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(See editorial on page 5.)

►Dr. H. Leo Eddleman was speaker for Ridgecrest's Sunday School Week, which began June 17 at Ridgecrest, and Dr. Duke K. McCall during the week of June 24.

►A total of 804 YWA girls registered for the YWA Retreat at Ridgecrest, June 10, and 28 dedicated themselves for foreign mission service and 34 more for other full-time Christian service.

►Charles Tipton, 511 Tennessee Ave., Pineville, Ky., is the new associational missionary to Bell County. After graduating from Southern Seminary, he began his new duties June 1.

►Miss Mary Sampson, Southern Baptist missionary to Formosa, has returned to the States on furlough and may be addressed at 2121 Speed Avenue, Louisville. She is a native of Louisville.

►Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Southern Baptist emeritus missionaries to North Brazil, have a new address in Englewood, Fla. It is: Box 647. Mrs. Hayes is a native of Fordsville, Ky.

►Mr. and Mrs. B. Elmo Scoggin, Southern Baptist missionaries to Israel who are in the States on furlough, may be addressed after July 15 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

►Director Paul M. Stevens, of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is the speaker on The Baptist Hour during July. He will speak on "Answering the Call of Christ" July 18, and on "The Responsibility of Man," on July 25.

►Brother Otis White, attorney at law at Morgantown, has been treasurer of the Morgantown Baptist Church for the last 24 years. Effective July 1 he retired from that honored office, and he has been succeeded by Mr. Pearl McKinney.

►Dr. A. S. Newman has resigned as Brotherhood secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, effective August 15. He went to that position from the Army chaplaincy in 1946. He has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Vienna, La.

►Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Bratcher, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, are returning to the States on furlough and will be in Louisville this fall, where Dr. Bratcher will serve on the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

►Brother C. E. Butler has resigned the pastorate of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and has accepted the pastorate of the Fairview Baptist Church in the Lincoln County Association. He moved in the new field June 9. His new address is Halls Gap, Ky.

►Dr. and Mrs. Selsus E. Tull, who have been living at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, since his retirement from the pastorate a few years ago, have returned to their native Mississippi, and have bought a home at 1011 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, which will be their future address. Dr. Tull is available for revivals, interim pastorates, and pulpit supply.

►The First Southern Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, located on the corner of New York and New Jersey Streets, has had 196 additions since January 11. A number of these are from Kentucky. Pastor Gordon W. Paschall asks that he be informed of any unattached Baptists known to have migrated to Indianapolis.

►Miss Anna Frances Todd, Southern Baptist missionary to Colombia who has been in the States on furlough, has left for Bogota, where she will be engaged in educational and evangelistic work. Her address is Apartado Aereo 47-42, Bogota, Colombia. She is a native of Speedwell, Ky., and makes her permanent American home in Richmond, Ky.

►Miss Cora Ney Hardy, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, has returned to the States on furlough and may be addressed at 4523 Partridge Run, Louisville. She plans to take graduate work in education at the University of Louisville. She is a native of Bullitt County, Ky., and makes her permanent American home in Shepherdsville.

►Ross Hanna, pastor of the Barrett's Creek Baptist Church, assisted Pastor Mason C. Branham in revival meetings at the Kirk Memorial Baptist Church, Grahn, Ky., June 6-13. There were two additions by baptism. Brother Branham led the church in a Vacation Bible School June 7-11, and this had an enrollment of 61 with an average attendance of 51.

►McHenry Church has just closed a revival in which 24 were baptized, one other candidate is to be baptized later, and 10 others joined by letter. Pastor Marvin O. Wayland did the preaching and Bro. Stanford Simmons, pastor of the Rockport Baptist Church, conducted the music. Bro. Simmons was principal of the V.B.S. which had an enrollment of 112 with an average attendance of 92, and with 4 professions being made in connection with the V.B.S. work.

►Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., has announced the election of Dr. Denton R. Coker, of Louisville, Ky., to be assistant professor of religious education. Native of Waco, Texas, he has been teaching in Southern Seminary since 1950. For one year he worked with Pastor Louie D. Newton and the Druid Hills Church, Atlanta. He was pastor of Clay City and Powell's Valley Churches in Kentucky and the Graham Church, duPont, Ind. He and Mrs. Coker will move to Wake Forest in July.

►Pastor M. Andy Reese writes: "The Cave City Baptist Church on June 12 was privileged to have the State B. S. U. Choir visit us for a program of sacred music. This was the third such annual tour which the State B. S. U. Department has sponsored. Among the many fine people traveling with the choir were Miss Beth Hayworth, assistant to Student Secretary J. Chester Durham; Andy Blane, Baptist Student Union

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director at the U. of Ky.; and James Woodward, choir director, who also directed the music on Youth Night at the Houston Convention in 1953. We feel this was one of the best such musical programs to have been presented in our church."

►Pastor James A. McCamish, of Zion Baptist Church, near Henderson, Ky., writes that Rev. Robert Williams, a product of Zion Church and a son of one of their deacons, has returned to their community after having served in the chaplaincy. He was graduated from Georgetown College in the class of 1948, and from the Southern Seminary in 1951. He was pastor for two years at Heidelberg, Ky., and for five years at the Southern Baptist Church at Aberdine, Ohio. His chaplaincy for the last two years was with the U. S. Air Force. He is married to the former Miss Anna Marie Floyd, and they have two children, Donald Ray and Laurice Diane. He may be addressed at Route 1, Spottsville, Ky., or by telephone at Henderson, 7-5735.

# SPURGEON—

## *A Man of Prayer*

By GILBERT LAWS,  
In Watchman-Examiner

Behind the ministry of such a man as C. H. Spurgeon there must have been spiritual resources which could be sustained only by prayer. Granted the native genius, the mastery of nervous and telling Saxon speech, the imagination which clothed deep thoughts in picture language, the firm grasp of revealed truth, the happy humor, and the wonderful flutelike voice, there was something more.

His sincerity was unquestioned even by his severest critics. His commonplace contemporaries in the ministry could not, by their jealousy, find the joints of his armor. Those who knew him best loved him most. In the blaze of publicity for well-nigh forty years, his rectitude, benevolence, and genuineness of character blunted every arrow of malice. His essential humility before God preserved him from the perils of human flattery. His was the open secret: he was a man of prayer.

On that snowy morning of his conversion day in January 1850, he rose before the sun to pray and to read one of his bedside books. But he found no rest. He went forth into the storm, only to be driven into a primitive Methodist chapel where, under the sermon, he was to find the way to peace and assurance. On May 3, 1850, he had two hours of prayer and of dedication of himself to God before walking the eight miles from Newmarket to Isleham Ferry for his baptism. "Baptism loosed my tongue," he affirmed, "and from that day it has never been quiet."

That baptism day ended with a prayer meeting in the village chapel. The boy Spurgeon prayed along with others. All present were filled with wonder at his prayer—such fullness, such power, such earnestness and fervor. They spoke of him as "the marvelous boy." A daughter of one who was a candidate on the same occasion told me personally how her mother and others present were hushed and spellbound by the extraordinary youth. All through his ministry, this felicity and fervor in prayer was as remarkable as the unquestioned talent as a gospel preacher—the greatest of his age beyond all question, began with a Burden of Prayer.

It is not possible to know much about the private prayers of any person unless they are self-disclosed. Spurgeon evidently regarded prayer as a part of his work. He prayed about every thing that happened to him, and everything he did. A postcard to an orphan boy, a letter to a friend, a note to a deacon,

a request to his secretary—these would be wafted on their way with a breath of prayer. He never prayed for long, because he was always praying. When out for a walk, he would sometimes break into a discussion and pray with his companions while seated on a tree. There was nothing forced in all this. It was natural to him. He would meet a student in the college corridors, make kind inquiries, lay his hand on the lad's shoulder, and say: "Stand still a minute." He would then commend the student to God and pass on. Only an acknowledged man of prayer could do such things without affectation.

Prayer was no small part of his preparation for the pulpit. Speaking to students, he says: "If you can dip your pens into your hearts, appealing in earnestness to the Lord, you will write well. If you can gather your matter on your knees at the gate of heaven, you will not fail to speak well. Prayer as a mental exercise will bring many subjects before the mind, and so help in the selection of a topic, while as a high spiritual engagement it will cleanse your inner eye that you may see truth in the light of God. Texts will often refuse to reveal their treasures till you open them with the key of prayer. Waiting upon God often turns darkness into light. Persevering inquiry at the sacred oracle uplifts the veil and gives grace to look into the deep things of God. Use prayer as a boring rod, and wells of living water will leap up from the depths of the Word." "Look at your congregation," he adds, "there are always some sick folk among them, and many more who are soul-sick. Some are unsaved; others are seeking and cannot find. Many are desponding, and not a few believers are backsliding or mourning. There are widows' tears and orphans' sighs to be put into our bottle and poured out before the Lord. If you are a genuine minister of God, you will stand as a priest before the Lord, spiritually wearing the ephod and the breastplate whereon you bear the names of the children of Israel, pleading for them within the veil." He could not thus have spoken to others about intercession for souls unless it had been his own practice.

Spurgeon held that the first necessity in public prayer is that it must be a matter of the heart. "Cast your whole soul into the exercise. If ever your whole manhood was engaged in anything, let it be in drawing near unto God in public. So pray that, by a di-

vine attraction, you draw the whole congregation with you up to the throne of God. So pray that, by the power of the Holy Spirit resting on you, you express the desires and thoughts of everyone present, and stand as the one voice for the hundreds of beating hearts which are around you."

Another important matter on which he lays stress is that prayer in public must be appropriate to the occasion. "There is no need to make the public prayer a gazette of the week's events, or a register of the births, marriages, and deaths of your people, but the general movements that have taken place in the congregation should be noted by the minister's careful heart. He should bring the joys and sorrows of his people before the throne of grace, and ask that the divine benediction may rest upon his flock in all their movements, their exercises, engagements, and holy enterprises, and that the forgiveness of God may be extended to their shortcomings and innumerable sins."

During Mr. Spurgeon's lifetime, a volume of his pulpit prayers was published by someone who had taken them down at the public services. It was entitled "The Pastor in Prayer." To read these pleadings with God on behalf of believers, the unsaved, the hardened, the rebellious and unbelieving, the home, the nations, the world of sinners lost, and the church, God's instrument for their saving, will warm the heart and inflame the zeal of any fainting minister. Some of these prayers are dated 1863, while Spurgeon was still a London sensation. Others are dated late in 1890, when the shadows of ill-health were creeping on and memories of bitter controversies weighed on his soul.

What men thought of Spurgeon's preaching has often been reported. There was only one opinion of his prayers. Moody said he would rather miss the sermon than the prayers, so moving and heart-warming were Spurgeon's pleadings with God. A. T. Pierson wrote: "His confession of sin is humble, his supplication fervent, his intercession importunate; but when he praises and extols God, it is as an eagle soaring toward the sun, and bearing you on his wings." Robertson Nicoll testified, "Mr. Spurgeon was a man of the stuff of which saints are made. This spirituality is so rare in men of great powers that it is invariably the way to influence. It inspires a kind of awe. Men bow before it, feel themselves in the presence of the eternal world, think wistfully of their own state, and are touched, for a moment at least, by a certain sense of wonder and regret."

►Dr. T. V. McCaul, Gainesville, Fla., retired, spoke recently at Providence Church, Providence, Ky., for Pastor Benjamin Connaway who has been pastor there for 43 years. This church was Dr. McCaul's first pastorate in February, 1904, and he remained there until 1906 when he went to the University of Virginia at the conclusion of his course at the Southern Seminary. Nineteen fifty-four is Dr. McCaul's 50th anniversary in the ministry.

# The Making, Meaning, and Mission of The Southern Baptist Convention

By President J. W. STORER

Delivered At The Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, Mo.

When the Southern Baptist Convention began in 1845, at Augusta, Georgia, there was a registration of 236. These men were Baptists, but first they were Christians. Parenthetically the same descriptive, it is to be hoped, will apply to the messengers meeting in St. Louis today—and will always hold true of Baptists anywhere and at any time, that they first be Christians, and that they act like Christians.

What began in 1845, was that as an organization of Southern Baptists they set themselves to the obedient fulfillment of Christ's command in the various commissions He gave to His followers to witness to the world and, making disciples, teach them all things whatsoever He commanded, to the end of time.

The making of our Convention is indissolubly bound with its meaning and its mission, nor is it to be confused with anything made by human hands, or conceived by the human mind.

When we say that the Southern Baptist Convention was founded by those 236 messengers, we have, unwittingly to be sure, given complete credit where it did not completely belong. If there is any lesson which is plainly revealed, it is that the Holy Spirit was the founding Person, and the messengers were used by Him.

Whoever reads carefully the New Testament must note the prominence of the Holy Spirit. Too often the historic achievements of our people have been regarded as praiseworthy results of human devotion, skill and sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit is relegated to a minor role, or is altogether ignored. But we must know that the Holy Spirit is the immanent administrative energy of the God-head in the affairs of individual Christians, churches and our Convention.

Christianity must move from within—the expulsive, propulsive force of the Holy Spirit. God works in us in order that He may work through us. It has ever been thus with the organization of every great missionary movement, and I might add, with the development of our schools, our hospitals, and our seminaries. If we ever forget this, or act from lesser motives, we step down to the level of world political powers,

James Wilson Storer, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a native of Kansas. He attended Kansas University and is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. He was honored with the D.D. degree by William Jewell College in 1943 and Union University in 1920. Oklahoma Baptist University honored him with the LL.D. degree in 1939. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, since 1931.

which are impelled by lust of conquest, desire for gain, longing for glory, or that destructive and illusory thing called "manifest destiny."

What immediately claims our thinking, then, is that we be assured our Convention is still under the dominant direction of the Holy Spirit, from whence came its entrance into the world. This is vital, in a day when the social Vesuvius is in turmoil, when Mars can scarce be restrained from drawing again that sword he has but so recently thrust into its uneasy scabbard.

Let us ever exalt the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and be grateful that we have no earthly head, and that we have no man or group of men who have laid out for us an anatomical and comprehensive organization in accordance with which all details must be exactly followed.

Let it ever be remembered, for memory too often treasures bits of rags and straw and throws out of the window its jewels, that the function of the churches and of this Convention is not legislative, but declarative. Our Convention does not rest on accretions of church authority, but on the experimental verification of Scriptural truth.

May the day never come when Southern Baptists will cease to shy at the shadow of hierarchal autocracy! It may be an easy way of religion to let an organization do your thinking for you, but the way of the Bible is "Come, let us reason together." What is the grandeur of an ecclesiastical Caesar compared with the grandeur of our Christ?

We recognize that there is a great problem in achieving unity of action without centralization of power. How can the Southern Baptist Convention, with its 29,496 churches, its 1,017 associations, its approximately 8,000,000 members, have any semblance of unity where there is no authoritarian voice of command? It can only be done under the Spirit's guidance and in accordance with the law of life found in Ephesians 4:16, "All the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love."

To be sure, there are Baptists who seem dedicated to separatism, who refuse to play on the team, who prefer to return their own punts, call their own signals, do their own blocking, run their own interference, and set off for a goal diagonal with the field. They

refuse, however, to recover their own fumbles. But as our beloved Uncle Gideon once said, "It is better that a few characters do foolish things than to repress all personal effort."

The perfecting of Convention activities into a closer and more coordinating effort and relationship is but a means to an end; the object is the most effective utilization of our forces for the preaching of the Gospel.

## The Mission

We hold it to be true that there is continued justification for the existence of our Convention, not for its own sake but for the sake of an unblemished Christianity. For this, Southern Baptists have a responsibility which they may ignore, but which cannot be waived. As we have through the centuries, so must we persist in contending for the right of private judgment in religious affairs, for the supremacy of the Scriptures as the guide for faith and practice; that there must be complete separation of church and state, that there must be democracy of fellowship, that the church be composed of regenerated men and women, that there must be correct observance of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that we shall ever protest against errors.

But our mission is more than this: it cannot be less than obedience to our Lord's command to seek out the lost and point to Him as the only and complete Saviour from sin, to make of Him both Lord and Master. Ours is the day of action—and not debate.

I have said this is a day of action—not debate. We must meet it with the spirit of adventure, of daring; in a word, with faith. Moreover, it must be met with liberality and sacrifice.

What can be more tragic than self-centered preachers of the gospel of sacrifice! Our trouble is we are too worldly wise, too prone to walk by sight. We look at the wording on the dollar, "In God we trust," but we do not mean it—we worship plans and with our partial wisdom we would safeguard God, to the point of doing nothing. Recall, please, that the only living thing on which the curse of Jesus fell was a fig tree that bore no fruit. There is a limit to the time for meeting our inescapable responsibility.

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►Homer D. Carter has accepted a call to the Junction City Baptist Church. He began his services there June 16.

**VICTOR I. MASTERS:** Elsewhere in this issue is the announcement of Dr. Victor I. Masters' death which occurred June 30 in Florida.

There is no way of appraising, fully, the influence of any life. Influence is a factor which can be recognized but never completely measured. Only God's records in the last day will tell the whole story. Certainly this is true of Dr. Masters' life.

For twenty-two years—1921 to 1943—Dr. Masters was editor of the *Western Recorder*, and most of his energy, throughout a long adult life, was devoted to writing. He prepared several books for publication, and wrote thousands of manuscripts which appeared not only in the *Western Recorder* but other publications. He was a man of strong convictions and knew how to express them pungently. He contended earnestly for the Truth as he understood it, and in so doing made many friends while others differed from him sharply. But this did not deter him from the course he believed right. In all probability his firm stand on some questions of doctrine and practice and methods did much to shape the convictions of many. And even those who differed from him recognized his great ability as a writer. He could be, if the occasion seemed to him to demand, a formidable opponent indeed; and he could be just as strong a friend. He was an earnest student of the Word and proclaimed his beliefs without compromise. He loved the Baptist cause but reserved the right to take any of his brethren to task for whatever seemed to him unsound practice. And he was just as swift in commending those with whom he was in agreement. He will long be remembered as an able writer and a tireless worker.

Dr. Masters, for several years, had not been in robust health. The infirmities of old age had laid hold on him. But he remained physically active until, within the last few weeks, he was taken from his home at DeSoto, Florida, to a hospital at Avon Park, where, we understand, he died.

**CRIME AND HORROR-TYPE COMICS:** The *Survey Bulletin* informs us that a Senate investigation of crime and horror-type comic books was resumed in New York June 4-5. Plans are also underway to investigate the impact of radio and TV crime programs on juvenile minds. Senator Hendrickson, N.Y., said his group had received "a flood of mail from irate parents" protesting crime television programs.

There can be no reasonable doubt that, with certain types of minds, criminals are being made in the homes by both the crime and horror-type comics, and the same type of "entertainment" on radio and TV. Surely, mothers and fathers who allow their children access to such are blind to the dangerous possibilities. A prominent physician, in a syndicated column, recently sounded an alarm against this very danger. A few days ago we saw a young man who recently had been released after serving a sentence in a penitentiary. He had no sense of guilt for the crime committed (the murder of his own father) and said that when he sees a man on the streets who seems to have prosperity or money, he has no conscience against knocking him on the head and taking away whatever is of value. That is what a crime atmosphere in youth can create. There ought to be an outcry against it and a law to prevent it. Crime-movies have been brought right into the livingrooms and, in many instances, we fear, from those livingrooms will go boys and girls with a warped conception of values.

**MINISTERIAL RELIEF OFFERING:** In our July 1 issue, Secretary Baynard F. Fox, loved and trusted here in Kentucky because of his unceasing labors in behalf of aged ministers and the Relief and Annuity Board, called attention to the special relief offering which is to be taken July 18 (next Sunday) for our aged ministers. We would add to his special appeal this urgent request that all our churches take this special offering and send it as soon as possible to Dr. W. C. Boone, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Secretary Fox well stated: "Indeed there is an urgency in this matter. Last year this special offering amounted to approximately \$7,500 for this cause. The churches that responded gave generously, but others overlooked this opportunity for service. We urgently need the response of all our churches if these brethren are to be provided for. Let us hear their cry and make haste to help them . . . Our aged friends look to us; they have confidence in our love for them. Their hope will not go unrewarded, for Kentucky Baptists will respond to their distress and need."

May it be so! Those aged brethren came into their full labors before there was a plan for bringing them the kind of support now offered younger ministers by our Relief and Annuity Board. Now, all we can do is to contribute enough in these annual offerings to make their last days as comfortable as possible—and even this will be far too small as compared with their actual needs. Let no church neglect this highly important opportunity for real service to those who have wrought faithfully and well in their days of service. We must hear their cry, and we must respond to the limit of our ability.

**PROGRESS IN 1954:** J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, Sunday School Board, reported to the St. Louis Convention some highly interesting and encouraging facts, among them being:

Southern Baptists gained an average of almost two churches every day in 1953. They baptized an average of 6,958 each Sunday during the year, and more than \$5,000,000 per Sunday was given through the churches.

We now report 29,496 churches with a total membership of 7,886, 016—a gain of 3.3 per cent, compared to a total gain in churches of 2.2 per cent. A total of 1,493 churches went from quarter-time, or half-time, or three-quarter-time, to full-time.

We should reach, easily, our eight million in church membership during 1954, and our sixth million in Sunday school enrolment, and our second million in Training Union enrolment.

Secretary Edmunds says, however:

"Statistics can be deceiving, unless they are carefully analyzed. While we may show gains over the previous year in almost all phases of our work, those gains may not compare favorably with the gains of 1952 over 1951. And, at this point, Southern Baptists need to take notice. For instance, our report for 1953 shows an increase of \$2,604,000 in mission gifts over 1952. That's a splendid gain, but our increase in mission gifts in 1952 over 1951 was \$8,554,000. That is quite a difference. The smaller gain in 1953 may be explained by economic conditions in certain sections of our Convention, but at least we should take notice of this decline in our mission gifts."

Secretary Edmunds also points out: "Also, while we gained 7,451 in baptisms over 1952, the ratio of baptisms to church membership was higher."

## Mexico Church Starts New Mission at White Hall Community



Snapshot of those attending a recent afternoon session of the White Hall Baptist Mission, near Mexico.

The Mexico Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, has expanded its program into the starting of a mission in the adjoining White Hall Community. At present, services are conducted each second and fourth Sunday afternoons. A Vacation Bible School was held in June.

Work is also progressing at the mother church, according to Pastor J. H. Adams, Route 2, Marion, Ky. Sunday school is showing a steady increase of 155 average attendance in March; 170 in April; 197 in the month of May. There were five baptisms in April; nine professions of faith and baptisms in May.

## Canadian Baptists Oppose Action of SBC to Air Canadian Churches

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The Baptist Union of Western Canada has formally protested the decision of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis to offer to help churches in Western Canada. The protest in the form of a telegram from W. J. MacDonald, secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, came addressed to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee as follows:

"Resoulution passed unanimously under caption Southern Baptist Extension policy reads, whereas our brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention have decided to permit and encourage the organization of Baptist churches in Canada affiliated with their convention and whereas these congregations are being organized chiefly in areas already well served by Canadian Baptist churches and whereas such a move will weaken relationships between the Baptist Union of Western Canada and the Southern Baptist Convention which for many years have been established on the principle of mutual respect and co-operation and whereas this practice will make it increasingly difficult to build a truly indigenous Canadian Baptist cause with Canadian educational and missionary institutions therefore be it resolved, that we, the Baptist Union of Western Canada, assembled in convention on June 22, 1954, record our protest against this policy on the part of our Southern Baptist brethren and assure them of our desire to confer further on this matter."

Action of the Convention was the

adoption of a motion by R. E. Milam of Washington-Oregon as follows: "In view of the petition of the Executive Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington, I move

## V. I. Masters, Long Editor of Western Recorder, Dies in Florida



The Late Dr. V. I. Masters

A telegram was received by Dr. R. T. Skinner on the morning of June 30 from Mrs. W. Wickliffe Masters, Sr., DeSoto City, Florida, telling of the death

that any supporting agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention be permitted at their discretion, to grant the privilege to employees of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington to aid churches affiliated with our state convention even though their salaries may be paid in part by said agency."

The Executive Committee, taking note of both the telegram from MacDonald, secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, and the action of the Convention, authorized appointment of "a committee of three to confer with the representatives from the Baptist Union of Western Canada regarding their interpretation of the action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis."

►Ronald Sorensen has recently been called as pastor of the Aberdeen Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Ohio, so a council of Baptist churches of Bracken Association met in their meeting house to examine him with a view to his ordination. C. G. Foster was elected moderator and interrogator; and Fred Neikirk, clerk. At the conclusion, the church proceeded with the ordination, R. B. Hines reading the Scripture and leading in prayer; L. A. Sparkman, father-in-law of Brother Sorensen, preaching the ordination sermon; Fred Neikirk giving the charge to the church; C. G. Foster the charge to the candidate; A. D. Odum presented the Bible; and Billy Marcum giving the ordination prayer.

earlier that morning of Dr. Victor Irvine Masters. At this writing details of his passing are not known, but we do know that for some weeks he has been confined to a hospital in Avon Park, Florida, and it is thought that he died there, though he may have been in the hospital at Sebring, county seat of Highlands County, Florida, about five miles from his place of residence at DeSoto City.

Dr. Masters was for 22 years (1921-43) editor of the Western Recorder. In fact, practically his entire lifetime was spent in the field of writing in one form or another, whether reporting, writing books, preparing tracts and articles, editing of weekly and monthly publications, etc.

Born March 4, 1867, he was a son of the late Martha Amelia Burriss and Priestly A. Masters, of Anderson County, S.C.

He married Lois Eunice Wickliffe, Anderson, S.C., July 19, 1893, and to this union were born two children, W. Wickliffe and Victor Irvine, Jr. His wife and both sons died within a short time after Dr. Masters retired in 1942 to settle down on his orange grove in DeSoto City, Florida. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wickliffe Masters, Sr., already mentioned; by one grandson, William Wickliffe, Jr., and a step-granddaughter, Mickey Herron.

Burial was at DeSoto City.

# Executive Committee Sets Procedure for Church Loan Fund

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — A special committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has been authorized to confer with the Home Mission Board to consider plans for increasing the Church Extension Loan Fund. The conference will take place as soon as the Board formulates and adopts a definite plan. Authorization of the special committee is the first step in the study of a proposal to borrow \$3,000,000 for relending to churches needing buildings, introduced by the Home Mission Board and referred to the Executive Committee by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis early this month. The Executive Committee authorized the special committee in its regular summer meeting in Nashville.

## Canadians Protest

A second special committee was authorized to consider a formal protest submitted by the Baptist Union of Western Canada questioning the action of the recent Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis extending help to churches in Western Canada. The committee was specifically instructed "to confer with the representatives from the Baptist Union of Western Canada regarding their interpretation of the action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis."

The presidents of the five seminaries were asked to undertake to prepare and submit to the Committee on Theological Education, a special Convention committee, "a formula for the equitable distribution of Cooperative Program funds for theological education in the realm of current operation." The report was requested for consideration of the committee at least one month in advance of the December Executive Committee meeting.

## \$15,000 For R.A. Work

A sum of \$15,000 from the 1955 Convention Operating Budget was allocated to help finance the Royal Ambassadors, the Convention's mission movement for boys, now in process of change from the Woman's Missionary Union to the Baptist Brotherhood.

## Seminaries' Budgets

Operating budgets for the five seminaries for the fiscal year August 1, 1954-July 31, 1955 were approved as follows: Golden Gate, \$266,000.00; New Orleans, \$431,849.34; Southeastern, \$243,975.00; Southern, \$1,048,745.00; and Southwestern, \$772,218.67, making a total of \$2,762,788.01.

Permission was granted New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to borrow money up to \$253,000 in order to erect the religious education building and any-

thing else that is immediately needed. The money will be repaid from the Seminary's 1955 Capital Needs allocation in the Cooperative Program already voted by the Convention. The old seminary campus in New Orleans will be earmarked as security for the loan. In connection the Baptist Sunday School Board was granted permission to give the New Orleans Seminary \$25,000 out of its 1955 budget to be used on the religious education building.

In response to an invitation from the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance Congress that meets in London next year, the Executive Committee voted to send Albert McClellan, director of publications to that meeting.

A proposal to study the *Book of Reports* and *Annual* with the view of improving its format and making its content more practical, was referred to James W. Merritt, the senior secretary of the Convention, and the director of publications of the Executive Committee for further study.

A total of \$10,550 in scholarship grants to schools serving mountain students was authorized out of the Opdyke Funds, a special endowment for that purpose.

Officers elected for the Executive Committee are C. C. Warren, North Carolina, president; W. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi, vice-president; Oliver R. Shields, Missouri, secretary; Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer; Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary and director of promotion; and Albert McClellan, associate secretary and director of publications.

The Committee will conduct its winter meeting December 15-16, 1954.

## Peyton Thurman and Elmer West, Kentuckians, Making Round-the-World Trip



W. Peyton Thurman

Dr. William Peyton Thurman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, will accompany Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., personnel secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and formerly of Williamsburg, Kentucky, on a missionary journey this summer around the world. Dr. Thurman and Mr. West will visit all the Southeast Asian mission fields, conferring with missionaries and preaching from place to place. They will leave from Nashville, Tennessee, on July 19 and will return on September 11. The entire trip will be made by air so that the greatest amount of time may be

spent in the places to be visited. They will go first to Hawaii, then to Japan, spend four days in Korea, four days in Formosa, three and one-half days in Hongkong, a week in the Philippine Islands, a week in Indonesia, a week in Malaya, a week in Thailand and then will return home by Rangoon, Burma, Dacca in East Pakistan, Calcutta and New Delhi in India, will make a stop at Beirut, Lebanon and then journey on to Rome, Italy, and finally to Zurich, Switzerland, where they will visit the Seminary at Ruschlikon right outside of Zurich before flying directly for home. The members of the First Baptist Church at Hopkinsville are underwriting the expenses of their pastor.

## A Word To Catholics

### How Many Catholics?

\*By Emmett McLoughlin

Recently the "Christian Herald" stated that 4,000,000 Roman Catholics had become Protestants in the past 10 years. The Catholic press screamed "foul" and denounced the magazine's figures as "mere estimates."

That same Catholic press subsequently announced the official Catholic Directory's latest count of Catholics as being over 31,000,000. They didn't mention that this figure is the wildest of estimates.

No one has ever counted Roman Catholics in America. No letters of transfer are required when Catholics move from one parish to another. They do not have to present themselves to any priest or pastor. No record whatever is kept of Catholics who quit going to mass, who marry outside the church or who give up Catholicism to join other denominations or no denomination.

Here is how Catholic statistics are compiled. While a Catholic priest I was a pastor of a parish and took part in this farce.

Every pastor must make a statistical report to his bishop each year. His records show the number of infant and adult baptisms, funerals, marriages and confirmations. But no pastor that I have ever heard of knows the exact number of Catholics within the geographical area of his parish. So he makes a guess. He checks with last year's report to make sure that his figure this year is higher. For if he should show a loss or merely remain numerically static he would incur the wrath of his bishop.

So the inflated figures of 30,268 scared pastors, more concerned with the favor of their bishops than with the truth, are added up and each year the Catholic Press exultantly announces a gain of another million to the Faith.

Any resemblance between those figures and the actual number of Roman Catholics in America is purely coincidental. It has been carefully reasoned that Catholic claims are inflated by 10 million.

\*Mr. McLoughlin, author of *People's Padre*, was for 14 years a Franciscan priest at St. Mary's Church, Phoenix, Arizona, and is now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix



North Bend Baptist Association's Coronation and Recognition Service for Sunbeams and GAs held at Erlanger Baptist Church

## Two North Bend Coronation Services

COVINGTON, Ky. — North Bend Association has recently held two Coronation and Recognition Services for Sunbeams and GAs. In these two meetings, almost 200 young people were recognized for their work on Sunbeam Superior and Forward Steps in Girl's Auxiliary. This is the first time in the Association that Sunbeams have attained this rank which Kentucky has set up in its work.

The first of these services was held on May 14 at the Erlanger Baptist Church with Miss Beulah Wingo, State Young Peoples' Secretary, assisting with the program. There were two queens recognized at this time. Also Barbara Perry and Pat Walls of the Crescent Springs Church were presented scepters in recognition of their completing work of Queens with Scepter.

The second such service was held on May 21 at Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, with Miss Helen Sinclair, State approved G.A. worker, as



North Bend Coronation and Recognition Service for Sunbeams and GAs at Madison Avenue Church, Covington.

guest. At this time six queens were crowned and Irma Rector and Janice Osborne of the Walton Church were presented with Scepters.

Mrs. A. H. Hopperton, Associational W.M.U. Superintendent; Mrs. E. P.

Hutchinson, Associational Young Peoples' Leader, Mrs. Elmer A. Connelly, Associational G.A. leader and Mrs. Craig Ridings, Associational Sunbeam leader, worked together in planning and presenting the services.

## R. Lofton Hudson Writes Concerning Dr. Adams

From Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, comes the following letter which we pass on to readers:

"Dear Dr. Skinner:

"Dr. W. W. Adams, for the past several years president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary and before that a teacher of New Testament for years at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, is coming to Louisville as you know to be on the faculty there beginning next month. Dr. Adams is one of the late A. T. Robertson's students and was fellow in his department when he was with the seminary at Louisville. He is one of the great Bible teachers of our day.

"One of Dr. Adams' special contributions is that of short Bible conferences. He has done a most remarkable job of that in the churches and has just completed one on the Book of Revelation in our own church here. It may last over the week end for the first or last half of the week or for all of the week. His ability to interpret the word of God to the lay person is most

remarkable. I believe this is the kind of contribution that more of our seminary professors need to make.

"I am writing you because I thought you might be able to give some publicity to this through the Western Recorder and thereby help him in getting started in his particular ministry in the Louisville area. You will find him a sound fellow and a very able and effective teacher."

## Georgetown College Student in Summer Work at Oneida Institute



Miss Vivian Ann Powers

Miss Vivian Ann Powers, a foreign mission volunteer, is a member of the North Benson Baptist Church, Route 4, Frankfort, Ky. This summer she is serving as a student missionary with the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Her place of service is at Oneida Institute, where she directs the music for the summer camps. In September,

she will be a sophomore at Georgetown College. Brother Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., is her pastor at North Benson.

►The Friendship Baptist Church of Sarasota, Florida, has just concluded a series of revival meetings in which Dr. Cort Flint, of Southern Baptist Seminary, was the evangelist. The church was generally revived, there were thirty-five professions of faith, and a great number of rededications. The pastor, Rev. David Elmore, and the church expresses appreciation for Dr. Flint and his work with them.

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# W. A. Criswell is President of Baptist Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., was elected president of the Baptist Sunday School Board at the recent semi-annual board meeting held in Nashville. Criswell, pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention's largest church, succeeds William F. Powell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, who is retiring after thirty-three years.

Further major changes in the board were announced at the meeting by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer. The Plans and Policies Committee of the Board, which was appointed in June 1953, with Dr. Criswell, chairman, made further recommendations to the Board in its executive session.

The realigned organization consists of an administrative staff with J. Marvin Crowe as administrative assistant to Sullivan and Leonard E. Wedel, personnel director. Clifton J. Allen, present director of the editorial division, will be transferred to the newly created staff position of editorial secretary.

J. Norris Gilliam, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation was elected as Contract and Investment Counsellor. This staff position was created by the Board in its meeting June 1, 1954, in St. Louis, Mo., during the Southern Baptist Convention. In making this announcement, Sullivan said that Gilliam has not accepted the position yet.

James C. Barry, pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, Emporia, Va., was named editor of materials for week-day religious education, a newly created position in the editorial section of the Sunday school department, Education Division. Barry is a native of Elizabethtown, Ky., and a graduate of Western Kentucky College, Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will assume his duties Aug. 1.

The four divisions set up include: (1) Merchandise and Sales Division, Keith C. Von Hagen, director, with three departments: Merchandise Selection, E. Odel Crowe, manager; Merchandise Control, H. S. Simpson, manager; Merchandise Sales, Jay D. Turner, manager.

Crowe is sales manager of the Broadman Press, publishing agency of the Sunday School Board; Simpson is manager of the Baptist Book Store, Carbondale, Ill.; and Turner is associate in the Board's Book Store Department.

(2) Education Division, combines the former editorial and education-promotion division. There are no changes in departmental leaders. Continuing as department heads are J. N. Barnette, Sunday school; J. E. Lambdin, Training Union; Joe W. Burton, home education; G. Kearnie Keegan, student work; W. Hines Sims, church music; William J. Fallis, Broadman books, and Earl Wald-

rup, audio-visuals, Donald F. Ackland will work with devotional materials and general tracts.

(3) Service Division, Harold E. Ingraham, former business manager, will become director of the Service Division. Continuing as departmental heads are Herman F. Burns, art; W. D. Kendall, advertising; W. A. Harrell, church architecture; J. P. Edmunds, survey, statistics and information; Miss Helen Conger, Dargan-Carver Library; Miss Florida Waite, church library service; and Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, church recreation service.

(4) Business Division, Robert L. Middleton, director of accounting, becomes director of the business division, which will have three departments and two assemblies. New department heads are Noble Van Ness, operations; John H. Williams, contracts and insurance.

A head for the accounting and control department will be named later. Continuing are Willard K. Weeks and E. A. Herron as managers of the Ridgecrest and Glorieta assemblies.

Van Ness is now director of the pro-

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## FALLEN ASLEEP

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MRS. EMZIE (MARY B.) WHITT

ASHLAND, Ky. — Mrs. Mary B. Whitt, wife of Emzie Whitt, Ashland, Ky., died January 16, 1954, in the King's Daughters' Hospital after an illness of eleven days. She was a devoted Christian and a member of Unity Baptist Church for 34 years. Her sweet, Christian spirit and sunny disposition endeared her to a wide circle of friends.

In her passing, her family has lost a very precious one from their circle. Her prayer to the end was that her family circle would be unbroken in Heaven.

Surely she was a true mother in Israel and her children rise up and call her blessed. How wonderful the Lord is to give us wonderful Christian mothers.

She is survived by her husband, nine children, 23 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren and a host of loved ones and friends.

duction department and Williams is director of the book store department.

The Board's special printing committee, headed by Norris Gilliam recommended that the Sunday School Board approve a new printing contract with Baird-Ward printing company of Nashville. This contract includes the printing of fifty-nine periodicals for a period of six and one half years beginning July 1.

September 1, 1954, has been set as the date for the divisional and departmental realignment to take place.

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## Mary Lou Massengill Day Observed by First Baptist Church of Middlesboro

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. — The First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, had its spring revival May 5-14. Pastor L. C. Roberts, Oakwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., was the evangelist, and Mr. Hugh L. Whittaker, Jr., local educational and music director, was the song leader. It was a wonderful meeting with marvelous results. There were 6 dedications of life to Christian service, 9 received by letter, and 30 received by baptism. The singing, general feeling, and revived interest on the part of members was fine.

The new Adult Department went into operation on March 14. The three large previous Adult Classes were reorganized into seven classes—two for men in the 25-42 age group, and five for women 25-and-up. Instead of the Married Young Adult Class, the Philathea Class, and the T. E. L. Class, we now have a Berean, Fellowship, Fidelis, Philathea, L.L.L., Gleaners and T. E. L. Classes. We also formed a new Married Young People's Department from the same three classes. Their age range is from 17-24, and their enrollment is 248.

A splendid job of remodeling of a large room was performed, making it contain seven rooms. We have a large assembly room which is beautiful and will seat 250. The class-rooms have attractive signs over the doors with the class names on them. The large T.E.L. Class uses the back of the room with curtains as partition. The curtains are opened for the assembly, and then closed for the class period.

The First Church of Middlesboro has further news to report in the appointment of one of our members, Miss Mary Lou Massengill, as a foreign missionary to Japan. She will sail for Japan August 5. We had a special day for her, MARY LOU MASSENGILL DAY, on June 27. Dr. Luther Copeland was guest speaker. Our church gave her a sizeable offering to help in getting together some of the many things she will need. We are proud of Mary Lou as she grew up in our church, and is one of our very own. She will be an instructor of Japanese nurses.—Wendell H. Rone, Pastor.

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► Little Jerry Taylor, 5, of Spring Meadows, is visiting with his sponsors, the W. M. U. members of the Calhoun Baptist Church, this summer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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### Standard Sunday Schools

**Freedom**—Pastor Fontaine Jones; Superintendent Emmitt McClure.

**Flat Gap**—Pastor Raymond Lawrence; Superintendent Sherman Hansel.

**Victory Memorial**—Pastor George H. Riggs; Superintendent A. J. Maynard.

### Scottsville Making Good Record

The pastor, Norris G. Hite, writes that "along with the other pastors in our State I want to report our progress in the Million More campaign. Our church has responded wonderfully to the challenge. While we are cramped for space to put classes, we are making what I consider to be excellent progress. Since the first Sunday in April we have enrolled 22 new pupils. On Sunday May 9, we had 270 present for Sunday school. We hope to have a record of 307 in attendance soon.

We have made marked progress in our Extension Department, Young People's and Primary Departments." The Sunday school Superintendent is Mr. H. H. Patton.

### Vacation Bible School Reports

Hundreds of Vacation Bible School reports are coming to our desk. These are bringing information of bigger and better schools. Have you sent in your report? Last year we had 1,825 schools. This year should be even greater. Send your report to Roy Boatwright, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

### Greenville, Second, Reaches the Standard

A letter from the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Dawson Cisney, states "I am sending our application for Standard. I hope this will meet with your approval. May I take this opportunity to thank you and the Sunday School Board for your interest in our Sunday school and your co-operation. We, at Second Baptist, Greenville, Ky., have experienced good growth and some wonderful services in the few (five) years we have been a church. Our Sunday school average attendance for 1952 was 144—1953 was 178 and thus far this year is 210. We see our attendance go up with our increased enrolment."

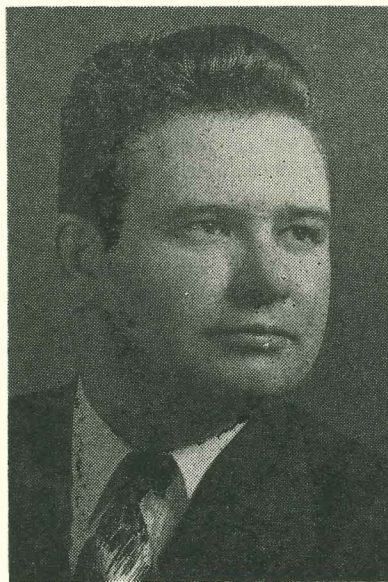
The pastor of this growing church is Rev. Charles F. Jones.

### Cedarmore Sunday School Week, August 9-13, 1954

Brother Superintendent, are you seeking helps for your teachers and officers? Every progressive Sunday school is anxious to do better work. A number of excellent opportunities are offered each year to render assistance in the growth and efficiency of our Sunday schools.

One of these is the Sunday School Week held at Cedarmore. At Cedarmore you will receive instruction, inspiration and fellowship, along with our program of Sunday school building we will be blessed with an hour of Bible study each morning led by Dr. Dale Moody.

Will you make plans now to bring your people to this good meeting?



Dr. Dale Moody

### An Open Letter to Sunday School Teachers

Dear Fellow Teacher: Three months are left in our crusade for "A Million More in '54." What you and I and thousands of other teachers do in these next ninety days might spell the difference between success and failure.

I write this open letter to present two appeals to you:

1. If the campaign is not already well under way in your church won't you take the initiative in finding and bringing into your church every prospect in your community? Your church-elected position makes this an appropriate step for you and gives authority to what you say.

2. If your church has accepted a goal and worked toward its achievement, won't you stop now and take inventory of what has been accomplished? Building on what you have done, won't you make plans for redoubled efforts for the next three months?

Let me be even more specific and suggest a pattern that you: (1) Know your possibilities by name, age, and location. (2) Organize by departments and classes in terms of your possibilities (never just on the basis of present attainment). (3) Go out after all possibilities—through a vital program of visitation calling for definite assignments, regular reports, and sustained follow-up.

In the words of Paul to his fellow-Christians, may I urge that you "now complete the doing also; that as there was the readiness to will, so there may be the completion also out of your ability."—Yours for "A Million in '54," W. E. Holcomb, Chairman of Sunday School Teachers, "A Million More in '54" Committee.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JUNE 27, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Alexandria	123	205
Ashland, First	123	661
Bellevue	61	390
Blackford	96	206
Bowling Green (2)	230	1,100
Buffalo	108	259
Burlington	95	243
Cadiz	95	348
Campbellsville (3)	---	625
Pleasant Hill	140	286
South Campbellsville	---	216
Carrollton	30	216
Central City (1)	192	380
Clay, First	---	206
Corbin, First	97	387
Central (1)	164	505
Covington, Calvary	---	636
First (1)	111	331
Latoria (2)	433	1,196
South Side	91	412
Crestwood	41	226
Cynthiana (2)	---	371
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	---	441
Dawson Springs	---	229
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	---	709
Erlanger	55	316
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	163	566
Grace (1)	184	795
Keck Avenue	129	255
Falmouth	---	209
Ferguson (1)	66	238
Florence	77	274
Fort Thomas, First	57	217
Frankfort, Crestwood	64	236
First (1)	---	678
Thorn Hill	104	---
Fulton	149	437
Georgetown (1)	---	340
Glasgow (1)	84	597
Greenville, First	110	317
Harlan	129	524
Harrodsburg (2)	202	724
Hawesville	---	208
Hazard	93	369
Hazard	45	290
Henderson, First	211	422
Immanuel Temple	100	570
Hima, Horse Creek	---	255
Hopkinsville, First	101	604
Second	128	810
Junction City	---	217
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	254
Lawrenceburg, Sand Spring	49	263
Lebanon, First (1)	116	420
Leitchfield	70	245
Lexington, Calvary (2)	126	670
Fellowship	---	331
Grace (2)	83	628
Porter Memorial	134	547
London, First (1)	153	593
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	163	609
Baptist Temple	---	269
Beechland	81	485
Beechmont (2)	127	808
Bethany	31	230
Bethlehem	73	220
Broadway	---	251
Carlisle Avenue (2)	207	1,122
Cedar Creek	86	233
Clifton (1)	62	347
Crescent Hill (2)	162	795
Deer Park	---	404
Eastern Parkway	66	409
Farmdale	---	307
Harmony	84	214
Hazelwood	70	424
Immanuel	69	328
Jeffersontown	53	216
Kenwood	---	220
Lee's Lane	115	307
Lynn Acres	78	---
Ninth and O (1)	237	1,158
Okolona	56	403
Parkland	226	833
St. Matthews (1)	180	554
Shawnee	---	306
Shively	124	676
South Jefferson	87	519
Southside	112	418
Third Avenue	93	357
Twenty-third and Broadway (1)	177	627
Victory Memorial (2)	137	743
Virginia Avenue	---	215
Walnut Street (4)	234	1,356
Ludlow, First	74	324
Madisonville, First	213	817
Marion	82	238
Mayfield, First	244	888
Middlesboro, First (5)	116	621
Monticello, First	63	259
Morganfield, First (1)	---	372
Morgantown	123	204
Mt. Washington	108	278
Murray, First (1)	95	779
Newport, First (2)	115	618
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	---	445
First (1)	---	808
Hall Street (1)	176	404
Macedonia	---	234
Seven Hills	81	230
Third (1)	284	894

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**Associational  
Elimination Drills**

Many associations will be having their elimination drills for the Junior Memory Work Drill, Sword Drill, and Young People's Speaker's Tournament during the month of August. Be sure to check with your Training Union Director or Associational Director for the exact date of these drills in your association. Urge as many of your young people as possible to participate in these drills.

Rules and requirements for these drills may be obtained from the state office. If you have not received a copy, send for the number of copies that you can profitably use.

**Ridgecrest To Me**

I would like to tell you of some of the things Ridgecrest has meant to me.

First, and most of all, it brought me close to my Lord and Saviour. At Ridgecrest I completely surrendered my life to Him and promised to do my best for Him from now on.

Another blessing received at Ridgecrest was the wonderful feeling of being part of the Christian fellowship that prevailed. The Lord led me to some truly dedicated people, who's splendid

influence has meant much to me. Perhaps the thing that made the greatest impression on me was the friendly and cheerful greeting everyone had for everyone else.

Truly, the influence of Ridgecrest has meant more to me than I have been able to express in words.—Ann Duncan.

[This is the testimony of Miss Ann Duncan, one of the fine Training Union workers of the West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.]

**New Office Secretary**



**Miss Nina Easton**

Miss Nina Easton is the new office secretary in the state Training Union office, Louisville. She began her work with the department on June 1.

**Training Union Weeks  
At Ridgecrest**

The three weeks devoted to Training Union at Ridgecrest will be: July 8-14; July 15-21; and July 22-28.

**Training Union Lagging?**

Here are some things you can do anytime in the year, all of which have proven helpful, and always serve to strengthen your Training Union organization and its attendance.

1. Check the Standard of Excellence. Work hardest on the weakest or "least done" points.

2. When did you last have a study course? Courses on Administration can be held yearly, as well as Bible Study, Doctrines, Soul-winning and other courses. These study courses will give a powerful boost to the entire Training Union.

3. Search the records. Signs of needed attention are always there.

4. Rally members—and prospect members—around a carefully chosen and prepared week or event. Convention-wide events and those of your own can be used. Enlargement campaigns give your church an all-out week of Training Union emphasis.

5. Associational and State meetings, camps, retreats, Ridgecrest, Cedarmore, and other such meetings outside your church provide unforgettable opportunities for the improvement of Training Union leadership and all the work of the Union.

6. As a leader, check through your present organization right now to see how it is functioning. Commend heartily those who are doing an excellent job and do your prayerful best to get the work done where it isn't being done. Our work is tremendously important, so vacant places of leadership would be filled as soon as possible.—Adapted

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### New Plans

There are new plans for the program for Cedarmore this summer. Instead of each day's program being keyed to a special emphasis, the program for each day will be a continuation of the one for the day before. The conferences will be for Associational officers, the plan being that we will major on training Associational officers at Cedarmore this year with the purpose that those trained will return to the Associations and conduct Clinics for local officers in the WMS's of churches. To further emphasize and enlist in this task Kentucky WMU will share in the expenses of this plan.

### New Expense Plan

Fill your car and come to WMU Week at Cedarmore! Kentucky WMU will pay transportation at the rate of one cent per mile per person for Associational officers.

The plan is, fill a car with five of your Associational officers (preferably,

Supt., Y. P. Leader, Mission Study and Community Missions and Stewardship Chairmen) and come for the week. If five come in your car we will pay 5c per mile on expenses; if four come, 4c; three, 3c; etc.

The agreement is, if you accept expense funds you consent to teach in a leadership training clinic in your Association on your return. If an Associational officer cannot come the Superintendent may secure an alternate to attend the Cedarmore Conference and teach in the officer's place in the Associational Clinic. Room and board at Cedarmore are to be paid by the individual or the Association. If you cannot come by car the same rate of reimbursement will apply to other modes of transportation.

### Rates at Cedarmore

Room and meals, Monday evening meal through noon meal on Friday, (linens furnished) are as follows:

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#### BWC CAMP RATES

The same rates will apply for BWC Camp. Divide the above rates in half for the two-day period from banquet Saturday evening through noon meal on Monday.

**REMEMBER**—Cedarmore will accommodate only 200, so send your reservation in NOW. Send \$1.00 registration fee with your reservation to Rev. Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S NOTES

Miss Beulah Wingo

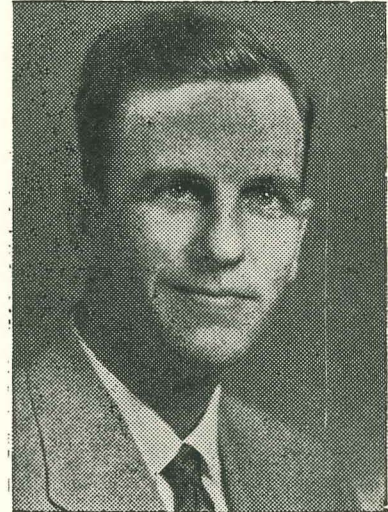
### Y. W. A. CAMP

The State Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp will be held at Cedarmore, July 23-25. Pictures of some of the main speakers appear on this page. Other



Miss Cora Nay Hardy, is a teacher at the Reagan Memorial Girls' School, Lagos, Nigeria. She is a Kentucky missionary and will be one of the Missionary Speakers.

program personnel will include Miss Lois Hart, Chile, Missionary Speaker; Miss Camie Jay, San Andres, Missionary Speaker; Mrs. George N. Smith, Georgetown, Speaker on Community Missions; Mrs. Henry Turlington, Louisville, Sunday School Teacher; Mrs. David Stull, Lexington, Director of Lakeside service.



Dr. Henry Turlington, professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary, will be the Bible Teacher and Camp Pastor.



Mrs. O. B. Mylum, a former Field Worker of Ky. W. M. U. and now a pastor's wife, will be Vesper and Morning Watch speaker.



Rev. Wendell Ballew General Worker Mountain Mission Program, will be one of the missionary speakers.

All reservations should be sent with one dollar reservation fee to W.M.U. Office, 127 E. Broadway. The cost of room and board for the week-end will be \$5.

For July 25, 1954

By H. C. Chiles

# Growing Through Prayer

No subject which has to do with the Christian life and service is more important than prayer, which is the converse of the soul with God. Conscious communion between the heart of the Christian and God can hardly be over-emphasized. And this exercise is one about which all of us know more than we are practicing.

While Christ was praying in a certain place, His disciples stood near by. Silently and reverently, they looked and listened. They observed in Him a strange separation from the world, a conscious nearness to God, a delight in the Father's presence, and a familiarity in communion with Him which seemed to them like heaven upon earth. After hearing Him pray, doubtless the disciples felt that they had never really prayed. As they looked at and listened to their Master communing with His Father, there was something which told them that He was really praying. Seeing and hearing Him pray must have convinced the disciples that they knew comparatively little about this spiritual exercise. So, they wanted to learn to pray as He prayed. How wonderful it must have been to have heard Christ praying!

**I. The Plea. Luke 11:1.**

Christ's example emphasized the privilege, power and blessing of prayer. It also aroused the disciples' sense of their ignorance and inability in this realm, and filled them with a desire to learn to pray. His example simply made them anxious to learn to pray, and prompted one of them to make the earnest request, "Lord, teach us to pray."

**II. The Pattern. Luke 11:2-4.**

In answer to that plea, the Lord gave them the prayer which had to do with the whole range of human need, temporal and spiritual. It was a model of brevity, simplicity and comprehensiveness. In it three things are indicated—relationship, "Our Father;" reverence, "Hallowed be thy name;" and resignation, "Thy will be done." The deepest desire of the heart should be concerned with the Father's name, kingdom and will. It is permissible to summarize the human side of prayer in the following threefold manner: as related to self, the supply of daily bread; as related to God, the removal of guilt; and as related to Satan, victory over his temptations.

This pattern of prayer has to do with the material and spiritual needs of the disciples, for it includes a request for daily bread, and a plea for forgiveness, protection from temptation and deliverance from the power of Satan. Our Lord wants us to pray for the small and everyday things of life. Christians

should pray for everything they need and, to the best of their knowledge, for the needs of others. We should never be backward about asking the Lord to supply our needs.

**III. The Parable. Luke 11:5-8.**

In these verses Christ gave His followers a specific lesson on importunity and perseverance in praying. How simple, and yet how profound, is that wonderfully human and homely story! The embarrassed host had a real sense of need. He also had a friend to whom he could go. He firmly believed that this friend could and would help him. He went to his friend personally and directly. He was specific, persistent and unselfish in his asking. It was the need of another which made him ask. Intercession, which is born of the recognition of the needs of others, is the highest form of prayer. We should be persistent in prayer because God is moved by our importunity in asking.

**IV. The Promise. Luke 11:9-13.**

Christ followed the parable with the assurance which has comforted the hearts of innumerable people through these intervening centuries. He stressed the point that Christians should persevere in their praying. "Keep on asking and it shall be given to you. Keep on seeking and you shall find. Keep on knocking and it shall be opened unto you." This is not a picture of how God answers prayer, but how the children of God should offer prayer. Why should we be slow in claiming such a wonderful promise?

One truth which these verses accentuate is that God's infinite love is exemplified in His provision for His own. Since earthly parents can be trusted to give good gifts to their children, how much more so will our Heavenly Father care for His own, whom He loves infinitely! He wants to give His children the things they need, even more than the best of earthly fathers. However, He wants His children to ask for the things which they need.

**V. The Peace. Philippians 4:6-7.**

God's Word recognizes the tendency of people to worry. This disquieting solicitude about the temporal and material things of life is a prevalent and pernicious sin, which is definitely and divinely forbidden.

Worry is enfeebling because it divides our attention, subtracts from our strength, adds to our burdens and multiplies our difficulties. It is useless for it never dries a tear, nor lifts a burden, nor solves a single problem. It is sinful to worry. It displays a lack of faith in God. To keep on worrying indicates

that one has distrusted God, ignored His love and forgotten His power.

It has been suggested that the method by which Christians obtain this ceaseless joy is: "Carefulness for nothing, prayerfulness in everything, and thankfulness for anything." The peace of God is the portion of the Christian who has faith in God, concentrates on the present, talks to God about everything, and commits the future to Him.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION  
ATTENDANCE, JUNE 27, 1954**

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Paducah, East .....	150	374
First (1) .....	145	566
Oaklawn (1) .....	117	271
Twelfth Street (1) .....	103	304
Paintsville, First .....	66	282
Paris, Central .....	129	274
Fist (1) .....	---	291
Pikeville, First .....	62	274
Pineville, First .....	154	426
Prestonburg, Irene Cole		
Memorial (5) .....	---	364
Princeton, First .....	100	745
Northside .....	99	201
Second (2) .....	85	262
Russellville, First (1) .....	81	369
Calvary .....	123	264
Somerset, First .....	174	583
Pleasant Hill No. 2 .....	47	203
Springfield, First .....	110	384
Sturgis, First .....	---	236
Versailles .....	55	344
Williamsburg, First (1) .....	65	439
Williamson, W. Va.,		
East .....	65	276
Winchester, Central .....	100	405
First .....	102	416

## **Rosemont Church, Lexington, Has Cornerstone Laying**

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Rosemont Baptist Church laid the cornerstone of their new church building Sunday afternoon, June 27 with appropriate ceremonies. The program consisted of special music, reading of the history of the church and description of the articles to be placed in the cornerstone by Dr. O. W. Yates, pastor, sermon by Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptists. Visitors were present from several other churches in Lexington and in Elkhorn Association. The special prayer at the closing of the cornerstone was by Dr. T. J. Powers, Versailles, moderator of the Elkhorn Association.

This church has just celebrated its seventh birthday. It has had three pastors. Located in a rapidly growing new section of Lexington, the church now has more than 300 members with more than 400 enrolled in Sunday School and faces a bright future. It will be several months yet before the new auditorium, now under construction, is completed.

►Lee's Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, observed its annual homecoming day June 6. Part of the program was that of laying the cornerstone for the new educational building. Rev. William Kaufman, recently called to the pastorate of the Harmony Baptist Church, was the guest speaker. Charles W. Holland, Jr., is pastor of Lee's Lane Church. Recently the largest Bible school the church has had was conducted with an enrollment of 362 pupils, 5 professions and 6 rededications.

# Spiritual Opportunities For Service Connected People

By ERNEST L. ACKISS, (Field Secretary,  
Department of Co-operative Missions  
Military Personnel Service)

Service-connected people today in continental United States may attend denominational conventions, assemblies, and the like either (1) on temporary duty at no cost to the government; (2) through authorized administrative absence at no expense to the government; or (3) by use of a part of their regular annual leave.

Here are some opportunities for Southern Baptist young people in the armed forces based in continental United States that are scheduled far enough ahead for parents and friends to pass the word on to these young people, and for them to request authorization or regular leave to attend the conference of their choice:

Home Mission Board Conference, Glorieta, New Mexico, July 15-21; Training Union Week, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, July 8-14; July 15-21; or July 22-28; Foreign Missions Conference, Ridgecrest, July 29-August 4; Brotherhood Conference, Ridgecrest, July 29-August 4 Sunday School Conference, Glorieta, July 29-August 4; August 5-11; August 12-18; W. M. U. Conference, Ridgecrest, August 5-11; Home Mission Conference, Ridgecrest, August 12-18. For information and reservations, write promptly: Manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, or Manager, Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Military personnel wishing to attend any of these conferences at their own expense should (1) consult with their Protestant chaplains; (2) if in the U.S. Army, they may refer to Change 7 to Ar-210-10, December 21, 1953; (3) if in the U. S. Navy, consult Chaplains' Manual Par. 1702 (a) and Art. C-5307, BPM, though it may be necessary to attend on a regular leave basis; (4) if in the U.S. Air Force, consult AFR-165-3, par. 4d.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for a concerned church to see that some spiritually minded, promising young

member, serving in the armed forces, has the opportunity to attend one of these meetings.

In addition to the above listed meetings, the U. S. Air Force has scheduled Spiritual Life Conferences for Protestant Air Force personnel at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California, July 13-17; at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, September 2-6; and at North Campus of University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, September 7-11, 1954. Baptist Air Force personnel may secure more details from their chaplains.

## Hampton Church to Dedicate New Meeting House September 5

HAMPTON, Livingston Co., Ky. — The Hampton Baptist Church lost its house of worship and all its contents by fire December 12, 1952. Although the membership is about 80, we were able through the splendid cooperation of the



Hampton Baptist Church

members and with the financial aid of sister churches and individuals, to begin worship in the new building the first Sunday in May, 1953.

The cost of the new building and its contents was about \$12,000. The insurance on the old building amounted to \$2,000. Under the able leadership of our pastor, Brother E. R. Collins of Paducah, who is a splendid carpenter as well as pastor, we are about out of debt and hope to dedicate our new house of worship September 6, 1954.—Charles D. Slayden, Clerk.

## District Associational Dates

Date	Association	Meeting Place
July		
*28-29	Blackford	Dawson Memorial
28-29	Simpson	Providence
29-30	Monroe	Indian Creek at Flippin

August		
3-4	Rockcastle	Fairview
*3-4	Henry County	Campbellburg
3-4	Tate's Creek	First, Richmond
4-5	Bracken	Owingsville
4-5	Liberty	Canmer, First Day
		Park City, Second Day
4-5	Union	Forrest Hill (Bracken Co.)
5-6	East Lynn	Liberty
5-6	Gasper River	Richland
10-11	Owen County	Cedar Hill, First Day
		Richland, Second Day
10-11	Goshen	First, Leitchfield
10-11	Casey County	Mt. Calvary at Yosemite
11-12	Ohio County	Rockport
11-12	Logan	Pleasant Hill
11-12	Ten Mile	Poplar Grove
12-13	Nelson	Little Union, First Day
		Rolling Fork, Second Day
12-13	Shelby County	Cropper
17-18	Ohio River	Friendship (Livingston Co.)
17-18	Boone's Creek	Irvine, First Day
		Mt. Olive, Second Day
18-19	Barren River	Freedom No. 2
18-19	Franklin	Buck Run at Forks of Elkhorn
18-19	South District	Mud Meeting House, near Harrodsburg
19-20	Salem	West Point
12-13	Crittenden	Demossville
21-	Green River	Basil Chapel
*25-26	Muhlenberg	Mt. Pisgah
*26-27	Lincoln	Pleasant Point
26-27	Enterprise	First, Belfry
*26-27	Baptist	Mt. Olivet
26-27	Breckenridge	Walnut Grove
26-27	Campbell Co.	Oak Island, First Day
		Wilmington, Second Day
27-28	Bell County	First, Pineville
27-28	East Union	Anthras, Tennessee

September		
1-2	Edmonson	Holly Spring at Grassland
*2-3	Greenup	Unity, Ashland
*2-3	Warren	Oakland
8-9	Russell County	Jamestown
*8-9	Allen	Trammel Fork
*10-	Greenville	Pine Branch
10-11	Booneville	Corinth at Alger
10-12	Middle Fork	Mt. Paran at Saul, Ky.
13-14	North Bend	Belleview at Grant
14-15	Severn's Valley	Mill Creek, 1st day
		Franklin Cross Roads, 2nd day
*14-15	Mt. Zion	Oak Grove, Corbin
14-15	Pulaski	Liberty, Crab Orchard
15-16	Lynn	Mt. Tabor, 1st day
		Oak Hill, 2nd day
16-17	Wayne County	Immanuel
16-17	Upper Cumberland	Sunshine, 1st day
		Pansy, 2nd day
17-18	Three Forks	Hyden
17-18	Jackson	Mt. Gilead
17-18	Lynn Camp	Poplar Grove, Place, Ky.
17-18	North Concord	First, Barbourville
21-	Christian	First, Hopkinsville
21-22	Ohio Valley	New Harmony
21-22	Elkhorn	Nicholasville
21-23	Russell Creek	Beech Grove, 1st day
		Big Creek, 2nd day
		Campbellsville, 3rd day
*22-23	McCreary	First, Whitley City
23-24	Caldwell	White Sulphur
23-24	Freedom	Burkesville
24-25	Goose Creek	Honewell
24-25	South Union	Crouche's Creek, 1st day—Jellico, Tenn.
		Upper Marsh Creek, 2nd day—Strunk, Ky.
24-25	Irvine	Stone Coal

October		
1-2	Laurel River	Lily
*1-3	South Concord	Parnell
5-6	Bethel	Forest Grove
6-7	Sulphur Fork	Westport
6-7	Little River	Maple Grove
6-7	White's Run	Ghent
6-7	Little Bethel	Harmony
7-8	Pine Mountain	Central
*12-13	West Kentucky	West Hickman
13-14	West Union	Oscar
13-14	Central	Rock Bridee
14-15	Daviess-McLean	Whitesville, 1st day
		Utica, 2nd day
14-15	Long Run	Baptist Tabernacle
*19-20	West Kentuckiana	Cypress (Highway 62 or 460, 4 miles west of Booneville, 1 mile east of Chandler, Ind.)
20-21	Blood River	New Bethel
*27-28	Graves County	Hickory

NOTICE:—Moderators and Clerks of District Associations are requested to check their group above to determine whether or not the place and dates are stated correctly. The sooner corrections are reported to us the sooner they will appear in future issues. Do not wait until just before your Association meets to make the change. Many persons scan this list and make entries in their datebooks. Hence any errors or changes in the above should be published as soon as possible. Please write corrections to George Raleigh Jewell, The Western Recorder, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky., immediately.

\* (Not yet confirmed) Where one name is beneath the other is meeting place for 2nd day.

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One thousand, six hundred and eighty-five (1,685) men (including a few intermediate boys) attended the Baptist Men's Rally sponsored by this department at Camp Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Friday, June 25. These, with the exception of 14 who were registered as out-of-state guests, were from 44 Kentucky Baptist Associations. These were—Baptist, Blackford, Blood River, Boone's Creek, Bracken, Breckenridge, Campbell County, Central, Crittenden, Daviess-McLean, East Lynn, Elkhorn, Franklin, Gasper River, Goshen, Greenville, Henry County, Laurel, Liberty, Lincoln County, Little Bethel, Long Run, Lynn, Nelson, North Bend, Ohio Valley, Owen County, Pine Mountain, Pulaski County, Russell Creek, Salem, Severns Valley, Shelby County, South District, South Union, Sulphur Fork, Tate's Creek, Ten Mile, Three Forks, Union, Upper Cumberland, Warren County, West Union and White's Run.

The program was good all the way. Congregational singing with Ronald Wells of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, leading; with Jimmy Jenkins, First Church, Newport, at the piano, was "out of this world." Marion Wiseheart, Carlisle Avenue Church, Louisville, brought a great devotion on the subject, "Every Man In His Place," which was the theme for the meeting. W. C.

### The Making, Meaning, and Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention

(Continued from Page 4)

The great Commission calls for a great committal. To that, the Southern Baptist Convention must give itself, and call its constituent members to a renewal and to a witness to the good news of the once crucified but now risen Lord, to His saving power, and sovereignty.

What is a witness? One who talks? Not necessarily! The word "witness" literally means "martyr." People are

Boone, general secretary of Kentucky Baptists, led in prayer and introduced all department, agency and institution heads present. J. C. Ballew, state Royal Ambassador secretary, directed a great Royal Ambassador Recognition Service. The Walnut Street quartette and an octette from Ft. Knox provided special music. A worthy love offering of \$957.07 was presented to Marvin Byrdwell, camp director, for Camp Cedarmore. Mr. Byrdwell had already given us a warm welcome to Cedarmore and now expressed his appreciation for the offering.

The meeting was climaxed with the message of George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. Schroeder spoke on the subject, "The Brotherhood at Work," and sent us away from the meeting with new visions of personal responsibilities and opportunities in the fields of missions, Christian Stewardship and personal soul winning.

Next week we will present some pictures taken at the meeting. To all who made this meeting the success it was, we say, "Thank you." Our plans, prayers and hopes for the future point to an attendance of not less than 3,000 at this meeting next year, which we hope to make an annual affair.

not martyrs because they laid down their lives, they laid down their lives because they were already martyrs. It is to the heroic that God is calling Southern Baptists—not mock heroics wherein straw men are erected, and then with sound and fury are thrown down with publicity and gusto.

The lengthening shadows and the gravity of our times should shame all such religious play acting. This is no time for shadow boxing, for tight rope walking, or for bickering within the camp. We are called to go without the camp, bearing His reproach, to go unto all the world, not withdrawing from it. It may be dangerous—but what of that? Christ never called us to a care-free saunter through unshadowed spaces—Christian faith depends upon strong promises, never from immunity of attack. If our witness is not opposed, it is not worth opposing.

Out of the travail in prayer came this Convention—and by the travail of prayer must it project its continuing life. Thank God for the host of men and women who will that to be true.

►Wake Forest College conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon President Ransom Kelley White of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.

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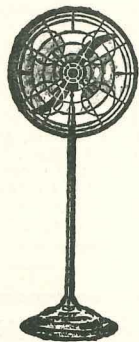
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## J. Sherfy Redding, Owenton Funeral Director, Found Drowned in Moore's Lake

OWENTON, Ky., June 22. — The body of J. Sherfy Redding, 53, was found in Moore's Lake on Glenwood Farm at Perry Park, where he had been fishing early this morning. He had gone fishing early by himself. When friends arrived later they found his capsized boat, his hat and fishing equipment. A diver located his body caught in a sunken tree down under the surface of the water.

Mr. Redding was an undertaker, mem-

ber of the firm of Redding & Smither, funeral directors, Owenton. He was a brother of Dr. George W. Redding, professor of Bible at Georgetown College. He was a deacon of the Owenton Baptist Church. He was church treasurer, teacher of a class of Intermediate boys, Bible study leader in the Training Union and an usher.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Brother Harry L. Green at the First Baptist Church, Owenton, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Cabbage Redding; one daughter, Alice Sherfy Redding; two brothers, Dr. George W. Redding, already mentioned,

and Hartsough Redding, a school teacher in Grant County. He also leaves three sisters: Mrs. Edward Fletcher, Michigan; and Mrs. Dan Kennedy and Mrs. William McConnell, both of Louisville.

►Evangelist Eddie Wagner, North Little Rock, Arkansas, recently conducted a revival in Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, Ky., resulting in 24 additions by baptism and three by letter. There were 46 rededications; 55 pledged to have family altars; 75 promised to tithe. Clayton Boothe directed the music. Donald M. Randolph is pastor. The church's goal for "A Million More in '54" has already been reached.