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►Mr. and Mrs. William Harlan McGinnis, Southern Baptist missionaries to Ghana, Africa, have returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed at Route 4, Box 255, Louisville 13, Ky. The McGinnises are from Louisville, where they make their permanent American home.

►William Harold Johnson was set apart to the full Gospel ministry by the Concord Church, August 11. Dr. A. W. Walker, Carlisle Avenue, Louisville, led the examination and preached the ordination sermon; G. N. Smith gave the charge to the church; Frank W. Rhodus, Warsaw, gave the charge to the candidate; R. E. Morris offered the ordination prayer, Deacon Manford Craft presented the Bible, and Evangelist Clyde Kendall, Louisville, offered the benediction. The council was composed of these brethren and Eugene Leftwich, Mt. Zion; W. M. Smith, retired; R. E. Morris, Ten Mile; Harold S. Earle, Paint Lick; E. J. Kuhn, Lonnie Wainscott; Dilver Dean, K. Harold Connelly, Dewey Odor, Arthur Barnes, Harvey Hughes, Basil Rider, Kenneth R. Connelly, Hobart Speagle and D. R. Chapman. Johnson is a student in Georgetown College, and has been called to the Concord Church.

►Mrs. Effie Ann Newman Hunt, 94, died at her residence, 4015 Spring Hill Road, St. Matthews, Louisville, Ky., Sunday, August 18, at 3:00 p.m. She was the widow of the late Dr. M. P. Hunt, well known Baptist pastor, whom she married October 26, 1886. Her funeral was conducted by Drs. Carroll Hubbard, V. C. Kruschwitz at H. C. Cralle Funeral Home on August 20 and her remains

were taken to Resthaven Memorial Park, Buechel, for burial. She was a native of Kansas City, Mo., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Newman. She leaves one son and two daughters: Rogers C. Hunt and Miss Ruth Hunt, both of Louisville; and Mrs. A. P. Bryant, Sacramento, Calif.

►Miss Florence Childress and Pastor Alvis Barbee Carpenter were united in marriage at the Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, August 16, at 7:30 p.m., with Dr. E. J. Caswell officiating. The bride has been a school teacher, and the groom is pastor of the Audubon Baptist Church, Audubon Park, Louisville, Kentucky.

The Public Relations Office of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board proudly presents the State Mission Issue for 1957. Production and lay-out were by Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., public relations director; photography by Mr. Bryan and Ed Boden, technical assistant in public relations. Cover: View of the new Kentucky Baptist Building from across Shelbyville Road. Save this issue, and use it for mission study. A limited number of copies are available at the Public Relations Office, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

►The McKinney Church, in Lincoln County, has called Raymond Flynn, formerly of Wagersville but more recently a student in Clear Creek School, and he has accepted.

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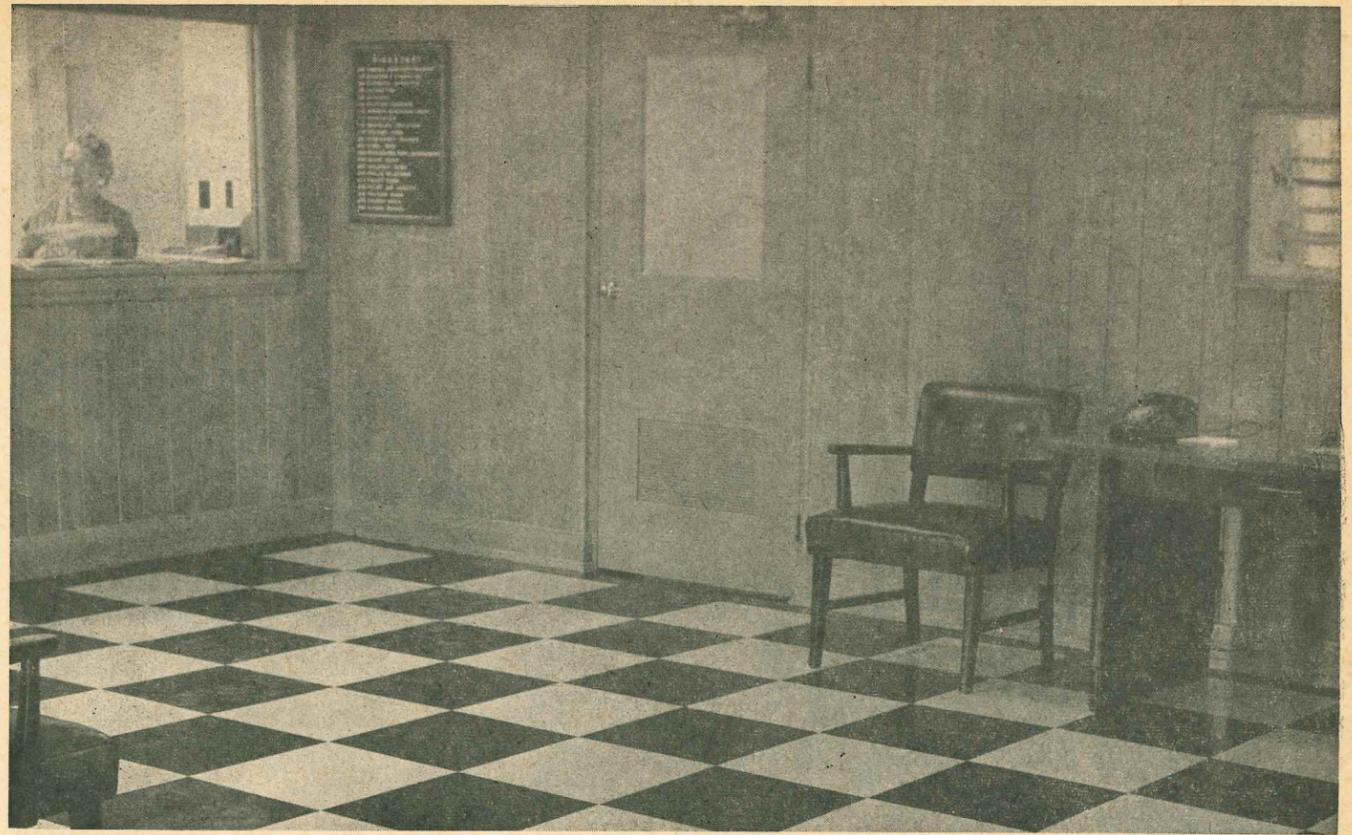
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, AUGUST 18, 1957

Numeral after church indicates number of missions.

	T.U.	Add.	S.S.
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	211	2	1,594
Lou., Carlisle Avenue (2)	259	2	1,324
Madisonville, First	285	1	1,055
Hopkinsville, Second (1)	211		969
Lou., Beechland (1)	328	10	969
Lou., Beechmont (2)	240	27	959
Harrodsburg (2)	262		958
Bowling Green, First (1)	156	1	941
Lou., Parkland (1)	220	1	940
Owensboro, Third	217		909
Evansville, Grace (1)	859		856
Murray, First (1)	150		802
Etowah, Severn's Valley (2)	144		777
Newport, First (2)	144		777
Henderson, Immanuel (3)	83	4	769
Covington, Calvary	755		740
Covington, Latonia (1)	154		736
Hopkinsville, First (1)	112		732
Frankfort, First (1)	146		708
Lexington, Immanuel	200		682
Lexington, Grace (1)	137		645
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole Memorial (13)	54	2	639
Somerset, First (1)	176	2	625
Lou., Third Avenue (1)	135		614
Danville, First (2)	111		597
Lou., Shively (1)	124	6	548
Campbellsville (3)	169		540
Lou., Baptist Tabernacle			

Shelbyville, First	84	535
Lebanon, First (1)	152	528
Hodgenville, First	157	522
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	52	511
Lou., Hazelwood	72	507
Middlesboro, First (2)	84	505
Paducah, First	211	501
Lexington, Calvary (1)	130	500
London, First	146	496
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial (1)	222	488
Erlanger	85	465
Lou., Eighteenth St. (1)	122	455
Lou., Eastern Parkway	95	450
Georgetown (4)	93	449
Lou., Broadway (2)	101	447
Russellville, First (1)	112	442
Winchester, First	98	442
Ashland, Unity	86	436
Owensboro, Hall Street	160	435
Owensboro, Buena Vista	100	430
Evansville, Calvary	151	429
Winchester, Central	81	415
Ft. Thomas, First (1)	61	413
Cynthiana (1)	413	413
Lexington, Porter Memorial	96	405
Bellevue	60	404
Lou., Bethany	75	403
Lou., Rockford Lane	131	392
Covington, South Side	86	377
Lou., Immanuel	96	361
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial (1)	39	356
Corbin, First	63	355
Lou., Valley View	128	354
Springfield	122	354
Ashland, Pollard (1)	95	353
Lou., Baptist Temple (1)	114	351
Walton, First	114	344



The checkered reception room of the new Kentucky Baptist Building is fittingly presided over by Mrs. J. Weller Check, receptionist. Mrs. V. V. Cooke, Louisville, contributed the vinyl floor tile. The firm of Grissom and Rakestraw, Burnside, Kentucky, gave the paneling for this and three other rooms. Decorating of the reception room was by the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

NERVE CENTER OF STATE MISSIONS

By W. R. PETTIGREW, Moderator
General Association of Baptists in Kentucky

After World War I we were touring the battle fields of Europe. Our guide led us over rough terrain, around a hill, and pointed to a timbered-up cave entrance that led to a large underground room. We had already seen many dug-outs and fortifications. I viewed this one in a matter-of-fact way until he said: "This was the headquarters of the high command during the fighting in this sector; here great planning was done, and from this place orders went forth that helped win the war." Immediately the dug-out was no longer just another hole in the ground. It was a place with a capital "P." I was intensely interested in it. The "Baptist Building" or the "Baptist Headquarters" may be terms of only passing interest to the unthinking. However, when one considers that it was in a Baptist building that prayers were prayed and plans were made which to a large degree led to our being the great denomination we are, the "Baptist Building" becomes no longer

an ordinary place—it becomes a place that should be spelled with a capital "P." Without such a Nerve Center, it would have been impossible for our Baptist churches to co-operate and to pool their resources in the building of Kingdom-wide institutions and the launching of great co-operative Kingdom efforts. The new Baptist Building in Middletown has a heritage which spells out in no uncertain terms its place in the current life of Kentucky Baptists. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention recently broke ground for its eighth home since its founding 112 years ago. In an article in the July issue of The Commission Dr. Cauthen said: The construction of this building will make possible the strengthening of the administration of the Board and the improvement of every area of its work. Every dollar to be used in this structure is as definitely a mission investment as any expenditure for evangelical, medical, or educational work in the neediest mission field.

The reasons for the new Foreign Mission headquarters building in the life of world missions are also the reasons for our new Kentucky Baptist headquarters building in the life of Kentucky Baptists. Upon the men and women who occupy the Baptist Building now and in years to come rests the responsibility of leadership in all the co-operative work of our Baptist people in Kentucky. We look to them for leadership in all co-operative efforts to win the hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of lost people in greater stewardship. We look to them for leadership in making our institutions strong and in keeping them strong. Our greatest dream for the Kingdom of God in our state has not yet been dreamed, nor the greatest battle engaged, nor the most significant victory won! Our people look to our Baptist Nerve Center for vital, throbbing, inspiring leadership, and our people shall not look in vain.

Daley Observations

This is the State Missions issue! In each of the several past years the Western Recorder has dedicated one issue to a presentation of our Kentucky work. We are proud of what we have and believe that all of the 600,000 Baptists in Kentucky ought to be acquainted with what is happening so as to rejoice in the blessings of our Lord. One of the great needs of our day is for the person in the pew to know what his church and other churches are doing for the Kingdom enterprise. Many people, upon being informed of the world program of their church, have said, "I didn't know we were doing all that. From now on you can count on me."



C. R. Daley

Southern Baptists have dared to attempt to establish 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964. This means that we will double what we now have and, if successful, this effort will be the most phenomenal occurrence in the history of the churches since early apostolic days. Kentucky Baptists must have their share in this great undertaking. Surveys completed already indicate there are many places in our state where a new work ought to be started.

For this great undertaking every local church, every association and all the resources of our state mission program must be utilized. Wherever there is need for a new church or mission the responsibility is first of all upon the local church which is nearest the place of need. If the need cannot be met by the local church, the responsibility falls upon the district association. In instances where the association cannot meet the need, then the help of the state mission program is needed.

It is my conviction that the association is to be looked to for the most promising instrument in the task today. Large unwieldy associations following traditional lines in geography and in program cannot do the job but smaller associations with limited area and local leadership can meet the needs in an excellent way. There are those areas where the present work is so weak that outside help is the only hope, but, where there are strong churches already, there is little excuse for expecting and depending upon state help. I mean by that that a missionary paid even in part by state funds should not be expected to have to come into an area to do the work of strong churches already situated there.

Two of the associational meetings where the best reports have been heard for the last year's work were

those where local pastoral and lay leadership had been busy without outside help. It might well be we need more district associations manned by local leadership working in counsel with out state leaders.

Today we have a great Baptist work in Kentucky which is the fruit of the labor of our beloved secretary, Dr. W. C. Boone, along with many others who have helped him through the years. I believe Kentucky Baptists will constantly improve the plan and increase the effort for winning Kentucky and the world.

Battle With The Bottle

Several days ago I had that soul-sickening experience of happening along just after two automobiles had crashed head-on. The highway being blocked, I parked and ran with other curious first arrivers to the tragic scene. Both cars were demolished with torn off parts scattered over the area. Three of the five people in the cars seemed dead or near death and the other two were covered with bloody wounds. The moans of the injured lasted for what seemed like eternity before they were drowned out by screaming sirens of police cars and ambulances. When the last victim was hurried away to the hospital I was almost afraid to get back into my automobile and, having a weak feeling in my stomach, I stood a while listening to remarks from several of the hundred or so who were on the scene by that time.

"How did it happen?" was the question on nearly everybody's lips.

"How many were killed?" was asked by many others.

None knew exactly how it all happened though there were many ideas advanced. At length one lady standing next to me said what many others were thinking.

"There was drinking in one of the cars. See that beer can that fell out of the wreckage?"

At that moment the scent of "harmless beer" seemed to be distinguishable among the smell of blood, oil, first aid supplies and other accompaniments of a serious highway accident.

I watched next day for the newspaper account of the wreck to learn more as to the cause and outcome. Several details were reported but there was no mention of drink. Doubtlessly the reporter who wrote the story did not know there was any part played by drink, but if drink were the cause and it were known, I wonder if the newspaper would have carried it.

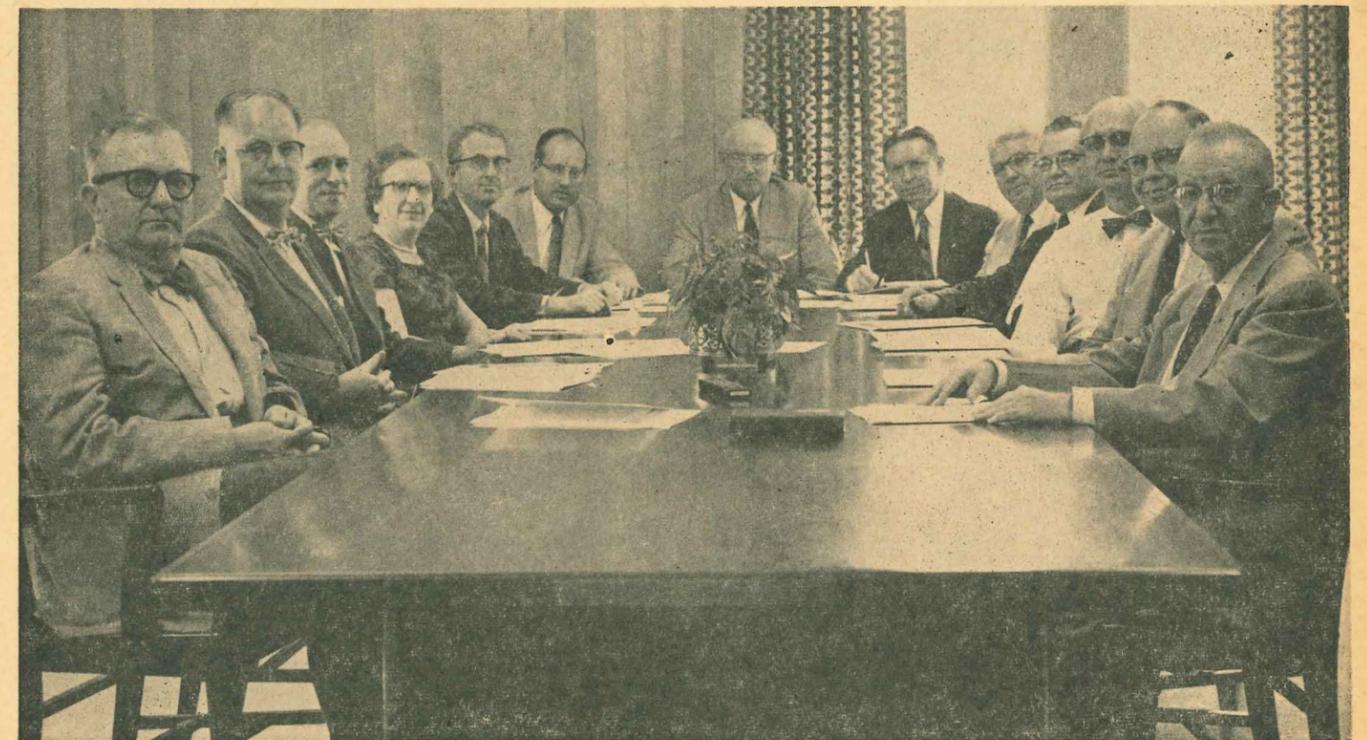
In the same paper which carried the accident account there appeared hundreds of dollars worth of liquor, wine and beer advertising and one wonders if such profitable advertising does not effect the policy of news reporting by some papers. The responsibility

of alcohol in highway accidents is often minimized because it is difficult to prove in court later on, and the newspaper is subject to a libel suit, but the use of the words, "allegedly was drinking" would free the paper of all libel suit possibilities. This is the policy in reporting murder and other crime and could be easily used in reporting drunken driving.

We had better do something. Americans have always had one consolation about our liquor consumption—it was less than that of some other nations. After all there was always France where one out of every five persons makes his living directly from the alcohol industry and everybody knows how Frenchmen drink. But wait a minute! We did have that consolation, but not now. Did you know that for every 100,000 Frenchmen there are 3,000 alcoholics while for every 100,000 Americans there are nearly 4,000 alcoholics? The French police officials say that one-third of the crimes in France are directly or indirectly due to drink; the F.B.I. reports that 60 per cent of all ar-

rests in America for the first six months in 1956 were related to alcohol. There are many churches of all faiths including synagogues and other religious organizations in America, but when they are put beside the number of places where alcoholic beverage can be bought, the churches are outnumbered by almost 138,000.

For every dollar given to all our churches last year, Americans spent five dollars for alcoholic drink. And now if you have read this far and are not yet concerned, hold your hat! In a recent survey of teenagers in 90 separate communities of the United States, 56 per cent of those who drink reported they got their first drink at home. Is there no stopping place? Have we already lost the battle with alcohol? One has said, "Some battle their way to the top—others bottle their way to the bottom," but sometimes I wonder if there's not more *bottle* than battle. Maybe the smell of blood and alcohol is more to be feared than radiation from atomic explosions.



LEADERS OF THE STATE MISSION TEAM are shown here in the Executive Committee Room of the new Kentucky Baptist Building during a staff conference. Soft maple paneling for the walls was donated by Grissom and Rakestraw. Joseph H. Potts, one of the architects, personally gave the light green wall-to-wall carpeting. The draperies are dark green, the table walnut. Built-in shelves (not visible) accommodate Executive Committee records and related volumes.

State missions as carried on from the Kentucky Baptist Building is not the work of any one man or department—it is a team operation.

The heads of the departments of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board and related agencies located in the new building are shown above with Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer.

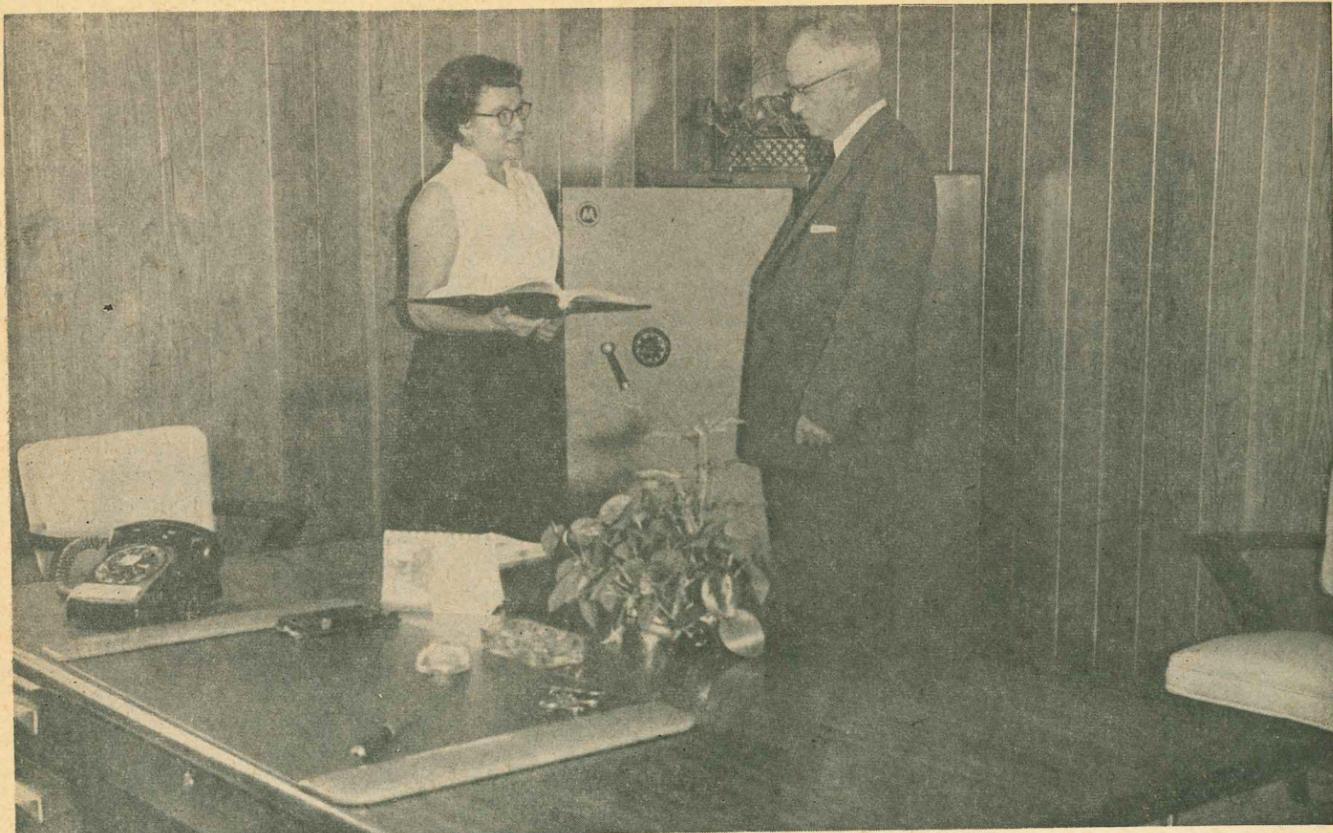
They are, clockwise around the table: L. E. Coleman, Sr., Brotherhood; James

Whaley, Training Union; Eugene Quinn, Church Music; Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Woman's Missionary Union; Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., Public Relations; Eldred M. Taylor, Missions and Evangelism; Dr. Boone; Garnett B. Morton, Accounting; Robert L. Pogue, business manager of the Western Recorder (C. R. Daley, editor, was absent); W. H. Curl, Missionary and Stewardship Training; Roy E. Boatwright, Sunday School; Chester

Durham, Baptist Student Union; and A. M. Vollmer, Kentucky Baptist Foundation and Promotion.

Not present, besides Dr. Daley, were Baynard F. Fox, Relief and Annuity; and E. F. Perry, Christian Education (acting).

It is expected that a man to promote the Forward Program of Church Finance will be named soon. An office has been prepared in the new building.



Visitors to the Kentucky Baptist Building now find Dr. W. C. Boone in this spacious oak-paneled office equipped with walnut desk and off-white plastic-covered chairs. Office Secretary Doris Yeiser here discusses a "matter of record" with the general secretary-treasurer.

A DREAM REALIZED, A FUTURE PROMISE

By W. C. BOONE, General Secretary-Treasurer,
General Association of Baptists in Kentucky

For many years Kentucky Baptists carried on their co-operative work from 205 E. Chestnut Street, Louisville. The Executive Board maintained offices in the three story former Theodore Harris residence, remodeled for its use. When the Western Recorder was purchased by the General Association, its print shop was located in a smaller building on the rear of the same lot.

With the growth of the work and the tremendous increase in the number of Baptist churches and members, however, a larger building was needed. In 1943 the Executive Board voted to accept the offer of the Broadway Baptist Church to sell its educational building.

The Broadway building was purchased from state mission funds and was remodeled and adapted to the use of the various departments of the Board. A large assembly room on the first floor was assigned to the Recorder for printing operations.

Kentucky Baptists were thrilled to have this new home for their work, and

it was believed that it would be adequate for fifty years! Dr. J. W. Black was General Secretary at that time.

The work continued to grow, however, and the organization, to expand. More space was added by partitioning and other changes, but still there was need for room. Meantime the parking problem was getting acute. It was difficult for visitors and workers alike to have access to the building. The state announced plans to locate the new North-South Expressway so that it would pass through or near the property.

In view of all these conditions the writer suggested to the Board in December, 1954, that they consider plans for building new and more adequate quarters. Long and painstaking investigations were made by the Executive Committee and others. The matter was thoroughly discussed in two special meetings of the entire Board. It was decided by practically unanimous vote to sell the Broadway property and build on a larger and more adequate site.

Several locations were considered. Finally a five-acre tract of Spring Meadows property was secured, and work begun on the building—nearly two years after the matter was first discussed by the Board. This modern, well-arranged and well adapted building is the result of all these plans and dreams.

Kentucky Baptists now have a home of which they can be proud. There is plenty of parking space. The location is accessible by reason of good expressways and other roads to anyone coming into Louisville from all parts of the state. It is only a thirty-minute drive, even in heavy traffic, from the center of the city. There is room for new additions, and the building was planned for future expansion, if necessary.

The new Kentucky Baptist Building provides a center for our denominational work that will be adequate for the foreseeable future. Our prayer is that here we may be better able to serve our Baptist people and the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ for many, many years to come.

Missions and Evangelism

Missions and evangelism are the heart and soul of all our Baptist denominational work. Every department of the Executive Board is in the business of missions and evangelism and makes its distinctive contribution. The same is true of our schools, hospitals, and children's homes.

However, the Missions and Evangelism Department is specially charged with carrying on direct missions and promoting Bible-based, church-centered evangelism. Eldred M. Taylor is superintendent of this department, and 96 missionaries labor under his direction. That number was swelled to 126 this summer by the addition of 30 student workers.

Last year these missionaries travelled a total of 1,610,088 miles, made 121,154 visits, and led 2,546 people to profess Christ as Saviour.

A statewide Evangelistic Conference is held each year at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. It is the largest attended of any of our state denominational meetings.

Included in the field force of the department are three general workers. J. Edward Cunningham serves in Eastern Kentucky and directs the Mountain Mission Program. G. R. Pendergraph works throughout the state as rural worker, with emphasis on the Eight-Day Rural Church Revival. R. A. Slinker is the general worker for Western Kentucky. He works closely with associational missionaries and gives particular attention to associations not served by a missionary.

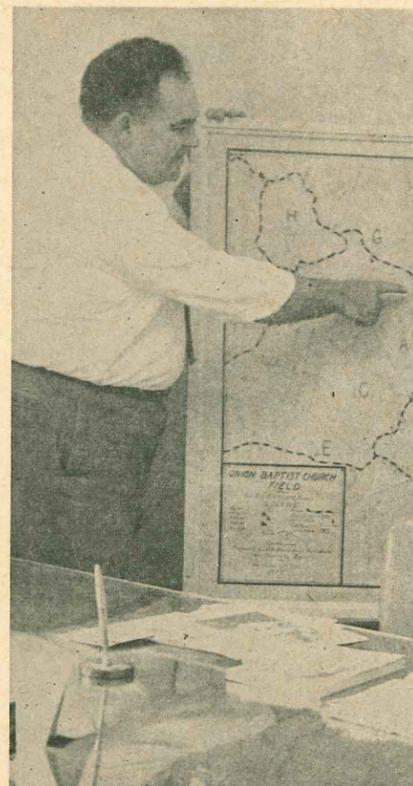
In addition, there are city, district, associational, county, and local missionaries. These men promote every phase of the Baptist program—both Kentucky and Conventionwide. This means that they promote evangelism, mission stations, new churches, strengthening churches, foreign missions, home missions, state missions, Christian Education, child care, hospitals, minister's retirement plans, stewardship, training, census and Vacation Bible Schools.



R. A. Slinker (left), general worker for Western Kentucky, reports some type of mission work now being carried on in almost every association in his sector. The Kentucky Mountain Mission Program directed by J. Edward Cunningham is the only one specifically developed as such in the S.B.C.



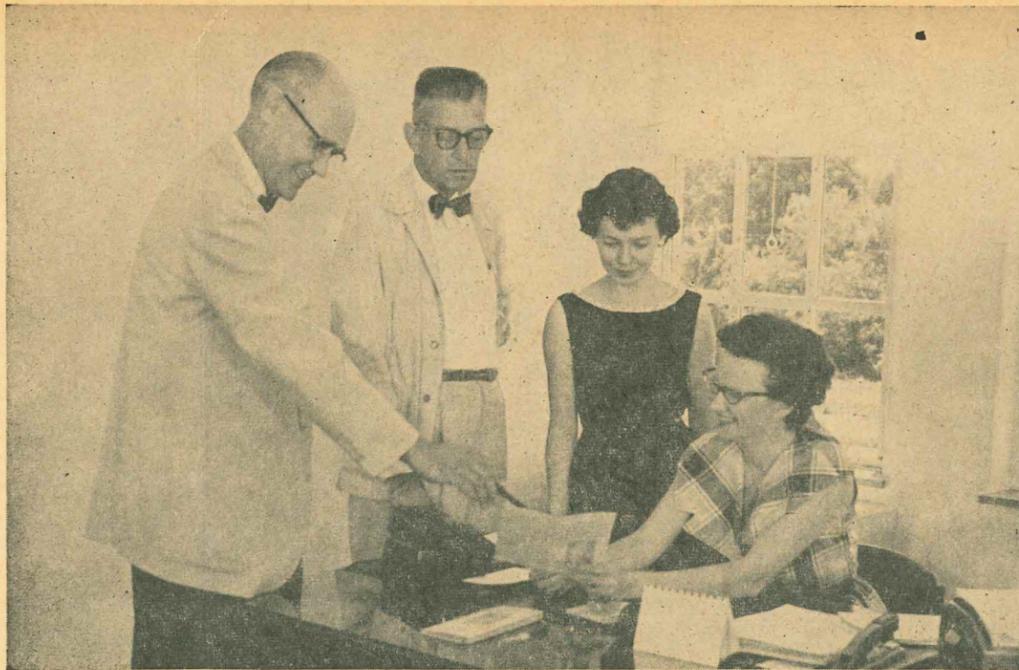
Birch-paneled walls, walnut desk, and chairs upholstered in persimmon provide a warm glow for the Missions and Evangelism office. Eldred M. Taylor, superintendent, is chatting here with Mrs. Robert Troutman, office secretary.



An up-to-the minute map of the church field is always prepared in connection with an Eight-Day Rural Church Revival. G. A. Pendergraph, state rural worker, displays one of the maps that he made in the photo at left. He has an office in the new building. The har-



vest of evangelistic efforts is seen at right. Here an unidentified missionary pastor baptizes in the old-fashioned Baptist way—in running water. Kentucky Baptist churches reported 22,246 baptisms in 1956. Yet there were 375 churches that reported none at all.



Members of the Sunday School Department staff smile over an item in the program of a coming event. They are (left to right) Dr. Roy E. Boatwright, state secretary; Harry L. Garrett, associate; Violet H. Moore, assistant office secretary; and Frances C. Mann, office secretary. Sunday School has five rooms, including space for two more associates.



The green-trimmed reception room-office of the W.M.U. was the setting for this shot. Left to right: Mrs. George R. Ferguson, W.M.U. executive secretary; Lyra Nabors, secretary to Mrs. Ferguson; Mary Pat Kent, youth secretary; and Ann Griffin, bookkeeper. Nancye Schad, Miss Kent's secretary, was absent. The desks are walnut.



The spaciousness of facilities at the Kentucky Baptist Building is seen in this glimpse of the Training Union Department general room. Frances Masden, records secretary, is in the foreground. The men are Stanley Howell and W. C. Dudley, associates, and James Whaley, state secretary. Nina Easton, office secretary, is at right.

TAKING STATE MISSIONS TO THE CHURCHES



Church Music Month—September—was the main subject on the minds of the Church Music Department staff, even when showing off the office. Eugene F. Quinn is the state secretary. The office secretary is Beulah Fairless. A copy of the Church Music Standard can also be seen.

Sunday School

Getting off to a good start in the new Sunday school year is the current emphasis of the Sunday School Department. To help assure this, the department is promoting associational planning meetings and Preparation Week in the churches in September. Training Courses are the October emphasis.

The Sunday School Department has led in the enlistment of 425,000 people in Kentucky Baptist Sunday schools. Concerned as well about quality, the department promotes Bible Study Week in January, regional conferences, enlargement campaigns, training schools, and a summer assembly. Vacation Bible School work is a special concern.

Church Music

The work of the newest department of the Executive Board, the Church Music Department, is to lead church members to develop their musical abilities to the glory of God.

To this end, the department asks churches to observe September as Church Music Month. A pamphlet on the subject, issued by the department, says: "Choir members, music committee, pastors, accompanists . . . will be familiar with the intricacies and functioning of the music department. However, the entire church membership needs to be brought up-to-date . . ." Hence, Church Music Month.

Regional music schools and festivals are promoted by the Church Music Department, and an annual state-wide school is held at Georgetown College.

Woman's Missionary Union

Study, pray, give, serve.

Around these four concepts the Woman's Missionary Union promotional program is built.

Under state W.M.U. leadership, the women of Kentucky will observe the Week of Prayer for State Missions, September 9-13; the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 2-6; and the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, in March. The Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings come in connection with the December and March weeks.

The state Y.W.A. House Party at Campbellsville, October 18-20, will launch the 51st year of Y.W.A. Five G.A. house parties are scheduled later.

Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors

The state Brotherhood Department has fostered the establishment of 628 local Brotherhoods in Kentucky, with 21,000 men enrolled. Transfer of Royal Ambassador work from W. M. U. to Brotherhood sponsorship will be complete by October 1. The number of local chapters has soared to 9,500, with 21,000 members.

The National Conference for Southern Baptist Men, Oklahoma City, September 18-20, is the biggest Brotherhood event ahead. "You can still get reservations," Secretary Coleman said. He is general co-ordinator and program co-chairman. Other things to come: Layman's Day, October 13, and State Royal Ambassador Congress, Paducah, November 1-2.

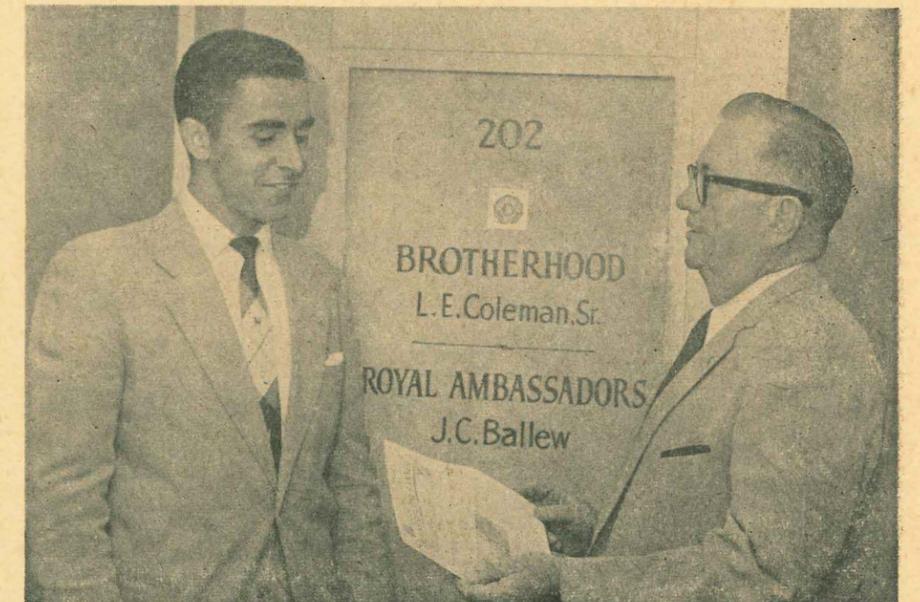
Training Union

Better Training Union work will be encouraged by the state Training Union Department this fall through several enlargement campaigns and central training schools. Associational officers' planning meetings are set for October 21-25. "M" Night will come Dec. 2.

Later, church youth will participate in Junior Memory Work Drills, Inter-

mediate Sword Drills, and Young People's Speakers' Tournaments under patronage of the state Training Union Department. Kentucky has Convention-wide winners at Ridgecrest and Glorieta nearly every year. The regular assemblies will be held at Cedarmore next August.

There are about 1,100 Training Unions in Kentucky with 105,000 members.



Spirited team-mates are the members of this twosome, J. C. Ballew (left), Royal Ambassador secretary, and L. E. Coleman, Sr., secretary of the Brotherhood Department. They share a suite of three offices on the second floor with Mrs. Jim Boswell and Kay Frizell, office secretaries.



A. M. Vollmer, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and secretary of Promotion, appraises a piece of art work for a poster with the aid of Inez Hillenbrand, office secretary.



A part of the lay-out of rooms for the Public Relations Office is seen in this view. Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., director, is standing in his office. The office secretary is Mary Jane Heltsley. Through the door at left can be seen tract display racks in the tract room.



KEEPING BAPTISTS INFORMED

"It takes a long time to tell Baptists." Among denominational workers this is almost a proverb.

There is the case of the Sunday school worker who went to a church to explain the superiority of the "new plan" of class organization. Upon arriving, he found that the members had not even heard of the old one.

However, the Bible itself is "good news," and as a denomination we have much to share with one another and the world. To facilitate this sharing, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky publishes the Western Recorder, and three offices of the Executive Board are engaged in informational services.

Western Recorder

Chauncey Daley is the new editor of the Western Recorder, with the retirement of R. T. Skinner. The print shop also has a new foreman in Charles Henry Reed who succeeded Herbert L. Taylor following his retirement. However, the services of Mr. Taylor are being retained in an advisory capacity. Robert Pogue is business manager.

Kentucky's largest denominational paper, the Western Recorder, is now in its new home in the rear of the Kentucky Baptist Building. Editorial offices are located in the stem of the "T" on the ground floor, and the print shop forms a double "T" to the rear.

The publication recently went to a better grade of paper to improve appearance. New mechanical equipment has been purchased for greater efficiency. A large job printing business is carried on, and the Western Recorder has purchased a truck to provide pickup and delivery service in the Louisville area.

Promotion

"To tell the story of what Baptists are doing and to better acquaint Baptists themselves with their mighty denomination is the purpose of the Department of Promotion." This was the statement of Secretary Vollmer.

This aim is accomplished by the production of promotional materials and the dissemination of information relative

W. H. Curl, director of Missionary and Stewardship Training, was searching for just the right word to express an idea when the photographer captured this expression. Mavis Stacy is his office secretary.

to the work of Baptist institutions and agencies.

The denominational calendar, Cooperative Program leaflets and posters, camp folders, Supplemental Offering spreads and envelopes are distributed by this office. In co-operation with the tract room, nearly a million tracts, folders, and posters are distributed annually.

Missionary and Stewardship Training

Twenty associational Schools of Missions have been in process during the current year, and eighteen have been scheduled for 1958. State, home, and foreign missionaries visit each church of the association in these schools, speaking for six nights on the world mission program of Southern Baptists.

In addition, six types of stewardship programs are promoted by the Office of Missionary and Stewardship Training. Week and weekend stewardship revivals and study courses are included. During 1956, 208 churches had one of the programs, with a total attendance of 70,000.

Public Relations

The Public Relations Office seeks to keep before the public the name and the news of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Going beyond that, it attempts to interpret to the

public the true character and ministry of the Executive Board and the denomination as a whole.

Tools used in the discharge of these aims are news and feature stories and pictures given to the public press, visual aids produced by the Public Relations Office and by various Baptist agencies, and printed literature. The

tract room service is among the ministries of this office.

Public Relations, a relatively new function, has office facilities especially designed for the first time in the new building. These include a photographic dark room, an audio-visual projection room, a tract room, and offices for the director and his secretary.



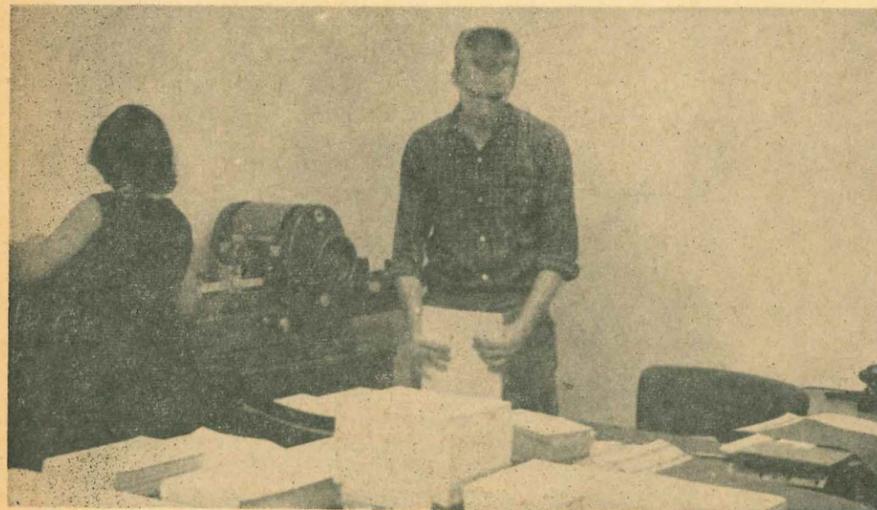
Mrs. Ann Dutton, subscription clerk, proceeds with her filing, while Robert L. Pogue, business manager, and C. R. Daley, editor, look over an issue of the Western Recorder just off the press. Western Recorder editorial offices are grouped around this large general room.



Impromptu editorial conference is held in the print shop by (left to right) Henry Reed, foreman; George R. Jewell, secretary; and Chauncey R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder. A spacious, airy room joined onto the rear of the main Kentucky Baptist Building houses the mechanical department of the weekly paper. Twenty-eight people are employed in the editorial, administrative, and printing departments.



Above—Accounting Office furniture is gray metal. The gray-green desk tops match the floor tile. At work are Wilma Ruble (left foreground); Mrs. Dorothy Hayes, assistant accountant, behind Miss Ruble; Mrs. Peggy Simpson, next room; and Garnett B. Morton, accountant and office manager, in his office with Barbara Waddle, secretary. Below—Joyce Lynch and Barry Hedges in the General Purpose Room.



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UNDERGIRDING STATE MISSIONS

State missions is a vital part of the phases of state work illustrated on these pages, but the part that it plays varies. Other essential purposes are served by them as well.

The *Accounting Department*, occupying four large rooms on the first floor, receives and disburses funds for the whole Cooperative Program and for designated causes. Garnett Morton, accountant and office manager, reported that the churches had forwarded \$1,490,272 in Cooperative Program gifts to the general secretary-treasurer through July 31.

In addition, about a million dollars in designated gifts will pass through the Accounting Office this year. Total Kentucky Baptist gifts to all causes handled by this department amounted to \$3,012,000 last year.

A time and money saver in the new building is the general purpose room, associated with the Accounting Office. Duplicating and mailing for all offices in the building is done here.

The *Christian Education Department* has offices on the first floor of the building. This department correlates and promotes the work of the seven Kentucky Baptist schools and colleges.

The financial security of state mission workers and their wives, as well as that of pastors and their wives, is watched over by the *Relief and Annuity Board* of the S.B.C. Baynard F. Fox is in charge of a branch office of that board in the new building.

Each summer *Cedarmore Baptist Assembly* is host to hundreds of Kentucky Baptists of all ages attending camps and conferences. It is 20 miles northeast of Shelbyville, near Bagdad.

The *Church Building Loan Fund* is a relatively new service of the Executive Board. Loans are made to churches at regular interest rates. This fund is administered by the *Kentucky Baptist Foundation*. In addition, the *Church Building Fund* is used to help 30 or 40 churches a year with outright gifts.

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Kentucky Baptist Foundation

(Photo, page 10)

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation now stands fifth in assets among the 17 state Baptist foundations. Only those of Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Louisiana are ahead.

As this issue went to press, the amount was \$1,343,315.

The Foundation receives bequests, administers wills, and invests trust funds for all institutions and agencies of Kentucky Baptists, as well as S.B.C. agencies. It is now administering trust funds for state missions totalling over \$200,000. Income from these funds amounts to more than \$10,000 a year and helps to build mission churches and pay the salaries of missionaries.

A. M. Vollmer, executive secretary of the Foundation, said:

"If pastors would remind their members that they are just as much responsible to God for what they do with what they have when they come to the end of this earthly life as they are for what they do with their possessions while they live, vast sums of money would be conserved for the extension of God's Kingdom."

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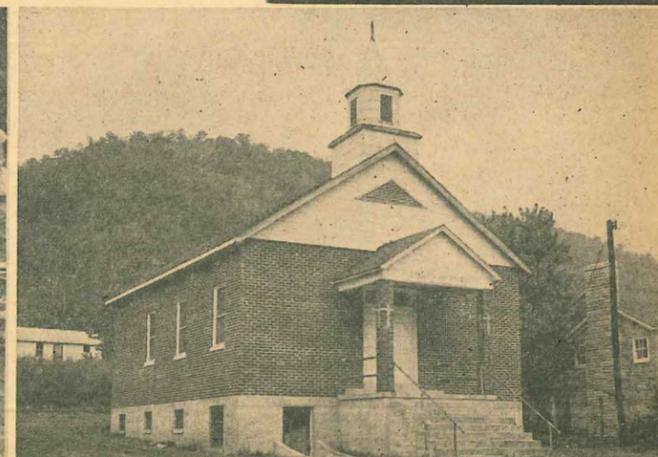


Time out for pleasantries was being taken by Baynard F. Fox, Eastern representative of the Relief and Annuity Board, and Sue Coker, secretary, in this scene in the Relief and Annuity Office.



E. F. Perry, acting secretary of the Christian Education Department, is shown here in the office of that department in the new building.

Below (left) — A mission study class in a wooded setting is being enjoyed by Junior G.A.'s at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Peter Pentz, Campbellsville College professor, is the teacher. Below (right) — The Church Building Fund helped to make possible this home for Cow Creek Baptist Church in Estill County near Irvine.



Baptist Student Union

TAKING STATE MISSIONS TO THE CAMPUSES

The Baptist Student Union is state missions localized on a college campus. Through B.S.U. the church is magnified, and the organizations of the church—Sunday school, Training Union, Y.W.A., Brotherhood—are strengthened.

In a year-around program of church-related activities, unsaved students are led to Christ, the spiritual lives of others are strengthened, appeals to dedication of life are issued, and Baptist beliefs and ideals are upheld. Several dozen students are recruited annually for summer mission service in Kentucky, the homeland, and overseas.

To lead in this work, full-time B.S.U. directors are employed at Murray, Bowling Green, Louisville, Lexington, Berea, Richmond, Morehead, Georgetown and Barbourville. Student center buildings have now been erected at all of these places except the last three, and one is on the drawing board for Morehead.

Kentucky, along with Tennessee, pioneered in the holding of an international student retreat at Thanksgiving when Christianity can be discussed in a setting of international friendliness and good will. The third such retreat will be held at Kentucky Lake November 28-30.

Other coming events in student work are the fall training meeting for B.S.U. councilors at Cedarmore September 2-5, the state convention at Georgetown November 8-10, and the training meeting for new officers in the spring.



Showing off the offices of the Baptist Student Union Department are J. Chester Durham, state secretary; Mrs. Martha Yount (seated), office secretary; and Beth Hayworth, assistant state secretary. The B.S.U. Department has three rooms on the first floor.



Members of the state mission team located in the new building assemble in this "upper room" weekly to gain inspiration. Early arrivals are seen in this view. The assembly room can accommodate up to 200 for conferences.

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It is sad to see a nation decline from strength and glory to weakness and shame, but it is even worse when the obvious cause of it is the sinfulness of the people. It was very evident that the end of Judah was approaching, but God did not permit her to go into captivity without giving her another opportunity to abandon her evil ways. To read the story of God's dealings with His sinning people is to marvel at His compassion and long-suffering. Over and over God dealt in patience with them. His judgments upon their sins did not come suddenly, but when they had become settled in their rebellion chastisement was inevitable. God's righteousness prevented Him from forgiving their sins unless they repented and turned from their evil ways.

Wickedness in Judah was great and the nation was hastening onward toward captivity, but through Jeremiah God was to send one more message of warning. Previously the prophet had delivered his messages orally, but now that he was unable to go about God commanded him to write a book. In connection therewith God clearly stated His purpose: "It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin" (36:3). The purpose was that Judah might hear, repent and enjoy God's favor.

I. Recording God's Message. Jeremiah 36:4.

God spoke to Jeremiah and told him exactly what to write. The prophet was very fortunate in having a capable, accurate and faithful amanuensis in the person of Baruch the scribe. Calling his dependable secretary to him, Jeremiah dictated the message which God had spoken to him and Baruch recorded it on parchment for permanent preservation and wide usage.

Evidently Baruch was a godly man, who had placed his talents at God's disposal and was perfectly willing to do what he could for others. Baruch came from an illustrious family and was a secretary of rare ability. He was trustworthy in every respect. He was a splendid example of faithfulness, carefully doing the job that was committed to his care, whether it was large

or small. Baruch carefully recorded the words that were dictated by Jeremiah and performed his task as for the Lord. He did not compose anything, but simply wrote the words which the prophet dictated to him. His task may have monotonous, but he performed it faithfully and well. Unquestionably Baruch was of invaluable service to Jeremiah. Fortunate is any person who has such a faithful and efficient assistant, who quietly, unostentatiously and usually without recognition does much of the work for which the other often receives the credit and praise. Being a good secretary may not be very spectacular, but if the work is done faithfully and accurately and with an eye single to the glory of God, the Lord will certainly reward it.

II. Reading God's Message. Jeremiah 36:5-8.

Jeremiah was restrained from going to the house of the Lord and lifting up his voice there as he had done previously. How fortunate was he in having a secretary whom he could trust and whom God could use to take the message from his lips and transmit it faithfully to those to whom it was addressed!

At the request of Jeremiah, even though it involved him in danger to do so, Baruch courageously took the roll into the temple, where a great multitude had assembled for the observance of a specially declared fast day, and fear-

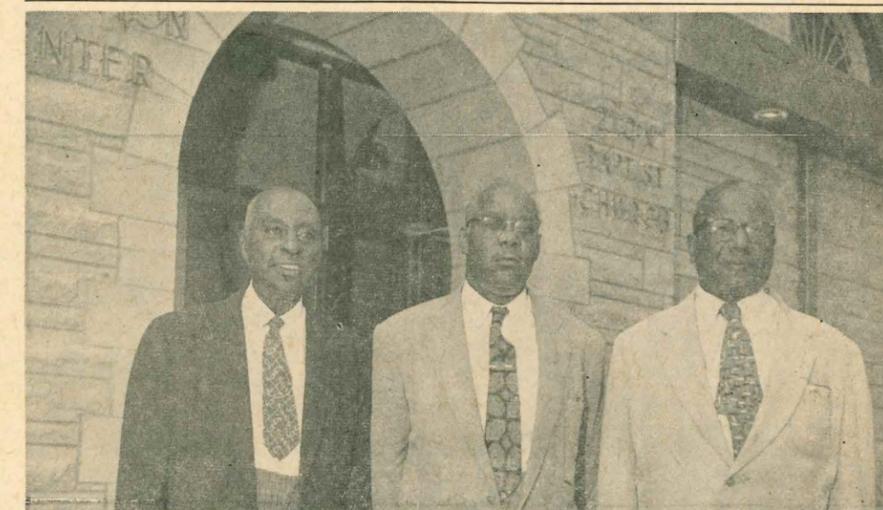
lessly read its contents in their hearing. Knowing that it was far from pleasant, Baruch nobly and impressively performed that responsible and weighty task. He simply did what Jeremiah commanded him, caring little for the opinions of his listeners and leaving the results with God. It is impossible to overemphasize the tremendous importance of Baruch to the ministry of Jeremiah. How wonderful that the prophet could trust him implicitly, could commit to him such an important task and could rely on him to deliver accurately and powerfully the message which God had sent to the people! The burden and prayer upon Jeremiah's heart was that the people would hear and heed the Word of God and turn from their evil ways.

III. Rejecting God's Message. Jeremiah 36:22-26.

Baruch read the book in the hearing of the people, but evidently it had little or no effect upon them. At least, it did not bring about the hoped for result. When it was brought to the attention of the princes, they requested that Baruch read he book in their hearing, whereupon they were troubled deeply and promptly decided to bring the matter to the attention of the king. Forthwith King Jehoiakim ordered the book brought to him.

It was in the midst of winter (probably December) and Jehoiakim was sitting by the fire. Before Jehudi had read very long, the king in anger seized the roll, cut it repeatedly with a pen-knife and cast it into the fire, thereby expressing his scorn and contempt for its message. Seemingly Jehoiakim fancied that by destroying the Word of God he would automatically get rid of

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CO-OPERATIVE WORK WITH NEGRO BAPTISTS is a phase of the state mission program. Dr. M. H. Gant (right), superintendent of missions for the General Association of Colored Baptists in Kentucky, is shown here with two men whose salaries are partially paid by our Executive Board. They are J. M. Stevenson (left), general missionary, and U. O. Johnson, South District Associational missionary and pastor. Not shown is J. B. Porterfield, district missionary in Covington, also on the Executive Board payroll. Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, is in the background.

(Continued from page 15)

the unwelcome truths which it contained. He doubtless thought he had made a great achievement when the last particle of the book turned to ashes. However, despising God's Word and destroying the Word of God he would automatically get rid of the unwelcome truths which it contained. He doubtless thought he had made a great achievement when the last particle of the book turned to ashes. However, despising God's Word and destroying its pages do not render void its message. Rather, such conduct brings destruction upon the despiser and destroyer. By rejecting God's Word and scoffing at His judgments men certainly bring ruin upon themselves. Such contempt for God's Word as trying to destroy it because its contents are personally displeasing never prevents the purposes of God from being fulfilled. God's Word is indestructible and His judgments are inevitable.

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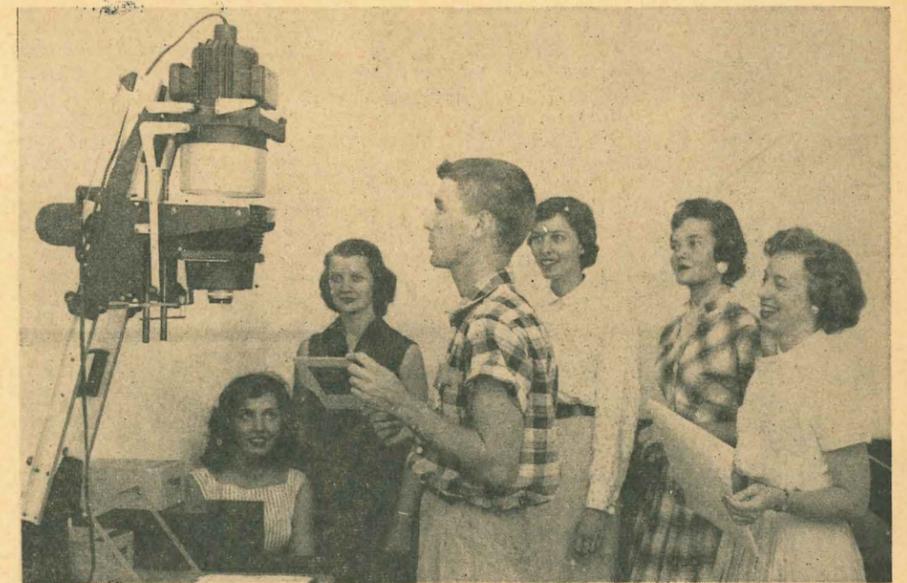
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IV. Rewriting God's Message. Jeremiah 36:32.

God's truth could not be burned out of existence. He simply commanded Jeremiah to rewrite the words of his prophecy. The prophet did exactly as he was commanded, and the second message actually surpassed the first in

severity. This goes to show that the rejection of God's Word does not reduce its effectiveness. At the dictation of Jeremiah, Baruch wrote "all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words."



NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC DARK ROOM is exhibited by Ed Boden to five young women who work at the Kentucky Baptist Building. Mr. Boden, technical assistant in public relations, took many pictures for this issue and processed them all. Girls (left to right) are Joyce Lynch, clerk-typist, Accounting; Virginia Boswell, Brotherhood office secretary; Ella Mae Wacker, Christian Education office secretary; Mavis Stacy, Missionary and Stewardship Training office secretary; and Nancye Schad, secretary to Mary Pat Kent. The dark room is connected with the Public Relations Office.

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