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Mrs. Edith Bennett, 96, of Newport, who made the motion 47 years ago in 1908 that the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union begin a work among younger boys to be known as Royal Ambassadors. See story about her on page 16.

►The Baptist church of Cherokee Falls, S. C., announced that Carl Allen has accepted a call to become its pastor. Allen formerly was pastor at Bethuel Baptist Church, Marion, N. C.

►Kings Road Baptist Church, North Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada), has a new pastor. Omer E. Hyde formerly was pastor of First Baptist Church, Watonga, Oklahoma.

►The First Baptist Church, Paducah, is having Dual Services on Sunday mornings, with two preaching services and two teaching services, with completely different staffs of superintendents, secretaries and teachers.

►William Isaac Love, Alabama minister, and Mrs. Love celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently in their home at Spruce Pine, Ala. Among their 10 children is another Baptist minister, Lloyd W. Love.

►Miss Phyllis Franks and Pastor Rex Purvis, of the Howards Mill Baptist Church of Bracken Association, were united in marriage in a ceremony performed by Associational Missionary Reginald W. Johnson at Lexington.

►Pastor John Wallace reports that there were 18 baptized during their recent revival at the Felix Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, in which Brother Clift Bannon was the evangelist. The meetings ran September 26 to October 2.

►While Pastor S. R. Beaty was away from home, assisting Pastor C. W. Lawrence in a revival at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, W. G. Potts filled the pulpit at Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Ky., for both Sunday services, October 7.

►Frank P. Forwood, formerly of Kentucky, joined the staff of Judson College, Marion, Ala., as a public relations worker. Before going to the Baptist school, Forwood was employed in Louisville and preached in several Kentucky churches.

►Mr. and Mrs. William A. Cowley, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Nigeria, are now at Igede, where their address is Ekiti Baptist High School, Igede, via Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria, West Africa. Mr. Cowley is a native of Meade County, Ky.

►The First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, recently experienced a revival. Pastor George W. Phillips, First Baptist Church, London, was the evangelist. Pastor Raymond Lawrence says that there were 2 young people who surrendered to full-time Christian service, 13 re-dedicated their lives to Christ, 3 transferred their membership; and 12 were saved and joined the church by baptism. He says that the church was greatly revived and that the congregation appreciated the preaching by Bro. Phillips.

►The Alumni Luncheon for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at the 1956 Convention in Kansas City has already been scheduled, according to Dr. Cort R. Flint, Seminary administrative assistant. The Seminary's annual luncheon during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 30, at the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City. Convention dates for 1956 are May 30 through June 2. More than 1,100 alumni and friends attended the 1955 Southern Seminary alumni luncheon at the Convention in Miami.

►Pastor L. W. Todd writes us that Pastor P. E. Claybrook, of the Cynthia Baptist Church, Cynthia, Ky., has just preached in one of the greatest revivals ever held at the First Baptist Church of Adamsville, Tenn. In the meeting there were 39 who came for baptism, 15 who came by letter, 5 re-consecrations and 1 answering the call to full-time Christian service. The church has been greatly strengthened both spiritually and in numbers, says Pastor Todd, and the people rejoice in such men as Brother Claybrook who serve so faithfully the cause of Christ.

►The First Institute of Mission Study of the Northeastern Region of the Women's Missionary Union was held at the First Baptist Church of Sandy Hook, September 29, with 43 members present. Twelve churches were represented from the Greenup, Enterprise and Greenville Associations. The mission study was taught by Messdams Helen Bernard, Oneida; Earl Neal, Flatwoods; Avery Smith, Ashland; and L. T. Howerton, Pikeville. Mrs. Lucy Fields, also of Pikeville, spoke to the group of her trip to South Africa last year. Lunch was served by the host church.

►Brother Earl E. Joiner has resigned as pastor of the Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Route 1, Crestwood, Ky., to go to DeLand, Florida, where he is an assistant professor in the Department of Religion in Stetson, University. His new address is 735 North Sans Souci, DeLand, Florida. During Seminary days in Louisville Brother Joiner worked in the Training Union office at the Kentucky Baptist Building and Mrs. Joiner was a subscription clerk for the Western Recorder. Both of these young people gave a fine account of themselves during their years in Kentucky. Stetson is fortunate to have such a fine young man on their faculty.

►Chaplain (Major) David E. Weaver has just been re-assigned from Baumholder, Germany, where he was sub-area chaplain, to 2128 Su Station Complement, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and he and Mrs. Weaver have just arrived in Louisville. For the present she will be residing at 197 Bellaire, Louisville,



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where the telephone is BELmont 4191. While they were in Europe they visited all of the countries except the Communist countries, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. Their trips included journeys to North Africa, Beyrouth, Lebanon, Damascus, Syria, Israeli, and flew from Tele-Viv to Istanbul, Turkey; to Athens and Corinth in Greece; to Milan, Pisa, Rome, Naples, Pompei and Venice in Italy; to Austria; to the Scandavian countries; to Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, England and Scotland. He has made colored slide pictures of all of these trips, and showed them at the Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, on Sunday night, October 9.

# Concerning Canadian Baptists

By GEORGE C. IRVIN

"Canadian Southern Baptists!" What an intriguing combination of terms! But the people it represents are more intriguing still.

At present they are found in seven churches in three different provinces of Canada. Their cause is one of the most challenging that has ever come to Southern Baptists. These folk are representative of Christianity at its finest and most vigorous. They are ordinary folk, mostly of the middle class financial bracket.

Our Southern folk are obviously curious about them, and I shall try here to present them to you from the viewpoint of one who was reared and educated among Southern Baptists, but yet who has lived among the Canadians. The plan of this article is to present the situation as fairly as I know how, so as to let it answer for itself such questions as: Who are they? Where are they from? What kind of people are they? Are they a disreputable group? Why are they so eager and insistent on Southern Baptist affiliation? Why have they by-passed other Baptist groups of Canada? Who started it? Is it right? Is the Southern Baptist beginning there successful? and, Is Southern Baptist work in Canada necessary?

Surprisingly, the story begins back before the organization of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington (Southern Baptist) in 1948, when some Baptists of Canada visited a Southern Baptist state meeting in California. From those days on their interest has increased as is evident from their continuous and enlarging attendance at subsequent Southern Baptist gatherings. Several of these who were alarmingly aware of the crucial trend of the spiritual life of the nation of Canada, and who were aware of the shortcomings of Canadian Baptists, had begun to study our position in doctrine, program, literature, and general outlook.

This went on for more than eight years with some, before any step was made toward affiliation. You can see from this that Canadians, of which these folks are typical, are not a rash people, but inclined to be cautious and deliberate. So, by their own judgment, and after prolonged study, observation, and consideration they decided that Southern Baptists have the answer for Canada. This was not an opinion voiced by any Southern Baptist, for we, it seems, were content to assume that Canadian Baptists had the situation well in hand. The only thing that upset that contentment of ours was some Baptists of Canada who called our attention to the contrary-wise.

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The enthusiasm of these interested Canadians gradually mounted until a church of Vancouver, B. C. (now called Kingcrest Southern Baptist) took action to affiliate with the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington. I was at that time serving on the executive committee of that convention when the first word of that action came, which was, I think in 1953. That committee, completely surprised, indicated a unique unanimity in the feeling that this was the hand of God opening for us a new avenue of service. Mr. Ross MacPherson, pastor of Kingcrest, was no more enthused than his people, for he had to restrain them to avoid any appearance of rashness. Since its affiliation with us, that church, under its able pastoral leadership, has entered upon a new day of fruitfulness. Their Training Union attendance was frequently 125 from the start! This experience is in general paralleled by Mr. Jack McKay and his church in Edmonton, Alberta.

What were these churches like? MacPherson gives us his description; "They are regular Baptist churches that acknowledge Christ as their head, the New Testament as their authoritative criterion and the Holy Spirit as their motivation power. They are eager to co-operate with all Bible-believing and practicing Baptists the world over in a great co-operative effort designed to reach the balance of the world for Christ. They believe Southern Baptists are equipped doctrinally and practically through their threefold program of winning, teaching and training to show them how to reach the lost in Canada for Christ."

About the time of Kingcrest's affiliation in an adjacent community, a young Baptist, who had been saved for about seven years, was going through some of the darkest days of his life. He is at this date in Southwestern Seminary training for the ministry. He had sought with all his heart a life of fruitfulness in God's service, but because of the disturbing influence of his church home, he had reached a place of almost dissolution. The reader will wonder what circumstances would produce such a condition, but no attempt will be made to explain these conditions which could be naturally interpreted to be antagonistic. This

church, though beautifully located and housed in the heart of a vigorously expanding suburban residential area of some 35,000 people, had for several decades failed to register any gain.

His heart was almost broken when he appears to have been Provisionally directed to Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Percy) with whom he shared his feelings. The Lees were folks who had become ardent Southern Baptists in principle, and were also hungry for a satisfying church-home. Out of this services developed in the beautiful, sprawling Lee home, in which gathered a few folks of kindred spirit. Mr. Lee is a business man, and he and his family are highly respected and well liked.

In rapid succession, events of miraculous proportions unfolded which eventuated in the organization of Kings Road (Southern) Baptist church in August '54 with 22 members. This was less than a year after the first service was held. It located in a church building that was purchased in a densely populated area about two miles from the nearest Baptist church.

The striking thing in this was the surprising discovery of a number of fine, respectable people who were in the same situation as those who started it.

These folks were so despairing that at first they were very skeptical of the meetings at Lee's, but increasingly they "took heart," and eventually put their very soul into it in tremendous zeal. The background of each of these is heart-rending, and I would that you could meet each one. Anyone of them today could give a thrilling testimony of what their church means. One of the remarks that I heard, which is typical of their feelings, was that of one of the men, just after a study course, who said, "What a pity that I could not have had this 14 years ago." A more thrilling group I've never met. Their church, in about 10 months from the time of organization, baptized an average of one and one-half persons for each member (Is that a record?).

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## Illinois Youth Worker

CARBONDALE, Illinois—(BP)—Miss Dorothy Reed, of Benton, Ark., has become youth secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Illinois convention of Southern Baptists. A graduate of Ouachita College in Arkansas, and of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, she was on the staff of Camp Crestridge for Girls, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

### The Christian's Obligation Concerning Health

The Kentucky State Health Department, of which Dr. Bruce Underwood is the capable commissioner, states in the September issue of *News and Plans* that tuberculosis is declining in our state. However—

This dread disease kills, the article states, more people in Kentucky than any other communicable disease and makes thousands more into invalids for many months and sometimes many years.

#### A Frightening Fact

Dangers arising from this disease consist not only in the great number of Kentuckians who have it, but in the fact that "each victim not found and treated can infect many more." This is due to the frightening fact that people may actually have the disease without knowing the danger they are in, and others, therefore, may be subjected unconsciously to the dangers by contacts with infected persons. "Fighting the disease is a community responsibility," the Health Department states.

#### Situation Improves

Almost since the founding of the public health program the "total elimination of tuberculosis has been one of the main goals," *News and Plans* states. And the effort is bearing fruit. As late as 1952 only five of Kentucky's 120 counties reported no deaths from tuberculosis. But in 1953 the picture had improved and seven counties reported no deaths from the disease. In 1954 there were fourteen counties reporting no deaths from tuberculosis. Thus the situation improves as citizens co-operate in a common responsibility and task. This improvement is better seen in the over-all picture: in 1950 tuberculosis caused 1,073 deaths in our state but in 1954 the number had been reduced to less than half that figure, or 526.

#### A Christian Obligation

Too long the opinion has been held by some that the religious press and organized Christian groups have not taken sufficient interest in health programs. In some instances that opinion may have been justified. If there be any groups which should, more than others, sense an obligation for the welfare of the bodies of their fellow man, they should be Christian groups.

The first obligation of the churches must always be to the souls of men; their first mission is to preach Jesus as the Saviour and to lead others to surrender to Him as Lord. We do not believe that ours is a social gospel. It must never be. Nevertheless we are not to forget that the Christ we preach not only went about proclaiming spiritual truth but also ministering to human bodies. We do not believe His care has changed.

Because of the inescapable obligation we owe to others, we should see to it that we do not endanger life and usefulness as carriers of communi-

cable disease. Every Christian owes it to his Lord to be always at his best, physically, if he can, as well as spiritually. May we suggest, in His name, that each of us should have an examination, regularly, by a competent physician or at one of the health units made available by the Department of Health, not only for our own sake but for the sake of others. Christians should be the finest, most faithful citizens on earth—faithful to Him in all things, faithful in every obligation to their fellow man. Many lives can be saved and much suffering and grief can be avoided by following the simple good-neighbor policy and attitude which should characterize us. This editor feels he is entirely within the scope of his assignment when he urges that every Christian has an obligation concerning health.

### Glenn L. Archer Hopes Church-State Hearings Will Proceed in Washington

Glenn L. Archer expresses hope that hearings by the Senate subcommittee on religious liberty and separation of church and state will yet be held. Archer is executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State and is one of America's best informed men on the real issues involved.

It is recalled that the special hearings were to have begun October 3, following a long period of studies carried on by the subcommittee. Questionnaires were sent to a selected cross section of citizens and to any others requesting them. The purpose was to discover opinions as to the meaning of the First Amendment relative to religious liberty and separation of church and state.

The general opinion seems to have been that the issue became so heated that, on recommendation of leaders of certain religious groups, the hearings were postponed, if not called off entirely, to avoid a clash of ideologies.

When the decision was reached to call off the hearings at least temporarily, Senator Hennings, chairman, sent Archer a telegram September 30 stating the postponement was for the purpose of permitting the subcommittee "to thoroughly study the data in the religion questionnaire replies" that had come in.

Director Archer, in a release from POAU, states in part:

"Of course, a little more time for further analysis and reflection may be needed by the distinguished members of the subcommittee before they actually open hearings. But it would be unthinkable for the vital subject of religious freedom to be shunted aside because of the fear of a few that it is not an issue to be frankly discussed in this free country of ours. If that had been the attitude of the Founding Fathers, we would never have had a First Amendment."

Mr. Archer continued:

"The scheduling of these hearings was originally announced boldly by the subcommittee and was

widely heralded in the press. An impressive ceremonial hearing was held on September 17 in commemoration of the 168th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The sudden postponement has given rise to suspicion that the subcommittee is succumbing to 'pressure' from sectarian interests. I am loathe to entertain this suspicion myself. I prefer to believe that Senators Hennings, Langer and O'Mahoney are too conscious of their responsibility to the American people as a whole to yield to any such 'pressure,' and that the hearings will go on as planned after a short delay. To do otherwise would be to bring the Senate and its right of investigation into disrepute, thereby doing a serious disservice to our democracy."

Mr. Archer does not deny that heavy pressure was brought to bear on the subcommittee members to have the hearings called off or delayed. He merely "prefers" to believe that the pressure did not produce the delay. And one is driven to wonder just how well he, in the kindness of his heart, succeeds in believing what he prefers to believe.

A good many are asking, Why were some afraid to have the hearings? Could it be that the hearings would have brought to light violations of the First Amendment which some did not want aired? Or was it merely an effort to avoid bitter and unwanted

friction between religious groups? Only time will tell.

Mr. Archer stated in conclusion: "POAU has a considerable volume of evidence of infringement on our basic guarantees of religious liberty. The American people should have this evidence and also the views of other groups. Let the investigation proceed without fear or favor."

We shall await with more than average interest the final decision of the subcommittee relative to hearings on the religion clause of the first article of the Bill of Rights. The general public should be given all the facts, all the findings of the subcommittee, and the arguments on both sides should be heard.

We are today in receipt of a complete report from Mr. Archer and the POAU, giving all the facts he intended presenting the subcommittee hearings. We are going through these as rapidly as possible and shall, in the event the Senate subcommittee does not afford opportunity for all these facts to be brought out, offer them to our readers. We need to be aroused not against people, not against religious groups, but against efforts which most assuredly have been and are being made to cross the line marked off by the first article of the Bill of Rights. These should be known by all the people and something should be done about the problem by which the American public is increasingly confronted.

### Frances Jane Thompson Directs Good Will Center in Northern Kentucky

COVINGTON, Ky. —Missionaries are to be found on home fields as well as in distant lands. Miss Frances Jane Thompson, director of the Good Will Center work during her student days at the W.M.U. Training School (now Carver School of Missions) in Louisville, and made preparation for this work by serving as a summer student under the Home Mission Board in the Good Will Center Program at Granite City and Christopher, Illinois. In addition to being a graduate of the Training School she has a B.S. degree from the Mississippi College For Women, Columbus, Mississippi, and taught for two years in high school in Mississippi. Like all missionaries, Miss Thompson does not consider the salary for she could do much better financially in the public school but has chosen to invest her life in the urgent needs of a distressed section of a city area.



Frances Jane Thompson

Miss Thompson has the patience of a Job. The winsome smile of a gracious Christian personality and gives of her bountiful spirit to young and old alike. In a recent Mission Conference here in Northern Kentucky, a woman from one of our churches who was doing a part-time work at the Center, made this remark: "Miss Thompson reminds me of a little blackhaired angel going up and down the streets of Newport, and the little children with whom she works running to her and throwing their little arms around her and saying "Hi, Teacher."

Miss Thompson, like many other Good Will Center workers is a benediction to all of those whose lives she touches and such persons must truly love the Lord and His work. All Baptists in Northern Kentucky are grateful to Miss Thompson for her spirit and her ministry.—Chase W. Jennings, Superintendent, North Kentucky Baptist Program.

►John Warren Steen, chaplain of Louisville, Ky., General Hospital for three years, has accepted pastorate of Northside Baptist Church, Milledgeville, Ga.

### McCall Asks Taverns Be Closed on S-D Day

A Baptist educator here suggested that stores selling liquor close their doors for a 30-hour period to reduce traffic accidents on Safe-Driving (S-D) Day. S-D Day is scheduled December 1.

The suggestion came from Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here and also president of the National Temperance League.

Speaking for the temperance group, McCall wrote President Eisenhower whose Committee on Traffic Safety is making plans for the nationwide observance of S-D Day. The goal of S-D Day is to be traffic accident-free.

Since "alcohol is directly involved in at least 20 per cent of the Highway deaths (and) is continual deadly threat to highway safety, we therefore suggest . . . your Committee on Traffic Safety call on all . . . alcoholic beverage outlets to close from 6 p.m., Nov. 30, through midnight, Dec. 1," McCall wrote.

"We sincerely believe that no single step can be taken which will do more to make S-D Day a day free from accidents," he continued.—BP

►A brother of Pastor W. E. Maners, Germantown, Ky., died in Indiana recently.

# Who Should Support Bible Institutes?

By W. A. SLOAN  
Clinton, Kentucky

During the last year or so the change of attitude toward Baptist Bible Institutes on the part of Baptists generally is quite noticeable.

Many of the brethren who were either definitely against them, feeling that there was no place for them, and many others who had not come to any definite conviction with regard to such institutions, have now come to realize their need. They have come to see that all of our splendid efforts through our colleges and seminaries together with their extension courses are not sufficient to take care of the training of these grown men who have been called into the ministry late in life, and who are not eligible for college or seminary because of their limited education.

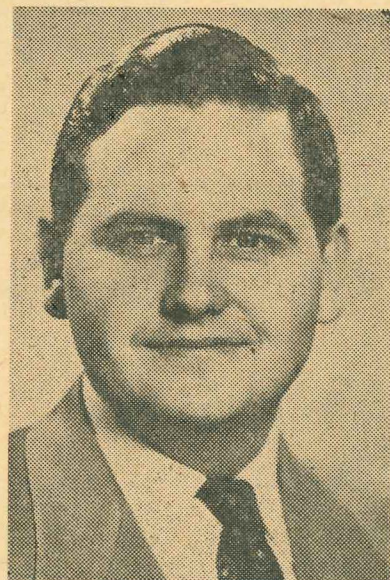
In the minds of many the big question now is not the wisdom of having such schools as our Bible institutes; but, by whom should they be supported? The two leading views with regard to this question are: (1) that they should be supported by each state convention; (2) they should be supported by the Southern Baptist Convention. Briefly let us look at these two views.

## The State Conventions

By those who feel that each state convention should finance the Bible institute work it is pointed out that (1) the Southern Baptist Convention has all she can take care of now and therefore is unable to assume further obligations. (2) It is also maintained that each state should have its own school so that no student would have to go a long distance to attend a Bible institute, and certainly the Southern Baptist Convention could not support such an institution in every state within the bounds of the Convention. (3) Furthermore, it is thought by some that, due to the compulsory laws in all of our states which keeps a boy or girl in school until a certain age, that within a very few years all of our young people will have at least a high school education. When that time comes, even though one is called into the ministry later in life, he will have had his high school training and would be eligible for college. That being true, it would be unwise for the Southern Baptist Convention to invest a lot of money in property and equipment for which we would have no need in a few years.

## The Southern Baptist Convention

Those who think the Southern Baptist Convention should support our Bible institutes call attention to the following considerations: (1) While it is true that



MR. BILL CODY, student representative, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, will counsel with mission volunteers at the Kentucky State B.S.U. Convention, November 4-6.

the state conventions support their own colleges, all the seminaries are financed by the Southern Baptist Convention. Bible institutes are not high schools, or colleges, or seminaries. However, they are theological schools; and since the Southern Baptist Convention supports the theological seminaries so should it support the theological institutes.

It is the feeling of many of these brethren that there should be at least as many Bible institutes as we have seminaries (since there are more undergraduate men in the ministry than graduates), and strategically located over our Convention territory just as our seminaries are. (2) It is also pointed out that a number of our states cannot possibly support a Bible institute and maintain all their other work, yet the

students in those states should be taken care of. Who is going to do it if the Southern Baptist Convention does not?

(3) Another major factor enters in just here, namely, the problem of state lines if and when supported by each state. To illustrate, here is a state that has a Bible institute, and financing it. A number of students come from other states, but the states from which they come do nothing to help defray the expenses of their own sons while in school. Therefore, the state supporting the institute has to pay, not only the expenses of her own students, but, also, those of the other states as well. If the institutes were supported by the Southern Baptist Convention, as are our seminaries, this problem would not exist.

These are only a few of the arguments on both sides of the question as to who should support our Bible institutes. Let it be said that the brethren on both sides are equally sincere and honest in their convictions. It is simply a question of honest differences of opinions. It is agreed that these undergraduates should be provided for. The question is: Who is going to do it?

Baptists have always faced their problems prayerfully and thoughtfully. They are facing this one now. As they have found the answers and solutions to other problems on their knees, so they will find them to this major problem.

God is still calling these men into the ministry; it is our responsibility to do all within our power to help train them for their work. Using the late Dr. Truett's favorite expression, "surely wisdom is fled from us" if we neglect these men longer. The loss because of our neglect of these brethren thus far has already been great. Now that we are face to face with the situation, further delay will be tragic. Let us not disappoint them; but, above all, let us not disappoint the Lord.

## E. O. Edwards Resigns First Church, Corbin

CORBIN, Ky. — After ten and one-half years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, Dr. E. O. Edwards has resigned to take up new work as pastor of First Baptist Church, Reading, Ohio.

Reading is a suburb of Cincinnati. The new pastorate begins November 20.

The Reading church is now in the midst of a building program. The sum of \$94,000 has already been spent in the first phase of the expansion program, and materials will be purchased this fall for the construction of the new auditorium which will seat 900. The church will entertain the Ohio Baptist Convention November 3-4.

►Pastor and Mrs. Gerald McNeely, Carlisle, Ky., are the proud parents of a daughter—their second.

# Concerning Canadian Baptists

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The only reason I am writing about Kings Road Church is because its the one that I am best acquainted with, but each of our other churches there have a similar background. These churches have excelled in every phase of work; visitation and evangelism, departmentizing of the Sunday schools, tithing and church finances, Training Union, Study Course training awards, and church loyalty. They are setting a pace ahead of their sister churches in Oregon and Washington in proportionate fruitfulness, and will show us by their devotion what it means to be a Southern Baptist.

Some more skeptical person might be inclined to say, "That is all very touching, but is this affiliation RIGHT?" Other denominations have answered that for us by the fact that they have done the same thing for years. At least two other groups of Baptists in America have churches in Canada, one of which held its annual convention in May '55 in a Canadian city, Vancouver. The generally accepted principle which expresses this is one that was reiterated by the last annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Ontario-Quebec as a part of a resolution, which says, "Each church is free to associate with whatever local Baptist group or convention it may desire. . . ."

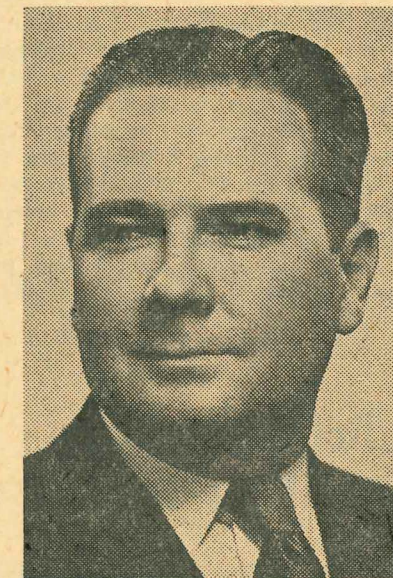
If that is agreed to, it might then be asked, "They may not be violating any known Rights, but to be fair, is it NECESSARY to have Southern Baptist work in Canada?" This is a crucial point, and one that our Canadian Southern Baptists would answer with an immediate and emphatic, Yes, to which I would add a hearty, Amen.

Some of the folks who are not overjoyed by our work in Canada can, nevertheless, tell us the needs. A Home Mission worker in Canada has written, "Canada is steadily growing from within and from without. The birth rate last year was 28.2 and the death rate 8.7 thus . . . an increase of 19.5 per thousand. At the same time thousands of immigrants have settled in our midst (24,154 entered from Oct. 1 '53 to Feb. '54)." Official statistics indicate that the population has grown by one million from 1951 to 1954 to a total of 15,000,000, and also two and a half million between '41 and '51. Cities are bursting their seams; Edmonton, an oil center, has gained by 70 per cent in population from '41 to '51.

Are the Baptists keeping pace with this growth? Let one of them answer that. Stuart Ivison, the eminent pastor of the First Baptist Church in Ottawa,

has said, "Since the beginning of the 20th century our (Baptists of Canada) relative strength in Canada has dropped from more than 6 per cent of the total population to 3.7 per cent in 1951!"

In the four Western Provinces, where the need is most appalling, only one person in 131 is a Baptist. Mrs. J. R. McDonald, president of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, which is numerically the strongest Baptist group there, has said concerning their standing



DR. LOREN R. WILLIAMS, editor, Church Music Materials, Nashville, Tennessee, is to be in charge of the music at the Kentucky State B.S.U. Convention, Campbellsville, Ky., November 4-6.

in the Baptist life of Canada, "We are really a mission field. Almost three-quarters of our work is mission work—that is, it requires some financial assistance for its maintenance and this is likely to continue for some time, because in our growing work new causes needing help are organized as fast or even faster than missions can become self-supporting."

It has been suggested that the Baptists of Canada will be able to step up their pace and take care of the needs. But there is one problem alone which will prevent this, namely the crucial problem of the lack of ministers all through Canada. Of the two Divinity Schools of the Baptist Federation of Canada, one is said to have had about

7 B.D. graduated in 1953, and the other still fewer with a total of 1 in 1955! Women are also being ordained as ministers. The recent report of the Grande Ligne Mission (French Baptist work) states they "face the very serious problem of lack of trained man-power to accomplish even the work for which we have already assumed responsibility. The birth of trained French Canadian pastors—or indeed—of French Canadian Youth whom we might train—has assumed the proportions that are causing serious concern to the Board and the missionaries themselves." This mission, with its origin going back to Madame Feller in 1835, and having a field of five million French people in Canada, has been in a state of decline until a recent annual report gives these meager figures; 11 affiliating churches (mostly of mission status), a total of 10 baptisms for the year, total church membership of 712, and 171 members in their Sunday Schools, with a handful of laborers. This is not stated critically, because that mission has a record of great valor in its sacrificial forebearers, and does face a very difficult field.

A bulletin from one of these Baptist schools, previously mentioned, stated (Jan. '55): "One of the most acute problems facing Baptists in the Maritime Provinces today is the increasing shortage of pastors." At the end of '53 they had 1 less pastor than a year before.

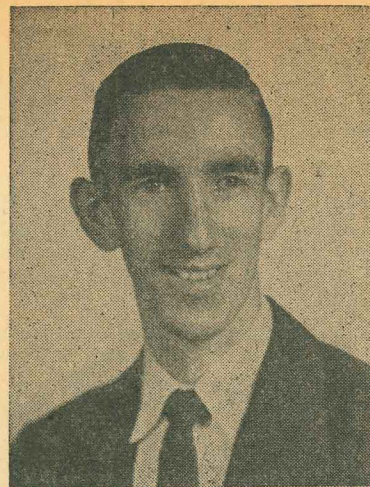
What about the other denomination in Canada? They too are in about the same situation, except the cults, Catholicism, and Pentecostalism, each of which is in its heyday. Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc. are making terrific inroads in the West. The Catholics, after years of aggressive gains, make up 43 per cent of the population, and are increasingly getting their stranglehold on new areas. They are ordaining almost 2,000 priests a year! The United Church of Canada, the largest non-Catholic group, announced a few months ago that they would have to close 30 churches in Canada for lack of pastors. The United Church is the result of a combination of the Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists about 30 years ago. The Anglican, next largest have announced in August that their schools were reporting half enough ministers. They have been drawing heavily on England and Scotland for clergymen.

Our neighbor nation, so closely kin to us, is at a critical hour spiritually. Shall human quibbling jeopardize her future? Our size and resources increased our responsibility in the stewardship of the gospel, and it is to God alone that we must give account. Southern Baptists, What shall we do?

►Harold W. Hendricks, of Marshall, Tex., has accepted pastorate of "K" Street Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla.



Floyd Key



Temp Sparkman

EVANGELIST FLOYD KEY, pastor of the Battle Creek Baptist Church, Springfield, Tenn., and Brother Temp Sparkman, minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Tenn., recently conducted a youth-led revival at the Fountain Memorial Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., where Charles W. Holland, Jr., is pastor. In an eight-day revival there were 26 additions and two volunteers for full-time Christian service. Pastor Holland says, "As a pastor I have found it difficult to find young men mature enough to assume the responsibility of a youth-led revival. Brother Sparkman did a wonderful piece of work with the music and every service was followed by a Young People's or Intermediate's Seminar or Fellowship. . . . Our young people worked in a way I have never known them to work before." Fountain Memorial has realized 209 additions in the last ten months.

## J. C. Durham Leads 29th Kentucky BSU Convention At Campbellsville Next Week

A galaxy of Christian personalities has been assembled by Student Secretary J. Chester Durham for the twenty-ninth annual Kentucky Baptist Student Union Convention at Campbellsville November 4-6.

These men will seek to challenge the students on various facets of the theme, "God's World—My Life—Now!" Attendance of 1,500 is expected.

Delivering five fifteen-minute talks will be Dr. Couthbert G. Rutenber, philosophy of religion professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Dr. Rutenber has been a popular speaker and conference leader at the annual student retreat at Ridgecrest.

The Friday evening keynote address will be made by Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., author of the recent book on the Holy Spirit, *God Being My Helper*.

Atomic Scientist George Schweitzer, of University of Tennessee, will speak Saturday afternoon on the subject,

"God's World—My Life—The Atom—Now!"

From B.S.U. circles will come Dr. William Hall Preston, conventionwide associate B.S.U. secretary, and Dr. W. F. Howard, secretary for Texas.

The Rev. H. L. Hardy, missionary to Chile on furlough, will bring the missionary message Saturday morning. Directing music will be Dr. Loren R. Williams of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Others on the program will be Bill Cody, now with the Foreign Mission Board; formerly B. S. U. director at University of Kentucky; Dr. Glen Yarbrough, new B. S. U. director at Georgetown College; and the Rev. Wendell Belew, general worker in Eastern Kentucky.

Don Whitehouse, University of Kentucky student who is this year the state president, will preside over most sessions. Don is from Chaplin, Ky.

Meeting place will be First Baptist Church, with Campbellsville College collaborating as host. Host pastor is Dr. J. Chester Badgett. Sessions begin Fri-

day at 6:45 p. m. and end with the dedication service Sunday morning.

Mr. Durham said that reservations should be mailed to First Baptist Church, Campbellsville.

## Dr. Samuel Southard Leaves Fort Mitchell For Texas Pastoral Care Work

Dr. Samuel Southard resigned some weeks ago as pastor of the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., to become the first Professor of Pastoral Care in the Institute of Religion of the Texas Medical Center. This is said to be a new type of pastoral training which will combine clinical work in a medical setting with academic credit for the work given. Dr. Olsen, dean of the Baylor Medical School, was one of those initiating this venture, and asked the ministers to set it up in the Texas Medical Center. In addition to offering a course for students at the Baylor Medical School, he will also offer courses in five Texas seminaries.

Dr. Southard has been in Kentucky for some years as a student in the Southern Seminary, and he found opportunities for study and labor in hospitals and clinics while here. A little more than a year ago he became pastor of the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, in northern Kentucky, where he succeeded Chaplain Darrell C. Richardson just as the latter re-entered the U. S. Army. In that time the field at Fort Mitchell has shown phenomenal growth, and the church has voted to proceed with the erection of a new \$100,000 educational building.

While in Kentucky he has contributed a number of articles to the Western Recorder on pastoral counselling, and kindred subjects, and expects to devote his energies among the Texas students along the same lines.

## California Women Vote on Changes

FRESNO, Calif. — (BP) — Members of the California Woman's Missionary Union will take a vote at their annual meeting to decide if they want two new state departments.

A proposed change in the laws of the woman's group will, if approved, provide for a department of fundamentals and a youth department within the state organization.

►Dr. L. C. Kelly, now at 128 Gowdy Street, Campbellsville, Ky., recently underwent surgery in a Lexington hospital. He is back at his Campbellsville residence, and we doubt not will be happy to hear from his many friends all over the state.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### Tricks or Treats

By CHARLOTTE OFFEN

On Halloween Jimmy, Larry, Michael, Doreen and Susan went about their neighborhood playing Tricks or Treats. They had been almost all around their block when they came to the Larsons' house.

"We'll knock at Mr. Larson's door just to see what he will do," said Michael.

"No use," said Larry. "They won't have anything for us. Besides, I doubt if they know anything about Halloween."

"Mother said we shouldn't bother Mr. and Mrs. Larson," Doreen said. "They're very old and quite poor. She said it might embarrass them if we asked for treats and they didn't have any."

Susan giggled.

"Oh, then we could pull some really good trick on them," she said.

"I don't think that would be much fun," said Jimmy. "He is awful old and can't walk very well."

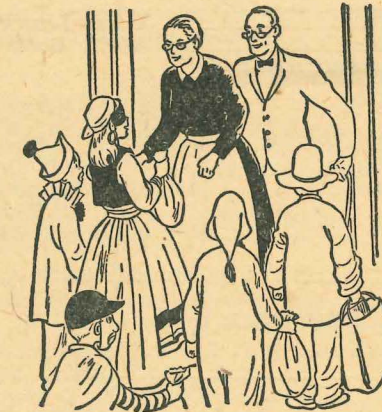
"That's right," said Doreen. "We should be careful about bothering people like Mr. Larson."

"He's old and cranky," said Michael.

"He's not cranky," said Jimmy stoutly. "Mr. Larson is a good man. Remember all those cornstalk fiddles and funny little toys that looked like men from Mars he made for us. He said he'd make me some more when he cuts that little patch of pop corn."

"That's right," said Doreen. "And one day last summer I was over there when Mrs. Larson was making cookies. She gave me some and they were really good."

"Tell you what," said Jimmy, "why don't we turn the treats around and surprise the Larsons?"



"Surprise them? How?" All the others shouted together.

"Well, let's knock on their door and when they open it we will all shout, 'Happy Halloween!' Then we'll go in and each of us will give them a treat."

"Let's do it," said Larry and Doreen.

"Oh, that will be fun!" cried Susan. The children were very quiet as they gathered on the Larsons' front porch. Jimmy knocked, and when Mr. Larson opened the door the children all called at the top of their voices, "Happy Halloween, Mr. and Mrs. Larson!"

Mr. Larson smiled at them and his wife hurried to the door.

"Lank sakes, if it isn't a pack of little goblins! Do come in and let us look at you," she said—just as if she knew all about Halloween.

The children stepped inside and stood silently while the Larsons tried to recognize each one.

Finally Mr. Larson gave up and said, "I don't know who you are, but I hope you are having lots of fun."

Jimmy laid an apple on a little table. "We'd like to share our treats with you, this year," he said.

Each of the others reached into his sack and brought out some treat and laid it beside Jimmy's.

"Now isn't that just the nicest thing that ever happened to us, Mother," Mr. Larson said, smiling.

"I think it's wonderful—just wonderful! Thank all of you so very much!"

There was a happy sound in Mrs. Larson's voice that made all the children look at her in wonder.

"And now we have a little something for you, too," she went on. "We were beginning to think none of you were coming to see us, tonight. You've made us very happy by your visit."

She went into the kitchen and returned carrying a big panful of popcorn balls.

"We made these especially for the little goblins who wander around on Halloween night," she explained.

When Michael saw them he cried, "Popcorn balls! How I love them! Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Larson."

And the next minute he was eating the one they handed him.

"Mrs. Larson, this is the nicest treat we've had tonight. Thank you very much," said Larry.

Jimmy was smiling happily behind his mask as he turned to leave.

"Happy Halloween!" he said again.

"Happy Halloween!" cried the others as they followed him out.

"Good night children, and thank you for your treat," said Mr. and Mrs. Larson.

"They're nice," said Doreen. "We certainly had a good time there. I'm glad you thought of stopping Jimmy."

"I am too," he said. "Wouldn't it have been too bad if they'd had no one to give those popcorn balls to?"

"It surely would," said Larry. "And didn't Mrs. Larson look happy—just as if she knew all about Tricks or Treats?"

"I guess she does, at that," answered Jimmy.

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# Program, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky

November 15-17, 1955

Paducah, Kentucky

## TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15

11:00 Call to Order ..... Moderator, H. C. Chiles  
Hymn  
11:15 Scripture Reading and Prayer  
Annual Sermon ..... Preston L. Ramsey

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 15

1:15 Worship ..... John C. Huffman  
1:30 Report on Order of Business ..... George H. Riggs  
1:35 Welcome Address ..... E. H. Egge  
1:45 Response ..... M. D. Morton  
1:55 Announcement of Committees to Report This Year  
2:00 Recognition of Visitors and New Pastors  
2:15 Special Music  
2:20 Report of Baptist Historical Societies  
2:40 American Bible Society  
2:55 Report on Christian Education ..... George Ragland  
3:15 Address ..... H. Leo Eddleman  
3:40 Report of Committee on Charters of Schools ..... Carroll Hubbard  
3:50 Report on Radio and Television ..... Earle S. Bell  
4:05 Report on Evangelism ..... John W. Kruschwitz  
4:30 Adjourn

## TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 Worship ..... Franklin Owen  
7:15 Report on Western Recorder ..... R. T. Skinner  
7:35 Special Music  
7:45 Report on State Missions ..... Lewis Lynch  
State Mission Program ..... W. C. Boone

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 Worship ..... Raymond L. Sanderson  
9:15 Report on Civic Righteousness ..... Wendell H. Rone  
Address ..... Walter C. House  
9:30 Report on Teaching, Training, and Enlistment ..... A. W. Walker  
10:30 Address ..... Harold E. Ingraham  
10:50 Report of Executive Board ..... W. C. Boone  
11:20 Report on Budget ..... H. Franklin Paschall  
11:40 Special Music  
11:45 Address ..... Casper C. Warren  
12:15 Adjourn

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 16

1:45 Worship ..... Roy L. Honeycutt, Jr.  
2:00 Report on Benevolences ..... E. Kevil Judy  
Hospital Commission ..... George D. Caldwell  
Child Care ..... V. V. Cooke, Sr.  
3:00 Southwide Education ..... H. G. M. Hatler  
American Seminary Report  
Address ..... Duke K. McCall  
3:40 Special Music  
3:45 Address ..... Merrill D. Moore  
4:10 Proposed Change in Constitution ..... J. Chester Badgett  
4:15 Miscellaneous Business  
4:20 Report of Committee on B. S. U. Reorganization ..... H. F. Parker  
4:30 Election of Officers  
4:40 Adjourn

## WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 Worship ..... A. H. Phillips  
7:15 Kentucky Baptist Foundation ..... Edwin R. Denny  
Address ..... A. M. Vollmer  
7:35 Report on Home Missions ..... Elroy Lamb  
Address ..... L. O. Griffith  
8:15 Special Music  
8:20 Report on Cooperative Program ..... M. D. Morton  
Address ..... R. E. Humphreys

## THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17

9:15 Worship ..... C. R. Daley  
9:30 Report on Obituaries ..... B. B. Hilburn  
9:45 Report on Retirement Plans ..... E. H. Egge  
Address ..... R. S. Jones  
10:15 Report of Nominating Committee ..... Harold Wainscott  
10:45 Report of Committee on Resolutions ..... H. G. M. Hatler  
11:00 Miscellaneous Business  
11:15 Report on Foreign Missions ..... W. Peyton Thurman  
11:45 Address ..... Baker James Cauthen  
(Harry Hampsher in charge of Music)

## New Guthrie Pastor is Ordained in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — James Owen, a student in Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., had been called to be pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Guthrie, Ky., so the Kennedy Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., his home church, ordained him to the Gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, September 18, 1955. This was the first request this church has had in its entire history to ordain one of its members to the ministry.

The ordination council was composed of Dr. Ralph Moore, leading the examination; Dr. D. A. Ellis, pastor emeritus of McLean Baptist Church; Dr. E. Lowell Adams, pastor of Grace-land Baptist Church and Extension Bible Professor of Union University; Pastor C. A. Noe, Southmoor Church; C. C. Wingo, Kennedy Church; and Brethren W. H. Keathley and Thomas McNeill.

Following the hearing, and the recommendation of the council that he be ordained, Pastor Wingo preached the ordination sermon; Pastor J. Carl McCoy led the prayer; Retired Pastor W. O. Beaty gave the charge to the church; and Pastor Noe gave the charge to the candidate. Deacon James Tatum, of the Park Avenue Church, Memphis, also took part in the service.

Pastor and Mrs. James Owen live at 2805 Woodlawn Drive, Nashville, while attending college.

## Southwestern Seminary Enrollment Reaches 1,872

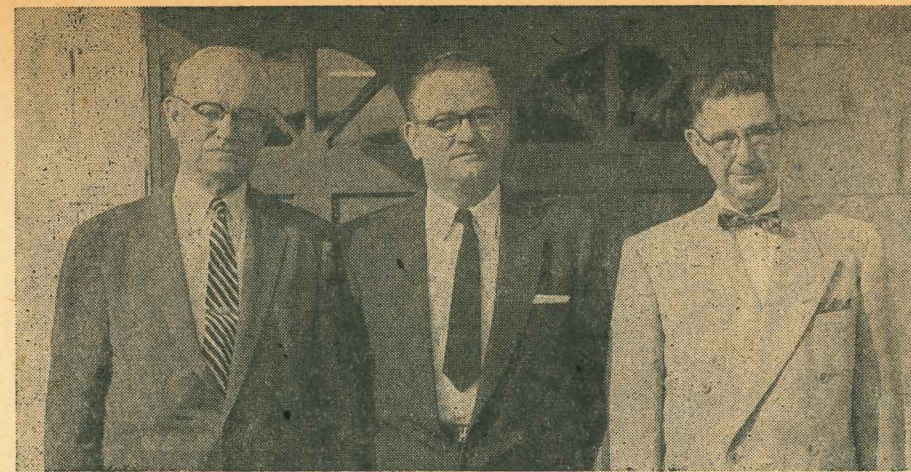
FORT WORTH, Tex. — Total enrollment at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has reached 1,872 this fall. The last student to arrive was Miss Nellie Rosales of Cuba.

Of the enrollment there are 31 foreign students, representing 14 countries. Thirty-four states are represented in the student body, including the District of Columbia. Texas leads with 905 students and Oklahoma and Arkansas are next in that order.

There are 1,217 in the School of Theology, 115 in the School of Sacred Music, and 606 in the School of Religious Education. Sixty-six students are working toward combination degrees in two of the schools.

## Bryant at Home

RICHMOND, Va. — (BP) — James R. Bryant, retired state secretary for the Virginia convention of Southern Baptists, has returned home after several weeks in the hospital. He suffered an eye injury aboard ship while en route to the Baptist World Congress this summer. His address is Route 13, Ghaskins Road, Richmond.



**BETHEL CHURCH ORGANIZED AT PADUCAH.**—The Twelfth Street Baptist Church of Paducah reached another milestone in its mission program Sunday, September 4, 1955, when the body organized its mission (Phillips Memorial Baptist Mission) into a full-time Cooperative Missionary Baptist Church. The mission was started by Pastor George W. Phillips, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, London, Kentucky, a number of years ago and continued to grow under the leadership of Pastor Ralph B. White, now at Lee's Lane Church, Louisville. The new church was organized as the Bethel Baptist Church, with 103 charter members. Dr. W. C. Boone (left), general secretary of Kentucky Baptists, delivered the message at the organization. H. T. Brown (middle) is pastor of the mother church, and John W. Kloss (right) is pastor of the newly organized church.

## Capital Church Honors Outstanding Baptists

WASHINGTON—(BP)—More than a score of outstanding Baptist leaders of history will be pictured in stained-glass windows in the new First Baptist Church here.

The church, of which Edward Hughes Pruden is pastor, is under construction.

While the major windows will portray the life of Christ, a series of smaller windows will portray the Baptist personalities.

Personalities to be pictured include: Missionaries—William Carey and Adoniram Judson.

Authors—John Bunyan and Alexander Maclaren.

Preachers—Charles H. Spurgeon and George W. Truett.

Hymn writers—Samuel F. Smith and William H. Doane.

Pioneers—Roger Williams and Walter Rauschenbusch.

Bible translators—Edgar J. Goodspeed and Helen Barrett Montgomery.

Laymen—James L. Kraft and Russell Colgate.

Educators—James P. Boyce and Booker T. Washington.

Other individuals chosen for display on windows are Archibald T. Robertson, Kenneth Scott Latourette, Lottie Moon, Luther Rice, John Mason Peck, George Washington Carver, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Sam Houston, Russell H.

Conwell, B. H. Carroll, and Charles Evans Hughes.

The church, affiliated both with the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, is expected to be ready for occupancy before Christmas.

## William R. Nave, of Wing Avenue, Owensboro, Enters Georgetown



William R. Nave

William R. Nave, who for the past year has served as Training Union director of the Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., is entering the ministry and has enrolled in Georgetown College to continue his academic preparation.

"Bill," as he is known by the folks

at Wing Avenue, has served his church faithfully. He began his work at Wing Avenue with a boys' class. During the past year the class has been divided four times and has 12 enrolled now, thus signifying that Brother Nave has been a tireless worker with Junior boys as well as with the Training Union. He

has seen the Training Union grow steadily Sunday by Sunday. The Union is presently averaging near 100 in attendance.

Bill's pastor, Dan Thomas, predicts that he will become a great servant of God.

Mrs. Nave has served as superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday school, which has seen a good growth also.

## A Clever Play on a Word

In the July issue of *A Manual of Prayer*, Mrs. Doris Williamson, San Lorenzo, California, uses the word "Right-use-ness". She is commenting on Matthew 5:10—"Persecuted for righteousness sake." It seems to me that her play on the word "righteousness" is very clever, and is as suggestive as it is clever. Righteousness is a great word in itself; but when put into the form in which Mrs. Williamson uses it, it becomes very much more so. The word for "sin" in both the Hebrew and the Greek means "to miss the mark." This suggests to me that God has a definite purpose for each life.

To the extent that one fails to find and follow that purpose, to that extent that person is sinning. To the extent that one does find and follow that purpose, to that extent he is *right-using* his life, and therefore is righteous. It will probably be in place to point out that only one Person has ever lived in our human flesh that has met this requirement perfectly. This One, of course, is the One who says to all of us: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." To incarnate and reproduce His spirit, His teachings and His manner of life is truly "Right-use-ness."—W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

## Georgetown Enrolls Four Negro Students

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — (BP) — Four Negroes, the first to enrol in the school, are among a record 967 students studying at Georgetown College here this year.

Something else new on the campus of the Kentucky senior Baptist college will be its first football team since World War II. Bob Davis is coach and Ronald Pinchback is his assistant. The team will play five games against schools in Kentucky and neighboring states.

►Baylor University, Waco, Tex., reports enrolment has climbed to a record 5,608. Registrar Alton B. Lee said this is 283 more than the previous record of 5,325 set in 1949, when many veterans were in school. It is a 10 per cent increase over enrolment last fall.

# FUTURE ALL-AMERICANS!



These boys future All-Americans?

It depends upon many factors, chief among them being their care and training, as well as upon their inspiration and desire to excel.

And so it is with every child in every endeavor.

Kentucky Baptists are justly proud of the excellent care, splendid training and encouragement they give annually to nearly 600 homeless children.

Glendale and Spring Meadows seek in every way to have the warmest possible Christian atmosphere on our campuses and to instill high ambitions in the children who come to live with us.

Once again, we remind you that the entire Kentucky Baptist Child Care program would collapse without the Thanksgiving Offering. Remember, it supplies funds to operate the Homes for TEN MONTHS out of the year!

**GIVE ONE DAY'S PAY  
FOR**

*Glendale, Spring Meadows and Fine Crest*

## Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY  
State Secretary

### NO REGIONAL CONVENTIONS THIS FALL

According to action voted by those present at the regional conventions last fall the 1955-56 meetings are to be held in March, 1956. We feel that this change will encourage a greater number of individuals to participate in the Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Young People's Speakers Tournament. The fall and winter months seem best for actual training and participation within the local union. It is suggested that the associational eliminations not be held until after January 1, 1956, to give as many as possible a chance to prepare for the drills and tournaments. The associational winners should be chosen in time to participate in their Regional Drills.

Dates for the 1955-56 Regional Conventions were published in the Oct. 13 issue of the Western Recorder in the Training Union Calendar.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mrs. V. S. Morgan  
Mr. V. S. Morgan  
Mrs. Bailey Sadler  
Rev. Bailey Sadler

These four people of Nebo, Kentucky have read their Training Union Daily Bible Readings every day for the last two years. We are sending them a special certificate to that effect.

Again, we state that these certificates are presented to all Young People and Adults who have read their Training Union Readings every day for two years and to Juniors and Intermediates who have read their readings every day for one year. If you or anyone in your church qualifies for the certificate, write your state department.

### ASSOCIATIONAL WORK

**Severns Valley Association**—During this past quarter they held their Officers and Leaders Council with fifty-eight present. Other meetings held

were the Executive Committee Meeting, Mass Meeting, and Central Leadership School. A new Training Union was also organized, making a total of twenty-three churches out of thirty having Training Unions.

**Pulaski Association**—assisted in planning for study courses in Flat Rock, Calvary, and Sloans Valley. For their Mass Meeting they had three hundred present. At the close of this quarter they have twenty-one churches in the association with Training Unions out of a total of forty-eight churches.

**Pine Mountain Association**—Pine Mountain Association held its Executive Committee Meeting with four present, the Officers and Leaders Council with twenty-five attending, and the Mass Meeting with fifty-seven present. Also, one new Training Union was organized making a total of nine churches in the association having Training Unions. The association made preparation for a study course which was taught for the quarter July-September.

**Caldwell Association**—From the Quarterly Report we find the following information: a demonstration program was given at the Mass Meeting which had an attendance of one hundred fifty; one study course was held; twenty-one churches in the association have Training Unions.

**Boones Creek Association**—For the quarter, July-Sept., 1955 our report on Boones Creek is that they now have sixteen Training Unions out of thirty-one churches. A Mass Meeting was held with one hundred sixty-eight attending. Also included in their work for this quarter was that they had Baptist Youth Night.

**Bethel Association**—Four meetings were held—the Executive Committee Meeting with four attending, two Officers and Leaders Council Meetings with forty present one time and seventy-four the other, and the Mass Meeting with one hundred eighty-seven present.

**Salem Association**—The report from this association for the quarter, July-September, is that they have all officers required by the Standard of Excellence. Their activities consisted of the Executive Committee Meeting with twelve present, the Officers and Leaders Council with twenty-seven attending, and the Mass Meeting with sixty-two there. The total of churches with Training Unions in Salem Association are sixteen with two study courses being taught.

### New Officers

We are looking forward to working with you this next year as we each help in promoting Training Union work.



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY  
DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### Community Drives

**Question:** Our city has a Community Chest drive each year. A great many of the organizations which receive money from it are sponsored by religious denominations other than Baptists.

My question is: Should we give to this drive or should we make our offering to our own agencies. We tithe, but because of limited income we can give little as offerings.

**Answer:** Unfortunately many religious agencies try to get their hands into the community kitty. This is not right. Get your friends to join you in writing protests to the powers that be.

Christians have certain civic responsibilities over and above their church giving. We are a part of Ceasar's community as well as of God's.

On the other hand it seems to me that your tithe should go into the Lord's treasury, each Lord's Day. This goes for some offerings also. This ought to come first.

Then, if you are able, you should give to the Community Chest, Red Cross, and other drives. Each one must give as he feels that he can. But I would make my major offerings to those causes which carry out their work in the name of Christ.

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

### Graham Will Speak To '56 Convention

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham will speak here next year in connection with the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Graham's appearance was announced by C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C., president of the Convention.

He told a local group making plans for the Convention session that Graham will speak the night of May 30, which is the first night of the Convention.

According to arrangements, Convention delegates will be seated before the public at large is admitted to the Convention hall that night. Graham's sermon subject is "America for Christ."

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary  
MISS MARY PAT KENT, Youth Secretary  
MR. J. C. BALLEW, Royal Ambassador Secretary

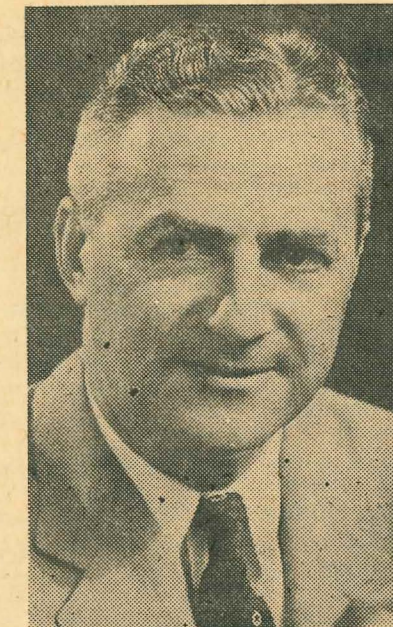
### Welcome To Royal Ambassadors State Congress, Owensboro, November 4-5

OWENSBORO, Ky. — The people and pastor of the Third Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome to the Royal Ambassadors who meet in Owensboro, November 4-5. We want you boys to know you are indeed welcome, and we will do all within our powers to make your comfortable and happy. Boys are not strangers to us, for we have a good many in our Sunday School and Training Union. There is a warm spot in our heart for every boy whether or not he has freckles, whether or not he combs his hair and washes behind his ears, for after all, boys are men in the making.

During the Congress you will hear and experience things which may change the entire course of your life. It is not unusual for God to let a boy of RA age know what He has in mind for him. Some years ago when I was pastor in Louisville, I asked a boy of RA age what he was going to do when he grew up. Without batting an eye, he looked at me and said, "I am going to be a red-headed preacher and set the world on fire!"

Come to Owensboro knowing you are welcome. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more pleasant,

just let us know.—Dr. H. B. Kuhnle, Pastor, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro.



Dr. H. B. Kuhnle, Host Pastor

### Royal Ambassador Focus Week, November 6-12

This happened at Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, in 1954. The William Carey (Intermediate) and the Neville Claxton, (Junior) chapter of Royal Ambassadors of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, observed "Family Night" as a Royal Ambassador feature on Tuesday night, November 9. Mr. Paul Owen, Intermediate counselor, was in charge of the program. Parents of Royal Ambassadors were especially urged to attend. The program began at 6:15 p. m. with a banquet for over one hundred adults and twenty-two Royal Ambassadors from both chapters. The tables were decorated to carry out the theme, "Make Straight a Highway for our God," as suggested in *Ambassador Life*.

Hollis Marshall, Jr., was recognized for having been elected Ambassador-in-chief of the Kentucky State Congress of Royal Ambassadors, held a short time before, in Middlesboro. Humorous

songs and a short skit was presented for entertainment during the banquet. Various displays were arranged around the wall to better acquaint the adults with the Royal Ambassador aims and ideals. A large Royal Ambassador crown was mounted on the wall with streamers from the five points leading to displays on tables illustrating each of the five points: Bible Study, Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship, and Service. Other displays illustrated Ranking, camping, recreation and some Higher Rank projects.

After the banquet every one assembled in the auditorium of the church for the program and recognition service. The rostrum was arranged as a Chapter meeting room with the Ranking and Attendance Charts, Standard of Excellence, and a map to be used to illustrate the program. These were all covered with burlap for the first part of the program; this part was an enactment of the Haystack Prayer meeting scene. Five Intermediate boys were the characters in this scene of the skit

which pictures the birth of foreign missions in America. The second scene presented the group of boys who met with their pastor in Owensboro, Kentucky to study missions. Mr. Owen narrated the series of events that led to the organization of the Order of Royal Ambassadors in 1908.

With the burlap now removed, the Christian, American and Royal Ambassador flags were placed on the rostrum to complete the Chapter room. Both chapter members took their seats on the rostrum. After the order of service, they presented a demonstration program taken from the October issue of their magazine, *Ambassador Life*. The program embassy pointed out to the adults that the regular weekly meetings include recreation.

Mr. Spears conducted the Recognition Service with ten boys from the two chapters being recognized. Pens, swords and shields were awarded those taking part. After the challenge to the boys and parents by Mr. Owen, family night ended with a prayer of dedication.—J. C. Ballew, Royal Ambassador Secretary.

### Visual Aids, Foreign Mission Week of Prayer

There are three new filmstrips, all in color, for use with your foreign mission study. They are "Challenge of the Moslem World," "Sharing the Word in the Near East," "Sharing the Word in the World," which presents the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These are for sale through the Baptist Book Stores for \$3.50, with manuals.

There is also a new motion picture on the Moslem World called "Balm in Gilead," also in color. It rents for \$5.00 per day from the Baptist Book Store. Slides are also available on the Near East. Write the Book Store for price list.

See the WMU page of the Western Recorder for September 8 for a description of the books in the Foreign Mission Graded Series for this fall.

We hope your plans are already made for study this very interesting series.

Program materials for the Week of Prayer have been mailed. Be sure your program chairman is given these materials immediately in order that a good observance of this important week may be planned well in advance.

►Miss Annie Allen, beloved missionary who has worked for the Lord in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky for the past forty years, is quite ill and confined indefinitely to Prestonsburg General Hospital, Prestonsburg, Ky. Mrs. A. J. Davidson, president of the W.M.S. of Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church of Prestonsburg, suggests that many of her friends will want to send her messages of cheer and join in prayer for her.

# NO CHURCH BUDGET IS COMPLETE UNLESS THE STATE PAPER IS INCLUDED

## Mrs. Edith Bennett, Royal Ambassador Motion-Maker And Promoter, Observes Her 96th Birthday in Newport

NEWPORT, Ky. — Mrs. Edith Bennett, whose 96th birthday was celebrated at the Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky, Newport, October 14, was born at 108 East Fourth Street, Newport, and resided here most of her life. She was the only daughter of the late Captain E. J. and Mary Bruner Smith. Her father was a river boat captain of the Steamer Andy Baum. She had six brothers, but only one—Walter Smith of Cleveland, Ohio—is still living. She was married to S. H. Bennett and had one son—Elmer—who passed away several years ago. There is one granddaughter—Virginia Bennett—and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Bennett became a member of the First Baptist Church of Newport when she was about twelve years old, and is now its oldest member. She was always a faithful Christian worker and did much among the young people, especially the boys. At the State W. M. U. Convention in Louisville, in 1908, she made a plea for boys' missionary work. At a later date Miss Eliza S. Broadus asked her to accept the responsibility of promoting Royal Ambassador work in the State of Kentucky. So she was among the first State Royal Ambassador Leaders. Mrs. Bennett received from the State W. M. U. office \$10.00 each month to help pay her expenses. She spent many hours praying about this work and writing letters urging churches to organize Royal Ambassador Chapters. She has a copy of the minutes of the organization of the Robert Moffatt Chapter of Royal Ambassadors at the First Baptist Church, Newport, on No-

vember 2, 1908, which shows that her son, Elmer, was elected secretary.

Later on she became librarian at the Newport Public Library and continued there for thirty-five years, until she retired several years ago.

She now resides at the Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky. She is one of its most loved residents. She still radiates that wonderful Christian spirit and has been a great blessing to all of us in the Home. She loves her Lord and tells us often how real He is to her. She was the second resident who entered the Home after it opened its doors in August, 1952 (See her picture on Page One of this issue of the Western Recorder).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 16, 1955

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Nmeral after church indicates number of missions.		
Barbourville	168	472
Bardstown	72	378
Bellevue	47	451
Blackford	426	1,338
Bowling Green, First (1)	81	250
Burlington, Additions 3	64	293
Cadiz	168	576
Campbellsville (2)	118	296
Pleasant Hill	91	268
South Campbellsville	33	233
Carlisle (1)	33	312
Carrollton	251	497
Central City (1), Additions 1	243	370
Cloverport (1)	98	370
Corbin, First	159	574
Central (1)	700	700
Covington, Calvary	388	388
First	273	1,103
Latonia (2)	136	508
South Side	75	269
Crestwood	188	703
Danville, First (2)	514	514
Lexington Avneue (1)	98	283
Dawson Springs	205	988
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (2)	97	427
Erlanger, Additions 1	142	619
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (1)	287	891
Grace	90	253
Ferguson (1)	90	411
Florence, Additions 5	98	378
Fort Thomas, First (1)	218	848
Frankfort, First (1)	67	199
Memorial	146	387
Moorn Hill, Additions 1	171	538
Fulton	351	687
Georgetown (1)	120	754
Glasgow (1)	91	230
Greensburg	142	360
Greenville, First	145	669
Harlan	102	238
Hartford	99	255
Hawesville	64	413
Hazard (2)	104	260
Hazel	189	632
Henderson, First (1)	719	719
Immanuel Temple (2)	119	419
Hodgenville, First	213	863
Hopkinsville, First	218	894
Second	111	285
Junction City, Additions 15	64	283
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	146	460
Lebanon, First (1), Additions 1		

Leitchfield	137	309
Lexington, Calvary	240	875
Grace (2)	234	788
Hillcrest (1)		314
Immanuel, Additions 8	266	895
Porter Memorial, Addition 1	583	148
Rosemont	100	370
London, First (1)	155	615
Louisville, Audubon	55	217
Baptist Tabernacle	201	646
Baptist Temple		381
Beechland	158	664
Beechwood, Additions 17	128	297
Beechmont (2)	224	1,091
Bethlehem	81	299
Bethany	90	313
Broadway (2)	125	498
Buechel Park	107	343
Carlisle Avenue (2)	307	1,351
Clifton (1)	115	472
East	101	226
Eastern Parkway	93	561
Eighteenth Street	109	77
Farmdale	194	497
Harmony	72	319
Hazelwood	90	539
High View, Additions 3	53	227
Immanuel	123	425
Lynn Acres	103	266
Jeffersonstown	75	315
Ninth and O (10)	643	1,908
Okolona	72	469
Parkland	275	1,092
Rockford Lane	110	313
St. Matthews (1)	247	866
Shawnee	93	398
Shively (1)	146	642
Southside (1)	186	690
Third Avenue (1)	103	649
Twenty-third and Broadway (1)	242	650
Valley View, Additions 4	97	210
Virginia Avenue		279
Walnut Street (4)	332	1,745
West Broadway (1)	145	653
Ludlow, First, Additions 4	174	506
Madisonville, First	249	1,003
Marion	118	329
Mayfield, First	331	983
Middlesboro, First (4)	104	599
Morganfield, First	163	482
Morgantown (1)	142	245
Mt. Washington	117	301
New Haven	46	801
Newport, First (2) Additions 1	140	801
Trinity	107	217
Owensboro, First (1)	303	1,102
Hall Street (1)	198	479
Macedonia	89	245
Seven Hills	110	290
Third	311	951
Paducah, East	210	561
Oaklawn	159	307
Trinity	178	301
Twelfth Street	119	300
Paintsville, First (1)	68	244
Paris, First	71	274
Pikeville, First (4)	84	476
Pineville, First	255	484
Prestonburg, Irene Cole		
Memorial, Additions 12	97	546
Princeton, First (1)	140	583
Northside (1)	89	270
Richmond	119	365
Russellville, First (1)	83	435
Shelbyville, Salem	79	196
Shepherdsville		287
Somerset, First	207	679
Sonora	122	238
Stearns (3)	85	329
Sturgis, First		300
Utica	85	216
Versailles	81	381
Walton, First, Additions 2	138	354
Winchester, Central	159	521
First	197	545

►Dr. and Mrs. John M. Carter, Campbellsville, have announced the birth of Jennie Claire Carter on September 14, weighing six pounds and thirteen ounces.

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Simply by sending the information requested below to Mr. Lewis W. Martin, Jr., First Baptist Church, Newport, Ky., you will be sent a religious education news letter, a copy of the Association's constitution, a program of the November 14-15 meeting, and a copy of the speech, "The Educational Director as a Leader of the Educational Program," delivered by Mr. J. Marvin Crowe at our organizational meeting in January.

The information to mail to Brother Lewis W. Martin, Jr., at the Newport address, is as follows: (1) your name; (2) your address and city; (3) name of church or other institution with which you work, and its address; (4) name of pastor of church; (5) names of educational director, music and/or education director, and other paid lay workers, stating whether full time or part time;

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and (6) any other remarks or information you wish to convey.

There is no time to lose, and Mr. Martin wishes to correlate all this information and mail out his data before the time of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

### Home Coming and Dedication for Second Twelve Mile Church

BUTLER, Ky. — Services were held at the Second Twelve Mile Baptist Church on Sunday, October 2, 1955, for the purpose of dedicating the new basement and class rooms. With approximately 200 attending, Pastor William Barnard, former member and now pastor of the Lenoxburg Baptist Church, preached at the morning hour.

At lunchtime a basket dinner was served in the basement, after which special music was furnished by the Hymn-Tones Quartette from the Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.

The dedicatory message was delivered by Pastor Carl Sears, who had been pastor of the church for eight years at a former time. The prayer of dedi-

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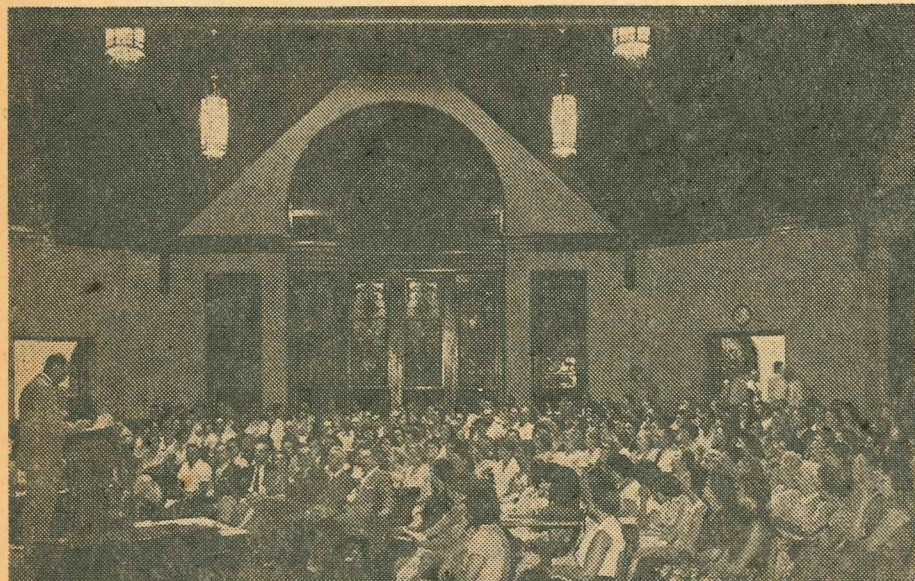
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The Associational Training School and Clinic sponsored by the Mercer Association was a tremendous success. All thirteen churches and three of the four missions were represented in the registration which totaled 327.

All the classes were well attended. The number completing the work by classes is as follows: "Associational Sunday School Work," Roy Boatwright, teacher, 28; "Six Point Record System," C. P. Hargis, teacher, 13; "Extension Department of the Sunday School," Chester Igleheart, teacher, 19; "Adult Department," T. H. Shelton, teacher, 44; "Young People's Department," J. V. Case, Jr., teacher; "Intermediate Department," Mrs. Wallace Brady, teacher, 30; "Junior Department," Mrs. Roy Boatwright, teacher, 35; "Primary Department," Mrs. R. B. White, teacher, 32; "Beginner Department," Miss Mary Ella Davis, teacher, 16; "Nursery Department," Mrs. R. B. Hooks, teacher, 7; "Cradle Roll Department," Mrs. D. C. Sparks, teacher, 6; and "Baptist People," John Kruschwitz, teacher, 45.

The 294 awards for work completed were divided among the churches in this manner: Bethel—17; Bruner's Chapel—29; Burgin—25; Calvary—11; Cornishville—2; Deep Creek—12; Fellowship—9; Harrodsburg—130; Hopewell—12; Kirkwood—5; Salvisa—11; Shakertown—10; Shawnee Run—8; and churches outside the association 13.

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The attendance by nights was as follows: Monday—270; Tuesday—265; Wednesday—281; Thursday—252; Friday—259. Total attendance 1,327; average attendance 266.4.

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Hill Top, McCreary County	126
Pink Clift, McCreary County	33
Neeley Creek, McCreary County	29
Hickory Knob, McCreary County	31
Mt. Union, McCreary County	25

### Three Faculty Members Added to Bethel College

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 11.—New faculty members added to the faculty of Bethel College this year are: the Rev. John A. Landress, Bible and speech professor; the Rev. Jack Sanford, Bible professor; Edgar Wayne Keelin, basketball coach; and Thomas V. Sawyers, English instructor.

Professor Landress, a graduate of Mercer University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, is head of the Bible Department at Bethel. A native of Rome, Ga., he will not only head the Bible Department, but will give the school one of its best speech and dramatic departments in recent years. He specialized in dramatics and has considerable experience in radio and television.

He and his wife and their 19-month-old daughter make their home at Garnett Hall. Mrs. Landress teaches English at Crofton High School.

Assisting Mr. Landress in the Bible Department is Professor Sanford, who combines his Bethel duties with the pastorate at Salem Baptist Church. Mr. Sanford received his A. B. degree at Carson-Newman, Jefferson City. He is also a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Edgar Wayne Keelin, former basketball and football player of Clemson College, South Carolina, and Georgetown College, is the new basketball coach and physical education director at Bethel. A native of Owensboro, Mr. Keelin holds the B. D. degree from the Baptist Seminary at Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Keelin are residing at 302 West 17th Street.

Professor Sawyers, of Springfield, Tenn., heads the English Department this year. He received his master's degree this summer at Middle Tennessee State College. Mr. Sawyers earned his B. A. at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1951, when Dr. W. Edwin Richardson, president of Bethel, was serving as president of that institution. In addition to his English classes, he has been named supervisor of the boys' dormitories.

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### THINK ON THIS!

With the transfer of the promotion of Royal Ambassador work about to be made to the Brotherhood Department in our state, this means of course that such transfer will want to be made in the local church. When this happens, we are faced with some responsibilities which we think our Brotherhood leaders will want to be thinking about now. With this transfer coming up, Brotherhood officers are responsible more than ever for the well-being and the operations of the Royal Ambassador chapters in each church.

One of these responsibilities is the matter of proper finances for the Royal Ambassador chapter or chapters in our churches. Many churches include the Brotherhood in their annual budgets for expense money. The men should be careful now to see that adequate provision is made for their Royal Ambassadors, even in the Brotherhood allocation must be divided with the boys.

The other responsibility we would mention is for the Brotherhood to furnish the Royal Ambassadors with at least three principal needs: (1) Men as leaders and helpers; (2) Money for operations; (3) Mechanics for a well balanced program including meetings, programs on missions, activities in the field of Christian service and recreational opportunities.

Write your Brotherhood secretary for information on the "How" of setting up the transfer of Royal Ambassador promotion from the Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood of your church. We have a plan for this transfer in every type of church. Those with both W. M. U. and Brotherhood; W. M. U. but no Brotherhood; Brotherhood but no W. M. U.; and where there is neither W. M. U. or Brotherhood.

## BOOK REVIEWS

ETERNITY IN THEIR HEART, by Lon Woodrum. Zondervan Publishing Co. \$3.

Another definitely religious novel with a meaningful message. The First Prize Winner in Zondervan's Christian Fiction Contest.

BULWARK NEVER FAILING, by John R. Gunn. Richard R. Smith Publishers, Inc., Topside, West Rindge, New Hampshire. Price \$2.50.

One hundred and eleven brief sermons of a devotional nature. Dr. Gunn is pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. For a good many years he was author of brief sermons published daily in secular papers and his reading audience was large. He is author of seven other books, some of which have attained almost spectacular sales.

HENTZ: Of Things Not Seen, by Harriet H. Houser. The Macmillan Co., New York 11. \$3.50.

An amazingly interesting and well-written story. Hentz, Mrs. Houser's son, was critically injured. Little hope was held for his recovery. He had dived into shallow water and hurt himself beyond that condition from which people usually recover. With almost unbelievable courage he survived. Credit is given doctors and the hospital, but most of all to faith and love. Mrs. Houser says: "Without that constant consciousness of God's nearness during these past few years I probably would have lost my mind." She tells

her story, does it well, and a great publishing company has prepared it in beautiful format. It can be had from your Baptist Book Store.

THE BAPTISTS OF VIRGINIA, (1699-1926), by Garnett Ryland. Published by the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education, Richmond, Va. Printers, Whittet and Shepperson, Richmond, Va., 1955, \$4.50.

Nearly a century and a half has passed since there has appeared a new history of Virginia Baptists; therefore the publication of Dr. Garnett Ryland's history is an event of significance. The classic work in this area was Robert Baylor Semple's History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists of Virginia, published in 1810, and revised and extended by George W. Beale in 1894. Dr. Ryland, indeed, draws freely from Semple's history, as he says in a foreword. This fact rather enhances than detracts from the value of his work, for a quotation from Semple, mellowed and proven through many scores of years, has almost the force of a primary source. The new history, however, is far more comprehensive and balanced than the old. It is an official history, having been authorized by the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Dr. Ryland stands alone in the excellence of his qualification for the task of writing this history. Born and bred amidst the Virginia Baptist "temper and tradition," he has behind himself many years of interest in and concern for materials which belong to

his subject. Moreover, his father before him collected materials for a history of Virginia Baptists. For many years Dr. Ryland has served as librarian for the Virginia Baptist Historical Society library at the University of Richmond. His career as a teacher has been in another field, but this fact has not prevented Virginia Baptist history from being a primary interest with him.

The author has an impressive story to tell and he tells it well. Beginning with the first evidence of Baptists in Virginia in 1699 (the General Baptists who in America were yet designated "Anabaptists"), the record of Regular and Separate Baptists is traced until the two movements merged in 1787. The story of the great awakening led by the Separates, especially in the years 1768-74, is told with thrilling interest. Baptist churches in the State increased from five to fifty-one in the brief critical period when our national life was taking shape in particular conformity with developments in Virginia. A chapter is devoted to an excellent brief account of opposition, to Baptist growth, including known imprisonments of preachers, but it is noted that by 1774 there were Baptists in every county of the State in which imprisonment of Baptist preachers occurred.

Rivalling in interest the story of early Baptist growth is the account of the heroic struggle for religious freedom to which the author devotes several chapters. The achievements of this belittled sect, together with the work of a few liberal statesmen, are still a source of wonder. One wishes that the part of Virginia Baptists in the American Revolution might have been detailed, but there were spatial limitations which no doubt prevented. Baptists may have been the first religious group in Virginia to propose resistance to the British and to promise their support to the Virginia Convention.

In view of the paucity of general information on the subject, the history contains especially valuable materials on Negro Baptists in Virginia. Who knows, for example, that a Negro church of Williamsburg held membership in the Dover Association as early as 1791, or that a Petersburg Negro church belonged to the Portsmouth Association in 1810? The course and effects of the Campbellite and the Anti-missions controversies are also given in some detail.

In a work of such large scope some omissions are certain to appear, but they are few in this case. There is no specific mention of the call issued by the Warren Association of New England for a national Baptist convention to be held in Virginia on October 17, 1776. The beginning of the Revolution prevented this meeting. Again, one might have expected a fuller discussion of issues in the Anti-missions controversy. The quotation from Benedict (given on p. 262) looks in a right direction in offering a theological basis for the opposition to missions, but it ignores such practical bases as fear for the freedom of the individual and the local church (in view of supposed concentration of power in the North), fear of "money-power," and fear on the part of untrained ministers of loss of prestige and jobs to men of theological training. The missions question was usually the ostensible rather than the real cause of trouble. More light on the westward migration of Virginia Baptists would be welcome. Then, this reviewer would like to know addition reason to that stated for the unwillingness of the General Association to exchange messengers with the Negro Baptist State Convention in 1871 and, also, who founded the Hartshorn Memorial College for Women.

Errata are few. There is a misplaced footnote on p. 174, a misspelling of "Goshen" on p. 282f.n., and a misspelling of "proportion" on p. 289—all typographical errors.

Dr. Ryland has done a monumental job in compressing immense detail into 344 pages. His history is a factual rather than an interpretative one, as might be expected where so large a body of facts has to be dealt with in brief space. Baptists everywhere have been put in debt to the author. Of his work might be said what Andrew Broadus and Peter Nelson wrote to Semple concerning his Rise and Progress of the Baptists of Virginia: "we consider this a truly valuable and well executed work. The style is perspicuous, concise and well adapted to history, the arrangement clear and happily calculated to prevent confusion, and the matter it contains highly important and interesting to every friend of truth and piety." —W. R. Lumpkin, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

For November 6, 1955

By H. C. Chiles

# Jesus Meets Human Needs

Luke has just given us a description of our Lord's tour of the cities of Galilee and of His proclamation of the gospel during this part of His ministry.

## I. THE CLEANSING OF A LEPER. Luke 5:12-15.

During His great Galilean ministry Christ entered one of the cities and there came in contact with an unnamed man who was "full of leprosy." This poor man was in a terrible physical condition. His case was so fully developed that his entire body was evidently affected. His disease was loathsome, isolating and incurable by human means. Well might he have despaired of life.

Because of its foulness, one afflicted with leprosy was an outcast. According to the Mosaic Law, he was compelled to render his clothes, bare his head, cover his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." Leviticus 13:45. He had to make himself known to all near him, in order that none might become defiled by his disease. Leprosy was regarded with a special horror. It has long been considered a type of sin in its subtle invasion, its certain spread, its contagion and its terrible consequences.

This leper approached Christ with intense earnestness, kneeling before Him as a worshiper and finally prostrating himself. Perhaps he had seen our Lord perform other miracles of healing. At any rate, he acknowledged that Christ had the power to heal him, but he was not sure about His willingness to do so. Nevertheless, he cast himself upon the mercy of the Lord. Of course, he did not come in vain. His cleansing was instant and complete.

How tenderly Christ dealt with him! In mercy He extended His hand and touched the leper. This was the first time since he had become a leper that a sympathetic hand had actually touched him. Breaking through the barrier of the Law which forbade any contact with a leper, the Lord Jesus touched him and said, "Be thou clean." His great mercy simply would not leave such an appealing unfortunate in his deplorable condition, so the leprosy yielded to His great power. This gracious deed was evidence of His Divine Sonship.

Christ commanded the man who had been cleansed of leprosy to show himself to the priest, who alone could pronounce him cured and permit him to return to his home. By meeting the Mosaic requirements he would obtain legal restoration to society. Christ also forbade him to announce his cleansing

lest thereby he might excite the curiosity of the people and obscure the spiritual work of the Great Physician. He did not want to be advertised as a mere wonder-worker. But the leper's joy overflowed and he disobeyed Christ. It must be remembered, however, that he did not do Christ's cause any good with his tongue while he was disobeying Him in his life. Neither can we.

## II. THE CALLING OF LEVI. Luke 5:27-32.

### 1. The finding of Levi. Luke 5:27.

Christ found him sitting at his post at the receipt of custom. We are not told much about Levi's early life. About his family we know nothing except that he was the son of Alphaeus. Levi was a Jew by religion and a publican by profession.

Rome had conquered the Jewish nation and had asserted the privileges of the conqueror by making the conquered contribute to the governmental expenses. This business of collecting the taxes was let to the highest bidder, who was then allowed to use his own method of collecting the revenue. It was considered that his duty was done when he paid the lump sum into the Roman treasury, which had been agreed upon. All above that amount which he received from the populace, he was allowed to put into his own savings.

This despised business depended upon the willingness of some renegade Jews to sell their services to the Roman conquerors. Publican was the name given to these employees of the Roman government whose duty it was to collect the tribute money. Levi had sold himself and all that a man thinks worth while for the opportunity of making money by this means. In so doing he turned his back upon his people, his religion, and his honor for the sake of money. If he had possessed much self-respect, or if he had cared much for public opinion, he would not have accepted this unpatriotic and ostracized position. As a publican he was despised by both Jews and Gentiles. The Jews despised and scorned him as a traitor, and they hated and feared him as an extortioner. The Gentiles scorned him as a mere timeserver, who had sold himself for money. All groups looked upon him as a despicable and contemptible renegade.

### 2. The following of Levi. Luke 5:28.

Though the scriptures do not so indicate, it is quite likely that Levi had heard Christ preach and teach. If he had not heard Him personally, he had

known of His fame. Certainly he had heard many things about His wonderful words and miraculous works. At any rate, the Lord Jesus issued a straight-forward call to Levi to follow Him. The way in which the Master spoke these two words, "Follow Me," and the look of love in His eyes caused Levi to know that he should follow the Saviour at once. Christ was not calling him to follow Him on one short trip, but He was calling him to intimate friendship, to holy fellowship, and to sacred employment. That call involved the sacrifice of a lucrative post, the surrender of his ill-gotten gains, and the forsaking of his worldly interests and former manner of life.

Although Christ used no persuasion, made no promise, and offered no inducement, there was no hesitation whatever on Levi's part. Instantly, unhesitatingly, and resolutely, without a single question, or without waiting to gather up his money, or to sell his possessions, he forsook all, arose, and followed Christ. God's Word says, "He left all, rose up, and followed Him."

To respond to the call of Christ, it was necessary for Levi to turn his back upon everything for which he had sold himself. He had to choose between temporal gain and eternal worth, but he did not hesitate for one moment. His surrender to Christ was against and complete.

### 3. The feast of Levi. Luke 5:29-32.

Of Levi Christ made a clean, self-respecting, happy, God honoring man. So great was Levi's joy and so real was his sense of appreciation and obligation that he sought occasion to make Christ known to his friends. He was anxious for them to know the One who could give them power to hate what they once loved and to love what they once hated.

Instead of a feeling of regret upon leaving his paying business, and acting as if he were making a great sacrifice for Christ, Levi celebrated the event by giving a great feast in honor of his Lord. To this great feast in his house, Levi invited many of his friends. One reason for this remarkable display of hospitality was to express his joy, love, and gratitude to Christ for what He had done for him. He also wanted to introduce all of his friends to the Saviour, hoping that they too might put their trust in Him and live for Him. One of the best evidences that one has received salvation is his desire to see others saved.

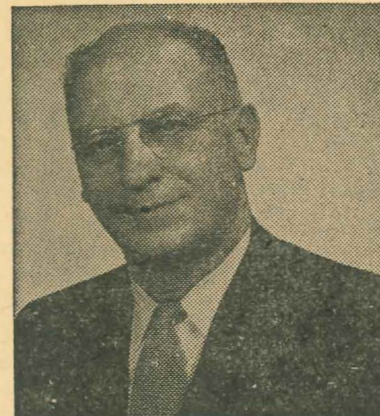
Christ accepted his invitation and was present at the feast which was given in His honor. He did not look down on him or on his guests. Never did the Saviour do that sort of thing. He ate with the publicans and the sinners, not because he approved their manner of living, but because He wanted to change it.

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### G. W. Cummins, Associate To Alfred Carpenter, Chaplains Commission

ATLANTA, Ga. (HMB) — George W. Cummins, Superintendent of Western Missions for the Home Mission



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Board, has been named associate to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Director of the Chaplains Commission of the Board.

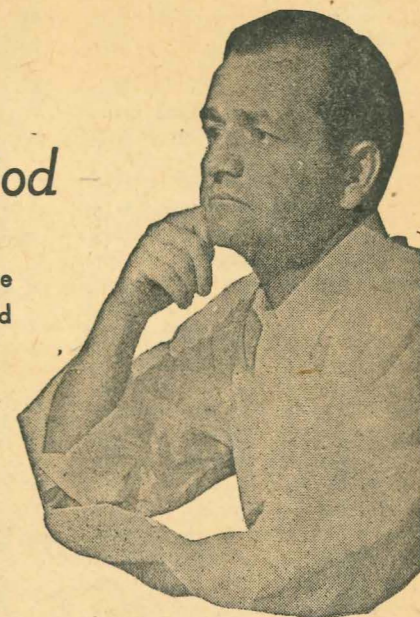
Cummins' work will deal primarily with "contacting Baptist chaplains in the United States and abroad and assisting them in their work," according to Dr. Carpenter. He will assume the new responsibilities about November 1.

The new associate is a former Navy chaplain, serving in this capacity for nine years. He saw service as a chaplain both in World War II and during the Korean conflict. He holds 13 campaign ribbons and decorations. Cummins was awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious achievement as senior chaplain of the Marine Aircraft Group 12 in Korea.

A native of Kentucky, he graduated from Georgetown College, and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Cummins was pastor of the Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, from 1945 to 1948, when he was recalled to active service as a Navy chaplain. He is married and has two children.

►Joe L. Mayes leaves the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Butler, Mo., Oct. 16, to become pastor of University Center Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington.

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# Walnut Hill Baptist Church Organized In Russell Creek Association

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky., Sept. 25, 1955. — Representatives from several Baptist churches assembled in Campbellsville this afternoon for the purpose of organizing the Walnut Hill Mission of the Campbellsville Baptist Church into a church.

The Campbellsville Church issued letters of dismission to 129 of her members to become charter members in this new organization. The mother church also gave the Walnut Hill Baptist Church a clear title to the buildings and grounds where the mission had met for the past six and a half years. This included a new basement unit of an educational plant. About \$16,000.00 have been invested in the lots and buildings presented to the new church.

This work was started about six and one half years ago due to the vision of three lay members of the Campbellsville Church. Mr. C. V. Bryan, Mr. Aubrey Dix, and Mr. Henry Mardis bought the property at public auction with the conviction that a Baptist Sunday School should be started in this section of town. The church readily accepted the challenge of the new mission and bought the property from these men and authorized the beginning of a mission.

During the life of the mission it has had three pastors: Rev. A. F. Conner, Lewisport, Kentucky; Rev. J. W. Farmer, Menlo, Georgia; and Rev. Robert L. Cate who was called to serve as the first pastor of the new church. Bro. Cate is a native of Nashville, Tenn., and is a student at the Southern Seminary.

Bro. A. F. Conner, the first pastor of the mission, brought the message to the newly organized church.

This leaves the Campbellsville church with two missions out in the country in the Russell Creek Association territory. They are at Yuma and Raikes Hill.

We believe the establishment of these missions strengthens the mother church. The morning of the organization of the mission into a church we had 627 in Sunday school at the main school which was one of our largest marks in attendance. We believe this is God's compen-

sation for sharing the Word with neighboring communities.

Bro. and Mrs. Robert L. Cate are two wonderful young workmen in the Master's vineyard and we know they will have a wonderful ministry at the Walnut Hill Church. In the time Bro. Cate has served as pastor of Walnut



Robert L. Cate

Hill Mission, he had much to do with getting the work in position to be organized into a church.—J. Chester Badgett, Pastor, Campbellsville Baptist Church.

## FALLEN ASLEEP

### MRS. MORRIS CALICO

BEREA, Ky., Sept. 28. — Mrs. Morris Calico passed away at the Berea College Hospital on March 30, 1955. She was a member of the Berea Baptist Church and for many years had done outstanding work as superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department. She was also very active in the work of the W. M. U.

She was stricken on January 30, and was under treatment until March 21 when the doctors asked the family if they might send her to the Central Baptist Hospital at Lexington for some tests.

Her husband and oldest daughter (Mrs. Howard Rowlette) accompanied her to Central Baptist Hospital and remained with her until 8:30 p. m. On their way home they were run over by a driver said to be drunk on their side of the road, and her husband was taken to a Richmond hospital in an unconscious condition. For several days he was not expected to live.

Mrs. Calico was kept at Central Baptist Hospital for one week and tests showed that she had an extremely advanced case of cancer. She was transferred back to the Berea Hospital where she passed away two days later.

Her husband had to remain in the hospital for more than a month after her death. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Howard Rowlette, al-

ready mentioned, and Mrs. Howard Spillman; one son, Lewis Calico; and one foster daughter, Mrs. Owen Tate, who had been in the family since she was 14 months old.

### MRS. Z. FERRELL

BEAVER DAM, Ky., Oct. 1. — On Sunday, August 28, 1955, the McHenry Baptist Church held a memorial service for Mrs. Z. Ferrell. Mrs. Ferrell was the widow of Rev. Z. Ferrell who was a Baptist minister until his death in 1947. She had resided in Owensboro since 1947, but had remained a faithful member of the McHenry Church. She had continually supported it by her prayers, influence and material possessions.

Pastor Marvin O. Wayland read the Scripture for the service. Mrs. Peggy Shields and Mrs. Imogene Hines sang, "Tread Softly." The poem, "Crossing the Bar" was read. The service was concluded by silent meditation and prayer by Pastor Wayland.

A group of friends established a Memorial Fund at the McHenry Baptist Church. To date this fund has reached a total of \$185. The final services for Mrs. Ferrell was held at the James H. Davis Funeral Home in Owensboro, Ky., August 27, 1955. Burial services were held at Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro.

### MARY LOU GRIFFITH

MAYFIELD, Ky., Oct. 4, 1955. — Resolutions of Sympathy. Whereas, God, in His infinite Wisdom, called Mary Lou Griffith to her Heavenly Home June 24, 1955;

And whereas, the Lulye Duncan Missionary Circle of the First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky, has lost a faithful and beloved member;

And whereas, she was an efficient officer and a devoted member of the circle for many years;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Lulye Duncan Missionary Circle express its love and appreciation of Mary Lou Griffith;

First, as a person whose kindness, sympathy, love and understanding made her a devoted friend and a valuable member of the Circle; Second, as a Christian she was loyal to her Master, faithful in active service and gave liberally of herself, her time and her means to Him and the perpetuation of His work, and she was an inspiration and example to all who knew her.

Be it therefore resolved, that as a loving tribute to her memory, a copy of these Resolutions be copied in the minutes of the Circle, a copy be sent to her family, and a copy be sent to the Western Recorder for publication.—Mrs. Careyle Carter, Mrs. Ray Pryor, and Mrs. J. E. Warren, Committee.

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**FOUR GIRLS' AUXILIARY QUEENS CROWNED.**—Margie Bandy, Wilma Burgess, Jean Gibson and Patricia Yocum were crowned as queens at the recent coronation service of the Girls' Auxiliary at the First Baptist Church, Danville, Kentucky. Also, six were made Princess; eight, ladies-in-waiting; ten, maidens; and 17 completed their first step. Mrs. A. H. VanHook conducted the coronation rites and Mrs. James Gibson, Y.P. Leader, gave the introduction. Mrs. Leo Christer-son, president of the local W.M.S., gave the meditation. Shown in the picture are: Front Row (left to right)—Tina Bandy, Margie Bandy, a queen; Timmie Dievert, Wilma Burgess, queen; Leslie Gaines, Patricia Yocum, queen; Dickie Young, Jean Gibson, queen. Second row—Barbara Litton, Martha Jo Dievert, Charlotte Devine, Anna Goode, Ruth Ann Ransdell, Gale Holtzclaw, Joyce Hudson, Joyce Schexneyder, Mrs. Marshall Devine and Mrs. A. H. VanHook. Third row—Mrs. Leo Christer-son, Mrs. Lamar Baugher, Betty Hudson, Marilyn Smith, Kay Holtzclaw, Phyllis Land, Rebecca Kries, Joan Smith, Peggy McKnight, Myra Halcomb and Sandra Brown. Back row—Mrs. James P. Gibson, Carole Preston, Mary Evelyn Simpson, Linda Huffman, Alice Jo Dykes, Shirley Dievert, Brenda Keeton, Judy Schexneyder, Lynn Brown, Patricia Inlow, Carolyn Smith, Linda Preston, Judy Goode and Mrs. William Simpson.

## Chester L. Quarles New Chairman of Program Committee

BATON ROUGE, La. — (BP) — Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been appointed chairman of the future program committee of the Southern Baptist Promotion Conference.

He succeeds T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the Oklahoma convention, who was chairman for several years.

Committee appointments were made by J. Norris Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church here and chairman of the Promotion Committee.

Other members of the future program committee include Forrest Feezor, Dallas, Texas; Earl Harding, Jefferson City, Mo.; Searcy S. Garrison, Atlanta, Ga.; Frank Norfleet, Paducah, Ky.; J. Carroll Chadwick, Center, Texas; Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C.; W. L. Howse, Nashville, Tenn., and Duke K. McCall, Louisville, Ky.

A Convention leader praised Lackey for his work while committee chairman.

"Under his leadership, the future program committee played a significant part in developing many stewardship programs now being used by the Convention," said Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Convention's Executive Committee.

These programs include "Church and Denomination Night," stewardship revivals, "World Missions Year" for 1957, Convention church finance clinic for June, 1956, an enlarged program of church finance, and a goal of \$52 million for Southern Baptists contributions through the Cooperative Program in 1956.

The future program committee suggests future stewardship promotion

projects for the Southern Baptist Convention. It also assists and advises the Promotion Committee in stewardship planning.

## Something New—Services Three Times Sunday Mornings

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(BP) — First Baptist Church in suburban Arlington is trying a new plan—holding three worship services every Sunday morning and a double Sunday school.

Pastor R. Grady Snowden said that in addition to worship hours at 8:30 and 11 a.m., one will be held from 9:45 to 10:45. The 9:45 service will be primarily for junior, intermediate, and young people's departments.

The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock service and will alternate between the two earlier services each Sunday, with the third being conducted by an associate.

This unique arrangement is necessary, according to Snowden, to allow for Sunday school expansion. He expects average Sunday school attendance to increase by at least 200.

## Quite A Party For This 79-Year-Old

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — (BP) — The boys and girls at Baptist Orphan's Home here look forward eagerly every year to the birthday of N. S. Sherman, a local resident.

When his birthday comes, Sherman provides birthday cake and ice cream to each of them. It's quite a party they have.

Sherman was 79 recently and held the party as usual—his fortieth such party at the Orphan's Home. He's even provided an endowment so that the parties will continue after he dies.

►William J. Harbin closed out his pastorate of First Baptist Church, Taylors, S. C., to become pastor of First Baptist Church, New Albany, Miss.

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