of Israel the message of solemn warning which he had received from God. He fearlessly told them the truth about their sins and how God wanted them to live. He refused to change God's message in order to please the king or the people, thereby avoiding persecution.

5. His opposition.

It was not to be expected that a plain message such as Amos delivered would be received gladly. But the insinuations and charges of his enemy did not daunt Amos. Rather, they made him more courageous and more determined to speak for God. He was perfectly willing to suffer, if need be, in order to deliver the message which God had imparted to him. How we need people like Amos today!

6. His reply.

Conscious of a divine call, Amos repudiated the charge that he was just a professional prophet. Personal ambition had not influenced him to become a prophet, but God had told him to undertake that great work. So, after denouncing Amaziah, Amos predicted what would befall him when God's inevitable judgment came to Israel.

III. A FORMIDABLE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Amos 8:4-8a.

God's fearless prophet turned the fire of righteous indignation against those greedy, self-indulgent and dishonest schemers and hypocrites and denounced them because of their wrong treatment of others. He emphasized the great truth that outwardly perfunctory religion is not sufficient. He told them that God would not ignore the evil works of the impenitent. He warned them that a day of judgment was awaiting all those who deceived the people for their own personal gain; also, that God's woe would rest upon them. He taught them that God wants people to love Him supremely and to love others dearly.

Nothing annoys the average child today like a disobedient parent.—O. A. Battista.

Gleanings

►Dr. Henson Harris, Shawnee, Okla., is to be the new academic dean of Wayland College. Heretofore he has been head of the Department of Mathematics, Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. Harris obtained his B. S. degree from Murray State College, Murray, Ky.

►The Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, where Dr. E. N. Wilkinson is pastor, has called B. B. Steele, Little Rock, Ark., to be its educational director; and James Woodward, member of Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., to be minister of music.

►Fred Noe, business manager of the Executive Committee, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, is the new treasurer of the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas. He will assume all duties of treasurer held by the late Orville Groner with the exception of the Investments Department, which has been separated from the office of treasurer. He attended Furman University and Furman Law School. He holds the B.S. degree from Carson-Newman College of Commerce, Bowling Green, Ky., and the M. S. from the University of Tennessee. He is a certified public accountant.

►Mrs. Sadie T. Crawley, vice president of Blue Mountain College is to be director of missionary activities and church counselor of the West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., where Dr. David Q. Byrd is pastor. Heretofore Mrs. Crawley was dean of women at Baylor University, writer and author, and wife of the late Pastor A. L. Crawley during the years he was pastor of the Madison Avenue Church, Covington, Ky., and the First Baptist Church, Newport, Tenn. One of her sons, Dr. J. Winston Crawley, is the newly elected superintendent of missions to the Orient of the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Crawley expects to spend the summer visiting mission fields in the Philippines, China, Indonesia and Malaya, and will start her work at West Jackson Oct. 1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MAY 16, 1954

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Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	138	463
Eaton Memorial (1)	178	438
First (1)	182	1,060
Hall Street	475
Macedonia	105	253
Seven Hills	111	280
Third (1)	345	1,163
Paducah, East	180	488
First	161	641
Oaklawn (1)	136	308
Twelfth Street (1)	138	394
Paintsville, First	62	293
Paris, Central	60	315
First (1) .....	.....	263
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial (5) .....	.....	415
Princeton, First .....	.....	561
Northside (1) .....	.....	267
Second (3)	128	360
Russellville, First	103	445
Somerses, Calvary	166	320
First .....	.....	631
Pleasant Hill No. 2	68	238
Springfield, First	146	507
Sturgis, First .....	.....	275
Versailles	71	417
Walton	87	321
Waynesburg, Double Springs (1) ..	110	269
Whitesburg, First (7)	74	671
Williamsburg, First (1)	73	457
Williamson, W. Va., East Williamson	89	316
Willisburg	104	336
Winchester, Central	133	502
First	151	454

Receipts for the Past Six Months

By W. C. Boone, Treasurer

Cooperative Program receipts for the past six months' period, November 1, 1953 to April 30, 1954 amounted to \$857,523.84—a gain of \$56,247.07 over the same period last year. Designations for the same period amounted to \$592,373.55—a gain over last year of \$24,765.19. Total receipts were \$1,449,897.39, or a total gain over last year of \$81,012.26. For the first half of this General Associational year we exceeded our new budget by \$7,523.84.

In the light of present business conditions we feel that this is a very encouraging report. We hope all the churches which have not taken an offering for the Cooperative Program this year will participate in the supplemental offering the second Sunday in June, and that all others will use this as an opportunity to catch up, or make a special love offering to all our Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program.

Christian County WMU \$500 Scholarship in Memory Of Mrs. E. W. Coakley

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — The Christian County Associational W. M. U. contributed a memorial of \$500 to the Fiftieth Anniversary Scholarship Fund of Kentucky W. M. U. in memory of the late Mrs. E. W. Coakley.

Born January 17, 1868, Elizabeth Garrott, was the oldest girl in a family of twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Garrott. She early showed the motherliness which became an outstanding trait

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"Miss Elizabeth" helped organize and was the first superintendent of Bethel Associational W. M. U., and likewise, of Christian County Associational W. M. U. when it was organized in 1923. She continued to serve as Christian County superintendent for fourteen years.

After her marriage to Brother E. W. Coakley, she continued her Christian activity and service. Rarely does one find a couple so devoted, so thoughtful of others, so united in effort and zeal in their work for the kingdom, and with a burning passion for lost souls, as was this couple. Although in 1937 Mrs. Elizabeth Garrott Coakley was laid to rest, her missionary spirit lives on.

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►The Ottawa Baptist Church at Tribby, Ky., has just called Brother J. B. Allen as pastor. Since this month 23 have rededicated their lives and 5 have been added to the church. A new parsonage is being constructed.

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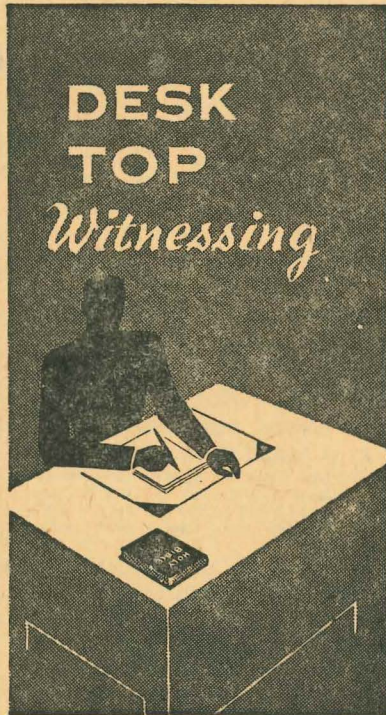
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In the May 13 issue of the *Western Recorder* we ran a note in our column entitled—"Make a Pulpit Out of Your Work Bench." It had to do with the Brotherhood movement known as "Desk Top Witnessing." We want to re-emphasize this matter and urge every Baptist man in Kentucky to place a Bible on his desk, work bench, counter or some other prominent place in and about the place where he works as a silent testimony of his being a Christian. The moment a man sees the Bible on your desk or work bench it begins to speak to him. The "Sword of the Spirit" goes right to work. It says to every man who enters your place of business—"Keep your language clean. Here is a man who must love his Bible and His Lord." There is nothing com-

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LEST YOU FORGET!

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►Pastor Dorris Fulkerson has resigned the care of the Curdsville Baptist Church to become pastor of the South Hampton Church, both in the Daviess-McLean Association.

►The First Baptist Church, Earlington, closed a revival recently with Pastor Rudy Bouland, Trinity Church, Paducah, preaching, and Jesse Bell, First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, leading the music. Hughlan P. Richey is pastor at Earlington.

►Dr. W. C. Boone led the people of the First Baptist Church, Lebanon in a revival, April 11-18. Mr. William R. Campbell, of the Southern Seminary School of Music, was in charge of the music. Pastor A. B. Colvin said: "Dr. Boone brought messages laden with truth, illustrated in the most effective manner that we have ever witnessed. He was especially effective in dealing with the young people and children's groups."

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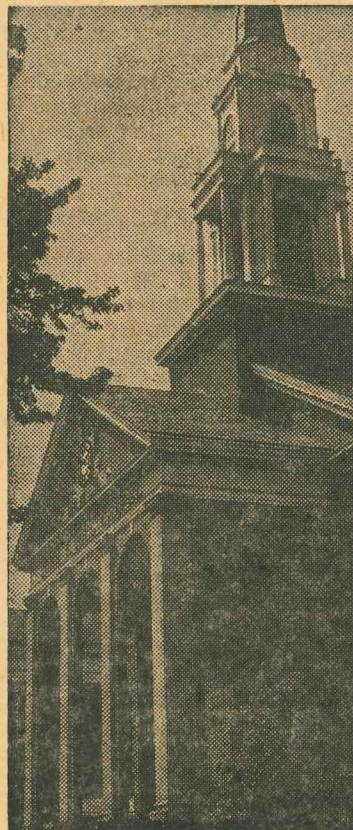
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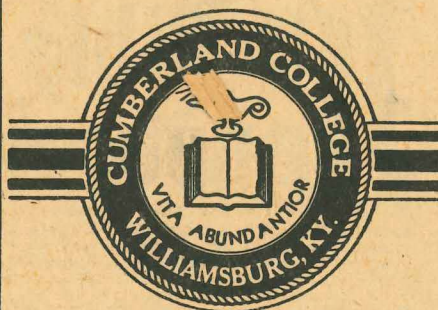
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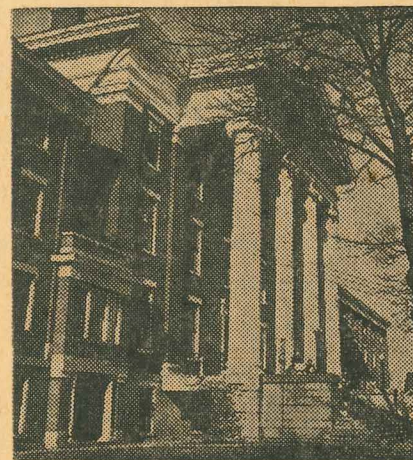
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