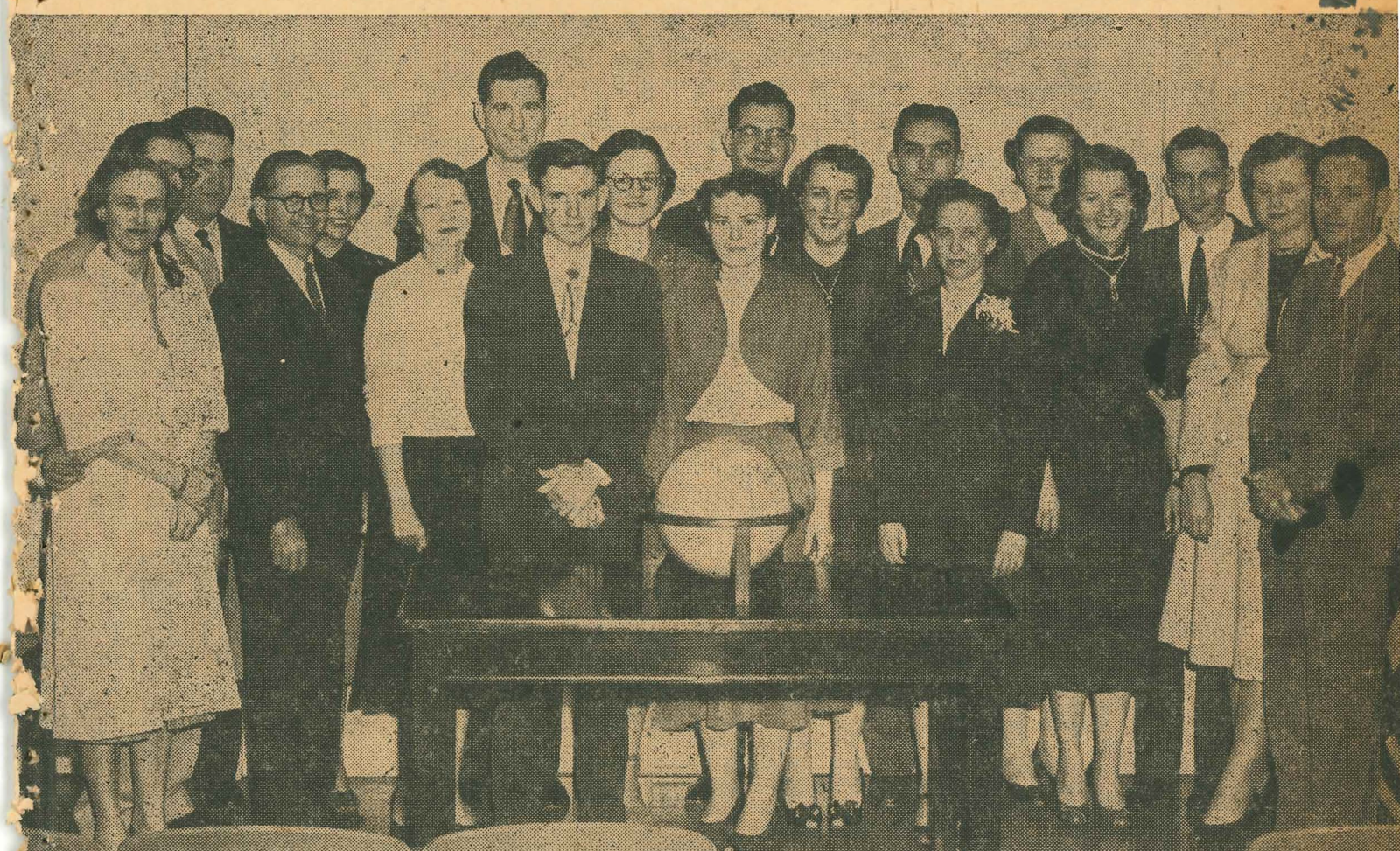


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These 19 young people were appointed foreign missionaries at the March meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They are (left to right): Harold E. Renfrow and Nona Baumgartner Renfrow, both of Missouri, for Brazil; Ancil B. Scull, Indiana, for Indonesia; Ross B. Fryer, Jr., Texas, for Indonesia; Rubye Northcutt Scull, Oklahoma; Mary Lynn Baker Fryer, Arkansas; Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., North Carolina, for Brazil; William S. Wester, Georgia, for Southern Rhodesia; Mariruth Barker Hawkins, Tennessee; Blanche Clement Wester, Louisiana; Dewey E. Mercer, Kentucky, and Ramona Hall Mercer, Tennessee, for Japan; S. Judson Lennon and Harriett Orr Lennon, both of North Carolina, for Thailand; Lucy E. Wagner, Missouri, for Korea; Carl F. Yarnell, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Pate Yarnell, both of Tennessee, for Malaya; and Samuel L. Jones and Ona Knight Jones, both of Texas, for Southern Rhodesia.

►Floyd B. Chaffin, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, has announced the election of Fred Forester, formerly of Bessemer City, N.C., as state Brotherhood secretary for Louisiana. His new headquarters will be in the Louisiana Baptist Building, Alexandria, La.

►Brother Chester C. Irvin has resigned as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jeffersonton, Ky., to undertake post graduate studies. He has been pastor of Kentucky churches during the last five years. His new address for the present is 1915 Warfield Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

►Leonard Sanderson has been elected by Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, as its associate executive secretary in charge of promotion. He will hold his new position in addition to his former duties as secretary of the department of evangelism and promotion.

►Congressman Eugene E. Siler, Washington, D. C., and Williamsburg, Ky., and until recently moderator for two years of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, was the principal speaker at the Illinois Baptist State Brotherhood Convention which met at the First Baptist Church, Granite City, Illinois, March 24-25.

►Churches throughout the Convention are being asked to set April 24, 1955, as Intermediate Day in each church and a special effort made to win lost Intermediates to Christ. Life's greatest decisions can be made on this day by this important age group. Every church should plan to observe Intermediate Day. For suggestions on planning this day write to your state Sunday school secretary, Roy E. Boatwright, or to the Baptist Sunday School Board and ask for the new leaflet just released by the Sunday School Department.

►Pastor Joe Canzoneri writes of the ordination of William Newman, one of their finest young men, as a deacon of the First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, February 20. Pastor Roland Powell, Mt. Moriah Church at Boston, delivered a message on "The Relation of the Church Toward Its Deacons," and Dr. J. T. Burdine, Jr., Bardstown, spoke on "The Deacon, His Life and His Work." Pastor Clyde Simms, Mt. Carmel, offered the opening prayer, and Pastor W. Y. Wilson, Vine Hill, the ordination prayer.

►The Dawson Springs Progress carries the story of the recent ground breaking ceremony held at the First Baptist Church of Dawson Springs on February 13. The new building is expected to cost \$50,000 and will be an annex to the present structure. It will be of concrete block construction, with colonial sand face brick veneer. It will contain

space for eleven departments and 20 class rooms, pastor's study, office, heating facilities and a library. Ultimately, the church intends to increase its present meeting house to a seating capacity of 500, according to Pastor Jesse S. Bell.

►The North Bend Associational Training Union held a mass meeting in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Covington, March 14. Special music was provided by one of the younger choirs of the church and by Mrs. Charles Garringer, wife of the pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Covington. Pastor Jack P. Lowndes, of Erlanger Baptist Church, is director of North Bend Training Union. John Edmund Haggai, pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, addressed the meeting in which approximately 250 were present representing 15 churches.

►Dr. Prue H. Kelly, pastor Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, Ky., will assist in revivals at Bennettsville, S. C., March 21-27, and the following week at Hodges, S. C., where he held his first pastorate. During his absence from Kentucky the Springfield pulpit will be supplied by Dr. Wm. L. Jester, a missionary to Africa for the last 27 years. Dr. Jester, long professor of Old Testament in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, is this year visiting teacher in Georgetown College. On Dr. Kelly's return to Kentucky he will hold a revival at Willisburg beginning April 4 and at Morgantown beginning April 11. The revival in the Springfield Church will begin April 17.

►The Nelson Association had a Week of Missions Emphasis recently, in which fourteen churches participated. Conferences were conducted by a number of foreign missionaries, including: Dr. Robert Bratcher, Brazil; Antonina Canzoneri, Nigeria; Dr. J. L. Hart, Chile, now retired; Reiji Hoshezaki, Japan; Jack Matthews, Argentina; John A. Moore, Europe; Edward Lee Oliver, Japan; Davis Saunders, Nigeria, Miss Lorene Tilford, Formosa; and John L. Riffey, South America; and Home Missionaries Robert Falls, Rolland Hood, John E. Hubbard and John O. Johnson; and State missionaries Marshall Fletcher and John Hammatt. Pastor Joe Canzoneri was the director.

►A Baptist friend in Japan writes the following self-explanatory paragraph which we are glad to share with our readers for the light it gives to the subject discussed: "In a recent issue of the *Western Recorder*, I noticed a 'spot' about the new prime minister of Japan being a Baptist. I have seen no report which definitely establishes him as a Baptist. I think a recent newspaper item stated that in his youth he was 'baptized' (which could mean anything) and that now he enjoys singing hymns at night with his family. But he is def-

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initely not a church-going man. His only religious activity to date that is known to the public is his visit to the Ise Shire of the Sun-Goddess to 'report' to this personage (?) his becoming premier. It was definitely a political move to win a wider support from a general public that is rapidly becoming nationalistic again (or perhaps I should say, is again manifesting its nationalistic spirit; the spirit never died!). The new premier is in no way a credit to the name Baptist, and I believe it would be good for your readers to know the facts in the case."

Evangelism's Trumpet Call

By HOMER G. LINDSAY, Pastor
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Jacksonville, Florida

A successful pastor discusses the highly important matter of extending the invitation in revival services. This is an address delivered in the Evangelistic Conference, Louisville, greatly abbreviated for use here.

In 2 Corinthians 5:11 Paul said, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

Paul was a great persuader. His ministry was that of persuading men to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is much easier to preach about Christ than it is to persuade men to accept Christ, to believe upon Christ.

It seems to me that the greatest difference between successful and unsuccessful evangelists is in this matter of persuading men.

Many times I have had great pulpites to come to our pulpit and preach marvelous sermons; and we sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Then the time came for the preacher to press home the claims of Christ and to call men to decision.

How often I have seen them as they utterly failed. They came to that critical moment, and did not seem to know what to do at all. How clumsy they were. They seemed to have their hands tied; they seemed to be frozen into ineffectiveness.

And then I have seen other ministers who could not preach with nearly so much eloquence, who perhaps could not dazzle us so much with their intellectual powers, and yet, when they came to the close of their message, they moved very quietly, swiftly, smoothly, effectively into the invitation. You saw them as they laid hold on the hearts of the people; the Holy Spirit seemed to use them to an unusual degree in drawing the lost. They would begin to come—one, two, three, four, a half a dozen, until sometimes the altars were filled.

And so, brethren, this matter of the invitation is tremendously important.

I was not taught how to give an invitation in the seminary. I hope they are doing it now.

In fact, when I was in the seminary it seemed they didn't teach me any of the things that I had to do when I got out.

They taught me the Bible; they taught me theology; they taught me all of those things; but when I assumed my first pastorate out of the seminary, and I was told that in a few weeks we were

to have a big church wedding, I had to be instructed how to do it.

And then when the time came to baptize my first time in a baptistry (I had been baptizing in creeks and in tanks and other places) I was so anxious to do it right; I made a trip down to Memphis and visited Dr. R. G. Lee. I said "Dr. Lee, would you show me how properly to baptize a candidate?" He took me down into his baptistry and, step by step, showed me how he did it.

And then when it came to the matter of preaching the sermon and coming to the invitation I was never taught how to do that. Over the years it was trial and error, trial and error. My heart has grown sick many times as I have closed the service and gone home realizing how poorly I gave the invitation.

Brethren, it is an important matter. Everything we have talked about up to this minute leads to this matter of the invitation.

Biblical

We find that invitations are Biblical. Moses gave the invitation when he said, "Who is on the Lord's side?" And he called for decision.

Elijah gave an invitation that day on Mt. Carmel. And Joshua gave a great invitation when he said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." Certainly Jesus gave the invitation in those beautiful words He uttered over and over. "Follow me, follow me;" and then again when He said, "Come unto me." We find that Jesus gave us the example of persuading men. Paul said, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

I feel we ought to give just as much study and thought and preparation to the invitation as to our sermons. I oftentimes wonder how much time we do give. I wonder if it isn't more often true that we have spent hours and weeks in the preparation of our messages and then, when we come to that critical moment when we are going to draw the net, we just trust that we will have some inspiration.

Begin in the Sermon

I believe the invitation should begin with the sermon. The most effective

men in persuasion and giving an invitation are those who from the beginning of their sermon—from the introduction to the close—are preaching for a break, are preaching to persuade men to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and to confess Him as Saviour and Lord—not tomorrow or some other day out yonder in the future, but today is the day and now is the time, saith the Lord.

It is said that impression without expression leads to depression. It is good psychology and it is good logic, when we preach, to bring our message to a close with an opportunity for the people to act upon it.

At a revival meeting people expect invitations. We shall not be free from the blood of all men unless we do give the invitation. We ought to give it clearly, logically, urgently, with a warm heart.

Invitations are practical. I have asked people how many of them made their confession of faith in a revival meeting. The overwhelming majority held up their hand saying they were saved in a revival meeting. They point back to that day. They had a very definite experience of grace.

Again, if it be right to plead with a single individual to accept Christ, if it be right for you and me to go down the street and seek out a businessman or go into a home and talk to a father and urge upon him his confession of faith, then it is right for us to go before a great audience and do the same thing. God honors it.

How Give the Invitation

I want to ask you: How shall we give an invitation? So often, in evangelistic conferences, we are never told in a practical manner how to do these things, and I'm not sure that I know.

So many times I have miserably failed. There have been times when I have used every known method and means; I have exhausted myself; and I am sure that the reason was I was not completely yielded and the great Persuader, the Holy Spirit, did not have control.

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Remember Cedarmore April 3

Dr. W. C. Boone, our General Secretary, called attention in last week's issue to the need for a great offering for Cedarmore on Sunday, April 3.

We urge again on every Sunday school in the General Association the importance of this offering.

Only a small amount of Cooperative Program gifts has been allocated to Cedarmore (one and one-half per cent). The General Association's plan for meeting Cedarmore's financial needs includes this annual offering to be taken in the Sunday schools. The Cedarmore property must be paid for and developed; it must be maintained; there are operating expenses which must be met.

Because of the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade this offering through the Sunday schools, which usually has been taken on the second Sunday in April, has been brought back to April 3. Cedarmore needs, now, \$10,000. The only way we can raise it is through the Sunday schools. Most of our Sunday schools will take the offering on April 3; but if you find this date not convenient, then make it the nearest Sunday, and send the offering as soon as possible to Dr. Boone, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky. Mark the check "For Cedarmore."

This beautiful property, located near the center of the state, near Bagdad in Shelby County, includes some 400 acres of land and already a number of buildings. Our summer camps and assemblies for boys and girls and adults are held there. The Sunday school and Training Union Departments go there for periods of training, as do the W.M.U. and Brotherhood and B.S.U. Departments. Such a meeting place is indispensable, as all the states in the Southern Baptist Convention have found. Each year a great many young people are converted in the various meetings, and others, in Cedarmore's spiritual atmosphere, dedicate their lives to full-time Christian service. All go back to their churches stronger, better workers because they have been to Cedarmore.

Please remember Cedarmore April 3, or the nearest convenient Sunday!

Churches to Help Young People Plan Life

The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention took a long step forward by urging all Southern Baptist churches and pastors to stress the importance of vocational guidance during April.

The emphasis is well timed, for April is the month to accent Christian Education in the churches. On April 10 the Training Unions will magnify the need for life-planning to something like 650,000 Intermediates who will be in the services that night.

God's Plan

We believe God has His plan for every life. Christians are to discover His plan, surrender completely, and then make all possible preparations to follow His plan most effectively. This is the mean-

ing of true discipleship. Nothing less will suffice. No matter what one decides to do he fails unless he is completely in the will of God.

Churches Can Help

Why should not churches seek to offer guidance to their young people, rather than leaving them to grope their way into just "something"—anything that happens to "open up" for them? God entrusted those young people to the churches, and they are not to be left to haphazard procedures.

Our Baptist schools and colleges in Kentucky are co-operating fully with the plan. All Intermediates will be encouraged to make a systematic study to discover and prepare for the vocation God wants them to follow.

Literature Sent Out

Many weeks ago all pastors were sent certain booklets and leaflets. Included was a 24-page self-study booklet, "Finding a Worthy Career." Also, there was the Career Inventory form to be filled out. Several tracts were included which illustrated career possibilities for those interested in various fields such as art, business, education, medicine, music, science, and there was material on education possibilities in Southern Baptist educational institutions.

Results of the survey made by the churches will be tabulated by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Sunday School Board. We await with more than average interest the results of that survey.

April is a month for evangelism, but let it be also a month for conserving the youth-power of our churches.

A Day At Bethel

The editor had recently the joy of spending a part of one day at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, one of our own schools. The occasion of his visit was to deliver the Founders' Day address. Also bringing addresses were: Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer of our Executive Board; Chester Durham, student secretary in Kentucky; and Dr. H. C. Chiles, moderator of the General Association and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Murray. Dr. Boone spoke of the place of our schools in the program of Kentucky Baptists; Brother Durham discussed important decisions youth must make today; and Dr. Chiles discussed the problem of choosing a life-companion. All three brought excellent addresses. President Richardson and the faculty were more than gracious, as always.

Bethel College had its inception in the desire of Baptists of Hopkinsville and Christian County and surrounding territories for an institution in which young people could receive an education beyond that which could be acquired in the public and private institutions. Even in that far distant day—eight years before the outbreak of the Civil War—they wanted their children educated in a thoroughly

Christian atmosphere, to have training which would fix in them the principles of Christ and His eternal Truth and fit them for the abundant life.

Through the years that objective and ideal has been held. Dr. J. W. Gaines, a beloved former president, said once: "Today, when there are so many influences seeking to draw our daughters away from our old ideals of modesty, refinement, and real Christianity, such an ideal is more than ever important." We believe Dr. Gaines voiced the earnest desire not only of Bethel College but of all our Kentucky Baptist schools and our people in general. Though now the school is coeducational (men having been admitted to regular classes in 1951) the ideals are the same.

Kentucky Baptists are giving heavier support to their schools now than at any time in their history, and we are to be commended for that. The more we support the Cooperative Program, the more we support our schools and colleges.

Education Committee to Launch Campaign

In keeping with agreement reached at the December meeting of the Executive Board of the General Association, the Education Committee, assembled at Clear Creek March 8, voted unanimously to launch a state-wide campaign in support of the Cooperative Program. This does not mean that the Committee has not given, all along, hearty support to the Cooperative Program. It means, rather, that, in view of the fact that this year 75 per cent of all Cooperative Program gifts contributed beyond the basic budget will go to our schools and colleges, strongest effort will be exerted by the Education Committee to achieve the full amount of the basic budget as soon as possible in order that the larger per cent may start flowing toward our beloved Baptist schools and colleges.

The Education Committee will seek to lead all our churches, "regardless of size and regardless of whether or not they have the Cooperative Program in their regular budget," to make an over-and-above offering for the Cooperative Program on the second Sunday in June. It was thought that a worthy goal for this special offering would be \$200,000. With each church throwing all its forces behind this special

Third Baptist Church to be Organized on Java

The third Baptist church related to Southern Baptist work in Indonesia will be organized April 3 at Semarang where the work was begun in July last year and where a Baptist theological seminary was opened in October.

Dr. Buford L. Nichols, president of the seminary, writes that there have been 23 professions of faith at Semarang in the seven months he has been there.

The seminary has 14 students from four islands.

In addition to the three churches, Baptist work is carried on in Djakarta, where a church will soon be organized, and Kediri, where a clinic was opened early this year by Southern Baptist missionaries and where a hospital will be constructed.

The first Southern Baptist missionaries

offering, and with each church setting as its individual goal an average of not less than fifty cents a member, it is felt that the greatly needed \$200,000 can be secured on that Sunday.

Dr. George Ragland, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington, was elected chairman of the Education Committee at the Clear Creek meeting. A special meeting of the Committee was called for March 21, 7:30 p.m. in Louisville. Representatives from all our schools and colleges were invited to be present, as well as leading pastors over the state and officials in the denominational work. The Education Committee has done advance work in organizing the state into regions, looking toward the campaign in behalf of the Cooperative Program. We are hoping to carry in a later issue of the *Western Recorder* a full report on all plans made.

Erwin L. McDonald, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the General Association, states:

"Kentucky Baptists are giving more this year to the Cooperative Program than last year. Receipts for the first four months of the new fiscal year, the period ending February 28, totaled \$594,830.01, according to Mr. G. B. Morton, our accountant. This is \$16,660.32 above the total of \$578,169.69 which was given through the Cooperative Program for the first four months of last year. If the present rate of regular giving through the Cooperative Program is continued through the year, we will have a total of \$1,784,490.03, or \$84,490.03 above the basic Cooperative Program budget. This latter amount would be divided on the basis of 75 per cent to the Kentucky Baptist schools and colleges and 25 per cent to missions."

These are heartening words from Secretary McDonald, but we must go beyond that if the total goal is reached above the basic budget.

It is earnestly hoped that every pastor and church in the General Association will give fullest co-operation to the campaign of the Education Committee. We can raise the extra \$200,000 on Sunday, June 12, and we ought by all means to do it.

Kentucky Baptists are not neglecting the general missions program, but the time has come to do something which will be worthy of our schools and colleges. They need, now, our complete and fullest and heartiest support, every one of them, from every one of us!

to Indonesia arrived in Djakarta, Java, on Christmas Day, 1951. Now there are 26 under appointment to that land of 82,000,000 people, 93 per cent of whom are Moslems. All Southern Baptist work is located on Java where 53,000,000 of the people live.

►W. N. Cook, denominational worker in western North Carolina, was honored recently by First Baptist Church, Franklin, N. C., for his fifty years of work with Baptists.

Evangelism's Trumpet Call

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But how should we give an invitation? First, we ought to give it clearly. We ought not to make it so general that folks do not know what they are acting upon.

Some years ago I had an evangelist in my church (I shall not call his name; he is a great preacher; no one could find fault with the gospel he preaches). When he came to the invitation he gave it in such a general fashion. I recall that my wife was helping down there in the front that day. She went to one man and asked him if he was giving his heart to Christ. He said "No ma'am; I did that a long time ago." She said then, "Have you come to join the church?" He said, "No," and his face colored as he added, "I guess I shouldn't; you know I'm the pastor of this little Ocean Way Baptist Church out here." And she, of course, was as embarrassed as he was when he said, "I don't know why I'm down here."

That is an actual occurrence. We must not confuse a proposition so people don't know why they are down at the front.

As we give the invitation we ought to make it clear that we are calling for the lost to repent of sin and believe on Jesus Christ, to trust Him and confess Him as their Saviour. It ought to be a definite proposition, and we ought to press it in such a manner.

And then, when we come to call to people to transfer their letter, let's make that definite; let's make it separate from the other appeal so that those who come will know why they are coming.

And then, again, when we give the invitation, we ought to be confident.

I've frequently had little boys and girls, especially school children, come to the door and say, "Mr., you don't want to buy no magazines, do you?" Lots of times we get up and give the invitation and say "Is it possible that there are persons here in this audience who have never accepted Christ as their Saviour? Is it possible that there's one person here today, just one? We'd be so happy if there were just one person that's convinced he is a sinner and needs the Saviour and will walk the aisle and give his heart to Christ."

Brethren, if salesmen went out to sell things with that attitude, they would soon be out of business. Oh, what poor salesmen we are! We have the greatest cause; we have the greatest product in the world to present; and yet we present it half-heartedly; we present it timidly; we present it fearfully; and then, when we come to that hour and minute to call for decision, to ask them

to "sign on the dotted line," we're afraid. We're afraid when we ought to be confident; we ought to be full of faith. Oh, when we come to that minute, how much better it is to say:

"I'm persuaded that here in this audience there are a great number who ought to come in response to this invitation. There are those here today who have made up their mind that sometime they intend to give their heart to Christ. Do it now! Do it now! There are those here who have made up their mind that they are not going to let the Devil rob them. You are not going to let him dupe you, and put it off; you resolve that you're going to follow Christ. Do it now! Do it now!"

Oh, it makes a great deal of difference the attitude in which we approach the invitation!

Jesus said that the children of this world are wiser than the children of light. We ought to give the invitation in a positive manner, accent the positive and eliminate the negative!

The first revival meeting I ever held, after I came out of the seminary, Dr. McKinney led the singing for me. In

that meeting he said something that I'll never forget!

"Homer, I don't like that song 'Almost Persuaded.' It has a negative appeal. You know, I've watched, over the years, the invitation hymns; it's the hymns that have the positive note that people respond to." "I am resolved no longer to linger, charmed by the world's delights; things that are higher, things that are nobler, these have allured my sight;" or "I will arise and go to Jesus;" or "Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me; and that thou bidst me come to thee, oh Lamb of God, I come, I come." The positive note!

That's the only objection I have to our *Broadman* hymnal; it just doesn't have enough of those good old invitation songs. They were left out back yonder for some reason or another; but how we do need them!

And, as we give the invitation, we can help folks to decide by uttering positive things. "You intend to do this sometime, do it now!" "This is the hour of decision!" "Now is the time!" "Today is the day!" "Believe now!"

My friends, it makes a tremendous difference when you and I talk like that, or when we stand down there with a great long, pious face looking out over the audience utterly gripped in despair like we would be completely surprised if anybody did respond to the invitation. Oh, what a difference, what a difference it makes!

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Florida Convention Observed Centennial Year in 1954

By the Baptist Press

Florida, host state to the Southern Baptist Convention in May, observed its centennial year of Southern Baptist work last year.

The Florida Baptist Convention was organized November 20, 1854, in Clifton Mansion, located in the northwest Florida county of Madison. Clifton Mansion was the home of R. J. Mays, a Baptist minister of that county who was a leader in the formation of the state convention.

No one knows whose idea it was to form a state organization and the date that this idea was first expressed also is unknown.

One hundred years later, however, Southern Baptists in the Sunshine State count 1,038 affiliated local churches with a total membership of 369,294. There also are 100 mission churches.

The number of Sunday schools is greater than that of churches. The state convention lists 1,113 Sunday schools and 878 Training Unions. These are sup-

plemented by 763 Woman's Missionary Unions and 561 Brotherhood groups.

Baptists in Florida own one institution of higher learning, John B. Stetson University at DeLand, and have one orphanage, located at Lakeland. The enrollment of Stetson is 1,387 students.

Florida Baptists gave \$14,858,587 to all causes during 1954.

State convention headquarters, located at Jacksonville, employs fifty-one state workers and the state Baptist weekly newspaper, *Florida Baptist Witness*, has a circulation of 35,227.

The first Southern Baptist-affiliated hospital in the state, Baptist Memorial Hospital, is scheduled for completion sometime this year. It is being built at Jacksonville.

In addition to three state assemblies, three state promoted Girls Auxiliary camps and a like number Royal Ambassador camps, there are a great number of local camps operated with assistance of state workers.

I Quit the Liquor Business

By DAVID B. PITLER

Fifteen years ago if anybody had said that I would be speaking on behalf of total abstinence, I would have laughed at the idea.

In 1939 I was asked by the Allegheny County Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania to help clean up the mess that existed in Allegheny County relating to the liquor traffic.

There was indeed plenty of room for improvement. I accepted the assignment in good faith that the liquor dealers, in the interest of good business, really wanted conditions to be improved.

Code Didn't Work

The first thing I did was to set up a code. This code included no Sunday sales, no sales after hours, no sales to minors and no sales to visibly intoxicated persons. In short, I merely put into the code the things that were already in the law. The code was hung on the back bar in all the establishments where all the customers could read it. But that was as far as it went. If anything, conditions got worse.

I was puzzled. These people said they wanted conditions to improve, but most of them were unwilling to do anything to help improve them if it hurt their profits.

The trouble seemed to be that there were no teeth to enforce the code. Neither I nor the Liquor Dealers' Association had any police powers. After a time I went to the brewers and they agreed to discontinue the beer supply of the worst offending licensees (this was in the early 1940's when beer was sharply rationed). The brewers actually did withhold beer from one or two licensees, but such a howl went up that the brewers discontinued the practice.

Profits Count

Things went on like this until 1945. It was plain that all the liquor dealers were after was to stay in business and amass profits. Even so, I could not get rid of the belief that somehow there was a way out through self-regulation; so in that year I accepted the same kind of assignment from the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania, who said that they wanted some good laws that would take care of the recognized evils.

Probably the worst violation then and now and everywhere is selling to minors. I introduced a bill to take care of this violation—a very simple provision. It is illegal in Pennsylvania to sell to anyone under 21 years old; so the bill I prepared merely provided that in case

of doubt of the customer's age the seller should demand the customer's voter's registration card. This should cure the practice very simply, I thought. Furthermore, there was a provision absolving the liquor seller in case the customer used his brother's or father's or some other person's registration card. This became law and would have worked fine but nobody paid any attention to it and the condition is as bad or worse today than it was then.

This is just one of many violations, none of which showed improvement through attempted self-regulation.

I finally decided that all the liquor dealers wanted out of me was a window dressing. They didn't want to make conditions better if that cut down profits. All they really wanted was to profit out of the business they were in.

Difference in Character

I did a lot of thinking about all this and the more I did the more concerned I became until I found it hard to live with myself.

There was one ray of hope in all of this black picture, though—I met some of the finest ministers and laymen at the Legislature in Harrisburg I have ever known. These men were not interested in profits but in our youth, in good homes, clean living and good government. They did not try any deceptive glamour but told the truth. They were prompted by humanitarian considerations.

It was their purpose to strengthen people where they were weak; while the liquor traffic sought to weaken and break down the strong. So in February 1952, my relations with the liquor dealers ceased and here I am, speaking for the temperance leagues of the country.

If there were no other consideration than this difference in motives it would be enough to make me become a dry.

But there is much more to it than this. The Yale School of Alcohol Studies has estimated that there are 4,000,000 alcoholic and 3,000,000 problem drinkers in this country, a total of 7,000,000 people who have lost control of their drinking. In addition, there are about 30,000,000 other people—wives, husbands, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters—who are seriously and adversely affected.

Don't Be Careless

I think we pass over the word "alcoholic" too carelessly; without thinking about what alcoholics are like. I

cannot find words to describe the misery, the heartache, the grief, the mental anguish, the suffering, the poverty and the complete frustration in an alcoholic's home. So if there were nothing to this problem but these 7,000,000 alcoholics and the other 30,000,000 victims it would be enough to make me become a dry.

But there is still more to the problem than this. The liquor traffic is not content with its present business and its profits but is determined to expand continually, so as to keep making more and more profits out of human misery.

To this end it advertises on the printed page, and over the radio and television, making salesrooms and saloons out of our living rooms, making it appear that all of the people who amount to anything socially or otherwise got that way by drinking liquor, tying it in with baseball and every other sport until the little children repeat and sing the ditties proclaiming the goodness of this and that beer.

But the group that the beer people are really after most are the young mothers in their naive susceptibility. This is not a hit or miss campaign. The brewers overlook no opportunities. They get the best actresses, the most charming women, and train them well before putting them on the air.

Beer for Milk

The liquor trade knows "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." When the mothers stock their refrigerators with beer, what they try to teach their children about not drinking is of no avail.

So if there were nothing to this problem but advertising, in which the liquor traffic is spending \$250,000,000 a year, while all of the temperance forces of the country have no more than \$2,000,000 a year to spend in order to match them, this alone would be enough to make me become a dry.

What is the outlook and where must we turn for help?

The problem won't solve itself. Conditions are getting worse instead of better. There are more drinkers and more alcoholics every year.

The liquor people won't help. They are interested only in more profits through an expanded market by getting more people to drink more beer and liquor so non-drinkers will become drinkers and those who drink mildly will drink more.

Government Aid (?)

Will the Government help? Only to the extent that the public demands it. My experience as a lobbyist has shown me that the rank-and-file legislators are not willing to take a stand on either side of a moral controversy except as public opinion requires.

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The Jungle Indian Moves Into the Light

By JOHN H. TWENTYMAN

What varied and interesting ideas are conjured up in one's mind when reference is made to the exotic, tropical jungle-lands!—warm balmy evenings, with gentle breezes of fragrant air, delicious tropical fruits, gorgeously colored butterflies, the incessant chirping and chattering of birds and animals!

But as one travels nearer, another side of jungle life presents itself, the more somber side,—biting flies and insects, malarial mosquitoes, dirty and disease-ridden Indians who are frequently either highly suspicious of the foreigner or embarrassingly inquisitive!

Poisonous snakes and spiders lurk in the undergrowth, dangerous jaguars and leopards roam through the forest awaiting the unsuspecting traveler. In the rivers and lakes crocodiles, electric eels and man-eating *piranha* fish are all equally deadly.

Overhead, one has to contend with the burning rays of the tropical sun or torrential downpours which soak one to the skin in a matter of minutes; while on the other hand, pure drinking water is frequently so scarce that few missionaries have not experienced the choking sensation produced by excessive perspiration not counter-balanced by a sufficient intake of refreshing liquids.

Added to such physical hardships and trials, there is always the deeper realization that here in the Peruvian jungles live a people bound by the chains of a spiritual darkness that can be felt. Here are men and women who, although they possess a soul, are living like animals. They are in constant dread of unseen spiritual powers, which are none other than the powers of evil.

They know nothing, absolutely nothing, of the love of God manifest in Jesus Christ. Nor is there any literature in their language so that they can read and learn of Him. Only those who have been brought into touch with Peruvian culture and influences are sometimes able to read Spanish, and all too frequently these have been cruelly exploited, so that the name of the white man is not regarded by them with any degree of confidence.

All this—physical hardships, spiritual opposition and cultural mistrust—combines to make the task of the missionary doubly difficult and discouraging. As one confronts such a situation, Paul's words take on fresh meaning: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in

high places." And it must ever be remembered that the weapons of our warfare must also be spiritual.

The answer to heathen darkness is found in supplying the Word of God in the spoken language of the people. Hence one of the primary aims of missionary enterprise is the translation of the Scriptures, and in this the Bible Society stands side by side with the missionary, ready to print the translated Word and to make it available to the waiting Indian.

It is estimated that there are almost forty different Indian tribes living in the Peruvian jungles (which cover 57 per cent of Peru's land area) all speaking their own language, but only two of them have so far received the printed

Bob Feather Goes to Jamaica for Revival



Bob Feather

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., is sending Bob Feather, their Minister of Education and Congregational Song Leader, to Kingston, Jamaica, to lead the singing in a revival meeting April 3 through 10. He will work with Missionary C. W. McCullough.

"Southern Baptist work in Kingston is young and needs our generous support. We are happy to send our own capable collaborator to lead them in this meeting," the pastor, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, stated.

Gospel. Translation work is being carried on in a further twenty Indian languages, so that within a few short years these people, for whom Christ died, will also have the opportunity of hearing the Gospel message in their own tongue.

In spite of the vast territory covered by jungle, only eight per cent of the country's population lives there; hence the Bible Society Secretary does not often have the opportunity of visiting this area, where transportation is either slow and wearisome (by dugout canoe or motorboat) or costly (by plane!). Such an occasion, however, recently presented itself when a visit was made to several mission stations along the banks of the Ucayali River, which farther downstream becomes part of the great Amazon. It was a privilege to see the missionaries living and working among the Indians, learning their language in order to preach the Gospel to them, becoming familiar with their customs and folklore in order to understand their background better, treating them medically so that through the healing of the body an open door toward the healing of the soul might be obtained.

Two years ago the Gospel of Mark in Piro was published by the Bible Society—the result of five years' strenuous work on the part of the translator and her native helpers.

In the tribe there are now over 150 Christians reading the Gospel and witnessing to others of the salvation there is in Christ.

It was a joy to visit a small Piro school where young children are learning to read their own language, where Mark's Gospel is the main textbook, taught by the headmaster, who is a bright Piro Christian, and whose very countenance is a testimony to the transforming power of the Gospel on the life of a poor Indian.

Shipibo is another Indian language in which the same Gospel of Mark has just been published, and is now being distributed for the first time. The translator, Mr. James Lauriault, is continuing his work on The Acts of the Apostles, which undoubtedly, in due time, will also be printed by the Society.

Thus is carried on by hundreds of translators the work by which the Word is made available to those who have been kept in spiritual darkness for so long; and the Bible Society ever stands ready, backed by the prayers and gifts of its Christian friends, to put the translated Word into print, with but one object in view—that God may be glorified as when men and women, long held in ignorance and dark bondage, catch a glimpse of the "light of the glorious Gospel of Christ," which can liberate them and transform them into sons and daughters of God.—*Bible Society Record*.

U. S. Information Agency, Washington, Tells Amazing Story of Want Behind Iron Curtain

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The deterioration of the Hungarian economy and morale under the Communist regime, based on revelations in the Hungarian controlled press itself, was reviewed today by the U. S. Information Agency.

In overseas press and radio commentaries, the Information Agency observed that the soil of Hungary, once among the most fertile in Europe, is yielding less and less, and that industrial production also is in difficulties.

The Information Agency reported that last November the paper *Esti Budapest* disclosed that bread with a 20 per cent potato content was on sale in Budapest. By January 1 of this year this was the bread mainly sold, not only in Budapest bakeries but also in those of 50 other Hungarian cities. Mihaly Farkas, one of the top-rank Communist officials, apparently gave a partial explanation when he said a few months ago: "We were day-dreaming when we were chasing cotton growing while in the meantime our wheat production became so poor that it is almost unparalleled in our history."

In September, 1954, the Hungarian Communist party organ, *Szabad Nep*, reported that the production of consumers' goods amounted to only eight per cent of the country's needs. The next month, Budapest Party Secretary Istvan Kovacs disclosed that Hungarian industrial production was getting, in his words: "less, worse and dearer."

A few weeks later, according to the Information Agency commentaries, Farkas admitted that Soviet-type industrialization was not working out in Hungary, and he conceded: "That which has been correct in the USSR has proved wrong in our country."

In mid-October, Sandor Czottner, Minister of Coal Mining in the Budapest area, revealed that coal production was 400,000 tons below quota. A month earlier, *Szabad Nep* had reported that the Mavag locomotive factory had not fulfilled its quota for 20 months. In the first six months of 1954, the factory was 60 per cent behind working schedule, the Communist paper said, and in recent months rejects totaled nearly 20 per cent.

Despite this lag, Hungary, which for years had boasted of no unemployment, suddenly was faced with thousands of jobless workers as a result of the regime's policy to streamline operations and bring down production costs.

In connection with the production difficulties, the Information Agency review calls attention to accounts in *Szabad Nep* of an ever-increasing number of thefts

and frauds in Hungarian factories. Last week the Communist paper cited these:

In the Csepel railroad car factory about 500,000 forints worth of parts were found to have been smuggled out of the plant concealed under new cars being given test runs. (A forint is supposed to be worth 8½ U.S. cents.)

At the Dimavag machine factory in Diosgyer, the paper said, one worker stole an entire planing machine, as well as several electric motors.

At the Ganz machine and wagon factory, according to *Szabad Nep*, three workers fraudulently obtained 60,000 forints from the plant's accounts.

In the same factory, 2,500 books were stolen from the library, and thefts from the recreation rooms were numerous.

Szabad Nep said "the thefts occasioned no stir" and that this situation could no longer be tolerated. In the future, the Communist paper said, plant officials must bring all cases of theft and fraud to court, instead of "administering mild punishments" to the offenders.

The same Party newspaper also com-

John E. Huss Returns To Kentucky for Revival



Pastor John E. Huss, of the Southside Baptist Church, Spartansburg, South Carolina, will be the evangelist associated with Pastor H. C. Zicafoose at the Kenwood Baptist Church, Louisville, April 11-19. Before going to Spartansburg, Dr. Huss was pastor of the Latonia Baptist Church of Covington, Ky.

plained about the inefficiency of the Communist Government bureaucracy. The paper reported that 25,000 forints worth of fertilizer rotted in a Zalaegerszeg warehouse because the various Government agencies involved could not decide who should repair the roof. In the spring, the poorly constructed building, then only two years old, "was fit only for ducks," *Szabad Nep* complained. The leaking roof formed the subject matter of 80 files of correspondence exchanged among 15 Government agencies.

The "operation," the paper said, was planned, accepted, refused, replanned, again rejected—and the roof still leaks.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital News

By B. B. Hilbun, Hospital Minister

A HIGH LIGHT in the life of each Student Nurse is the Capping Service which is held upon the completion of her Pre-clinical training. In an impressive service held recently at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, 44 Student Nurses received their lamps and white caps.

THE HOSPITAL MINISTER presents a little white New Testament to each new-born baby at Kentucky Baptist Hospital. 3,066 babies were born in the hospital during 1954. Gifts from interested friends finance this project.

THE KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL has a wonderful group of doctors on the medical staff. 296 doctors bring patients to the hospital and a total of 350 doctors constitute the staff.

FUNDS FROM LAST MOTHERS' DAY Hospital Offering for charity work have been exhausted already. Plans are being made and literature mailed out for our next Mothers' Day offering. The need is great. It is hoped that the offering this year will be the largest ever made.

A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE from the Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky made a tour of the Hospital on March 12. Mrs. C. M. Wade, Young People's Leader of the church, was in charge of the group. We invite other groups to visit the hospital.

S. B. C. Messenger Invited To Foreign Board Reception

Messengers and visitors who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami are invited to an informal reception in the Flagler Room of the McAllister Hotel from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 19, as guests of the Foreign Mission Board.

In making the announcement, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, said: "One of the main purposes of the reception is to give the Convention an opportunity to meet the missionaries. All missionaries home on furlough and all new appointees of the Board will be present."

Most Baptist Leaders Oppose UMT Proposaal

By the Baptist Press

Universal military training, which Congress may be asked to enact into law at its current session, has brought forth statements of opposition from a number of Southern Baptist Convention leaders.

While a few of them support UMT and others said they would back it under certain conditions, the majority contacted by the Baptist Press felt that it should not become part of the law of the United States.

Opponents of UMT among Southern Baptists reported they believe it would be a step toward turning the country into a military state or that it would not guarantee military victories in war time even if adopted.

They said they are not against military preparedness but question the ability of UMT to solve military requirements.

One pastor said he thinks UMT is "inevitable" and an educator who is an advocate of it said UMT should be completely universal, taking into training every youth who is physically and mentally fit.

Some were uncertain in their own minds about UMT. Some of its aspects puzzled them and they hesitated to take an outspoken position for or against it.

A plan for military organization of the United States has been approved by the president and the National Security Council. Hearings on a bill have already started and it will probably be on the floor of Congress sometime this year.

A. C. Miller, in his Christian Life Commission report prepared for presentation at the Southern Baptist Convention later this year, will oppose universal military training. He explained, however, that the Commission's statement in the matter is not in the form of a proposed resolution for action by the Convention.

To him, UMT marks "the beginning of a military state . . . America does not need . . . any military plan that will fasten upon us a permanent system of military conscription in time of peace," he added.

Miller's statement contains a plea for American citizens to prevent passage of any UMT law by sending protests to senators and representatives in Congress.

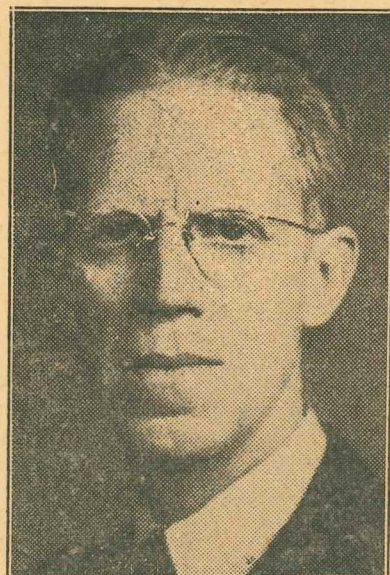
The Christian Life Commission's predecessor, the Social Service Commission, presented a resolution which was adopted by the Convention in session in Miami in 1946.

This statement put Southern Baptists on record opposing universal and compulsory military training of American youth in peace time. It called for abo-

lition of this kind of military training and conscription in all nations of the world.

John W. Raley, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, is one of the UMT advocates. In his opinion, "universal military training is the only procedure which the nation can follow in order to maintain national military strength and at the same time the moral integrity of our social democratic structure."

The university head said UMT should be completely universal, not exempting from service ministerial students. "As an educator, I can testify that military



SILVER ANNIVERSARY.—The Cloverport Baptist Church observed the 25th anniversary of Pastor G. C. Sandusky as their leader on March 20. An effort was made to get 200 persons to contribute \$25 on that occasion for the completion of the first unit of their new building. Brother Eldred M. Taylor was the speaker at both morning and evening services on March 20.

training is a distinct aid to serious college preparation," Raley continued.

His forthright statement differed from that of four other Southern Baptist educators. These are Harold W. Tribble, president, Wake Forest College; G. Earl Guinn, president, Louisiana College; Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Roland Q. Leavell, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

However, H. Leo Eddleman, president,

Georgetown College, said he favored "compulsory part-time military training three months out of the year."

A minister close to the national political scene, Edward H. Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., said he opposed UMT in principle but confronted by the present "unparalleled crisis," Americans "are compelled to consider seriously the opinions of elected leaders," who have more information on issues and who bear ultimate responsibility for decisions.

C. O. Johnson, past president of the Baptist World Alliance, and R. G. Lee, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, each announced opposition to UMT.

To Johnson, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., and Joe W. Burton, editor of *Home Life*, a Southern Baptist magazine, UMT presents disturbing family problems.

The pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, Carl E. Bates, reported that, while "I do not say it is right, I believe universal military conscription is inevitable."

Typical of the questioning attitude of other leaders was the comment by James W. Middleton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., who said: "The government that assumes the responsibility for the authority to train . . . young men must also assume the responsibility for the moral and spiritual atmosphere in which such men are trained."

The pastor of Chattanooga, Tenn., First Baptist Church, Carl J. Giers, declared that "universal military training is no guarantee for victories on the field of battle."

I Quit the Liquor Business

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This puts the job squarely up to the churches which have the courage, the faith and the spiritual power to perform this task.

What are the things the church needs to do? I mention five very briefly:

1. Practice and teach total abstinence.
2. Vote for good candidates in every election and vote dry in local option elections.
3. Protest to legislators and congressmen about bad bills and ask them to support good ones; also protest to radio and television stations.
4. Support state and conference Boards of Temperance in the fine work these able, consecrated men are doing.
5. Pray—pray with sincerity, courage and devotion.

If the churches sincerely adopt these methods there is good reason for believing that their efforts will be crowned with success.—*The Voice*.

U. S. Post Office Department Makes Important Statement Concerning Obscene Literature

(This release from U.S. Information Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "A growing volume of unwanted lewd and obscene matter is being sent through the mails into American homes, and the Post Office Department is intensifying its 'Clean-Up-The-Mails' efforts to stop this offense against common decency," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said today.

"Risque snapshots, pornographic magazines and books, and lascivious slides, 'party' films, and records are being widely offered for sale as shown by a 73 per cent increase in the last six months in cases dealing with indecent materials sent through the mails.

"This is a serious and nation-wide problem of public morality which affects all our citizens. In our common interest this misuse and prostitution of the mails should be stopped by a sensible preventive program of the Post Office Department, acting for the people as directed by the law enacted by Congress.

"We know from experience that any enlightened effort of this kind—no matter how intelligently administered—is occasionally open to attack and ridicule which is frequently deliberately inspired by those who make money from the sale of lewd materials. Sometimes we are criticized because our purposes are not fully understood by the very people we are seeking to protect from pornographic material.

"In other instances our efforts to keep the mails clean produce an almost inevitable cry of 'censorship' by certain groups who confuse license with liberty. Their viewpoint, while sincere, seems to suggest an abysmal ignorance of the nature of the problem and the threat it imposes to the moral fiber of the nation.

"We are not concerned with bureaucratic snooping. No issues of abridgments of the freedom of speech or of the press are involved.

"We are not arbitrary censors of literary efforts nor of works of art, either ancient or modern.

"What we are vitally concerned about is the great mass of unwanted pornographic material being offered for delivery through the mails into the homes of American citizens.

"We know the great majority of adult Americans want this obscene material—which they have not asked for—kept out of their homes and away from their children, whether it is generated at home or mailed into this country from abroad. This vile stream of commercial-

ized obscenity persists because there is money in it and we must be alert lest the greed of the individuals and 'sham' publishing concerns who sell it damages the moral standards of our young people.

"Many criminal, educational, and religious authorities see a definite connection between this disgraceful upsurge in obscenity and the startling growth of juvenile delinquency in the nation.

"Other experts believe this increase in lewd and lascivious material is reflected in the sickening growth of criminal assaults on girls and women.

"While the Post Office Department has no authority to prosecute mailers who offend against common decency, we are required—by law—to refuse to carry obscene material through the mails.

"Fortunately the power to exclude pornographic material from the mails is a highly effective preventive measure in that it usually shuts down the most practical and economical distribution method available.

"The criterion used in ruling on 'mailability' is the ordinary standard of common decency of average representative citizens. Let me quote a recent

ruling on obscene books which illustrates the reasoning used:

"The word obscene is not uncommon and is used in English and American speech and writings as the symbol of indecent, smutty, lewd, or salacious reference to the parts of the human or animal body, or to their functions, or the excrement therefrom.

"It is of course true that the ears of some may be so accustomed to words which are ordinarily regarded as obscene that they take no offense at them, but the law is not tempered to the hardened minority of society.

"The statute forbidding the importation of obscene books is not designed to fit the concept of morality throughout the world, nor for all time past and all the future, but it is designed to fit the normal American concept in the age in which we live.

"It is no legitimate argument that because there are social groups composed of moral delinquents in this or other countries that their language shall be received as legal tender along with the speech of the great masses who trade ideas and information in the honest money of decency."

"Citizens who wish to help the Post Office Department in its 'Clean-Up-The-Mails' campaign can do so by delivering, to their local Postmaster, any material received through the mails which they consider obscene. Postmasters throughout the country are being instructed to forward such material here to Washington to the Office of the Solicitor, the chief legal officer of the Post Office Department, for proper action."

News Releases from First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, pastor, First Baptist Church, this city, was evangelist in revival services with the First Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn., the week of March 13-20. Al and Ivy Walsh directed the music in the revival campaign. Dr. E. Gibson Davis is the pastor of the Kingsport church.

The youth of the congregation took over every assignment in the church March 6 through 13. At the evening worship hour on March 6, Dr. Moffatt presented Bobby Johnson, youth pastor, with a large key, indicating the privilege and responsibility of service for the youth of our congregation during this meaningful week. The youth deacons met with the regular deacons in their monthly meeting and the youth chairman, Tera Martin, presided, and Danny Blakman acted as secretary and treasurer and read the reports. The youth trustees made their recommendation and they were adopted. The youth of the congregation taught all Sunday school classes and took over the leadership of the Training Union. On Sun-

day, March 13, Bobby Johnson, the youth pastor, preached at the morning hour, and Barbara Lewis was scheduled to bring the message at the evening hour.

The All-Membership Training School was held March 21-25. The following faculty served: Mrs. Marshall Fletcher, Mrs. James Whaley, Rev. Furman Lewis, Rev. Bill Wilson, Rev. Bill Causey, Rev. Dudley Wilson, Rev. Lloyd Stormont, and Dr. Moffatt. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, was the banquet speaker Friday, March 25.—Reporter, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky.

►The Third Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, is sponsoring the Fern Creek Baptist Mission, Fern Creek, Kentucky, and that mission is to have a revival meeting during April 10-17. Brother Harold L. Sangster is superintendent of the mission, and he is to do the preaching during the evangelistic services. He will be assisted by James T. Melton, of Columbus, Miss., a student in the Southern Seminary's School of Church Music.

Lewis Lane Baptist Church Organized in Owensboro

OWENSBORO, Ky. — The Lewis Lane Baptist Chapel was formally organized into a church on March 20, at 2:30. Letters of invitation to this service of organization were sent out by the mother church, Buena Vista Baptist Church, and Pastor J. D. Herndon. A few lines from the history of this work will tell the story of the Lord's blessings:

Noticing the increased population in Owensboro and feeling the need for increased Baptist work in the newer developments, Rev. Cecil C. Laster, Superintendent of Missions for Daviess-McLean Association, was asked by the Daviess-McLean Association to appoint a committee to study the situation and to survey locations to begin a work. The committee was composed of Pastors J. D. Herndon, Arthur Short, and W. O. Spencer. On July 15, 1953, the deacons of the Buena Vista Baptist Church made the following recommendation to their church:

"That by October first the church extend its arm in support of a work to be started in the Washington School building by defraying the cost of rent on the building, furnishing as many workers as possible and giving support to the program to be carried on there; further, that the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association be asked to pay the salary of a pastor to be called by the Buena Vista Church, subject to the approval of the Associational Missionary, with the understanding that the offering received at this work be divided equally between the Buena Vista Church and the Association to help repay each for its expenditures; further, that the pastor to be called will be answerable to Buena Vista Church.

"In August 1953 this recommendation

was made to the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association and the recommendation was accepted by the association. September 19, 1953, a census was made of the southwest part of the city. This was conducted by Mr. Gerald Robertson and other interested persons.

"On October 1, 1953, a prayer service was held by workers and interested persons. The first Sunday School and worship service was held October 4, 1953, under the leadership of Cecil C. Laster with 99 present in Sunday school. The W. M. U., Brotherhood, and auxiliaries were organized in the first weeks of this work. On December 4, 1953, Pastor Wilburn J. Abbott of the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church, Brownsville, Kentucky, was called as its pastor. He accepted and led his first service on January 24, 1954. A Vacation Bible School was held in June. By the end of the first year the membership had grown from the first 33 that went out from the Buena Vista Church to start the work to a membership of 142."

There are now 181 members of the Chapel and the Sunday school has an enrollment of 258. There have been over 25 additions during the first two months of this year. The church will participate in the simultaneous revival with the Rev. Haskell T. Abbott as evangelist and Russell Penick in charge of music. Rev. Lucien E. Coleman, Sr., secretary of Brotherhood for Baptists of Kentucky, brought the message at the organization service and the choir of the Chapel, under the direction of Mrs. Bob Thompson, provided special music. Negotiations are now under way for property and plans are being made to enter immediately upon a building program.

Convention Approval Asked For Missionary Emphasis

(By the Baptist Press)

Messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla., in May will be asked to approve a forceful mission emphasis program covering a nine-year period.

One of the main points of the program, recommended by the Convention's Committee on World Evangelization, will be a five-year program of advance culminating in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in North America.

A nation-wide evangelistic crusade would be conducted in 1958 or 1959.

The program, outgrowth of action taken by the Convention when it was in session last year in St. Louis, Mo.,

includes several other recommendations to be acted upon at Miami.

They include:

1. That every effort be made to attract Baptist young people to serve as missionaries. This is integrated with the Foreign Mission Board's goal of having 1,750 missionaries on the field.
2. That state conventions, directed by their executive secretaries, plan statewide world mission conferences or furnish some major emphasis to world missions in existing state meetings.
3. That churches adopt a goal under the Cooperative Program of giving at least 50 per cent of their gifts to world missions.
4. That the year 1957 be set as date

for a Convention-wide emphasis on world missions.

5. That Convention agencies work with other Baptist bodies in the United States to win America for Christ during the five-year program of advance.

The world evangelization committee was established by the Convention last year to arouse action at church level in support of Convention agencies and world evangelism.

Cedarmore Offering To Be Taken April 3

Soon from all over the state of Kentucky, Baptists will be making their way to Cedarmore. Your Cedarmore Committee is expecting our best season yet.

Many improvements have been made, but much remains to be done because of the lack of funds.

We depend largely on the Sunday school offering for Cedarmore, taken in April for enlarging our facilities. We need \$10,000.00 in this offering to meet our needs.

The pastor and Sunday school superintendent are key men in each church for leading the church to take this offering. May we urge every church to do its best and help us make Cedarmore the best assembly of all the states.

Remember the date this year is April 3, or the nearest convenient Sunday.—Chairman of Cedarmore Committee, Francis R. Tallant.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gilbert Celebrating Golden Wedding Anniversary in Paducah

PADUCAH, Ky. — On Sunday morning, March 13, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gilbert, this city, repledged their marriage vows at the Reidland Baptist Church before a large audience of friends and relatives. It was their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

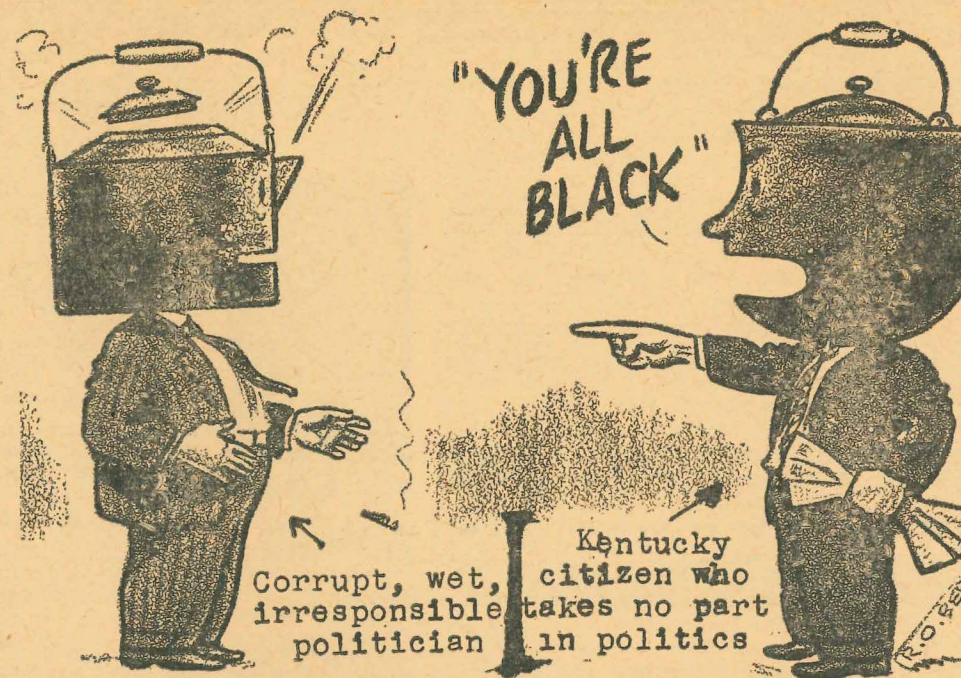
Rev. Craig Ratcliff, their pastor, presided over the service.

During the afternoon a great throng of their friends visited the couple in their home on the Benton Road. Entertaining their friends, Mrs. Lyndle Barnes and Mrs. John Fuller served refreshments. There was a large wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom. Many brought gifts and greeting cards.

The Gilberts have long been active and faithful in the Baptist life of Paducah. Mr. Gilbert was for a good while active in court circles, being for a period one of the Judges of the Paducah area. He was also at one time a member of the Kentucky Legislature. He is a retired attorney.

►John Buell, for two years pastor at Highlands, N. C., has begun his ministry at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga.

The Pot and the Kettle



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Chorus To Be Used At State Training Union Convention

This chorus on the Training Union theme for this year will be featured at the State Training Union Convention to be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., May 6-7. The song was written by the State Training Union Secretary of Washington and Oregon.

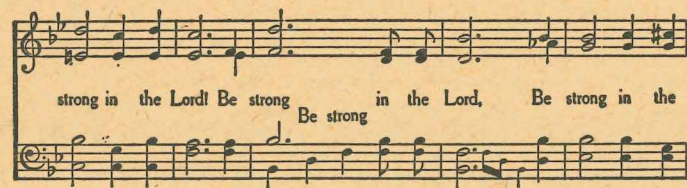
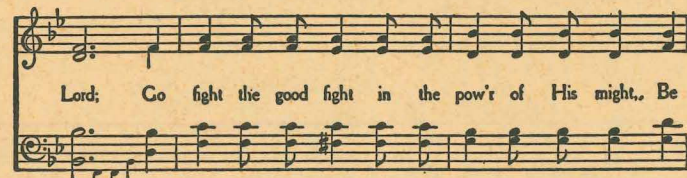
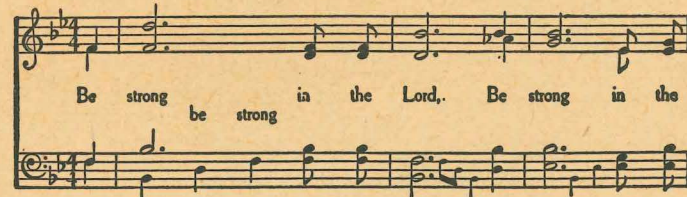
Mr. Dick Baker from Fort Worth, Texas will be leading the singing for all sessions. He is an excellent song leader and has also written a number of gospel hymns and choruses, "Longing for Jesus" being one of his better known gospel songs.

Write the Housing Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, for reservations for the Convention.

Be Strong In The Lord

Eph. 6: 10; 1 Cor. 16: 13

John T. Sisemore



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The State Junior Memory Work Drill

The Junior Memory Work Drill will be held at the State Training Union Convention on Saturday morning May 7 at 11:00 o'clock. Those participants in the state drill are:

Region	Participant
Central	Billy Birdwhistell
North Central	Audrey Thornton
Northeastern	Steve Towler
South Central	Nancy Harmon
Southeastern	Letty Lou Haynes
Southern	Martina Salmon
Southwestern	Tony Brinkley
Southwestern	Judy Burgess
Western	Gene C. Farley

Daviess-McLean Holds Its Associational Mass Meeting

Word comes that Daviess-McLean Associational Training Union held a very successful Mass Meeting on Monday night, March 7, with the Macedonia Baptist Church. This meeting was under the direction of the Associational Training Union director, Mrs. Robert S. McGinnis, Sr. Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Robert S. McGinnis, Jr., pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church. The banner for the church with the highest attendance was given to Immanuel Baptist Church, of which Marvin L. Roberts is Training Union director.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Receiving Ill Convert

Question: The pastor of our Baptist church visited a man who has lived a very wicked life but who recently became ill. This man privately explained to the pastor that he joined a rural Baptist church years ago but due to the church having no baptistry he never was baptized. The pastor presented his name and the church voted to receive into full fellowship of the church upon his becoming able to receive baptism, even though the member was not present and never made a public confession of his faith to the church. Was this case handled according to the doctrines of the Baptist church?

Answer: Your pastor was right. If an individual is not able to be present in a church service, there is no objection to receiving him in his absence. There is no example in the New Testament of such a case, but it is in line with the spirit and teachings of the Bible.

Such a person received for baptism is not a member of the church until he is baptized. But he is "under the watch-care of the church" and can be looked after by the membership until such time as he is well enough to be baptized. It seems to me that Christ would have done this.

It is not uncommon for Baptist churches to vote on receiving members in their absence. For such people, who cannot attend, the Christian fellowship extends beyond the meetinghouse, as it ought to.

Actually, the New Testament is the guide for Baptists in their church practices. And even though no verse can be found to support a given practice, such as this one, each church must find "the mind of Christ" in such matters. Therefore we say firmly that the New Testament is our sole guide in all matters of faith and practice.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 400 W. Meyer, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

►Dr. William Ward Ayer, New York City, was one of the speakers in the evangelistic conference of North Carolina recently. The program was under the direction of Dr. J. C. Canipe, secretary of evangelism in that state. Also on the program were Dr. C. Y. Dossey, Dr. Louie D. Newton, Dr. James L. Sullivan, and Dr. Roy O. McClain.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary

MISS BEULAH WINGO, Young People's Secretary

MR. J. C. BALLEW, Royal Ambassador Secretary

CHATS WITH THE CHAIRMEN

Stewardship

As we prepare for our third quarter's work in Stewardship, two projects come to my mind that I would like to talk to you about.

First, you will remember that at the beginning of this WMU year we asked that a three-minute presentation of stewardship be made at each monthly meeting of the WMS and I do so hope you chairmen have been carrying this out. It will keep the importance of stewardship before the women in an attractive, appealing manner, if various methods of presentation are used. For instance, for April's meeting, read the "Ten Commandments of Stewardship" or use one of the short playlets from the "Stewardship Scrapbook." Since May is the month of spring flowers why not make or buy paper flowers, attach a stewardship scripture verse, distribute to members and have the verses read aloud. For June, try a song contest. Do this by having the pianist play familiar hymns that contain stewardship lines, asking the members to give the lines, not just the title of the song. At each of these meetings, I trust that you will also be able to report new tithers!

The second project I would like to suggest is a stewardship study class for one of the summer months. Since this is not a requirement on our Standard we are apt to neglect such a worthwhile study. New and young members are coming into our societies at various times and we need to lead them in the way of stewardship. You will find, too, that such a study will inspire older members to dedicate themselves anew to fuller service in our Lord's work. Besides our own W.M.U. stewardship book, "Sacrifice and Song" you will find many others listed in the "World in Books."

I'll be expecting you at the Stewardship Conference, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. at Madisonville! Bring your problems and ideas for discussion.—Mrs. H. C. Randall.

Community Missions

Mrs. George N. Smith, our State Community Missions Chairman is making remarkable progress toward recovery during her illness. However, she will be unable to continue her work and Mrs. Howard Lawson, of Waddy, Kentucky, formerly Community Missions Chairman for Central Region, will carry on with Mrs. Smith's work until the State Meeting when a new chairman will be elected. We will continue to remember Mrs. Smith in our prayers, as we thank

God for her recovery and for all that she has meant to Kentucky W.M.U. through her four years of splendid leadership in Community Missions and wonderful service for the Cause of Missions. She has asked that we express to you her gratitude for your cooperation with her in the work of Community Missions and also for your "wonderful love" shown in so many ways during her long illness.

She also says, "There are two things about which I am concerned in the local Community Missions Chairman's planning. First, I wish they would be very sure to consult with the counselors in the assignment of Community Missions for the young people's organizations. The second is, that the local chairman avoid the two extreme errors in time assignments. One is to change assignments so often that follow-up work is almost impossible and the other is to give the same assignment to the same group month after month until instead of the work being a cheerful experience it is a boresome task. Both errors can be avoided entirely by regular conferences with the various circle Community Missions Chairmen and the Counselors."

We shall be expecting you at the Community Missions Conference, Tuesday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. at Madisonville. Mrs. Howard Lawson will lead the conference and Mrs. William McMurry will assist.

STATE ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMPS, CEDARMORE, BAGDAD, SHELBY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Dates

First Junior week June 13-18
Intermediate week June 20-24
Second Junior week June 27-July 2

Reservations

Camp information will be sent to all counselors the first of April. Reservations should be made on the reservation form provided. Send one dollar (\$1.00) for each camper along with this reservation form.

Total Cost

Either Junior week \$12.00
Intermediate week \$10.50

All camps begin with registration Monday afternoon. The Junior weeks end with breakfast on Saturday morning. Intermediate week ends Friday noon with dinner. The above prices include the \$1.00 reservation fee and the 50c fee for insurance that covers each camper from the time he leaves home until he returns home.

Camp Director: Mr. J. C. Ballew, State Royal Ambassador Secretary.

Counselors and Staff: These camp leaders are secured by the camp director. Letters have been sent out to those Pastors and laymen who have served before in Royal Ambassador camps, and others who have indicated an interest in Royal Ambassador work. If you have not received a letter and would like to serve as a counselor, please write Mr. Ballew.

CAMPERS: BOYS who are interested in our Baptist Boys' Organization, ROYAL AMBASSADORS. For either Junior week-boys 9-12 years old. For Intermediate week-boys 13 years of age and older.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR CLINICS

Since the beginning of the new year, the Royal Ambassador secretary has had the privilege of discussing Royal Ambassador work in the Associations listed below. Most all of these Training courses were planned so that at least eight hours were given to discussion and demonstration. Although the clinics were primarily for counselors, pastors and others interested in the work attended. Associational Royal Ambassador Leaders were in charge except where indicated.

Owen County, First Baptist, Owenton, Rev. M. Filmore Strunt; West Union, Tabernacle, Paducah and LaCenter, Rev. Duncan Smith; Graves County, High Point, Mayfield, Rev. Orman Stegall, missionary; West Kentucky, First, Clinton, Rev. Keith Dunn, leader and missionary; Long Run, Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Mr. George Bingham; South District, Gethsemane, Danville, Mr. Paul Huskisson; Davies-McLean, Third, Owensboro, Mrs. Moseley Cambron; Ohio Valley, First, Sebree, Rev. A. F. Tuck; Little Bethel, Second, Madisonville, Rev. Bailey Sadler; Elkhorn, Porter Memorial, Lexington, Mrs. Wm. B. Mitchell, Young People's Leader.

My Sheep Hear—and Follow

John 10:27

Like sheep on the trail in the mountain,
We are led by Thy voice divine.
Safe though the storm-clouds gather—
For Thou knowest the sheep that are Thine.

Thy shielding hand is o'er us,
Thy protecting wing o'erspread;
And though dangers lurk around us,
By Thee are we safely led.

Led into richer pastures—
Greener the grass there grows;
Guided by Thee to the waters—
Fresher the spring there flows.

Dear Shepherd, we follow Thee gladly—
What though the clouds hang low?
For THOU art the ONLY SHEPHERD
Our trusting heart doth know.

—Walter J. Kuhn

Mountain Mission Conference to Be Held Oneida Institute, May 2 Through May 4

The MOUNTAIN MISSIONS CONFERENCE will be held at Oneida Institute, May 2, 3, and 4. The program will open at 2 o'clock on Monday, May 2, and close Wednesday, May 4, at noon.

The conference is designed to assist pastors, missionaries, and laymen in the reaching of lost people in their communities.

Appearing on the program this year will be: Dr. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, who will teach in three periods of Bible Study. Dr. Eddleman will also bring the inspirational messages on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Rev. L. O. Griffith, director of Promotion for the Home Mission Board will present the work of Home Missions in pictures.

Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary of Kentucky Baptists, will bring the opening address on Monday afternoon.

Rev. A. B. Cash, director of Mountain and Pioneer Missions for the Home Mission Board, will be present throughout the Conference and will bring a message

on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Brother Cash will lead a conference on the County Mission Program on Tuesday.

Rev. Eldred M. Taylor, superintendent of Missions and Evangelism for Kentucky Baptists, will be present throughout the Conference and will lead a panel discussion on the Associational Mission Program Tuesday afternoon. Rev. M. Wendell Belew, director of the Mountain Mission Program in Kentucky, will lead a panel discussion on the Church Centered Mission Program.

Meals and room accommodations will be provided free of charge by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and by the Oneida Institute.

The Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union will provide a program of interest for the women who attend. This program will be under the direction of Mrs. George Ferguson and Mrs. D. C. Sparks.

All those who plan to attend are urged to make reservation with Mrs. D. C. Sparks, Oneida, Kentucky.

Dr. Eddleman Plays Basketball in Faculty-Student Game

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — It is a compliment to both the school and the man, when one who is in the auspicious role of college president will perform on the basketball floor to benefit a school project.

Such a compliment is due Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, the president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky. On Monday, March 14, Dr. Eddleman starred as center on the faculty team, as the faculty played a student team to raise money for the college swimming pool.

The pool, which was built twenty-seven years ago, has never held a drop of water. Due to some gross negligence in the planning of the natatorium, a

draining system was overlooked, and the staff of the GEORGETONIAN, college student publication, has undertaken the fund-raising project. This ball game was proposed as the final bid for money, and was received well by everyone.

Dr. Eddleman was introduced as "Limpy" Leo Eddleman, by Hugh Jackson, editor, who took such liberties with other athletic-minded faculty and administration members. The game, which started out seriously enough, ended up a joke, with as many as twenty men on the floor simultaneously, and boxing gloves, football helmets and baseball bats adding to the merriment.

Dr. Eddleman entered into the game whole-heartedly, made two points, and stated afterward that he had "had a lot of fun."

What a truly great thing it is when a fully-dedicated man, the president of a Christian institution, can show such outstanding co-operation and enthusiasm in a school project! Certainly the world today needs more men like H. Leo Eddleman.—Martha Morgan Banta.

►Baylor University Alumni have contributed \$105,591 to the Baylor Loyalty Fund during the past year. This is more than had been given in the previous three years. John S. Spencer is treasurer of the Ex-Students' Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MARCH 20, 1955

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)	T.U.	S.S.
Church		
Ashland, Unity	95	415
Barbourville	139	454
Bardstown		313
Bellevue	85	450
Benton, First	107	217
Bowling Green (2)	373	1,249
Burlington	91	295
Cadiz	102	271
Campbellsville (3)		656
Pleasant Hill	173	296
South Campbellsville	92	270
Carrollton		245
Central City	212	413
Clay, First		213
Cloverport		211
Corbin, First	127	401
Central (1)	166	600
Covington, Calvary		695
First (1)		407
Latonia (2)	254	1,039
South Side	110	473
Crestwood		43
Cynthiana (2)		453
Danville, First (3)	208	717
Lexington Avenue (1)		557
Elizabethtown, Severns		
Valley (3)	172	820
Erlanger		427
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	145	592
Grace	242	811
Keck Avenue	136	312
Walnut Street (2)		503
Falmouth		202
Ferguson (1)	70	247
Florence	100	400
Fort Thomas, First	84	353
Fort Mitchell	68	219
Frankfort, First (1)	172	835
Thorn Hill	136	356
Franklin, First		346
Georgetown (1)	181	562
Greensburg	66	225
Greenville, First	178	312
Harlan	155	686
Harrodsburg (2)	222	854
Hartford	90	217
Hawesville	63	248
Hazard (1)	67	291
Hazel	80	247
Henderson, First	154	521
Immanuel Temple (2)	90	689
Hodgenville, First	109	435
Hopkinsville, Second	174	630
Jenkins, First		223
Junction City	74	233
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	49	282
Lawrenceburg, First	65	366
Lebanon, First		516
Leitchfield	113	232
Lexington, Calvary (1)	166	835
Fellowship		449
Grace (2)	191	776
Immanuel	278	829
Porter Memorial	135	621
Rosemont	72	376
London, First (1)	145	597
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	165	689
Baptist Temple		296
Beechland	137	664
Beechmont (2)	179	1,011
Beechwood	71	222
Bethany	48	315
Bethlehem	113	271
Broadway	74	346
Buechel	91	298
Carlisle Avenue (2)	329	1,445
Clifton (1)	146	490
Crescent Hill (2)	210	1,039
Eastern Parkway	73	554
Eighteenth Street		345
Farmdale		390
Harmony	83	344
Hazelwood	89	546
Highland Park First		472
Immanuel	102	431
Ninth and O (10)	828	1,622
Parkland (1)	257	1,048
St. Matthews (1)	152	814
Shawnee		396
Shively (2)	232	940
Southside (1)	142	575
Third Avenue	138	647
Twenty-third and Broadway (2)	152	675
Valley View	64	220
Victory Memorial (2)	187	920
Virginia Avenue		293
Walnut Street (4)	288	1,690
West Broadway (1)	153	694
West Side	114	401
Ludlow, First	96	445
Lyndon	86	314
Madisonville, First	221	796
Marion	97	258
Middlesboro, First (5)	71	722
East Cumberland Avenue		333

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Rosemont Church Dedicates New Building

LEXINGTON, Ky. — On Sunday afternoon, March 20, the Rosemont Baptist Church of this city formally dedicated what is said by many to be one of the most beautiful church buildings in the state.

In spite of a downpour of rain at the 2:30-hour, a great congregation was present, including many pastors and members of other churches of the Lexington area.

Taking part in the dedicatory service were the pastor, Dr. O. W. Yates; Rev. P. E. Claybrook, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cynthiana; Dr. George Ragland, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington; and Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor, Western Recorder, Louisville. Pastor Claybrook led the opening prayer; Pastor Yates reviewed the history of the church and the erection of the new building, recognizing a number who had been especially influential in the program; Pastor Ragland offered the dedicatory prayer; and Editor Skinner preached the dedicatory sermon, and preached again at night.

The Rosemont church is comparatively a young congregation, having been organized in June of 1947 with 36 charter members. Louis W. Arnold was the first pastor. R. R. Huffman was the next pastor, serving until October 10, 1951. During Pastor Huffman's ministry another mission was started, which, in 1953, became the North Side Baptist Church. Rosemont Church granted 58 letters to members constituting the new church.

In December of 1951 Rosemont extended a unanimous call to Dr. O. W. Yates to become pastor. Under his leadership the church has experienced phenomenal growth in numbers and influence and organization. The corner stone of the new building was laid in October, 1953. The present membership numbers approximately 400 and a full-time program with all the organizations is being carried on, including enthusiastic support of the Cooperative Program of Kentucky Baptists. The church has the Western Recorder in the budget.

A Week of Dedication

Each night during the week a service was held in the new sanctuary, the theme for the entire week being, "The

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Church Christ Builds." On Monday Night, Dr. Eugene Enlow, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, spoke on, "The Church that Christ Builds Proclaims the Gospel;" Tuesday night, Dr. Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, spoke on, "The Church Christ Builds Sends the Message of Salvation;" Wednesday night, Rev. Lucien Coleman, secretary of the Brotherhood Department in Kentucky, spoke on, "The Church Christ Builds Reaches and Trains Men;" Thursday night, Rev. Morris Ashcraft, Lexington, spoke on, "The Church Christ Builds Yields to the Holy Spirit;" Friday night the theme was "The Church Christ Builds Reaches and Trains Women." The Georgetown College Choir, under the direction of A. Ray Baker, rendered a music program. On Sunday morning and night, March 27, Dr. Yates spoke on, "The Church Christ Builds Dedicates All," and "The Church Christ Builds Reaches Around the World." Mr. W. H. Chooler, church music director, led local music programs.

►John S. Harris has recently resigned as pastor of the Eastview Baptist Church, Eastview, Ky., and has accepted a call to be pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, in Bracken Association. He and his wife expect to move on the new field in June as soon as he completes his course in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He hails from Washington, Georgia.

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►The National League of Nursing, Inc., has granted an agency membership to the Gilfof School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.



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Knoxville—Pastor Bill Parsons; Superintendent Robert R. Hisel.

CORRECTION

In the March 17 issue of the *Western Recorder* on the Sunday school page it was stated that the special Sunday school offering for Cedarmore would be April 10. This was a mistake, the date is April 3, 1955.

"LET US GO ON" IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORK

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS have been promoting Vacation Bible Schools since 1925.

The blessings of God have been upon our efforts from that day until this very hour.

It is a far distance from 1925, with some 200 or 300 Vacation Bible Schools to 1954 with 24,335 schools. From an enrolment of some 25,000 to an enrolment of 2,570,290.

LET US LOOK AT OUR CONVENTION-WIDE RECORDS FOR 1954.

Of the 2,082,660 boys and girls enrolled in Vacation Bible Schools, 197,114 were not enrolled in Sunday school.

There were 55,000 or 60,000 conversions, with 37,012 dedications reported.

The boys and girls brought a mission offering totaling \$369,896.00.

There were 7,982 Southern Baptist churches that did not have a Vacation Bible School in 1954. Our average enrolment was 85.6 pupils per school. Had the 7,982 churches had schools and averaged the same as those who did, there would have been 683,259 more boys and girls in Vacation Bible School.

LET US LOOK AT OUR RECORDS IN KENTUCKY FOR 1954:

We had 1,830 schools reported with an enrolment of 175,717. There were 2,116 conversions and 1,157 dedications reported. We averaged 79.9 pupils enrolled per school.

There were 763 churches in Kentucky that had no Vacation Bible School in 1954. If these churches had had schools and enrolled an average of 79.9 boys and girls in each school there would have been 60,963 more children in Vacation Bible Schools in Kentucky last year.

Look again, there were an average of 2.1 conversions per school in Kentucky last year. If these 763 churches had had schools and won an average of 2.1 to Christ there would have been 1,602 more boys and girls won to Christ last year.

Some of these boys and girls may never be won to Christ now. They are gone to meet God. Think of the homes from which they come. Some of the parents are not Christians. Some of these homes never read the Bible and pray. Some never go to church and Sunday school.

More doors can be opened through the Vacation Bible School than any other one thing that a church can do.

What can we do? What will we do?—In 1955 to give every boy and girl the opportunity of Vacation Bible School?

Conduct a ONE-WAY Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic in your Association.

Help every church in your association to have a Vacation Bible School in 1955.

Have a ten day school with three hours daily in every church.

Our average length of schools in Kentucky last year was seven days.

Let us have more and better schools in 1955.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION HOLDS ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

A most successful Enlargement Campaign was held the week of February 28 in the Liberty Association. The churches participating and the director of their campaign follows: Browder's Chapel, Cecil Adams; Edmonton, Wendell Romans; Grider Memorial, H. S. Puckett; Cave City, Chester A. Igleheart; Horse Cave, Roy E. Boatwright; Mt. Tabor, Boyd Manion; Salem, Harold Moore; Siloam, Joe Prather; and Three Springs, Lyn Claybrook.

These nine churches had 1,534 resident church members, 1,474 enrolled in Sunday school, with a three months' average attendance of 776. The total number of officers and teachers was 160. The directors recommended 133 new workers.

The census revealed 3,986 total possibilities of the nine churches. Those nine years of age and older that were not church members were 948, or approximately one out of every three.

Brother Cecil Adams, the Associational Missionary, has written us that, "The whole effort is definitely proving itself to be a blessing not only to the churches participating but to the entire association."

The campaign was under the direction of Rev. O. W. Laster, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Rev. Cecil Adams, and Chester A. Igleheart of the State Sunday School Department.

We are looking forward to the time when every association in the state will have an association-wide enlargement campaign, central training school, or group training schools, every year.

Summer Programs for Oneida Baptist Institute Are Announced Here

Rev. D. C. Sparks, president of Oneida Institute, has announced the following schedule of events at Oneida for the coming summer:

Mountain Mission Conference, May 2-4.

Girls' Camp, June 6-10.

Boys' Camp, June 13-17.

Girls' Camp, June 20-24.

Boys' Camp, June 27-July 1.

Family Camp, July 18-22.

The Mountain Mission Conference is sponsored by the State and Home Mission Boards, and wives of missionaries are being invited again this year. Last year 125 pastors and mountain mission workers attended this conference.

The camps for boys and girls have been growing in popularity. Last year nearly 700 boys and girls attended.

Last year was the first time the school has had a Family Camp. Planned for entire families, it attracted 18 families. The first camp of this type was a great success, and reservations are already being made for the Family Camp this year.

Further information about the summer schedule may be secured from President Sparks.—*Kentucky Baptist Schools and Colleges News.*

Georgetown Alumni Makes A Present of a Piano

GEORGETOWN, March 9. — The alumni of Georgetown College presented a piano to the student body of the College at a chapel service in the John L. Hill Chapel on Thursday morning, March 24. The presentation was made by the president of the College's alumni association, Mrs. Logan B. English. Speaker at the service was Rev. Bob Brown, student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduate at Georgetown.

The gift of the piano was made possible by Loyalty Fund gifts of the alumni, and is expected to be the first of many such worthwhile projects.

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Forms have been sent out to all pastors and Brotherhood Presidents for use in making reservations for the big Baptist Men's Tour, May 3-6. April 26 is the dead line for making reservations. Don't miss the bus by failing to get your request for reservations in on time.

GOOD NEWS!

Kentucky was one of seven states in the Southern Baptist Convention which surpassed its quarterly distribution goal for the *Brotherhood Journal* during the first quarter of 1955. Our goal was four-thousand and we ordered 4,014. For the first time in history the south-wide distribution of the *Journal* passed the 100,000 mark. Every state in the convention surpassed its previous first quarter distribution of the *Journal* except one.

By way of comparison, last year in Kentucky only 95 Brotherhoods ordered *Journals* while this year 185 ordered them during this first quarter. Total subscriptions for the quarter last year amounted to 2,016. This year the total was 4,014 as above stated.

There is a reason for this increase and a good one. Our men have discovered that the *Brotherhood Journal* is a real source of good reading about Baptist work in general and an invaluable

source of good program material. The *Journal* is the Baptist man's church and denominational magazine. We confidently expect Kentucky's subscription list for the second quarter to near the 5,000 mark.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT RIDGECREST

Time is rushing by and the date for Brotherhood week at Ridgecrest will soon be here. This date is June 30-July 6. We are hopeful that a good number of our Brotherhood men will attend the conference this year. Last year there were only six of us from Kentucky. Our goal this year is 20. Why not make this a family affair this year. This date is also that of Foreign Missions week at Ridgecrest. There will be a place for every member of the family. Write Mr. W. K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, today for reservations.

If you plan to attend the Brotherhood and Foreign Missions Conferences at Glorieta this year, you will note that the date for these conferences is July 28-August 3. You should write today for reservations. Mr. E. A. Herron is the Manager at Glorieta and a letter addressed to him in care of Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, will reach him.

"Baptist Message" from Alabama

Dothan, Alabama, now has a religious television program five days a week, as a result of the Television Clinic held last November by the Radio and Television Commission staff.

It was during this clinic that the Executive Committee of the Columbia Baptist Association voted to buy time on WTVY, this was two months before the new station went on the air.

Now the Association presents "The Baptist Message" for 15-minutes each weekday afternoon from 4:30-4:50 p.m., serving an area that until the first of the year could not receive television signals except with costly equipment.

Time on WTVY is paid by 23 businessmen of the Dothan area, and while the bill each month reaches \$500, the associational worker, Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., expresses his confidence that Baptists will not fail in their support of this ministry.

Columbia Association Baptists do not

feel that radio is a thing of the past, despite the coming of television. Each Saturday night they sponsor a youth broadcast from the First Baptist Church (Dr. Samuel Maddox, Pastor) and informal ratings place this local show high for Saturday night listening. Format for the youth broadcast features a guest speaker, as much local talent as possible and a strong emphasis on a message to live by.

This Association of 43 churches, (28 of which are now in building programs) have set the pace in a radio-television ministry for other associations of like size to follow. They have accepted the challenge of the Great Commission ... and most important ... are doing something about it.

After having served as treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Pineville for the last 37 years, Brother M. H. Cox has resigned that office.

Pastoral Clinics Planned By Southwide Hospital Association

NEW ORLEANS, La. — In response to a growing demand among ministers for special clinical training in personal counseling and pastoral visitation with emphasis on visitation in the sick room, the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association is developing a plan to conduct a number of clinics in various parts of the convention territory, it is announced by Dr. Frank Tripp, executive secretary of the association.

"Some of the hospitals and seminaries now have an affiliation for the training of seminary students. This program has proved to be of such great value to the young ministers in the seminaries and to the pastors who have been able to attend a limited number of clinical institutes, it has been decided by the hospital administrators and their chaplains to offer similar specialized training on a limited basis to the pastors through the convention territory." Dr. Tripp said in making the announcement.

To implement the new program, a committee of two hospital administrators, two chaplains, two seminary professors, and one pastor is being appointed. Dr. Tripp, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital Board, and Edwin Peel, Georgia Baptist Hospital, will represent the administrators; Dr. Richard K. Young, North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Rev. Joe Luck, Houston Memorial Hospital, will represent the chaplains; Dr. John Price of New Orleans and Dr. Wayne Dates, of Louisville, will represent the seminaries. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention is to appoint the pastor who will serve with the committee.

This group will develop a program for further consideration by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association. It is hoped that a number of clinical institutes can be conducted in 1956.

R. C. Briggs, head of department of religion and philosophy, Union University, Jackson, Tenn., is going to study. He plans to visit Scotland, England, and Switzerland.

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By H. C. Chiles

Our Assurance of Eternal Life

Obviously there were those at Corinth who denied the glorious doctrine of the bodily resurrection of the dead. Because of their opposition to this great and fundamental doctrine, this masterful message respecting the truth of the resurrection was recorded in I Corinthians 15. This chapter constitutes a marvelous treatise on the resurrection. It was intended to establish the faith of all believers in Christ who might be subjected to any false teaching on this subject, so its truths are of vital importance to every child of God.

I CORINTHIANS 15:3-10

The gospel which Paul preached to the Corinthians was not conceived in his own mind, but he had received it by revelation from the Lord. It was also connected very closely with the Old Testament. The word "gospel" is a combination of two simple words which mean "good news" or "glad tidings." The gospel is the announcement of the good news that God has provided righteousness for unrighteous men. It is the good news of salvation which is offered freely in Christ.

There were three facts in the gospel which Paul preached to the saving of those who believed on Christ.

1. Christ's Death. Verse 3.

Christ died on the cross to atone for our sins and to provide a way for our forgiveness. By His death every believer in Him is set free from the penalty of his sin and reconciled to God. The vicarious death of Christ had been foretold in many of the Old Testament scriptures, like Isaiah 53, and Paul here referred to the fulfillment of those prophecies.

2. Christ's Burial. Verse 4.

He was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. His burial showed the reality of His death, and the fulness with which He shared human experience.

3. Christ's Resurrection. Verse 4.

Early on Sunday morning Christ arose from the dead, laid aside His grave clothes and walked out of the tomb. This living Saviour was triumphant over death and the grave. The empty tomb was a great testimony to the reality of His resurrection. Not only was He raised from the dead, but He is still alive. Through His resurrection we have received the blessed assurance that the grave is not our goal. In fact, the resurrection of Christ is the alphabet of human hope, the certificate of His great mission from heaven and an indispen-

sable part of the glorious gospel in all ages.

These three events, Christ's death, burial and resurrection, constitute the outstanding truths of the gospel which Paul preached to the Corinthians. In these great facts there is nothing except that which should increase our faith in Christ, our love for Christ and our devotion to Him.

In verses five to eight Paul called attention to certain eyewitnesses of the risen Lord. He stated that Christ was seen by Cephas or Peter, and then by the apostles. Knowing that there were those who would not accept that as sufficient proof, he went on to mention the fact that more than five hundred brethren had seen Him at one time, and that the greater number of them were still alive. Such a large number could not be deceived, neither would they concoct a falsehood. Then the Lord was seen by James, His half-brother. He was also seen by all the apostles and finally by Paul himself. So, the truth of the appearances of our Lord does not rest upon isolated testimony. God saw to it that hundreds of people were able to testify that they had seen the Lord after His resurrection. For many days He was seen by those who knew Him well. He walked with them, talked with them and ate with them. There is no other event in history that is supported by such an unimpeachable body of testimony as the resurrection of Christ from the grave.

There are many factors and influences which enter into making a man what he is, such as heredity, environment, training, personal choices, etc. But, above them all is the grace of God. Salvation and the glorious privilege of Christian service are due to God's infinite grace through the person and work of the risen Christ. Paul magnified the grace of God by showing what it had accomplished in his own life. The hope of our world lies in the outflowing of God's marvelous grace, liberating, cleansing, remaking and illuminating those who are in bondage. Grace is not a mere sentiment, but it is a force, power and energy. It is active and energizing. Without grace we would never have amounted to anything. Grace transformed us from lost sinners into children of God, and from servants of Satan into faithful servants of Christ.

I CORINTHIANS 15:53-58

In these verses we are told that our bodies will be different. Here our bodies are subject to corruption and decay. No matter how healthy and well cared for

they may be, one day they will return to the dust of the ground, unless the Lord returns and translates us before we die. Regardless of how much the world may laugh and jeer, we wait in perfect confidence and hope for the time when our blessed Lord will raise the bodies of the saved and change the bodies of the living Christians and bring us all together. We rejoice in that glorious future which is awaiting us.

Victory over the grave is one thing that every person covets, whether or not he admits it. It is an experience which cannot be had apart from God's power. This victory over death and the grave will in no sense be due to ourselves, but it is the gift of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. His victory over death and the grave is the pledge of ours. Because He lives, all who believe in Him shall live.

Paul considered the resurrection of the believer and the meeting of our Lord face to face as a sufficient incentive to steadfastness in the work of our Lord. With victorious assurance the believer stands steadfast and unmovable at the center of life, while always abounding in the joys and duties which come at its circumference. Like a wheel which can be useful only as its center is established and steady, so man can serve the Lord and enjoy a satisfying life only as he is steadfast. Living for Christ and serving Him in this world are our greatest privileges. Let us make the most of them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MARCH 20, 1955

(Continued from page 16)

Monticello, First	57	270
Mt. Sterling	253	279
Mt. Washington	103	760
Murray, First	122	763
Newport, First (2)	95	228
Trinity	231	1,323
Owensboro, First (1)	187	488
Hall Street (1)	107	221
Macedonia	95	267
Seven Hills	336	1,149
Third	173	425
Paducah, East	111	223
Oaklawn	59	241
Paintsville, First (2)	120	345
Paris, Central	54	292
First	310	502
Pineville, First (5)		
Prestonburg, Irene Cole		574
Memorial (9)	162	
Princeton, First	104	391
Richmond, First		368
Russellville, First (1)		277
Shepherdsville	205	663
Somerset, First		208
Calvary	46	213
Pleasant Hill No. 2	122	431
Springfield, First	71	395
Versailles	126	368
Walton	53	389
Williamson, W. Va.	50	215
Williamsburg, Main Street	94	436
Winchester, Central	150	492
First		

Honorary doctorates are to be conferred by Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., at its commencement, May 28, upon Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America for the S. B. S. Foreign Mission Board; Pastor J. Thurmond George, First Baptist Church, Duncan, Okla.; and Pastor Robert S. Scales, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. The first and last named were graduated from OBU in the Class of 1934.

New Missionaries Appointed By Home Mission Board

ATLANTA, Ga. (BN) — Eighteen San Blas Indians were appointed home missionaries for Comarca de San Blas, Panama, in the March Home Mission Board meeting here March 10.

The Home Mission Board has just opened work among the 28,000 people who live in this territory of Panama. Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Inglesias are directing the mission work there. Dr. R. G. Van Royen is superintendent of mission work in Panama and the Canal Zone.

A committee composed of 16 pastors and some Home Mission Board members who were on a preaching tour made a survey of the needs of the San Blas Indians and of the work done by Dr. Inglesias and his workers. The Home Board in its annual meeting voted to begin work with the San Blas Indians.

Dr. Inglesias has been in these islands

Pastor Wendell H. Rone Will Tour Holy Land and Attend Baptist World Alliance

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. — Pastor Wendell H. Rone, First Baptist Church, this city, will tour the Holy Land and attend the Baptist World Alliance in London during the period of June 8 to August 2 of this year.

Pastor Rone states concerning arrangements for his absence:

"William G. Potts, Louisville, Ky., a long-time Baptist minister and state mission worker, will assume the pastoral duties of the First Baptist Church in the absence of the pastor. . . Brother Potts will be accompanied by his wife. These good and gracious and capable friends will be on the field all during the time the pastor is gone, to minister to the needs of the congregation, and Brother Potts will fill the pulpit regularly on Sunday and conduct the mid-week prayer service. I am sure our people will come to love them and appreciate their ministry and friendship as many others have done who have known them in the pastorate and elsewhere."

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Carolina Baptists Are Named "Men of Year"

By the Baptist Press

A pastor and a layman in Baptist churches in the Carolinas have been honored with "Men of the Year" awards in the cities where they live.

Thomas S. Haggai, pastor of West End Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S. C., was given the Junior Chamber of Commerce award there as "Young Man of the Year" for his church and civic activities in the community.

A deacon and Sunday school teacher in First Baptist Church, Roxboro, N. C., Dolian Long, was named 1954 "Man of the Year" in Roxboro by popular vote of all civic clubs in the community.

Dr. Merrill Moore writes: "The date for the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Cooperative Program and the premiere showing of the Cooperative Program film, "Together We Build," has been moved up one week. It appeared that the original date was too close to the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, and there were other complications which developed. The date now is Friday evening, May 6, at Temple Baptist Church in Memphis."

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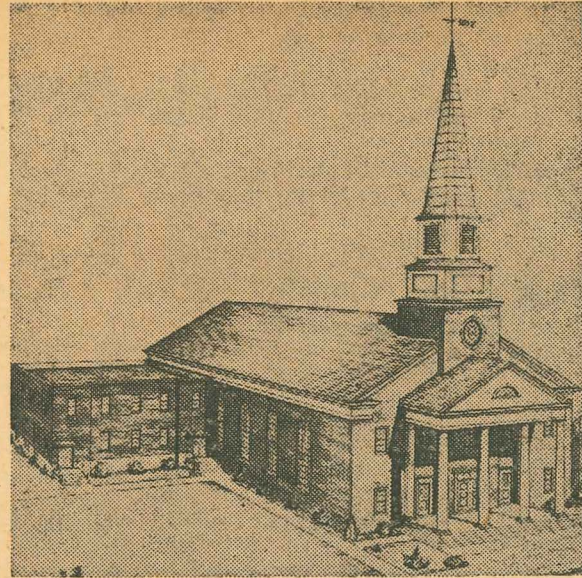
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Southside, Louisville, to Erect New Building

Shown here is the architect's drawing of the new auditorium for Southside Baptist Church, 804 Camden Avenue at Bellevue, Louisville. The church hopes to begin the construction in the near future. This will be the first unit of construction, the next unit being an educational plant to follow at a later date. The people of Southside are planning an energetic program of advance and this new auditorium represents their aspirations. At present two morning worship services are held in an attempt to take care of the membership. Southside has sorely needed a more adequate auditorium for several years, and when completed this new auditorium promises to be one of the most beautiful and up to date that can be found. The auditorium has been designed to seat a maximum of one thousand, including a balcony at the rear. It will be built on the present parking lot and



will thus enable the church to keep using its present facilities until the new building is erected. T. L. McSwain is the pastor at Southside, and Joseph H. Kolbrook is the architect.

Island Church Comes to Pastor Gordon's Aid by \$500 Gift

ISLAND, Ky. — The Island Baptist Church recently came to the financial aid of Pastor Guy Gordon and his wife by quietly raising \$500 and giving it to them to meet an emergency.

Some time back Pastor and Mrs. Gordon had to place two children in hospitals for specialized treatment, and financial problems were multiplying rapidly. Some of the members heard that the pastor and his wife had decided to sell their car, buy an older one, and use the extra money to meet obligations; they quickly showed their love and appreciation by raising through private gifts the amount presented.

This spirit indicates the fine quality of the Island Church and community, and also the high esteem in which Pastor and Mrs. Gordon are held. An extended stay in the hospitals will likely be required for the children. Pastor Gordon stated, after receiving the gift: "The

Lord has richly blessed and I know He will care for our future needs.

"I do not feel that my problems are any greater than the next person's; every life has its joys and sorrows, its trials and challenges."

Brotherhood Organized at Lone Oak, Paducah

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 22. — The organization of a Brotherhood in Lone Oak Baptist Church got into full swing on February 7 as enrollment reached 68 at a banquet dinner honoring the State Brotherhood Secretary Lucian E. Coleman, Sr., who took the floor, sighted down both barrels, and pulled the trigger on one of the most dynamic and outstanding man-to-man messages on Brotherhood Responsibilities yet heard by the group.

Pastor B. R. Winchester termed the occasion as the happy culmination of a long treasured hope that had faltered and flickered in years past, but which had nonetheless survived as a bright hope that had grown steadily brighter toward this, the actual organization process.

Fred Earhart, president-elect, told the group that the future posed a real fighting challenge which could well use the spirit that had brought the organization to its present status. He asserted that

the Brotherhood would be fully consecrated to undergirding the whole church program, with the central aim of bringing lost men to Christ.

Besides President Earhart, other officers elected were: W. C. Padon, vice president; Rollie Bartlett, assistant vice president; T. C. Hamm, secretary and treasurer; and Ronnie Dycus, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

Jordan Suffers From Rainfall Shortage

A critical shortage of rainfall in Jordan during this season of the year (December to April) when the year's water supply is expected has promoted Southern Baptist missionaries in that country to ask Southern Baptists to join them in prayer for rain.

Mrs. L. August Lovegren writes: "The country is in a critical state. Many of the crops are already ruined; others will be ruined in the near future if it doesn't rain soon. This means that many, many people will have no income at all this year. It means that others (who don't live directly off the land) will have to pay higher prices for food."

When the letter was written on February 20, there had been no rain in almost two months, right in the middle of the rainy season. "In the Jordan Valley the land is so dry that the crops are not good and whirlwinds of dust can be seen as in summer," Mrs. Lovegren said. "Newborn lambs and goats cannot find tender young grass on which to graze.

"In some villages, the only supply of water during the spring, summer, and fall is that which is caught in cisterns during the winter months. In some villages, these cisterns are already dry and people are having to walk or go on donkeys to other villages for water. In some areas water is being sold by the tin.

"There are no industries in Jordan on which the people may rely. They depend on the land.

"We earnestly request your prayers."

►The Boyd Hill Baptist Church has sent us a set of resolutions concerning the passing of their former pastor, Brother B. B. Boaz, Hickory, Kentucky. We printed an extended statement of his life and work in last week's *Western Recorder*. The Boyd Hill resolutions are signed by the present pastor, E. R. Noel, Howard Ford, clerk, and Perkins Carr, clerk pro tem.

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Preacher Sought for Arrest Vanishes Suddenly from England

(17th Century Baptist Press)

LONDON, November 28, 1630 — (BP)— Roger Williams, a Puritan minister sought for arrest by the Bishop of London, apparently has vanished, it was learned today.

"Roger Williams is a dangerous enemy of the state," declared William Laud, Bishop of London, in explaining his action. "It is preachers like Williams who have awakened in the people dislike for the authority of the church and state."

Williams has been serving as chaplain to Sir William Masham in Essex County. The area is a hotbed of nonconformity to the Established Church, due in part at least to the influence of the young Puritan. Bishop Laud reportedly has attempted to have Williams dismissed from his chaplaincy.

"I don't have any idea where Roger Williams is," Sir William told a reporter today. "I sent him to London on business earlier this week, but I haven't heard from him since. Evidently he had business of his own."

Sir William said the minister kept none of his London appointments and has visited none of his friends there.

Bishop Laud is not to be easily evaded, however. He is one of the most aggressive foes of Puritans in England and has vowed that "suspension and imprisonment will be imposed on ministers for the slightest deviation from the Book of Common Prayer."

As a country chaplain, Williams long ago rejected the prayer book of the Established Church. Only his friendship with influential leaders in government and religion has saved him from the wrath of ecclesiastical persecution.

But in declaring himself a separatist from the Established Church—an open violation of the law—Williams evidently has at last overstepped his immunity.

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television in three years." "This My Son" has thrilled thousands who saw it in black and white.

The story is that of a modern-day prodigal son and was filmed in Hollywood, Calif., by Family Films, Inc., one of the industry's most outstanding producers of religious dramas.

This modern "prodigal" leaves his father's western ranch for the big city. He falls into fast and sordid living and his money and shallow friends are soon gone.

Interwoven with strong dramatic scenes of high tension, "This My Son" draws the strong moral lesson that a Christian life is the only one any man can lead and be at peace with himself, his friends, family and God.

Production of two other films in the series, "This Is The Answer" will begin shortly.

►The Pink Ridge Church, Sulphur Well, Ky., has been doing some repairing on its building. The pulpit has been extended and the beech hardwood floor has been refinished. Overton Smith, the pastor, is planning for a home coming on May 8. Members of the church hope to make a trip to the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale on May 29.

Now a fugitive, another of the voices which has been raised against the power of church and state over religious freedom has been silenced.

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Southern Baptists Present First Dramatic Television Film

ATLANTA, Ga. — The world color premiere telecast of Southern Baptists' first dramatic television film, "This My Son," has been set for 3 p.m., Sunday, April 10, over WBAP-TV in Fort Worth, Texas.

This announcement was made by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission, which produced the motion picture. It is the first religious film to be televised in color.

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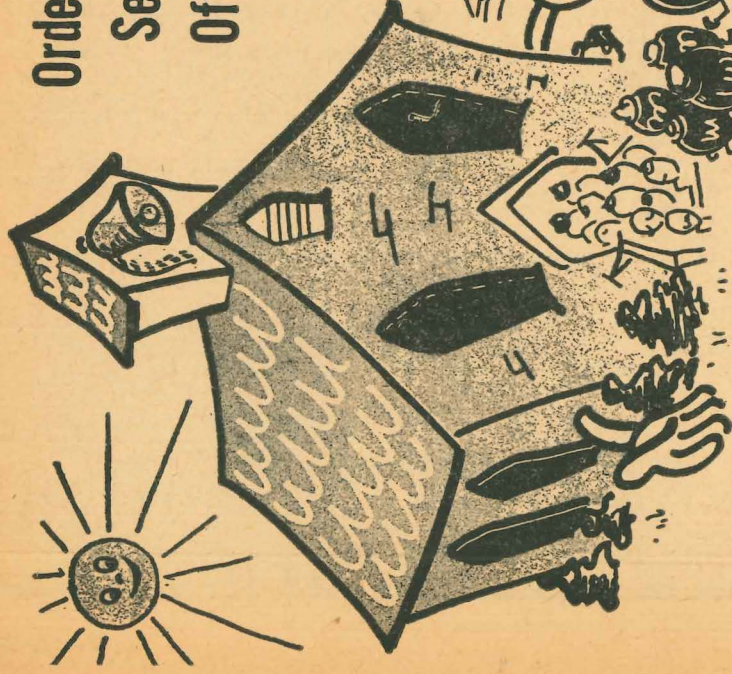
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