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Well of Water

►Ralph Nite, formerly pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has become pastor of Centropolis Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

►W. H. Rittenhouse, Jr., has resigned as pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., to become pastor of Sylvan Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

►W. B. Langford, long-time deacon in the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark., has attended his Sunday school for fifty years without missing a single Sunday.

►C. Monroe Warren has become pastor of First Baptist Church, Port Wentworth, Ga., following a period as pastor of Morgan Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.

►C. Hudson Favell has accepted a call to Greenlee Baptist Church, in the Blue Ridge Association in North Carolina. He comes from pastorate of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Athens, La.

►Who'll make it five seconds? A while back, a church in Durant, Okla., claimed a record by enrolling a baby in its cradle roll department 15 seconds after birth. Calvary Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M., said it went the Durant church one better, enrolling Peggy Ann Oslin 10 second after her arrival.

►Mrs. Joseph C. Clapp has been named director of religious activities at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. Mrs. Clapp is the wife of Joseph C. Clapp, former director of public relations for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary who recently moved to Furman as director of religious workshops and professor of religion.

►T. W. Medearis, former executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association, has been called to be pastor of the Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, Riverside, California. Before going to the Magnolia Church on August 15 he was for a time interim pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

►Herman B. McDowell, blind evangelist, 1611 Arcade, Louisville, preached in a tent meeting at 4211 Poplar Level Road, this city, August 8-20. The meetings were under the sponsorship of the Brotherhood of East Audubon Baptist Church. Brother McDowell's younger brother, Charles McDowell, led the music.

►Bethel Baptist Church, in Daviess-McLean Association, completed a two weeks' VBS August 12. Mrs. Polly Wright was principal and led the school to an enrollment of 73, and an average daily attendance of 60. There were 4 professions of faith and the children gave \$17.11 to missions through the Co-operative Program, according to Pastor Herbert Finch.

►Pastor Harold D. Tallant, Madisonville, was the special speaker at the annual church picnic of the First Baptist Church of Earlington. Brother Tallant used the occasion to relate some of his experiences on his recent trip to the Holy Land and the Baptist World Congress. Pastor Hughlan P. Richey says that this annual event was sponsored by the Brotherhood.

►Dr. John Dodson, for many years a professor at Bowling Green Business University, died recently at Bowling Green, Ky. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. The pastor, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, being away, the funeral services was conducted by the editor of the Western Recorder, Dr. R. T. Skinner, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green.

►Pastor Paul Howerton did the preaching in his own pulpit at the Drennon's Ridge Baptist Church, Franklinton, Henry County, Ky., recently, resulting in 7 conversions, 1 transfer of letter and 2 rededications. The VBS was held in conjunction with the revival, in which there were 69 enrolled with an average attendance of 62. A mission offering was taken for the two children's homes.

►Pastor and Mrs. Thaburn L. McSwain, of South Side Baptist Church, Louisville, are the proud parents of their second son. He is Stephen Bland McSwain, and he was born Sunday night, August 7, at 11:40 o'clock. The newcomer is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hagan, members of Walnut Street Church, Louisville; and of Pastor and Mrs. W. L. McSwain, Hollis, North Carolina.

►Baylor University conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon one of her well-known sons, Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, on August 18. Dr. Koller was also the commencement speaker. Graduating from Baylor in 1923, he was next given his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees by Southwestern, and then he spent 11 years as pastor of Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J. He has been in his present position for the last 17 years.

►Bumpus Mills Church has been making progress under the leadership of Pastor Rudolph Noel. The church was organized July 16, 1950 with 27 charter members. Since that time it has baptized 108 into its fellowship, and added 52 by letter and statement. Members now total 187. Three preachers have been ordained. They are Brethren Odell Maywel, Robert Wyatt and Norton Burk. And four have been licensed to preach. A church and pastor's home have been erected. The Co-operative Program has been supported since its beginning.

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►Brother Oley C. Kidd, superintendent of missions and promotion for the Birmingham Baptist Association, writes: "The superintendent of missions went to Knoxville last Friday, August 12, and witnessed the funeral service for the [Frank W.] Wood family. The service was beautifully arranged. Dr. F. F. Brown, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, conducted the service. Dan, the only member of the family left, stood the experience in a fine way. May the Lord bless him! We all know the wonderful record they made at Woodlawn [at Birmingham] 1948-1954."

If I Were a Rural Pastor

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If I were a rural pastor, I would make every effort possible to get all the training I could through our schools and through in-service training.

However, I would not allow myself to be handicapped by an inferiority complex because of any unavoidable lack of training. I would lift up my shoulders and thank God that He had called me into a task so tremendous. I would see to it that any disadvantages which were mine regarding training would be offset as far as possible through seminary correspondence study, through study in some of the college or seminary extension centers, and through personal devotion to duty.

THE PASTOR HIMSELF

I would dedicate myself with singleness of mind to my church and my church field and would suppress any yearning for greener pastures.

A settled ministry is a pre-requisite to a strong rural church. Many of the problems of pastoral leadership have arisen out of the fact that rural pastors and some times rural churches have been restless and therefore the tenure of service has been exceedingly brief.

Recently I studied a rural church forty-six years old and found its average length of pastorate was ten and one-third months. No wonder that church was weak and struggling!

I would remember that the only way I could continue for any length of time in a pastorate would be to forget other invitations and dedicate myself without reserve to the task at hand. I would remind myself frequently that no man whose heart yearns for a city pastorate can warm a farmer's heart.

THE PASTOR AND HIS CHURCH

If I were a rural pastor, I would ask God to let me serve at the most only four or five churches in a life-time.

The more I observe our Southern Baptist work the more I am convinced that it takes a man from one to three years to get fully acquainted with a rural church. With a one or two-year pastorate a man only makes a beginning.

The men who have stayed from five to ten years are the ones who have built most successfully. I realize God many times moves a pastor more often than this. Yet I would ask if it pleased Him to let me stay longer that I might dig deeper and leave more permanent fruit.

If I were a rural pastor, I would yearn to share the life of my people, whether it be good or bad.

No man can be pastor of a rural church and hold himself aloof from their

problems and crises. I would seek to live with my people in their fields, pastures, and barns and thus identify myself with their good or ill fortune.

If I were a rural pastor, I would try to build such a frame of mind that I could compare my church and community, not with the poorest, but with the best, of city churches and of city living, and still find my rural work preferable.

THE PASTOR AND HIS COMMUNITY

If I were a rural pastor, I would constantly observe and study the psychological patterns of rural living and mold my ministry to fit into these trends.

Rural people are vastly different from urban people. I would not allow myself to be deceived by the easy solutions which some are now offering. I would remind myself that simply because rural people have new cars, nice homes, television, and electricity, they are not thereby urbanized. Rural people still think, live, and act differently from urban people.

If I were a rural pastor, I would so honor rural life as to offset the stigma commonly attached to farming.

Rural living today has many advantages over urban living. People are beginning to realize this more and more, but for generations various implications have been made that rural life is entirely undesirable. I would so guard my heart and mind that I would not succumb to this subtle tendency. To offset it I would magnify the spiritual quality of rural living and would so honor rural life that the people themselves would be proud of their mode of living.

If I were a rural pastor, I would keep in closest touch with my county agent and all the others who work with farm people and would do my best to utilize what they have to offer to strengthen my people in their occupations.

THE PASTOR AND RURAL FAMILIES

If I were a rural pastor, I would attempt to know every man, woman, boy, and girl in my entire area and would use that personal friendship for Christ.

I would recognize that one of the strong points of rural life is the highly advantageous position of rural families. I would labor to build strong rural homes and by this means build a stronger church. Rural people have more children than city people, and rural families are usually more closely knit than city families. I would utilize this natural characteristic to build a stronger framework of society.

If I were a rural pastor I would try to recognize the value of the close personal friendships which a rural pastor has, that many city pastors can never enjoy. I would major on intimate and oft-repeated contacts with my people. I would attempt to develop a depth ministry, by which I mean a strong spiritual influence with a few people and not worry about not having a flitting touch with the thousands.

Rural pastors must recognize the vitality of intimate spiritual leadership rather than have the gnawing ambition for the prestige and acclaim of large masses. I would recognize that Christian character is developed through these oft-repeated intimate influences and not by mass promotion techniques.

THE PASTOR AND RURAL YOUTH

Realizing the fact that there are proportionately more young people in rural churches than in city, if I were a rural pastor I would major on ministering to my young people. I would attempt to understand their problems in all areas and strive to make my church the focal point of their primary interests. I would seek through an active and aggressive youth program to tie the young people of the community on to God through the activities of my church. I would realize that at least 70 per cent of my young people will soon migrate to the city. I would make every possible effort to train them for church responsibilities after they have moved to the city. I would seek to orientate them into city living before they left the country so that on leaving they would take their church letters with them and continue active responsibility in some city church.

For those who can stay in the rural areas, I would strive to counsel them in business and economic matters and develop means for enabling more youth to stay in the country. I would realize that only as young people live in the country and rear their families there would my church have hope for the future.

If I were a rural pastor, I would seek to challenge my youth to the greatest possible Christian dedication, knowing that the majority of our Southern Baptist pastors and missionaries have come from rural churches.

Ideas — Opinions — Truth

Most of us have heard and perhaps have said, "I have a right to my opinion, and the right to express it." In a sense that's true but in another sense it isn't.

Each has the right to form *carefully* and *honestly* an opinion but no one has the moral right to an opinion, recklessly formed. Each has the right to express an honestly formed opinion, but no one has the moral right to express that opinion dishonestly—claiming it to be more than it is, just an opinion. The right to do one's own thinking does not relieve one of the responsibility and obligation to think carefully, cautiously, conscientiously. The right to free speech does not relieve one of the obligation to be thoroughly honest before God and men.

Opinion is an honorable word and should indicate that one has exercised intelligence and conscience. An opinion is defined as "a conclusion or judgment held with confidence but falling short of actual knowledge." A mere opinion cannot, therefore, be proclaimed as positive truth. When we actually know that a thing is truth, it ceases to be a mere opinion and becomes positive knowledge.

Arriving at a knowledge of truth involves a process. That process may be long and arduous, or it may be short and comparatively easy. One makes sufficient observations to form a general idea; as observations continue, an opinion is formed; when opinions are carefully checked and unmistakably verified, they become positive knowledge because they are founded on truth. Opinions so verified were truth from the beginning but there had to be a process in arriving at the actual and certain knowledge.

An honest man will never proclaim his opinions to be more than they are, and he will caution hearers and readers against accepting them as truth until they are known to be. One may express opinions to stimulate study and to indicate a course of thinking, but the fundamentally honest man will never call them truth until they are KNOWN TO BE. A liar is one who tells as truth what he knows to be untruth; but one is in essence dishonest who tells as truth what is actually a mere opinion.

There are many who seem perfectly willing to proclaim an idea or an opinion as truth. And, we also regret to say, there are thousands who are willing to accept an idea (no matter how half-baked) or a mere opinion as the *truth*. Chaos follows in the wake of those who refuse to do truthful and honest thinking before they speak. Such reckless procedures are the poisonous stalk from which confusion and *isms* and schisms grow.

God does not call men to preach ideas— indefinite or fanciful notions. He does not call men to preach mere opinions. God's men are called to preach the TRUTH. A note of *certainty* is needed, and certainty stems only from TRUTH. Certainty cannot be conjured up; it must be arrived at by a process of thought and experience; it must be gotten from the Word of God.

One need never be afraid when he is proclaiming the Word, for "Thy word is truth." But let him be certain that what he says IS ACTUALLY WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS, and that he has not read something INTO the Bible which the Holy Spirit never put there. Let him be positive that he has not taken a few words from here and a few words from there and then brought them together to prove his own preconceived notions. No matter what my notions are, or yours, the all-important question is, What does the BIBLE actually say? Remember, God will hold a man accountable for proclaiming his own opinions rather than the TRUTH. Opinions may be wrong; God's Word, never! Opinions may change; God's Word, never!

One can prove nearly anything from the Bible if he doesn't mind twisting it away from its purposes. Peter sounded a warning against this when he spoke of Paul's inspired writings "in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction" (2 Pet. 3:16).

Not long back, as the writer drove to a Sunday's engagement, he heard a man preaching over the radio. For a full half-hour, from beginning to end of the talk, we listened. He was injecting notions and ideas and opinions into the Word of God rather than letting the Word shape his own thinking (if, indeed, he was thinking at all).

We believe in prayer. We believe the Holy Spirit guides into all truth. We do not believe that any man, unaided by the Holy Spirit, can rationalize his way "into all truth." Nevertheless, we've never believed there is any substitute for hard, painstaking study of the Word of God. We must work WITH the Spirit of God, even as He works IN us. Holy men of old searched the Scriptures. We doubt very much that the man who is so mentally and spiritually lazy that he will not obey the divine injunction to "search the Scriptures" and "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" can go to God with any justified expectancy and ask Him to make His truth known unto him. This writer loves to hear good preaching; he loves to hear a man who has been closeted with God in prayer, for he can't preach without it; but he also loves to hear a praying man who believes God enough to search the Scriptures and then seek all the while for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in understanding it. God's Truth and will are revealed by the Scriptures, and the Holy Spirit holds our hands like a guiding Shepherd and leads us in the understanding and in the doing of His will.

Church and Denomination Night

In this, the first issue of September, we call attention to a great need and a tremendous opportunity. The need is to avoid the drifting experience in individuals and churches, and the opportunity is to accomplish this by having a Church and Denomi-

nation Night some time during this month or in October.

Drifting individuals and churches move only downstream, never up. It takes power to move up, and drifters do not have it. Or, if they have it they do not use it. This isn't a criticism; it's just the statement of a well-known fact.

Why do we need the Church and Denomination Night? First, even those who are pushing the hardest need encouragement to continue. Second, so many take little or no interest in either the local church work or in the denomination at large. Most of what has been done in the church and in the denomination results from efforts by the few, and the majority of us know this.

Church and Denomination Night is designed to enlist those not now active. At least that is the primary purpose. For this reason a great deal of advertising needs to be done throughout the total membership. All available means should be used—written messages, posters, telephone calls, personal calls, announcements from the pulpits and in departments and classes—and this should be a sustained emphasis, not a spasmodic effort.

It has been suggested that on Church and Denomination Night a brief history of the local church be read; that a brief history of the denomination be presented; that songs be sung which were written by Baptists; that at least two addresses be delivered: (1) on stewardship and (2) the Cooperative Program; that the importance of a complete budget be stressed, fixed with a definite amount (large as possible) for the support of world missions through the Cooperative Program; and that all possible consideration be given to the possibility of enlarging the gifts through the Cooperative Program as well as to the work of the local church.

Printed matter has been sent out from the office of our general secretary to all the pastors and churches, and additional material can be had for the asking.

We regard this as one of the most important programs in the life of the denomination this year. It will go far, if enthusiastically supported, to strengthen not only the churches themselves but all the work of our denomination.

Seeking Public Opinion Regarding Religious Freedom

In the August 15 issue of *Louisville Times* there appeared a *United Press* release bearing the caption, "Senate Group Seeks Opinions Regarding Religious Freedom."

"A Senate subcommittee has asked interested Americans to file their opinions on the touchy question of Government aid to churches and the rights of atheists to spread their beliefs," the release stated.

Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.) is chairman of the committee. He stated that the subcommittee on constitutional rights, which is studying

the "sore spots" in the observance of religious freedom, is sending questionnaires asking a number of questions to discover the minds of the people.

We are not informed as to how many questionnaires are being sent out, and we do not know the basis on which recipients of the questionnaires were selected.

The release states: "Hennings subcommittee is conducting a clause by clause survey of the Bill of Rights. It hopes to limit to one week public hearings concerned with the 16 words the Constitution has to say about religion. The hearings are scheduled tentatively for the week of October 3." Those sixteen words are: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Those who receive the questionnaire are being asked to state whether they regard those sixteen words as prohibiting any direct or indirect Government aid to churches or religious sects or as only banning preferential treatment and permitting aid on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Another question involved is whether the First Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment prevent aid to religious education by the states as well as by the Federal Government. A sharp controversy has long centered on the question of whether the Federal Government can help private or parochial schools in any way.

The questionnaire, prepared by Lon Hocker, chief hearings counsel, is not confined to a "yes" or "no" answer. Full comment is invited.

Most Americans know the general group which advocates a liberal interpretation of the Constitution on the question of complete separation of church and state, and we can be absolutely certain that representatives of this group will not fail to express their opinions.

All Baptists ought to write the subcommittee, requesting a copy of the questionnaire, and each should fill out the questionnaire, registering unmistakably and clearly his convictions concerning absolute separation of church and state. Write to Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., Chairman, Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

We shall keep only those liberties for which we fight. It is still true that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Briefly Stated

►A man's Sunday self and his weekly self are like two halves of a round trip ticket: not good if detached.—Quote.

►We are furnished with a photostatic copy of a calendar put out by a liquor store in Louisiana, and on the front page is a "picture of the Christ" along with the urge to patronize the store and use its merchandise. Even bums will resent that. It is a dangerous thing to drag the name or thought of God into such a relationship. What power sin has over men!

Graham Gives Baptists A Formula For Success

North Carolina Baptist evangelistic speaks at closing session of Baptist World Congress, July 22, in London Stadium.

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

LONDON, England — (BP) — The words "Billy Graham" are magic in many places, especially in London.

Arsenal Football Stadium, with a seating capacity of 30,000, was full here the night of July 22, the occasion of the final meeting of the Baptist World Congress.

Evangelist Billy Graham, no newcomer to the capital of the British Empire, was to be principal speaker. Newsboys sold special "Graham editions" at the many stadium entrances.

Others sold large photographs of the evangelist and a few offered little ribboned medallions with Graham's picture fixed in the middle.

It was the same kind of scene millions of Americans have witnessed in recent years—great high stands of seats, bleachers, green playing field, and high, flag-draped speaker's stand at mid-field.

Soon Number 30 Million

The crowd sang, with a huge Salvation Army band aiding in the music.

A Russian from Siberia prayed in his native tongue. Russian tongue, Siberia, prayer—these were words to dream on as a small pigeon landed on the playing field as he opened his prayer. For the moment, you could imagine the pigeon being a dove of peace.

Congress President F. Townley Lord introduced his successor, Theodore F. Adams, of Richmond, Va. Adams reminded delegates the Congress had challenged all Baptists to become missionaries, to win a soul to Christ each next year.

The new president said the time will come soon when there will be 30 million Baptists, compared with the estimated 21 million in 1955. He proposed a four-point program of evangelism, fellowship, faith, and prayer for all Baptists.

Ruden Also Speaks

Singing followed Adams' address. And what singing! The British really opened up and let go, not with simple gospel songs either, but with the harder-to-sing, full-bodied hymns that the average Southern Baptist congregation tries to avoid.

Erik Ruden, general secretary of Sweden's Baptists, spoke on "Truth is Immortal." A Negro sextet from America brought special music.

Enthusiasm ran high when Graham was presented. Even though it was already 8:30, the sun was still high enough to make everybody in the east stand squint-eyed.

Lord referred to the frequent rain in England, and added, "But now the sun beams on Billy Graham." The crowd, too, beamed on Graham, who began his sermon by identifying himself as a Baptist.

The Success Formula

The evangelist said God can use Baptists if they continue to crown Christ as Lord of lords. How should they crown him:

1. By remaining orthodox in theology.
2. By keeping themselves simple and unencumbered. When he repeated the words, "Remain simple Baptists and God will use you," a man in the west stands shouted his loud approval.
3. By returning their evangelistic fervor. "The Baptists of Great Britain are evangelistic," he said, commenting he had seen them victorious under fire.
4. By balancing themselves between the vertical and the horizontal. He said this is referring to the need for Christian education and human welfare projects.
5. By remembering the urgency of missions. Declared Graham: "This is one of those harvest times in history."

Must Pay the Price

6. By paying the price for being spiritual. He spoke of the need for dedicated, pure-hearted Christian living.

The crowd left the stadium in high spirit. On their way to the subway, while waiting for the train, and after boarding the subway, groups sang undirected old songs like "Blessed Assurance" and "How Firm a Foundation."

Most of them were British young people beginning their lives as dedicated Christians. They still were singing when the subway cars were seven miles from the scene.

COLOR NOTES: The arsenal guards wore uniforms suggestive of the U. S. marine dress outfits . . . Not all listeners were in the grounds. Scores hung out the windows and balconies of apartment houses that overlooked the playing field . . . A steam locomotive switched back and forth in the distance. At one time it let loose a shrill whistle that echoed back and forth in the stadium to accent one of Billy's points . . . Part of the 450 European Baptist Boy and Girl Scouts, in two camps near London, were present for the Arsenal session . . . As the crowded entrance an impatient American was still fighting the Revolutionary War with one of the guards. With only a general registration ticket in hand, not a stadium ticket, he said, "I paid once. I won't pay again." He was arguing over the payment of a 14 cent entrance tax, a good example of how not to win friends and influence the British . . . The English don't know how to take the Negro spiritual singing. When they broke out with "Standing in the Need of Prayer," photographers flocked to get pictures of them . . . A party of Oklahoma Baptists told Billy Graham in Geneva, "Yes we are going to the Congress but we will be there too late to hear you on the 22nd. You see we are also on a tour."

Cooperative Program Receipts Show Good Increase

For the first nine months of the General Associational year, November 1, 1954 to July 31, 1955, inclusive, receipts through the Cooperative Program amounted to \$1,352,232.71, or an increase of \$91,740.75 over the same period last year. Designated gifts were \$706,825.17 an increase of \$15,850.10 over the previous year.

This means that we are on schedule for the three quarters of this year, having raised that proportion of our basic budget of \$1,700,000 and having on hand in addition \$77,232.71 of the capital needs fund, which is to be divided between our Kentucky Baptist schools, State Missions and Southwide Causes. (This includes \$34,127.83 ear-marked for the Supplementary Cooperative Program offering in June.)

If we can raise \$150,000 a month for August, September and October through the Cooperative Program, we shall reach the total goal of \$1,800,000 adopted by the General Association last fall.

Kentucky Baptists believe in the Cooperative, as shown by their increased support of it each year. We can easily reach our goal for this year. Let us all do our best, for this is the best plan ever found for supporting all of our work.

What Makes Southern Baptists Tick?

By ERIK RUDEN

When the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting discussed the matter of places for their annual meetings to come, realizing the delegates always increase in number, they did not only mention the big cities in the Southern states, but even places farther north as Chicago, Philadelphia, and Denver.

The president replied: "We like that very much. Any place from pole to pole." A soundly big hand followed. The Southern Baptists are a fellowship with ambitions reaching all rooms of the world and their influence gets farther and farther.

Why Do They Succeed?

How can that be? What is the reason for this success? I am not able to give a fairly good answer, for is it possible to analyze and explain spiritual manifestation of power? However, some things of interest may be pointed out that immediately show when confronted with Southern Baptists.

They have not a shadow of doubt of their task being given to them by God. The Gospel must be preached and churches founded at every place. In several places this causes troubles and problems, but it is true indeed that the Southern Baptists work with an enthusiasm which sometimes is violently expressed and in the belief that no one can ever overcome them.

Belief in Human Being

To make the expansion possible they raise a lot of money year after year to be put into new areas. They believe in their task and they stay together in their fellowship.

It seems to me that another reason is the so-called belief in human beings and God's work in their hearts. Both pastors and other leaders of the church life count upon results by the Gospel preached. When the invitation is extended at the closing of the morning service, a couple of deacons step forward to assist those who want to accept Christ or join the church, and it is a great astonishment if no one comes.

The preaching of the Gospel has a definite awakening purpose. Those expressing their wish to join the church by baptism in the morning service are not seldom baptized in the evening service the very same day. It is not up to me to judge if that is right or not. I just state that this is the way for one who believes in an honest will of a human and the work of the Spirit in his heart.

WESTERN RECORDER

Editor's Note: The following article is by Erik Ruden, general secretary of Swedish Baptists. Mr. Ruden made a recent trip to the United States, visiting Southern Baptist agencies and institutions and the annual Convention. These are his impressions of Southern Baptists, published originally in Sweden.

Fellowship of Laymen

It also appears that the Southern Baptists successfully have kept their nature of being a fellowship of laymen. The personal activity is striking. One day after the morning service I met a Swedish-related person. That is not so common here as it is in the Northern states, where there often are big groups of Swedish people or relations to these.

This particular person did not belong to the church, but she had many friends there. During Saturday she had received not less than six telephone calls from different friends in the church informing her that a Swedish pastor was going to preach there on Sunday.

Another important thing is the methodically building up of the local church and fellowship. The main part is the Sunday school work and the youth groups and Bible classes meeting on Sunday afternoons. The church is a center for the whole family.

Comparison with Sweden

About faith and enthusiasm, it is true that nothing can be taken unless given. However, when it comes to methods and instruction, then we can do our part in the building of the church life by hard work and with a fixed purpose.

Several times I was struck by the thought that we in our work have the same honesty and devoted faith in God as they have here. Sometimes I think we have more affection. On the other hand, they are far ahead of us when it comes to good fruit-bearing methods both for making contacts and developing a Christian's possibilities to make a spiritual influence.

What the Southern Baptists now are reaping is the fruit of a silent and truthful work for many years. The man who clearly saw the importance of guidance and education met with many objections and had to suffer much personal sacrifice to put his ideas into effect.

He did that by making a center for lit-

erature and other good means of help which now is located in Nashville Tennessee. After many misfortunes and troubles he raised \$5,000, but only a few people did believe in the investment. Now the Sunday School Board in Nashville has an enormous work and \$5,000 will be enough for just five minutes.

Found Less Secularism

Another matter ought to be mentioned here. The Southern states seem to have a more homogeneous nature than those in the North. The force of secularism has not reached as far down in the South as it has in the North. Neither have the strong religious contrasts been so noticeable.

Personally, I have had many rich experiences from acquaintances with many leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention. All directors of different departments in the publishing center, with executives Dr. (Porter) Routh and Dr. (Clifton J.) Allen, took their time to show me around and explain their work to me.

In many ways I was granted generous hospitality and helpfulness. They also were generous enough to send some of their materials to our disposal and advantage.

Jumping at Conclusions

One jumps for three reasons: to get something that is about to get away, or to get away from something quickly. Then there is the third reason, namely, jumping at conclusions.

Few are able to make intelligent decisions quickly. Suddenly made conclusions are most always regretted, for they lead us to wrong answers.

Reason is a process, but we so often make it a sudden action. Many are the times when we jump to the conclusion that someone is aiming to destroy us or use us unfavorably. Without the process of reason we quickly accuse others or perform boomerang actions against them. In the end we find we hurt only ourselves.

Men make hasty decisions about God. They jump to the conclusion that He does not care, forgetting that He said, "Come, let us reason together." We are never more the fool than when we jump to conclusions. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." What a jump!—Editorial *Alabama Baptist*.

Seven

Beer IS Intoxicating

According to Dr. Leon A. Greenberg, associate professor of psychology at Yale, beer is not intoxicating—mathematically. It may be well to remember in this regard that it is also true mathematically that the bumble bee cannot fly. It is so designed aerodynamically that its bulk is out of proportion to its wings so that from a mathematical viewpoint the bumble bee cannot fly. But the bumble bee does not know that, so it goes on flying anyway. Mathematically, beer may not be intoxicating, but the beer does not know that so it keeps on intoxicating people anyway.

Dr. Greenberg says that "it's almost, if not quite, impossible to drink enough beer to put enough alcohol in the blood to constitute legal drunkenness." He so reported to the Yale Laboratory of Applied Psychology. His report has recently been published in the quarterly Journal of Studies of Alcohol. He says that it is now generally accepted that a concentration of alcohol in the blood of at least .15 of 1 percent is necessary to affect a person's behavior to a degree constituting intoxication.

But what Dr. Greenberg refers to as intoxication is **second stage intoxication**—or the point at which obvious interference with motor and sensory control begins. To reach this condition, which begins when the concentration of alcohol in the blood reaches .15 of 1 per cent, the imbiber has passed completely through the first stage of intoxication which begins when the alcoholic content in the blood reaches .05 of 1 per cent.

In the first stage of intoxication there has been a dulling of the capacity for self-criticism, accompanied with a feeling of euphoria, resulting in loss of care and anxiety, a dulling of the sense of humor, and a releasing of the brakes—the inhibitions. Also there has developed an impulsiveness in action, an emotional spontaneity, a slower reaction time, a disturbance of coordinations and drowsiness.

All of these effects have resulted as the alcoholic content rose from .05 of 1 per cent in the blood, the degree of concentration at which first stage intoxication begins, to .15 of 1 per cent concentration at which second stage intoxication begins. To reach the beginning of first stage intoxication, or a concentration of .05 of 1 per cent of alcohol in the blood, only one or two bottles of beer may be required.

There are plenty of problems rising out of first stage intoxication, sufficiently serious to justify abstaining from all alcoholic beverages, even if second or third stage intoxication never occurred to anyone. First stage intoxication

creates the greatest hazards to society from the use of alcohol. A man in the second stage intoxication may not be able to drive—but in the first stage of intoxication he is sure there is not a better or more clever driver on the road.

The number of accidents resulting from one or two beers probably outnumber by many times the number of accidents resulting from a driver who has had so many drinks that his car wanders all over the highway. In that condition other drivers will seek to avoid him. Not so, however, with the driver who is almost, but not quite up to par. Everything goes well until a situation arises calling for split second thinking and reacting, and with the reacting time doubled or tripled as a result of the one or two beers, those few fractions of

Thailand Mission Reports Growth

The Thailand Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand), meeting recently in annual session, reported steady growth of work in that difficult and needy field. Following are some of the highlights of the work as they are reported by Dr. J. Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient who is now visiting Mission meetings in all the countries for which he is responsible:

After much delay and difficulty, the Thailand Mission is at last beginning to secure land for church buildings and missionary residences. Up to this time it has been necessary to use rented places entirely. Negotiations are now well under way for the purchase of several pieces of land.

A Chinese graduate of the Baptist seminary in Hong Kong has accepted a call to Thailand to assist in the evangelistic work being done among the more than half a million Chinese people of Bangkok. This is especially important because three of the Southern Baptist missionaries who have been engaged in that work are now on furlough.

Miss Mary Gould, who has charge of literature preparation, reported the completion of several courses of graded Sunday school lesson materials and teachers' quarterlies in the Thai language. A special series for use in new Sunday schools, for people with no previous contacts with the gospel, is in the process of preparation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Reeves, who have been conducting a student center program in Bangkok, reported that 700

a second lost due to a retarded reaction may spell the difference between life and death.

Yes, beer is intoxicating. One may not be able to drink himself under the table or into the gutter on beer, but he may be able and often does drink himself into the grave on beer. Two beers, a high-powered car, and the open road—how often these lead up to a crash and death. Death rides the highway when there is beer behind the wheel.

So, Dr. Greenberg, despite the mathematical data used to prove that beer is not intoxicating, we still insist that it is, and furthermore, we insist that if it takes ten bottles of beer to make a person drunk, he is one tenth drunk if he has had one bottle. Of course it takes more drinking to get tight on beer than it does on whiskey, but you can get tight alright if you keep at it, and it's mighty dangerous and misleading doctrine to suggest that this fact is untrue.—*The Christian Statesman.*

high school and university students have been enrolled in the classes and meetings of the student center during the past year. Out of these contacts have come many evangelistic opportunities.

Dr. J. Glenn Morris was elected chairman of the Mission to replace Mr. Deaver M. Lawton, who is now on furlough.

The Thailand Mission is rejoicing in the appointment of three couples for that country since the first of this year. In anticipation of their arrival within the next few months, the Mission spent considerable time discussing the problem of where the new couples should be located.

With three couples on their way, the Mission is faced with seven or eight places which need reinforcements or which urgently need to be entered. Many of these places are provinces of more than 100,000 people without any Christian missionary of any denomination.

Other urgent needs for missionary personnel for the Thailand work include a couple to reinforce the literature work, a couple to give full time to the student work opportunity in Bangkok, and a medical doctor to initiate a medical program which is a most pressing need—all these in addition to the need for additional preachers and evangelistic workers.

►Attendance at the two-week Falls Creek Baptist Assembly in Oklahoma this year set a new attendance record. Registration was 21,561, which is 1,126 more than the previous high attendance of 20,435 in 1951.

The Next Question, Please

By DR. C. C. WARREN

President of the Southern Baptist Convention

It seems that when a man is elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention he is called upon to give his opinion about everything from sourkraut to atomic energy. Thus far I have been able to maintain a fair degree of silence, but one question is now being raised upon which I am led to venture an opinion, one man's opinion, of course, since from time immemorial no man would dare speak for Baptists unless he is specifically authorized to do so.

A considerable number of the brethren are asking "What is the meaning of these strange statements from certain editors and Christian leaders." for example, "The drawing together of the church of Christ in the ecumenical movement." "The Baptist World Alliance President nor his church is typically Southern Baptist," "Is the Baptist World Alliance going to be used as a pressure group to bring the Southern Baptist Convention into the World Council of Churches."

My feeling is that the question raised in the foregoing statements has been answered time and again by Southern Baptists. They answered it fifteen years ago at the Baltimore Convention when an invitation to membership into World Council of Churches was declined on the ground that "The churches cherish their independence and would disapprove of any attempted exercise of ecclesiastical authority over them." It was answered again at the 1947 meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen when a proposal that the Baptist World Alliance link itself with the World Council of Churches was ruled out of order on the grounds that "The Alliance is neither a legislative nor an administrative body and that it cannot act for its constituent bodies apart from the explicit provision of its constitution."

Now let us pass on to THE NEXT QUESTION. There are areas in which we may and do gladly work with our brethren of other Baptist bodies and of other denominations. Seeking to express the desire of Southern Baptists, I proposed to the American Baptists in their recent annual meeting at Atlantic City, that we work together in formulating a great five-year nation-wide program as a part of and culminating with the celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the Triennial Convention. This suggestion met with a most cordial and hearty response. Dr. Gezork said in his recent message at the Baptist World Alliance, "The Baptist Church that does not believe in and practice evangelism condemns itself to death." Can South-

ern Baptists? Can American Baptists? Can other Baptist bodies in the United States join in a great program of worthy goals to win America for Christ? Why not go on and answer this question in a way that will be pleasing to our Lord and for the extension of His Kingdom?



MRS. W. L. McILLWAIN is the new Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas, replacing Miss Hazel Grady who resigned to take a similar position at the Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga. Mrs. McIlwain comes to Fort Thomas from Montgomery, Ala., as church secretary. She is a graduate of the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary. She and her three daughters are living in Fort Thomas.

►Dr. G. C. Hodge, for many years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss., has accepted the call of the 1,750-member First Baptist Church, Jacinto City, Texas.

►Little Richard Morgan, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Morgan, 1421 Wurtele Avenue, Louisville, had polio when he was seven months old. Then a month ago he had the mumps, which developed into meningitis. His parents, whose church membership is in Ohio, but have been attending Virginia Avenue Church of Louisville since coming here some months ago, would like to thank those who have sent postal cards to their son, and in many ways have manifested interest in his behalf.

Louisiana Baptist Laymen See Mission Fields in Asia

RICHMOND, Va. — Three Louisiana Baptist laymen from the Goodwood Baptist Church in Baton Rouge are touring Southern Baptist mission fields in Asia during August. The men are Byron Vernon, a grocery and trailer court owner; Hardy Meredith, a corporation employee; and Oscar Boazman, a building contractor.

All the men are deacons in the Goodwood Baptist Church where the Rev. Corky Farris is pastor. Boazman is president of the Baton Rouge Association Brotherhood.

The trio are visiting Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. Flying to the mission fields at their own expense, the men have deep convictions about the layman's part in overseas mission work.

In Tokyo, when asked about reactions to Japan, they replied, "If all the fields are like Japan, we have a terrific need everywhere. We need more missionaries and more money for missions."

Methodists Launch Hospital Near Proposed Baptist Site

ARCADIA, Calif. — (BP) — Methodists have begun construction of a \$2 million hospital within about 10 miles of the site for the proposed new Southern Baptist hospital.

The Methodist hospital plans call for 138 beds. The 16½-acre site here has been leased from the city of Arcadia for 99 years.

Federal funds of \$626,655, available under the Hill-Burton Act, will cover part of the construction costs for the Methodist hospital.

The Southern Baptist Convention has given first approval to their own proposed hospital in nearby Alhambra. It must give second approval at some future Convention session before construction begins.

Both Alhambra and Arcadia are just east of Los Angeles and within the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

►The Silas Baptist Church, Jacksonville, in Bourbon County, Kentucky, closed a revival meeting recently, in which Pastor Prince E. Claybrook, of the Cynthiana Church, did the preaching for Pastor David A. Friedly, Jr., resulting in 17 additions—14 of whom were by baptism. Pastor Friedly says: "Brother Claybrook is a consecrated young man who is doing a noble work with the Cynthiana Church. We are deeply grateful to our Lord and to the Cynthiana Church for his ministry among us."

It's Real

By G. KEARNIE KEEGAN
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Nashville, Tennessee

It was not that I was skeptical of the glowing reports concerning revival in England and Scotland. I simply wanted to see for my own satisfaction. With this desire in my heart I set out to gather evidence first hand.

Traveling alone, I left the beaten tourist path and visited with the people. I asked many questions. In churches and mission Sunday schools, I found converts of the Graham campaign. In answer to the query, "Do they stick?," the reply was: "The vast majority have followed through. We are still receiving people on profession of faith who made decisions in one of the campaigns."

The first people I met in England were two newlyweds. They were boarding the train in London for Torquay, a costal resort, to spend their honeymoon. My plane was twenty-four hours late out of New York so I had rushed from the airport to Paddington Station, London, to catch a train for Taunton, in Southwest England. I was to speak that night at the historic Silver Street Baptist Church. Soon I discovered we were taking the same train.

In the course of our conversation I asked if they had heard Billy Graham. Their faces were aglow as they told of the meetings in Harringay Arena and the blessings which came to their lives.

Brian and Evelyn are Methodists and rejoice in the new spiritual interest in their own church. I thank God that new dynamic came to their lives at such a crucial moment and pray that their experience is but an illustration of what happened in thousands of homes in that lovely island.

Several days were spent driving through England, Wales, and Scotland before and after the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London. My little British car took me to places where the only direct contact with the Crusade was by "relay." Telephone lines brought Billy Graham's voice into churches. There it was amplified so all could hear. People came, sat, listened, sang, prayed. When the ever familiar "Just As I Am" was sung, many were moved by the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ as Saviour. I conversed with some of these converts.

Lest I mislead you, let me say that there was criticism. To illustrate: when I visited Parliament my host was a young man who serves on the official press staff. He was not at all sure that the Graham meetings were of lasting

value. As we sat at tea in the Parliament Press dining room I let him talk—"Only women and girls and some old men attended. The women were curious to see what that tall, handsome man from America looked like." Before he finished he had repeated all the shop-worn patter we have heard here in America which usually emanates from those who have had no direct contact with the man or his message. I was not surprised when I asked "Did you hear him?" that he replied in the negative.

How I wished he could have been with me when a well dressed young businessman from London approached me on a street corner in Edinburg. I, along with some other Southern Baptists, was participating in a street service sponsored by the Charlotte Baptist Chapel. This young man came to me, his face wreathed in smiles and said, "I want to shake hands with an American Christian and tell you how I thank God for what he has done for me through an American. Eighteen months ago I was in Harringay Arena, God spoke to my heart through the message of Billy Graham and I was saved. I have been happy in service for my Lord ever since."

We had flown through the night across the Atlantic, touching down at Gander, Newfoundland, and Boston. Within an hour we were to land in New York.

While walking the isle of the giant clipper my eye was arrested by the sight of a wee sma' Scotch lad. I paused for a word and he offered me some candy. I took a piece and he insisted that I have more. (Was he really Scotch?)

From the seat behind the child a young man arose. I asked if he was the boy's father. He said that he was not. He was taking him to his parents in New York. I learned that he was from Aberdeen, Scotland.

In a moment I asked if he had heard Billy Graham while he was in Scotland. His face gave the clue to his forthcoming answer. "Yes, I served as a counselor during his meetings in Aberdeen. One interesting fact about these meetings is that they have not only meant much to the lay people, but they have brought revival to many of our pastors. I am a member of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian). Prior to the crusade my pastor did not preach the gospel but now he preaches with power."

All of this was quite different to my 1947 experiences in England. People were not interested in things spiritual. The war had left them stunned. Rationing was still on and life was most difficult for the multitudes. But now the economic picture has changed. Optimism is in the air. And so has the spiritual scene changed. There is a deep, genuine spiritual awakening in the land of Wesley, Whitefield, and Knox.

As we landed in New York my heart was still aloft with the theme, "It's Real." From the White Cliffs of Dover to the Heather clad slopes of Loch Lomond, in the villages and the cities, the revival fires are burning in the hearts of the people.

Congress Alters Its Constitution

LONDON, England — (BP) — The Baptist World Congress here voted four changes in its constitution at the 1955 session recently.

They are:

1. There will be nine vice-presidents in the future instead of seven.
2. The Congress executive committee will have authority to elect a Baptist World Alliance president if the president elected at the Congress dies or does not act.
3. The executive committee will have a basic 39 members instead of 34 as heretofore. In addition, there will be two members each nominated by the women's department and the youth department of the Alliance.

Also, there will be nine members to be named by the executive committee.

4. The president, general secretary, Western treasurer, and former presidents and vice-presidents living within a reasonable distance of Alliance headquarters in Washington, D. C., will comprise an administrative committee.

►Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, had for its commencement speaker on August 12 one of our Kentuckians, Pastor James Robert White, Jr., who has been for some years pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla. After the address was concluded President Ollie W. Edmunds on behalf of the trustees and faculty, conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon him. J. R. is a Georgetown graduate from Marion, Kentucky.

The Wonders of Nature

By DR. WALTER L. WILSON

An unbeliever once said, "I believe only what I can understand; none of that mystery stuff for me."

He was asked to explain this problem: How is it possible for a black cow to eat green grass which makes white milk and churns yellow butter?

Can you explain this mystery of God? Note some other mysteries of His creation.

Consider the remarkable transformation that takes place when a caterpillar (an upholstered worm) encased itself in its homemade casket and is changed into a beautiful butterfly. Its hair is changed to scales—a million in the square inch; the many legs of the caterpillar become the six legs of the butterfly; the yellow becomes a beautiful red; the crawling instinct becomes a flying instinct.

Thus will God take the life of a sinner and transform it until it glows with the beauty of the Lord and is fragrant with the graces of heaven.

A handful of sand is deposited by the Lord in the heart of the earth. Great heat is applied from beneath and ponderous weight from above until, when it is found by man, it has been miraculously transformed into a beautiful fiery opal.

God takes a handful of black carbon, plants it deep in the bowels of the earth, treats it with heat below, presses it with rocks of the mountains above, and transforms it into a glorious diamond fit for a king's crown.

As God performs these wonderful miracles in nature, He also can transform the souls of men and renew their hearts if they only trust fully Jesus Christ, the Lord of life.

God knows how to regulate nature. Only the One who made you can successfully direct you. Only the One who made your brain and heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

God's wisdom is seen in the structure of the elephant. The four legs of this great beast bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal should have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason he gave it four fulcrums so that could rise from the ground easily.

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangements of sections and segments as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

Another mystery as yet unsolved by man is this: God causes the limb of a tree to grow straight out from the trunk for a distance of forty, fifty or sixty feet, with no other anchorage than fifteen or eighteen inches of fibres which lose themselves in the trunk of the tree. No human being has discovered how to apply this principle in the construction of buildings or bridges.

God takes oxygen and hydrogen, both

of them odorless, tasteless and colorless, and combines them with carbon which is insoluble, black and tasteless. The result of this combination is beautiful, white, sweet, sugar. How does God do it? I do not understand.

I know only that God can take your life—drab, useless, fruitless—and transform it into a beautiful garden of the sweetest graces for His glory. He will do this for you, if you will trust your life to Him!

"But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (Jno. 1:12). "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).—Color-Tone, Good News Publishers, a non-profit corporation, 411 S. Wells, Chicago 7, Ill.

Honors at Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N. C., Aug. 8. — The state of Arkansas won first honors in the Southern Baptist Young People's Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly Saturday night when Miss Bernice McCurry, Searcy, spoke on "This I Believe."

Brad Motsinger, representing the state of Missouri, took second-place with the message, "The Lord Is My Strength."

Dr. Warren F. Jones, Jr., Secretary of Young People for the Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Convention, directed and presided over the contest.

The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Allan McCurry the winner will enter Ouachita College in the fall with an elementary education major. She attends the Second Baptist Church of Searcy, White county.

Miss McCurry topped contestants from Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Florida and Ohio.

Julia Abrams, Maryland's state winner represented that state last year at Ridgecrest in the Intermediate Sword Drill and this year spoke on "Serve with Gladness." Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Worth Adams of Baltimore, and she will be a senior in Kenmore High School this year, after which she plans to enter Mars Hill College. She attends Middle River Baptist Church, Rev. Roy D. Gresham, pastor, of the Baltimore Association. Julia plans to do religious education work.

Miss Virginia ("Gingie") Hurst, the daughter of Mrs. Virginia Hurst, Morgantown, Kentucky spoke on "This I Believe." She will enter Georgetown in September, majoring in home economics. She attends the First Baptist Church, Rev. H. C. Hedgepath, pastor.

Florida sent Oscar T. Reed, a Marine sergeant stationed at the Pensacola

Naval Air Station to speak on "This I Believe." His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reed, make their home in Whitmore, Tennessee. Sgt. Reed will study for the ministry after military service.

One of the new Southern Baptist Convention states, Ohio, sent Virginia Adams from Fairborn to participate and speak on "Knowing God's Will." The daughter of Mrs. Emmett Adams, this high school senior has dedicated her life to full-time Christian service.

Mr. Motsinger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Motsinger, Creal Springs, Illinois, attends Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, and attends Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson is his pastor. The association is St. Louis. The speaker is a Korean veteran.

Mrs. Davis Assigned New Editing Duties

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Mrs. Frances (Bill) Davis, Baptist Press editorial assistant here since March, 1953, has a new editorial assignment effective September 1.

Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Executive Committee, announced Mrs. Davis will be editor of the Baptist Bulletin Service and editor's assistant on the Executive Committee magazine, Baptist Program.

She succeeds Mrs. Doris Wiggins Greer, who resigned. Mrs. Greer joined the Executive Committee in April, 1953, after serving as assistant to the editor of the Baptist Record, weekly newspaper in Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Davis will also assist in the S. B. C. Mat Service and in production of Executive Committee tracts on stewardship and tithing. Mrs. Davis is from Jackson, Mississippi.

New Southern Baptist Hospital To Open September 13

NEW ORLEANS — The Baptist Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville, Florida will open to receive patients at 8:00 o'clock on the morning of September 13, 1955, according to an announcement made by Doctor Frank Tripp, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Hospital Board and General Superintendent of hospitals operated by the Board.

The opening of the institution will be preceded by open house to the general public on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 2:00 o'clock. Dedicatory services will be conducted at 2:30 Sunday afternoon September 11 followed by another open house to the general public.

In announcing the opening of the newest institution established under authority of the Southern Baptist Convention by its Hospital Board, Doctor Tripp stated that the beautiful modern 310-bed general hospital was the result of faithful and sacrificial effort of a large group of Jacksonville citizens, the cooperation and support of the Florida Baptist Convention, and of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Jacksonville hospital will be owned and operated by the Hospital Board of the Southern Baptist Convention which owns and operates the large 500-bed hospital at New Orleans.

Because of the great shortage of hospital facilities in Jacksonville, it is expected that the new hospital will receive the enthusiastic support of the people of that area from the very beginning.

Doctor John E. Barnes, Jr., of Hattiesburg Mississippi, is the chairman of the Hospital Board of Directors and Mr. W. T. Campbell of New Orleans is chairman of the Executive Committee. There is an Administrative Committee at New Orleans of which Mr. Edwin Hartzman is chairman, and a similar committee at Jacksonville of which Mr. W. K. Hatcher is chairman. Mr. Raymond C. Wilson is serving as local ad-

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Doctor George Ragland of Lexington represents Kentucky on the Hospital Board.

Everybody Talks About The Weather, Even BP

By the Baptist Press

Weather forecasters, beware! Heed this tale.

In July, 1954, the Baptist Press sent out a story headlined "BWA-Goers may receive cold reception in London." My how cold it was in England then! Top-coats, winter fires, heavy sweaters for that unusually cold spell there.

The BP appropriately reminded readers that just 12 months hence, some of them would be in London for the Baptist World Alliance Congress.

So what happened this July? You already know. London experienced one of its most unseasonable hot spells on record. Americans at the Congress with their winter clothing sweated it out. Even some of the Englishmen forgot their tea-time temporarily.

Anybody like to go in for predicting the weather?

C. G. Cole Elected President of Home Mission Board

GLORIETA, New Mexico — (BN) — C. G. Cole, Atlanta, Georgia, layman and businessman, was elected president of the 49-member board of the Home Mission Board in its semi-annual meeting at Glorieta Baptist Assembly today.

Cole has been a member of the Board four and a half years. Pastor L. E. Smith, of the Park Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, was elected to succeed Cole as vice president.

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board, reported an increase of 89 missionaries since the beginning of 1955. He reported that there are now 11,000 enrolled in the Board's Correspondence Bible Course.

The executive secretary noted a \$44,000 increase in receipts during the first six months of the year. Gifts received through the 1955 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions have reached \$1,209,596.33, or an increase of \$60,000 over the same period last year.

Lord Tackles Question Of Church Union Moves

LONDON, England — (BP) — F. Townley Lord, in his presidential address to the Baptist World Congress here, had something to say about Baptists' relationships to other church groups of the world.

Remarking that Baptists, who now number almost 21 million, were divided on the question of participation in the World Council of Churches, Lord said in Britain, Baptists have the warmest possible co-operation with other groups.

"But," he continued, "we decline to equate brotherly co-operation with the sacrifice of essential principle." Lord is a London minister and edits a British Baptist paper—*The Baptist Times*.

Unity in Abstraction

"We will pray and work with anybody for the extension of Christ's kingdom, but we do not share the views of those who talk about the organizational divisions among Christians as 'sin.' There is a danger of taking the idea of unity in abstraction, as if it were the one shining and resplendent idea which spells salvation in our modern perplexities," he declared.

Earlier, the Congress had heard welcoming addresses from the Archbishop of Canterbury and head of Britain's Free Church Federal Council, each praising the church union movement.

Lord also dwelt on the place of Christian thought in the modern world. "Ideology is not an attractive word, but it is the key word of our time," he said.

Hostile Ideas Circulate

"Many of the ideas most vocal in the 20th century are definitely hostile to the Christian tradition in theology and ethics. The rising generation is assailed by the concepts which violate all we know of the revealed will of God," he went on.

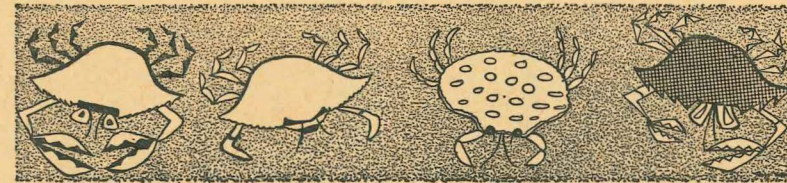
He said the "ideas current over one-sixth of the earth's surface that the economic theories of Marx and Engels will replace the Sermon on the Mount as the directive for human happiness" form an atmosphere which challenges "the faith of our fathers."

►Harold Mauney has resigned the pastorate of the Merrimac Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association in Laurel County, in order to resume his education for the ministry at Georgetown College this fall. He went to Merrimac Church in March, 1954, and after serving as supply pastor was called as pastor in October of that year. He was ordained to the ministry November 14, 1954, by the Central Baptist Church of Corbin. Merrimac has grown under his leadership. A resident of Corbin, he was graduated from Corbin High School in June.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Funny Fiddler

By Gladys Cleone Carpenter



River banks and low sandy spots along streams in Southern states are often dotted with small round holes.

If one stays very quiet, he will soon see tiny heads poke out from the holes. But any quick movement on our part, and the little creatures disappear at once as though directed by a leader.

However, in unison, they come out again to see if all is well. This time if they are not suspicious of danger, they will come from their homes and one sees that they are the queer little fiddler crabs.

If one stands back a little, he is not seen because the fiddler is near-sighted.

Their bodies vary in size from those of about a quarter to others as small as a dime. Their shell backs are like beautiful mosaics of white, purple, red and yellow. Their feet and legs are mud color.

The female has two small claws. But the male has one small and one large claw. He uses the small one in feeding on vegetable matter.

The large claw he waves about in a very comical manner. He appears to be fiddling. This is how he obtained his very queer name of "Fiddler."

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TOM LEARNS TO SMILE

By Ellen Brown

"I don't like Tom much," said Ben. "He's always frowning. He doesn't smile."

"You like him, but you don't like his ways," Ed said. "I wish he wasn't such an old sour puss too."

Tom's face turned as red as a tomato. They hadn't known he was hiding behind the chinaberry tree. Why should I smile? thought Tom. Ben and Ed didn't have any troubles. Why shouldn't they be cheerful and happy all the time? Every time he saw Ben he was laughing and having fun. Ed was always cheerful too. But they didn't have a sick Daddy like he did.

Every day he went home and worked and worked. I don't have any fun anymore since Daddy got sick, thought Tom. Why should I smile? he argued with himself.

He trudged sourly home from school. It was hot. He'd like to go down to the creek with Ed and Ben if they went today. But he couldn't. He had to go home and work. He'd feed his rabbits. He'd hoe in the garden. He'd work and work. He opened the front door and walked in his house.

"Hello, Tom!" said Mother happily. She rushed to him and gave him a big

squeeze. "How is my big man today and how was school?"

"Aw, all right, I guess," Tom said sourly.

"Come, come," said Mother. "Give me a great big smile—"

Tom tried to smile. He almost did. But then he thought of all his chores. The smile was more like a frown than a smile.

"Tom!" he heard his Dad calling. He rushed to the back bedroom.

"Hi, Dad," Tom said. His mouth wavered in a crinkle that was more like a frown.

"I think Tom needs an outing, Mother. Why don't you run along and play this afternoon?" Dad said.

Tom almost smiled. "I'll go see Ed," he said. He hurried to change into his play clothes. He picked up his kitty and went to find Ed and Ben. They were laughing and talking and having fun. They looked so cheerful—but then, why shouldn't they? They had everything they wanted.

His little kitty meowed in his arms. He ran to meet Ed and Ben.

"Oh, let me hold the kitty! Let me see him!" Ed said. He put the soft fuz-

zy ball against his cheek. "Oh, how I wish I had a kitty like that!" said Ed. "But I can't have a kitty. You're lucky, Tom, to have such a nice kitty. Grandpa has asthma. We can't have a kitty. The kitty's fur makes him sick."

"I have rabbits too!" Tom said. "I have a garden!"

"You're lucky—" Ed said. "We can play with your kitty in my yard."

"Poor Ed," thought Tom—"no kitty."

"Listen to him grrr," Tom said to Ed and Ben.

"He grr's loud," said Ben. "But I must be running home. I have my chores to do."

Tom was surprised. He hadn't lived here long enough to know these things, he supposed. Ben had chores too. Ed couldn't have a kitty. But they were always cheerful. They didn't get to do everything they wanted either. But they smiled. What was it the Bible said about being cheerful? Oh, yes, he remembered, "A cheerful heart is a good medicine," and it was in Proverbs.

"Proverbs 17:22," Tom said aloud.

"Why that verse?" Ben and Ed both said at once, for they knew what it said. Tom could see they were surprised. "You remind me of it," Tom said. And he smiled so far his smile was like a bright yellow banana in the middle of his face. It reached almost to his ears.

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EARNED FUN

By Ila Lewis Funderburgh

Today I did my task with care,
Nor shirked a single one,
And when the time for playing came,
I never had such fun!

The games were just the usual kind
That we play any day;
I think they seemed so special for
I'd earned them as my pay.

WHAT CAN I GIVE?

By Ila Lewis Funderburgh

God gives us sunshine, birds and flowers,
The rainbow that comes after showers,
The autumn leaves that burn and glow,
The drifts of white and feathery snow.

What can I give to Him that He
Would like from a small child like me?
My love, my prayers, my thoughts, my
deeds,
These are the things His kingdom needs.

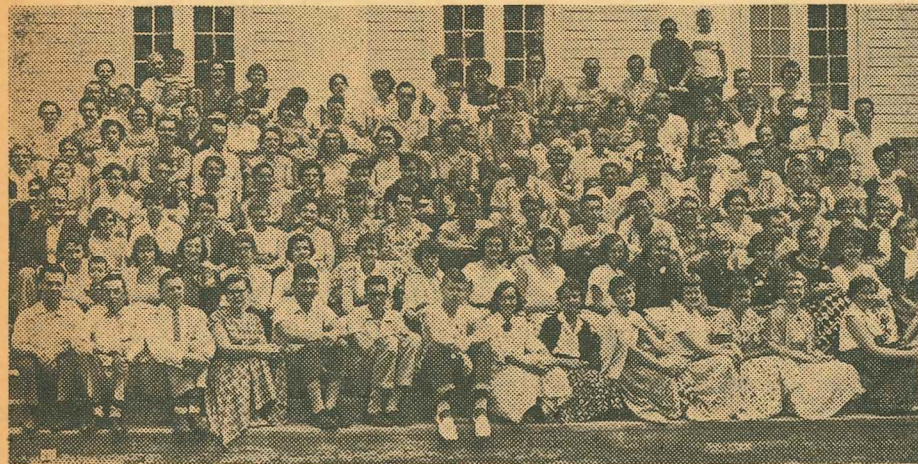
How glad I am that, though I'm small,
I can serve Him, the Lord of all!

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BAPTIST TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT

JAMES WHALEY, State Secretary
127 East Broadway Louisville, Kentucky

Third Training Union Week at Ridgecrest



During the third Training Union week at Ridgecrest, Kentucky was well represented by 175 who filled in the registration cards at the state meetings. They were from 33 churches in 19 associations. The above picture shows part of this group. The State Training Union Department was represented by Mr. James Whaley, Mr. W. C. Dudley, and Miss Nora Meador.

Associational Reports

WEST KENTUCKIANA

West Kentuckiana — Mr. Charles Mitchell, the associational Training Union director of West Kentuckiana reports that 31 of the 37 churches in the association have Training Unions. Fifty-five people attended the Officers and Leaders' Council last quarter and 26 were present for the Mass Meeting. A number of the churches last quarter received study course awards.

LOGAN COUNTY

Twelve out of twenty-two churches in Logan County have Training Union. Meetings held during the quarter included Executive Committee Meeting, Officers and Leaders' Council with 47 present, and a Mass Meeting with 180 present. Baptist Youth Night was observed. Mr. Leslie Williams, of Lewisburg is Director. The Association hopes to have all the officers August 15.

BELL COUNTY

The Bell County Associational Training Union, of which Mr. George Davis, of Pineville, is the Director, reports that 20 out of the 38 churches have a Training Union. The Associational organization has all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence. During last

quarter the mass meeting was held with 115 present and the Associational Youth Night was planned for.

Youth Week Reports

BEECHLAND, LOUISVILLE

Beechland Baptist Church of Pleasure Ridge Park, Kentucky, observed Youth Week for their fifth year on May 9-15. Rev. Orrin W. Stites had this to say concerning the activities: "Each year our Youth Week Program increases in value. This year was by far the best in interest and in results. We are beginning to plan now for next year."

CRESTWOOD, FRANKFORT

Youth Week was observed at the Crestwood Baptist Church of Frankfort in Franklin Association May 29-June 5. Youth Week officers were filled by 20 Intermediates and 6 Young People, making a total of 26. This is the first year for the church to observe Youth Week but the plan is to make it an annual event. Rev. Henry Downing is Pastor.

TATES CREEK

Mr. Gordon Terrill, Director of Bates Creek Associational Training Union, reports that 15 churches out of 28 in the association have Training Unions. Two study courses were taught last quarter. Baptist Youth Night was planned but had to be postponed because of a death.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Baptists and Others

Question: My husband is a member of the Christian Church (Disciples), and I a member of the [a] Baptist church. We live in a community where there is a Christian Church and I work in it. They need my help and I do what I can particularly in the Ladies Aid.



R. L. Hudson

Am I doing wrong? I understand that Baptists do not believe in this. Must I drop my membership in the Ladies Aid?

Answer: This is something that you will have to decide on your knees. So far as I know, Baptists do not object to their members attending other churches. That is Roman Catholic doctrine.

Baptists do not consider that they are the only Christians in the world. Nor do we think that we are the only ones whom Christ is using.

If I lived in a community where there were no Baptist churches I would work and worship with some Christian group that seems to have the Spirit of Christ.

On the other hand, life is short and we must all appear before Christ someday. You should invest your life in a church that teaches what you believe, as nearly as possible. If you are a Baptist, believe as Baptists do, the best that you can do is serve Christ through a Baptist Church.

But Baptists believe that each individual ought to find the will of Christ for himself. Pray and work and seek the will of God. Don't worry about what Baptists believe. Christ is your Lord. This is Baptist doctrine.

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

Yugoslavia Lets Two Missionaries Enter

ROME, Italy — (BP) — Yugoslavia has opened its doors temporarily, if not permanently, to Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Communist country has issued a six-month visa to Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, of Mississippi and Georgia. The Moores are entering Yugoslavia in August. They will apply for extension of their stay.

Moore said, "I am certainly hoping our stay will be permanent. We are burning all bridges behind us to that end."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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MRS. JOHN REDDEN, Interim Youth Secretary
MR. J. C. BALLEW, Royal Ambassador Secretary

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September 3-5, 1955

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MRS. H. LEO EDDLEMAN, of Georgetown

MRS. O. B. MYLUM, of Berea

MISS ANTONINA CANZONERI, missionary to Nigeria

MRS. H. C. RANDALL, of Columbia

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MRS. DAVID STULL

and many others

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Do You Want Materials For the New Year?

Everyone who is to serve as an officer of a WMU for the new year beginning October 1 is anxious for the package of new materials. But very few W.M.S.'s have reported their new officers to the State Office. It takes a great deal of time to prepare and mail all these packages. We cannot mail yours until we have the address of your officers for the new year. If your president has not sent in her officer's card please urge her to do so at once as we are ready to begin the mailing of these packages.

Important Notice For Week of Prayer Chairmen

We hope you are using all the excellent material prepared for the State Mission Week of Prayer by Mrs. A. C. Overall and her committee, along with their writers. We are grateful to them for the great amount of time and effort they have given to this big task. Especially, would we call your attention to the back page of the issue of the Western Recorder for August 18, where you will find a beautiful drawing, done by Mrs. Eldred M. Taylor, giving ideas that might be used in one poster, or better still, a poster for each of the five days, to advertise your services during the Week of Prayer. Thank you so much, Mrs. Taylor, for giving of your time and your unusually fine artistic abilities for this purpose.

So much needs to be done in "building a highway for our God in Kentucky." May we count on you to give of your best in prayer and gifts?

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Earnings went into pockets filled with holes.

Haggai appealed to the remnant to resume the building of the temple and thereby please and glorify God. The glorification of the Lord should be the real purpose of all our work. The prophet's message stirred the spirits of Zerubbabel and Joshua, two of the very prominent civic and religious leaders of their day, governor and priest respectively. Impressed deeply by his appeal, they promptly used their influence and got the people to resume their task of reconstruction. As is ever the case when people obey God, there was a happy ending to the story.

It is certainly good to know that when God assigns a work to His people they can always count on His enablement. When He guides, He always provides. If we are doing His will, He will most assuredly supply all of the means which will be needed in the accomplishment of His purposes. He never commands the impossible. What has He commanded you to do? Whatever it is, do it promptly.

Recognizing that there was much to discourage the people and to dampen their ardor as they faced their tremendous task, God sent another of His prophets, Zechariah, to encourage them by declaring that the work was to be performed, as is all of the Lord's work, "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." God would have each of us to be right in our relationship with Him, and then to depend entirely upon Him rather than on human ingenuity.

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By H. C. Chiles

Worship Revived In Jerusalem

It will be remembered that David purposed to build the temple, but he was not permitted to do so because he was a man of war. Even so, he was comforted greatly in the promise that his son, Solomon, would build it. In preparation therefor and anticipation thereof, David gathered the materials for the project and charged Solomon to build it. Solomon built the temple according to the specifications which his father had given him. When he had finished the construction, Solomon said, "I have built an house of habitation for Thee, and a place for Thy dwelling forever." But, alas, four centuries later Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple and carried the vessels and furniture, which he took out of it, to Babylon.

I. The Commencement. Ezra 3:1, 3, 10-11

In 536 B. C., approximately fifty thousand Jews returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon. They found Jerusalem still in the utter ruin which had been wrought by Nebuchadnezzar. Grieved at seeing the existing conditions, they resolved to re-establish their religious services. Knowing that much time would be required in rebuilding the entire structure, they decided to rebuild the altar on its ancient site. With the coming of the seventh month, they forthwith sought the favor and blessing of God by clearing away the rubbish, rebuilding the altar of burnt offerings that had stood in the central court of the temple and resuming the beautiful custom of making daily morning and evening sacrifices thereon.

Even in the laying of the foundation of the temple, God was extolled. When the workmen laid the foundation, the priests dressed in their professional apparel, symbolizing their dedication to the Lord's service, took their trumpets which they used in summoning the people to assemble, and occupied their proper places. The Levites, or sons of Asaph, who were a guild of singers named after the famous choir leader of David's time, took their cymbals and joined in making music to the praise of God. In praising and giving thanks to God, the choir with splendid voices sang in unison, alternately and antiphonally. One can imagine one company singing, "The Lord is good," and the other responding with the words, "For His mercy endureth forever." In their singing they magnified the continual goodness of God to His people. On the wings of the inspiring music the people were borne upward

until their enthusiasm reached its height in shouting.

It is interesting to note that the songs of the ancient people of God were largely taken up with God's praises. "They sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord." They rejoiced because the foundation of the house of the Lord had been laid. Loving God, all of them delighted in the place of His habitation and participated in the singing of His praises.

II. The Completion. Haggai 1:7-9, 14; Zechariah 4:6-9

Alas, all too soon after beginning the reconstruction of the temple, they encountered opposition from without and discouragement from within, which resulted in their stopping the work and their becoming occupied with their own personal interests.

Sixteen years went by and only the foundation of the temple had been reconstructed. Then, Haggai appeared suddenly on the scene in all the dignity of a heaven-appointed messenger, with no credentials except the fact that the word of the Lord was upon his lips. It was the indifference and procrastination of the people which caused God to send this prophet to rebuke them.

Haggai rebuked the people for neglecting to rebuild the temple. He urged them to take inventory of themselves and to consider their sinful ways. Knowing their contention that it was not the proper time to build the house of the Lord due to insufficient funds, he pointed out the fact that they were able to find adequate resources to erect luxurious houses for themselves. He reasoned that if it was not the proper time to build God's house, then it was the wrong time to build their own houses.

Personal inventory and sober reflection on their conduct would cause the people to understand why they were in the midst of a material, moral and spiritual depression. Because they had not done their duty toward God, He had simply withheld His blessing from them. They, like all others who do likewise, made a terrible mistake by making God's work secondary and selfish interests first. God's honor was at stake, and He refused to allow His people to make His house secondary to their houses. In love, God brought chastisement upon His people. Prosperity was taken from them. Their

WESTERN RECORDER

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, AUGUST 21, 1955

Due to a stepped-up printing schedule the Sunday school and Training Union reports must be in the office by 10 o'clock on Tuesday.

Numeral after church indicates number of missions.

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Bardstown	164	386
Beaver Dam	65	358
Bellevue	312	1,060
Bowling Green (2)	57	228
Eastwood	148	289
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	63	243
South Campbellsville	209	223
Carrollton, First	80	455
Central City	120	245
Cloverport	80	316
Corbin, First	120	488
Central (1)	126	671
Covington, Calvary	191	306
First (1)	191	663
Latonia (2)	78	373
South Side	33	241
Crestwood (1)	152	568
Danville, First (2)	68	435
Lexington Avenue (1)	68	211
Dayton, First	121	246
Dawson Springs	121	184
Dunmore, Additions 5	205	862
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	91	378
Erlanger	103	510
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	187	796
Grace	95	253
Keck Avenue	32	347
Florence, Additions 3	62	311
Fort Thomas, First	62	241
Frankfort, Crestwood	93	241
Thorn Hill	128	507
Fulton	54	220
Greensburg	142	381
Greenville, First	171	749
Harrodsburg (2)	106	238
Hartford	85	247
Hawesville	70	405
Hazard (2)	81	284
Hazel	154	270
Hima, Horse Creek	154	738
Hopkinsville, First	22	205
Hudgins, Aetna Grove	48	235
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	66	348
Lawrenceburg, First	116	453
Lebanon, First (1)	94	250
Leitchfield	131	659
Lexington, Grace (2)	255	677
Immanuel, Additions 8,	94	423
Porter Memorial, Additions 2	63	266
Rosemont	138	535
London, First (1)	148	535
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	128	245
Baptist Temple	177	547
Beechland	78	891
Beechmont (2)	58	210
Beechwood	82	237
Bethlehem	259	291
Buichel Park	55	1,278
Carlisle Avenue (1)	92	500
Eastern Parkway	92	331
Eighteenth Street	133	424
Farmdale (1)	81	300
Harmony	58	429
Hazelwood	135	492
Highland (1)	66	373
Immanuel	434	1,407
Ninth and O (12)	33	471
Okolona	201	827
Parkland (1)	182	694
St. Matthews (1)	79	344
Shawnee Baptist Church	71	511
Shively (1)	100	477
Southside (1), Additions 3	153	772
Victory Memorial (2)	132	248
Virginia Avenue	107	561
West Broadway (1)	194	389
Ludlow, First, Additions 2	248	889
Madisonville, First	132	294
Marion	107	846
Mayfield, First	153	582
Middlesboro, First (4)	121	403
Morganfield, First (1)	95	240
Morgantown (1)	86	237
Mt. Washington	86	755
Murray, First	277	656
Newport, First (2), Additions (2)	200	968
Owensboro, First (1)	79	459
Hall Street (1)	90	196
Macedonia	90	268
Seven Hills (1)	295	940
Third (1)	151	294
Paducah, Oaklawn		

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BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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Layman's Day—October 9

The Second Sunday in October is set aside by Southern Baptists as Layman's Day. This special day in our denominational life offers the churches an excellent opportunity to recognize men and their contribution in advancing the work of our Lord. Following are some suggestions on how to use men on Layman's Day:

(1) MUSIC: Use a men's choir or chorus at both morning and evening services. Male quartettes and other special numbers are also usable. Special music in Sunday school and Training Union by the men would help.

(2) SCRIPTURE READING: Men may be used to read scripture and lead in prayer at the Worship Services.

(3) TESTIMONIES: Many pastors use laymen to bring brief testimonies in connection with the Worship Services on Layman's Day. Sunday school and Training Union assemblies are also good places for testimonies to be given. Suggested subjects might be:

- (a) "What the Brotherhood has meant to me."
- (b) "Why I Tithe."
- (c) "What it means to me to be a Christian."
- (d) "Family Bible reading and Prayer in my home."
- (e) "Why I attend Prayer meeting."
- (f) "A man's greatest joy comes from serving his Savior."

(4) PRAYER MEETING: Layman's Day may be expanded to include Prayer services preceding and/or following this special day. Men may be used effectively in leading prayer services.

(5) USHERS: An unusually large number of ushers can be used. Men, irregular in their attendance, should be given a special welcome.

(6) VISITATION BREAKFAST: an early Sunday morning breakfast has been successfully used by churches. Followed by assigned visitation to reach men for Sunday school and the morning Worship service and church membership.

(7) BAPTIST HOUR: Gather the men at a central location to listen to the BAPTIST HOUR.

(8) SOUL WINNING EFFORT: Spend Sunday afternoon of Layman's Day in a soul winning effort. Send the men out by two's, each pair taking one or more names of unsaved men and try to win them.

Every Southern Baptist church should observe Layman's Day. Churches with Brotherhoods will set the example, but every church should make adequate arrangements for its observance. In churches without a Brotherhood the pastor may appoint a special committee of men to work with him in making plans. Many churches without Brotherhoods have used the emphasis and impact of this day to lead into the organization of a Brotherhood.

Carver School Opens 48th Session Tuesday, Sept. 13

Carver School of Missions and Social Work will begin classes for the forty-eighth session of the school on September 13. Registration for these classes will be held September 7-10. The school expects to enroll 51 students from 16 states as well as students from four foreign countries. These latter students will come from Java, Jordan, Hongkong and Peru. The two from Java and Jordan are converted Moslems.

Joining the faculty for this session will be Dr. A. R. Crabtree, visiting professor of missions. Dr. Crabtree has had many years of service in Brazil, where

he has served in various capacities. At present he is president of our Baptist Seminary in Rio de Janeiro.

Other additions to the faculty include Mrs. Hugh M. McElrath, who will teach music, and Mrs. David Stull, who will teach dramatics and public speaking.

Anyone interested in registering may call or write for the catalogue, or an appointment with the registrar. There is no tuition fee for students at Carver School. The institution is located at 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky., and the telephone is TAYlor 8311 and BELmont 1558.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT
State Secretary

STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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Horse Creek—Pastor Dennis Rush; Superintendent T. C. Gregory.

Princeton, First—Pastor H. G. M. Hatler; Superintendent Oliver C. Allcock.

STANDARD CLASSES

Louisville, Victory Memorial, Kingdom Seekers (Adult), Stella Baker, teacher.

Ashland, First, Joyful Servants (Intermediate), Mrs. D. M. Taylor, teacher.

Owenton, First, 15-16 Year Boys, Jewell C. Hawkins, teacher.

EVERY CHURCH OBSERVE PREPARATION WEEK

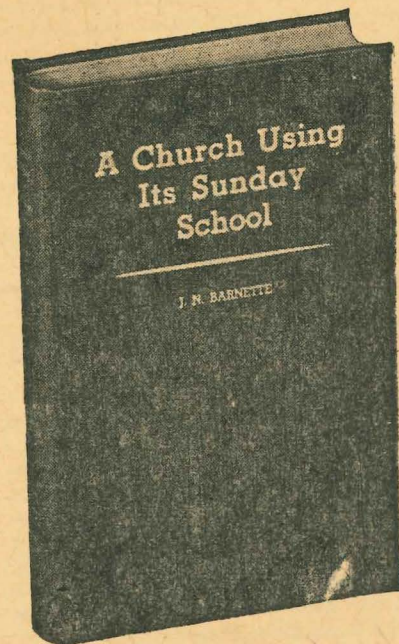
The church that plans ahead leads the way. What is your church planning to accomplish next year? One pastor, together with his church leaders, determined last year that their church would baptize at least one hundred people. With two months to go in this associational year, they have baptized more than one hundred people to increase the Sunday school enrolment, improve the Bible-teaching ministry, step up the visitation program, and multiply personal soul-winning work—and God has richly blessed every effort. It will be the same in your church with regard to every objective that you definitely put into your program of work.

Next year the Sunday school program is built around the scriptural injunction in Deuteronomy 31:12, "Gather the people . . . men . . . women . . . children," with the aim "Every Family in Sunday School" and the theme "Bible Study for Every Member of the Family." The impact of this program can make itself felt in every church of our Convention if thorough preparation is made for it during Preparation Week, September 18-25, 1955. Begin now making necessary plans to strengthen your ministry to adults, particularly to reach adult men next year. Expand your ministry to the young people of your community, making ample provisions for married young people and for single young people in departments and classes. Go after the babies in the community in a concerted drive, by greatly enlarging the Cradle Roll ministry and making adequate provisions in the Nurseries for these babies. Make

specific plans for one or more branch schools to extend further the ministry of your Bible-teaching program. Launch these plans during Preparation Week.

The book, *A Church Using Its Sunday School*, is suggested as a basis for the training of your Sunday school workers during Preparation Week. Work into your discussions the goals and suggested plans that you will find in the planning booklet "Every Family in Sunday School."

The great spiritual tragedy of the day is that the people are scattered. God commands us to gather the people. When Jesus saw the multitudes that were scat-



tered as sheep without a shepherd, he was moved with compassion. Such a compassion in our hearts today will move our churches to take the practical steps necessary to gather the people and teach them and win them.

UNUSUAL TRAINING RECORD

A few days ago your secretary received a letter from Rev. Homer Carter, pastor of the Junction City Baptist Church, with information relative to an unusual training record of Mr. Sam Ferrell, Jr.

Mr. Ferrell, Jr., was baptized on January 30, 1955, and started immediately to prepare himself for efficient Christian service. In this brief time he has earned the Worker's Diploma and the Red Seal. Almost enough books have been studied for the Blue Seal. He has become a faithful servant of the Lord.

We commend individual study to be conducted by all churches.

THUS SAITH THE PREACHER—

One Tick at a Time

Dear Friend:

Back in 1760, says the *United Press*, a chap named John Shelton made a clock. What's so unusual, you ask? Well, that old clock sailed with James Cook in 1768 when he discovered Australia. The same old clock is still ticking away in a corner of London's Royal Society. It has stopped ticking only once in its 191 years, and that was in 1904 when someone forgot to wind it. Pretty good record, eh? Ought to make some people get off the shelf!

The article reminded me of another clock I read about. This clock got to thinking about its future. It calculated that it would tick twice every second, that would mean 120 times every minute or 7,200 times every hour. Multiply that by 24 and it means 172,800 ticks every day, which in turn results in 63,072,000 times every year. Then the clock considered: "If I tick off the time for ten years it will mean that I will tick 630,720,000 ticks!" At this point the clock collapsed from nervous exhaustion!

After reviving, the clock had a moment of insight; after all, it didn't have to tick all those ticks at once; it just had to tick one tick at the time! So it began, and at last reports, was going strong after 25 years, well on its way to becoming a respected old Grandfather Clock.

A lot of us humans are like that. We want to see the end of a thing from the beginning. But the world just isn't made that way. When we try, we get a frustrated exhaustion.

In John Henry Newman's hymn, *Lead, Kindly Light*, he says:

"I do not ask to see the distant scene. One step's enough for me."

This does not mean we are to take our eyes from the distant goal. It only means that seeing the ultimate, we reach it by the immediate. There is, in fact, no other way for us to follow Christ the Lord in an imperfect world.

Yours, one tick at a time,
G. Avery Lee
Ruston, La.

►An article in the L. & N. Magazine for August, 1955, tells of the retirement of Eddie LeRoy Veech as a clerk of the Master Mechanic's Office, at the Roundhouse, South Louisville, on July 15. He had been working for the L. & N. since 1902. He was only "making tents" as a clerk at the L. & N., for he was also a "cleric," having been pastor of the Elk Creek Baptist Church during 1921-24, and of the Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Ky., for 25 years.

The "Benevolent Servant"

I have in my files an article clipped from one of the best known southern newspapers, written by one of the most prolific writers of that paper, defending liquor as the "great benefactor." He points out in the article that liquor has helped build schools, roads, and even churches. I should like to relate one of the great feats of this "benevolent servant."

Herman Floyd used to come to our house for a visit saying, "Dean, I want a cookie." He was a little shaver about two years old. We watched him grow up. His whole life was connected with our church. His parents were active leaders in the church. He endeared himself to the hearts of the whole community as a young man of honor. He entered the University and after a year or two of hard work he made several of the honor societies. He was a teacher in the Sunday school, teaching young men. The whole church was proud of him and was looking forward to his wedding.

The following letter from his father tells the story. "We rehearsed the wedding on Friday night and had a little rehearsal reception at our house. Saturday morning he and his best man and a brother gathered decorations and carried them to the church. About two o'clock they went in the jeep for more

decorations. On their way back to the church they were hit by a man under the influence of liquor, driving his car on the wrong side of the road and speeding. He ran into the jeep and before Herman Floyd could do anything, he was crushed under the car. His skull was fractured and his chest was crushed. The driver, using profanity, forbid the folk to call an ambulance saying, 'Let him die.'

"Herman Floyd never regained consciousness. We gave him up a few minutes before he was to have been married. People came to the wedding before they learned of the tragedy."

This is one of the "benevolent" acts of liquor. Those who vote for it, those who sponsor it, and those who drink it are promoting such tragedies as this. The stamp on the father's letter reminds us that "Alcohol is a Killer." It kills innocent people and breaks up homes, even before they are begun. People do not have to drink it to suffer from it. No wonder the wise man said, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

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Springfield Church Has Library Emphasis Fortnight Program

SPRINGFIELD, Ky. — The First Baptist Church, Springfield, completed a Library Emphasis period, July 17-31, as a part of the church's educational program under the leadership of Bob Crutcher, educational director. The number of books checked out has increased from 113 in June to 357 for the month of July.

A part of the mid-week prayer service was sponsored by the Library staff. A display of the best books in the library was placed where the people could examine them before and after services. Brief and inspiring reviews of books for adults, young people and

children were given by Intermediates and Adults.

At the Sunday evening service, Pastor Prue H. Kelly gave a devotional on "The Ministry of Books," climaxed by a pageant, *Footprints On The Sands of Time*, under the direction of Bob Crutcher.

The Library opened in February 1952 with 250 books and has grown until it now contains 734 volumes. The number of people using the library has more than doubled. Miss Mayme Matherly, librarian, has worked hard and faithfully in building the library up to its present position of importance in the life of the church.

►A group of Southern Baptist churches in Nevada formerly affiliated with the Feather River Baptist Association in California have organized themselves into the Nevada Baptist Association. The group chose L. E. Chism, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Hawthorne, Nev., associational moderator.

Text of Congress Stand On Religious Liberty

LONDON, England — (BP) — Man's right to choose or change his religious faith must be preserved. This was the declaration of the Baptist World Congress in session here in mid-July. The group adopted a jubilee declaration, so named for the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Baptist World Alliance.

It is as follows:

"We declare:

"I. That the right to be free is a gift from God to all men of whatever race. A person is not physically born into a religious faith, but must of his own free will enter upon his inheritance as a child of God.

"II. That a man's right to choose or change his faith must be preserved, as well as his liberty to dissent or to make objection because of conscience's sake.

"III. That toleration is not enough; that freedom to worship is not enough. As Baptists we seek not to be tolerated, but to be accepted everywhere as equals in Christ, with all the privileges and responsibilities of loyal citizens. What we desire for ourselves we would secure for others, both for Christian believers and non-believers.

State Must Not Interfere

"IV. That real religious liberty guarantees not only freedom to worship privately and publicly, but the right to teach, preach, publish, and advocate, openly and without hindrance, the gospel of Christ, or other religious convictions.

"V. That our churches must be free from the interference of the state, that all our churches should, as far as their principles permit, abide by the laws of the state and loyally co-operate with the civil authorities in helping to create a community in which freedom of the press, speech and assembly and social righteousness, will be assured."

Mississippi Baptists have purchased Camp Kittiwake, at Pass Christian, on the Gulf of Mexico, eight miles west of Gulfport, for an assembly grounds.

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Whom to Contact in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) — Been wondering whom you should write concerning 1956 Southern Baptist Convention arrangements in Kansas City?

The list of local committee chairmen has been announced by Conrad R. Willard, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church here. Willard is general chairman of all local arrangements.

Here are the others working with him and their addresses, all in Kansas City, Mo., unless otherwise indicated.

General co-chairman and secretary—W. T. Holland, 1017-B Grand Avenue.

Section I, General Committees—Luncheons, breakfasts, and restaurants, Loren S. Goings, Bristol at 113th St.; Information booth, Alvin G. Hause, 3414 E. 12th St.; Pulpit Supply, Roy S. Dinkins, 22nd and Iron (North Kansas City); Finance, W. Ross Edwards, 2521 E. Meyer Blvd.; Registration, Arthur Norton, 6841 Sni-A-Bar Road; Reception and Transportation, Eugene Foreman, 3610 E. 39th St.; Post Office, George Wilson, Box 404.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, AUGUST 21, 1955

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Paris, First	41	228
Pikeville, First (4)	48	445
Princeton, First (1)	—	511
Russellville, First (1)	107	386
Somerset, First	175	616
Springfield, First	141	382
Sturgis, First	—	265
Versailles	54	329
Walton	—	293
Williamson, W. Va., East, (1)	70	290
Winchester, Central	112	368
First	115	423

State Board Workers Make Great Report For Month of July

During July 113 workers were actively engaged on the field. The reports tell the following story:

Preaching services totaled 1,690; Teaching services, 1,349; unsaved people personally visited 3,103; total visits made, 12,734; Vacation Bible Schools held, 133; fields surveyed, 8; professions of faith, 240; baptisms, 151; total received by letter, 59; new organizations formed, 25; visual aid programs, 33; 75 surrendered to do full-time Christian service. Total miles traveled by Board workers, 123,343.

►The Braille Evangel Publishing Co., Fort Worth, Tex., recently published "Words of Life," a compilation of 150 hymns and gospel songs in common use. Publication is in braille for use by blind worshippers. Braille Evangel has no official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention, but many blind Baptists use its material.

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Hong Kong Mission Requests Personnel

The Hong Kong-Macao Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Hong Kong and Macao), working among 3,000,000 people in two strategic colonies on the south coast of China, is requesting the appointment, as soon as possible, of 13 additional missionaries to reinforce the 20 now under appointment. Report of the annual Mission meeting has come to the Foreign Mission Board from Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, who is now attending similar meetings in all the countries for which he is responsible.

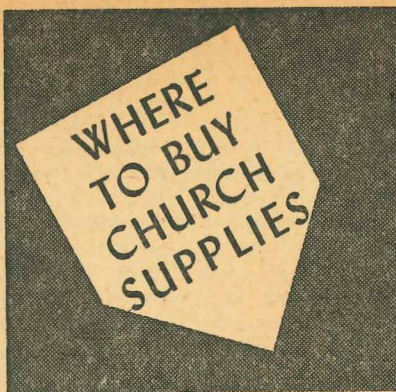
The missionaries of Hong Kong and Macao are carrying on a theological seminary of high academic level, a publishing house providing Chinese Christian literature for almost a dozen countries, and evangelistic work in four or five languages and dialects, besides working with an association of Baptist churches in an expanding evangelistic program, the projecting of a clinic, relief work, and three Baptist schools totaling more than 5,000 students.

Some of the most urgent needs are a couple to reinforce the Baptist Press, a couple to be associated with Pool Ching (boy's high school of more than 3,000 students), and a man to teach religious education and music in the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary.

The Mission considered also the need for a building loan fund to help new churches in the area and the proposed plan of the Hong Kong Baptist Associa-

tion for exploring the possibility of a Baptist college in Hong Kong at some future date.

Reports were brought to the Mission meeting concerning the continuing program of relief aid among the thousands of refugees in Hong Kong and the urgent need for additional relief funds for that purpose, the recent organization of a Baptist Student Union with students in six schools participating, and the showing of Christian films several times a week to hundreds of people.



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Twelfth Session of Golden Gate

BERKELEY, Calif. — Anticipating an increased registration for the 1955-56 term, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Berkeley will open its twelfth session on Tuesday, August 30. The Convocation service will be held in the Chapel on the morning of that day with Dr. Harold K. Graves, president, in charge. In the evening, the academic address will be delivered by Dr. C. Arthur Insko, associate professor of preaching and Christian ethics; his subject is "The Ministry of the Word."

An important and new feature is being introduced at Golden Gate this year. An orientation program for new students will begin on Saturday, August 27 and continue through Wednesday the 31. Members of the faculty will seek to acquaint students with principles of guidance relative to personal adjustments, work loads, and study habits; and in various ways introduce them to Golden Gate—to California and the East Bay Area, to the faculty and fellow students, to the library, et cetera. At one point in the orientation procedure, Student Council members will lead campus

newcomers on a tour of the seminary property.

With opening of the new term, Dr. Fred L. Fisher assumes the faculty status of a full professorship—the first to be established at Golden Gate Seminary. Dr. Fisher is head of the seminary's New Testament department. Working with him as the new semester opens is Rev. Clayton K. Harrop who takes up teaching duties as an instructor in New Testament Interpretation. Great strength has been added in this field of basic study.

The program with which Golden Gate Seminary proposes to meet the great challenge of the West and the World, a faculty and administration fervently giving their all for Christ, and a continuously growing and enthusiastic student body can result in nothing other than the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

►An error occurred on the cover page of the Western Recorder of August 18, concerning the representation from the various countries attending the Baptist

World Alliance in London. It should have been 270 from Sweden, instead of 2270. We regret the error.

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Dr. E. O. Edwards Writes Concerning Trip to the Baptist World Alliance

From Dr. E. O. Edwards, pastor, First Baptist Church, Corbin, come the following statements concerning his recent trip to the Baptist World Alliance, London, and to France. He made the trip with Mrs. Edwards and their daughter:

"I fully intended writing you on our journeys but you know we traveled independently and I had to look after the luggage, passports, appointments, time tables for three ladies and myself. I think I could become a professional guide after this experience! Or perhaps I could not! We had a wonderful time and rich experiences all the way through.

"We stayed at the Kingsley Hotel in London where Miss Ethel Harmon, our missionary, was stopping. We used the three days prior to the Alliance to tour Shakespeare's country and other points of interest.

"After the Alliance we went to Paris and spent four nights and made a special study of our Baptist work in Paris and France through Dr. Vincent (Henri), pastor of the Baptist Church De Lille. France has a population of 43,000,000 of which 42,000,000 are Catholics. The Presbyterians have 400,000 members in France; the Lutherans have 250,000 members, and the Pentecostals come third. The Baptists are rather few in number—40 churches with a membership totaling 20,000 and they say that is a rather high figure to be actual. Yet the Baptists are very evangelistic and faithful to the task.

"We are told that the mass of working people vote communist in France. That should be Southern Baptists' next great mission undertaking.

"As to the Baptist Alliance itself, one could not help being impressed with the vast territory Baptists touch in the world—more than 80 nations with so few to do the touching—about 20,000,—

000. That's not a large number in a world of over 2,000,000,000 population.

"If it were not for the U.S.A. it is my humble opinion that communism would swallow Europe without firing a shot; and too many Europeans would welcome it. Christianity is the only big difference!"

Kentucky WMU Membership Climbs to 67,849 Mark

By The Baptist Press

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, more women are taking part in mission study and mission support through the Woman's Missionary Union, a Convention auxiliary.

J. P. Edmunds, statistician for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., said membership Convention-wide rose to 1,302,060, a gain of 9.6 per cent over 1953. Enrolment then was 1,188,080.

In Kentucky, enrolment of WMU rose to 67,849 in 1954, despite loss of some members in Ohio churches counted the year before. The 1954 figure was 8.4 per cent greater than membership of 62,573 in 1953.

Carolina People Like Church Name "Bethel"

THOMASVILLE, N. C. — (BP) — "Bethel" is a mighty popular name among Baptist people in North Carolina.

It's so popular that it heads all other names—not counting "First"—used by Baptist churches in the state, according to Charity and Children, publication of the state Baptist children's home here.

The paper found "Bethel" was used 33 times. Next most popular, in order, are "Oak Grove," 30 times; "Antioch" and "Calvary," each 25 times; and "Pleasant Grove" and "Mount Zion," each 21.

Georgetown Receives Gift From U.S. Steel Foundation

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — "Georgetown College has recently been the recipient of \$1,000 from the United States Steel Foundation, Inc." says Kenneth C. Fendley, director of publicity for the school. And he adds, "We are indeed grateful for this."

New Building for First Church, of Pineville, Soon to be Erected

PINEVILLE, Ky. — The First Baptist Church of Pineville, Kentucky under the leadership of Pastor Raymond Sanderson, has witnessed many outstanding events recently. These are now history.

Sunday, July 31, was filled with unmeasured blessings. That day brought to a climax, one month of intensive drive toward securing funds for a new \$110,000.00 educational plant. The pastor and some 80 workers launched a financial drive on July 31 to secure \$25,000.00 in cash by July 31. These workers composed ten teams of eight members each. Each team was taught the fine art of personal interview in solicitation. Brochures and other supplies were available. Each week reports were given and visitation was conducted under careful supervision on special nights. When the final day rolled around \$10,774.12 was received in cash, plus \$10,000.00 more dollars available in 30 days and \$26,862.15 pledges over a period of three years. This was one of the most successful financial drives ever launched by this pastor or the church. Ground will be broken for the new building early in September. It will be a brick building 45' by 90', three stories high and modern in every respect, and it will be one of the best equipped churches in southeastern Kentucky.

Also on Sunday, July 31, four men were ordained as deacons. They were Dr. LaRue Roberts, Wayne Bishop, Ike Wilson, and T. F. Hendrickson. Dr. L. C. Kelly, the beloved pastor of years gone by, delivered the ordaining message and Deacon Foley Partin, the ordaining prayer.

The morning service was followed by a church dinner in the basement. This was Homecoming Day for friends, former members, and present members. A great number attended. This day was set aside as Homecoming Day and will be an annual affair. Dr. J. M. McCord, the pastor who erected the present building, brought the mountain top experience day to an end by a masterly sermon in the afternoon.

To date, 186 members have been added to the church roll this year. Eighty-three of these have been by baptism.

►Miss Lillian Williams, Southern Baptist missionary to Colombia who has been in the States on furlough, has returned to her field of service and may be addressed at Apartados 298, Cartagena, Colombia. She will substitute for Rev. and Mrs. Zach J. Deal, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries who are on furlough. She is a native of Berea, where she makes her permanent American home.

W. C. Campbell Ordained To Ministry by Chestnut Grove of Lewisport

LEWISPORT, Ky., Aug. 17. — W. C. Campbell was ordained to the Gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, July 31, by the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Lewisport. The church requesting his ordination was the Liberty Baptist Church of Lancaster, Kentucky, where he is serving as pastor.

Pastor Julian LeRoy served as moderator and questioner for the ordination, and Pastor A. F. Conner, First Church of Lewisport, delivered the ordination sermon. Pastor Truman Johnson, Yelvington, gave the charge to the church.

Homer Young presented the candidate with a Bible as a gift from the Chestnut Grove Church.

Young Mr. Campbell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Campbell, of Lewisport. He and his wife, Ardie, reside at Lancaster, and he plans to resume his studies at Campbellsville College this fall.

Baptist Press Director Almost Gets 'Exclusive'

Albert McClellan, who had written about Spain's tight restrictions on Baptists while covering the Baptist World Congress for the Baptist Press, almost had occasion for a first-person account on the subject.

A few hours before he was to fly from Madrid, Spain, to New York, he visited the poor settlement in Madrid. While taking a picture of a woman selling water, he was seized from behind by two policemen.

The police didn't speak English; McClellan spoke no Spanish. His United States passport didn't impress them. McClellan had visions of the plane flying with him behind in a Spanish jail, but after a while the police stalked away angrily.

What did the Baptist Press director do? "Why I grabbed the first taxi and left there!" he exclaimed.

Changes Made In Hospital Campaign

ALHAMBRA, Calif. — (BP) — The Alhambra Chamber of Commerce is now leading the drive for funds for a proposed Southern Baptist Convention hospital here.

The Chamber assumed leadership after a national fund-raising group withdrew.

The proposed hospital for this Los Angeles suburb received first approval from the Convention in May. Before work can begin, it must be approved at one future Convention session.

WESTERN RECORDER

Georgetown Graduate Goes to Pineville

PINEVILLE, Ky. — Miss Mary Louise Larson began her duties June 1, 1955, as Educational Director of the First Baptist Church, Pineville, Ky.

Miss Larson was graduated from Bridgeport High School, Frankfort, Ky., in 1951, where she was valedictorian as



Miss Mary Louise Larson

well as voted Most Outstanding Student. She was a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church where she held many various places of responsibility.

In the fall of 1951, she entered Georgetown College and received the Bachelor of Arts degree *Cum Laude* this spring. She was quite active in many phases of campus life, both religious and otherwise. She served as YWA President, Chairman of ETA DELTA PHI (Senior Women's Honorary), vice-president of Women's Self-Governing Board, chapel choir representative to the Music Council, and on the Independent Council. She was also a member of French Club, IRC, WAA, Chapel Choir, Oratorio Chorus and the college trio. Miss Larson was elected president of Independent Women's Organization, vice-president of the BSU Executive Council, and vice-president of the junior class. As an indication that she was a popular student as well as a busy one, she was selected as Miss Independent in 1953. She had a major in Religious Education and a minor in Psychology.

Month's Personality

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Hospital Topics, news magazine for hospitals, selected Gene Kidd, administrator of Mid-State Baptist Hospital here, as its personality of the month for August. Kidd, 34, is a past president of the Georgia Hospital Association.

Two Board Executives Tour Mission Sites

ROME, Italy — (BP) — The Southern Baptist foreign mission program in Europe is getting close study by two officials of the Foreign Mission Board.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary and George W. Sadler, secretary for Europe and Africa, are making major stops at mission centers in Switzerland, Italy, and Spain. Cauthen will return home in August and Sadler will go on to Egypt and the Near East.

Both men are accompanied by their wives.

Switzerland Seminary Opens Seventh Session

ZURICH, Switzerland — (BP) — The Ruschlikon Baptist Seminary in Zurich an institution of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will open its doors for the seventh annual term in September.

The school will enrol 50 students from Europe, Africa and the Far East.

Josef Nordenhaug, seminary president, calls the seminary an experiment in international fellowship, but actually the school has gone beyond the experimental stage and is now considered a permanent institution for European Baptists.

Governor Speaks For Anniversary

LEXINGTON, N. C. — (BP) — Gov. Hodges of North Carolina was the principal speaker when Jersey Baptist Church in nearby Cotton Grove community observed its 200th anniversary.

The governor's address was on rural churches, such as the one to which he spoke. Of rural churches, Hodges said they are "the only institution in the community directly charged with conserving moral and spiritual values."

New Mexico Secretary Returns to Pastorate

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — (BP) — L. D. Ball, secretary of evangelism for Southern Baptists in New Mexico, will re-enter the pastorate October 1. He has resigned his present position.

First Baptist Church, Roswell, N. M., called him to succeed A. A. DuLaney.

►C. D. Sallee, Jr., has begun his ministry at Crieveview Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Sallee moved to Nashville from Batesville, Ark., where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church for four years.

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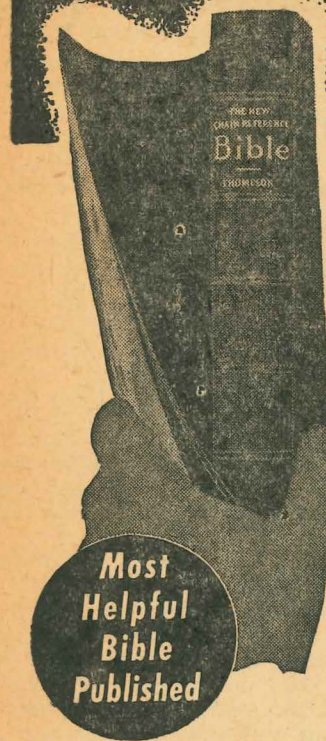
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