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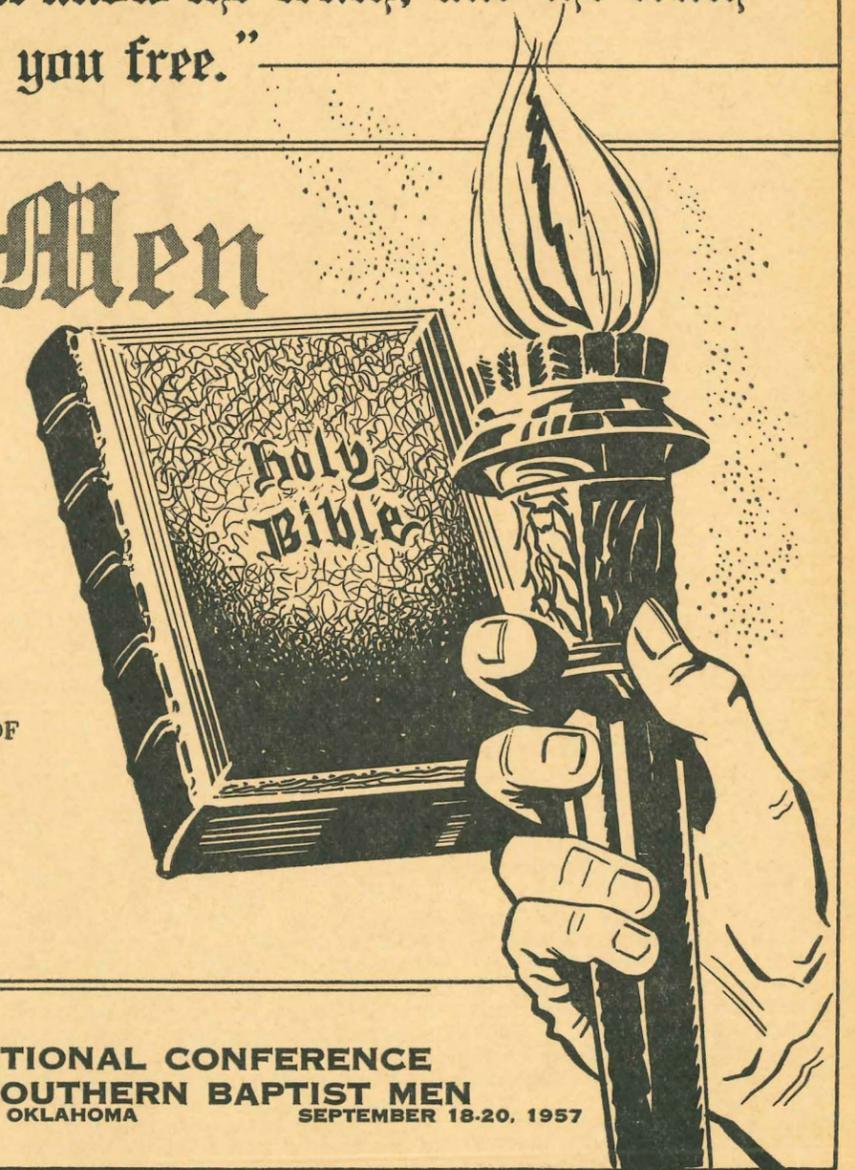
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▶Dr. F. Townley Lord will deliver the commencement address at Furman University on June 2.

▶The 50th anniversary of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly will be officially observed July 24 at Ridgecrest North Carolina.

▶Fifty churches participated in a simultaneous revival in the Los Angeles Baptist Association, and the result totaled 670 new members.

▶The simultaneous revival, District of Columbia Baptist Convention, with 43 churches participating, brought 887 additions—562 for baptism.

▶Gideons International recently presented its 35 millionth Bible, which was given to an executive of the world's largest hotel chain, the Conrad Hilton.

▶Twelve years ago there were seventy-seven medical schools in the United States with graduates totaling 5,136. Now: eighty-two medical schools; 7,000 new doctors a year. Enrolment is up 35 per cent since 1940 and population is up 28 per cent.—*Survey Bulletin*.

▶Mrs. Edwin McNeely, Professor of Piano, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, died April 16 following a long illness. Mrs. McNeely, wife of Dr. Edwin McNeely, Professor of Ministry of Music at the Seminary, has been teaching at Southwestern since 1920.

▶During the 1956-57 school year, enrolment in the 70 Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries and schools reached 57,335—ahead of the previous year by 3,653. Not included in this figure were 7,981 students in special noncredit and extension classes, and about 3,500 in the Seminary Extension Department.

▶A government committee studying alcohol in France is sponsoring the provision of free milk and soft drinks to factory workers. The new drinks are being readily accepted, in contrast to the days when workers drank six to eight glasses of red wine a day.—*Survey Bulletin*.

▶Pastor David A. Nelson, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, states that Dr. Wayne E. Ward of Southern Seminary was evangelist in a recent revival in his church, and that Dr. Loren Williams of the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board directed the singing. It was a good revival.

▶The National Religious Publicity Council at its 28th annual meeting in New York has honored four daily newspapers for their outstanding coverage of religious activities. Those honored were the *Charlotte Observer* (N.C.), *Oakland Tribune* (Calif.), *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (Mo.), and the *Pottstown Mercury* (Pa.).

▶According to Southern Baptist Handbook, Southern Baptist churches in cities account for 23 per cent of all Southern

Baptist churches, 52 per cent of Southern Baptist church membership, 56 per cent of Southern Baptist Sunday school enrolment, 72 per cent of Southern Baptist mission gifts, and 68 per cent of Southern Baptist church property.

▶An example of the cost of alcohol: Police records of a fifty-four year old drunk in a major American city show he has been jailed 285 times, costing the city a total of \$45,373 for police and court costs, jail keep, and hospital care. This includes fifty-two fines paid by the subject totaling \$510. Drunks cost each major United States city more than \$1 million a year.

▶Howard Cobble, a student in the Southern Seminary, was the evangelist and Benny Walker, also a Seminary student, was the song leader in a revival with the First Church, Salyersville, April 14-21. The Sunday school reached a record attendance of 178 on April 21. Pastor Shirley DeBell baptized 11 people on the final Sunday night, with people crowding the auditorium.

▶A survey of the National Education Association reveals that most teachers are married and are parents. More than half are women teaching in the elementary grades. The majority of all teachers are college graduates with bachelor's degrees. More teachers have higher degrees than lack any degree. Most teachers are active church members and belong to at least one or two community organizations.—*Survey Bulletin*.

▶The forming of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, first Baptist association in America, 250 years ago, was commemorated recently in Convention Hall by a dinner attended by two thousand representatives from 127 churches, including the five original churches. The meeting served as a rally of Philadelphia Baptists in preparation for the 50th anniversary meeting of the American Baptist Convention there, May 29-June 4.—*Survey Bulletin*.

▶On June 10 Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Dobbins will leave San Francisco for a world tour under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance, visiting chiefly Baptist groups in the Orient. Dr. Dobbins will lead pre-arranged conferences in discussions of needs, opportunities, difficulties, and plans of Sunday school and Training Union work (or the equivalent by other names), with a view to promoting a great concerted movement for better buildings, more attractive printed materials, more adequate leadership and membership training, for the growing of churches capable of reaching, teaching, and winning the multitudes of every land. Next summer (1958) Dr. Dobbins plans to make a similar tour of Europe and the British Isles.

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▶Ernest Martin was ordained to the Gospel ministry at the First Baptist Church, Hustonville, Ky., March 24 at 2:00 p.m. The council was composed of nearby Baptist ministers and deacons. Pastor W. R. Bradshaw was moderator; B. C. Norris, Jr., Middleburg, clerk; and the charge to the ministers and deacons was given by Tinsley Ball, Jr., New Salem. The ordination sermon was preached by Albert Gisler, McKinney, the interrogation was led by Henry T. Parrott, Stanford, and the Bible was presented by H. R. Watson, Harris Creek. Brother Martin is pastor of the Moreland Mission and assistant pastor at the Hustonville Church. He is a student at Georgetown College. The same council also examined and the church ordained Tom Cochran, Lawrence Webb, Phillip Rousey and Woodrow McMullin as deacons.

# Cooperative Program Day Will Help Our Baptist Schools

By H. LEO EDDLEMAN  
Georgetown, Ky.

The turret on a battleship can be trained on first one target and then another. If the gun were rigidly stationary, it would be effective only at those rare moments when the entire ship comes in line with the objective.

That incomparable missionary instrument, the Cooperative Program, like a mighty revolving turret, can be beamed first on one cause and then another. Through it an individual or a church comes nearer carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord than through any organized effort. It builds and sustains great institutions. Hospitals, children's homes, seminaries and colleges strengthen a denomination at every level of life. Through them people of all walks are exposed to the Gospel of God's grace, to the lives of kind and inspiring Christian leaders, and to the ideal of a free church and a free state. Instead of criticizing another denomination, sacerdotal or Protestant, for trying to fill government positions with men trained in its institutions, Baptists ought to train capable youth in the true American tradition and then trust God to bring the right answer to the question, "Who will win America?"

I favor the special offering for the Cooperative Program on or near June 9, 1957, for the following reasons:

(1) It is another opportunity to give. A church member wrote a letter of strong complaint to the pastor saying, "I was back in church after an illness for the first time last Sunday only to find another special offering being taken. About all we hear sometimes at church is give, give, give!" The pastor replied, "Dear friend, thanks for suggesting in your letter the very best definition of Christianity I have ever heard—give, give, give."

(2) Anything that focuses our attention on the Cooperative Program can be helpful. Many people still do not know what it is. Taking a special offering for it will elicit the question often, "Now what is this offering for?" This affords teachers, parents, Sunday School and Training Union workers an opportunity to tell how Southern Baptists concentrate energy and life on the world's great problems by channeling their resources through one medium.

(3) It is strictly voluntary. No church is or can be compelled to take this offering. This is equally true of a decision of a church to support the Cooperative Program at all. We simply do

not have to do it—and yet most of us do! The rope of sand turns out to be a rope of life.

"But I thought the Cooperative Program was an offering to end special offerings," says one. True. No longer do the various agencies have the privilege of coming directly into the churches in competition with the Cooperative Program for the gifts of the people. Now that all causes and agencies are put together in one great effort, the special offering in June is beamed primarily, not at those who by the hardest have been tithing loyally through the year but, at those who are able and want to go over and above their usual giving, those who want to "catch up," and those who want simply to participate in an emphasis that magnifies the principle of co-operation in denominational life.

The Cooperative Program is not perfect. Its percentages are not sacred except in so far as they have God's approval. Percentages may and do vary from year to year. Kentucky Baptists presently are building a great hospital program by allocating \$144,000.00 a year co-operatively. While the percentage for the children's homes is small, it is supplemented by a generous offering through the churches during Thanksgiving season. Attempting to sponsor seven schools, Kentucky Baptists now are giving more money to Christian Education for operating expenses than ever. It is proper that the power of the churches should be focused co-operatively on whichever phase of the program is in direst need.

A Christian college is missions too. Thirty-six former students of Georgetown College have been sent out by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Five of the 12 missionary appointees in recent months are Georgetown graduates. Foreign students are converted on the campus practically every year and return to their native lands as self-supporting missionaries. This is probably one of the most potent contributions to missions. Well trained professional and business men are a major force as home missionaries for saving America.

A Catholic friend said to a Baptist preacher recently as, in a funeral procession, they entered a run-down, poorly kept cemetery, "Reverend, I am sorry for you to see this cemetery in this

shameful condition—but you know, we Catholics do not put our money on cemeteries for the dead, but on institutions for the living." Will Baptists learn this lesson in time?

Should every church in Kentucky enthusiastically increase its gifts to the Cooperative Program this year and give serious attention to the special Supplementary Offering for the Cooperative Program on or near June 9, we of Kentucky would be taking one of many needed steps toward realizing a worthy Baptist educational program.

Two men stood on the docks in San Francisco watching a steamship weigh anchor to start its journey to the Orient. Said one to the other, "It is with great feeling that I watch that ship depart, for I have on it \$10,000.00 for foreign mission work in the Far East." Said the second man, "I too watch with great feeling the ship's departure. For among her passengers is my only daughter going out to spend her life as a missionary." It is impossible to give too much for the Lord. While many may find it wise or necessary to respond to this special offering of the Cooperative Program with only a token gift, many others of us could let it mark the beginning of a life of faithful stewardship.

## SBC Gives Support to American Bible Society

NEW YORK — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention is the second-leading denomination in financial support to the American Bible Society.

The Bible Society office here reported that during 1956, Southern Baptists contributed \$120,732 to work of translating, publishing and distributing Bibles and portions of Scripture carried on by the Society.

Only The Methodist Church gave more as a denomination—\$174,447. Northern Presbyterians (U.S.A.) followed Southern Baptists with gifts amounting to \$73,583.

The American Bible Society does its work independent of affiliation with any denomination but receives support from about 55 denominations in the United States in addition to contributions from private donors. Its Bibles and portions of Scriptures are published without commentary.

Southern Baptist Convention support of the American Bible Society comes from local churches. The Convention itself does not appropriate any funds from its budget. However the American Bible Society has a place on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention each year in which it presents a report on its work.

▶The Carlisle Baptist Church, Bracken Association, has a new 2-story educational plant.

### Being Fair With the State Paper

The problems we face may also confront other denominational papers. Frequently we are forced to disappoint representatives of some of our beloved agencies and institutions throughout Southern Baptist Convention territory by not using material sent in for publication.

The difficulty lies not in our unwillingness to promote the highly important work but in the fact that all too frequently the papers are expected to bear all the promotional expenses which properly should fall on the agencies and institutions themselves.

We realize the papers are doing the Baptist public a great favor by telling of this or that or the other—books, projects, programs, etc.—and we wish we had both money and space with which to do all of it free. So are the good pastors doing the Baptist public a favor by telling forth the gospel and ministering to the people's needs. But wide-awake churches see that the pastors' needs are met and that they are made able to go on with their work. Churches don't say: "Go to it, preacher! You're rendering a great service. The fact that you are promoting a great cause should be reward enough for you. You are God's servant, and this is His work. So, it's YOUR responsibility. You'll get along somehow!" No church says that to its pastor (or does it?). Yet that is exactly what some individuals and agencies and institutions seem to say to the state denominational papers.

### Oats Needed

A good horse will not complain too much if one or two riders take a seat on its back; but when they start sitting all the way from his ears to his hips and still do not furnish any oats from which to gather strength for the load, then we don't blame old Dobbin for deciding it's being overdone.

We have deepest sympathy and understanding for agencies and institutions which must operate on exceedingly limited budgets. We are in the same boat, and we understand. But this does not describe the condition of all. Though most of them do not have as much income as they could use, nearly all do have their allocations with which to promote their work.

Some of the Southern Baptist agencies and institutions buy space regularly and in that space promote or "sell" their work to the Baptist public. Others make no gesture toward paying their own way, yet send in promotional material enough to cost the papers heavily if they should publish it and bring it to the people.

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky owns and operates the Western Recorder; yet

it allocates a certain amount each year to pay for the space used in its promotional work. Perhaps it doesn't pay for all the space used, sometimes, but it helps tremendously. We doubt there is a paper in the Southern Baptist Convention which receives enough from subscriptions to pay the actual cost of bringing out the paper each week. Certainly the Western Recorder doesn't.

### Disguising Advertising

We are happy to carry the "news" from the churches and associations, and from the denomination at large. We have begged for it, and we have appreciated the fine way the brethren have responded. We exist to promote the total program of the General Association as it is carried on in Kentucky and to the ends of the earth. We feel, however, there is need to make a brotherly study of the actual facts concerning promotional plans from agencies and institutions outside our immediate responsibility.

News ought to BE news. One of the problems throughout the Southern Baptist Convention is the tendency on the part of some individuals and organizations to try to influence the paper to publish as "News" what actually amounts to "advertising." If it be news, then it should go free, if there is space. If actually it is advertising (no matter how well camouflaged it is), then it should be sent in as advertising and paid for. We could cite many instances of this from individuals and organizations which derive income from what they promote and sell to the public. How we wish the paper had enough income to do all we want to do for the dear brethren and for the agencies and institutions, and do it for nothing! But we don't have that kind of money. And we suspect most of the Southern Baptist state papers are in the same fix, to a greater or less degree.

Let us try to be fair. We believe every church and pastor and agency should do every possible thing to strengthen the hands of the denominational papers. The papers are the friends of every church, pastor, agency and institution in the denomination. Now and then we hear good men say the denomination could not get along without the papers. Baptists, the Convention over, have good sense and religion; let them use both in dealing with the denominationally owned and operated publications which reach the people week by week. Each pastor can help. Let him promote the paper on his own field. Promote it wherever he goes. Let the laymen get behind the papers. The papers do as much as any other agency or institution to promote all the causes of the state and southwide conventions. What they need is the day-by-day, week-by-week, month-by-month, year-by-year support of all the brethren—support by increasing circulation and stimulating reading among the people, and by recognizing they are not just pack horses to be ridden by everyone who has a thumb with which to hitchhike a free ride.



**BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WILLIAMSBURG.** Another great Kentucky Baptist church has actively joined the Brotherhood ranks with the organization of its Brotherhood. Pictured above are forty-five members of the church with L. E. Coleman, Sr., state Brotherhood Secretary, at their initial meeting. Rev. Clyde H. Freed, Jr., is pastor and is shown standing directly behind the American and Christian flags. On the pastor's immediate right stands Congressman Eugene Siler, a member of the church at Williamsburg and a prominent Baptist layman who is Kentucky's member of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. Siler has also served as Moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Officers of the Brotherhood are: President, Earl Lovitt; program vice-president, J. M. Boswell; membership vice-president, Robert Steely; activities vice-president, Thomas Carroll; secretary-treasurer, Clyde Faulkner; song leader, Wallace E. Shearson, Jr.; pianist, Glenn Stephens.

## A Vanishing Baptist Distinctive

By J. W. MacGORMAN  
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(Continued from last Week)

Has it ever occurred to you that the finest study in the evaluation of churches to be found anywhere is in the second and third chapters of Revelation? Will you please notice that Jesus evaluates these churches with absolutely no appeal to the quantitative measurements so dear to Southern Baptists? In fact, the only time that Jesus even came close to one of them was when he commented on the very limited budget of the Grace Baptist Tabernacle of Smyrna, which he did only to provide a contrast for the commendation of their great spiritual wealth. And again, when he commented on the record-breaking budget of the First Baptist Cathedral of Laodicea, which he did only to provide a contrast for the condemnation of their spiritual bankruptcy.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOUTHERN BAPTISTS COULD BREAK ALL RECORDS THIS YEAR IN CERTIFICATES SENT, AWARDS GIVEN, SEALS STUCK, PINS PINNED, PENNANTS HUNG, LABELS LICKED, TAGS TIED, CONVENTIONS ATTENDED, DOLLARS SPENT, AND PENCILS WORN OUT AND STILL FAIL GOD AS A MIGHTY SPIRITUAL FORCE TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

The canon of numbers frequently misfires. The New Testament word for success is faithfulness!

Another factor which is contributing to the diminishing reality of the doctrine of believer's baptism and a regenerated church membership in our Baptist churches may be described as abuses in evangelism. One of these abuses is the unscrupulous methods of some evangelists.

### Abuses in Evangelism

Several years ago my father was serving as chairman of a committee which sought to prepare the way for a citywide evangelistic effort which featured one of the better known professional evangelists.

The several letters that he wrote to me during those weeks would make a classic study in disillusionment.

I read the letters he wrote before the campaign and noted his fervent hope for a real Spirit-empowered revival which would move the city for Christ. Then I read the letters that he wrote during and following the campaign and noted the dismay and heartsickness they reflected regarding the methods of the evangelist.

It seemed that this particular evangelist did not hesitate to stoop to any device that would fill the aisles with

people as he adulterated the proclamation of a true gospel with all sorts of chicanery to make people register "decision."

Back in 1945-46 in a course in evangelism under Dr. E. D. Head, I heard him warn the class against such cheapness as he told us about an evangelist who was having a "decision service" in the Junior Department of a Sunday School. After his message, he asked how many of the boys and girls love Jesus and wanted to go to heaven. One by one they raised their hands until nearly all had done so, whereupon they were urged to give their names to a person in the front, and present themselves for baptism into the church, while the evangelist made his way to a Western Union office between Sunday School and the morning service to wire a report of the "great" revival to the state Baptist paper.

A pastor of a Baptist church in Houston spoke out of disgust and hurt regarding a meeting just closed under the leadership of one of these highflying evangelists when he said: "As pastor of the church I did not know how many decisions had been reported until I read the Baptist Standard."

Not for one moment would I cast a shadow upon the many dedicated men who give themselves wholeheartedly to the calling of evangelism, but if we are realistic, we will have to admit that the unscrupulous methods of some evangelists who move in and out of our churches are making a mockery out of believer's baptism. Who can number the lost people who are baptized into our churches every year through their perfidious labors?

### Confidence in the Holy Spirit

A second abuse in evangelism is the rather general lack of confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the tasks of evangelism.

Perhaps the Holy Spirit is nowhere trusted less than at the point of his power to draw people to the hearing of the gospel.

If all the gimmicks, gestures, and gyrations that have been used to draw people to the preaching of the gospel could be demonstrated in one matinee performance, Houdini would sneeze in purgatory and Ringling Brothers could again make money out of the "big top."

Dr. Conner used to tell the story about the young preacher who announced from his pulpit that on the following Sunday he was going to preach a sermon on evolution with a live monkey in the pulpit beside him. This word spread like wildfire through the community, and the next Sunday the church was filled to capacity. Dr. Conner would then say: "I've been thinking about this for some time now and have concluded that one monkey in a Baptist pulpit at a time is enough."

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# Foreign Mission Board Report to the People

By IONE GRAY, Press Representative

## 14 New Missionaries Bring Total to 1,154

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 14 young people for overseas mission service at its May meeting, bringing the total number of active foreign missionaries to 1,154.

New appointees and their fields are: Martha Bell, Mississippi, for Indonesia; James E. Giles and Mary Nell Morrison Giles, Texas, for Colombia; Jerry Hobbs and Darline Anderson Hobbs, Oklahoma, for Thailand; Robert L. Lambright, Kentucky, and Ann (Pat) Patrick Lambright, Mississippi, for Indonesia.

Also, Gerald A. McNeely and June Hall McNeely, Kentucky, for Spain; W. Harold Matthews and Clara Lee Matthews, Kentucky, for the Philippines; Nan Owens, Arkansas, for Nigeria; and Elbert H. Walker, Colorado, and Dorothy Mathews Walker, Georgia, for the Philippines.

## Appointments to Be Made at Ridgecrest

The June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in connection with the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. The full Board will meet in two-day session just as it does for its semi-annual meetings in Richmond, Va., in April and October. (The local members meet monthly, except August.)

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, says: "The Convention-wide meeting of the Foreign Mission Board at Ridgecrest will be of very great significance. Experience has already proved that the appointment services conducted in April and October to which the public is invited have been highly appreciated throughout Virginia and surrounding areas. Joy comes into the hearts of all who hear the testimonies of those being appointed for missionary service.

"The appointment service at Ridgecrest will give hundreds of Southern Baptists from all over the country the opportunity to experience the same joy in the appointment of missionaries that we have in Richmond."

The public sessions of the Board meeting will begin on Thursday evening in the Ridgecrest auditorium with the appointment of missionary candidates. The Board will continue in session throughout Friday with reports from the secretaries and committees. The regular Foreign Missions Conference program will begin on Friday night and continue until Wednesday noon, June 26.

## Board's 1956 Income Totalled \$12,806,720

In his May report to the Board, Dr.

Cauthen summarized the figures given in the audit of the Board's 1956 income and expenditures. The Board's total income in 1956 was \$12,806,720.34; and its total 1956 expenditures were \$12,060,267.07. The amount spent on foreign fields in 1956 was \$11,080,773.14, or 91.88 per cent of the total expenditures.

"Behind these figures there stands a vast array of love, prayer, devotion, and effort on the part of God's people throughout the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention making possible this missionary outreach," Dr. Cauthen said. "The upsurge in missionary determination on the part of Southern Baptists is one of the most encouraging aspects of our present denominational life."

## Mission Fields Are Helped By Visiting Baptist Leaders

"In recent years much blessing has come to mission fields from visits by numerous Southern Baptist leaders," Dr. Cauthen said in his report. "These visits greatly strengthen the work. It always gives pleasure to the Foreign Mission Board to help make these journeys effective through counsel and planning.

"The recent visit to mission fields by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, of the Radio and Television Commission, has been of value in many places. Numerous helpful suggestions have been made and additional doors opened. Dr. Stevens made his visit, as has been the case with many other visitors, with the good will and appreciation of the Foreign Mission Board and missionaries.

"It is helpful to keep in mind that radio work on mission fields is a regular part of our mission labor, just as are many other ministries. Responsible Mission committees project radio work. Recommendations relative to the work are made to the Foreign Mission

Board by the Missions, and necessary funds are appropriated.

"Very great assistance is given to world mission labor by many agencies, institutions, and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as by colleges, Baptist papers, and churches. The labor of love of Woman's Missionary Union is a story of beauty and devotion. The gratitude felt by the Foreign Mission Board and missionaries for this sharing in a vast world ministry could not be overstated.

"There is much value in the fact that while these units of our Baptist life make distinctive contributions in a world task none of them undertake to launch into programs of their own on mission fields. To do so would create hopeless confusion on mission fields and at the home base. It would make almost impossible the highly complex responsibilities of the Foreign Mission Board in mission administration.

"The Foreign Mission Board is the channel through which our Southern Baptist missionary compassion and labor flow out to a needy world. We thank God for the growing determination of Southern Baptists to increase the volume of dedicated life, money, and sacrificial labor that flows through this channel so that, in the most barren and needy places of the world, life and joy may abound."

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Sometimes we Baptists fail to realize that we may unprepare people for the preaching of the gospel by the very methods used to get them into our churches.

The Holy Spirit has a plan to draw people to the preaching of the gospel. It was demonstrated at Pentecost and has been demonstrated in every great revival ever since. It is simply the revival of Christian people.

Something has to happen to God's people first. The Holy Spirit draws lost people to the preaching of the gospel by reviving saved people. You can't have a great ingathering of the lost without it; you can hardly fail to have an ingathering of the lost with it.

Another place where the Holy Spirit is not sufficiently trusted is at the point of his power to bring people to decision. Often he is given a chance to do so on the first two stanzas of the invitation hymn. Then if he can't bring people down the aisles, the preacher runs to his rescue, and one of the first things he does is to tamper with the terms of the gospel. The invitation becomes a bit confused, and the emphasis upon the need for repentance is minimized.

Several years ago I attended a youth revival at the Will Rogers Auditorium of our city and heard a young evangelist do a fine job of proclaiming the gospel. As he presented the invitation at the close of his message, it was fine too. It left no question about the lostness of men, the necessity for repentance, and the readiness of Christ to save; however, on the first verses of the hymn no one came, and the young man broadened his invitation. As he did so, it became increasingly shallow, until when it closed fifty-five minutes later, it called for very little more than one could have done after reading a few sayings of Confucius. But people filled the aisles!

Listen! When Peter finished preaching at Pentecost, the people were convicted of their sin and cried out: "What shall we do." They were cut in heart; not confounded with terms-changing, cajoled with teasings, caged with tricks, clubbed with tirades, or coaxed with tear-jerkers. No lost man can be saved apart from the conviction of sin; no one can produce the conviction of sin and saving faith except the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit can't shake the fruit down out of the tree, you put your apple crate under your arm and go home. Don't stay to shake the branches, because all that you shake down out of the tree may become unregenerated church members. Catharsis isn't conversion!

### Credobaptism

In order to describe the third emphasis in Southern Baptist life which

is making believer's baptism and a regenerated church membership a vanishing distinctive, I would like to coin a word. Let me call it "credobaptism." Credo is a Latin word meaning "I believe." Thus "credobaptism" is the baptism of those who say: "I believe." It is baptism upon the basis of unverified profession.

Now then, Jesus said: "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

If Jesus is right in saying that not everyone who calls him Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, then we have no business baptizing everyone who says, "Lord, Lord." There ought to be enough time between his "Lord, Lord," and his baptism into the membership of the church to afford some basis for determining whether or not his profession is the kind that issues into the doing of the will of God. To do less is "credobaptism," baptism upon the basis of unverified profession, and it is no less treacherous than pedobaptism, the baptism of infants. In fact, it is entirely likely that the Baptist preacher who baptizes a lost man has committed a more grievous error than the Roman Catholic priest who baptizes a safe infant.

At a convention one time I heard a preacher urge the immediate baptism of all who make professions of faith in our services. "If you don't," he warned, "you'll lose them. They'll be gone." I've often wondered about some of these who aren't baptized and who do go. What if they had been baptized? What difference would the baptism have made? If we imply that their baptism could have secured something that their profession of faith had not been able to accomplish, how far are we from preaching the doctrine of baptismal regeneration?

A Baptist visitor from another country, noting this insistence upon immediate baptism in our churches said: "In the Churches of Christ one is urged to be baptized in the same morning service in which he declares his faith; in the Baptist churches this is not necessary—it is quite all right if he waits until the evening service."

How often have I heard the phrase "drawing the net." A preacher will commend or repudiate another by saying: "He sure knows how to draw the net," or "He's a good man but just doesn't know how to draw the net." Let me tell you about an experience I had in Oklahoma one time. I stayed overnight with a man who lived close to the Red River. Before I returned to the seminary on Monday morning, he invited me to jump on the back of his tractor and ride with him to the river. When he reached the bank, he took off his shoes, rolled up the legs of his jeans, waded out in the water to an old log, reached down to grab a net,

and pulled it upon the shore. Then he proceeded to separate his catch. He put all the catfish in one towsack for himself and the family, he put all the carp in another for the hogs, and he threw the softshelled turtles back into the muddy waters.

Listen! I have no lack of appreciation for what is meant by "drawing the net" but I do object most strenuously to the common procedure of baptizing everything that is found in the net. We Southern Baptists are far more adept at "drawing the net" than we are at "sorting the catch." We baptize everything that comes in; catfish, carp, soft-shelled turtles, crawfish, crabs, and every once in a while a vicious, sharp-toothed gar whom the devil maneuvers into places of leadership in our churches. Thus, the practice of "credobaptism" is another way of violating our historic principle.

One time Ralph Phelps, now president of Ouachita College and formerly associated with our faculty, told several of us the following story. It happened while the Broadway Baptist Church was building its present facilities. Because of the limitations of space in the temporary place of worship, they found it necessary to initiate a separate morning service for the boys and girls of the church. It became Ralph's privilege to minister to this group of children for several months. One morning as the gospel invitation was extended, several children came forward and Ralph made his way from one to the other, dealing with each as best he could. He came to one little boy and asked: "And how did you come this morning?" The little boy looked puzzled for a moment and then replied: "By bus!"

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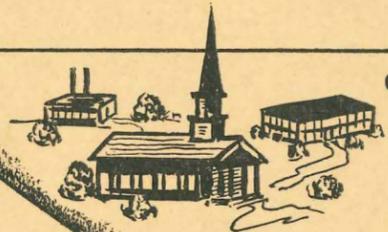
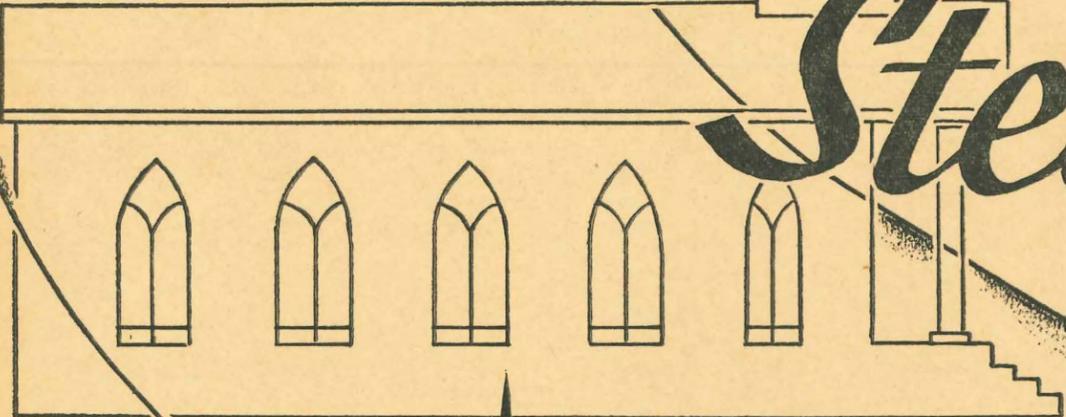
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**Training Union and the  
Supplementary Offering**

A large number of churches in Kentucky are taking a supplementary offering for the Cooperative Program on Sunday, June 9.

The Training Union as it leads in Training in Church Membership should certainly play a vital part in this offering. It is suggested that an assembly program be planned on the Cooperative Program for the first Sunday in June and that on June 9 special emphasis be called to the attention of the union by the Missionary Committee.

Some unions may possibly wish to give members who did not have the opportunity to take part in the offering a chance to participate.

**Come To Cedarmore**

There will be two weeks of Training Union Assemblies this summer at Cedarmore. The dates are August 5-9 and August 12-16. As you know, the attendance is limited to 170 people each week.

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**Youth Week Reports**

*First Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Kentucky*, in West Union Association observed Youth Week April 28 through May 5. A total of forty Young People and Intermediates participated in the activities of the church's fourth Youth Week. The Training Union director, Juanita Cage, had this to say concerning

the activities, "Youth Week was a big success and the spirit of co-operation was wonderful. We had four Young People who dedicated themselves to full time Christian service at the concluding service of Youth Week, one of whom was our associate pastor for the week."

*Carlisle Baptist Church, Carlisle, Kentucky in Bracken Association* observed Youth Week May 14-21. Those entering into the project were thirty Intermediates and ten Young People.

*Eastwood Church, Long Run Association*.—Rev. Newton Graves reports 25 youth week officers and plans to make Youth Week an annual event.

*Marrowbone Church, Enterprise Association*.—"Youth Week has proved very profitable for both the youth and their parents in our church," reports Mrs. Grathel Bartley, Training Union director.

*First Church, Somerset, Pulaski County Association*.—The minister of music and education, William Cropper, says, "Our church observed one of the best attended and best spirited Youth Weeks in its history. May our success encourage some other church to observe Youth Week if they have not already done so!

*Walnut Street Church, Evansville, West Kentuckiana Association*—reports that 22 youth officers served their church for the first Youth Week ever to be held in the church. They plan to make it an annual affair, according to Mrs. Elsie Morris, of that church.

*Portland Avenue Church, Louisville, Long Run Association*—reports that their third annual Youth Week was held with 25 officers serving the church. Mrs. Robert Irvin stated, "Youth Week gives the youth a feeling of responsibility and knowledge of the church and the importance of its officers."

*Stithton Church, Radcliff, Severn's Valley Association*—observed Youth Week April 21-28. Mr. Bryant Payne, Training Union director, reported that eleven Intermediates were used. Charles Horton served as Youth Week pastor. Rev. W. R. Cook, pastor, stated that this is the first Youth Week for Stithton, and that it meant so much to the church that they plan to observe Youth Week every year.

burg—sister churches in the Mercer Association.

The meeting was presided over by George Dye, a student at the Southern Seminary, who has been serving the Buena Vista Mission as pastor for the past eighteen months.

The program consisted of a reading of the history of the mission and the names of the chapter members by Chester Johnica, clerk. Pastor Donald White, of the mother church, led in the reading and adopting of the Articles

of Faith and Church Covenant for the new church.

The message of the afternoon was brought by Charles Phillips, former pastor of the mission and now pastor of Hopewell Church. Burgin Church lettered-out sixty-two members to constitute the Buena Vista Church.

Buena Vista is engaged at the present time in a revival meeting with Pastor Don Manuel, Wilmore, as the evangelist, and Bobby Trotter, student at Southern Seminary, leading the singing.

**Cloverport Church Pays  
Off Half Its Notes**

CLOVERPORT, Ky. — Twenty months ago the Cloverport Baptist Church moved from its old building to the new sanctuary and education building. The sketches for the new plant were drawn by Hardie C. Bass, Jr., architect for the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Pastor G. C. Sandusky not only faithfully and earnestly preaches the Word to large audiences, but has led us in a great weekly visitation program.

The Cloverport Church was organized in 1829 and the average attendance for April of this year surpassed by several the average attendance of any month in its long history, the average for April being 287.

Less than two years ago the Cloverport Church owed to local people the sum of \$13,000 and to the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, we owed \$25,000. I am glad to say that the \$13,000 owed to local people has all been paid; besides a check for \$265.18 is being sent each month to the Home Mission Board. We expect to pay the remaining \$21,000 to the Home Board within two years.

The Cloverport Church has a standard Sunday School. The church reported 41 baptisms the last association. During the erection of the new building Pastor Sandusky led us in five all-night prayer meetings.—Walter Newby, Clerk.

►The Greenland Baptist Church, near Corbin, has called Carl Stanifer as its new pastor.

**Sunday School  
Department**  
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**Vacation Bible  
School Clinics**

The Sunday School Department representatives have appeared and helped in Vacation Bible School Clinics in the past 2 months resulting in 2 State Clinics, 45 Associational Clinics, 4 college Clinics, and one colored Clinic. The total attendance in all was 4,777.

The people represented in these Clinics were the key Vacation Bible School workers from the churches from every section of the State of Kentucky. Many one-day Vacation Bible School Clinics were held in other Associations by capable local leaders who were interested in promoting this very vital phase of our church life.

The spirit and enthusiasm in these meetings was much higher this year than ever before which would indicate a renewed interest in and a love for the boys and girls of our churches.

There are two or three observations resulting from these clinics that may be significant. First, let us be sure that we understand for whom the schools are being held. When we rightly conclude that the schools are for the benefit of the boys and girls rather than the workers' many problems, such as the length in hours and days, will appear insignificant.

Second, every part of the Vacation Bible School has a teaching value, therefore, the offering should afford a wonderful teaching opportunity to instruct the boys and girls about the great mission endeavor of Southern Baptists, namely, the Cooperative Program. The offering affords a greater teaching opportunity when given through the Cooperative Program. Churches should beware of letters from

individuals or agencies, however, worthy they may appear, who are not Southern Baptists, and stay with the Southern Baptist program of giving.

Third, handwork should be kept with its original intent and purpose—creative and Bible related. Handwork ought to be something that the children can do, something they can furnish, and the cost should not be prohibitive. Handwork should also be Bible related, that is, definitely has a teaching value that ought to be Bible centered.

As soon as you conclude your Vacation Bible School this summer, please send your report to the State Sunday School Department, and we will rejoice with you.—Harry L. Garrett.

**Standard Classes**

Church	Class	Teacher
Paducah, East (West Union)	"Fact Finders"	Mrs. C. H. Townsend
	"11 Year Girls"	Mrs. J. H. Fitch
	"10 Year Boys"	Nolan Smith
	"Good Workers"	C. M. Hill
	"12 Year Boys"	Herschel Gish
	"Character Builders"	Mrs. Floyd Richmond
Lexington, Grace (Elkhorn)	"Shining Lights"	Mrs. L. C. Leach
Henderson, Earl Street (West Kentuckiana)	"Rebekah"	Mrs. Floyd Gaines
	"Faithful Followers"	Mrs. Stella Goodknow
Louisville, Parkland (Long Run)	"10 year boys"	Duel Lee
	"Daughters of Ruth"	Mrs. Lyman S. Graham
Frankfort, First (Franklin Co.)	"13 year girls"	Mrs. J. J. Mitchell
Bellevue, First (Campbell Co.)	"13 year girls"	L. Griesingen
Louisville, Walnut St., (Long Run)	"Junior 2"	Mrs. Geo. Phillips
	"Junior 2"	Mr. Fred Mullins
	"Faithful Doers No. 1"	James Sublett
	"Ambassadors for Christ"	F. Mullins
	"Esther Bible"	Mrs. Celine Kuhle
Boston, Mt. Moriah (Nelson)	"15-16 yr. girls"	Thelma P. Florence
Mayfield, First (Graves)	"16 yr. girls"	Mrs. Edwin Wilson

**New Post Created By  
Ouachita Trustees**

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — (BP) — Ouachita College trustees have created the new post of vice-president of the college and elected James Edmondson to fill it.

Edmondson, a professor at the Baptist college since 1951, is presently chairman of the department of business. He will be primarily responsible for financial administration and fund-raising.

The trustees re-elected Ralph Phelps to a fifth year as president of the college.

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►James W. Baldwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Salem, Ill., has been elected secretary of evangelism of the Illinois Baptist State Association. He will have offices at Carbondale. Baldwin studied at Georgetown College and Southwestern Seminary.



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### Another Kentucky First!

Another *FIRST* in the history of Kentucky and Southern Baptists was written on Saturday, May 11, when the first state Royal Ambassador track meet was held in Male High School stadium, Louisville. The meet, sponsored by the Brotherhood Department of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, saw ninety boys from ten associations taking part in the various events which included the 100 yard dash, shot put, broad jump, high jump and 440 yard relay in both age groups of 13-14 and 15-16.

Bobby Murray, 14-year-old Louisvillian pictured on the left [with L. E. Coleman, Sr., State Brotherhood Secretary (center) and J. C. Ballew, state Royal Ambassador Secretary] was voted the outstanding athlete of the day, winning the shot put and broad jump events and running on the winning relay team. He was also second in the high jump. Murray is a member of Hazelwood Baptist church, Louisville.

Team honors went to the Long Run Association team, pictured right, with Bob Ford (second from right, front row), who is the Royal Ambassador leader for the association. Bruce Parsons of Louisville, popular youth leader and worker, directed the meet. Earle S. Bell, pastor, Memorial church, Frankfort, was the official starter.

#### Winners:

13-14 Year Olds—100 Yard dash—Arnold of Long Run :12.6; Shot put—Murray of Long Run, 36 feet 8 inches; High Jump—Owen of West Union, 4 feet 9 inches; Broad jump, Murray, 15 feet 4 inches; 440 yard relay—Long Run :55.2 seconds.

15-16 Year Olds—100 Yard dash—Filmore, Greenup :11.7; Shot put—tie between Munsey of Russell Creek and Caines of Greenup, 35 feet; High jump—Claycomb of Russell Creek, 5 feet 1 inch; Broad jump—Filmore of Greenup, 17 feet 1 inch; 440 yard relay—Greenup, :53.4 seconds.

This department's leadership is deeply grateful to all Associational leaders, Counselors and others who helped make this meet a success. Plans are already in the making for another such meet next year when we hope every association in the state will have a team entered.

### First 1957 Music Standard Recognition Goes to Third, Owensboro

By E. F. QUINN, State Music Secretary

The Third Baptist Church of Owensboro has the distinction of being the first Kentucky Baptist church to have received recognition for maintaining the Standard of Excellence for their Music Ministry in 1957. Minister of Music

Paul Bobbitt received a letter of congratulation with the award from Mr. C. A. Holcomb of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., which makes the award.

Since Owensboro Third Church also was standard in November and December of 1956, this makes five consecutive months, as the award is made up to March 31, for them to be Standard. The Standard of Excellence is a minimum requirement for Baptist church music

ministries, used as a guide and measure of their progress.

#### Corbin Church Reports Five Active Choirs

Mr. Ken Massey, of Central Baptist Church of Corbin, Ky., reports an increase in enrolment since February of 19 members, making a total of 131 now enrolled, in their five regular choirs. In addition, they have a men's chorus that sings in the services.

#### Paducah's First Church Has High Attendance

The First Baptist Church of Paducah had over 76% of its choir members in average attendance at their rehearsals in April.

### 1000th Church North of Ohio Joins With S. B. C.

HAMMOND, Ind. — (BP) — When Woodmar Baptist Church was organized here recently, it became the 1000th church north of the Ohio River to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church of 63 charter members had been a mission of First Southern Baptist Church, Hammond, which is the largest Southern Baptist church in the Chicago area.

The mission received assistance from Southern Baptist churches through the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, in the form of pastoral aid from July, 1956 until March, 1957. This is typical of the many churches being constituted under a similar plan in the Convention.

Southern Baptist churches in the Great Lakes states (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) numbered only 594 with a membership of 70,000 in 1935. The 1000 Southern Baptist churches now in the Great Lakes states have 186,000 members. 741 of these Southern Baptist churches are located in Illinois. Ohio has 104 churches, Indiana 89, Michigan 59, Wisconsin 6, and Minnesota 1.

►Pastor James Borders, Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, was evangelist in a revival at Fleming Baptist Church, Fleming, Ky., April 1-7. There were 15 professions of faith in Christ, three who had already been saved came for baptism and church membership. Also there were three additions by letter and three by statement. There were 24 decisions in all and several rededications. Don Downing is pastor.

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### Summer Music Field Worker

By EUGENE F. QUINN

Mr. Ray Jenkins, of Danville, has accepted the invitation of the Kentucky Baptist State Music Department to serve as music field worker for the summer of 1957. In this capacity he will be available to teach classes of music in churches throughout Kentucky from June 1 to September 15.

Mr. Jenkins is a graduate of Georgetown College in music and has served



Ray Jenkins

this past year as a teacher in the Danville public school system and music director of the Junction City Baptist Church. He also is doing an outstanding work as regional music director of South Central Region of Kentucky Baptists.

Any church in the state may obtain Mr. Jenkins' services on the basis of first come, first served, by contacting the Music Department, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky., to arrange a date for him to be with them. Each church provides room, board and a free-will offering for his services.

At present Mr. Jenkins has open dates for the weeks of June 17-21, June 24-28, July 29-August 2, August 5-9, 12-16, 19-23, Sept. 2-6 and Sept. 9-13. Let's keep him busy in music schools this summer!

### Dr. George Ragland Dies At His Lexington Home

Just as we go to press on this edition of the Western Recorder on May 20, we have received word of the passing yesterday, Sunday, May 19, of Dr. George Ragland, 80, pastor for the last 35 years of the First Baptist Church, Lexington. He had spent several weeks in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, but had shown so much improvement that he had returned home. He died at his

residence, 216 Bell Court, East, Lexington, just as he was getting ready to shave.

Dr. Ragland was a director of the Baptist Education Society of Kentucky from 1925 until that body was superseded by the Department of Christian Education about 1940. He was likewise one of the directors of that body, and has been its chairman since its reorganization.

He was moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 1946-47. In connection with his pastorate, he also edited a periodical, *The Sling and Stone*, which he has been bringing out since 1926.

At this early writing we are informed that the funeral will be at the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Tuesday, May 21, at 2:30 p.m., and will be conducted by Dr. John H. Buchanan, retired pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

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### FALLEN ASLEEP

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#### J. M. McCREARY

RICHMOND, Ky. — We the members of the Rosedale Baptist Church in Richmond, Kentucky, wish to pay tribute of love and respect to one of our beloved members, Brother J. M. McCreary, whose death occurred December 10, 1956.

Brother McCreary was a consecrated and faithful member of his church. He was active in Sunday School and Training Union and an active deacon. Much of his time was devoted to the building of the church. Not only was he interested in the purchasing of materials and furniture, but with his hands did a lot of manual labor on and around the building.

This tribute of love and respect to his memory can only in part do justice to his Christian life as he lived it in his home, his church, and his community.

To the family, we express our deepest sympathy and commend them to the Father whom he loved and served.—Rosedale Baptist Church.

#### MRS. SUDIE MAE QUIGGINS

LEITCHFIELD, Ky., April 27. — Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Sudie Mae Quiggins, we wish to express our appreciation for what she has meant not only at home but to the entire membership of Goshen Association.

That we endeavor to do our work with the willingness, cheerfulness and loyalty with which she did hers.

That we commend the bereaved family to Him who is a brother to every human we and who said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you."

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to the Western Recorder for publication, and one placed on record of the W. M. U. of Goshen Association. Mary Cabbage, Ree S. Bond, Elizabeth Bratcher, Committee.

#### MRS. PHOEBE OGLETREE COLE

SMITH'S GROVE, Ky., Mar. 18. — Mrs. Phoebe Ogletree Cole, a good woman, left her earthly home on March 10. Truly, her daughters, Edna, Ruth and Jessie, arise up and call her blessed. She was known to reach out her hands to the poor and needy. She built her house well. It was always a pleasure to be there. God saw fit to prolong her years. Had she lived 19 more days she would have been 83 years. The O. E. S. Lawrence Chapel and Smith's Grove Baptist Church will long remember her usefulness. Her husband, George H. Cole, in his 87th year, who so graciously looked after her every need, has suffered an irreparable loss, but we are sure his faith will not waver, and God's grace will be sufficient for him.—M. Ruth Bratton.

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### Two Rural Pastors' Conferences, Hopkinsville and Campbellsville

By G. R. PENDERGRAPH, Rural Worker

The Rural Pastors' Conferences will start at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., on July 8 at 1:30 p.m. All rural pastors and any others who wish to attend should begin planning now. The W.M.U. is co-operating with this writer,



H. C. Chiles

and it is hoped that every pastor will bring his wife as well as laymen and laywomen from his church.

Beginning Thursday of the same week, the Conference will open at Campbellsville College, at the same hour. These two conferences will be two days each in length. Room and board will be furnished to all who attend.

Drs. Solomon F. Dowis, E. N. Wilkinson, H. C. Chiles, E. C. Masden and others will be appearing on the programs.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary

MISS MARY PAT KENT, Youth Secretary

### Thank You and Greetings

You have probably read the report of our Annual Meeting prepared by Mrs. Ira McMillen as it appeared on this page recently. You noticed in the report the list of new officers. Each annual meeting brings with it changes in personnel as some workers "rotate" off our Executive Board and new members are welcomed. We want to express our appreciation for the leadership and devotion to the task of four Vice-presidents, one member-at-large and three resident members: Mrs. E. L. Howerton, Mrs. Wendell Rone, Mrs. W. F. Ware and Mrs. Al Burton, retiring Vice-presidents; Mrs. Karl Schilling, Sr., member-at-large and Mrs. Fellmer Hoeing, Mrs. W. P. Stuart and Mrs. Howard Lawson, resident members. These workers have given very liberally of time and talents in a wonderful way as they have assumed places of leadership and responsibility in our work. We are truly grateful to them. We shall miss them.

Even as we express gratitude to our retiring members so do we extend cordial greetings to the new members of the Executive Board who were elected to serve in these important capacities: Mrs. Ira McMillen, Mrs. George W. Phillips, Mrs. C. P. Ford, Miss Nina Jett as Vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Clark, member-at-large; Mrs. Clay Curry, Mrs. J. C. Iler, Jr., and Mrs. John T. Barriger, resident members.

We are sure you will add these names to your Calendar of Prayer as you remember to support them with your prayers in the responsibilities they assume in our work.

### Two Important Actions

Two important actions were taken in the Board meeting at Paducah that you will want to note:

1. It was voted that the time of the Regional meetings would be changed from the last two weeks in October to the last two weeks in September. This was done in order to avoid the conflicts with the quarterly Associational meetings and also in order that actions in the regional meetings may be brought to the attention of the Associational meetings.

2. That the Chairman of Missionary Fundamentals and the chairmen of Mission Study, Prayer, Community Missions and Stewardship in the regions being urged to attend the conferences at Cedarmore in preparation for conducting conferences on Missionary Fundamentals for the Associational chairmen and then the Associational Chairmen will in

turn conduct conferences for local chairmen. That Associational conferences on Missionary Fundamentals be held as early in October as possible.

A schedule of meeting places and dates for the annual regional meetings will be given on this page soon.

### Annie Allen Memorial Dedicated

It was a joy to your Executive Secretary to represent Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union at the dedication services for the beautiful new chapel at Lancer Mission near Prestonsburg on April 28. This mission is sponsored by the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Rev. Ira McMillen, pastor. Work at this mission was begun by Miss Annie Allen some ten or more years before her death. She herself began a fund for the erection of a building with small gifts sent to her from all over Kentucky for the carrying on of her work. Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union added three thousand dollars to the fund as a memorial to Miss Annie, who served so faithfully in the mountains of Kentucky as a missionary of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union for more than forty years. Responsibility for erecting the building was assumed by the church in Prestonsburg and the work is growing in a fine way. Brother McMillen baptized sixteen, many of whom came during a revival meeting held the previous week in the mission, the night following the Dedication Services. Rev. L. W. Benedict, pastor at Prestonsburg at the time the mission work was begun brought the dedicatory message.

If you are visiting in or near Prestonsburg stop by and see this beautiful little chapel at Lancer which is about five miles from Prestonsburg.

### Good News

A most interesting letter has been received from Miss Juliette Mather, who has arrived safely in Japan. We will try to publish it on this page as soon as space will permit. Many such things will have to be omitted in the future since our space is limited to two columns.

### Happy Birthday

Many of you will want to remember Miss Jennie Graham Bright, former Executive Secretary of Kentucky WMU with a Birthday card or a message on her birthday, June 18. Her address is Elmhurst Rest Home, Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

## BOOK REVIEWS

"500 Selected Sermons," by T. DeWitt Talmage. Published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$4.50.

This twenty volume set published in ten double volumes presents over 500 sermons written and preached by Dr. Talmage. In the latter part of the last century one of the best known and most widely read preachers was T. DeWitt Talmage. This set is a reprint by Baker. The Baptist Book Store has the set.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"The Epistle to the Ephesians," by Joseph Parker. Published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.75.

For this Baker Reprint the editors have turned again to a minister of the latter part of the 1800's. Joseph Parker was known as a man who preached from the Bible. This book is a study he made of Paul's letter to Ephesians. In bringing the heart of this letter to Christians today it is good to look back and consider the work of one from the last century. You can order your copy from the Baptist Book Store.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

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**CHURCH NOTE BURNED AT MT. PLEASANT.** — Treasurer Ernest Paul McGaughey (left) of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, near Lawrenceburg, is burning a note at a ceremony held April 14, which retired a debt of \$5,000 for the cost of a parsonage. At the right is shown Pastor James R. Pinkley and in the middle is Ed Monors, associational missionary. To the parsonage have been added a study, carport, guest room, and back porch, bringing the value to \$9,000. The enrollment in Sunday School is 252 instead of 752 as indicated on board.

### Virginia Committee For New Oak Hill Pattern

RICHMOND, Va. — (BP) — Oak Hill Baptist Academy and the Grayson County public school system in Virginia have had a working arrangement to accommodate students at Mouth of Wilson, Va., where the academy is located.

A committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, which operates the academy, has recommended certain phases of the arrangement be terminated after the current school year.

The changes were recommended to avoid any question involving the relationship of church and state in transporting students, and in providing them with classroom space and lunches.

The committee reported here that the county public school operated on the Oak Hill campus—using classrooms rented from the academy—was for grades 1 to 7 and that the academy taught students in grades 8 to 12.

A school bus owned by the Baptist academy has travelled a regular route, carrying students for both the academy and public school, the committee said. In turn, county school buses have carried students attending both the academy and public school.

"Regardless of reciprocal agreements and the fact that the Oak Hill bus transports a larger number of county pupils than the number of academy pupils transported by county buses, Virginia Baptists are in the unenviable and un-

tenable position of participating in an arrangement which results in the transportation of 24 pupils to our Baptist parochial school by public school buses," the committee continued.

The committee recommended that after the current school year the academy discontinue its daily bus runs, and use its bus only for taking boarding students to off-campus activities.

It also recommended that the academy enroll Grayson County day students in grades 8-12 provided they are not transported on public school buses.

The committee also recommended:

1. That the academy no longer accept federally-provided surplus food for lunches for Grayson County public school students attending the academy. It recommended that some other means be worked out to provide lunches.

2. That the academy no longer rent space in its buildings for public school elementary grade classes, effective before the start of the new school term in September. [We congratulate our Virginia brethren on what they plan to do to separate church and state at every point. Baptist institutions should never accept state (local or federal) aid.—R.T.S.]

►Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the 1957 graduating class at Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville on Thursday morning, May 23. Three Kentucky students were in the graduating class. Miss Carol Hunt, Louisville, and Miss Rebecca Roberts, Almo, were given the Master of Religious Education degree. Mrs. Robert McGinnis, Owensboro, received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree.

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## Take A Child For Vacation

Spring Meadows, our Baptist Children's Home at Middletown, will have its annual Simultaneous vacation June 15-30. This is the plan in which the Home is closed for two weeks each summer with all the children visiting in the homes of good Baptist friends across the state. While the children are away the staff all take a well-earned vacation.

If you would like to have one of the children visit in your home for the two weeks' period write today for an application blank.

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## S. B. C. Increases Over 1½ Million in 7 Years

CHICAGO — (BP) — In the seven years since Southern Baptists last trekked to Chicago for their annual Convention, the denomination has grown in membership from 7 million to over 8½ million.

The number of churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention has increased during that span from 27,800 to 30,800.

Southern Baptist Convention work has moved more and more out of the traditional South with the organization of state Baptist conventions in Ohio and Colorado which are affiliated with the SBC.

The Colorado convention actually represents six states. In addition to Colorado, it has co-operating churches in Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, and both Dakotas.

Michigan Southern Baptists are looking forward to organizing a state convention in the near future. They are presently sponsored by the Arkansas convention.

In Indiana, Southern Baptists are sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Illinois

Baptist State Association. Hoosier Baptists, too, are planning for a state convention of their own.

Recently, the Texas convention voted to support Southern Baptist work in the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Total gifts to Southern Baptist Convention work, both local and Convention-wide, were near \$200 million in 1950. Today annual gifts are close to twice that amount. They reached over \$372 million last year, and may top the \$400 million mark in 1957.

There are seven times more Southern Baptist churches in Chicago's metropolitan area than there were seven years ago. Then, there were eight churches with 1,131 members compared with the present 57 churches and 7,368 members.

The Illinois Baptist State Association, which had just over 600 co-operating churches in 1950, believes there will be 800 co-operating churches by Convention meeting time. Membership of these churches has increased from 102,000 to beyond 136,000.

Illinois Baptists are boosting Chicago strongly as site for a proposed sixth Southern Baptist seminary. Missouri Baptists are boosting Kansas City, host to last year's convention, and Baptists farther west are backing Denver.

Seven years ago, the major decisions

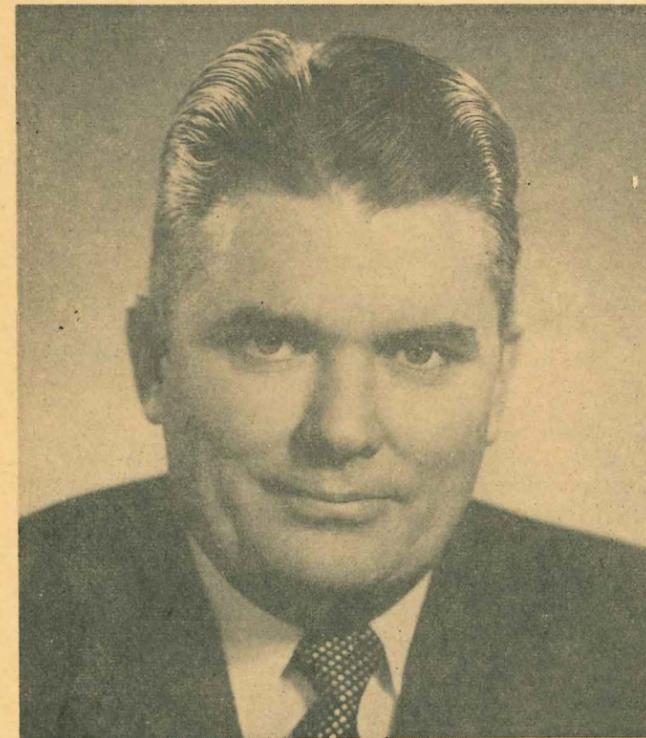
of the Convention session included:

1. Locating the Convention's fourth and fifth seminaries. One was to be in Berkeley, Cal., known as Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, the other in Wake Forest, N. C., known as Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

2. A request that the President of the United States and Government bodies withdrawn the representative to the Vatican "immediately."

3. Reaffirmation of "our conviction that Southern Baptists cannot enter into organic connection with the Federal (National) Council of Churches of Christ in America or any other organizations which would compromise Baptist principles and truths revealed in the inspired Word of God."

►Ralph B. Winders, for thirteen years student secretary in Virginia, has accepted a similar work with Mississippi Baptists, according to Secretary Chester L. Quarles. He hails from New Albany, Miss., so in accepting this new work he is returning to his native state. While a student in Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky., he was pastor at Munfordville, Ky. Mrs. Winders is the former Mary Virginia Nourse, of Hopkinsville, Ky., a graduate of Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ky.



Porter M. Routh, Executive Secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, will be principal speaker.

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