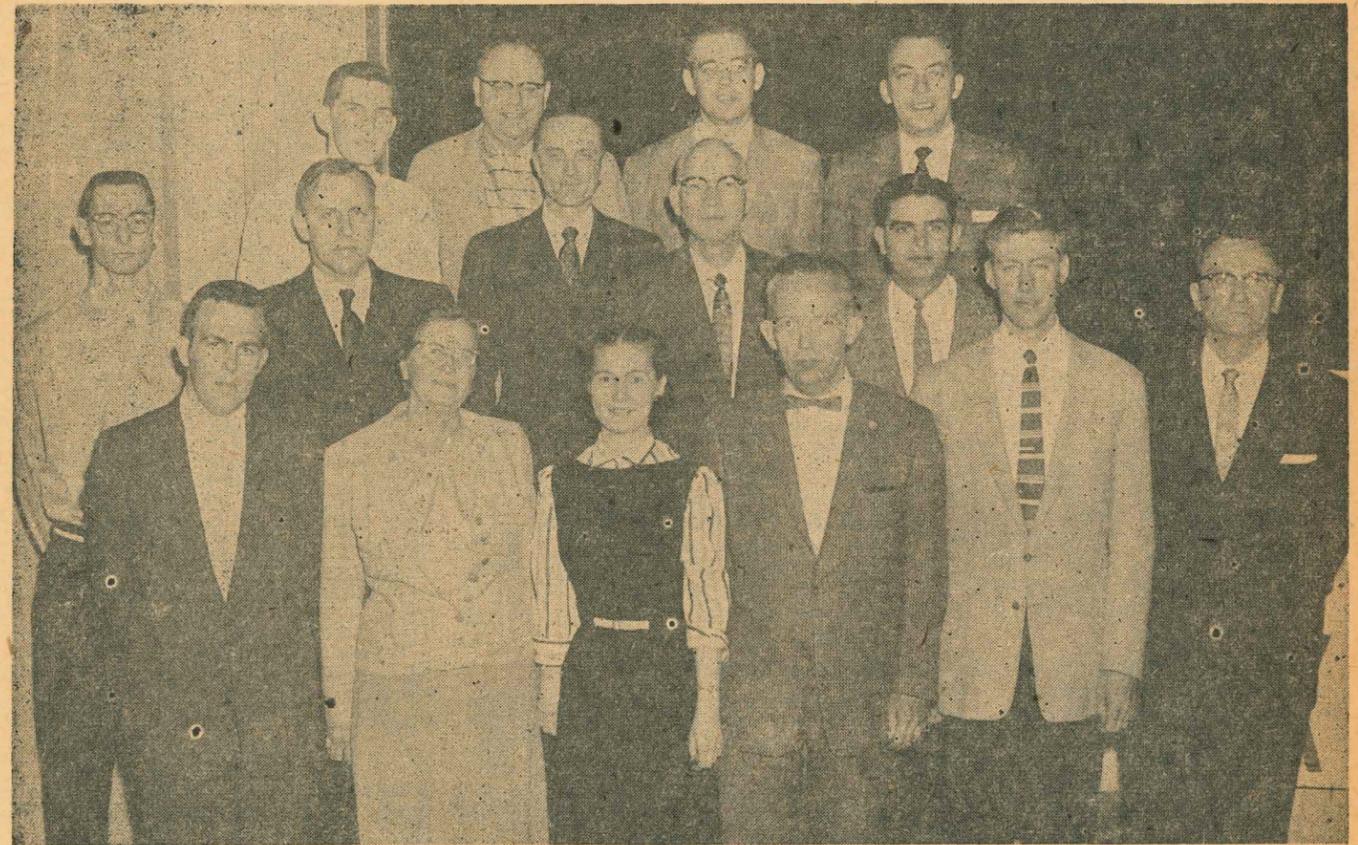


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Personalities responsible for one of Georgetown's most refreshing Christian Focus Weeks held early in March are (left to right).
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Third row: Bob Fields, B.S.U. President; J. Chester Durham, Louisville; Dr. Glenn Yarbrough, director of religious activities, Georgetown College; and Dr. Gabe Payne, Hopkinsville. The theme for the week was "Except a Man Be Born Again." Each member of the team represented his life's calling during panel discussions, symposiums, seminars, and chapel talks.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Foreign Board Appoints Seventeen Missionaries

Seventeen young people from seven states were appointed for missionary service in seven foreign countries at the March meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The first of an expected 130 appointments during 1957, they bring the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,127.

The new appointees are J. Dale Carter and Sue Worthington Carter, Texas, North Brazil; Marion G. (Bud) Fray, Jr., Missouri, and Jane Dawley Fray, Texas, for Southern Rhodesia; M. Frank Gillham and Wynon Holmes Gillham, Texas, for East Pakistan; W. Trueman Moore and Jane Bassett Moore, Arkansas, for East Pakistan.

Also, Carlos R. Owens, Tennessee, and Myrtice Taylor Owens, Florida, for Tanganyika; Gerald W. Pinkston and Florence Goldston Pinkston, Texas, for Indonesia; John C. Raborn and Nelwyn Martin Raborn, Texas, for Hong Kong; Edward B. Trott, Texas, and Freda Porter Trott, Mississippi, for North Brazil; and Sarah Wilson, North Carolina, for Argentina.

Ten of the 17 new missionaries are natives of Texas. Six of the eight men are ordained ministers now pastoring Southern Baptist churches. Mr. Rabourn, not ordained, has been pastor's associate at Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, since March 1953. He will do publication and religious education work in Hong Kong. Mr. Carter, teacher in Junior High School, Springtown, Texas, is one of the very agricultural missionaries ever appointed by the Board.

Mr. Carter holds both the bachelor of science and master's degrees in agriculture from Texas Technological College, Lubbock; he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He will supervise the agricultural program at Baptist Industrial Institute, Corrente, in southern part of the state of Piaui, North Brazil.

Regarding his call to foreign mission service, Mr. Carter said: "In 1953, I attended a meeting for agricultural leaders of four counties. The speaker was the late Dr. H. G. Bennett, then Assistant Secretary of State and head of the Government's Point Four Program. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Bennett made a statement I could not get away from. He said, 'What foreign countries need are not more American dollars, but young people who will go and plant their lives in these countries.' This beginning-conviction grew until

on Mother's Day, 1954, I dedicated my life to do agricultural mission work."

Miss Wilson, who did graduate study in social work after receiving the master of religious education degree in missions from Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., will work in a good will center in Argentina.

Dr. Cauthen in Africa

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, now visiting Southern Baptist mission fields in Africa, will go to the Near East before returning to Richmond about April 1. He is accompanied by Mrs. Cauthen for the African section of the trip.

Response to Suffering

In his report, Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said Southern Baptists have played a worthy part in meeting need at a time when many Hungarians were in desperate plight. The Relief Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, of which Dr. Sadler is chairman, received \$43,343 in January and February of this year as compared to \$8,019 during the same period in 1956.

Dr. Sadler continued: "Not in many a day have we had such a good report about work in Spain as the one which came a few days ago from Missionary Joseph W. Mefford, Jr. Not only were Baptists of Valencia allowed to recon- dition a building for church purposes, they were given permission by the governor of the district to occupy it. That does not mean, of course, that there is now religious liberty in Spain. What liberty is allowed is dependent partly upon the attitude of local government officials."

The Asian Revolution

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, said events of the past few weeks in the Far East give continuing evidence of the still unfinished revolution in that part of the world. He described briefly the recent uprisings in Indonesia and Thailand.

"As we continue our mission program in the countries of Asia, it is important that we understand such developments as these and the underlying conditions and forces out of which they arise," Dr. Crawley said. "The basic concern in the revolution is with human needs; and awareness of those needs has brought about in every country a struggle for human betterment. The struggle includes many aspects. Some of the most prominent are: the problem of poverty and economic planning, education and medicine, democracy and freedom. . . ."

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"These varied aspects of the unfinished Asian revolution point up the uncertainty and difficulty we may expect in our mission program during the decades ahead. At the same time, they constitute a challenge to sympathetic understanding and a tremendous opportunity for mission advance during this fluid period in Asia's history."

Reception at S.B.C. Meeting

An informal reception giving messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention an opportunity to meet foreign missionaries will be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill., from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29.

The Sherman Hotel is located on Randolph Street at Clark.

Approximately 150 furloughing and newly appointed missionaries and several members of the Foreign Mission Board headquarters staff will be on hand to greet messengers.

If the Pastor Is Not A Shepherd -- What Then?

By S. L. MORGAN, SR.,
Wake Forest, N. C.

For some years now it has been my growing conviction that too often the shepherd ministry of the churches has been woefully and increasingly inadequate. I belong to a family of ministers and I am for them; but my main concern is the plight of the multitudes of neglected sheep longing for a shepherd.

Causes for our Inadequate Pastoral Ministry

1. Churches too large. Too many churches and church-fields are large beyond the capacity of any pastor to be a real shepherd.

2. In 50 years, the life span increased from 47 to 68 years, and specialists declare we soon will have as many persons above 65 as under 15. Meanwhile persons mentally and emotionally disturbed occupy half the hospital beds of the nation, with millions others needing special help from trained ministers. All these demand of the churches a ministry to individual needs more than ever before, a ministry impossible as churches and fields grow larger. It is my studied opinion that the inadequate attention given to the aged, the sick, the shut-ins, the emotionally disturbed, in our present pastoral ministry, is our major sin of omission.

3. Our worldly standard of measuring success in the church by numbers added and budgets raised almost compels pastors to be business executives to the neglect of true shepherd ministry.

4. At present a new generation of pastors often show a dangerous tendency to major on office-counseling, this leaving them less time to visit the multitudes longing for the attention of a real shepherd.

Some Possible Remedies

1. Smaller churches. With more needy individuals to be reached, a new conscience, alike in pastors and in churches, should treat it as obvious that no pastor can adequately serve more than 500 members. Fields must be cut, drastically when necessary, to each pastor's ability to serve the individual.

2. Plurality of Pastors when Needed. Larger churches and church-fields must have enough assistant—or associate—pastors to assure adequate attention to all the members. Many churches now are doing just that. The Roman Catholic Church is to be commended for doing so. Dr. Russell Dicks says in

Pastoral Work and Personal Counseling that the rapid growth of the Mormon church is due largely to their plan of having elders to call on all members monthly to inquire into their spiritual condition. The Methodists are strong on training lay preachers, but short on training lay visitors to supplement the visitation of the pastors. Here Baptists in general are lamentably short.

Besides my own observation, a flood of letters has convinced me that in each community there is a shameful neglect of a shepherd-ministry to the aged and shut-ins. Maves and Cedarleaf (Older People and the Church) found that the older people suffer chronically from loneliness and a sense of uselessness, their self-respect lowered, their lives shortened from a sense of rejection and of their not "belonging," and yet dreadfully neglected by the churches. This high authority holds that this needy group should claim one-third of the attention of the pastoral ministry.

The first step essential toward meeting this need is for pastors to stand with unwavering firmness in demanding that prime emphasis be put on a spiritual ministry to individuals, rather than on making the pastor a business executive and a turned of church machinery. Each pastor should stipulate in his accepting a call that he shall be a prophet in the pulpit first of all, and equally Christ's under-shepherd to the flock, his time given largely to the lost and straying, the poor, the aged and shut-ins, the lonely, the friendless. He will be able, with the voice of a prophet, to convince most of his people that such a Christlike ministry will prove the only credential needed to win prestige for the church and to guarantee its success.

3. A Trained Lay Ministry. At present I see nothing to justify the hope that the average church can secure with the present setup and adequate or worthy pastoral ministry to individuals. At present almost every pastor is driven to the limit to meet the demands made on him to be the organizer and director of the church machinery, plus more pastoral work than he can do, plus the numerous calls constantly coming from outside.

I see great possibilities, however, for the church that will add to its present staff of workers a trained staff of lay men and women to complement the present pastoral ministry. Some church-

es are getting results of a high order by using the women of the church as visitors after their special training by the pastor. Why not men also? In some pastorates my men and women of the official group greatly supplemented my pastoral visiting, and showed me high possibilities. No church should be content with the visitation of the committees sent out by the various organized classes and groups. That is valuable for building up and holding the membership and for promoting a social comraderie in the church.

But no pastor with a high sense of the shepherd can be content with less than a corps of lay men and women chosen for their high social and spiritual qualities, and then definitely trained by a pastor to do a type of spiritual visitation second only to his own. A nucleus for such a group will begin with members of the church staff and officers, and round them will be the highest type of persons from the church at large, trained and fired with zeal to be real pastoral assistants.

Some Lay Visitors I Have Known

I have seen lay men and women doing pastoral work of so high an order as to leave me no doubt that such a group is our surest way out of the church's present shameful status of neglect to minister worthily to needy individuals.

One able city pastor described to me the work of his splendid secretary in supplementing his pastoral visitation. Himself a great visitor, daily he handed her a list of names, put her in his car and said, "Go to see all these and say and do just what you think I would do if present in person. Then check the names of all you think need a special visit from the pastor."

The shepherd-heart in him could not be content to let his able, consecrated secretary use all her time in the church office. And she did a high type of work beyond his power to reach.

In an early pastorate in a large town church I had a promising young deacon, the efficient choir director. I took him with me a few times on my visits to the sick, the aged and shut-ins. I visited as I believed a pastor ought, opening the pastor-heart with sympathy and love to the starving, the aged, the sick, the shut-ins, the lonely and friendless.

The young deacon was impressed at seeing the shepherd-heart in action, and at the joy possible from such visitation both to the visitors and to the visited. It gave to him both a taste of what a laymen could experience in such a ministry and an ideal for a high type of lay ministry.

At intervals during the years since, when I returned for occasional visits, this man would take me on a round among the aged and shut-ins whom he

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Georgetown College to Offer Graduate Work in the Field of Education

An official release from the public relations director of Georgetown College states that the school will in the future offer "limited graduate work." Dr. Eddleman, president, was quoted as saying: "There is an increasing demand for graduate study stemming primarily from teachers who now have the incentive of the State's Minimum Foundation Program."

The Master's degree will be offered only in the field of education and this, it is presumed, will begin within the next twelve months.

Awarding the Master of Arts degree will not be new for Georgetown, for the practice began in 1873 and continued until 1929.

Dr. Romie D. Judd

Dr. Romie D. Judd, dean of Georgetown College for six years and interim president for one year, will be dean of graduate study at the college, according to announcement by President Eddleman.

Dr. Judd holds a Ph.D. degree in education from George Peabody College for Teachers. He also did graduate work at Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and at Angers, France. His undergraduate work was done at Georgetown College. He also has served on many accrediting councils and committees.

This editor believes the move to offer graduate work in education is needed and wise. Future teachers make up the second largest category of students at Georgetown. Tremendous service will be rendered by offering a standard M.A. degree in education—service to the general public and to the college. This does not mean, as we understand it, that any plans are underway to make Georgetown other than a liberal arts college.

We pray for the day when our Baptist schools shall have everything needed in equipment, faculties, courses, and endowments. During earlier years in America, Baptist lost ground in their school program. Many of the schools and colleges which Baptists established and operated slipped away from them because our people in general did not provide support; they lacked the vision of the schools' founders. It is enough to make the angels weep, to read the story of college after college which either went out of business or else passed into other hands because Baptists did not support them or did not

safeguard their interests. Let us heed the solemn warning which comes out of the past!

By nature, Baptists are a "people of the churches." Everything centers about the local church. May the day never come when it will be otherwise. But get this and keep it: *Baptist churches themselves have a big job to do.* One of those jobs is the maintaining of a complete and adequate system of Christian Education, in schools and colleges, which prepares our young people to take their place in life as leaders. This editor does not minimize any of the other phases of our work, but we had better place more and more emphasis on our Baptist schools and colleges. During recent years, Kentucky Baptists have become increasingly aware of the value of our educational institutions. We can even be proud of what we have done. Yet, on the other hand, a close study of needs could make us ashamed that we have done no more.

Baptist Youth Needed in Journalism

Editorial reference has been made to action taken by the Southern Baptist Press Association in recent annual meeting in Washington, D. C.

That action urged editors to exert themselves to enlist at least 5,000 Baptist young people in the general field of newspaper and magazine work, advertising, radio and television by 1964.

There is no riper field. God calls men not only into the ministry but to enter other highly specialized fields for His glory.

There is no substitute for the printed page. The Word of God has been made known to the masses not only by oral proclamation but by the printed page. Dedicated young people can serve God as writers.

Baptists have suffered immeasurably because too few of them knew how to write effectively. Years are required to make a good writer—years of training and then experience. We join Editor John W. Bradbury, *Watchman-Examiner*, in his statement:

"Our colleges and seminaries have not been too fruitful in producing writers. It is difficult to know the reason, except that we have made a fetish of extemporaneous preaching. It has caused a lot of men to feel that all they have to do is preach 'off the cuff.' No matter how well stocked the mind of a man may be, of what value is it to anyone else if

he cannot write about it, if he cannot think on paper as well as on his feet. The Roman Catholic Church has been exceedingly wise in making a major in their colleges and schools training for writing, editing and the communications. They have been at it a full generation and in our judgment it is paying them very well. When will Baptists wake up to the value of the printed page and encourage their young people to write well? The field of communications is unlimited in opportunity."

Mountain Mission Conference to Be Held at Oneida April 29-May 1

By ELDRED M. TAYLOR
Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism

The annual conference on Mountain Mission work will be held at Oneida, Kentucky, April 29-May 1. The first session will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday. The entire conference will close at noon on Wednesday, May 1. This meeting provides fellowship, panel discussions, conferences, Bible study, inspiration, and testimonies. Mountain pastors and missionaries, as well as laymen who serve on missions committees, are urged to be present. The wives of those who attend are also invited to be present.

Special conferences will be planned for the women. Mrs. George R. Ferguson, executive secretary of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, and Miss Ella Faye Hayes, mountain field worker of Kentucky W.M.U., will be in charge of the program for the women. Other program personalities include

S. F. Dowis, M. Wendell Belew, and A. B. Cash, all of the Home Mission Board; W. C. Boone, Eldred M. Taylor, J. Edward Cunningham, of the State Executive Board.

No charge is made for room and meals. This conference is provided jointly by the State Executive Board, the Baptist Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, and Oneida Baptist Institute.

Reservations should be made by writing directly to Mrs. D. C. Sparks, Oneida, Kentucky.

Pastors, come and bring laymen who are working with you in your church-centered mission program! Please do not forget that you are urged to bring your wife to this conference. Make your reservation as soon as possible.

Relief and Annuity Board To Begin New Building

DALLAS — (BP) — The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will begin construction soon on a new building in Dallas.

Board members representing twenty-four Southern Baptist states approved the building plans at their 39th annual meeting here recently.

Final decisions on cost, size, and type of structure are expected some time in April. The Board is presently occupying the fourth floor of the Baptist Building, owned co-operatively by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Relief and Annuity Board.

Last December, the Relief and Annuity Board sold its half-interest in the building to the Texas Baptists to become effective when they enter their new building.

R. Alton Reed was re-elected executive secretary and begins his third year in this capacity with the Board. Associate secretaries, all of whom were re-elected include Floyd B. Chaffin, public relations director; L. T. Daniel, director of annuities; and Robert S. Jones, supervisor of investments.

Also re-elected were Fred W. Noe, treasurer; Owen Henley, assistant supervisor of investments; and Mable H. McCartney, registrar and recording secretary.

Wallace Bassett, pastor, Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, was re-elected

Pastors and other earnest church leaders should exert every effort to acquaint brilliant young people with opportunities for service in writing. Then, our colleges and seminaries should provide strong departments in journalism and other branches of communications. Baptists should make this possible. Competition today is keen. We must not only have truth on our side; we must know how to express it effectively by the written as well as by the spoken word.

president of the local board. Bassett has served as president or vice-president every year since the Board's organization.

Serving with him are vice-presidents Paul Danna, Ben C. Ball, and E. G. Brown, all of Dallas.

In the report of the executive secretary, Reed stated that the Relief and Annuity Board closed 1956 with total assets of more than \$49 million.

Of this amount, \$43 million actually belong to the more than 18,500 Southern Baptist pastors and denominational employees who are members of a retirement program with the Board, he said. The Relief and Annuity Board is the administrative agency for these retirement funds.

►Pastor Harold D. Tallant, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Kentucky, recently conducted a one-week revival in the First Baptist Church, Zeigler, Ill., resulting in sixty-one decisions for the Lord. There were fifty-six professions of faith in the Lord Jesus. Souls were saved in every service and record attendances were recorded in the revival services and the Sunday school during the revival.

►For seven services during the week of March 4-10, the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, was blessed with the preaching of Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee. The marvelous music was a complement to the preaching and was led by Rev. and Mrs. Russell Case of Decatur, Georgia. 50 decisions were registered and every Christian was greatly blessed in attendance.

►Half the Christians in China have refused to obey Communist government directives and are conducting worship services in secret, according to Ambassador Hollington K. Tong of Nationalist China. He declared that Chinese Christians permitted to communicate with the West are from "show case" churches for propaganda purposes, while most Christian groups in China continue to feel severe persecution.—Survey Bulletin.

WANTED--100 Churches

By ELDRED M. TAYLOR

At least 100 churches to sponsor a Youth-Led Revival are needed in Kentucky this year. Will your church be counted among those that will take advantage of the program offered by your State Board? Look over this program and see if it is what your church needs.

***DEFINITION:** The Youth-Led Revival is a church sponsored revival led by the youth (ages 15-24), with the support of the entire church and all its organizations.

***PURPOSE:** The Youth-Led Revival seeks to do three things. (1) Bring the lost to Christ. (2) Help Christians to dedicate themselves more completely to Christ. (3) Magnify the church.

***RESULT:** The Youth-Led Revival program is more than just a special week during the year. It is a program for young people the year around. Out of such a movement should come a strong group of young people who will continue the revival effort indefinitely.

With these in mind, look at some of the features of this program:

Evangelistic Services—Nightly Services . . . Congregational Singing . . . Special Music . . . Dynamic Testimonies . . . Bible Preaching.

Visitation—Daily visitation by members of the church and evangelistic team, seeking to contact as many prospects as possible during the week of revival.

Prayer—Realizing the power of prayer, the program includes many opportunities for prayer in its schedule. There will be organized cottage pray-

er meetings, pre-service prayer meetings, and emphasis upon a private prayer life.

Seminars—Study periods dealing with Finding God's Will, Prayer, Soul Winning, Christian Amusement and Recreation, Boy and Girl Relationships, and Choosing a Vocation. These periods are well-planned sessions to meet the needs of young people with time for discussions.

Fellowships—Periods of informal wholesome fun and relaxation, emphasizing group participation. Fellowships promote friendships and give unity to the entire week.

Conferences—Time set aside for dealing with individuals on a personal level. Such conferences will be handled through guidance of the pastor.

Advance Work—A visit will be made before the revival begins by some member of the team to help in planning and promoting the evangelistic week.

Teams—The State Board carefully selects and suggests young men, both college and seminary, to carry out this program. These men are trained in the program and dedicated to winning young people to Christ.

We are confident this Youth-Led Revival program is what many churches in Kentucky have been needing. Can you afford not to give your young people and the young people of your community this week of services?

For complete information write the Department of Evangelism or the Baptist Student Union, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Seminary's present 135,000-volume collection.

The board of trustees also has examined the results of a 5-month study of the Seminary's administration and operation, and has approved them "in principle." The study was conducted by the Chicago management consultant firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, which conducted earlier studies of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Woman's Missionary Union. Booz, Allen and Hamilton are now surveying the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole.

The trustees have taken specific action to implement some of the suggestions based on the study regarding the organization of the board of trustees and the internal administration of the Seminary. They instructed the presi-

other recommendations in line with dent and executive committee to act on their approval.

Wade H. Bryant, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., was elected chairman of the 55-member board, succeeding H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

154 Enrolled in Three Music Schools

Eighty music awards have been earned by many of the 154 people who have been enrolled in the three music schools held this past month. The combined average attendance was 105. Totals for each school are as follows:

Elkhorn Baptist Association had five classes at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, with 55 enrolled and 38 as the average attendance. 33 music award certificates were earned toward the Church Music Diploma of the Church Music Training Course of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Pollard Avenue Baptist Church of Ashland had 32 enrolled in a Practical Music Lessons Class. The average attendance was 20, and 17 awards were earned.

Lewisburg Baptist Church in Logan County association had 67 enrolled in a similar music theory class, in which the average attendance was 47. 30 awards were earned.

227 music awards that have been earned thus far this year put Kentucky just over one-fourth of the 1,000-award goal that the music department has set for 1957. Applications for church music classes may be made to the state music department in Louisville.

Graham To Address American Baptists

NEW YORK (BP) — The American Baptist Convention, meeting in Philadelphia May 29-June 4, will have for its theme "Looking Unto Jesus."

Evangelist Billy Graham will conduct an evangelistic rally on June 3 as a feature of the Convention program. Graham will come to Philadelphia from his crusade in New York City.

Other speakers include Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and president of the Baptist World Alliance; Elton D. Trueblood, Richmond, Ind., former religious information chief of the U. S. Information Agency, and Martin Luther King, pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

►Herman L. Mitchusson, Pauls Valley, Okla., will become Wayland Baptist College business manager June 1. Mitchusson is currently principal of Pauls Valley High School.

Southern Baptists and Dancing

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Baptist Beacon (Arizona)

What do Southern Baptists think about dancing? The answer to this question has recently been sought by Dr. Robert Witty, pastor of the Baptist Temple Jacksonville, Florida. He sent the question and a letter to 200 selected Baptist pastors, to the presidents of each Baptist college and to a few other Baptist leaders. Perhaps one weakness of the survey is that it should have included a large number of the people in the pew as well as the ministry. Nevertheless, the results of the survey are very significant.

In no case did any of those questioned indicate that they thought dancing to be a positive good. Not one person thought that churches should sponsor dancing. In every case dancing was on the questionable side, the opinions ranging from simple toleration of a social evil to outright condemnation. Most of those questioned approached the answer reasonably, unemotionally and with a sincere desire to get at the truth of the matter.

Possible Courses of Action

Although many of the replies took a moderate position in expressing their opposition to the practice of dancing, "by far the greatest number were decisive in firm judgment that dancing should have no part in the life of a Christian."

Dr. Witty found four possible courses of action concerning dancing suggested by the replies he received.

First, no objection to the dance in regulated form. There were only a few who expressed this opinion.

Second, the most common attitude is to reject the dance as scripturally unacceptable.

Third, there is a growing belief that a church will solve this problem only if opposition to dancing is accompanied by offering to Christian youth a better substitute in church-sponsored recreation.

Fourth, more than a recreational substitute is needed. "We must so captivate the time and interest of our youth by spiritual challenge that the dance will find no room in their lives."

It was found by the survey that as a whole Baptist schools do not approve of dancing.

Objections to Dancing

Objections to dancing can be summarized in the following categories:

1. It leads to sexual temptations. Physical contact with persons of the opposite sex under highly emotionally

stimulating conditions leads to a breakdown of morals.

2. Dancing contributes to the weakening of a Christian's spiritual life. It reduces his prayerful spirit and jeopardizes his spiritual growth.

3. Dancing cripples the Christian's influence with others. Dancing Christians are not soul winners, nor are they sought out for spiritual help in the crisis-times of life.

From the survey it is clear that Baptist pastors think that "some decision about dancing is inevitable." One college president states that "98 per cent of our students are dancing when they come to us." A pastor voices a common belief that the public schools are in a large degree responsible for the problem because it is at school that many of the youth learn to dance.

Why Do Young People Dance?

Three other general reasons were given as to why the youth of today are dancing:

1. The absence of a definite stand against it on the part of the parents, teachers and pastor. When a definite reasonable stand is taken against the modern dance it makes it easier for our young people to leave it alone.

2. Desire for social acceptance. Teenagers do not want to be left out and if they think their friends are doing it, it makes their battle harder.

3. Desire to dress up. Many Intermediate workers, particularly those in the younger departments, feel that many girls want to go to dances so they can wear a long dress.

Principles to Guide Young People

The following principles of decision for young people are suggested by the survey concerning the practice of dancing:

1. Are most of the participants Christians or are they sinners?

2. Will participation help me or harm me? Can I be a radiant, happy, soul-winning Christian or will it rob me of spiritual power?

3. Could I carry Christ on the dance floor with me, or would He be grieved at my participation?

4. Would my influence for my church be helped or hindered by my participation?

5. Is this a means of producing in me inner peace and joy or would I be divided in my loyalties?

6. Is the modern dance purse, uplifting morally or does it provide temptations to lust, adultery and death?

The Baptist Beacon realizes that this survey does not represent every viewpoint among Southern Baptists concerning the problem of dancing. But we believe that it does present a fair cross section of the thinking of our pastors and our Baptist college leaders. The fact that our spiritual leaders have arrived at these conclusions should give the rest of us concern that we find the correct answer for our own lives and for our children.

[This editor speaks only for himself, but insofar as he is concerned dancing is one of the most insidious evils ever to work its serpentine way into either the private or social life of man. He has heard too many weeping testimonies from broken lives not to know the dance is dangerous in the extreme.—RTS.]

If the Pastor Is Not A Shepherd—What Then?

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habitually visited; and I heard them repeatedly say with delighted enthusiasm, "Mr. Blank is the most active and helpful visitor in town; no pastor even does so much good as he among the poor, the sick, the aged, and the shut-ins."

And he confessed that he as a young man got the cue from me, and that it had been one of the great joys of his life.

This but hints the possibilities for any pastor who will put heart and training into a group of laymen and women and send them out constantly to complement his pastoral ministry.

I confess I see no hope for an adequate pastoral ministry short of such training of a lay group in each church. But I envision a new day for any church and community that zealously will train and send out such a group.

Ohrn In Rio To Plan For World Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BP) — Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has gone to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to discuss arrangements for the 10th Baptist World Congress there in 1960.

Ohrn will spend about 10 days conferring with Joao Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio, and others.

The Congress will meet in mid-July, 1960. It will be the first Congress south of the equator.

►Forty Baptist churches in the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and 24 Baptist churches in the Mount Vernon Baptist Association, Virginia, will participate in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade March 31-April 14.

Southern Seminary Library To Be named for Founder

Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have voted to name the school's library in honor of James Pettigru Boyce, founder and first president of the seminary.

The \$1½ million building is planned for completion during the Seminary's 1959 centennial year. During this year the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its annual meeting in Louisville.

It was Boyce's 1856 inaugural address at Furman University that launched the idea which developed into Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and three other founders constituted the first faculty, and his personal 5,000-volume library formed the foundation of the

Sunday School Charity Fund Offering to Be Mother's Day

Each year on or near Mother's Day, Southern Baptists contribute to a fund which provides hospitalization to people who would not otherwise be able to receive it. Kentucky Baptists carry forward this missionary program by co-operating in the Sunday School Charity Fund Offering on Mother's Day.

There are some people who wonder why the Hospitals need help in order to give 'charity.' It is the policy of the Baptist Hospitals in Kentucky to furnish the best possible service at the least possible cost to every patient. If there were not a charity fund, the Hospitals would have to charge every paying patient an additional amount adequate to cover the expenses incurred for services rendered Sunday School Charity Fund patients. This would be most unfair; it would require—without his knowing it—one sick man to pay the bill of another. Therefore, if Baptists want their Hospitals to be charitable, then Baptists must provide funds for their Hospitals to use in helping the sick and needy who are worthy of such help. The amount of Hospital charity work is directly proportional to the amount of Sunday School Charity Fund offering receipts.

Offering funds are apportioned between the three Baptist Hospitals according to capacity. The funds are used only for charity. Acute type patients, who are unable to pay for hospital care, recommended by the proper authorities of cooperating Baptist Churches, are admitted as Sunday School Fund patients. The church must make application prior to admission of the patient so that the proper physician can be assigned to the case. The Staff Physicians of the Baptist Hospitals attend the patients free of charge. An application blank can be secured by writing, phoning or telegraphing one of the Administrators. In cases of extreme emergency, the pastor should contact the Administrator by phone so that permission for admission can be given pending receipt of a completed application blank, and so that the proper physician can be assigned to the case.

After the patient is discharged, he and his church will receive an itemized statement of the hospital expenses marked 'Paid by Baptist Sunday Schools of Kentucky.' The Board of Trustees of KBH recently has approved a plan to assist in the teaching of medical specialists. Patients with unusual diseases, who are not qualified for one reason or another to receive help from the SSCF, may be eligible to receive help from this new teaching program.

The Sunday School Charity Fund is an important appeal. The Hospitals' charity program is wholly dependent upon it; it is an opportunity to put our Christianity into action. Take for example this case: A little ten year old girl who could not hear or speak, was also blind from birth. She is the oldest child in a family with five children whose father owns no property and makes only \$90.00 per month. After a co-operating Baptist Church completed a Sunday School Charity Fund application form, the patient was admitted to Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah and referred to an eye specialist. Successful surgery was performed giving this child the ability—at least—to see. The little patient stayed eight days at a cost of \$155.35 to our Sunday School Charity Fund. There were no physicians' fees. The patient and the sponsoring church received statements from the Hospital in the amount of \$155.35 marked "Paid by the Baptist Sunday Schools of Kentucky."

The Sunday School Charity Fund is a concrete opportunity through which we may put Christianity into action:

1. To exemplify the teaching of the Great Physician;
2. To show people, at a time when they may be most receptive, the way to salvation.

To those of you whose churches support the Mother's Day offering, we relay the deep appreciation of the charity patients and their sponsoring churches. Our prayer is that every church in Kentucky next year can say "We helped with the Charity Fund; it is our plan."

Written by: Emmett R. Johnson, Administrator, Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky.

Baptist Hospital Aids Victims of School Fire

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — (BP) — Baptist Hospital here served as a disaster center recently when fire destroyed Flat Rock School in nearby Mt. Airy, N. C.

The fire took the lives of two persons and injured about 25 others. Many of the injured were brought to Baptist Hospital for treatment.

►Bob Mowrey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Summerville, Ga., has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Payne, Ala.

Southern Baptist Church Music Conference in Chicago, May 27-28, 1957

Program
Monday Afternoon
 3:30 Song Service—Frank Bozeman
 Devotional—Edmond D. Keith
 Special Music
 4:00 Constitution Committee, Forrest Heeren
 4:30 Election of Officers
 5:00 Adjourn
Monday Evening
 7:30 Song Service—J. O. Stroud
 Devotional—Hugh King
 Special Music—Dale Brubaker
 Open Addresses—J. M. Price
 Paul McCommon
 8:00 Panel Discussion—"Correlation of the
 Music and Education Program in the
 Church"
 8:45 Song Service
 8:55 Address: "The Pastor and His Staff"
 James P. Wesberry
 9:30 Adjourn
Tuesday Morning
 9:30 Song Service—James R. Copeland
 Devotional—Nettie Lou Crowder
 Special Music—Bison Glee Club
 Address: "The Future of Our Work"—
 W. Hines Sims
 10:25 "Our Associational Program"—Cliff
 Holcomb
 10:35 "Our State Program"—J. O. Stroud
 10:45 Ridgecrest and Glorieta, W. J. Reynolds
 10:50 Song Service
 Special Music, Bison Glee Club
 Our New Terminology, Cliff Holcomb
 11:00 Address "The Southern Baptist Church
 Music Program"—Loren Williams
Tuesday Afternoon
 2:00 Song Service—J. Malcolm Edwards
 11:45 Adjourn
 Devotional—Dan C. Hall
 Special Music, Atlanta Association
 Choir
 2:30 Address: "The Pastor Looks at His
 Music Program"—J. W. Storer
 2:55 Hymn
 3:00 Departmental Conferences
 Local Church Group, led by Frank
 Bozeman
 Institutional Group, led by James C.
 McKinney
 Denominational Group, led by W. Hines
 Sims
 4:15 Panel Discussion—Sid Davis, Leader
 (What's your Question?)
 4:50 Closing Address, our President
 5:00 Adjourn

Whaley Child Seriously Ill

Ronald Whaley, 2½-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Whaley, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan, is in St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, with an illness which has been diagnosed as acute leukemia.

Reports indicate that he is responding to medication and daily blood transfusions.

St. Luke's is a mission hospital and the doctors and nurses who are treating Ronald are Christians. Mr. and Mrs. Whaley say they have never had more wonderful treatment, even in America, than they are getting in this hospital. A Southern Baptist missionary doctor in Japan says he doubts that there is any place in America where there are as many specialists in the areas of medical care needed in this case. Several of the doctors have had special courses in the latest treatment of leukemia.

Currently stationed at Kokura, Mr. and Mrs. Whaley will be living in Tokyo while Ronald is in the hospital. In Tokyo, they may be addressed at 11 Kamiyamacho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Their Kokura address is 540 Suwanodai Tomino, Kokura, Japan.

RURAL CHURCH YOKE

Keeping Up

By CARL A. CLARK
 Professor, Pastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work
 Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

When I was a small boy one of the biggest problems I had occurred was when we went to town. My older brothers with their long legs walked so fast that my little legs had to trot to keep up.

This reminds me of an experience I had sometime back. I was in the home of a deacon who took great pride in showing me his dairy barn. He had installed this new bulk-plant dairy system where you never lift a bucket, never pour milk into cans. Milking machines simply pipe the milk through a pipe-line system into refrigerated tanks. The farmer bragged about not having to lift milk any more. However, when I went to his church, I found him worshipping in a one-room church building. I could not help but wonder at the fact that the short legs of the church program were not keeping up with the long legs of his dairying program. He had a modern dairy but an antiquated church.

Keeping Up in Sunday School

On another occasion, and in an entirely different section of the country, I was on a farm where a man showed me his new tractor. He was quite elated over his recent purchase of the new diesel tractor. It seems this was the latest thing out. But I could not help observing that the Sunday School was poorly graded, and was using very poor techniques in its program. This man was up to the minute on his farm, but thirty years out of date in his Sunday School program. It made me wonder that if when he put on his over-alls he was a progressive farmer, but when he put on his Sunday suit he was a very conservative deacon.

I was in another rural home where they had a very fine television set. The people took pride in showing me this set and I guessed that it cost \$400 or more. But when I got to their church, I found they had an antiquated promotional program. At home they were looking at the most high-priced, high-pressure advertising techniques that the United States can invent, but at the church they did not want promotion. They rather resented anyone persuading them to do anything different or better. They were willing to listen to all of the high-price advertising at home, but seriously discouraged their pastor

tage by working together for a larger church and a full-time program.

I notice that our rural people are quite up to date in all modern stock raising features. They know what good blood means to the animals on their ranch or farm. They are up on artificial insemination and all of the latest procedures of feeding, disease prevention, and so on. Really the most important product in our rural areas is our boys and girls. They deserve the best of leaders and the best of religious programs in every area. Sometimes it may be that we are not keeping up in our youth program with what we are doing in our stock program. Do you give as much attention to the religious training of your children as you do the physical welfare of the animals on your place? How about checking your church to be sure that it is up to date in all of your youth program including the training program, the recreation program, the music program, etc.

I wonder if your church is enlisting younger leaders as it should. A few years ago I knew of a church that had two elderly men as deacons. The pastor was concerned that the church have some younger men in training along side the older experienced men that the church might always have capable deacons as leaders. He approached the two older men with the idea of selecting some younger men and ordaining them as deacons. The old men were greatly enraged at the idea. They felt the young pastor was trying to put them on a shelf. They felt the young pastor was trying to put them on a shelf. Within about two months one of the men died and the other became completely incapacitated, dying a few months later. This left the church without even one deacon, young or old. If you expect to keep up with the modern pace of life, you will constantly have to be enlisting younger people as leaders of your church and training them for effective service.

Many Are Keeping Up

The story is not all dark. There are many, many of our rural churches, both in the open country and in the small towns, which are keeping quite up to date in all phases of their program. I have been in numerous churches in the open country which had the most modern plan you could want. Here is one with a full carpeted aisle and pulpit platform, beautiful fixtures, nice lighting, good piano and organ. Here is a lovely brick structure with two-story educational facilities with all that is needed for an adequate educational program. Here is a church with an effective recreation program reaching its young people, leading them into every area of activity and

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Former Arkansas Editor Passes to His Reward

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Dr. B. H. Duncan, until recently the editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, died here March 19, 1957—6:18 P.M. The funeral was



Dr. B. H. Duncan

held at the Second Baptist Church, here, and the burial was at Marion, Kentucky.

"There is a killer in my bloodstream. How long it can be kept subdued neither I nor the doctors know."

So wrote Dr. B. H. Duncan in August 1956 while serving as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, in an article, "My Rendezvous with Death."

An intimate and inspiring account of his personal experiences upon learning he was afflicted with leukemia, the story was published in newspapers and magazines across the country.

Dr. Duncan wrote:

"Death isn't a stranger to me, a Baptist minister for 46 years. I have prayed with scores of people in their last hours. I have turned from the deathbed to comfort hundreds of others in their hours of sorrow. Standing beside the casket, I have pointed thousands to the Christ I served as the one great comforter in all hours of grief. . . .

"... the question was hurled at me: Will my life in these few weeks be an example of what I have preached, Does death look different, now that it has come so near to me, than it looked when I was counseling with others and praying with them when they faced the grim reaper. Is the counsel I gave to others adequate for myself . . .? Am I willing to rest my case upon the assurances I gave to others through the years? After a thorough heart searching I found that I could add nothing new for my own counsel.

"The same assurances of God's Word which had met the needs of others is sufficient for me. The same Christ whom I had held up as Lord and Savior to others in their trials is also my comforter and stay. I can say with the Apostle Paul, 'I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day!'"

Dr. Duncan achieved his purpose of "living a full life while life lasts, be it long or short." Although he gradually became weaker, he continued to serve in his editorial post until last December 31.

He meticulously set his affairs in order. Before he was past going, he accompanied Mrs. Duncan to an undertaker's and together they chose his casket.

Dr. Duncan was born in Crittenden County, Ky., November 13, 1889, a son of Rice H. and Ida Brantley Duncan. He received his education at Bethel College (now defunct), Russellville, Ky., and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

His pastorates included: First Baptist Church, Marios, Ky.; Timmonsville, Blackville, and Elko Baptist Churches, all in South Carolina; First Baptist Church, Ashburn, Ga.; and First Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark. He was editor of *Arkansas Baptist*, Little Rock, weekly news magazine of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, from 1947 to shortly before his death.

His denominational positions included: president, Southern Baptist Press Association, 1952-53; member of Southern Baptist Radio Commission, 1946-47; and director of Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission, 1947-48, and radio preacher, 1948.

He is the author of two books, "From Bondage to Freedom," and "Personal Adventures with Jesus."

Survivors include Mrs. Duncan, the former Miss Helen Brown of Kentucky.

Foreign Missions Conferences

"Face to Face with World Missions" is the theme of the 1957 Foreign Missions Conferences to be held at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assemblies. The dates: Ridgecrest, June 20-26; Glorieta, August 15-21.

A special World-Missions-Year feature of the Ridgecrest program will be a full meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, June 20-21, with the appointment of a number of young people to overseas mission service.

Approximately 20 foreign missionaries, representing every general area of the world where Southern Baptists work, will appear on each of the two conference programs.

Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.,

will be Bible teacher at Ridgecrest; Dr. James Leo Green, professor of Old Testament interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., will have the Bible hour at Glorieta.

Among principal speakers at Ridgecrest will be Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance. At Glorieta, Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will bring three messages on the philosophy of missions.

Georgetown Group to Play at Ridgecrest

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — The Maskrafters have been invited to present their production of "Christ In The Concrete City" at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, North Carolina, during the annual Baptist Student Retreat in early June, according to G. Kearnie Keegan, Secretary of the Student Department, of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in Nashville, Tennessee.

"The Georgetown College group's performance will be the feature of the opening night of the Retreat, Thursday, June 6," Dr. Keegan states.

The Maskrafters bring the first official college play production to be seen during Student Week at Ridgecrest, in ten years. In 1947 Baylor's Drama Department presented a performance of "The Fool."

Dr. William Hall Preston, also of the Baptist Student Department adds: "It is our policy to bring only the best to our Student Week at Ridgecrest, 'Christ In The Concrete City,' by Philip J. Turner of England, is an excellent play, given its North American premier by one of our finest Southern College drama groups, the Maskrafters. The fact that this group has made a name for itself in the pioneer path of touring great religious plays to our churches is well known. The recognition of this fact by the Union of English Baptist Churches, which has extended a touring invitation to the Maskrafters for the summer of 1958, was decisive. We said that we must have this group for Student Week at Ridgecrest.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

God's Wondrous World

The wonders of the world have astounded people from the beginning of time. The Lord has provided every living thing with the means for survival—the rose with its thorns, the butterfly with its many colors, and the leopard with its spots.



This plant's method of survival is its ability to catch its own meat and eat it! The plant grows in North and South Carolina and is called Venus' Flytrap.

The plant's leaves look like open clam shells. They have a row of teeth on the edges. Each leaf has six little triggers on it, and these triggers are like small hairs. When a fly lands on the triggers the leaf snaps shut.

The little rows of teeth are like bars in a jail. The fly cannot get out again. It takes the plant about ten days to eat up a whole fly. Then the little trap opens up and is ready to get another meal.

Each leaf can set its trap three or more times before it is worn out. Then the plant grows a new leaf.

Even as God takes care of such plants, He reassures us, He will take care of each of His children. He says: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow." Our trust in God and our faith in Him to protect us are our best protection.

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Morning Prayer

By Alice Whitson Norton

Guide me, Lord from dawn til night,
Keep my thoughts and actions right,
Keep my spirit sweet and bright,
And ever-faithful in Thy sight.

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On the Square—A Game

By Ida M. Pardue

Blindfold one player for this game. This player stands in a circle formed by the others. One of the players in the ring stands on a square of newspaper.

While music is played, players circle. Stepping over or around the paper is not fair. Everyone must step on it with both feet as their turn comes.

When the music stops suddenly, the person who is "it" calls out "Who's on the square?" The player on the newspaper may call out any name he wants to trying of course to disguise his voice.

The blindfolded player gets 3 chances to name the player standing on the newspaper. If he can do this, the two trade places. Otherwise, he must try again after the players circle once more.

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April Fool Fun

By Marion Ullmark

Want to have some fun this April Fool's Day? Try this stunt. Take a cardboard tube such as paper towels are rolled on. Fasten white paper over both ends with rubber bands. On one paper write in big clear letters, "April Fool." Put this paper on the tube so the letters are on the inside. Now poke a peephole in the paper over the other end.

When you see one of your friends coming, put the tube to your eye. Stand as though you were looking at the sky, a rooftop or a tree. Call to your friend. Say something like this, "Look, come and look!"

You can be sure that your friend will take the bait. He will want to look through the tube too. When he does, you won't even have to shout "April Fool," for the tube will say it for you! It's good for laughs, and best of all, no feelings are hurt by this joke. Try it and have some good fun, this April Fool's Day.

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►Harry Morgan has resigned pastorate of First Baptist Church, Crane, Mo., to serve as a chaplain in the Army, stationed at Fort Riley, Kans. Bill Bates, Oklahoma City, has been called to the pastorate at Crane.

Hungaria Refugees Continue Arriving in U.S.

By R. Paul Caudill,
Chairman, Relief Committee, B.W.A.

A total of 28,719 Hungarian refugees had arrived at Camp Kilmer as of Friday, March 8. Of this number, 27,391 had been processed and gone out to their sponsors here and there throughout the land, thus leaving a total of 1,328 at Camp Kilmer as of that day. The more than 28,000 refugees who had arrived as of March 8 came in 302 planes and four ships.

Authorities at Camp Kilmer expect an additional 2,800 refugees to arrive during the month of March, and no fewer than 1,600 during the month of April. Although there has been no change in legislation relative to the refugees, it was pointed out that the President by executive order still has the authority to admit refugees on a month by month basis as he deems wise.

Camp Kilmer, run by the military, and designed to accommodate some 35,000 soldiers on its spacious 1,572 acre grounds, has in other days seen as many as 70,000 soldiers within its care at one time. Currently some 1,000 enlisted men and 250 officers are caring for the refugee installation, though at one time as many as 5,000 enlisted men, officers, a civilian personnel were required to care for the thousands of Hungarian refugees at the camp.

One is impressed by the predominantly young level of the refugees—they averaged about 29 years. It is significant to note that the very young people that the Communists had their best opportunity to indoctrinate were the ones who rose up in rebellion and struck off the shackles of communistic tyranny. Doubtless many of these young refugees will become our finest citizens and our most ardent foes of communism.

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Dr. Carter Observes Tenth Anniversary as President Of Campbellsville, College

CAMPBELLVILLE, Ky. — Ten years ago 186 students, a faculty, and a group of trustees welcomed Dr. John M. Carter as the new president of Campbellsville College.

Soon thereafter it became evident that certain aims and ideals were in the new president's heart. He began speak-



Dr. John M. Carter

ing of those ideals, even though some of them seemed impossible at the time. Some of us who work closely with Dr. Carter came to know, however, that you can't tell this man, "It can't be done."

Within the decade of his administration there have been added to the three original buildings an Alumni Chapel and Music Building which seats 600; a brick dormitory for men which houses a hundred students; a new girl's dormitory housing seventy girls (built on the suite plan of a bath for every four girls); twelve apartments for married students; six faculty houses; a dean's home; and fifteen pre-fab houses for married students, and a Student Inn. All these improvements have been made without indebtedness to the College. Campbellsville College has no endowment, and her part of the Cooperative Program is the same as other junior colleges.

Another of Dr. Carter's ideas materialized in the College's industry started June, 1955. His prayer desire was answered with three large structures of concrete blocks where 100 worthy students labor to earn a college education. The factory is a hum of machinery as boys and girls produce aluminum truck covers, rings for silvercraft, tennis court markers, and Vacation Bible School handiwork kits.

Campbellsville College was not a member of the Southern Association of Colleges ten years ago. Dr. Carter saw the accreditation take place. And at present there are over 400 enrolled.

In addition to administrative duties, President Carter has been busy as a preacher—speaking somewhere nearly Sunday of the year as well as conducting evangelistic meetings. He understands Baptist denominational work and leads in supporting the whole program. Prior to his school presidency he was pastor at Preachersville, Crab Orchard, Highland Park, and Ninth and O Churches of Louisville, and the Harrodsburg Baptist Church. He is a Kentuckian and has spent all his life in this state. Born in 1911 at Stanford, he was graduated from Male High School in 1930. He was graduated from University of Kentucky in 1934 with a B.S. degree in Education. He was awarded the Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While at the Seminary he served as fellow in the department of Archaeology under Dr. J. McKee Adams, and he and Mrs. Carter traveled with him to eleven countries of Europe and the Middle East.

Dr. Carter was made president of the Southern Association of the year 1953-54. He now serves on the administrative committee of that organization and was recently appointed to the Commission of the Association. He also serves on the Administrative Committee of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

Dr. Carter married June Winslow of Lexington and is the father of four children; Sally June, 15; John Mark, 8; Mary Jill, 4; and Jinny Clare, 16 months.

Seminary Library Named In Memory of Founder

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., have voted to name the school's library in honor of James Pettigru Boyce, founder and first president. The \$1,500,000 building is planned for completion during the Seminary's 1959 centennial year.

It was Boyce's 1856 inaugural address as a member of the faculty of Furman University that launched the idea which developed into the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and three other founders constituted the first faculty, and his personal 5,000-volume library formed the foundation of the Seminary's present 135,000 volume collection.

The trustees also announced that "the permanent records of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusades" would be placed in the new library, and instructed the administration to make suitable provision for them.

In making them available to the Seminary, Mr. Graham indicated that they

would include films of his meetings, records of his crusades, correspondence with heads of governments, and other important documents.

Results of a 5-month study of the Seminary's administration and operation were approved "in principle" by the Board of Trustees. They took specific action to implement certain recommendations based on the study regarding the organization of the Board of Trustees and the internal administration of the Seminary, and instructed the president and executive committee to act on other recommendations in line with their approval.

The study, requested last year by the Board of Trustees, was conducted by the Chicago management consultant firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, which conducted earlier studies of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Woman's Missionary Union. It was employed recently to study the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Wade H. Bryant, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., was elected chairman of the 55-member board, succeeding Dr. H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., who was ineligible for re-election.

Other officers elected during the 2-day annual meeting on the Seminary campus were: Joseph E. Stopher, Louisville attorney, first vice-chairman; Norman Shands, pastor of the West End Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., second vice-chairman; Clarence F. Manning, vice-president of the Reynolds metals Company, Louisville, was re-elected secretary.

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President Sloan Makes Statement Concerning Retirement

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute March 21, 1957, I tendered my resignation as president of the school effective May 31, 1957. With the close of the current school year in May we shall have been with the Institute 4 years. These have been 4 busy years of challenge and problems, but years of endeavor and achievement for the glory of God. As we take our leave from the Institute and West Kentucky we are happy to report that this past year we have had the highest morale, finest spirit, and best co-operation of any year since I have been with the school. For this we are deeply grateful, and shall pray that this same spirit and co-operation may continue under new leadership. We shall continue to pray as earnestly and fervently as we know how that God's will may be done with reference to the work of the West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute. May He ever lead the trustees and other personnel of the school to know and to do His will.

Shortly after assuming our duties with the Institute the statement was made that never in all our experiences had Mrs. Sloan and I been received more cordially anywhere than here in West Kentucky and Tennessee. Now, after 4 years, and as we take our leave from these parts, we should like to repeat that statement. A more cordial welcome could not have been expected than has been accorded us by the members of the First Baptist Church, the other churches, business men and townspeople of Clinton. Not only so, but the pastors, churches and citizens of West Kentucky and Tennessee have all given us a most hearty welcome and cordial reception. For all this, and whatever co-operation has been accorded me during my tenure of office, my wife joins me in sincere thanks and appreciation.

I should also like to express my appreciation to our Baptist State leadership in all departments of our work, including the educational department. All have treated me with the utmost respect and good will, and have from time to time offered many words of encouragement in the work at West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute. The fellowship and fraternal relations with the Education Commission have been deeply appreciated.

Several things contributed to the decision to resign, the two most important of which are, first the climate of West Kentucky has proven detrimental to both Mrs. Sloan and me ever since coming to Clinton. Each year we have both lost ground in health, and under the circumstances the administrative duties became too heavy to continue.

But the chief factor in the decision was the leadership of the Holy Spirit. During our entire ministry we have sought the leadership of the Holy Spirit in every move and activity, and then acted accordingly. It was under His leadership that we undertook this work 4 years ago, it is under the same leadership that we now take our leave.

What we shall do has not yet been determined. One thing is certain, it is my intention to keep busy in our Father's business until He shall call me home, or until the Savior comes again. There is much unfinished writing that I want to do. Furthermore, I hope to keep busy in supply work, interim pastorates, evangelistic revivals, Bible Conferences, and in any other way I might be of service to the brethren or churches. Just what our address will be is not yet known, but we can be reached through our State office in Louisville.

Keeping Up

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participation in the religious program of the community. Here is a church of 150 members that gave \$650 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Here is a church that has built a very lovely three-bed-room, modern home for the pastor in order that he might live comfortably on the field and thus render a better service to the church. Here is a church that has a graded choir program with Adult, Youth and Junior choirs rendering regular services for the church. Here is a small town church that grades its adults even to the oldest. These churches, it seems to me, are keeping up with the developments of modern life. This is the kind of church we believe God can bless.

Southern Baptist Leaders Help With Taiwan Crusade

Three Southern Baptist leaders, several Southern Baptist missionaries from other countries in the Orient, and a national Baptist leader from Hong Kong will do the preaching during Taiwan Baptists' simultaneous evangelistic crusade May 5-19.

Going from the States to take part in the campaign will be Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention; and Dr. Vernon B. Richardson, pastor of the University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

Joining them in Taiwan will be these missionaries: Rev. John A. Abernathy, of Korea; Rev. William R. Medling and Rev. Reiji Hoshizaki, of Japan; and Dr. James D. Belote, of Hong Kong. Rev.

Daniel Chang, of Hong Kong, is the national.

Invitations to participate have also been extended to Dr. Francis P. (Frank) Lide, of the Philippines, and Dr. Buford L. Nichols, of Indonesia.

The crusade will open on Sunday morning, May 5, with meetings in eight or ten places in the north end of the island. These meetings will close on Sunday morning, May 12, and others will begin in eight or ten places in the central and southern part of Taiwan that night. A large night rally is planned for Taipei on May 5, and at least three general rallies are planned the night of May 12 in the large cities of the south.

The two weeks' campaign is sponsored by the Taiwan Baptist Convention and the Taiwan Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). The Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$14,000 for the revivals from Advance Program funds earmarked for advance projects in evangelism and church development.

Dr. C. E. Autrey, associate professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., met with committees and five members from each of the 16 churches for two days early in March, assisting them with their preparations. Dr. Autrey had spent some time in Japan participating in planning conferences for evangelistic campaigns scheduled there for May and October.

Dr. Sanderson will go to Taiwan a few days before the crusade begins in order to help with the final preparations. The Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary will dismiss classes for the two weeks so that the teachers and students may help with the meetings.

UK Baptist Student Union Choir to Present Program on WHAS-TV

The B.S.U. Choir of the University of Kentucky will present a thirty-minute program on WHAS-TV April 13, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. The program, entitled "Songs of Faith," will be under the direction of Mr. Bill Ramsey, a sophomore at the University of Kentucky and Mr. Calvin Zongker, the Director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Kentucky.

CHOOSING FOR TOMORROW

A program to help the young people of the Long Run Association of Baptists in their Christian decision in the choice of a vocation, a mate and the best solution to their military obligations, is to be presented at Walnut Street Baptist Church on Saturday, April 6, 1957, from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. Speakers, who will also be available for group and individual conferences, will represent many fields including BUSINESS, FINANCE, EDUCATION, LAW, MEDICINE and its auxiliary vocations, ENGINEERS, SALES, among others. All of the young people of Long Run are invited.

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2:45 Serving through Study (Conferences for all age groups)
4:00 Serving through Song Frank Boggs
4:15 Young People's Speakers' Tournament—Section B.—
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8:35 Prepare for Serving through Summer Assemblies
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8:50 Serving through Dedication James W. Parrish

SATURDAY MORNING

- 8:30 Musical Meditation
8:35 Serving through Praise Frank Boggs
9:00 "Serving the Lord Christ through Home Missions" J. S. Bell
9:20 Business Period
9:35 Serving through Study (Conferences for all age groups)
10:50 Serving through Song Frank Boggs
11:00 Young People's Speakers' Tournament—Section A.—
James H. Whaley, conducting
(17-18 year Young People)
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12:10 Serving through Music Frank Boggs
12:15 Serving through Dedication James W. Parrish

Children's Home Policy Texas Baptists Change

DALLAS — (BP) — The executive board for the Baptist General Convention of Texas has laid preliminary plans for including the four Texas Baptist children's homes in the state's Cooperative Program.

Traditionally, the homes have been supported only by individual gifts from churches and persons over the state. Further, each home has conducted its own fund-raising campaign and has been responsible for its own management separate and apart from the others.

The homes formerly received no support from state missionary funds, and have been for the most part reluctant to enter into the Texas Baptist cooperative program of missions.

If, however, the children's homes are eventually included in the Cooperative Program budget, they will receive their operating expense from Cooperative Program funds. They will still solicit gifts for capital needs from individuals, but not from the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The four Texas children's homes—caring for 1,050 children—supported by Baptists are Buckner Orphans' Home, Dallas, Mexican Baptist Orphans' Home, San Antonio; Texas Baptist Children's Home, Round Rock; and the South Texas Children's Home, Pettus.

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State Secretary

Walton, First Baptist Graduates Teachers

The following is a statement received from Rev. Joseph R. Tackett, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Walton, Kentucky concerning a graduation service conducted recently.

On Sunday evening, March 3, 8:00 P.M., First Baptist Church, Walton, awarded Diplomas to twenty-four of its officers and teachers.

This training program stimulated by the Pastor's visit to Ridgecrest during Sunday School Week last year, and the use of new promotional materials, such as Efficiency Charts, provided by the State Sunday School Department, has been so enthusiastically received that the church hopes to make this a semi-annual affair.

Dr. Roy Boatwright, State Sunday School Secretary, brought an address on "The Value of Training." Presentation of the diplomas was made by the Pastor, Joseph R. Tackett. The service was concluded by a special Dedication Service. The Dedicatory Prayer was led by Bryan Rector, Sunday School Superintendent.

Those receiving Diplomas were Mrs. Bonnie Woods, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Mrs. Levi Pennington, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Miss Pearl Cotton, Mrs. Bryan Rector, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Dora Pennington, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mrs. Violet Praither, Mrs. Gaynelle Flynn, Mrs. Emma Lee Tackett, Mrs. Edith Gerth, Mrs. Helen Chance, Mrs. Leona Jump, Mrs. Willana Kilgore, Mrs. Lucitie Neumeister, Mrs. Juliana Shields, Mrs. Maxine McCubbin, Mr. Clifford Chance, Mr. Kyle Nicholson, Mr. Joe Neumeister, Mr. Bryan Rector and Joseph R. Tackett.

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- (2) Dedicate homes to God.
- (3) Unite families.
- (4) Preach and teach on the value of home-church co-operation.
- (5) Deliver the Home Life Magazine (with a Family Worship Commitment Card enclosed). Follow the schedule recommended for use by the Sunday school every month. Expand the deliveries this month so that each "prospective" home receives a copy of the magazine.

(6) Conduct a Baby Hunt. At this time seek to enrol additional babies in the Cradle Roll.

(7) The second Sunday in May is Family Day at which time all members of the family are urged to attend the church service and sit together as a family. Cradle Roll babies are given special recognition early in the church program and may then be carried to the Nursery. A sermon appropriate to the day and a warm welcome to the parents will have an influence for good in the lives of parents and may encourage them to form the habit of regular attendance.

(8) Plan carry-over activities. A successful Christian Home Week program must carry over into all the months of the year.

(For further information study the April issue of the *Sunday School Builder*.)

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Living Above Sin

Question: In reading 1 John 1:7-10, one is led to believe that even though we walk in the light, as a Christian, we are guilty of some sins, though we are trying to live as He wants us to. In 1 John 3:6, 9, it seems to say that a Christian lives above sin and whoever abides in Him cannot sin. What is the solution to this seeming contradiction?

Answer: You have the right word, "seeming," for actually in John's mind there was no contradiction. He didn't forget what he had written in the earlier part of the letter. Both things are true, namely, that all Christians sin every day and that no Christian ever settles down, abides, in sin.

If you want to get John's meaning clearly, read these passages in the Williams, or the Centenary (Montgomery), or the Phillips translation. The Williams is especially good. Unfortunately, the Revised Standard Version failed to translate this epistle accurately.

The gist of the problem is that John is saying that being a Christian will make a difference in his attitude toward sin. He "cannot practice sinning," (1 John 3:9 Williams) because he is born of God. But neither is he entirely free from sin. This is what God's Word says, and this is what any thoughtful observer can notice.

I do not know why God does not allow some of His saints to become perfect but He doesn't. That's the way it is. And that is the way John wrote it.

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

Wake Forest Building To Be Dedicated Soon

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — (BP) — The new Wake Forest College law school building here will be dedicated April 26. Principal speakers for the ceremonies will be Dean Albert J. Harno, University of Illinois, college of law, and Luther Hodges, governor of North Carolina.

The Most Wasted Hour

By BRUCE H. PRICE
First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia

"Our Troubled Sunday Schools," a feature article in Life magazine, February 11 issue, has caused no little storm among religious leaders across the country. Few Southern Baptist papers and denominational leaders agree with the statement of a 14-year-old boy or with Dr. Wesley Shrader, writer of the article, that "Sunday school is the most wasted hour of the week."

Some of the reaction to the article has been rather violent. The editor of the Florida Baptist Witness writes on his editorial page, "The professor not only does a most inadequate job of reporting, but he then proceeds to try to build his case on the 'exceptions' rather than the 'rule' in Sunday school plans and practices. He has largely ignored the amazing growth of the Sunday school curriculum and the extension of Sunday school projects during the past dozen years or so."

Dr. Virgil E. Foster, editor of the International Journal of Religious Education says, "A most inadequate job of reporting on religious education in America today."

"The article was not objective," writes Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., in the Western Recorder of Kentucky. "Dr. Shrader began by assuming that all Sunday schools are in a troubled condition. Many brethren doubt that the Yale professor has earned the right to speak on his subject. His educational program at First Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., was not noteworthy by Southern Baptist standards."

The editor of Charity and Children, North Carolina, was rather pointed in reference to the Sunday school at Lynchburg during the pastorate of Dr. Shrader, suggesting that the professor is not qualified to speak from experience on how to build a successful educational program: "The 1956 Southern Baptist Handbook provides some interesting information on the final year he served the Virginia church. With a membership of 1,241, the church has only 715 enrolled in Sunday school."

"We fear this former Southern Baptist, now a Yale professor," writes the editor of Alabama Baptist, "has absorbed much of the spirit of his school which is not turning out preachers or religious workers who are turning the world upside down."

"How can a period which produces 90 per cent of the church membership be called wasted?" asks Rev. Neil Armstrong.

"I feel he has kind of twisted the picture around," says Keener Pharr,

minister of education, First Church, Charlotte, N. C.

"One would expect a theological professor to be up-to-date in his investigations and thinking," states the editor of Biblical Recorder.

Quoting Rev. Herman W. Cobb, Elizabethton, Tenn.: "It seems that Dr. Shrader has merely sought out the opposition among those who do not take Sunday school seriously, and in like manner has failed to secure the opinions of countless thousands of people who have been blessed immeasurably by the contributions Sunday school has made and is making."

Practically all the above writers who feel that Dr. Shrader's article is not factual, agree that there is room for much improvement in the Sunday school and hope the article will be helpful. "Our Sunday schools can be improved."—Charity and Children. "It should challenge every pastor to pause and consider."—Gainer E. Bryan, Jr. "This article in Life magazine should be a challenge to many of our people to give more attention to the improvement of our Sunday schools."—Biblical Recorder. "We realize that our Sunday schools are not perfect."—Alabama Baptist.

Coming to the defense of Dr. Shrader is Rev. Warren Carr of Durham, N. C., in these words: "His emphasis is that the Sunday school is of such vast potential and that this potential is not being utilized to its fullest extent. The question of waste is brought in simply because of the great achievements which are possible in religious education but which are not being realized."

If Dr. Shrader's article inspires Sunday school leaders to take a new appraisal of their work, and strengthen the weak points, it will serve a good

purpose. However, some feel that Sunday schools have suffered an unwarranted attack from one of their own number which will do more harm than good.

May I close by saying that Dr. Shrader is a gifted writer and Christian gentleman. He knows how to prepare an article which will be accepted by his editors. The old adage is followed, "When a dog bites a man it is not news, but when a man bites a dog it is news." If the minister had written a J. Edgar Hoover article praising the Sunday schools for their influence in saving juveniles from delinquency and building good citizens, it would have found a publisher in the religious field, but not in Life. The professor bit the Sunday school. I hope both survive.

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Grace Church Ordains Oscar Poole, Lexington

Grace Baptist Church, of which Dr. George M. Trout is pastor, has ordained to the gospel ministry Brother Oscar Poole. Ordination took place Sunday, March 17, 1957.

In the examination Pastor Trout served as moderator. Dr. Henry A. Buchanan was clerk. Others taking part in the examination were Rev. William Holladay, Dr. Ellis Tiffany, Rev. N. P. Delaney. Replies to the examining questions were satisfactory in every respect and the examining council recommended that the church ordain Brother Poole.

On motion by Deacon E. C. Neimann and second by Deacon J. S. Woodward, the church voted to accept the recommendation of the council. All ordained me present—preachers and deacons—laid hands on Brother Poole's head. Dr. Trout delivered the charge both to the newly ordained minister and to the church.

Ordination sermon was preached by Rev. R. Paul Kercher who told of the decision Brother Poole had made to embrace Baptist views and enter the Baptist ministry. Following the sermon, Brother Harry Price prayed the concluding prayer, asking God's blessings on Brother Poole and the church at Richmond, Indiana, where he will serve.

Attention Religious Educators

J. M. Price

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No church may have more than 10 messengers. Many will require a smaller number. Messengers are elected by the churches and cards signed by the moderator or church clerk. Please order as many cards as you need.

►Dr. J. Estill Jones, professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary, is the evangelist in a revival at Wing Avenue Baptist Church of Owensboro April 14-21. The pastor, Dan Thomas, is leading the music.

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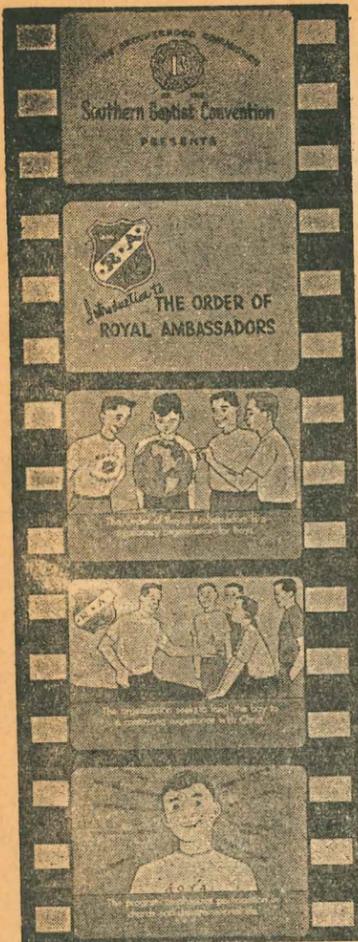
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"Mission Activity . . . Has Made Us"

BERKLEY, Calif. — Golden Gate Seminary) — The third Missionary Day of the current session featured Dr. W. W. Barnes, professor emeritus of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, as the speaker. Addressing us out of his experience as a missionary, seminary professor, and church history scholar, his message was titled "Missions Saved Us."

Early in his message Dr. Barnes pointed out that life in its very essence tends to reproduce itself, that life not propagating itself ceases. He said, "In the story of the Dead Sea can be seen the history of missions."

"About 125 years ago a division occurred among Baptists, dividing them into Missionary Baptists and Anti-Missionary or Hardshell Baptists. The story of the Anti-Missionary Baptists is that of the Dead Sea—they have diminished in life and number. Missionary Baptists on the other hand have increased from 125,000 . . . to ten to twelve million. . . . The essence of the Christian life is missionary fervor. 'Come and see; go and tell.'"

People north of Philadelphia, Dr. Barnes explained, began to form Societies, while those in the South used the Convention or denominational method. "Geographical divisions (home missions, foreign missions) are simply for convenience (programming, financing, etc.)," he said, "for there is no north or south, east or west in God's kingdom." However, "Home Mission work was saving the life of our Convention!

" . . . In 1882, doing away with Home Missions west of the Mississippi was discussed, because of lack of funds and missionaries. But it was decided to keep them, for you must have a home front to have a foreign front. . . . Therefore, if we enlarge our tents, then we must strengthen the ropes and drive the stakes deeper. We must strengthen the home base. Consolidating the Convention in each state was part of this strengthening process.

"From the opening years of the 20th century, after developing our Home Mission program, our Foreign Mission work has enlarged into the ranks of today. . . . That spirit of mission activity at home . . . has made us the people we are today," he concluded.

Why I Chose Nursing As A Career

By Verna Mae Ping
Student Nurse

At Ridgecrest, N. C., in July, 1954, I attended a Southern Baptist Assembly. For several years I had realized that just as God had a plan for the lives of Christians down through the ages who have heard and answered His call, even so He has a purpose in His will for my life. It was there that I became conscious of what I desire in Life.

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W.M.U. Annual Meeting In Chicago May 26-28, 1957

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And fret with spires the western sky,
To tell that God is yet with us,
And love is still miraculous."

These lines from "Chicago," written by John Greenleaf Whittier after the great fire of 1871, could be applied today. Many eyes and prayers are turned toward this city where Southern Baptist work is still considered a pioneer mission field. The growth of our work in this city in the last five years can be described by the only word that describes everything else about it—BIG.

Chicago! The hub of the nation in population, location, industry, transportation and American culture is making ready for the Convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting. The 18,000 members of the Illinois Woman's Missionary Union, under the leadership of Mrs. Paul Hays, president, and Miss Helen Sinclair, Executive secretary are making preparation for your arrival.

Being your host this year is doubly important to Illinois; first, we are happy to have you as our guests; second, we want you to have fellowship with us during our Fiftieth Anniversary as a W.M.U. organization and the fiftieth year that Illinois Baptists have affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The annual meeting will be held again in the Medinah Temple. Every effort

is being made for your comfort and pleasure. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, is planning a program of information, interest and inspiration. The Fiftieth Anniversary Y. W. A. presentation will be something you cannot afford to miss.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, and former president of Baptist World Alliance, will preach at our opening session Sunday night, May 26. Adele Norman Siske, Chicago, who sang at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland, will be soloist. The memorial service will be led by Mrs. John L. Slaughter, Spartanburg, South Carolina. So you see from this brief preview that you will not want to miss a minute of all that is in store for you.

P.S. The heart of the Windy City is kind and friendly, but the lake breeze is really chilly. Bring a warm wrap!

CREDENTIAL CARDS FOR CHICAGO MEETING

Kentucky's number of accredited messengers to the Chicago convention is eighty-eight. Mail requests immediately in order that your name may be on the list to be presented by the state office to the Birmingham headquarters office. These names must be in Miss Hunt's office by May 17. When your request comes to our office, you will be mailed an accreditation form to be signed by your WMS president. You will present this card at the registration desk in Chicago, thereby signifying you are an accredited messenger, but your name must be filed with the Birmingham office by May 17.

If our quota of eighty-eight is not filled by 1:30 p.m. on Monday, others from Kentucky may register as messengers on Monday afternoon. The registration desk will close Monday evening.

YOUTH CORNER: The 1957 G.A. House Parties!

The five G. A. House Parties, held this year on the four Baptist college campuses and Oneida Institute, are now history. We're grateful for these Baptist institutions and the Y. W. A. Councils on each, who provide generously for these week ends for our Baptist young people. We note with interest a definite increase in the number of associations and churches represented. The girls, counselors and staff came from 50 different associations and 132 churches, as against 44 associations and 109 churches last year.

	1956	1957
Oneida	(not held)	123
Campbellsville	129	146
Georgetown	228	163
Bethel	90	226
Cumberland	234	283
Total	681	941

It was interesting to note the increase in attendance of G.A.s in the nearby area of the houseparty as they commuted to the services. They account for some of the increase in this year's total. We still had to keep the "ceiling" of five G.A.s and one counselor per church per house party.

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JUNE 12-22**

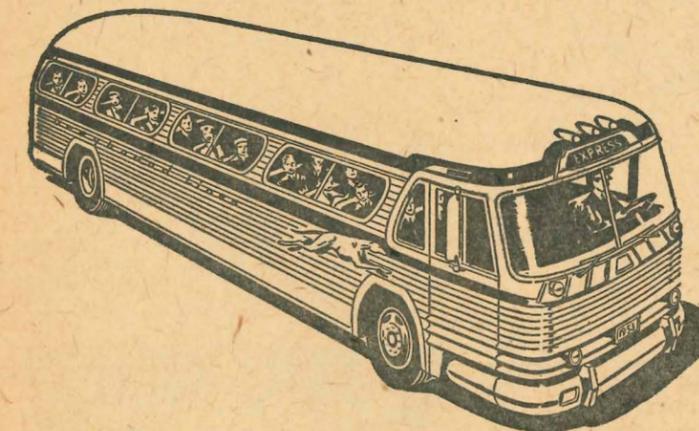
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April 4, 1957

Sunday School Lesson

For April 14, 1957

By H. C. Chiles

Jesus Praised And Condemned

Heralded by His forerunner, John the Baptist, Christ had begun His labors under what appeared to be most propitious circumstances. Multitudes flocked to hear Him and to see the miracles which He performed. A thoughtless mob was even ready to "take him by force, to make him a king" (John 6:15), but He did not permit them to do so.

Christ was entering the final period of His earthly ministry. "Six days before the passover" (John 12:1) our Lord proceeded to Bethany, where a feast was prepared in the home of His devoted friends and followers, Mary and Martha. Their brother, Lazarus, was present also, Christ having raised him from the dead. Without delay the chief priests held a consultation as to how they might put both Christ and Lazarus to death.

I. The Preparation. Matthew 21:1-6.

As Christ and His disciples approached Jerusalem, they came upon a little village named Bethpage. There Christ demonstrated His omniscience by commanding two of His disciples to "Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them." The providing of these animals was not man's plan, but the outworking of all things according to Christ's foreknowledge.

Having received the Lord's instructions, the disciples immediately went to do as they had been commanded. We could wish that all Christians were as prompt in their obedience to Christ as these early disciples were. At first His command may have seemed strange and unreasonable, but they fully obeyed Him without a question or a protest. Luke's record informs us that the owner of the animals did ask the disciples why they were taking them away, and they answered him as they had been instructed by the Saviour, "The Lord hath need of them." Of course, the owner never had any occasion to regret the loan of his animals to the Lord.

II. The Presentation. Matthew 21:7-11.

In exact fulfillment of the prophecy of Zechariah, which had been recorded some five centuries before, the disciples placed their outer garments upon the animals and set the Lord Jesus upon the colt.

It was customary among the Orientals for a monarch to ride upon an animal

covered with very expensive cloths. In the case of the Lord riding this colt, the disciples did not have the money with which to purchase such coverings, nor the time to procure them, so they stripped themselves of their outer garments and used them for this purpose. As a mark of honor for conquerors who entered in triumphal procession, the people frequently spread costly carpets and garments in their paths. When Christ came into the city, many of the multitude preceding Him spread their garments in the way, and others of them cut down branches from the trees to spread before Him. Not only by their actions, but also by their words, the multitudes preceding and following Christ acknowledged His claims to kingship by crying: "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

The arrival of that cavalcade produced a veritable tumult throughout the city of Jerusalem. Out of that wide-spread emotional stir there came the cry from many lips, "Who is this?" In response to this inquiry there came the reply, "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." It is quite possible, though, that some of the same people who cried "Hosanna" also uttered the awful exclamation "Crucify Him."

III. The Prisoner. Matthew 2:20-26.

Christ was the victim of undying hatred that would not be satisfied with anything less than His death. After He was seized in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was taken before Pilate and accused of political conspiracy or treason.

When he examined Christ, Pilate found no fault in Him, but the blood-thirsty mob was clamoring for the death penalty. Pilate's wife insisted that he not get mixed up with that godless affair. Looking for a way of escape, Pilate suggested to the mob that, inasmuch as it was the season for a notorious prisoner to be released, he give them the privilege of choosing between the release of a desperate criminal named Barabbas and Christ Jesus. Having been influenced by their embittered leaders, the mob demanded the release of Barabbas. Then Pilate asked that memorable and all-important question, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" Like demons they cried, "Let him be crucified." Afraid to follow his own convictions, this champion fence-straddler betrayed his official trust, yielded to the demand of

the rabble and sacrificed the Son of God to the infuriated mob.

It was very evident to Pilate, as well as to all other observers, that the accusers of Christ wanted the death penalty inflicted on their Prisoner regardless of what the facts were in the case. Not wanting Christ put to death, and begin anxious to avert making the Jews angry, Pilate tried to avoid doing anything with Him, but that was impossible. A person cannot avoid doing something with Christ. He will either receive Him or reject Him, confess Him or deny Him, be His friend or His foe, be for Him or against Him. Everyone should receive Christ as his personal Saviour, enthrone Him in his heart as the Lord of his life, confess Him before the world and witness to others about Him. Such an attitude will never cause any regrets.

"This Is the Answer"

The phenomenal growth of "This Is The Answer," television film series of the Southern Baptist Baptist Convention, has no equal in the brief history of television, according to a veteran TV film executive.

Pierre Couderc, associate producer of many religious films for Family Films, Inc., Hollywood, Calif., says that no other public service program has been as readily accepted and as well-received by television stations throughout the nation.

"This Is The Answer" is now carried on a sustaining basis by 132 stations in the United States, Hawaii, and Alaska. It is currently being scheduled in Australia, Korea and North Africa as well.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America for the Foreign Mission Board, will be speaker for the third Missionary-Day program of the 1956-57 session of New Orleans Seminary. Missionary-Day is observed several times during the year to create better understanding of and devotion to the mission program of Southern Baptists.

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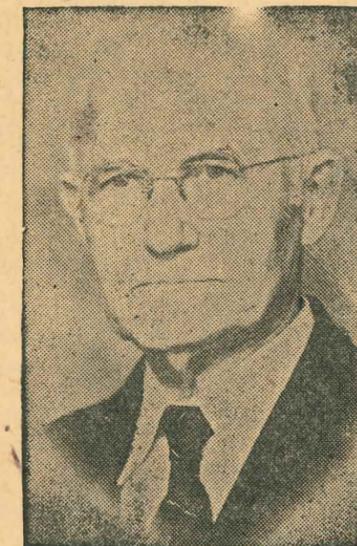
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MARCH 24, 1957

Numerals after church indicates number of missions.		T.U.	Add.	S.S.
Lou., Walnut Street (4)		365	9	1,842
Bowling Green, First (1)		282	1	1,201
Lou., Beechmont (2)		225	6	1,196
Lou., Parkland (1)		287	4	1,137
Lou., Beechland (1)		322	5	1,093
Owensboro, First		216		1,066
Madisonville, First		303		1,052
Harrodsburg (2)		293		1,038
Hopkinsville, Second (1)		244		1,031
Lexington, Ashland Ave.		1,028		1,028
Owensboro, Third		277		1,000
Mayfield First		987		987
Covington, Latonia (1)		306		973
Lexington, Immanuel		371	1	962
Lou., St. Matthews		227	3	950
E'town, Severn's Valley (2)		182		944
Newport, First (2)		222	1	923
Evansville, Grace		315		910
Lou., Victory Memorial (2)		224	2	896
Lex., Calvary (1)		231		883
Lou., South Jefferson		202	4	852
Murray, First (1)		839		837
Lexington, Grace (1)		220	3	827
Frankfort, First (1)		357		826
Georgetown (3)		100	6	816
Henderson, Temple (3)		184		808
Hopkinsville, First (1)		123		803
Covington, Calvary		188	4	789
Glasgow (2)		133		770
Lou., Third Avenue (1)		133		752
Ashland, First (2)		126		710
Somerset, First (1)		179	2	680
Harlan		179	2	652
Lou., Shively (1)		192		646
Campbellsville (3)		192	2	634
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole Memorial (12)		173		630
Lou., Baptist Tabernacle		139		618
London, First		140	7	584
Lebanon, First (1)		97	7	584
Lou., Clifton (1)		205		581
Lou., Hazelwood		92		571
Barbourville, First		158		561
Middlesboro, First (2)		137		559
Evansville, Calvary		106	1	555
Winchester, Central		128		553
Lou., Eastern Parkway		150	3	553
Fulton, First		232		552
Lou., South Side		130		542
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)		84		537
Paducah, East		144		534
Lou., Broadway (2)		159		531
Erlanger		109		530
Covington, Southside		82		510
Hodgenville, First		159		503
Princeton, First		116	25	495
Bellevue		89		490
Versailles		131	10	483
Ashland, Unity		113	8	473
Lou., Deer Park		163		457
Lexington, Rosemont		88		454
Lou., Bethany		88		453
Cynthiana (1)		74		451
Owensboro, Hall Street		113	12	451
Richmond, First		97	1	451
Ft. Thomas, First (1)		113		446
Lou., Eighteenth Street (1)		97		441
Russellville, First (1)		105	2	434
Owensboro, Buena Vista		87	6	429
Ludlow, First		146		423
Lou., Farmdale		117		421
Lou., Immanuel		212	3	417
Covington, First		114		405
Jeffersonton		87	3	403
Lou., Baptist Temple (1)		132		400
Evansville, Keck Avenue		114		398
Lou., Fairdale		94	1	392
Ashland, Pollard (2)		114		390
Lou., Shawnee		51		390
Bardstown		172	8	385
Frankfort, Thorn Hill		111		372
Greenville, First		66		369
LaGrange, DeHaven		65		365
Memorial (1)		86	11	359
Corbin, First		132	3	356
Hazard, First		137		355
Dawson Springs		133		354
Anchorage, Pleasant Grove		121	5	351
Mt. Washington		123	5	349
Nicholasville		159	4	343
Walton, First		101		338
Frankfort, Crestwood		276	1	328
Lou., Valley View		62		312
Lou., Gethsemane		64	1	308
Glendale, Gilead		79		307
Middletown, First		102		301
Sturris, First		86		294
Williamson, W. Va., East Williamson		75	3	290
Dayton, First		50		289
Scottsville, First				
Marion				
Lou., East Audubon				
Cadiz				

Campbellsville, South			
Campbellsville	116		287
Sonora	127	5	275
Lou., Audubon	86	2	271
Hawesville	94		265
Lou., East	104	3	264
Monticello, First	84		262
Covington, Ashland Ave.	74		261
Lou., High View	55	1	260
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	95		257
Owensboro, Seven Hills	64		255
Carrollton, First	50		245
Horse Cave			234
Cloverport (1)			228
Ferguson (1)			221
Hazel			219
Earlington			213
Perryville			211
Carlisle			209
Newport, Trinity	100		204
Aetna Grove	73		203
Owensboro, Temple	63	5	203
Forks of Elkhorn	49	2	101

R. P. Mahon Passes To His Reward

PINEVILLE, Ky. — Dr. R. P. Mahon, dean emeritus of Clear Creek Baptist School, died Thursday, March 21. His body was laid to rest by the side of



Dr. R. P. Mahon

his wife's in Pineville Cemetery. Mrs. Mahon died several years ago.

Dr. Mahon retired from his work with the local school at the age of 83 and the same year (1949) began making his home with his son, Robert Mahon, Jackson, Tenn. Two other children survive him—Dr. George Mahon, prominent pathologist, Knoxville, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mahon Smith, Shreveport, La. Dr. Mahon was an M.A. graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and was five years pastor of Humbolt Baptist Church, Humbolt, Tenn. The Foreign Mission Board appointed him missionary to Mexico in 1898 and he there led in founding two schools. He served in Mexico 13 years.

Returning to the States, he became pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., and served about six years. He then assisted in raising funds for constructing a Baptist hospital at Alexandria and became its first superintendent.

Dr. Mahon was one of the first trustees of Baptist Bible Institute (now New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary). In 1920 he joined the faculty of the Institute as head of the Department of Missions and Modern Languages and served until 1930.

While still on the faculty of the Institute, he visited Pineville (summer of 1926) to assist Dr. L. C. Kelly with a mission school being started for training preachers with only limited educational opportunities. This marked the beginning of what turned out to be a long career—twenty-three years—of useful and outstanding service to the institution known until recently as Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School.

From 1933 to 1942 Dr. Mahon was pastor of First Baptist Church, London, Ky., in addition to teaching duties in summer sessions of the Bible School at Clear Creek. In 1942 he resigned the pastorate and began devoting full time to the school.

Announcing plans to retire in 1949, after having served the school in many capacities—as teacher, business manager, and dean—he reflected: "It seems only yesterday that I saw Clear Creek Springs for the first time, and yet it has been 23 years. I was only 60 years old, just a 'young sprout,' and now I am 83 and am laying my armor down, passing the torch to other and younger hands."

Funeral service was conducted Friday, March 22, at First Baptist Church, Pineville, with Dr. L. T. Hastings, of Clear Creek School, in charge. Assisting Dr. Hastings were President D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek School, and Dr. T. D. Brown, senior professor.

The 1957 Southern Baptist handbook will include results of a survey made by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of church buildings. According to this survey, 16% of churches surveyed now have units under construction while 35% are now making definite plans for new educational units and 20% for new auditoriums.

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"Christians believe that all nations under God can have a new birth of freedom."

When Abraham Lincoln sat down to write his famed Gettysburg Address, he wanted to express a profound personal conviction. He believed that his country, which had dedicated itself to freedom, would experience new freedom out of the bloody sacrifices of Gettysburg. So he wrote, "that the nation shall have a new birth of freedom—" But at Gettysburg, as he faced his audience, Lincoln extemporized. Under the solemn spell of the occasion, he said instead, "that the nation, *under God*, shall have a new birth of freedom—."

Lifted from their context, Lincoln's words state an eternal truth. Christians believe that not this nation alone, but all nations *under God* can have new freedom. Not freedom from physical slavery only, but freedom from sin. It is freedom bought, like that at Gettysburg, with sacrifice—the sacrifice of the Son of God.

In observing World Missions Year, we Southern Baptists are declaring anew our belief that the Christian message can set men free. We are declaring our desire to go all-out in a program to send that message.

Lincoln, standing at Gettysburg only a few weeks after the battle, could not realize that the all-out effort of that battle had already turned the tide of the Civil War. If we Southern Baptists, nine million strong, will truly go all-out through the World Missions Year, we can mark a turning point in the war to save the world from sin.

Mrs. Owens is a prominent writer, the author of *Minnie Belle*.

Government Medical Loans Endorsed by Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (BP) — The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona has endorsed proposed legislation making government loans available for denominational hospital and medical facilities.

The proposed legislation in Congress would amend the present Hill-Burton Act which permits government grants to public and denominational hospitals, but does not provide for loans.

A similar position was taken recently by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Administrators, who met in Chicago. Prior to that the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and several other Baptist groups had asked for changes in the Hill-Burton Act.

While one or two Baptist hospitals have accepted Hill-Burton grants, others have declined them.

Baptist groups seeking changes in the law feel that government grants to denominational hospitals violate the principle of separation of church and state. They do not consider loans in the same light.

A recent editorial appearing in the Religious Herald, weekly newspaper of Southern Baptists in Virginia, questioned whether Baptists ought even to accept government loans for denominational hospitals.

Lottie Moon Offering Exceeds Former Years

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts have already exceeded any previous year and some funds are yet to be reported, Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced here.

The total through March 19 was \$4,528,454. Last year's final amount, not reported until April 30, was \$4,508,063, according to Routh.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds, given in memory of a pioneer Southern

Baptist missionary to China, help support the 1,100 foreign missionaries sponsored by Southern Baptists in more than 35 countries.

The offerings are received in December and January through the 30,800 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. They reach the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office in Nashville from then through April.

Growth of New Campus Approved By Seminary

BERKELEY, Calif. — (BP) — The board of trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary meeting here approved the progress of the Seminary's new campus at Strawberry Point in Marin County, Calif., north of San Francisco. With grading completed, and landscaping near completion, installation of utilities will begin soon.

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Preaching in the Church is Called For

By W. G. STRACENER
Florida Baptist Witness

The leader of Eastern Orthodoxy, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, has called for systematic preaching of sermons at Sunday services in churches throughout the patriarchate of Istanbul, according to a Religious News Service release from Istanbul. He made the request at a meeting of vicars of Greek Orthodox churches.

The Patriarch said that if there were not enough preachers to meet the demands of every church in the area, members of the Halki School of Theology graduating class would be requested to preach. This is his first major step taken to spread the preaching of sermons among Greek Orthodox in Istanbul. Heretofore, there has been no systematic preaching of sermons in the Greek Orthodox churches of Turkey.

Upon seeing this news item perhaps many a Baptist would wonder how a meaningful worship service could be long maintained without the preaching of sermons, or how a vital stimulation to service can be effected through ritual without any preaching. Well, the truth is that it can't be—at least very often or for very long at the time—as the leader in Turkey has no doubt discovered.

Lovely buildings, exquisite appointments, beautiful rituals and "good form" in worship services are fine in their places, but their places are still minor in comparison to preaching. It pleased God through the foolishness—not of lovely sanctuaries, exquisite appointments, beautiful rituals and good form—but of *preaching*, to save them that believe. Without the prophet telling forth the Word of God in preaching, lovely buildings can soon become but mausoleums, rituals but salve for worshippers' undisturbed consciences, and good form but perfume for comfortable selfishness.

In this day when Baptists are beginning to think and act like a "church" instead of a "sect" and become identified with rather than set against the world, it would be mighty easy to drift into the current of rising formalism upon which the "popular religion" of our day seems so head-bent. The absence of spirituality in an awakening which makes religion the proper and popular thing always demands ritual and form, because there just must be something beautiful in worship to fill up the spiritual emptiness. On the other hand, a revival of real Christianity which makes for persecution rather than popularity (because seeing the changed

lives of its converts condemns the world) always sees spiritual content as more important than institutional form in its services.

While it often tends to gain more audience participation, which is to be desired, the development of the ritualistic and formal in worship services also tends toward more accent on what man says to God rather than on what God says to man. A large and proper place for the right kind of preaching, on the other hand, gives greater accent to what God says to man. This, we believe, is the accent the world sorely needs. As we work for good form in our services that everything may be done "decently and in order," may Baptists continue to see that preaching is given its scripturally significant and central place.

►George F. Serson, Red Oak, Va., has accepted pastorate of First Baptist Church, Boca Grande, Fla.

►Chaplain (Lt.-Col.) Henry L. Gillenwaters, assistant Army chaplain, Fort George G. Meade, Md., has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Eastport, Md. He has left the chaplaincy.

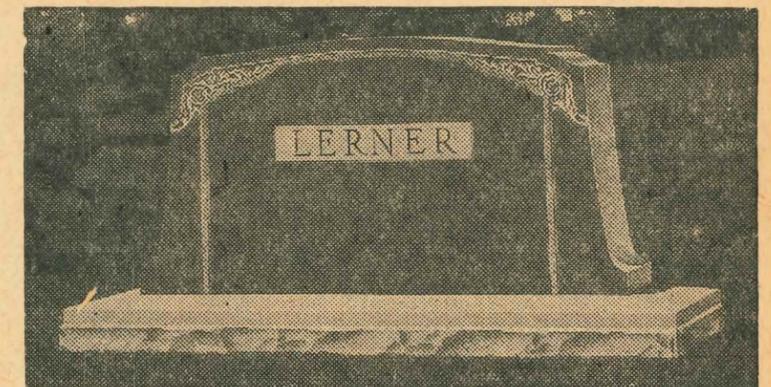
►Warren C. Hultgren, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., for the past two years, will move to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 1.

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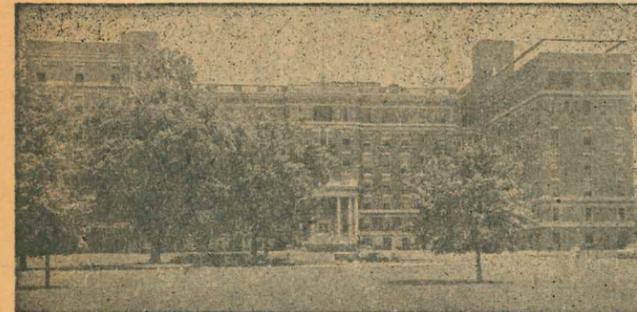
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A 47-year old man, father of four children, was badly burned in a gasoline explosion. The man was a day laborer without property or financial reserve. He was entered in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital as a charity patient. Hospital personnel learned that the patient was not a Christian and led him to an acceptance of Christ as his personal Saviour. The doctors found it necessary to amputate both legs above the knees. Recovery has been satisfactory. He is witnessing to the saving and sustaining power of God's grace. He asked us to say, "Thank you" for him.

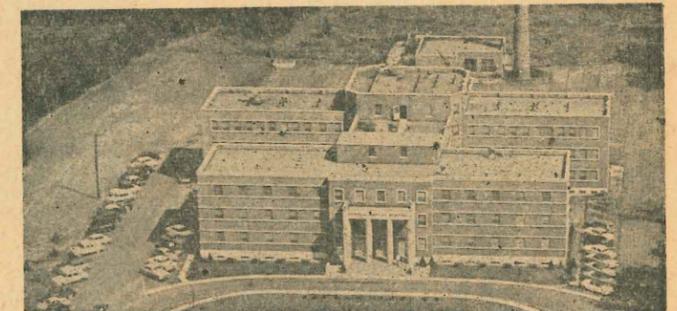
The Sunday School Charity Fund means the difference between a crippling injury and vigorous health for a little boy who was brought to Central Baptist Hospital last year with a shattered elbow. Eight days after he came in, this lad went home to resume normal activities. The total cost of restoring a boy's arm was \$139.30 paid by the Sunday School Charity Fund.

"Stretch forth thy hand!" commanded our Lord. If we will stretch forth our hands with a Mother's Day offering in them, those who are crippled can stretch forth their hands and be made whole.

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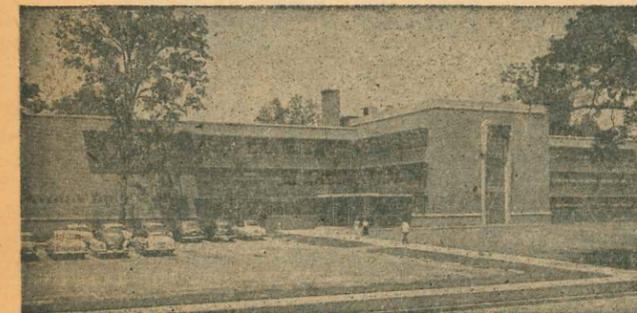
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WESTERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Paducah, Kentucky

Emmett R. Johnson, Administrator



An 86-year old widow had an accident resulting in a broken hip. She owned no property and had no income other than a small pension. There was no one to pay for hospitalization and medical care. The pastor of a local Baptist Church in Western Kentucky contacted the Administrator of Western Baptist Hospital and she was admitted to the hospital as a patient under the Sunday School Charity Fund. The patient stayed in the hospital 43 days during which time the hip was repaired. After the patient was discharged the pastor of the church and the patient received a bill in the amount of \$576.90 marked "Paid by the Baptist Sunday Schools of Kentucky."

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