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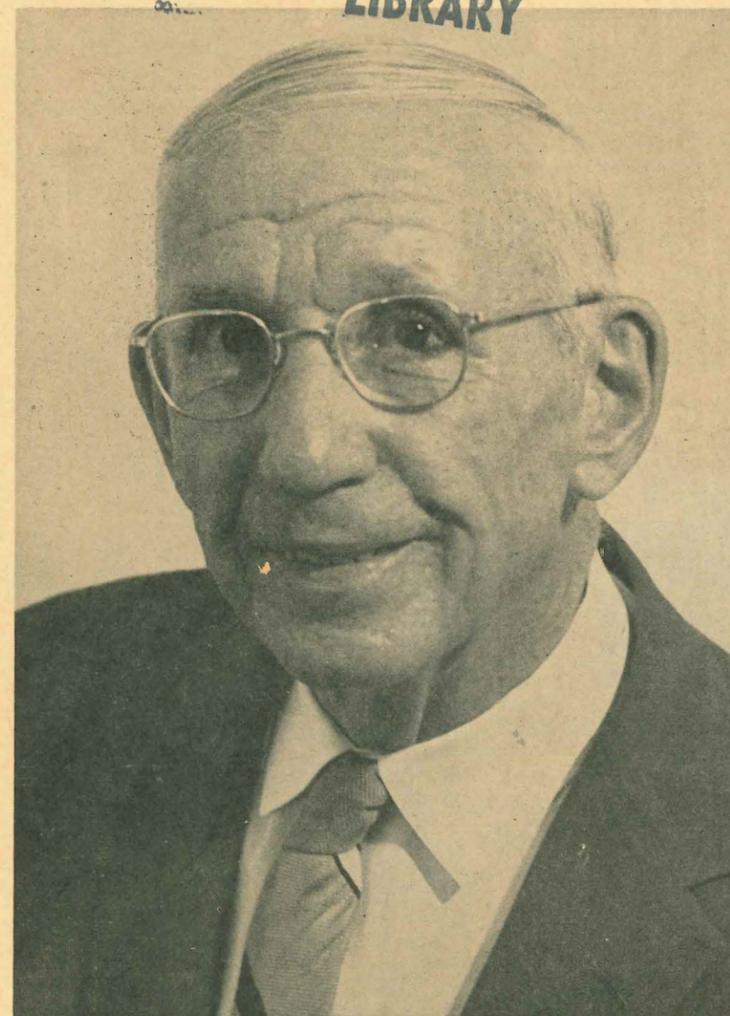
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Herbert L. Taylor, for 53 years a printer, for 36 years connected with the Western Recorder Print Shop, and for 15 years its superintendent, has reached the age of retirement.

See editorial and article on page four.

►Charles Gray has resigned as pastor of the Friendship Church, Lawrenceburg, because of his health, and he expects to enter the Sanitorium at Ashland, Ky.

►H. A. Bickers has resigned as a worker with the State Mission Board, effective July 1. He will be located at 436 East LaFayette, Jackson, Tenn., and enter the field of full time evangelism.

►Interim Pastor Hugh R. Peterson led the Beechmont Baptist Church in ground breaking exercises at the South Park Baptist Chapel, National Turnpike at Schaffer, Louisville, on July 7.

►Mavis Shiver (Mrs. Bob) Hardy, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan who is now in the States on furlough, has moved from Frisco City, Ala., to Adairville, Ky., where she may be addressed at Route 2.

►Round Top Church, Hardin County, has called Gene B. Waggoner as its pastor. Veteran of the Korean War, he recently was graduated by Georgetown College. Mrs. Waggoner is the former Mary Jane Hopkins.

►C. S. Bratcher has resigned as pastor of the Woodland Church, Sturgis. Dr. Estill Jones, of the Southern Seminary faculty, is serving as permanent supply during the interim until a new pastor is called.

►Miss Marjean Patterson, Atlanta, Ga., recent graduate of Carver School, is to be the first full-time Y.W.A. director in Mississippi, according to Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary for Mississippi W.M.U.

►Dr. W. A. Sloan has now succeeded in getting a new telephone for his residence at 526 East Oak St., Louisville. It is MELORE 5-7639, in case anyone wishes to call him for appointments. He recently came to Louisville from Clinton, Kentucky.

►Macedonia Church, Kuttawa, has called J. R. Puckett, formerly of Liberty Church, Madisonville, to be its pastor and he has accepted. Formerly he was pastor at Midway Church, Princeton, and moderator of Caldwell Association for two years.

►Edgar Tandy, Jr., was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the First Church, Providence, at the request of the Ellisburg Church, near Houstonville. Pastor R. Truett Miller was elected moderator and Melvin E. Wilkey, clerk. Pastor Robert Wallace, Pride, led the interrogation, and the ordination sermon was preached by Pastor Miller. C. O. Simpson presented the Bible, and Benjamin Connaway led the ordination prayer. A Campbellsville College student, Bro. Tandy has been called to be pastor of the Ellisburg Church.

►Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary to the Orient, was the speaker for the dedication of three new buildings at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio City, Philippine Islands, according to President Frank P. Lide. The institution opened its sixth session on July 2.

►Mrs. Collins Webb has become the executive secretary of the Kansas W. M. U. In this position she is succeeding Miss Eva Berry who was killed in an automobile mishap as she returned from the Southern Baptist Convention at Chicago, while passing through Iowa. Mrs. Webb is the wife of Pastor Collins Webb, Perishing Avenue Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

►Since the going of Edward D. Gallo-way from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky., to the Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the Russellville pulpit is being supplied by Dr. V. L. Stanfield, of the Southern Seminary faculty, as interim pastor.

►Dr. George W. Redding, professor of Bible, Georgetown College, has been serving as interim pastor of the First Church, Mt. Vernon. While there he is also speaking regularly over Radio Station WRVK on Sunday mornings at eleven.

►The Glasgow Baptist Church has called as its pastor Rudy McVey, of Columbia Avenue Chapel, to succeed Hugh Van Eaton, now pastor of First Church, Jasper, Alabama. McVey is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., and is at present a student in Southern Seminary.

►Delbert Butts, pastor of the Dry Run Church, Scott County, is the new pastor of Carlisle Baptist Church. He is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Georgetown and Southern Seminary. He will begin his new duties August 15. He is succeeding Pastor Gerald McNeely, now in the service of the Foreign Mission Board in Spain.

►Miss Marilyn Miller and Roma John Sanders were married Sunday, June 16, following the morning worship service by Whitesville Baptist Church, the bride's father, Pastor J. Thomas Miller, performing the ceremony. Mrs. Sanders, a senior student in the University of Louisville School of Medicine, spent the summer of 1951 as summer missionary with the Spanish-speaking people in Texas and in the summer of 1953 in Cuba. Mr. Sanders, a graduate pharmacist, is now enrolled in the School of Medicine, University of Miami.

►The Fifth Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. observed its centennial July 21-28. Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the American Baptist Convention, and

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the Hon. Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and congressman from Arkansas, were among the speakers. Porter H. Harrison, who graduated at Louisville Seminary in 1953, is the present pastor. Its first pastor in 1857 was Chastin Clark Meador, who remained with them 47 years. He was succeeded by George Green, who remained six months. The next was a Kentuckian, Weston Bruner, who had a glorious ministry there for five years with large crowds, and a balcony was then built to accommodate the people. In 1909 John E. Briggs went there and remained 34 years. He is still living, and had his 84th birthday on July 12. J. Herrick Hall, junior pastor and minister of music, then became the active pastor and remained for three years. John T. Coburn was the next pastor.

NOT A BARGAIN, BUT A GIFT

By PASTOR WINN T. BARR

Delivered before the First Baptist Church, Hazard, Kentucky

In the July issue of *Life Magazine* Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, of Union Theological Seminary in New York, gives his view of the message and work of Billy Graham. After courteous acknowledgments of his personal integrity and ability, he criticizes his message and methods. The interesting feature of his criticism is that he carries it beyond Graham to his background; namely, to the pioneer, frontier denominations of America, which he claims had to have a simple message for a simple-minded, rural people. Thus he challenges the validity of the Baptist message (Graham is a Baptist), and other evangelical denominations to some extent.

Modern means of communication have brought both Billy Graham's preaching and Dr. Niebuhr's challenge right into our homes. Thus, it has become some of our business. Billy Graham cannot very well answer as an evangelist, for he must try to confine himself to common ground and to the simple gospel. But it is the duty of pastors to discriminate between the devious varieties of religious opinion in the world today. This challenge should not go unheeded, for it puts the spotlight on important issues, and presents an opportunity to let the truth be known.

Indeed, it lets the truth be known! Actually, Dr. Niebuhr's criticisms amount to compliments. Believe it or not, he accuses him of being good! He is hard put to find a fault! He accuses Graham of great simplicity. But Jesus was simpler, and declared the virtue of simplicity in recommending a child-like approach to divine authority. What did He mean when He said, "Except ye become as little children?" We need simplicity. The common people heard Him gladly. They are also hearing Graham and the Baptists.

He accuses Graham of appealing to the Bible alone, and neglecting the findings of human science. But the Bible itself claims to be inspired of God, and to render the man of God complete for every good work. It is enough—no other book is needed to settle points of doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness. It thoroughly furnishes one to do God's will! It is the only rule of faith and practice. As for the findings of human scholarship, we must be careful not to let them cancel the Word of God. Read Matthew 15:1-3, 6b-9; and Acts 4:13.

Jesus did not pick great scientists for His Apostles. If Christianity had pioneer influence, it was right at the start, during the days of Jesus, and has been suited to ordinary people since.

Niebuhr accuses Graham of insisting on a self-shattering encounter with Christ as a personal experience. Indeed he does, and rightly so. Praise the Lord! What is wrong with that?

This is the heart of the Gospel. What did Jesus say to Nichodemus? "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God . . . As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." On another occasion Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." Paul told the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Luke is the Gospel of personal conversion. This is one of his specialties. Luke mentions the woman who anointed Christ's feet. He said to her, "Thy sins are forgiven; thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." There He defines salvation, tells how one gets it, and names the result of it. That is a drastic encounter of the individual with Christ. Luke mentions the prodigal son, a word picture of personal conversion. Luke mentions the publican who cries, "God be merciful to me a sinner;" and Jesus said he went home saved. Luke mentions Zacheus who came down out of a tree to entertain Jesus in his home, of whom Jesus said that salvation had come to his house, because he had become a man of faith (son of Abraham). Luke mentions the dying thief who cried, "Lord remember me," and to whom Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." These were all shattering personal encounters with Christ. And Luke winds up his Gospel by saying that Christ commanded that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations. This is personal forgiveness upon a personal encounter and decision! That's simple, but it's not the product of pioneer conditions. That came from the Bible. It's the Gospel. This "pioneer" charge is just an attempt to discredit the Gospel. You cannot trust scholarship which denies the simplicity of Christ and the Gospel. With hugh and ponderous brains, they approach the Holy Scriptures, dragging along all the traditions and sciences of men, and cannot see or believe the simplest things that God

has told us. They just can't believe God! They are ever learning, but never able to come to the truth.

Niebuhr accuses Graham of insisting on the need for explicit decision for Christ. Hallelujah! What a glorious accusation! This is what John the Baptist and Jesus meant in calling men to repent and be baptized. Repentance is decision. Baptism makes it explicit, open, before men.

Lastly, he accuses Graham of being narrow. But Jesus recommended the narrow way, Himself. Billy himself has reminded us on television that the training football athlete, the cadet at West Point, and the air line pilot are terribly narrow in their ways of life! We thank Dr. Niebuhr for giving such a good delineation of the true Christian position. We sorrow that he is unable to embrace it himself.

Dr. Niebuhr's criticism of Billy Graham in *Life Magazine* not only amounts to a compliment to Graham, but also constitutes a clear confession on Niebuhr's part that he has departed from true, authoritative Christianity at many points. Like so many scholars, he is dominated in his thinking by the history of the churches, and seeks a naturalistic explanation for everything, forgetting that the important factor is conformity to Scripture. He seems to forget that the process of boiling the Bible down to its main practical essentials, a process which would be the same under pioneer or any other conditions, may have had a great formative influence on the Gospel as preached in America, after being set free from state and dictatorial churches in Europe. The Bible, not pioneer circumstances, accounts for our message. Many theologians are bogged down by the church traditions of men, added to the Word of God.

Could it be that the professor is confused? Maybe the disagreement between him and Graham is due not so much to Baptist simplicity as to Protestant confusion. He admits that he does not want to say simply, "The Bible says." He does not want to take it as the only rule of faith and practice. He is bound to listen to man's discoveries too, but the Bible says, Col. 2:8, 9, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." "Too simple and narrow" is always the complaint of the confused traditionalist. The man who reduces Bible data to a coherent system is called, "Too simple."

That Dr. Niebuhr is thoroughly naturalistic is indicated by the statement that Graham's success may be explained in terms of his undoubted gifts. He attributes it to his handsomeness,

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July 1, 1957—H. L. Taylor's Omega and My Alpha

July 1, 1957, will always be a significant day for me. It marked the day of my first official connection with the Western Recorder, and was also the first official day of retirement for the Western Recorder's revered print shop superintendent, Herbert L. Taylor. The Taylor story is one of dedication and service to God and Kentucky Baptists hardly equalled anywhere in the world.

His life story provides a wonderful ideal for those of us with years left to mold our lives. He was born near Eastwood in Jefferson County on January 2, 1888. At the age of thirteen he was converted in a revival at the old Long Run Baptist Church, the oldest Baptist Church in Jefferson County and the one which furnished the name for the present Long Run Association. On April 27, 1902, he united with the Twenty-Sixth and Market Baptist, Louisville, which became the Baptist Tabernacle in 1909. This has been his first and only church home. In the fifty-five years of his church life the list of positions he has filled reads like a church directory. It seems difficult to believe, but the Baptist Tabernacle records show that he has had every layman's office in the church except that of Treasurer. His influence in church life is likely best seen in numbers of young people including several well known preachers of Kentucky and elsewhere who by his example were led into Christian service.

Herbert Taylor attended Georgetown College for two years before he dropped out to care for his mother. He had already entered the field of print-

ing having served his apprenticeship in the *Courier-Journal* Job Printing Company and in 1921 began his long and useful career with the *Western Recorder*. The quality as well as the magnitude of his contribution is well pointed out in the Resolutions unanimously adopted by the Western Recorder Board of Managers upon his retirement.

The nobility of Herbert Taylor is matched by that of his wonderful family. Mrs. Taylor was Ora Deiss before she walked to the marriage altar with Herbert on December 16, 1915, and from that day they have been side by side in paths of righteousness and Christian service. The couple's Christian character is reflected in each of their four outstanding children, Ruth (Mrs. W. H. Gillespie), Robert, Eddie and Hal—all the boys of DuPont Manual athletic fame.

Mr. Taylor officially retired July 1 and his pay stopped to meet retirement regulations, but he's been at the print shop every day since then enthusiastically showing visitors the layout of the new shop which he personally planned and supervised. I happened to pass through the Kentucky Baptist Building on July 4. All offices were closed, all personnel was taking the day off, and everything was as quiet as death except for one sound of activity in the Western Recorder Print Shop. That's right! When I opened the door there was Mr. Taylor working away. That's Herbert Taylor!

My beginning and his retirement started on the same day. If my work can be half as successful and my retirement can be with a fraction of the honor of his, I'll be grateful to the Lord whom we both serve.

Two Kentucky Pastors Write of H. L. Taylor

Concerning the retirement of *Western Recorder's* Print Shop superintendent, Herbert L. Taylor, two Kentucky pastors who have been intimately acquainted with him have written brief statements. His pastor, Lewis C. Ray, of Baptist Tabernacle, writes an appraisal of Mr. Taylor as a layman:

On April 27, 1902, a young man by the name of Herbert L. Taylor made a public profession of faith and was baptized by Pastor R. E. Reed into the fellowship of 26th and Market. His acceptance of Christ meant a life dedication to the service of Christ, and during these more than fifty-five years his life has been an example of loyalty to his church in prosperity or in adversity. He has served in every major office in Baptist Tabernacle except that of Treasurer. No matter what else may have been going on in our city, if his church was having any service at that time, he felt it his duty to be in his church. He is not one of these Sunday

School or morning worship members. He is a "Five Star" member—Sunday School, Morning Worship, Training Union, Evening Worship, Prayer meeting and all other meetings that need him. "Herb" Taylor, as he is affectionately known, is a dedicated man, dedicated to his Lord through his church and his position long held with the Denomination through the Western Recorder. My life as his pastor for the past fourteen years has been blessed by his loyal co-operation in every way.

The second appraisal comes from Pastor Harry L. Green, Owenton Baptist Church, Owenton, who knew him before he entered the ministry, and in fact, even before he became a Christian. Mr. Green writes of Mr. Taylor as a personality influence:

We are generally agreed that the personalities whom we have known have greatly influenced our lives. I believe I will be speaking for hundreds of others when I say that Herb Taylor has done more for me as a Christian than any other person. His practical interpretation of Christianity has been to me a stimulant and a source of encouragement for nearly fifty years. Not elo-

quent in speech, but eloquent in life; not an outstanding athlete, but a good man to have on your team. No one could know this humble, sincere, consecrated man without having been blessed by the contact. I thank God for Herb Taylor.

►Georgetown College Gospel Team, composed of four students—Tom Cleveland, preacher; Bill Hornbuckle, choir director and soloist; Ken Jarrett, Organist and pianist; and Carroll Hubbard, Jr., song leader—recently led a youth revival with Pastor H. B. Kuhnle at the Third Church, Owensboro.

►Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will be the principal speaker during Home Mission Week at Glorieta, July 25-31. Pollard replaces C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., who is "canceling all speaking engagements until October 1, on orders of doctors and deacons," according to Warren. William Carleton, professor, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., is Bible teacher for the conference. "Christ for All" is to be the theme during the week.

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Don Carroll has gone to be pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Paris, Ky. He is a native of Lexington. He was saved, licensed, and ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Boones Creek Baptist Church, Fayette County, where Lloyd Mahanes is pastor. He was graduated by Georgetown College in 1954 with the B. A. degree, and by the Southern Seminary in 1957 with the B.D. degree. He began pastoral work in October, 1955, at the Pigeon Fork Church, Shelby County. He is married to the former Patricia Shepherd, and they have two children, Donna Lynne, 3, and Jeffery Lloyd, 9 months.

RESOLUTIONS of Salem Association W. M. U. on the Leaving of Mrs. Foster E. Howard BRANDENBURG, Ky. — Whereas, because her husband, Rev. Foster E. Howard, has accepted the pastorate of the Newton Creek Baptist Church in the West Union Association and will be leaving Salem Association, we, the Executive Committee of Salem Association W. M. U. offer the following resolutions on the services of our beloved Superintendent, Mrs. Foster E. Howard.

First—Resolved that we express to her our appreciation for her consecrated, faithful and efficient services as our superintendent for the past four years.

Second—Resolved that we realize the Lord deserves the credit and she would have it so for the steady increase in membership, gifts and full co-operation of the churches, nevertheless it was due to her splendid leadership under His direction that these things were accomplished.

Third—Resolved that we commend her to the Newton Creek Church and the West Union Association W. M. U. as an humble and tireless worker not only with the women but also the youth.

Fourth—Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the Newton Creek Society, a copy sent to the West Union Associational Superintendent, a copy printed in the Meade County Messenger and a copy sent to the Western Recorder.—Respectfully submitted, Executive Committee, Salem Association W. M. U.—Mrs. Roscoe Portlock, Associational Youth Leader; Mrs. Jack Chappell, Associate Superintendent; Mrs. Emmett Miller, Prayer Chairman; Mrs. Ray Cashman, Association G. A. Counselor; Mrs. John Burnett, Fundamentals Chairman; Mrs. P. W. Havnes, Mission Study Chairman; Mrs. Herman Shumate, Community Missions Chairman; Mrs. E. B. English, Stewardship Chairman; Mrs. Herman Ogden, Sunbeam Counselor; Mrs. Howard Lamkin, Y. W. A. Counselor; Mrs. Carl Embrey, Jr., Treasurer; Mrs. E. G. Gaines, Jr., Secretary.

Nurses' Fund Gets \$100 After Chain of Events

The nurses' training fund at Kentucky Baptist Hospital here is \$100 richer because of an unusual chain of events.

Dr. John T. Bate, Louisville surgeon, gave the money to the nurses' fund. He had received it from a man whose appendix he removed in an operation about 25 years ago.

Roger Laufer, of Jackson, Tenn., sent the \$100 to Dr. Bate who removed his appendix in the early 1930's. Laufer was short on finances then; he had just

graduated from college and the country was in a depression.

Normally the bill would have been higher. Laufer, now production manager for a Jackson, Tenn., firm, said he realized he had been "grossly undercharged" because of his financial situation at the time.

His \$100 was in answer to criticism of doctors' fees after one doctor in New York submitted a \$1,500 bill to parents of a boy rescued from a well in a dramatic episode. Laufer said he knew many doctors deliberately undercharged patients when the patients found it hard to pay.—Baptist Press.



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youthfulness, modesty, and sincerity. On the other hand, Billy Graham admits, and all of us know, that his preaching is no better than that of thousands of other Southern Baptists. And we also know that it takes more than good preaching to get people to profess faith. The explanation of Graham's success is not Graham, but the Holy Spirit.

One of Dr. Niebuhr's fallacies is shared by multitudes of Christian people: The failure to distinguish between the beginning of the Christian life and the continuing of the Christian life. You cannot make all Bible instruction conditions for salvation. The Gospel for the lost is simple. The whole counsel for Christians is profound. There is plenty of room in the Christian life for profound experiences and cultural disciples. God himself disciplines only His born-again children. They are born, then they are disciplined. It looks very much as if Dr. Niebuhr wants to make education, ceremonies, and works contribute to salvation. Could these be the complications that he desires to see in the Gospel? Or perhaps he wants to get unregenerate people in the church. Apparently he feels that irresponsible infants should be included by a ceremony of sprinkling in the church membership. There you see the intrusion of traditions which are not Biblical.

The most revealing statement in this article is the sarcastic but tragic remark that Billy Graham offers a bargain. Unconsciously, in his attempt to ridicule, Dr. Niebuhr has come near the Kingdom. But he still lacks one step further: Regeneration is not a bargain, but a gift. Read Romans 6:23; John 10:28; and Ephesians 2:8. Dr. Niebuhr has missed the first and most elementary truth of the Gospel of Grace. What did Jesus say about the wise and prudent being baffled, while babies understand? Don't you expect that God would make His message plain so that ordinary people could get to it? Indeed we must admit that the article stoops to its deepest low right at the very end, where it says, "It promises a new life merely by signing a decision card." This is down-right misrepresentation. Graham does not claim or preach that the signing brings life. He declares repeatedly that it is the surrender of the will in repenting faith that brings the miracle of Regeneration. The only reason why Graham uses cards at all is that he wants to relate people to the church of their choice. He wants to keep his meeting church-centered as much as possible. If Billy Graham did not use decision cards, the churches would castigate him for not referring his converts to them.

To bring the whole matter down to a point of mathematics, both Life Magazine and Dr. Niebuhr are way off in their statistics. Dr. Niebuhr says that

relatively few New Yorkers attend the Garden meetings. Life says that four-fifths of those making decisions are already church members. But Ora Spaid in the Louisville Courier-Journal says: "In the first forty days of the New York Crusade, fifty-eight per cent of the 22,646 persons who made decisions for Christ were doing so for the first time. This is the highest percentage of any Graham meeting in North America. Critics of Mr. Graham's efforts who said most of the people attending the Madison Square Garden services were from outside the New York area got a setback when, one night he asked everybody from New York to stand. About eighty-five per cent of the people arose."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JULY 21, 1957

Numeral after church indicates number of Missions.

	T.U.	Add.	S.S.
Lou., Walnut Street (4)	218	15	1,633
Lou., Carlisle Avenue (2)	311	5	1,230
Bowling Green, First (1)	228	4	1,077
Lou., Beechmont (2)	216	4	1,016
Madisonville, First	260	2	994
Hopkinsville, Second (1)	286		987
Lou., Beechland (1)	256	9	983
Owensboro, Third	280		948
Mayfield, First	217		910
Evansville, Grace (1)	273		893
Lou., Parkland (1)	253	5	874
Harrodsburg (2)	301		869
E'town., Severn's Valley (1)	148		817
Owensboro, First	188	6	814
Lou., Victory Memorial (2)	188	5	811
Hopkinsville, First (1)	133		796
Murray, First (1)	795		795
Lexington, Calvary (1)	124	8	750
Lexington, Immanuel	223	2	750
Newport, First (2)	164	3	738
Frankfort, First (1)	162		730
Glasgow (2)	125	2	727
Covington, Latonia (1)	179		710
Covington, Calvary	702		692
Lexington, Grace (1)	180		651
Lou., Third Avenue (1)	147		648
Somerset, First	648		616
London, First (1)	136		588
Danville, First (2)	138		585
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole Memorial (12)	78		585
Corbin, Central (1)	90	4	557
Middlesboro, First (2)	95		542
Lou., Baptist Tabernacle	154	3	541
Lou., Hazelwood	80		515
Lou., Shively (1)	136	4	512
Shelbyville, First	114	3	509
Lebanon, First (1)	128		488
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	39		487
Erlanger	88		481
Barbourville, First	167		476
Hodgenville, First	145		474
Lou., Broadway (3)	110		463
Evansville, Calvary	157		460
Winchester, Central	100		457
Lou., South Side	90		453
Lou., Highland	105		452
Lexington, Porter Memorial	128		451
Cynthiana (1)			450
Owensboro, Hall Street	150		426
Covington, Southside	86		424
Paducah, First	156		422
Lou., Rockford Lane	131		418
Paducah, First	159		417
Lou., Bethany	97	4	416
Ashland, Unity	109	7	400
Florence	57	4	399
Lou., Eighteenth Street (1)	110		392
Springfield, First	174		385
Corbin, First	90		383
Greenville, First	112		371
Lou., Clifton (1)	86		367
Bellevue	60		361
Lou., Shawnee	95		356
Shepherdsville			354
Lou., Fairdale	78		348
Lou., Immanuel	102		346
Versailles	55		343
Nicholasville	89		339
Walton, First	98		339
LaGrange, DeHaven			336
Memorial (1)	43		331
Ludlow, First	77		329
Lou., Valley View	108	7	329
Mt. Washington	96		329
Dawson Springs	67	1	312

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►The Third Avenue Church, Louisville, has unanimously called Leon Larrimore, pastor of the Horse Cave Church, to be its pastor, and he has accepted. He will begin August 11. He has been at Horse Cave for the last six years. He is a native of Hart County, and has been moderator of Liberty Association.

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EVERGREEN EDUCATIONAL BUILDING DEDICATED. — Pastor Marshall Fletcher has with him Pastor Raymond Sanderson, First Baptist Church, Pineville, and a former pastor of Evergreen as the morning speaker, and Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary, for the afternoon dedication sermon at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Route 2, Frankfort, June 23. The building provides for two nurseries, a Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Young People's Departments, with two adult class rooms. The average attendance is running 50 over last year. The cost was about \$16,700.

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Science Club at Midway Baptist Church

PRINCETON, Ky. — A Science Club has been founded at Midway Baptist Church, Route 3, Princeton, and keen interest has been felt by the large turnout of young people to enroll.

The club was founded, and is being taught by the pastor, Marion Mobley, who is devoting the first period of fifteen weeks to a study of Astronomy.

Some of the subjects for the coming weeks are as follows: The Sun; The Planet Jupiter; Building a Telescope; Nebulae; Comets, Meteors and Heavenly Lights; How the System Holds Together; and Star Location and Their Names.

The club meets for two hours each week. The first hour is devoted to class study, while the second hour is spent in the observation of the heavens.

Both boys and girls are attending the classes, with age groups running from eight to sixteen.

John Cravens, Sunday school superintendent, is assisting the pastor in the studies. The club has received a rather powerful and expensive telescope as a gift from a member of the church. Both Christian and non-Christian young people have been invited to attend, and the aim of the studies is to show the majesty and power of God in creation. Brother Mobley is a 1956 graduate of Southern Seminary.

►The Miami Baptist Progress, edited by Supt. J. Ray Dobbins, formerly at Beechmont Church, Louisville, says that about one fourth of the 300 Chinese people living in Miami are enrolled in a mission Sunday school at Flagler Street Baptist Church. This is the church where J. Perry Carter, also formerly of Louisville, is pastor. For purposes of teaching, the Chinese are divided into two groups—those who speak English and those who speak only Chinese. Pastor Carter teaches the former and Mrs. Gow Jo Low teaches the Chinese language group. Also in Miami, Dr. Ladislau Biro, pastor of the Coral Gables Baptist Church and formerly a resident of Louisville while he was attending Southern Seminary, teaches a group of 45 to 50 Hungarians in a Sunday afternoon class at the Shenandoah Baptist Church. These Hungarians are refugees who escaped the swords of the communists in the recent uprising. Dr. Biro is himself a native Hungarian from Oradea Mare, in the Transylvania sector (now in Roumania). Dr. Biro also teaches a language class at the University of Miami, for the refugees.

►The Meeting Creek Church, near Elizabethtown, has called Walter Lay as its pastor to succeed Carman Cann, Leitchfield.

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. NELLIE CASHMAN

HARDINSBURG, Ky. — Mrs. Nellie Cashman, 70, widow of A. B. Cashman, died Wednesday, April 3, 1957, in the Breckenridge Memorial Hospital, Hardinsburg.

Mrs. Cashman was a life long resident of Breckenridge County and a member of the First Baptist Church, Hardinsburg. She was a faithful member until her death, and taught in the Sunday School for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Lucy Cashman, Hardinsburg and Mrs. Justus Miller, Owensboro; one son, John M. Cashman, Bowling Green; five grand children; two great-grand children; two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Smith and Mrs. C. B. Waggoner, Stephensport; two brothers, R. A. Barbee, Owensboro and John E. Barbee, Stephensport. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 5, at the First Baptist Church, Hardinsburg, by her pastor, Rev. Adrian Lamkin, with burial in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Hardinsburg.

W. H. BOSWELL

SORGHO, Ky. — Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call from among us on May 29, 1957, W. H. Boswell, a beloved member of the Sorgho Baptist Church;

Whereas W. H. Boswell was a faithful servant of God, a forceful character in God's kingdom, and as a deacon of the church when God called him;

Whereas he earned the esteem of all by his love for his church, his willing work for our Lord, and his religious fellowship;

Therefore be it resolved that the Sorgho Baptist Church has lost a consecrated member, the church a true witness, and the community a valuable citizen.

Be it further resolved that the deacons and the remaining members express their sympathy to his bereaved wife and express their appreciation of his service to his church.—George Giles, Church Clerk.

JACK MARTIN

ASHLAND, Ky., June 15, 1957. — Whereas, on April 28, 1957, it pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us Jack Martin, a consecrated and beloved member of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, at the age of 32;

Whereas, Jack Martin at his heavenly homegoing was a faithful servant of God; devoting his talents to singing in the choir and leading the singing in one of our Adult Sunday School Departments; serving the moral, temporal and spiritual welfare of our church as a loyal, faithful and consecrated deacon; serving faithfully and well as interim director of the choir, and an officer in the Brotherhood;

Whereas, by his devotion and consecration, he left us a great challenge to service in God's kingdom;

Whereas, in his passing, his family, his church, and his community have suffered a great loss;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the deacons of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, express our sincere appreciation for his unselfish and loyal service to God, not only to his organization but the various other organizations of the church; we express our deepest sympathy to his mother, Mrs. Harry A. Martin, to his wife, Kenna Jean, and to his daughters, Mary Alice and Martha Ann, and commend them to the Heavenly Father whom he loved and served.—Curtis C. Owen, chairman, Deacons: Resolutions Committee: E. W. Bailey, Chairman, O. A. Higgins, Martin Hoffman.

NOBLE RUSSELL

POOLE, Ky., June 16, 1957. — Noble Russell was called home on May 4, 1957. Born June 1897, he later became a member of the Poole Baptist Church, its Sunday School and Training Union, holding office for many years.

He made a deep and lasting impression on all who knew him, for his devotion to Christian duty and his generosity toward all worthy causes.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mae Oglesby Russell, three children, Mrs. James Conrad, Mrs. R. S. Coton, of Evansville, Ind. Mrs. Vernon Bryant, California; two brothers, Essell and Roy Russell, of Poole, and two sisters.

DEACON CLAY SHELTON

BRANDENBURG, Ky. — Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst our

beloved brother and deacon, Clay Shelton, to be forever with Him, it is altogether fitting that we record our appreciation of him. Brother Shelton departed this life on January 21, 1957.

Therefore be it resolved that the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the church by services, contributions, and council will be held in grateful remembrance, and that his passing will prove to be a great loss to both his church and community;

Be it further resolved that we extend sincere sympathy to the relatives and may they ever look to the Lord in faith, believing that He who rules our destiny doeth all things well.—H. O. Dutschke, chairman, R. S. Johnson, Calvin L. Pollock, Scott Smart, J. W. Bondurant, Leslie G. Jenkins, Earl Graham, Roy Berry, D. J. Sturgeon.

FLOYD HANCOCK

ANCHORAGE, Ky. — Be it resolved by the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church concerning the departure of Brother Floyd Hancock from his earthly dwelling July 1, 1957:

That the church and his brothers in Christ therein have lost a diligent, sincere, and effective worker and co-worker, a true, kind and loving friend;

That the community has lost a most valued and cherished citizen;

That in recognition of our loss, we appreciate in a measure the depth of loss experienced by his family, of a faithful, loving and provident husband, and extend to them the sympathy and solace of his Christian brethren of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.—James H. Rafferty.

MRS. WIVIE STITH SHIPP

EKRON, — The Ekron Baptist Church suffered a great loss when God in His infinite wisdom called one of its beloved members, Mrs. Wivie Stith Shipp, who passed away on May 28, 1957, at St. Joseph Hospital, after a long illness. Mrs. Shipp is survived by one daughter, six sons, five brothers and two sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Therefore be it resolved that the services she has rendered through her faithfulness in The Woman's Missionary Union, The Sunday School, Prayer Meetings and B.T.U. be held in grateful remembrance.

Be it further resolved that this Church extend deep sympathy to the bereaved relatives of the deceased and admonish them to trust in the Lord who "doeth all things well," in their sorrow.—Mrs. Herman Shumate, Mrs. Calvin Fields, Mrs. Howard Lamkin.

MRS. ANNIE W. PARSONS

HARRODSBURG, Ky., July 6, 1957. — Mrs. Annie W. Parsons, 86, widow of James D. Parsons, died June 26 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Curtis Woods, after a long illness, being handicapped for years with blindness. We feel we have lost from our midst a faithful friend, a good neighbor, and, above all, a real Christian citizen. As long as she was able she was a regular attendant of her church and class. We thank God we were permitted to enjoy the Christian fellowship, advice and Christian spirit, all those years. She will be greatly missed in her home and by her devoted children: Mrs. Ancil Teater, Greenwood, Ind.; Mrs. Curtis Woods, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Mrs. G. V. Whitmack, Mrs. W. P. Demaree and Mr. Berry Parsons, Louisville. Funeral services were held June 28 at the Hopewell Baptist Church, by her pastor, Charles D. Phillips. Burial was in the church cemetery.—Mrs. Cecil Kelly, teacher, Faithful Workers Class.

O. E. BRYANT

OWENSBORO, Ky., July 10, 1957. — In abiding remembrance of Mr. O. E. Bryant, an active member of this group, who was called to his eternal reward May 25, 1957, we the deacons of Third Baptist Church dedicate this page of our minutes.

Brother Bryant was an humble and faithful follower of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; he was a fully consecrated Christian, devoted to the church and dedicated to every task appointed unto him by its members.

In addition to serving as an active deacon, he was, at the time of his death, moderator of the church and a member of its finance committee.

For many years Brother Bryant served as chairman of the White Christmas program of our church and through his untiring efforts many homes in our city were made brighter during the Christmas season by boxes of food and fruit. This benevolent

service to the community was inaugurated while Brother Bryant was superintendent of our Sunday school, an office he graciously filled for ten years.

He was an active member of the Gideons and gave sacrificially of his time to promoting the work of that organization.

His loss shall be felt by his church, his community and his state. In every office he served well.

MRS. CAMMIE PHILLIPS

HARRODSBURG, Ky., July 10, 1957. — We the members of the Faithful Workers Sunday School Class, of the Hopewell Church, have sustained a great loss in the homegoing of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Cammie Phillips on June 27, 1957. She will be remembered for her loving spirit and willingness to serve God and her church. She was a consecrated Christian, endeavoring at all times to put Christ first in her life. A loyal and true friend, loved by all who knew her, the large attendance at the funeral home and the massive floral offerings bore testimony to the affectionate regard which was felt by her relatives and friends.

She will always be remembered for her loving spirit and willingness to serve God and to help those in need. Her influence as wife and mother, W. M. S. member and church worker will linger with us and help us to strive to carry out her sweet example of service. We wish to extend to the husband, Robert H. Phillips, the two daughters, Mrs. Donald Mays and Mrs. Jack Woods, and little granddaughter, Donna Marie Mays, and the four remaining sisters, Mrs. Dan Yeaste, Mrs. Laura Simms, Mrs. Gertie Brown, and Miss Ophelia Patterson, our deepest sympathy and commend them to God who alone can comfort and strengthen in this hour of sorrow.—Faithful Workers Class.

MISS STELLA CANNON

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — We, the members of the Georgetown Missionary Society of the Georgetown Baptist Church, wish to pay tribute of love and respect to one of our beloved members, Miss Stella Cannon, whose death occurred May 29, 1957.

Miss Cannon was a consecrated and faithful member of her church. She was active in Sunday school and all the mission work fostered by her church. She had taught school many years and her Christian influence was felt by all who knew her.

This tribute of love and respect to her memory can only in part do justice to her Christian life as she lived it in her home, her church, and her community. To her relatives and friends, we wish to express our deepest sympathy.—W. M. U. Georgetown Baptist Church.

MRS. LUCY WALDEN

TOMPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us Wednesday, May 22, 1957, our beloved sister and friend, Mrs. Lucy Walden, we wish to express our appreciation for what she has meant not only to her neighbors but to the entire membership of our church. Therefore be it resolved:

First: That in her sudden homegoing her church, her community and her friends have suffered an irreparable loss.

Second: That we cherish in pleasant memory her gracious qualities as a Christian, remembering that she was a faithful and devoted member of this church, serving many years as a teacher, faithful member of the WMU, a student of God's Word, and her interest in her church never wavered.—Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Clyde Fubank, Mrs. Fred Sprowl, and Mrs. A. J. Moore.

MRS. GERTIE RUSSELL

POOLE, Ky., May 11, 1957. — Whereas, God in His infinite love and infallible wisdom, thought best to remove from this life our beloved friend and sister in Christ, Mrs. Gertie Russell, who went to live with her Master beyond the starlit skies February 10, 1957.

Mrs. Russell occupied prominent positions in many worthy community activities. She also taught in the public schools for a number of years, but, being a devout Christian, she devoted her best in time and talent to the activities of her church.

Mrs. Russell loved youth and labored in various departments of her church with Juniors and Intermediates. She was a member of the Poole Baptist Church and Woman's Missionary Society, and exemplified her cause for missions by her faithful and untiring efforts and consistent living. . . . Mrs. David Duncan, R. 1, Corydon, Ky.

MRS. HARRIET BURDIN LEE

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 30, 1957. — God in His infinite wisdom on April 1, 1957, called from our midst one of our beloved members, Mrs. Harriet Burdin Lee, to her heavenly home to be with her Saviour, whom she faithfully served for many years.

Mrs. Lee, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John W. Burdin, and widow of Mr. Lockhardt Lee, leaves 13 children, several grandchildren and a host of friends, who mourn her passing. A son, Rev. Elmer Lee, is a student in the Southern Seminary, and serves as pastor of the Baptist Church at Brooks, Ky.

Mrs. Lee was a member of the Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., the Sunshine Class, and the Woman's Missionary Society, where she will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but we will long remember the quiet humility, grace and fragrance of her life as she left it as a living monument to her sacrificial service to her Lord. . . . Respectfully submitted, The Woman's Missionary Union, Crestwood Baptist Church, Mrs. Edward M. Blakeman.

MRS. OLA COBB HOLBROOK

OWENTON, Ky., April 23, 1957. — The funeral services of Mrs. Ola Cobb Holbrook were conducted by her pastor, Harry L. Green, of the First Baptist Church, at the Redding, Smithers and Kemper Funeral Home, Owenton, Ky., Thursday morning, April 18. Interment was in Owenton Cemetery.

Mrs. Holbrook underwent surgery April 12 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, and succumbed April 15.

She was born near Lusby Mill, Owen County, June 10, 1876. She was the daughter of Frank Marion and Mary Davis Cobb.

Survivors are a son, Roy, Owenton; and two daughters, Mrs. K. Howard Smith, Owenton; and Mrs. B. C. Cotton, Dry Ridge; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frank Cobb, Greenville, Ohio; and Sam Cobb, Georgetown, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. W. K. Jones, Wilmore, Ky.; and Mrs. W. H. Keightley, Bondville, Ky.

MRS. VESTA BURK COOK

WADDY, Ky. — Whereas, God in His infinite love and wisdom thought best to remove from this life our beloved friend and sister in Christ, Mrs. Vesta Burk Cook, who departed this life suddenly April 4, 1957. She lived a life of service and truly her sincerity and loyalty to Christ were an inspiration to all who knew her. She had taught school for thirty years and the tribute that was paid to her at her passing showed her love and devotion she had for all children whether rich or poor, intelligent or illiterate.

She had accepted Christ at an early age and had been a loyal and devoted member of Pigeon Fork for 22 years. Also she was a faithful member of W. M. S.

Be it resolved, that we members of the W. M. S. pay our highest tribute of love to the memory of Mrs. Cook and extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Mr. R. W. Cook, and daughters, Miss Bettie Cook and Mrs. J. W. Casey, and others, Mr. Walter Burk and Mr. Claude Burk.

MRS. OLLIE STRATTON

OAKVILLE, Ky., April 23, 1957. — The Death Angel entered our midst February 16, 1957, and took Mrs. Ollie Stratton home to be with the Lord.

Mrs. Stratton was 75 years of age at the time of her homegoing and was a member of the Spring Valley Baptist Church, in Logan County, Bethel Association.

She was a devout Christian and faithful in attending her church services until ill health prevented her from doing so.

We greatly miss her presence and can never hope to fill her place—only strive to live more like her.—Mrs. John S. Jennings.

MRS. ERNEST J. CHINN

ASHLAND, Ky., May 21, 1957. — We, the members of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, have sustained a great loss in the homegoing of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Ernest J. Chinn, who passed away suddenly on the afternoon of March 22, 1957. We loved her so dearly, and in our finite minds continue to ask, "Just why, dear Lord?"

She lived a life of service in her untiring effort to reach the unsaved in her church and community. Truly her sincerity and loyalty to Christ were an inspiration to all who knew her. She did more than exist—she lived. She did more than live—she observed. She did more than hear—she listened. She did more than listen—she understood. She did more than think—she prayed.

She worked faithfully at our mission for 13 years. During the past two years she organized a Sunday school class and it was a joy to her heart to visit members and teach that class. Since her death the class has been named "The Gladys Chinn Class" in her memory.

Be it resolved that we, the members of the W. M. S., pay our highest tribute of love to the memory of Mrs. Chinn and extend our heart-felt sympathy to her husband and her daughter and family; also that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, a copy be sent to the Western Recorder, and a copy be made a part of the minutes of the W. M. S.—Respectfully submitted, Resolutions Committee, Mrs. R. R. Circle, Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mrs. Charles Eppenstein.

MRS. MAGGIE ROLAND

OWENTON, Ky., May 11. — Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy to call unto Himself our beloved sister, Mrs. Maggie Roland, on April 12, 1957.

In the death of Mrs. Roland the church lost a true member; the W. M. U. a faithful member; the family a loving mother and wife, and the community a loyal citizen.

Resolved, that we extend to the family our sympathy and commend them to the One who brings peace to all troubled and bereaved hearts.—Maggie Thornton, Willie B. Montague, Bessie Ransdell, W. M. U. Committee.

Memphis Hospital Calls Chaplain C. D. McKnight

MEMPHIS — (BP) — Charles D. McKnight will become chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital here on August 1. He succeeds Chaplain F. P. Loman who has accepted the chaplaincy of Welborn Memorial Baptist Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Chaplain McKnight has had extensive training and experience in hospital ministry. A graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, he was formerly in the chaplaincy program at Mississippi State Mental Hospital in Whitfield. He comes to Baptist Memorial Hospital from Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

Mrs. McKnight is the former Mary Elizabeth McDaniel of Flora, Miss. Chaplain McKnight is a native of Grenada, Miss.

►Pastor Eugene Hamilton has been in two meetings recently. One was with Pastor Marshall Phillips at the Second Church, Shelbyville, where there were 8 decisions, and the other was with Pastor Herman Bowers at Indian Fork Church, near Cedarmore, in which there were 11 additions.

►The First Baptist Church, Winchester, had Dr. Jesse M. Hendley, evangelist, from Atlanta to lead in an evangelistic crusade June 5-16. The crusade resulted in great victories for Christ and His church with 87 received for baptism, 13 by letter, 1 by statement, and 15 rededications. Pastor Leath says: "I consider Dr. Hendley one of the great evangelists of our day. He magnifies Christ, the Word of God, and the importance of the local church. Rarely do you hear one who can effectually confront the unsaved with the urgent need of their accepting Christ and following Him. Not only was Dr. Hendley used of the Lord to reach the unsaved and unaffiliated people in our community, he was also a great blessing to the membership of our church."

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Mrs. Earl Mann

The Sunday School Department is happy to announce the coming of Mrs. Earl Mann as office secretary. Last September Mrs. Mann and her husband came to Louisville from Kansas City, Missouri, in order for him to complete his Seminary training. Soon after arriving she became employed by the Citizens-Fidelity Bank and Trust Co., and continued there until June 17, at which time she assumed her new duties in the Sunday School Department.

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STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The following Sunday schools have become Standard during the months of June and July:

Cecilia, Severns Valley Association
Rex R. Anderson, Pastor
Allen Baugh, Superintendent
Corinth, Boone's Creek Association
Cova E. Duvall, Pastor
Jackson Beryman, Superintendent
Walnut Grove, Caldwell Association
W. G. Sullivan, Pastor
John Paul Fustin, Superintendent
Memorial, West Kentuckiana Association
Vernon Henisen, Superintendent.

May we say, "Good Work!" to those who helped to make this possible?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order to the workers of the Laurel River Association for attaining the Standard of Excellence in Sunday School work 1956-57. All of the points on the Standard have been adequately met which entitles the Association to Standard Recognition. The

following Sunday Schools are Standard:

Corinth	Liberty
East Bernstadt	Lily
East Pittsburg	New Salem
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Hart	London
Laurel River	Pilgrims Rest
	West London

A great deal of credit for this success must go to Mr. Willie D. Greer, associational Sunday school superintendent, and A. H. Keith, associational missionary. We also wish to commend the associational officers, pastors and Sunday school superintendents for this excellent attainment.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS



Donald White

Congratulations are in order for Rev. Donald White, Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Mr. W. D. Morris, Associational Moderator; and Rev. R. B. Hooks, Associational Superintendent of Training of Mercer Association, for the second year in succession of obtaining the

Standard of Excellence in Sunday School work. Although Mercer Association is only two years old it has been Standard both years in Sunday School work.

One fourth of the Sunday schools in any given association must be standard before the Association can become standard. The following churches have attained this distinction in Mercer Association:

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Ellers Chapel	
Morris Trayner	B. H. Russell
Harrodsburg	
Dr. C. R. Daley	Glave Vivion
Kirkwood	
Robbie J. Harris	H. Taylor Sanford
Mud Meeting House	
Ray Fowler	George Buchanan
Shakertown	
Paul W. Bowles	John Thornton

►George C. Herndon, native of Louisville, Ky., has been appointed associate registrar at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, according to President Roland Q. Leavell. Back about 1940 he was assistant pastor and choir director of West Broadway Church, Louisville. He was awarded a Th.M. Degree by Southern Seminary, and the M.A. in English by the University of Kentucky. His father, the late Dr. T. V. Herndon, was a past president of Louisiana Baptist Convention.

"BUSY HANDS HAPPY HEART"

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►Rufus Owens has resigned as pastor of the Ichland Church, Owenton, and is going to be a chaplain in the U. S. Air Force.

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JAMES WHALEY, Secretary

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Youth Week Reports

Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, Kentucky, reports their first Youth Week according to Rev. John Wall, pastor. It was a good week with 75 young people participating.

East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, observed Youth Week April 7-14. Mr. Johnnie Green reported that the youth did a wonderful job. This was the second year the church observed Youth Week and they plan to make it an annual event.

First Baptist Church, Elberfield, Indiana, held their seventh consecutive Youth Week this year with a total of 55 young people participating. Charles Mitchell, Training Union director, said each year the church as well as young people look forward to Youth Week.

Stithon Baptist Church, Vine Grove, Kentucky, Rev. W. R. Cook reports plans next year to make Youth Week an annual event. He says, "Our first Youth

Week was a help to all, especially the church as a whole. We plan for a better Youth Week next year."

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Russellville, Kentucky, used 16 young people in their fourth annual Youth Week this year. Mr. Courtland Brown, Training Union director, reports an excellent week.

Wildwood Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, reports—"Wildwood Church was thrilled with the way the youth led our church, and already we are talking about having Youth Week again next year." Brother W. L. Birch says he has always led the churches where he has been pastor to observe Youth Week, but this was the first time he had ever tried it in the summer. "I moved on the field here too late to have it in the spring at the recommended time," he says. "I am convinced that Youth Week should be in the summer when we can take advantage of all the free time that the youth have."

Planning Starts For World Baptist Youth Conference

TORONTO, Canada (BWA) — Baptist youth leaders throughout Ontario already are at work preparing for a 1958 conference that doubtless will be the most representative group of Baptist young people ever assembled.

The meeting will be the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference, June 27-July

2, 1958. Six thousand young people from 50 different nations on six continents are expected to attend.

Sponsored by the youth department of the Baptist World Alliance, the conference program will include discussion periods in which Baptist young people of differing national backgrounds seek Christian solutions to world problems, fellowship sessions, and addresses by outstanding Baptist leaders.

Folders and posters announcing the conference are available to all churches, colleges and youth leaders requesting them. Requests should be addressed to Robert S. Denny, secretary, youth department, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C., USA.

Douglas Gow of Toronto, general chairman of local arrangements, said that sessions will be held in the 7,500 seat Varsity Arena on the University of Toronto campus. A dozen sub-committees already are at work in advance planning.

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M. P. Turner President Of American Seminary

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Maynard P. Turner, Jr., pastor of Mozart Baptist Church, Chicago, has been elected president of American Baptist Theological Seminary here. He assumes his new duties August 5.

American Seminary is jointly operated by the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., the largest Negro Baptist group in the nation. The seminary trains Negro ministers and other religious workers.

The post of president has been vacant for about a year following the resignation of Ralph W. Riley to re-enter the pastorate. During that time, Victor T. Glass has served as acting president, the first and only white man to head the seminary.

When Turner becomes president, Glass will resume his former position of academic dean.

Turner has been active in both pastorates and educational work in the National Convention. He is a doctor of theology graduate of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas; former dean at Western Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, and later president of Western Seminary.

Turner has been pastor of Mozart Baptist Church since September, 1955. He is no newcomer to Nashville, having received his bachelor of arts degree from Fisk University here.

►George W. Cummings, associate director of the Chaplains Commission, will make a tour through the Far East in August, September and October, visiting military chaplains. His itinerary includes Honolulu, Guam, Manila, Okinawa, Taipei, Korea and Hong Kong.

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ATTENTION! KENTUCKY BWCERS

Cedarmore time is almost here. Have you sent in your reservation? Camp begins with lunch at 1:00 (daylight time) on Saturday, August 31, and closes after lunch on Monday, September 2.

On Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 there will be conferences:

1. President and Vice-Presidents and Circle chairmen
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2. Program chairmen
Led by Mrs. H. D. McBrayer, Lexington
3. Prayer, Mission Study, Community Missions and Stewardship chairmen
Led by Mrs. H. C. Randall, Columbia

These conferences can give us much practical help for our new year's work. Please determine now to take advantage of them.

All of our business women are urged to come and especially do we need our Federation Presidents for 1957-58. If you can't come for the weekend, please, please come for the Saturday afternoon conferences.

We are looking for many new faces at Cedarmore this year. Won't you come and share with us the rich spiritual blessings that God showers upon us as we fellowship together.

Remember! When sending in your reservation be sure to specify if you will be there for lunch on Saturday.—Mary Morehead, President, State BWC Federation.

THINGS TO COME

Have you made your reservation for *WMU Week at Cedarmore*? See rates given on this page and write at once to Manager Marvin Byrdwell, Kentucky Baptist Assembly, "Cedarmore," Bagdad, Ky. Be sure to enclose \$2 registration fee and indicate accommodations desired. See this page next week for program details about Cedarmore and for information about hotels for meetings of North American Baptist Women's Union in Toronto and the W. M. U. Convention in Houston.

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THANK YOU! FROM MISS BRIGHT

I wish to thank my many friends in Kentucky for remembering me on my birthday with the showers of notes and letters. It warmed my heart to think that you thought of me.—Philippians 1:3.—Jennie G. Bright.

SUNBEAM FOCUS WEEK AUGUST 11-17, 1957

Hello, Sunbeam Leaders!

How busy you must be planning for Sunbeams and for Focus Week! May Jesus Christ be the center of our plans!

Today, as I write these words, the prayer thought in Royal Service reads, "The Lord is with him" (2 Chron. 15:2). Our prayer life is our power line. Let us "lean hard" on our Lord.



Mrs. C. D. Ransdell, Jr.

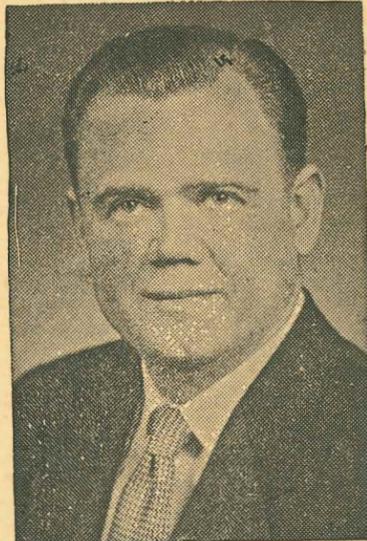
Miss Elsie Rives has stressed rallies for leaders rather than children during Focus Week. It could well be a time for leaders to try out new handicraft, to exchange ideas and methods of leading children into a closer relationship with God, etc. Someone has written in our Bible School material: "God loves every little child and wills that all have abundant opportunities for spiritual development." May we have the attitude of Christ toward little children and remember for them!

The question arises now and then: "Isn't there a Sunbeam watchword?" The entire Bible is for all, and we need to be aware in selecting Scriptures that are clear and can be understood and practiced by beginners and primaries. Symbolic verses are confusing and can cause wrong attitudes.

This W. M. U. year will be ending soon. Leaders, as you reconsider your joys and make plans to continue your servanthip (term used in *Christian Leadership* by Preston—a good book to read!), covenant with God to "expect great things from God; attempt great things for God!" The Lord is with you, while ye be with him.—Mrs. C. D. Ransdell, Jr., Chairman, Sunbeam Division.

Raymond E. Lawrence Succeeds C. W. Elsey At Shelbyville Church

Pastor Raymond E. Lawrence, First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ky., has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, where he is succeeding Dr. C. W. Elsey, and began his new duties June 16. Lawrence has pre-



Raymond E. Lawrence

viously held pastorates in Mount Vernon, Crittenden and Morning View, Ky., and Neosho, Mo. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Lawrence is the former Eula Whiteker, Cynthia, Ky. She is also a graduate of Georgetown College. Brother and Mrs. Lawrence have two daughters, Deborah and Dora.

While at Mt. Vernon, Lawrence served as moderator of Rockcastle Association and was a member of the State Executive Board.

Dr. Elsey served the church for 31 years and retired the first of January. Dr. Wayne Ward, of the Southern Seminary faculty, has been interim pastor.

The Mt. Vernon church has called Dr. George W. Redding, of the Bible Department, Georgetown College, to be its interim pastor.

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Sunday School Lesson

HANNAH, A WOMAN WHO KEPT HER PROMISE

I Samuel 1:9-11, 20-28

For August 11, 1957

By H. C. Chiles

In this lesson we read of a polygamous family which resided about twelve miles from Shiloh. The man of the house, Elkanah, was a member of the tribe of Levi. Although Elkanah was an honorable and a devout man, his home life was not all that it should have been, for he had married two women, Hannah and Peninnah, and no home was ever made for two wives at the same time. At the proper season each year Elkanah and his household went to Shiloh to worship God and to offer the prescribed sacrifices. While the women were not required to attend these services, the pious usually did so, and especially those whose husbands were Levites. When the time arrived for the journey, Elkanah gave to Peninnah and their children proper portions, but to Hannah he gave a double portion as a special token of his great love for her. Such a situation and procedure naturally produced unhappiness, discord and strife.

I. Hannah's Problem.

Deeply imbued with the desire to become a mother, Hannah's heart was burdened and her soul was vexed because she could not have any children. She sorrowed much because of her barrenness, even though she was not responsible for it, because the Word says, "the Lord had shut up her womb." However, God had done so in order that He might manifest His grace to Israel by the display of His miraculous power. It was God's purpose to raise up a son from her who was barren.

II. Hannah's Provocation.

Because of Elkanah's superior affection and open preference for Hannah, Peninnah was very jealous of her. Especially at these annual feasts, Peninnah gave expression to her haughty and insolent attitude toward Hannah by repeatedly taunting her on account of her childlessness, thereby making life miserable for her. Because of her repeated provocations, Hannah was broken-hearted and wept bitterly. It is never pleasant to have the finger of derision and ridicule pointed at you. This is especially true when it is done by one who does not love the Lord as he should and yet seems to enjoy His favor to a remarkable degree.

III. Hannah's Piety.

On this particular occasion at Shiloh, Hannah was so greatly burdened on account of her childlessness and the taunts or her insolent rival that she gave way to her feelings and expressed them in the loss of appetite and in tears, wo-

man's sure refuge. Her husband sought to comfort her, but she refused to be comforted.

In her provocation Hannah did not indulge in resentment or go to her neighbor for sympathy. Neither did she retaliate by censuring Peninnah, or by entering a quarrel with her. Instead, she held her peace and resolved to commit her cares and anxieties to the Lord. She refused to let her troubles come between God and her and make her rebellious against His providences. Instead of fuming and fretting, as many would have done under similar circumstances, Hannah determined to lay her case before the God of Israel, Whom she loved and worshipped, and to ask Him for help. What a blessed thing for anybody to do in an hour of distress, agony and need! Hannah had the good sense to take her troubles to the Lord, which is exactly what all believers should do. In her helplessness she left the feast and went away to be alone with God in earnest prayer.

IV. Hannah's Prayer.

In her distress Hannah made her way to the temple and sobbed out her prayer to God. She asked Him to consider her affliction and to bless her. Even though she had a good husband, a large house and plenty of servants, she wanted to become the mother of a son. She did not think of motherhood as something to be abhorred, but as a privilege. She believed that a child was needed to change her house into a home. So, she promised God that, if He would look upon her affliction and give her a son, she would lend him unto the Lord as long as he lived. If the Lord would only take away her reproach, she would dedicate her son to Him for His service.

Hannah promised to give in return for what she hoped to get, saying, "O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head." That was a mighty argument with God, for He will not withhold from those who petition Him for the things that will bring glory to His name. Hannah had every confidence that God could and would grant her the desire of her heart.

Eli, the priest, noted that Hannah continued in prayer longer than the average person. Observing the motion of

her lips, but not hearing the sound of her voice, the priest concluded that Hannah was intoxicated. He made the serious mistake of accusing her of this evil. In self-defense against this false accusation, Hannah graciously assured Eli that in bitterness of soul she was pouring out her heart to God in earnest prayer for a son. We would do well to follow her example of graciousness when false accusations are made against us. Following her explanation, Eli pronounced a blessing on Hannah and joined in the prayer that God would grant her the desire of her heart.

Disappointed in herself at not being able to become a mother, despised by another who had several children, and misjudged and falsely accused by God's servant, Hannah had been sorely tried. Entirely submissive to God's will, and believing that God would enable her to have a son, Hannah went away with great satisfaction of mind and real joy of heart.

V. Hannah's Praise.

In due time Hannah's prayer was answered. When her son was born, she named him "Samuel," which means "asked of God." She had prayed definitely for a son and God had granted her request. What a welcome that baby must have received when he came into that village home nestled among the mountains! Filled with the Spirit of God, Hannah's heart simply overflowed with joy and praise. She had received help and blessing from God and she acknowledged it with deep and joyous gratitude. God had intervened in her behalf and she was both glad and grateful. However, she did not speak about her gladness, but about the God Who made her happy.

When Samuel was weaned, Hannah fulfilled her vow by taking her son to the temple and dedicating him to the Lord. Thereafter, he belonged to God. With faltering step she turned homeward, but God saw her quivering lip and those tears that refused to be controlled. Understanding fully, God took the ache out of her heart and filled it with His peace. Year after year that wonderful mother renewed her vow. When she went with her husband to offer sacrifices in the temple, she took a coat for Samuel, who appeared more lovely and more winsome each year, but there was no yielding on her part to any impulse to take him back Hannah never ceased to rejoice that God had enabled her to bring a son to Him and present him for His disposal and use in His service. From Hannah, the woman who kept her promise, we learn that each of us should dedicate himself to God and to do all that he possibly can to bring glory to His precious name.

►The First Church, DeLand, Fla., has called J. Winston Pearce, of the Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., to be its pastor and he has accepted.

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Stages of Rural Church Development

By CARL A. CLARK
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

A great problem of rural churches, as we observe it, is their static condition. Too often a church is just where it was 20 or even 40 years ago.

Many rural churches, today, are making remarkable progress. If we understand some of the steps that go into the progress of a church, it might hasten that growth.

Indifference

The term *indifference* is a little harsh for the church which has been merely rocking along through the years in a state of apathy, indifferent toward progress. Members are not indifferent toward the church; they are usually the most faithful people you will find anywhere. They believe in their church, and support it regularly, but seem indifferent toward enlarging it. They are satisfied with conditions as they are. This is a very definite stage in the development of some churches—lack of interest, very little co-operation, little sense of the need of growth.

This same phase of church growth might be called a state of disorganization or lack of organization. The church has not yet settled down to a definite program of progress. Usually there is no friction in this stage. There may be factions within the church fellowship but these are not in open conflict. There is not enough life for that.

Awareness

The second stage comes when people realize something is missing in their church program. The need may have been there for years, but they didn't see it. The first step of actual growth comes when members are alerted to need. One may have a disease and not do anything about it because he just doesn't know he has it. Likewise, a church does nothing about its needs until it knows them. The first step, then, is to help the church realize its needs.

Occasionally we must create dissatisfaction with things as they are before progress can begin. When people start wanting something better, they work toward their goal; they are willing to learn new things, willing to be changed. Then, and not until then are they ready for real progress.

Involved in this stage is a self-investigation. Whenever members re-examine their church program, their common problems, the needs of their organizations, there is hope.

This self-analysis must be done by members of the church themselves; no outsider can tell them what is wrong. They will resent it.

Along about this time in the process of growth, a church is likely to get into confusion. A few become concerned for progress, and others resent it. This con-

fusion may not last long, may not cause much disturbance. But sometimes it does. Leaders may expect confusion.

If this confusion becomes acute, then a leader *must emerge*. It may be the pastor, but most likely it will be a layman. It can very easily be someone who never has taken active leadership before. Often it is a person who does not hold an official position in the church. Yet his personality and attitude will help him resolve the confusion, and he will be quickly catapulted into leadership.

This means a plan of action is formulated which is in a measure, at least, agreeable to the church. Sometimes the entire membership comes to agreement. There may be opposing ideas. The plan accepted may be a composite of varying attitudes and ideas. It may be a compromise solution.

Determination

When people finally become aware of a problem, it is easy to get them to work toward the solution. They must have conviction and a willingness to dedicate themselves until the task is accomplished.

We are prone to shift responsibility to someone else when we get down to the hard work—perhaps invite in a professional or an expert and let him do the work. But no church grows simply because the pastor is anxious for growth. Each member must sense his own personal obligation. Another suggestion: The first steps of progress should not be so big as to discourage the people. Neither should they be so small as not to challenge them.

Progress is seldom continuous. It comes by steps—a time of level activity a period of growth, a period of leveling off, followed in turn by another period of growth. This is the ideal.

For continual growth a church needs a long-range plan—one step after another leading to an ever-higher level of work with big goals at the end. If there is adequate planning for the future, the let-down can be avoided. No church should remain static. As long as there are lost people in the community, and as long as there are areas where the church and its program can be improved, we should not be content.

►B. J. Bland has resigned as pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church, near Eddyville, where he has been preaching for six years.

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►Four Kentuckians were graduated from Southwestern Seminary at its recent commencement. They were (1) James C. Coates, Bellevue, D. R. E.; (2) Miss Mary Ella Davis, Louisville, and formerly of Owensboro, ex-elementary Sunday school secretary in the Kentucky Baptist Building, B.R.E.; (3) Mrs. Tom W. McMillan, Jeffersonton, M.R.E.; and (4) Frances Marie White, Hazel, B. R. E. Dr. Coates is to be minister of education, First Church, El Dorado, Arkansas.

►Walter E. Greer, 73, retired Baptist preacher, died in Paducah, April 26. His pastorates were in Graves, Marshall, Hickman, McCracken and Ballard Counties. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Kate R. Greer; three sons, Rev. C. F. Greer, Paducah; Elbert Greer, St. Louis; and Harold Greer, Mayfield; three daughters, Mrs. Clois Morgan, Paducah, and Mrs. Lowell Ray and Mrs. Bonnie Lamb, both of West Viola. Also nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His remains were taken to Highland Park Cemetery, Mayfield, for burial.

►Charles H. Morris, pastor of the First Church, Metropolis, Ill., and his wife have been appointed as missionaries to Malaya, and will sail with their two sons, Charles, Jr., and Eric, some time after January, 1958. In preparation for their going they spent June 6-14 in missionary orientation at Waco, Texas; and will take special missionary courses at Southern Seminary and Carver School at Louisville. While he is here he will be available for pulpit supply, interim work, revivals or week-end engagements after September 1.

►R. Ray Stone has resigned the care of the First Church, Carthage, Mo., to become pastor of the Waverly Place Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., where he is succeeding Charles Jolly, formerly of Pineville, Ky., now gone to the College Street Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md. Before going to Carthage, Stone was pastor at Farmington, Mo., and before that was at the Farndale Church, Louisville, Ky. The Stone twins, Bob and Joy, will be seniors next year at William Jewell College, and David will be a senior in High School.

►Mr. and Mrs. Norris Lee Gardner, Covington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Lee, to Mr. William Walter Marshall, son of Mr. Ernest Marshall, Frankfort. The bride-elect was graduated from Georgetown College, and was in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Mr. Marshall, also graduated from Georgetown, is pastor of Highlands Baptist Mission, near Lexington. The wedding is to take place at Latonia Baptist Church, Chapel, Covington, August 10 at 8:00 p.m., following which the couple will sail August 15 for Nazareth, Israel, where they will each for nine months in a high school sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board.



LET'S GO TO OKLAHOMA! — L. E. Coleman, Sr., state Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky (center, above) is shown pointing out the attendance goal of Kentucky for the First National Conference of Southern Baptist Men to Dr. William Peyton Thurman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, and soon to become dean of men at Southern Seminary, Louisville, as they visited the Brotherhood Commission's exhibit at the Southern Baptist Convention, Chicago. Frank Black, assistant secretary in the Royal Ambassador department of the Brotherhood Commission, looks on.

The conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 18-20. Note Kentucky's attendance goal is 300. Come on men! Take some of the time and money the Lord has blessed you with and put it back into His business. This conference is your opportunity really to get the "feel" of Baptist manpower. Over 3,000 men have already registered for the conference. At last 5,000 more are expected. If you are interested write your state Brotherhood office today for information about the conference and a registration blank.

GREAT ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMPS. — Some 693 boys attended State Royal Ambassador camps at Cedarmore this year. Bible study, mission discussion, hiking, cooking, fishing, swimming, first aid, nature study and Royal Ambassador work in general were among the many studies and activities engaged in.

J. C. Ballew, state Royal Ambassador secretary and director of these camps, expresses his appreciation for the privilege of working with 34 pastors and 33 laymen who served as unit pastors, counselors, missionaries, unit leaders and in other places of responsibility during the four weeks. The success of these camps always depends upon these dedicated men who are willing to give of their time, energy and talents that boys throughout our state might come to know Christ as their Saviour; to know God's will for their lives; and, to learn about our Baptist work in Kentucky, our country, and other countries where we have missionaries.

Unit leaders during the four weeks were—Rev. Calvin Fields, Bob Brindle, Jim Oliver, Bob Key and Bill Cooper. Mr. Fields also presented State Missions each week. Other mission periods were held by Mike Park of Korea and Albert Riusech of Havana, Cuba, who was a Home Mission Board worker.

One hundred and two boys accepted Christ and 83 others dedicated their lives to Vocational Christian service. Letters have gone out to each of these in which we have urged them to follow-up their decisions at camp with public declarations and action in their home churches.

To Rev. Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore manager, his staff and all others who helped make this year's camps the best, we are grateful.

►Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. H. Roscoe Childress of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Florence Childress, to Pastor Alvis Barbee Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Carpenter, Elaine, Ark. The wedding is to take place later on this summer. Miss Childress is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky State College, and Mr. Carpenter of the University of Denver and the Southern Baptist Church, Louisville. He is pastor of the Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville.

►Dr. Jess C. Moody, Owensboro, Ky., and song leader, Eddie Nicholson, conducted the Franklin County Association Revival, July 22-28, at Frankfort, Kentucky.

►Bailey F. Davis has left the First Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., to accept the pastorate at Amherst, Va. While at Franklin the Building Fund has been raised from \$9,500 to \$118,000, an \$11,000 lot has been paid for. The Walker Ave. Mission has been established and \$4,000 has been paid for its building.

BOOK NOTES

"Preaching From Great Chapters of the Bible," by Kyle M. Yates. Broadman Press, Nashville.

This book, by Dr. Kyle M. Yates, will meet not only with deepest appreciation but ready sale among ministers and laymen alike. There are 13 great chapters. Concerning his studies and these chapters Dr. Yates said in part: "My love for preachers has led me to do many things in the hope that these friends might be blessed and their preaching made increasingly effective. The conviction that Bible preaching is the answer to the many problems that confront the churches has deepened through the years. When the people come to know and understand the Word of God, they are ready to commit their lives and their all to the Master. How are they to know unless the Bible is taught and preached? It is my prayer that these studies will inspire and provide material for at least thirteen good, expository sermons. It is also hoped that men and women in the churches may find joy and profit in reading these chapters for themselves. . . . In preparing these studies there has been no effort made to put the material in final form for each minister. The rich, delicious, attractive fruit has been dug up, uncovered, arranged, and put at the immediate disposal of the thoughtful sermon builder. It has been tried and found to be powerful. Congregations have feasted and begged for more." And he concludes: "My prayer is that many will be led to know and love these great chapters and that the churches, the homes, and the lives of our land may be strengthened to bring much joy to the heart of our dear Lord and Saviour."

Dr. Yates' chapters are: The Amazing Grace, Eph. 2; The Good Shepherd, Ps. 23; How Love Behaves, 1 Cor. 13; The Way Home, Ps. 51; The Beatitudes, Matt. 5; Foregleams of Calvary, Isa. 53; The Love of God, Luke 15; God's Invitation, Isa. 55; More than Conquerors, Rom. 8; Kept by the Power of God, 1 Pet. 1; Walking Worthily, Eph. 4; The Changeless Challenge, Phil. 1; Paul's mighty Prayer, Eph. 3.

Dr. Yates, always at heart a teacher, spent many years as a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He later became pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and then of Second Baptist Church, Houston. He now is "distinguished professor" at Baylor University, Waco. This book is permeated with heart power as well as truth presented in scholarly manner.

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The Sabbath, or the Lord's Day, Which?

By L. R. RILEY

Did Catholics change the day as some claim they did? They did not. Exodus 31:16 gives the answer. "The children of Israel shall keep the sabbath to observe it throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant." Thus it filled its mission as did the Jewish Passover and passed out (Col. 2:17). Note this passage also (Hosea 2:11): "I will cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts."

Please keep in mind that the Sabbath was a sign to Israel throughout their generations, between them and God (Ex. 31:14). How appropriate then that it be set aside as Israel was set aside as his people. Jesus lay in the grave all day on the Sabbath to signify that Jewish feasts and ceremonial law were abolished; and that his people were to take no more notice of them and be as dead to them (so far as salvation is concerned) than he did to the events of this world the day he lay in the grave.

Hence the child of God has passed through judgment with Jesus (Jno. 5: 24 Revised Version) and has been baptized into his death and ascended above the law and the ordinances of the earth with Jesus, and is admonished to set his affections on the things that are above and not on things of the earth. No men-

tion is made of the Sabbath for 2,500 years after Gen. 2. Nowhere is it recorded that Jesus ever commanded to keep the Sabbath. Had it been essential to salvation, don't you know he would not have left it out.

What attitude did Jesus take towards the Sabbath? He never commanded anyone to keep it. He met with the disciples on the first day of the week (Jno. 20:19-23). He justified the plucking of corn on the Sabbath (Mk. 2:23-28). He healed an impotent man on the Sabbath and told him to carry his bed (John 5:10).

If keeping the first day of the week is the mark of the beast as some claim, then Jesus and the apostles were all guilty for that is when they met. Jesus should be with us in time as well as of in other matters; therefore we should observe the first day of the week as a day of worship.

How does the Sabbath relate itself to Christ? God commanded Israel to keep it perfectly or lose their physical lives. So are we commanded to trust Christ perfectly or lose our souls in hell. As breaking sabbath rest brought physical death, so breaking soul rest wholly on Jesus will bring spiritual death. Was the sabbath ever a day of worship? No, the day after the Sabbath was (Lev. 23:9-15). How beautifully this fits into our Sunday or first day of the week. Pentecost was on the first day of the week when the Spirit came in power (Acts 2).

What the Banker Could Sign

An Eastern insurance broker had solicited a certain prominent banker for insurance. The broker had explained the features of the contract best suited to the banker's requirements, the amount had been agreed upon, and the broker was reaching for the sheet with the dotted line, when Mr. Banker said, "Not so fast. A matter like this requires consideration. Come back one week from today."

"Very well," replied the insurance man, "but I wish you would sign this memorandum of our understanding." A moment later he placed before the banker a business card on which he had written: "I agree to be alive and well one week from today."

The banker read it, then fingered it thoughtfully for several seconds before he replied, "I can't sign such a statement," he said nervously, "but I can sign the application."—The Baptist Observer.

►The annual home coming was held at the Burks Branch Church, Shelby County, July 7. Pastor Eugene Hamilton preached at the morning service, at which time a \$6,000 note was burned, leaving the church debt free. At the afternoon service Lawrence Edwards, Roy Timmons and Leonard Denny were ordained as deacons.

"Inexorable laws have shut up every denominational school to one or the other outcome, endow or die"

—B. H. Carroll

Friends of liberal education have learned this truth. Have the friends of Christian Education learned it? This exhibit answers the question:

	Endowment
Harvard University.....	\$329,044,290
Yale University.....	245,474,000
Columbia University.....	118,377,109
Princeton University.....	73,162,000
Georgetown College (Ky.).....	804,540
Cumberland College.....	801,705
Campbellsville College.....	17,720
Bethel College.....	14,664

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