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NEW OFFICERS, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, 1954-55

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►Ralph A. Herring, Winston-Salem, N.C., has been seriously but not critically ill and is now convalescing at his home.

►A total of 5,982, representing 27 states, attended Sunday school conferences at Ridgecrest. W. A. Criswell was the principle speaker.

►A total of 703 registered for the Summer school at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as compared with a registration of 612 last summer.

►The Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky., has just purchased a lot and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moss have given them another. The church now has a frontage of 100 feet with a depth of 200 feet. Pastor George S. Munro is elated over their new outlook.

►The headquarters of the State Convention of Southern Baptists in Ohio are moving from Dayton to Columbus. A building has been secured on the corner of East Court and South Fourth Street, and alterations have been completed. The Baptist Book Store will share the premises.

►The West Side Baptist Church, Berea, was organized June 27. The council was composed of members from Berea, Liberty Avenue, Middletown, Pilot Knob and Silver Creek Churches. Morris Calico, of Berea, was moderator; Pastor Howard Gallimore, Silver Creek, clerk, and Pastor O. B. Mylum, Berea, gave the charge to the church. Charles Lunsford, Clover Bottom, has been called as pastor.

►Dr. Franklin Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga., has accepted an unanimous call to become pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., where Dr. F. Russell Purdy was the former pastor. He begins his work the middle of August. Prior to his pastorate at Gainesville he was assistant to Dr. John H. Buchanan at the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham. One of the Georgia pastors commends him highly.

►Chaplain (1st. Lieut.) Robert O. Williams has just been separated from his duties with the Hq. Sec. 3575th Pilot Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. He is a 1948 graduate of Georgetown College and 1951 graduate of the Southern Seminary. During school years he was pastor of churches in Heidelberg, Ky., and Aberdeen, Ohio. Director Alfred Carpenter tells us that he desires to return to pastorate or mission work in his home state of Kentucky.

►East Hickman Baptist Church, Fayette County, Elkhorn Association, has a new pastor, Brother Clarence R. Brock. He, his wife and small son, Danny, are now residing in the church parsonage. Brother Brock received his B.S. degree from Union College, Barbourville, Ky., and will begin work on his Master's at the University of Kentucky this fall. He went to East Hickman from the First Baptist Church, East Bernstadt, Ky.,

where he was pastor for three and a half years.

►Pastor Floyd Whistler, Butler, Ky., was the evangelist in a revival held at the First Baptist Church, Milan, Ind., resulting in 34 additions, 32 of whom were by profession and baptism. Rev. Morton F. Oliver, Jr., has been pastor at Milan since November, 1953, and subsequently 66 have been added to the church rolls. Prior to his going to Milan he was pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Holbrook, Ky., and was associate pastor of Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, Ky.

►The Central Baptist Church, Corbin, had a revival June 13-25 in which there were 27 conversions, 13 by letter and 39 rededications. There were decisions made in every service. Pastor J. Bill Jones did the preaching and Don Searls led the singing. Preceding the service the church had "Sunday School at Night" program and taught "The Plan of Salvation," by Austin Crouch. Records were broken in both Sunday school (587) and Training Union (165) on the middle Sunday of the revival. The church membership has now reached 1,300.

►The stork has whispered the good tidings that young John Chilton Roberts was delivered to the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Aiken, S.C., on June 10 at 12:08 o'clock, weighing seven pounds, six ounces. Pastor and Mrs. W. Austin Roberts are rejoicing over his arrival. The parents formerly lived in Cynthiana, Kentucky, and Mrs. Roberts is the former Miss Eloise Bennett of Williamstown, Ky. By the way, a week later we notice on the cover page of the First Baptist Messenger, church bulletin for June 20, a poem, entitled "What Sort Of A Father Are You?"

►Brethren Calvin McDaniel, William Niceley, Marvin Roberts and Victor Campbell were ordained as deacons by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Owensboro, recently. Pastor Frank E. Borich was moderator; Denzil Probus, clerk; Cecil Laster, interrogator; Peyton Woodruff gave the charge to the candidates; William Owen, the charge to the church; and J. H. Chissom offered the ordaining prayer. Others serving on the council were Pastor Samuel Moore and Deacons Stewart R. Hines, Jesse Schultz, J. M. Tanner, Hugh Taylor, E. H. Vanover, J. B. Riddle and Earl Stratton.

►The Trinity Baptist Church, Guthrie, Ky., will have an all-day meeting, with dinner on the grounds, August 8. The church has outgrown the dwelling it has used for more than a year, and is realizing the soon approaching necessity of building more adequate quarters. A revival has just been concluded, with Pastor Roy Sears, of the Dickson Road Church, Nashville, doing the preaching. There were 15 additions, 10 of these being for baptism. During the past year the Sunday school has increased from an enrolment of 30 to 93, with an average attendance now of 70. The church membership has grown from 25 to 90.



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—Jude 3.

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►From the Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tenn., we learn of the death of retired Pastor Joseph R. Kyzar on June 26 at the Baptist Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville. Native of Mississippi, his pastorates have been in that state, Kentucky and Tennessee. He was for some years pastor at Bardstown Ky., before going to Nashville about 27 years ago to become pastor of the Grandview Church. He remained there 25 years. For the last nine months he has been interim pastor of Mill Creek Church there. His funeral was conducted by Pastor Harold J. Purdy at Belmont Heights Church. While in Kentucky he married Miss Elizabeth Nicholls, who survives him, as do four brothers, Felix, W. S. and John Kyzar, all of Brookhaven, Miss., and Dr. Jewell H. Kyzar, pastor at Greenwood, Miss.; and two sisters, Mrs. Aubrey Givens and Mrs. Thomas Smith, Brookhaven.

The Fellowship of Believers

One of the distinctive beliefs of Baptist history is the emphasis on the life of the local church. No historic Baptist confession has ever denied that there is one body of Christ composed of all who believe Jesus to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16), and it is hoped that the time will never come when this is not so. . . . But this emphasis upon a general assembly should not obscure the fellowship of the local assembly where the body of Christ finds concrete expression. . . . Both are essential to New Testament faith. However, the emphasis now is on the life of the local church as a fellowship of believers. Matthew 18 describes this fellowship in three relations: the outward, the inward, and the upward.

The Outward Relation

Looked at in relation to outsiders, the fellowship represents humility, responsibility and individuality—three values greatly devaluated in our time. When a church is a true fellowship of believers these teachings of Jesus are translated into fact for the unbelieving world to read. Taking a child, a millstone, a stumbling block, an angel, and a sheep, Matthew 18:1-14 paints a powerful picture of these essentials of human dignity and value.

Humility is taught by the child. The disciples were discussing a very popular question for human pride: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (18:1). No doubt each hoped he would be designated the greatest. Jesus had on one occasion taught that the one who observes and teaches the least of the commandments is greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:19), and on another he said even the least in the kingdom of heaven was greater than John the Baptist, the greatest born of woman (Matthew 11:11).

. . . . Is not pride the persistent peril of our profession? Are we beyond this temptation to this sinful sophistication? We are not! Therefore, let us "turn and become like little children."

Responsibility is represented by the millstone and the stumbling block. The millstone warns of our responsibility for others, for the "little ones" who become a part of the Christian fellowship by faith in Christ (Matthew 18:5f). Reception of "these little ones" is so serious that Jesus solemnly says that one who causes them to stumble would be better off if a great millstone were fastened around his neck and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. . . .

The stumbling block, suggested by the cause of stumbling in the lives of little

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By DR. DALE MOODY

ones, becomes the figure for temptations in our own lives (Matthew 18:7-9). The moral life is a spiritual journey subject to scandal. Jewish teachers gave the name "halakah," which means the way to walk, the teaching on right conduct. In the Bible the word "skandalizo" is a metaphor of a trap or snare which causes one to stumble or fall (Mal. 2:8; 1 Cor. 8:13; Rom. 9:32f). Jesus prescribed such rigorous self-discipline for believers that the foot or the eye become worthless in contrast to right conduct. . . .

Individuality is affirmed by the guardian angel and the good shepherd. The guardian angel, a teaching in both the Old Testament (Job 33:23; Ps. 91:11; Dan. 10:13) and the New Testament (Acts 12:15; Rev. 1:20; 2:1, 8), emphasizes the infinite value of every individual. To look with a contempt on one of these little ones is to reject the value God has placed on the human soul.

If God assigns an angel to an individual, what does that do to the philosophy of totalitarianism, political or ecclesiastical?

We are not likely to dismiss this emphasis on individual worth as lightly as we at times dismiss the angelology with which it is associated. But perhaps the invisible world is not as lonely as our secular society in this visible world has become.

God must not be measured by our unconcern. He numbers the very hairs of our heads (Matt. 10:30). My phone often rings for unusual reasons. One day the Seminary operator connected a real modern man with my extension. A voice asked: "Where is the Sermon on the Mount?" At first I thought it was a joke, but when I told him Matthew 5, 6, 7 he thanked me as if he were sincere. I put the phone down, but the question stayed with me. Yes, where is the Sermon on the Mount? Much of it has been buried beneath our doctrinal debris.

The Inward Relation

From the outward relation in Matthew 18:1-14 the reader's attention is turned to the inward relation of the fellowship of believers. This inward relation is both discipline and dynamic. The rule for church discipline in Matthew 18:15-17 may have a strange ring for many of our churches today, but it was a familiar passage for our forefathers. About the beginning of the twentieth century our churches almost dismissed the discipline committee. Perhaps members are seldom disciplined

out of our churches because many have never been disciplined in, and it is dangerous to practice back door discipline if there is no front door discipline. To discipline means to make disciples of people, but unfortunately the idea has developed into the purely negative idea of excommunication. A true knowledge of discipline may be gained from the old Charleston *Summary of Church Discipline* of 1767. It may shock some to learn that it is bound in a volume that has the historic London confession of 1677 before it and The Baptist Catechism of 1689 after it. We now try to do the work of the catechism with study courses, but many members never attend a study course. Those that do constitute the stable minority of our churches because they have been made disciples.

Once people have been made disciples of our Lord we then can put into practice the correction of sin commanded by Christ. The three steps outlined by Jesus seldom fail to bring results. First, the person is confronted with his sin by the offended brother. Today we are too nice to deal with a brother in this manner. We seem to think gossip is a safer way.

Gossip is no doubt one of the most ungodly and hypocritical habits of the ministry today. If a man believes me to be guilty of sin I want him to get close enough to see the white of my eyes and fire—preferably in private! But we resort to scandal sheets, gospel gangsterism, sanctimonious sniping. Such practice indicates lack of courage and character, yet we are cursed with such ministerial muck today. Let us know that gossip and slander are marks of a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:29f). So confront the brother with a personal appearance. If you fail, get two or three more to help. If that small group fails, go to the whole church with the problem. If all fail he becomes an outsider like Gentiles and publicans. But most of the time we will not fail by such direct dealing with sin. [Emphasis ours.—Ed.]

This disciplined fellowship is also dynamic (Matthew 18:18-20). There is power in a congregation that follows Jesus, a power which binds and looses on earth what is bound and loosed in heaven. Heaven is behind the church, which obeys Christ. . . .

The Upward Relation

From the inward relation of disciplined and dynamic fellowship Matthew 18:21-35 describes the upward relation as a fellowship of forgiveness. This is done by a principle (Matthew 18:21f) and a parable (Matthew 18:23-35). The principle is given in answer to Peter's question about the number of times a brother should be forgiven.

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The Missionary Scripture That I Love Most

By W. C. TAYLOR, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

These are the words: "God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:3, 4).

God our Saviour. He is the missionary God. I love organ music that rings bells. God our Saviour! That is organ music in swelling, majestic tones—"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth." That rings bells, of sweetest harmony.

God our Saviour! That raises saviorhood to the highest reaches of deity. God our Saviour! That puts at its disposal all the resources of the Trinity. God our Saviour! That is the gospel's meaning and message. God our Saviour! That is the Christian's confidence and comfort.

God our Saviour reveals himself and His salvation in the grace and truth of the Incarnation, of Calvary's Cross, of the Resurrection, of Christ the Prophet, Priest and King. So he has saved us who believe, in the once-for-all forensic decisions of God our Judge, for the sake of Jesus our Advocate, justification, adoption, sanctification in its initial and declarative sense, as all these are witnessed to, in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

God our Savior is continually saving us, in the eternal life that began in the new birth and continues in growth in grace, sanctification, stewardship, discipline, chastening, discipleship, sonship, communion and the fruit, graces, fellowship and guidance of the Holy Spirit. God will finish his work of salvation which He began in us, in Christian death, glorification, the heavenly home, the Father's house, family and work to which we are to be ushered in by angels at death. All this is meant in God's being our Saviour—God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit of grace.

This Savior, who is that by eternal nature and disposition, will have all men to be saved. That is His will. You can count on it as being the supreme fact and factor of all history. You may take it as face value, in no way to be discounted.

That is not to say that all men will be saved. They won't. They are made in the divine image, free. Sin is a terrible reality. Salvation, beginning in the new disposition of repentance and clinging to the loyalties born of faith, is the very last thing sinful men want and, sadly often, is the thing they will under no circumstances accept or consent to experience. Salvation means all they hate, the loss of all they like and

cleave to, a painful operation, divine surgery that severs them from their beloved world, flesh and devil that control the unregenerate life. Man, who needs a Savior will, all too often, not have all men saved, or even himself. Yet God woos, beseeches, and wins, in millions of cases. He wooed and won me and you. He called me and you, in love to others. That is missions.

Beyond salvation lies the vast region of knowledge of the truth. That also is missions. That is why the loyal Christian can never be a unionist. The same God, who wills salvation for all wills the truth for all. If you are content to see men supposedly saved, or really saved, in some big unionism, but the truth suppressed or soft-pedaled, you are not Christ-like. He came "to bear witness to the truth." He never once gave a half-witness, of salvation cut off from revealed truth, or truth isolated from salvation and grace. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned; and the total witness, "the whole counsel of God," is just as much a part of any right missionary program as is salvation.

If the whole world were saved right this minute, that would not be enough. "God our Saviour will have all men to be saved AND TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH." That is the long, slow process of discipleship. Truth is missionary. It pertains to the Absolute, is revealed, eternal, changeless in content, though ever varying in application. Salvation and the truth are both missionary goals of God our Savior.

Centennial of Whitesville Church Next Sunday

WHITESVILLE, Ky. — The Whitesville Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a homecoming August 1. The activities of the day will begin with a message at the eleven o'clock service by Rev. Jesse L. Henderson, Carnesville, Ga., a former pastor.

A basket dinner and fellowship hour will be enjoyed at noon.

The afternoon program, beginning at 1:30, will consist of special music, the history of the church, and a message by Brother Denzil Probus, a home and former member, now pastor of the Sorgho Baptist Church.

All former pastors, members and friends of the church are urged to come and enjoy the day, rejoice in the progress of the church through the years, and meet the present pastor, Rev. J. T. Miller, and his family.—Byron Martin, Thomas Catron, and J. Frank Bruner, Publicity Committee.

Pleasant Grove, Jefferson County, Erecting New Auditorium



Groundbreaking exercises at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, at Avoca, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, for their new auditorium. Pastor Dan C. Moore is the one behind the outdoor pulpit. Others taking part were: Pastor William Bowen, Pewee Valley Mission; Bryant Tolbert, minister of music; Allen Henson, chairman of deacons; Superintendent James Zaring, chairman of 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, of Long Run; and H. E. Turnlington, of the Seminary.

THE PREACHER AND PREPARATION: From a wise and understanding correspondent in Kentucky comes a timely and urgent plea that something be said concerning young preachers' neglect to prepare themselves adequately for pastoral service. The correspondent said in part:

"There is a strong tendency, I think due to wrong teaching by certain older ones, on the part of many to want to rush into a pastorate as soon as they feel God's call. They begin, zealously, to seek a pastorate; seem to feel that God has obligated Himself to give them one immediately. Some churches call them and you know how hurtful it can prove to the church, cause, and preacher. The less foundation they have the more prone are they to feel sure they have no need for preparation. Please do not think I am critical of these my brethren. I could only wish to help them and the churches."

This earnest Christian pointed out a real need and danger. Certainly God calls to the ministry. No one has any business in it who has not a deep-rooted certainty that God called. And God is able to empower His messengers. But when God calls men into the ministry *He also calls them to prepare*. Doubt any man's professed call to the ministry who does not also sense a call to prepare for it!

Years ago a great preacher made an impassioned appeal in behalf of Christian education and a trained ministry. At the end of the sermon a man asked him: "Don't you think, sir, that God could get along without your education?" The preacher replied quickly: "And don't you think, sir, that God could get along without your ignorance?" A bit blunt, perhaps, but the man needed the truth.

There have been useful men who had little or no formal training for the ministry. We have known some, but never one who did not lament his lack of training and who did not say that if he had his years to go over he would take all training possible. Some such men, years ago, established schools for training young preachers because they did not wish them to repeat their blunder.

The pastorate today is a highly specialized field. No matter where the church is, it needs, ultimately, a man well trained and with as much experience as possible. There must be training in the Word, in the matter of rightly relating one's self to all the complicated needs and circumstances which are sure to confront any pastor in any church. There is nothing more pathetic or embarrassing for either a man or a church than to discover he is not equipped to carry on! It is the total aspect of the pastorate that demands training at the feet of godly men who themselves know the needs and who, under the guidance of the Spirit of God, can lead toward larger usefulness. No matter if the people do say "you can preach well enough already;" turn a deaf ear to dangerous praise, and go on to school.

Training is no substitute for being a "man sent from God" or for the power of God; but never forget that God's power includes not only a surrendered heart but also a trained, enriched, surrendered mind. The whole man for God! That is the need. Training, in one sense, is an act of dedication to the work for which He calls, even while it is a preparation for it. Why should any man desire to be smaller than the needs of his day?

In other years, some men, because their work was progressing and because the Lord was blessing their efforts, decided that God needed preachers more than

they needed training; and they stopped preparation and went on without it. If only the voices of those very men—many of them now dead—could be heard now by those young men who hesitate!

The preparation is not over when college and seminary work is concluded. There's not a teacher, in any college or seminary, worthy of the name, who would tell a young graduate that he can now stop preparation. It is a life-long arduous process. It must go on and on and on or else the preacher goes back and back and back. The man who quits studying is through; it may take him some time to discover it, but his church will know it right away. Peter expressed it well before the Jerusalem church when he said: "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables. . . . we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:2,4). What a pity that any man ever allows himself to become so busy about "things" that he neglects his prayer-life and his study of the Word! Such a course becomes a weedy path which leads to spiritual stagnation! And it can happen both among the young and the old. This has been the pitfall of many denominational men as well as pastors. They all too frequently quit studying, and soon they lose the fire in their souls—holy fire which abides only on heart-altars which are empowered by the Spirit of God and refreshed by close fellowship with Him and the Word.

ENTRY INTO CANADA?—The conflict still rages concerning the St. Louis Convention's decision to project Southern Baptist work into Canada.

Some of the discussions in the denominational press have been heated—too much so, perhaps. It is rarely necessary to indulge in personalities, either directly or by implication, in dealing with great issues, or small.

Frankly, we believe Dr. Storer was right in his presidential ruling that Secretary Milam's motion would violate the spirit if not the letter of Article II of the constitution, but the body overruled the president, and that was that.

We believe, also, that the Executive Committee, in Nashville, exercised fine wisdom by appointing a strong committee to confer with the Canadian brethren in response to their protest against the Convention's action and on their invitation to take part in such a conference.

We never lose anything by looking, thoroughly, into both sides of a proposition, and also both ends of it—how and why it started, and where it is going. A good way to lose ground and time (and face) is to rush into matters we do not understand.

The trouble with some of us is that we learn most of what we know about a matter after we have had our say about it. And then the embarrassing situation calls for another and more sober expression.

In our opinion there were two or three points at which the St. Louis Convention may have lost by failure to take more time for study and discussion of matters brought before the body. Some things can be hurried only at great risk.

The special committee will come back from the conferences with our Canadian brethren with at least a better understanding of their side of the question; and perhaps, also, with a better understanding of all that was and is involved in Secretary Milam's motion to extend Southern Baptist work into Canada. Definitely, there are several points at which we need more light. Calm sagacity and penetrating discernment are needed in all our dealings among ourselves and with others.

►Character is that which is found still standing when the crash is over. Character is the moral cash on hand when creditors close in on life.—Hazen G. Werner, *Real Living Takes Time* (Abingdon).

"And So We Came to Rome"

The world is a small place and space has lost its distance. Mrs. Storer and I left Tulsa Sunday afternoon, the 13th, and in four hours were in New York City looking at the extended palm of the bell boy's hand. I do not know anywhere a plane equal for comfort to the American Airlines DC 7, and the fact that one of our own First Baptist church girls was a stewardess added to our comfort. The next day we left New York at 5 p.m. and arrived in Paris non-stop an hour and a half ahead of schedule—so had to stay there at Orley Field until the schedule time of departure. But we were right on the dot, arriving in Rome at 4 p.m. the 15th.

There is nothing but monotony on an overseas flight, the plane takes an altitude so high that the ocean, if clouds permit, can scarcely be seen. We crossed via T.W.A., a very comfortable ship, with close attention paid to the passengers as to food and drink—complimentary cocktails are offered—and with two exceptions accepted! Wine with meals, and free cigarettes—and at night berths are made down much as our Pullmans. The constant roar of the engine does not make for anything but cat naps, at least for me.

We were met at the Rome airport by the Dewey Moores, who are wonderful people, Tar Heels and Washington, D.C. Dr. Moore is our S.B.C. "head man" in Italy, speaks Italian fluently, as does Mrs. Moore. They took us to the Flora Hotel—very nice, but not too ritzy. Room and table comforts quite satisfactory. Then, through Sunday, the 20th, we were on the go every minute.

I preached in three churches and visited four more; of course, went to the Orphanage and the Armstrong Memorial School for young women. Our churches are small as churches go in the States, and with a few exceptions meet in rather inaccessible locations. The pastors are greatly handicapped by shortness of financial support—which is but a reflection of the general economic condition of Italy. There are no Sunday schools as we know them—and there seems to be in so far as my conversations with the brethren would indicate, a lack of evangelism—they tell me when the pastor reaches the end of his sermon, he says, "amen," and means it. No invitation, or appeal.

Of course, many of us never seem to reach the end so we can say "amen," or perhaps we reach the end and don't know it, tho the congregation may. The preaching through an interpreter is not too satisfactory, but at the close the people are very effusive in appreciation. It is somewhat disconcerting to be kissed on both cheeks by the deacons. Just imagine being kissed by one's deacons at the close of a sermon on tithing!

There is so much need for everything. Some particular needs I want to take up in person when we do get back to the States. But since the Bap-

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tist Press is sending this to the state papers, I would like to make a suggestion to the editors. It is concerning our Italian Seminary at Rivoli. The correct address: Scuolo Theolice Battieta, Via Luigi Colla, 4 Rivoli, Turin, Italy. The library now receives the Biblical Recorder, The Index, and the Western Recorder. If the editors of our other state papers would be so kind as to send theirs it would help these young men to get a feeling of Baptist importance, which, under the shadow of the Roman Catholic cathedrals, propaganda, etc., is so all pervading.

The great difficulty is to get students who have had proper educational preparation. The appalling illiteracy makes for poor citizenship via a growing facist power. They tell me that there is more actual danger that Italy is more facist now than under Benito M. T. and the backing of the clerical group is thrown

against the communists because they threaten the facists.

I visited two of our Baptists churches out from Turin nearly on the French border. The pastors were so proud to have the visitor from the Southern Baptist Convention and I was deeply moved by their prayers, though, I did not understand a word. The tie of the Spirit was plainly felt and for each other it was a blessed tie. Roman Catholicism is a political power but it has nothing to give the people in the realm of the spirit. Can there be a revival in, shall we say, Rome, to which Paul wrote the greatest of his letters, and from which he wrote his last word? If the answer is in the negative, then there is no hope for Italy. More later as I have opportunity, and it will be from Ruschlikon, where we arrived last night, for the European Baptist Pastors School, with some seventy-five pastors assembled.

The baptistry at Naples has a concrete dividing partition. The pastor stands in the dry, and reaches over—baptizes the candidate. Saves buying baptism boots!

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►Pastor Thomas R. Brown, of the Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan, Ky., held a series of evangelistic meetings with Pastor Gifford J. Walters at the Cumberland Baptist Church, Cumberland, Ky.

Present And Former Pastors Speak At Beechmont Dedication



—Photo by Carl H. Jones, Louisville

Speakers for the recent dedication of the new Beechmont Baptist Church included Pastor J. Ray Dobbins (Center); and two former pastors, Chaplain George Walton Cummins (Left), U. S. Navy; and Dr. C. B. Althoff (Right), Tallahassee, Florida.

Baptist Brotherhood Night at Cedarmore Assembly



Dr. W. C. Boone in the picture above is introducing the Baptist workers in Kentucky before the 1,685 men who attended the Brotherhood Night program at the Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Ky., on the night of Friday, June 25. Reading from left to right, standing on the platform, are: Harold Warren, administrator of the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Garnett B. Morton, accountant and office manager, Kentucky Baptist Building; Robert L. Pogue, business manager of the Western Recorder; Lucius E. Coleman, Sr., Brotherhood secretary; C. Ford Duesner, superintendent of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale; Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer of the Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (almost behind Dr. Boone) Eldred M. Taylor, superintendent of missions; and Dr. Albert M. Vollmer, secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

In the lower picture are shown (left) Brotherhood Secretary Lucius E. Coleman, Sr., who planned, called together and presided over this Brotherhood Night at Cedarmore; and (right) Dr.



W. C. Boone, speaking over the microphone at the moment.

Much praise is still being heard from the laymen about the night's program and the fine leadership given it by Secretary Coleman. Also about the fine way 1,685 men were fed at the barbecue supper. Next year they plan to go to Bowling Green.

New Hymns Needed

By W. Hines Sims

The great hymns contained in our hymnals of today constitute a legacy of inestimable worth. Great preachers, consecrated laymen, and musicians of the past wrote of the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith, set scriptural truths to meter, and plumbed spiritual depths that stir the souls of men.

Just as past generations left their hymns for the future, even so today,

preachers and other devoted Christians need to contribute new hymns for today's needs and for future generations.

This is an invitation to authors and composers to submit new hymns. Words should be in verse of *standard meters* to be mated with standard hymn tunes. New music should be carefully harmonized. Words or music, or both, may be submitted for consideration.

Hymns are needed particularly on the following subjects: life of Christ, invitation and acceptance, hope, love, joy,

fellowship, Christian home, the church, baptism, Lord's supper, stewardship, social betterment, marriage, and other special occasions.

Christians everywhere are invited to submit their manuscripts to the Department of Church Music, Dr. W. Hines Sims, Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Each will be given careful consideration for future publications. The earlier the manuscripts are submitted, the better.

Future Missionaries to Come To Southern Seminary

Eldon Sturgeon of Glendale, Kentucky, received his B.D. degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May. While in New Orleans, he was pastor of a rural church for over two years. He plans to begin graduate work this fall at the Louisville Seminary. His father, George Sturgeon, is



Eldon Sturgeon

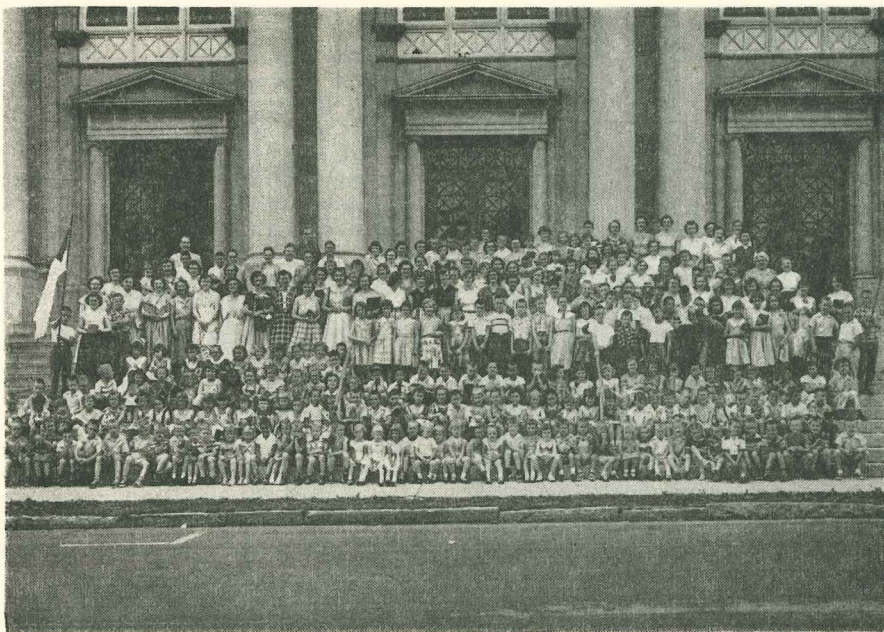
farm manager of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale, Kentucky.

Mrs. Sturgeon, the former Miss Jo Ann Ferguson of Sonora, Kentucky, received her A.B. degree from Tulane University in June and plans to work on her M.R.E. degree at the Louisville Seminary this fall. Upon completion of their educational preparation, the Sturgeons plan to go as missionaries to Latin America.

Brother Sturgeon may be reached by mail or telephone at 304 S. Bayly, Louisville, Ky. Tel. Belmont 4021. No doubt some good church will take advantage of the services of this excellent young man. Mrs. Sturgeon has had business training, also.

►Pastor C. M. Hill has resigned the leadership of the Eubank Church, Eubank, Ky., to accept a call to the Stubensville Church, Monticello. He has been at Eubank since 1935, and the work there has shown a steady growth. In addition to his work at Eubank Church, he has manifested interest in the work of the entire association. Mrs. Hill has likewise been helpful with her assistance. They led in the erection of a new brick church, with full basement and class rooms. Also a bus was purchased. Church finances and Cooperative Program gifts have grown from \$1,200 in 1934 to \$8,750 in 1953.

Bowling Green Church has 368 in Its VBS



Some 368 boys and girls were enrolled this summer in the VBS at the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, under the direction of Mr. Robert Feather, minister of education. One special feature for the Intermediates was a trip to Nashville to visit the offices of the Sunday School Board and to meet many of the denominational leaders there. The trip was highly educational.

President Lord Reports On Russian Visit

The following letter to Dr. Louie D. Newton, dated London, July 5, reveals interesting facts concerning Russian Baptists:

It was so nice to receive your letter when we got back from our trip to Moscow. The copy was waiting for me in the Baptist Times office but at the time of our leaving Moscow your letter had not arrived there. One my wife wrote did not arrive either, though three letters I sent from Russia arrived safely here. Apparently there is some delay in correspondence going into Russia. We had a wonderful time.

When we arrived in Moscow, the Council of the Russian Baptist Union was in session, so we were able to meet most of our Russian leaders. The Interpreter provided an interpreter and excellent arrangements were made for our hospitality and our transport to various parts of Russia. After a long weekend in Moscow, we visited Voronezh, Stalingrad, Rostov, Taganrod, Kharkov, and on the way home, Leningrad. I conveyed your greetings wherever we went and they were glad to have these remembrances.

We attended four services in Moscow on the outward journey and a farewell service on our return. Everywhere, both in Moscow and in the cities in the Ukraine, there were crowded congregations, people standing tightly together for services which lasted sometimes as long as 2½ hours. We took part in a baptismal service in Moscow when 31 candidates were baptised, part of 400 who have this year applied for baptism.

Wherever we went we were allowed to visit the important building and there was a good deal of re-building going on, especially in devastated cities like Stalingrad. In Moscow we had lunch with the American Ambassador and were similarly received by our British Ambassador. We also paid a visit to the Commissioner who is in charge of religious work in the Soviet Union and in every way were made conscious of real welcome.

The people were very excited by our visit and I noticed that when we landed at Moscow airport, President Zhidkov was wearing a B.W.A. badge. I am more than hopeful that we shall have a Russian delegation to London for the Congress next year.

We found Baptist people, who number 512,000 in more than 5,000 churches, in good heart, and overjoyed at the prospect of more fellowship with our Baptist folk in other parts of the world. They have freedom of worship, which means that they can gather freely in their churches; but there is no organized youth work or any of the organizations with which we are familiar in the West.

When I see you toward the end of August I shall be able to tell you a good deal that cannot be put in letters, but we are all, I think, pleasantly surprised by the manifest vigor of our Baptist witness. There is no doubt that our Baptist cause ranks with the Orthodox Church as a most important religious witness in the U.S.S.R., just now.

There is no doubt in my mind that the visit had full Soviet sponsorship and whatever be the cause of it, it is clear that conditions have eased considerably in the last year or two. You will have many questions to ask, I know, when

we meet but I thought I would let you have this advance note about our general impression.

Ever cordially,
F. TOWNLEY LORD

Mission Gifts Continue to Climb

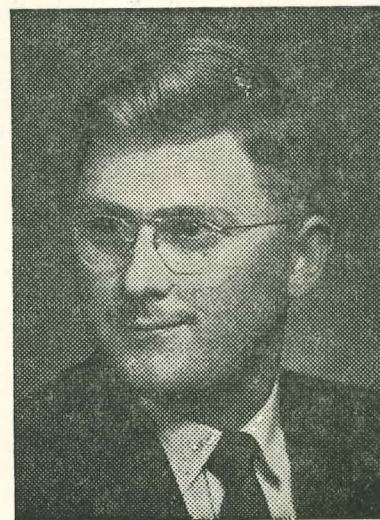
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Gifts to Baptist mission causes received through the Cooperative Program during the month of June reached a total of \$762,130. This brings the total for the first six months of 1954, to \$5,519,273, an increase of \$628,416 or 12.85 per cent over the first six months of 1953, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Designated gifts received in June totaled \$199,299, bringing the year's total to \$5,395,978. This is a gain of \$392,686 or 7.85 per cent over the same period last year.

Alaska, District of Columbia, and Virginia are the only states not showing an increase in Cooperative Program receipts when compared with the same period in 1953.

Parkville's Pastor W. O. Willham Becomes Assistant at Mobile

Brother W. O. Willham, who recently was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in May, is the new assistant pastor to Dr. Howard M. Reaves at the First Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama. He formerly was pastor of the Parkville Baptist Church, Boyle County, Kentucky. He is a son of Mrs. Oliver Wilham, Harrodsburg, Ky. Before coming to Southern Seminary, he was graduated from the Harrodsburg High School and Georgetown College. His wife is the former Miss Gene Gardner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gardner, also of Harrodsburg. They have one daughter, Johanna, three and a half years of age.



W. O. Willham

The Curse of God

*By Emmett McLoughlin

On June 2, 1954, there were two Catholic patients in Memorial Hospital in Phoenix, of which I am superintendent. One was Mrs. X. The other was Sammy Burns.

Mrs. X was in premature labor. She was five months pregnant. She was extremely anxious and worried and the doctor feared a post-partum psychosis. He carefully explained that miscarriages are not uncommon and that the chances were very slim that her baby would live. The baby did not live.

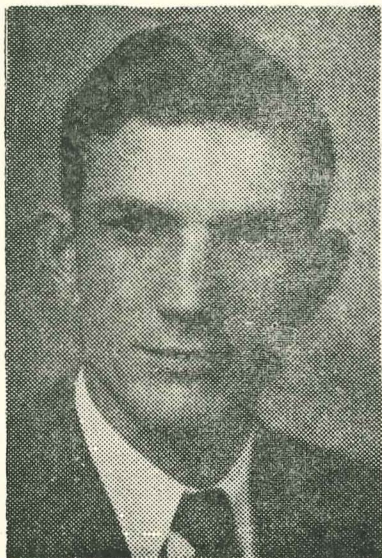
Sammy, aged 14, had been bitten by a dog while delivering newspapers. His parents had requested the Pasteur Antibiotics treatment. Sammy turned out to be the one in 10,000 who is sensitive to the vaccine. He was dying of post-vaccinal encephalitis. He was a devout little Catholic boy. The priest anointed him and the Arizona Republic announced on the front page that the children of St. Francis Xavier School would attend special masses and pray for Sammy.

A priest also visited Mrs. X right after her baby died. He strongly upbraided her for being unfaithful to the Catholic Church. He told her that the death of her baby was a curse from God because she had come to Memorial Hospital (which Catholics consider to be a Baptist institution) and because she was not married by a priest.

Mrs. X became hysterical and began

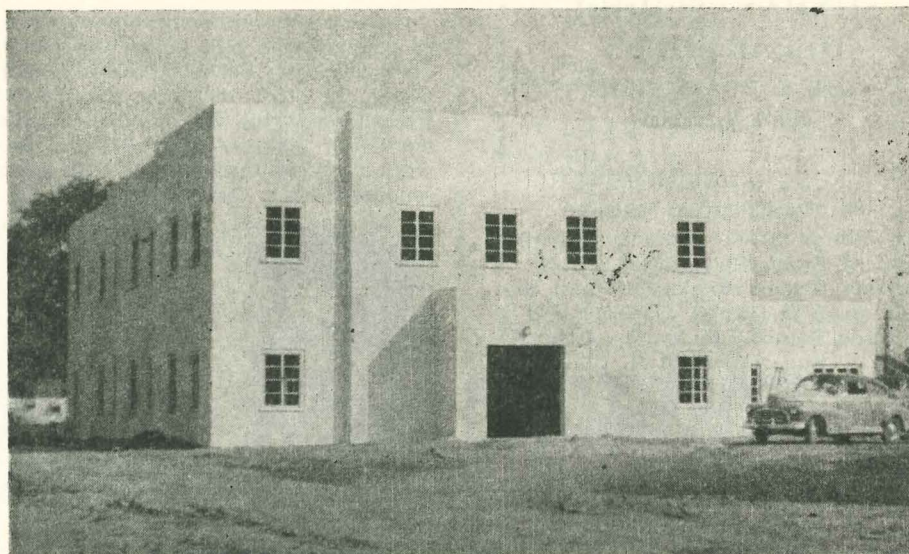
Clear Creek Teacher Resumes Studies

Prof. J. T. Lockridge, for the past year a teacher and registrar in Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, Pineville, Ky., has resigned those two posts to enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in September to continue training for the ministry. Mr. Lockridge served as director of associational Training Union work in North Carolina before coming to Clear Creek.



J. T. Lochridge

New Building of First Church, Clarksville, Ind., Dedicated



Pastor William Lee led in the dedication of the new building of the First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Ind., located on a five acre lot near the Clarksville High School, on June 6. This is the first unit in an over-all plan. This building cost approximately \$25,000, but an additional outlay will be necessary later on when stone or brick exterior is added. With an original nest egg of \$8,000, the church financed the building by loans from the Long Run Association and Home Mission Board.

to slip into a psychotic state. The intern on duty, a husky young doctor from the University of Illinois, wanted to horsewhip the priest.

If God cursed Mrs. X for her sins, why did He curse devout little Sammy Burns—or did He?

By what authority does any priest interpret the mind of God—or the misfortunes of nature?

Sometimes the Catholic clergy reveal unbelievable depths of either ignorance or cruelty.

*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.

Note-burning at First Church, Jeffersontown

Representing the payment of debts of \$15,000 on the present structure, a note-burning was conducted by Pastor Chester C. Irvin at the First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown on a recent Sunday. Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins preached on "The Genesis of Our Southern Baptist Program of Advance," which he applied effectively to the problems of Jeffersontown and of its demands. He focused the minds on the live opportunity awaiting a community until only recently a country town, now fast becoming a suburban area with hundreds of houses being erected all around. He called attention to the demands it will take to fulfill these new opportunities to lay hold on the possibilities. Dr. Dobbins predicted that the Jeffersontown church should have at least 1,000 members within less than ten years, encouraging the church to be as faithful in the future as they have been in the past.

Julian Alcorn, chairman, and the entire group of deacons assisted Pastor Irvin in the note-burning.

Logana Baptist Church Organized by East Hickman In Elkhorn Territory

The East Hickman Baptist Church organized its mission at Logana, Ky., into a church June 24. The church had held a tent meeting in this locality for seven summers. In April, 1953, the church organized a Sunday school in a concrete block building, which the church members, with community cooperation, had erected. The Sunday school had 26 members, but there are 131 now enrolled.

In August, 1953, East Hickman called Rev. Colby Ragland as assistant pastor, primarily to have charge of the Logana Mission. The work grew, and the first of June, at the request of the mission, the church voted to permit them to organize as a church. Brother James Masterson was the council moderator, and serving with him on the council were: Clarence Walker, Clarence R. Brock, Cody Johnson, E. S. Ward, Clyde West, Grover Rupard, O. J. Hisel and J. W. Hisel.

Rev. Cody Ragland was elected pastor and Elmer Peel, clerk.

Pastor Clarence Walker delivered a sermon on the duties, obligations and responsibilities of a church.

►The Hite Run Church, in Breckenridge Association, has just closed a revival in which 16 were added, 9 of whom were by baptism. Also 11 new tithers were enlisted and 8 new family altars were started. Pastor Wallace Morris, Mt. Eden Church in Blackford Association, was the evangelist, assisting Pastor William Varble, who has conducted 11 revivals at Hite Run in the 16 years he has been pastor there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT
State Secretary

Standard Sunday Schools

Ages—Pastor T. J. Ingram; Superintendent Frank Chandler.
Riverside—Pastor Ralph S. Voris; Superintendent John S. Osborne, Jr.
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle—Pastor L. C. Ray; Superintendent H. L. Taylor.
Mt. Pleasant—Pastor Robert Bullock; Superintendent Glen Price.
Marion—Pastor Shelby Beaty; Superintendent James Carnahan.
Louisville, Audubon—Pastor Audrey Granade; Supt. H. Wendell Mayhall.
Paducah, Trinity—Pastor Rudy Bolland; Superintendent Roscoe H. Park.

Rockcastle County Is Standard



Raymond Lawrence

We offer our sincere congratulations to the Sunday school organization of the Rockcastle Association upon having reached the Standard of Excellence. This is the first time in the history of this association it has attained such outstanding work. It is no easy matter for any association to accomplish this task. Under the leadership of Rev. Raymond Lawrence, Associational Superintendent and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, and through the co-operation of the Sunday school superintendents and pastors each point on the Standard has been met. The Sunday schools which reached the Standard are: Brodhead, Flat Gap, Freedom, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon, Pine Hill and Watts Chapel.

We now have six Standard Associations. They are: Caldwell, Laurel River, Nelson, Ohio Valley, Rockcastle and Ten Mile.

There are several associations that are close to meeting all the points on the Standard. Time will soon be up for this year. If your association is about ready to make application will you strive to have your application on the desk of your State Secretary within the next few weeks?

Cedarmore Sunday School Week, August 9-13, 1954

On this page are some other pictures of persons who will be on the faculty during Sunday School Week at Cedarmore. In other issues of the Western Recorder you will find pictures of other workers. Make August 9-13 a good week for your teachers and officers by sending them to Cedarmore:



Ernest J. Loessner
Night Speaker



E. L. Crosby
Director of Music



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Lawrence Holzschuh
Ex. Dept. Conference Leader

Following are the other conference Leaders whose pictures appeared in a recent issue of the Recorder: Miss Mary Ella Davis, Nursery; Mrs. Wheeler Thompson, Beginner; Mrs. A. B. Colvin, Primary; Mrs. Paul Fox, Junior; Mrs. C. S. Hodge, Intermediate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JULY 18, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	78	654
Unity	74	420
Bardstown	---	294
Bellevue	53	385
Benton	62	203
Blackford	91	215
Bowling Green (2)	216	1,161
Burlington	81	275
Campbellsville (3)	---	619
South Campbellsville	---	261
Carrollton	---	215
Central City (1)	197	---
Corbin, Central (1)	96	460
Covington, Calvary	---	634
Latonia (2)	169	900
South Side	113	446
Crestwood	49	238
Cynthiana (2)	---	389
Danville, First (3)	204	593
Lexington Avenue (1)	---	463
Dawson Springs	---	267
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	---	720
Erlanger	60	339
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	103	562
Falmouth	---	222
Ferguson (1)	57	265
Frankfort, Crestwood	51	247
First (1)	---	695
Thorn Hill	111	304
Fulton	142	471
Glasgow (1)	89	583
Greensburg	56	221
Greenville, First	131	346
Harlan	118	643
Harrodsburg (2)	196	861
Deep Creek	---	219
Hawesville	---	221
Hazard	82	306
Henderson, First	174	476
Immanuel Temple (1)	93	589
Hodgenville, First (1)	102	439
Hopkinsville, First (1)	119	689
Second	123	794
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	304
Lawrenceburg, First	51	311
Sand Spring	42	267
Lebanon, First	97	406
Leitchfield	74	277
Lexington, Calvary (2)	99	738
Fellership	---	439
Grace (1)	112	671
Hillcrest	---	297
Immanuel	210	705
London, First (1)	147	596
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	157	628
Baptist Temple	---	269
Beechmont (2)	114	838
Bethlehem	66	239
Buechel	---	242
Carlisle Avenue (2)	194	1,211
Clifton (1)	83	362
Crescent Hill (2)	146	813
Deer Park	---	404
Eastern Parkway	73	496
Farmdale	---	339
Harmony	119	246
Hazelwood	64	391
Highland (1)	127	422
Immanuel	67	358
Jeffersonton	45	245
Kenwood	---	204
Lee's Lane	111	272
Okolona	33	412
Parkland	189	840
St. Matthews (1)	145	633
Shively	128	716
South Jefferson	104	568
Twenty-third and Broadway (2)	145	585
Victory Memorial	193	---
Virginia Avenue	---	223
Walnut Street (4)	224	1,425
West Broadway (1)	120	569
Ludlow, First	88	328
Madisonville, First	206	918
Marion	91	237
East Cumberland Avenue	---	253
Monticello, First	89	259
Morganfield, First (1)	---	430
Morgantown	131	231
Mt. Vernon, First	105	535
Mt. Washington	75	259
Murray, First (1)	---	824
Newport, First (2)	124	674
Trinity	---	232
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	128	459
Eaton Memorial	159	990
First (1)	149	958
Hall Street (1)	---	461
Seven Hills	75	256
Third (1)	260	979
Paducah, East	152	446
First (1)	128	520
Oaklawn (1)	122	278
Twelfth Street (1)	116	333
Paintsville, First (3)	56	259
Pineville, First (1)	176	424
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial (5)	---	332
Princeton, First (1)	---	568

(Continued on Page 13)

**Baptist Training
Union Department**

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

**Kentuckian Robt. Lancaster,
Makes First Place in Ridge-
crest Speakers' Tournament**



Robert Lancaster

Mr. Robert Lancaster, member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, was accorded first place in the Southern Baptist Young People's Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, July 10. Mr. Lancaster first represented his home church in the associational and regional tournaments. Last April at the Kentucky State Training Union Convention at Madisonville, Miss Carolyn Sue Lovins, of the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky, was accorded first place in the state tournament, and Robert was given second place. However, Miss Lovins was unable to go to Ridgecrest on account of an automobile accident, so Robert represented Kentucky there.

**Also Verna Mae Ping,
Kentuckian, is Intermediate
Winner At Ridgecrest**



Verna Mae Ping

We are happy to congratulate Miss Verna Mae Ping from Somerset, Kentucky and from the South Central Region for doing such an excellent job in representing our State at Ridgecrest by winning first place in the Intermediate Sword Drill. Also, we wish to express our appreciation to those who have helped in training Verna Mae in the Intermediate Sword Drill Work.

Experiences At Glorieta

By Howard R. Newsom

I am glad to have an opportunity to express my appreciation to the Baptist

Training Union for making possible my trip to Glorieta, New Mexico. As I think of my experiences during those two weeks, I find it hard to describe with words just how much they meant to me.

Certainly my heart was thrilled by the strange and interesting sights which I had long desired to see. For example, the Indian pueblos with their adobe buildings reaching five stories high in places. Also, it was quite a thrill to visit the ruins of an Indian village which was probably flourishing with life around 1100 A.D. Then, there was the thrill of seeing the original paintings of many of the great artists of our land, who have gathered in New Mexico to paint the lovely nature scenes there. One could go on and on describing the man-made wonders which one has an opportunity to see while traveling through that part of our land.

But even a deeper impression was left in my heart as I thought of the power of God evidenced so wondrously in nature itself. One can hardly help but to think of this power of God as he gazes out over miles and miles of rocky, desert land and then to turn his eyes upon the snow caps of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Also, there were the deep gorges cut by the Rio Grande through mountains of rocky, molten lava. No doubt, I will always remember these wonderful scenes of nature.

Besides these heart-lifting experiences of external sights, I am also thankful for the messages of those men of God who spoke to us at Glorieta and gave us an internal vision of the hope for a new world.

If we are to do our best as Christians, we must seek to understand our neighbors and their ways of life. I can think of no other way which this may be better accomplished, than by traveling through their part of the country and mixing and talking with them. For this opportunity, I am also thankful, because I believe it will further enable me to help others.

I trust that other young men and women who enter the Training Union Better Speakers' Contest, will have the same opportunity in the future to go to Glorieta and receive the same blessing that I found there.

► Arthur Tyson, chairman of the social science division and professor of history at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, has been elected president of Mary-Hardin-Baylor College, Belton. He succeeds A. C. Gettys, who has been acting president since July 1, 1952, and who will be given an honorary degree this fall.

► The Bethabara Baptist Church, Habit, Ky., in Daviess-McLean Association, recently closed an 8-day revival. Pastor P. C. Church was in charge, with Pastor Tom Goad, Friendship Church, as the evangelist. There were 27 additions, 11 by letter and 16 for baptism. Four new members came into the church by letter a few Sundays previous to the revival, making a total of 31 new members.

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Foreign Mission Graded Series Study Books, 1954

The Foreign Mission Graded Series of Study books to be used this fall in preparation for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions are expected to be in the Baptist Book Stores by August 1. The study for this year is Brazil, the great country to the south of us. The books for adults and young people are 60c each and the books for children, 35c. The Leader's helps are available free from the Foreign Mission Board. We expect to have a supply of these helps in our state office, also, available free upon request.

Plan now for interesting classes in the study of these books. Attend conferences at Cedarmore and Ridgecrest for new ideas in teaching methods.



ADULTS — Pilgrimage to Brazil, by Everett Gill, Jr. A companion book to Dr. Gill's Pilgrimage to Spanish America published in 1951, which gives a state-by-state survey of Southern Baptist missions in Brazil. Leaders' Helps by Mrs. John Maguire, mission study chairman of WMU of Florida.

YOUNG PEOPLE — Land of Many Worlds, by Robert G. Bratcher. The author, son of our Kentucky missionaries, was born in Brazil. In this book he follows the experiences of a newly appointed missionary couple as they choose their field and begin their service in Brazil. Leaders' Helps, by Mrs. N. B. Moon, pastor's wife, W. M. U. leader.



Townsend, hostess, William Carey Hall, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

INTERMEDIATES — Flying Missionaries, by Robert Standley. A missionary pilot relates the adventures experienced in taking the gospel by plane to Equatorial Brazil's remote settlements. Leaders' Helps by Mrs. Sibyl



JUNIORS — Adventure in Brazil, by Aleene Wise. A story based on Mrs. Wise's seven years as a child in Brazil, where her father was employed at a lumber mill, and of her call later to mission service.

Leaders' Helps, by Miss Mary Christian, Book Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board.

PRIMARIES — Little Missionary, by Joan Riffey Sutton. Joan relates the story of a Primary girl who went to Brazil with her missionary parents.

Leaders' Helps, by Miss Genevieve Greer, Book Editor, Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C.



BACKGROUND BOOKS — Bagbys of Brazil, by Helen Bagby Harrison. The biography of William and Anne Bagby and the story of the beginning of Southern Baptist missions in Brazil.

OR — *The Apostle of the Amazon*, by L. M. Bratcher. The biography of Erik Nelson and the story of the beginning of Baptist missions in Equatorial Brazil (Published in 1951).

We expect to have a new leaflet in our office soon, and will enclose them with the materials in the annual packages to go out for the beginning of the new year. It is the 1954 Foreign Mission Study leaflet which gives the list of these books, some new leaflets available from the Foreign Mission Board, and a list of movies, and filmstrips on Brazil, as well as some on the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer. Watch for this leaflet, or order it from the Foreign Mission Board. In addition to the Leader's Helps there is also a free packet of materials on Brazil.

More About Cedarmore

In keeping with the policy of Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C., for emphasizing one phase of our work each year with a south-wide council for state chairmen of one phase of our work, to be followed by special emphasis in the States, our special emphasis this year at Cedarmore will be Mission Study. There will not be a special day for this Mission Study emphasis, as we have had in the past, but there will be a special period each day at which different

phases of Mission Study will be presented in a Mission Study Emphasis period, under the director of our State Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Frank Hill. There will also be a special feature in the form of a Missionary Study Banquet. There will be a Book Fair. The adult book in the 1954 Foreign Series will be taught in a class period each day, a demonstration class showing methods you can use in your Mission Study Class this fall.

Another special feature will be a Tea to be given one afternoon in the form of a "Trip Around the World."

Watch this page each week for more about Cedarmore during WMU Week.

Remember—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, Superintendent, Young People's Leader, Mission Study Chairman, Community Missions and Stewardship chairmen. If five come in your car we will pay 5c per mile on your expenses, if four—4c, three—3c, etc.

The agreement is, if you accept expense funds you agree 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.

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO ATTEND

WMU Conference, Ridgecrest—
 August 5-11

(Note the correct date—the one in
 Keynotes is wrong.)

WMU Conference, Cedarmore—
 August 23-27

BWC Camp, Cedarmore—
 September 4-6

►All churches in Ohio Valley Association had VBSs this summer except three. three.

►Pastor and Mrs. George S. Munro, of the Gano Avenue Baptist Church of Georgetown, Kentucky, are returning to New Zealand to visit their relatives this summer. They have been away from their New Zealand home for six years. They came to Louisville with their six year old son to attend the Southern Seminary, and later went to Georgetown College. They expect to be in "the land down under" for six or seven weeks, and will then return to the Gano Avenue Church, and Brother Munro will pursue post-graduate studies in the University of Kentucky. Dr. Chauncey Daley, of the Georgetown faculty, will be interim pastor at Gano Avenue Church during their absence.

For August 8, 1954

by **H. C. Chiles**

Choosing the Best

One cannot exercise too much care and wisdom in the making of life's numerous choices. Therefore, the Christian should guard against allowing the good to become the enemy of the best. If he will only strive diligently to cultivate the habit of choosing the best, he will discover that his spiritual growth will be far more healthy and his Christian service will be much more satisfactory.

Matthew 6:25-33.

This passage is a part of the Sermon on the Mount, which is one of the most solemn and instructive portions of the Word. It reminds us that two things harass the minds of people, anxiety about today and fear of tomorrow. Our Lord is not telling us that intelligent forethought and industry in providing for our daily needs and the needs of our loved ones are not good and proper, but He is warning us against the sin of worry.

Our Lord plainly shows that the antidote for worry is trust in God. Worry is simply a distrust of God. Worry is due to one's thinking that God is either incapable of supplying His needs or that He will forget to do so. In the measure that one is anxious about his material needs, he shows a lack of faith in the ability, love and willingness of God. Regardless of what thought or concern one exercises concerning material needs, they can only be provided according to His will. He insists that life is more than things, therefore, they should be our servants instead of our masters.

In His attempt to get us to live without anxiety, our Lord points us to nature for some good examples. The fowls of the air neither sow nor reap, and yet they do not go hungry. The birds do not worry about what they shall eat and drink, and yet God takes care of them. Since these inferior creatures are fed by the Heavenly Father, without a care on their part, He will certainly be mindful of His children and feed them.

Furthermore, the lovely lilies preach a wonderfully convincing sermon against our care-filled, harassed and troubled lives. The lilies are submissive to the divine will. They appropriate what God provides and share it with others. We are impressed with the fact that the lilies are just what they seem to be and no more. What a fine virtue is genuineness! How repellent is hypocrisy and insincerity! What poor creatures we become when we try to pose as other than we are, and to impress people as being what we are not!

Our Lord's illustration of the care-free birds and the untailing lilies indicates that anxiety is unnecessary on the part of the children of God, for our Heavenly Father knows all of our needs.

As certainly as He feeds the birds and clothes the flowers, He will feed and clothe the Christian. Since He cares for the least of His creatures, He certainly will care for those who trust in Him.

Christ is saying that the first step toward getting what we need in life is a proper relationship to God and His program. Right relationship to God and devotion to Him and His way of life for us will insure happy, useful and successful living. Our Lord commands us to put first things first. So many put last things first, but really intend to attend to first things by and by. Primary things are frequently neglected because of absorption in things which are secondary. Unless His command, to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, is obeyed, the promise will not be fulfilled. Give God His rightful place in your life and He will see to it that all these things will be added. Lack of trust in Him reminds us of the words of Elizabeth Cheney.

"Said the Robin to the Sparrow:

'I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so.'

Said the Sparrow to the Robin:

'Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no Heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me.'"

Philippians 1:9-11

Paul was moved to pray for the Philippian Christians. They loved the Lord and His apostle devotedly, and expressed their love by sharing the gospel of Christ with others. Paul prayed that the full tide of their love might be confined to the proper channels and kept free from all that was selfish and impure. He prayed that their love might grow richer in two respects, in an accurate knowledge of the right and in an unusual alertness in applying such a knowledge to the daily experiences of life.

Paul also prayed that they might have a discerning love, or the ability to detect the good from the bad, even if they looked alike. He longed for them to have a transparent love, or to be known on the outside for what they were on the inside. A sincere Christian is one who does not have anything made up in his life; he is just what people see him to be seven days each week. There is no place for hypocrisy in the life of a child of God. Paul also asked the Lord that the Philippian Christians might be filled with the fruits of righteousness, as a result of their union with Christ.

Philippians 4:8

This exhortation is meant for every believer in Christ. In it Paul challenges all Christians to cultivate elevating

thoughts. It urges us to meditate on the things which are worthy of praise—things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. As Christians we should strive to be as like our Lord now as it is possible for us to be, looking forward to the time when we shall be just like Him.

Gleanings

► Joseph McClain, Oklahoma, has been elected head of the Department of Religion at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.

► The Morganfield Church has plans completed for the erection of a new building. They will begin construction in the near future.

► Dr. and Mrs. John L. Riffey, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, will soon return to the States on furlough, and after August 1 they may be addressed at 3003 Aubert Avenue, Louisville.

► Dr. W. Herschel Ford has just celebrated his seventh anniversary with the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas. There have been 4,114 additions with 1,033 coming by baptism. Gifts to Missions, \$332,946, and total gifts of \$1,480,194.

► The second Ohio Valley Associational Brotherhood rally was held July 9 at the First Baptist Church, Sturgis, Ky., with 106 present. The host church served the dinner in a grove at the Sturgis Airport Park. Travis Nash, Lexington, Kentucky representative on the Southwide Brotherhood conference, was the speaker.

► The Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky., has resumed work on the church building and plans to finish up with brick veneer this summer. The members have made quite a sacrifice of money to have this done says Pastor LeRoy A. Blewer, who graduated from the Southern Seminary this June and now lives in Richmond.

► Dr. Carroll Hubbard and Singer David Cuttino, both of the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville assisted Pastor Charles W. Elsey in an eight-day revival at the First Church, Shelbyville, which closed July 4. Dr. Elsey writes: "We could not have had better helpers. Despite the unseasonably warm weather, we had consistently good attendance. There were 16 additions, 14 of whom were by experience. Dr. Hubbard did the kind of preaching our day greatly needs. He is a delightful fellow worker, tireless and unsparing of himself."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JULY 13, 1954

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Northside (1)	114	246
Somerset, Calvary	175	272
First	---	625
Pleasant Hill No. 2	42	222
Sonora	90	224
Springfield, First	143	491
Sturgis, First	---	266
Versailles	---	372
Williamsburg, First (1)	54	364
Willisburg	94	271
Winchester, First	113	423

Midway Baptist Church, in Caldwell Baptist Association, Burns Building Debt Note

Recently the Midway Baptist Church, Caldwell Association, dedicated its church building debt free. Services were held both morning and afternoon, with Rev. G. R. Pendergraph, rural worker, bringing the morning message and Dr. Fred M. Wood bringing the dedicatory message in the afternoon. Approximately 500 were present. The Midway Church, one of the nicest rural churches in the state with a pastorium adjoining the church lot, is the result of the merging of the Otter Pond and Harmony Baptist Churches. The church is six years old and has had only three pastors, Dr. Fred M. Wood, Rev. O. G. Piddy and their present pastor, Rev. J. R. Puckett. The climaxing hour in the dedication service was the burning of the note which signified that the building was free from any indebtedness. Those who partici-



pated in the burning of the note are (reading from left to right): Burnice Jones, chairman of the Deacons; Earl Wood, church treasurer; Garland Shoul-

der, deacon; and Rev. J. R. Puckett, pastor.—G. R. Pendergraph, Rural Church Worker, Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Ky.

Prince E. Claybrook, To Preach in Lebanon Junction Revival



Prince E. Claybrook

Pastor Prince E. Claybrook, just called to the care of the First Baptist Church, Cynthiana, Kentucky, is to assist Pastor Joe Canzoneri in a revival meeting at the Lebanon Junction Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, August 15-29. This is a return engagement for

Brother Claybrook at Lebanon Junction, for he had a meeting there some time ago, and also it was at Lebanon Junction that he preached his first sermon after surrendering to preach while he was stationed at Fort Knox.

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. LUCY EVANS

OAKLAWN, Ky. — On May 9, 1954, it was the will of God to take from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Lucy Evans. Therefore we submit the following resolutions:

That in her death, Oaklawn Baptist Church has lost a devoted member, whose loyalty to her church and family was an inspiration to all who knew her.

That the W. M. U. has lost a good and faithful member and the community in which she lived has lost a useful citizen.

That while she is gone, the memory of her

Fourteen

Christian life shall long live in our hearts.—Mrs. Good Reynolds, Mrs. Ambrose Pennington, and Mrs. Garnett Hackney, Committee.

MRS. SALLIE GIBBS

CAMPTON, Ky. — God, in His infinite wisdom, called our beloved sister, Mrs. Sallie Gibbs, to go to be with Him whom she loved and served for many years, on April 23, 1954. A member of the Campton Baptist Church and the W. M. S., and a teacher in the rural public schools for fifty years, she gave of her time and talents so generously to others.

She leaves a son and two daughters, besides one brother and one sister, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.—Lena H. Dedman, Kathryn Rose and Ruth Cox, Committee.

ELIZABETH MITTLEBEELER ROBINSON

In the home going of Mrs. Elizabeth Mittlebeeler Robinson on May 28, 1954, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville lost its gifted young president. Though she was in office for not more than eight months, her successful leadership showed itself in the program of W.M.S. focus week in January. Her complete familiarity with the work, her natural poise, and her attractive personality were apparent to all on that occasion.

The remarkable thing about Elizabeth was not that she died so young, but that she lived so well. Her example is an inspiration to many. To the young women of our church she showed what a completely consecrated young life can mean for the kingdom. The older women, measuring their efforts by hers, will feel ashamed to give less than their

best. Elizabeth gave all that she had in intellectual achievement and preparation for such a position, in spiritual maturity and much more than she had in physical strength and amazing endurance. Her interest was not confined to the Woman's Society alone; she was a loyal participant in all of the activities of the church.

Her family, friends, and students shall long remember the radiant smile that even serious illness failed to conquer. Truly she was "sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust." Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning (Psalms 30:5).—Committee: Mrs. Leonard W. Doolan, Mrs. George Weise, and Mrs. J. B. Fowler.

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Off For Ridgecrest

Today, we leave for Ridgecrest, North Carolina, where we will attend Brotherhood and Foreign Missions week at our assembly there. Your secretary will help lead the Brotherhood Conferences for pastors and presidents. Several men from our state will be there and we are looking forward to fellowship with them and with other Brotherhood leaders from all over the Southern Baptist Convention. We will return to our office August 5.

Attend Your Association Meeting

Annual Associational meetings are already in progress for this year. We

would urge the men of our churches to attend the meeting of their association this year. You will hear reports of the various phases of our denominational program, local, state and south-wide. You will receive inspiration as well as information from these reports. You will hear good preaching. It is your meeting and we urge the laymen to attend these meetings and to take part in them. Why not?

October 10—A Big Day

October 10 will be a great day for the laymen of our state and every other state in the Southern Baptist Convention. This is to be LAYMEN'S DAY in all of our churches. Brother Pastor, make your plans now to observe this day as a special opportunity to recognize the men of your church. Let a Layman fill your pulpit at one of the services that day. Invite the men of your church to provide the music at this service. "The difference in church is the enlisted man-power."

The Fellowship of Believers

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Some metallic souls are unable to forgive even once. Others may be willing to forgive once or twice, but the third time a man sins he is damned in their sight. The Jewish rabbis thought that it was not enough until a man was forgiven three times. After that he merits no forgiveness. So Peter was in the seventh heaven of human greatness when he put his eager question to Je-

sus. How he must have come down to earth again when Jesus said: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:22). Jesus taught us to forgive seven times in one day (Luke 17:4), but for a life there are no limits to the practice of forgiveness. . . .

The parable (Matthew 18:23-35) presents a powerful picture of forgiveness. A servant owes a king ten million dollars and pleads for the opportunity to pay everything. At a servant's wage he would have to live several lives to pay that much of a debt. The king has mercy and forgives the whole debt, but as the servant goes out he meets a fellow servant who owes him twenty dollars. Seizing his fellow servant by the throat he remains unmoved by the plea for patience and time—a plea he had just answered by the king. After throwing the helpless fellow in prison the word got around to the king who threw him in jail until he paid the debt of a million dollars. In prison he would never pay it, but that is not the point. The real point is that we are to forgive the fellow servant the twenty dollars he owed because God has forgiven us the impossible debt of sin. We have been forgiven. Let us forgive our debtors as God forgives our debts.

►Dr. Arthur Fox, evangelist of Norris-town, Tenn., recently conducted a revival with the First Baptist Church of Princeton, Ky., of which H. G. M. Hatler is pastor. There were 26 professions of faith.

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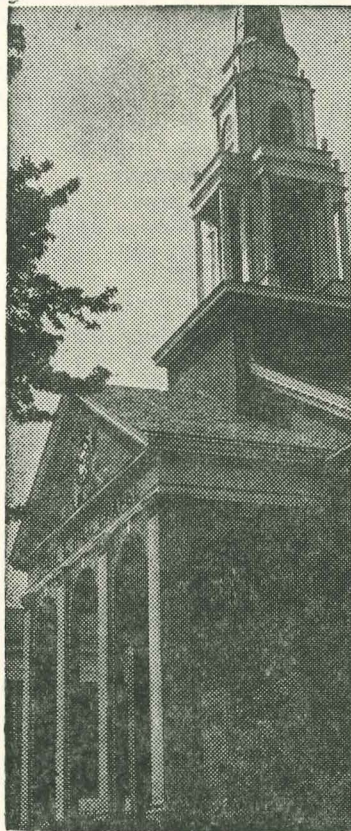
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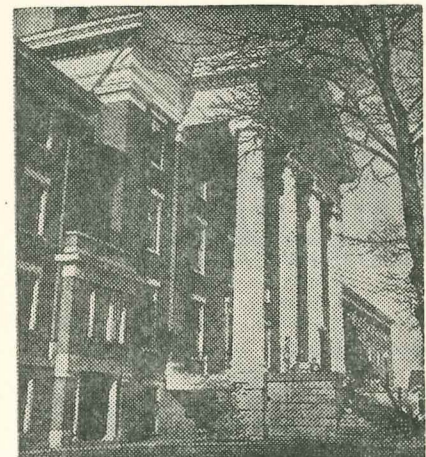
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