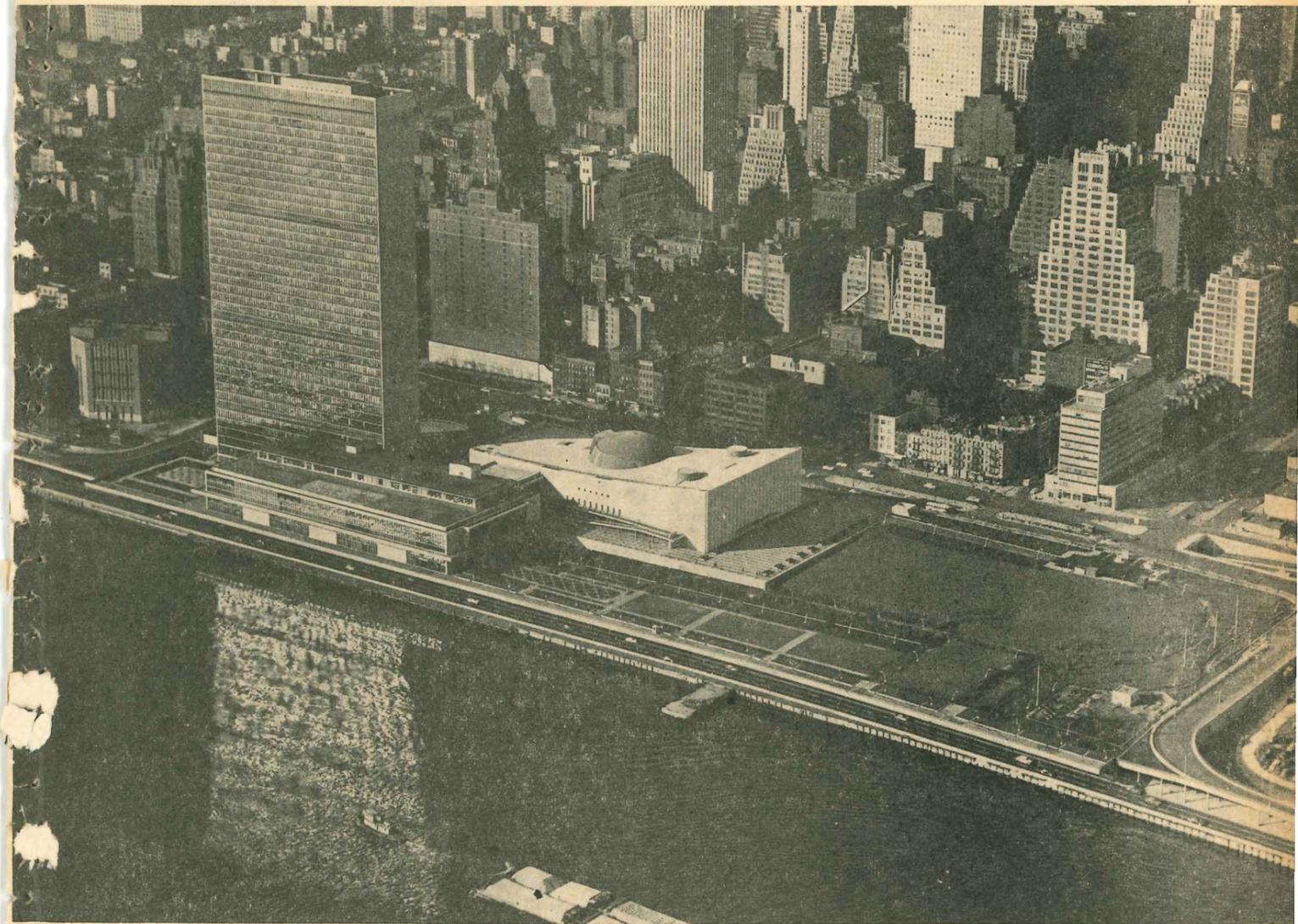


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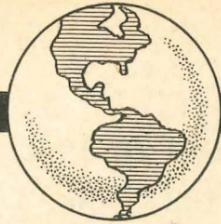
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Aerial view of the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York, showing the Secretariat, Conference and General Assembly Buildings, and the gardens located at the north of the U. N. site, with the East River in the foreground, and, in the back, the buildings of Manhattan.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

GRAHAM TO CHICAGO

►Plans are now being made for Billy Graham to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings in Chicago in 1961 or 1962.

WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY

►Americans of all faiths have been asked by President Eisenhower to pray for a just and durable peace "under the guiding hand of Almighty God" on Wednesday, October 1.

NEW CHAPEL AND PRESIDENT

►The Robert G. Lee Chapel will be dedicated and President James E. Southerland will be inaugurated as head of the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, on September 18.

MISS COLEMAN ILL

►Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, long publicist for the Foreign Mission Board, and later missionary to China and Formosa, is now confined to the Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C. She has just had sixteen friends from Taiwan, Formosa, to call on her at the hospital on her birthday. Thirteen of the sixteen were converted to Christianity by her in her missionary efforts.

DEATH ANGEL CALLS

►James Hampton Lee died recently. He was the oldest brother of Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

►Dr. Harry L. Riley, 86, retired Baptist minister, died in Lynchburg, Va., July 28. He was a graduate of both Furman University and Southern Seminary, and in earlier life was teacher of Bible in the former. His wife died two years ago.

PASTORAL CHANGES

►Jack Criswell, native of Tennessee, has been called to be pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church.

►Madison V. Scott has resigned as pastor of Riverside Church, Jacksonville, Fla., and will become pastor of the First Church, Austin, Texas, on September 1.

►Benjamin R. Bruner has resigned the pastorate of the Edgemont Church, Dur-

ham, N. C., and expects to go September 1 to be pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.

►Pastor John Wall has resigned at the Buffalo Baptist Church and has accepted the call of the Ashland Avenue Church, Covington. A new parsonage is about to be finished at Buffalo.

►Dr. Howard D. Baggett, pastor at the First Baptist Church, Florence, Ala., has accepted the position as assistant to the director of extension and teacher of hoiletics and psychology of religion at Howard College, Birmingham, according to Davis Wooley.

►Miss Louise Royston, who recently graduated from the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is the new director of children's work for the First Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. While in Louisville she was educational secretary of the St. Matthews Baptist Church.

►Middle Creek Baptist Church, in Severn's Valley Baptist Association, has called Lillard Dunn as its pastor. Native of Arlington, Ky., is at present a student at Campbellsville College. He and Mrs. Dunn have three children: Mareda Ann, Sandra Fox and Cathy Jane.

►First Southern Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., has called Arthur Bailey, pastor of Cottage Grove Baptist Church, Cottage Grove, Tenn., to be pastor of its New Whitland Baptist Mission, writes Pastor Gordon W. Paschall. "He was our evangelist for our youth revival last week," he continues. "There were 7 additions, 4 on profession of faith and 3 by letter. He will move on the field and begin work at New Whitland September 12. We also have our new oak pews installed in our church and it has made a marvelous difference."

50 YEARS AT ONE CHURCH

►The fiftieth anniversary of Dr. U. S. Clutton was recently observed by the Tuxedo Park Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Though born in Watertown, S. D., his family moved to Philadelphia, Penn., during his boyhood. There he grew up under the preaching of Dr. C. H. Woolston, of chalk talk fame, in the East Baptist Church. He came to Louisville, Ky., shortly after the turn of the century and was graduated from the Southern Seminary in 1905.

Then followed three years in the pastorate of the Culbertson Avenue Baptist Church, New Albany, Indiana. From there he went to the Indianapolis church and he has been there ever since. Fifty years as pastor of one Baptist church. What a record!

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A RURAL CHURCH PULPIT COMMITTEE

By THOMAS L. LEWIS, Associational Missionary
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Frequently there come such questions as: "How to select a pulpit committee?" "What are the functions of a pulpit committee?" "What procedure does a pulpit committee follow?"

The purpose of this article is to present briefly some suggestions to help a rural layman who, for the first time, perhaps, finds himself on a pulpit committee.

Pulpit Becomes Vacant

When the pulpit becomes vacant, a pulpit committee consisting of from three to five men (or men and women) should be elected or appointed by the church. This committee should be chosen carefully after much prayer. The committee is not a "compromise" group, but rather a group God is leading the church to choose. Failure to choose qualified persons who love the Lord and His church is often the biggest mistake made. Many churches have found it wise to use the departmental leaders. (Sunday school superintendent, Training Union director, etc.) and the chairman of the deacons. One or two other laymen may also be elected to serve.

The church or the pulpit committee may select a chairman for this committee. The chairman must be a spiritual man who isn't afraid of hard work.

The Interim Pastor

The pulpit committee should have the responsibility of securing an "interim pastor" (supply preacher). The interim pastor should be the same person for each Sunday. Experience has taught the necessity of securing an interim pastor instead of a different preacher each Sunday to supply the pulpit. The interim pastor should be a person not interested in becoming the pastor of the church. The non-interested interim pastor can be found among retired ministers, denominational leaders (both state and south-wide), Baptist college presidents and teachers, preaching laymen. The associational missionary could also serve as the interim pastor.

This statement was made to the writer, "We secured an interim pastor and thought we were careful, but he has now decided he is interested in being called by the church as the new pastor. As a pulpit committee, we don't believe he is the man for our church; however, the committee may not now get the opportunity to present a man." And the committee didn't! A preacher not interested in being called as pastor of the church can be used of the Lord in a marvelous way as he ministers, preaches, and gives guidance to both church and pulpit committee.

Seek the Lord's Man

This cannot be done if one is looking for his former pastor, necessarily, or a radio preacher, or a previous revival preacher. God calls certain men to do definite tasks that need to be done. Different men have different abilities, and different churches have special needs. One man may be a builder, another an organizer, or a strong preacher. Perhaps the man may be especially adept in his pastoral ministry. God knows the need of the church, and has a man for every need.

The task of the pulpit committee is to pray, investigate, and work at the job of securing God's man to meet your spiritual needs.

Consider One Man at a Time

All the races conducted in Kentucky are not at Keeneland, Ellis Park, and Churchill Downs. Many of our rural churches are conducting "preachers' derbies." Sometimes it is a fast track and other times a muddy one, but Baptists seem to be in a good position regardless of track conditions because they have some good "mudders."

Decide at the very first that you will seek out God's man and present him to the church. He is or he is not the Lord's man for the church. God's man isn't in competition with anyone but himself to be a better Christian. The committee should seek the best man God will let them have—the best man whose economical needs they can meet.

Secure Prospective Pastor's Name

Accept names of men from Southern Baptist pastors, Baptist schools, denominational leaders, and Baptist laymen. It is important to know that the person suggesting the prospective pastor is a Southern Baptist.

It is considered poor taste or bad ministerial ethics for a prospective pastor to recommend himself. A person recommending himself should usually be regarded as a poor prospect.

Investigate the Prospective List

1. Check with denominational leaders, pastors, bankers, laymen, and other business men as to the qualifications of your prospect.

2. What is his age? Remember that a man has not committed the "unpardonable sin" by becoming fifty years of age. Many a rural church is finding mature leadership in a senior pastor. The student pastor has proven successful. Of course, there is a larger group of men in their prime to select from.

It is far more important to know his spiritual maturity than to know his chronological age.

3. What is his educational background? The ministry calls for preparation. If at all possible, this should be formal preparation as comes from attending school. However, it may be self-preparation where one studies without guidance. The real question is, will this man keep on preparing by hard study?

4. How long has he been at the present church, and what was the tenure at his previous pastorates? If he is without a pastorate, then why is he without a church? If the prospective pastor is a ministerial student and has never served as a pastor, it is always wise to ask, is he ready for a church?

5. What is his attitude toward a Southern Baptist program? Unfortunately, this attitude must be gotten from someone other than the preacher, himself. Many an "honest" soul will say he is a Southern Baptist, but his doctrine and policy are foreign to Southern Baptists.

There seems to be an ever-increasing number of non-Southern Baptist pastors enrolling in Southern Baptist schools. This has been, and is, misleading to rural churches.

6. Can he work with people? The rural pastor must be able to identify himself with his people. The pastor who longs for a town church will not warm the hearts of rural people.

7. Does he live within his financial means? Will he pay his debts?

8. Is he morally clean?

9. Is he a good preacher, organizer, builder, or pastor? That is, where is he strong, and where are his weak points?

10. Is he a spiritual leader?

After checking the above-mentioned areas as well as others which come to your attention, then you are prayerfully ready to choose one man for further investigation.

Talk to Your Chosen Man

1. Does he feel the work to which he was called in his present pastorate is about finished? Or if he is without a church, is he interested in becoming a pastor?

2. Discuss frankly your church with him. Tell him about your church fellowship, its organizations, the possibilities, any plans for the future, the financial status, and pastor's salary (can your church pay enough for him to meet his financial obligations, etc?). Are there any special problems that the church may have?

Hear Him Preach

This can be done by the members of the pulpit committee going to the prospective pastor's present church, or by inviting him to your church for a sermon. (It is often the practice to use both these methods.) He can preach

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DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Cheer Up!

If you think you'll be glad when vacation time is over, what do you think about the Lord? August is about as kind to the Lord as the Philistines were to the Hebrews and just about as destructive. It's a good thing God is omnipresent because that's where most Baptists are in the summertime.

They are certainly not in Baptist churches. Sunday morning crowds look like the usual Sunday evening crowds, Sunday evening crowds look like the Wednesday evening prayer meeting groups and Wednesday evening prayer service looks like what was saved from Sodom. Empty pews have generally greeted the preacher and a supply preacher for a vacationing pastor has greeted the pews. The Forward Program has been in reverse and budget deficits are as common as July rains.

And the worst is yet to come. Next weekend is the last fling and the last one out of town is chicken. Those Labor Day vacationers who find trouble locating a room to spread lunch or park might consider some nearby empty Baptist church and its parking lot.

All is not bad, however. When you get that lonely feeling Sunday morning just think of next Easter when you'll have to come early to get a seat in the aisle. Enjoy yourself sliding up and down a whole pew during a forty-five minute effort from a visiting professor, denominational man, or editor. Besides that, roundup is coming soon. Cheer up!

Time To Be Careful

Though the Easter season is regarded by many denominations as the most important time of the year for the church, Baptist churches have come to find the fall season as likely the most important period of the church year. Plans and programs for the coming year are decided upon and projected. Church budgets are considered and adopted and, most important of all, officers for the church, Sunday school and other organizations are selected. Spiritual direction at this point is indispensable if the church is to fill its divinely given place.

In many churches deacons are among new officers selected each year especially where the rotation system is used. Beechwood Baptist Church, of which I am a member, uses this plan and elects six deacons each year to replace six whose terms are expiring. I have been greatly impressed by the method of selecting these deacons and I share it for any value it might be to other churches.

At least a month before the election the church members by secret ballot nominate their choices for deacons. From this group a list of twelve is compiled, six of whom are elected to serve by another ballot of the membership. These twelve names are submitted

to the congregation only after much care and caution.

A committee is appointed by the church to visit each deacon nominee to discuss thoroughly the New Testament qualifications for deacons. Each nominee is asked to commit himself along certain lines. The committee this year has presented men who have agreed to at least four specific things:

1. A sincere effort to meet the specific qualifications as found in I Timothy 3:8-13.
2. Faithful attendance at all services of the church except in case of providential hindrance.
3. A practice of Biblical stewardship recognizing tithing as a minimum.
4. A spirit of full co-operation with the pastor and other church leadership in presenting and executing a spiritual program to meet the needs of the community.

This last commitment does not refer to being merely a "yes" man but calls for a deacon to express himself frankly and fully in all discussions of plans and then upon adoption by the church, to work sincerely for the plan whether or not it was originated by him.

The time is surely come when those assuming spiritual leadership must also assume definite obligations. Two committed Sunday school teachers are worth twenty who are uncommitted and better have no deacons than not to have exemplary men in every respect.

Else what happened last Sunday in a Louisville community might become common. A man cutting his lawn on Sunday afternoon stopped long enough to tell his neighbor what he had said in teaching a Sunday School class on Sunday morning. Thank the Lord it wasn't a Baptist Sunday school teacher. Forgive me for being a Pharisee. I also passed some Sunday lawn cutting Baptists the same afternoon.

"Look ye out . . . men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over the business" (Acts 6:3).

An Important Report

Recent Middle East incidents have produced the most serious world crisis since the Korean War. The eyes and ears of the whole world were upon New York week before last when the United Nations General Assembly convened in emergency session to try to ease the tension.

When President Eisenhower dramatically appeared in the Assembly to make his epochal Middle East proposals, Dr. Edwin F. Perry, pastor of Broadway Baptist, Louisville, was seated in the press section. Considering the thousands of requests for admission to the press section, it is slightly less than phenomenal that Dr. Perry accomplished the feat.

Dr. Perry is chairman of the Committee on Pub-

lic Affairs for Kentucky Baptists and attended the United Nations General Assembly as reported for the Western Recorder. He attended one day's briefing on the Middle East and three days of the actual sessions of the Assembly. His report which appears in this issue is highly recommended for serious study by every reader. He will later present his findings to the Committee on Peace of the Southern Baptist Convention and also participate in the conference of the

Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee. Through extensive reading and study of the available literature, Dr. Perry has been one of our best informed Baptists on Middle East problems.

Though Baptists generally look more to God than to the United Nations for the hope of peace, not one of us would fail to pray for and support any organization designed to create a world community for independent nations and to prevent world destruction by war. Don't fail to read Dr. Perry's article.

BAPTIST FORUM



BOWLING GREEN CONDITIONS MISREPRESENTED

Editor:

The wet papers are aggressively misrepresenting the conditions here under local option.

In my judgment, and I was the campaign manager for the dry forces, the city of Bowling Green would roll up a majority of fifteen to eighteen hundred votes for prohibition were the election held at this time.

The local paper, the Louisville paper, the Nashville paper, and other wet publications are getting more radical in their false presentations with each issue. Please do something about the bettered conditions in Warren County.

Bowling Green, Ky. P. M. Perkins

IS PROHIBITION A FAILURE?

Editor:

A published report from Bowling Green Chief of Police Murrell Waddle revealed that during the last "wet" weekend there were 20 arrests for drunkenness; 3 for drunk driving; one for drinking in public places—24 in all. But during the first "dry" weekend only 6 arrests for drunkenness were made, or exactly one-fourth of the last "wet" weekend. You can be assured that this reduction in arrests made, was not a result of a "booze" shortage since the cellars must have been overflowing, as indicated by the "last grand rush" to the whiskey stores, but rather it was due to the fact that a law had been enacted against the liquor traffic, backed by some law enforcement officers in Bowling Green and Warren County. Admittedly, there will always be some drinking as there will always be stealing, but never let it be done with legal sanction and moral approval.

For further proof that "wet" propaganda is in error as to conditions being worse under prohibition, consider these

statistics from the Bowling Green Chief of Police:

During the first 27 days of July 1957 there were 119 arrests for drunkenness and drunken driving. Whereas during the first 27 days of July 1958 there were 47 arrests for drunkenness and drunken driving.

For still further proof, consider these facts from our Chief of Police:

Every month for the past 12 years there have been cases of bootlegging under legal control and that there are now no known new bootleggers under local option, that there are fewer complaints of Sunday bootlegging now than under "legal control."

We note widespread implications that our city and county are on the rocks because an "oasis has dried itself up;" that business is suffering as a result of former out-of-town customers going to other places where they buy "legal liquor" along with their merchandise. The fact is that those so addicted to the liquor habit have little left to spend for other things. Some of our merchants report better business since prohibition came.

All of this "wet" propaganda playing up the so called "failure" of prohibition in Warren County has a very important, if subtle, by-product. That by-product is to try to lead the people in other counties, especially Marion where the fight is already on, to believe that they should stay "wet".

Let us "Drys" be just as determined to help our neighboring counties (some of them helped us) by giving them the facts concerning conditions in Warren County under prohibition.

Bowling Green, Ky. S. T. Skaggs

POLITICS AND RELIGION

Editor:

I once found a newspaper clipping dated in the early 1900's in a book which I had obtained from a deceased minister's library. Now that the political campaigns are warming up, it is a good

time to republish the experience of a candidate for sheriff in another state. The half-century old version of it runs as follows:

"Lost four months and 20 days canvassing; lost 1,360 hours of thinking about the election; lost 49 acres of corn and a crop of sweet potatoes; lost 2 front teeth and a lot of hair in personal combat with an opponent; donated one beef, 4 shoats and 5 sheep to barbecues; gave away 2 pairs of suspenders, 5 calico dresses, 5 dolls and 13 baby rattlers; kissed 126 babies; kindled 14 kitchen fires; put up 8 stoves; cut 24 cords of wood; carried 24 buckets of water; gathered 7 wagon loads of corn; pulled 475 bundles of fodder; walked 4,060 miles; shook hands 9,080 times; told 10,001 lies and talked enough to make 1,000 volumes; attended 26 revival meetings, was baptized 4 times by immersion and twice by sprinkling; contributed \$50.00 to foreign missions; made love to 9 grass widows; got dog bit 19 times—and then got defeated."

Christians ought to be zealous in their witness for Christ. We will not do all the things the defeated candidate did, but we should be as energetic.

Ashland, Ky. W. T. Flynt in Ashland First Baptist Herald.

►Baptist Hour sermon topics for the four Sundays in September will be: 7—The Seal of God; 14—The Word of God is Not Bound; 21—The Sin of Adultery; and 28—The Sunny Side of Life.

►The Disciples of Christ Historical Society, will dedicate its new \$1,000,000 Thomas W. Phillips Memorial Building at Nashville, Tennessee, September 12-4.

►Bland W. Cannon, M.D., Neurological Surgeon, on the date of August 18, has written the Brotherhood Department the following message. "Jimmy Allen has continued to improve and I have informed him that he will be able to return to work September 1, 1958."

►Homer Martinez preached in an 8-day revival at Miami Springs Baptist Church, in Florida August 3-10, resulting in 111 professions of faith and 43 who transferred their letters. About 18 of the professions of faith will unite with other churches. Charles Shacklette, superintendent of missions in Anderson, S. C., led the singing, and Prof. Paul Newman, Fort Pierce, Fla., played the organ. Dr. R. B. Culbreth is pastor.

**A RURAL CHURCH
PULPIT COMMITTEE**

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the famous "trial sermon" and look over your field.

Experience has taught Baptists that one or two sermons are a poor basis on which to call a pastor; therefore, investigation is necessary.

By now you have already investigated him thoroughly (and he probably knows more about your church than you do!).

Time to Pray

No specific length of time can be designated, but it is best after a period of prayer for the church to write and ask the minister for permission to present his name to the church on a given date. If the pastor still feels the Lord is leading, he will give the pulpit committee chairman permission to submit his name as prospective pastor, or he will ask for a longer time to pray. The latter does not mean that he will accept, but does show that he has genuine interest.

The Call

The "call" should have been discussed with the deacons, pulpit committee, and prospective pastor when he visited the church field. The writer has found it helpful to write out the call and read it to the church. For example: (1) Give the prospective pastor's name and address; (2) State whether or not the church is to furnish home or rent home; (3) State whether the church will furnish utilities and/or car expense; (4) State the length of pastor's vacation time and whether he or the church will pay the supply preacher; (5) State whether or not the church will pay on relief and annuity; (6) State number of revivals the pastor is allowed away from the church field; (7) Etc.

A written call seems to help make things clear and can be understood better. Often lack of understanding in the beginning causes great difficulty in later relationships.

After the Call

The minister will want to know the spirit of the church as manifested in the call. He may want to meet with the committee and discuss the call; or a later confirming and explaining the call may be sufficient.

The above suggested steps for a pulpit committee in the calling of a pastor will take precious time and hard work, but the pulpit committee who will move with caution and be guided by prayer will be rewarded.

The important thing to remember is how you call your pastor in the beginning—not how you may terminate your relationship later.

Letters of Spiritual Counsel

By **WAYNE E. OATES**

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Wayne E. Oates

Question: A friend of mine insists that he has committed the unpardonable sin. This is strange to me, because he has lived a dedicated Christian life. He won me to Christ, many years ago. He has suddenly gotten this idea and no amount of persuasion will convince him otherwise. How can I best help him?

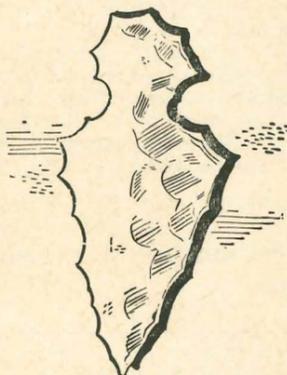
Answer: The people who have committed the unpardonable sin are the hard-hearted ones who have not and will not open their hearts to the instruction of the Holy Spirit. They have put their own opinions, intentions, and hard-headed prejudices before the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They are like

the elder brother in Luke 15. They are "angry and will not go in" to reconciliation with God and their brothers.

People like this do not seek help. They usually insist that other people are sinners, that "the whole army is out of step but them." They are never wrong in their own eyes but always right. They have put themselves in God's place. They have little feeling of guilt and no sense of depression over their past sins.

Your friend certainly does not fit in this picture. He is morbidly depressed, and his possession by this idea reflects that he needs "a physician as well as the divine." He needs your friendly insistence that this worry of his is not based on any Biblical understanding of the unpardonable sin. The friend should be assured that God in Christ is his friend whether he feels it for the time being or not. He should be persuaded to talk with his pastor and to confer with his physician, because this particular obsessional worry is often a symptom of a real emotional disorder. (I have discussed this in detail in my book, *The Bible in Pastoral Care*, Westminster Press, 1953, which can be ordered through the Baptist Book Store.)

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In the General Assembly Hall, the delegates at the United Nations are standing as President Eisenhower is being escorted through the aisle to the rostrum. Sir Leslie Munro, New Zealand, president of the Emergency Session of the Assembly, is at the right of Mr. Eisenhower, and U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is behind him. Mr. Jehan De Noue, UN Chief of protocol, is in front of the group.

AN OBSERVER AT THE UNITED NATIONS

By EDWIN FLEETWOOD PERRY

An atomic powered submarine cruises under the Arctic ice cap across the North Pole; the U. S. shoots the moon; the General Assembly of the United Nations meets in emergency session; the Middle East crisis threatens the peace of the world—such are the headlines of the day.

All of us are involved in the results of such headlines. In fact, these headlines become headaches and heartaches of multiplied millions of people. Christian people cannot separate themselves from the cause and effect of such moving events in God's world. The God whom we serve and whose we are desires justice and decrees judgment. He who marks the fall of a sparrow is certainly aware of the critical needs of the world today. His concern for the harmonious life of all the nations is our concern.

In this connection it is well to observe that the Sunday School lessons for the present quarter have dealt with the basic theme of justice. In these lessons the Biblical principles underlying justice in the affairs of men are carefully presented. Furthermore, an excellent photograph of the U. N. Building is carried on the cover of the Adult Quarterly. Such interest and thought seem prophetic of our greater awareness of the United Nations at this strategic time.

With increased tension in the world, and particularly with the urgency attaching to the Middle East crisis, I

counted it a privilege to be in attendance upon the sessions of the General Assembly in New York.

The Middle East Crisis

The crisis in the Middle East had brought forth an unanimous vote by the eleven nations Security Council for a special emergency session of the General Assembly, the parent body of the eighty-one member United Nations organization. This was the third time in its twelve-year history that a special emergency session of the General Assembly had been called.

The move toward a "summit meeting" within the frame work of the Security Council had not materialized. As a result the eyes of the world were focused upon the special session of the General Assembly in New York.

The tremendous importance of this session could hardly be over-estimated. The issues of war and peace were directly involved in the agenda.

Purpose of the United Nations

We ask ourselves why should matters of such great urgency be entrusted to such a new organization. A teenager can remember when there was no such organization; yet the heaviest problems of the day are brought under its study.

The opening words of the preamble to the charter of the United Nations can best describe the essential purpose and character of this newly forged instrument for peace and prosperity. The preamble is as follows:

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

AND FOR THESE ENDS

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS.

No charter or institution is stronger than the will of the people to support it. Effective support for the United Nations cannot come without adequate knowledge of its function, its limitations, and its possibilities. We need to be better informed about this family of nations which may prove to be difference between life and death for millions of people in the course of its service.

Dramatic United Nations Session

A description of some of the proceedings of the General Assembly will help to inform us of its function.

The high point of the General Assembly's meeting beginning August 8, 1958, was the appearance of the President of the United States. The great hall in which the General Assembly met was crowded to capacity. A growing sense of anticipation and restrained tension developed. The very colors of the room seemed to add to the drama just unfolding. The brilliant gold and blue on the walls and furnishings, and the emerald green speaker's dais all lifted the place out of the drab and ordinary.

As the President was escorted down the long aisle to the speaker's stand a tremendous wave of applause greeted him. The President did not disappoint

his hearers. He delivered a clear, concise, forward looking, constructive speech. He began his message by recalling that it was almost five years



Photo, United Nations

UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold (left) is seen welcoming President Eisenhower upon his arrival at the United Nations Headquarters.

since he had addressed the General Assembly on the subject of atomic power for peace. He stated: "That nations under aggressive leadership would seek to exploit man's horror of war with what he termed 'ballistic blackmail.'" The President said, "This tactic reappeared (during the recent Near East crisis.)"

Continuing, President Eisenhower said that had it not been for "one negative vote—the veto," the United Nations' action would have been taken on Lebanon and United States' forces already withdrawn. The four areas of action which the President proposed regarding Lebanon, Jordan, subversive propaganda and a standby United Nations' force were designed to preserve the right of a nation to determine its "own destiny, consistent with the obligation to respect the rights of others."

The President presented six elements in his suggested program which he asked to be viewed as a whole. They are: United Nations' concern for Lebanon, measures to preserve peace in Jordan, an end to fomenting from without of civil strife, a United Nations' peace force, a regional economic development plan, and steps to avoid a new arms race spiral in the area.

To underscore his hope for the future Mr. Eisenhower stated, "The nature of

today's weapons, the nature of modern communications and the widening circle of new nations make it plain, that we must in the end, be a world community of open societies." The "concept of the open society" was the ultimate key to a "system of arms control we can all trust."

After a recess of ten minutes the President of the General Assembly recognized Mr. Andrei A. Gromyko, foreign minister of the USSR. Mr. Gromyko wasted no time unloading statements of bitterness and denunciation regarding the United States and the United Kingdom. Mr. Gromyko stated that the military action undertaken by the United States and the United Kingdom was completely unjustified and constituted "a most gross violation" of the U.N. charter and of universally recognized provisions of international law.

Mr. Gromyko stated that the reason for troop landings in Lebanon and Jordan could be spelled out in "oil, oil and again oil."

The contrast between the spirit and message of Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Gromyko was extremely vivid to those in attendance. It was apparent that the two major proposals for the consideration of the General Assembly had been received when these two men had spoken. The judgment of the General Assembly would only be known after days of negotiation, study, debate, and possibly the development of an acceptable solution. (It should be noted that there is no veto in the General Assembly, and that this particular session's action will require a two-thirds vote of those member nations present and voting.)

At any rate an observer could breathe a little more easily with the realization that the threat of immediate war had faded.

Limitations of the United Nations

The United Nations has limitations as an organization. It is not a world government! It is a family of sovereign nations. It is a world forum. We see in the General Assembly of the United Nations one of the great social paradoxes of modern times—how united and yet how divided we are in the assembled delegations of the eighty-one nations!

The United Nations is not a substitute for the Kingdom of God! It must not become a modern Babel. Rather it is the most effective instrument for peace and concord among nations that is open to the present generation. We should pray for the United Nations and for all who assist in its true progress.

Possibilities of the United Nations

The President is calling for a "world community of open societies" sounded

a note which ought to echo in all religious circles. This world community is impossible apart from a moral conscience sufficiently strong in all nations



Photo, United Nations

Russian Delegation to the UN (Left to right): Ambassador A. A. Sobolev, permanent representative to the UN; Mr. V. A. Dorin, deputy minister of foreign affairs; Mr. A. A. Gromyko, minister of foreign affairs.

to deter the will to wage aggressive war, and to make increasingly certain the will to peace.

In the great hope that such a moral conscience will be built upon the spiritual foundations, Christian people everywhere should pray and work toward its early development.

The emblem of the United Nations is the world surrounded on three sides by olive branches. A noted columnist states that the task of the U.N. is to extend the olive branches until they encircle the whole world. This also, and more so, is the challenge to Christian people to establish peace among all the nations in the name of Him who is the Prince of Peace.

►Mr. and Mrs. G. Clayton Bond, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Ghana, have gone to their field. Their address is Box 118, Kumasi, Ghana. Mrs. Bond is the former Helen Terry, a native of Stearns, Ky.

►Mr. and Mrs. William A. Cowley, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have recently returned to the States for furlough. Their address is 4987 Arapahoe Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Cowley is a native of Meade County, Kentucky.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

BROTHERHOOD

Free Literature for New Organizations

By FORREST R. SAWYER



F. R. Sawyer

A new service for new Brotherhoods and new Royal Ambassador chapters is being announced in this article: All new Brotherhoods and New Royal Ambassador chapters organized since July 1, 1958, and until further notice, will receive (when the State Brotherhood Department receives the names and addresses of the officers of the Brotherhood or the Royal Ambassador chapter) seven copies of the "Brotherhood Journal" and two copies of "Ambassador Life."

This service is made possible by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which George W. Schroeder is executive secretary, according to announcement made by James M. Sapp, director of promotion.

The necessary information relative to Brotherhood officers will include the name and address of the pastor, the elected president, the membership vice-president, the program vice-president, the activities vice-president, the song-leader, and the secretary-treasurer.

MUSIC



STATE MUSIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NEARLY DOUBLES.—The 255 who attended the Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership School at Georgetown this year was nearly double the 129 enrolled last year. Some 54 churches in 28 associations in Kentucky were represented; 13 associational music directors and 6 regional music directors attended. There were 46 church music directors, 17 choir directors and 5 pastors present. An inspiring sermon in song was presented on the closing Friday night to a fine audience, despite the inclement weather.

For Royal Ambassador chapters, we will need the name and address of the Royal Ambassador committee chairman and the name of the counselor.

The information on the officers and Royal Ambassador chapters should be mailed to the state office immediately following the Brotherhood's organization. This will enable us to get the necessary information to the proper place in time for the Journal and Ambassador Life magazines to be mailed without delay.

GEAR FOR PARTICIPATION IN LAYMAN'S DAY SOUL-WINNING CRUSADE

By W. D. LAWES, State Brotherhood Secretary of Arizona

You and your church are important cogs in the man-power machinery of Southern Baptists. It is hoped that you are geared for participation in the 1958 Layman's Day Soul-Winning Crusade, October 9-12.

This evangelistic movement, sponsored by the state Brotherhood Department and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the first attempt to rally, train and enlist Southern Baptist men across the land in a gigantic effort at soul-winning. This is your opportunity to go all-out in evangelism—one of the four perennial areas of Brotherhood activities—as you climax your efforts in "Visiting to Win" this year.

The following suggestions are made for you and your church to follow in

planning a successful crusade: (1) Follow the seven steps outlined in the tract entitled—"Layman's Day Soul-Winning Crusade." (This tract has been mailed to pastors and presidents of record.) (2) Begin now in your executive committee. (3) Confer with your pastor about the best ways to get the men ready for this event. (4) Make detailed plans during the summer. (5) Be ready to sign up men for participation in September.

Many churches now observe Layman's Day even though they do not have a Brotherhood organization. We would urge these and all Baptist churches in our state to join the Crusade. Beginning on October 9 and coming to climax on Layman's Day, October 12, it will help make Layman's Day more meaningful in all churches.

TRAINING UNION

First Training Union Week At Cedarmore

By JAMES WHALEY



James Whaley

The first Training Union Week at Cedarmore was well attended with 279 people being present. There were 77 of this number who were visitors, making a total of 202 staying for the full program for the week.

On the evening of August 11 the assembly opened with a "Get Acquainted" period where new friendships were made and old ones renewed. Following was the inspirational message brought by Dr. George Bagley, associate to the executive secretary of Alabama. He of course led in the meditation period for each evening with Mr. Glenn Igleheart, youth director of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, leading the singing. A very special part of the week was the service held each night by the lake. Of particular meaning to each one present was the lakeside service on Thursday night when a cross was pictured across the lake by special lighting.

In this busy schedule there was also room for the recreational hours each afternoon under the direction of Rev.

Robert Wayne, Immanuel Baptist Church, Severn's Valley Association.

Too, time was spent in study: Training Union Methods conference, a Bible Hour, and Personal Interest Conference.

Assisting in making possible this week were approximately thirty faculty members.

The climax of the week was on Thursday night when the young people were challenged with the plan of letting God use their lives for His service. There were 22 who made decisions and then those who had previously made a commitment but had not signed the cards for the state and conventionwide offices were asked to come forward. It was quite a picture to see fifty-seven young people standing on the platform in the tabernacle—each with a life given to God.

As this week has meant and will mean more to each one who attended the assembly, we know you will want to make room for Cedarmore Training Union Week on your calendar for next year—to join in the fellowship and training received during such a week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

You Can Grow Now By Conserving the Results Of Vacation Bible School

The richest dividends can be collected from a thorough follow up of the Vacation Bible schools which are being held in June, July, and August.

Each year there are over 200,000 boys and girls enlisted in our Vacation Bible schools who have no contact whatsoever with any church. These boys and girls have been invited and urged to come to a Vacation Bible school, and with most of them it is the first time they have had contact with any church.

Each one of these boys and girls has parents, uncles and aunts, grandparents, and other relatives. The chances for enlisting these adults in Sunday school are unlimited. The boys and girls themselves are possibilities for enlistment and enrolment in Sunday school.

The Vacation Bible School Standard recognizes this enormous potential by urging that lists of boys and girls, men and women, be given to the proper Sunday school classes for visitation. The parents' names should be on the back of the registration-record card. The registration-record cards of the Vacation Bible school constitute a diamond mine in possibilities. These cards should be guarded jealously. They should be kept as a master file of the unenlisted who have been reached through Vacation Bible school. No Vacation Bible school record card should ever be utilized itself as a card for information for visiting. Copies of these cards should be made for visiting these

live prospects. The pastor and minister of education and all others concerned should see that these registration-record cards are set up in the church office and kept indefinitely as a live prospect file.

The best time to reap the rich dividends is while the Vacation Bible school is in progress. The proverbial "striking while the iron is hot" was never truer than in this situation. If the pastor and the minister of education and others will visit in the homes in the afternoon during the Vacation Bible school, boys and girls, mothers and fathers, and others can be won to Christ and ultimately to church membership. The warm welcome which visitors will receive while the Vacation Bible school is in progress is because the church is doing something vital for the children in the home. Visitation may continue for these prospects after the Vacation Bible school is over, the rest of the year.

Pastors have testified that they have enlisted men, women, boys, and girls from the Vacation Bible school registration-record cards in Sunday school and in winning them to Christ and to church membership.

This live prospect file of Vacation Bible school registration-record cards should be worked continually all the rest of the year. It is equally as good as a religious census. It is well known that a religious census, unless used, is almost without value. If not used, these registration-record cards will be of little value in causing the Sunday school to grow now.

Why shouldn't each state in our Southern Baptist Convention mark up an enormous growth in Sunday school enrolment by an effective followup of the great unenlisted army of boys and girls and the men and women who are in the homes of these boys and girls. Our churches have never realized all of the possibilities of this rich field. We could increase enrolment in our Sunday schools each year by 200,000 or more if we would work at this enterprise. Because of the joy the boys and girls have had in Vacation Bible school, the parents are in a responsive frame of mind toward the churches who have ministered to their children. (Now is the time to "Grow Now.")

Sibley C. Burnett

►Forrest R. Sawyer, Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky, gives us word from Fort Worth, Texas, that the registration at the Second Convention Wide Royal Ambassador Congress, August 12-14, hit 9,000-plus. Kentucky, with her goal of 210 had 242 registrations. "You have never seen such a conglomeration of boys in all your life," he said.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Hear These Missionaires At Cedarmore Assembly

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON



Miss Mary Frances Gould

Miss Mary Frances Gould, Kentucky missionary on furlough from Thailand will speak each day during WMU week (Aug. 25-29) and three times BWC Camp, (Aug. 30-Sept. 1). She has served in Thailand for two terms.

Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville, Tenn., popular devotional speaker and writer throughout our Southern Baptist Convention territory, will speak on Sunday morning and Monday morning during BWC Camp. She will not be present during WMU Week.



Mrs. J. O. Williams



Miss Bertha Wallis

Miss Bertha Wallis, field worker for the Home Mission Board will speak each evening during WMU Week and on Saturday evening and Sunday evening during BWC Camp. She has traveled often to all of our home mission fields and knows the work from many years of participation in it.

See the WMU Column in the Western Recorder for July 24 and August 21 for further program details.

►Three new Kentucky missions and one church were constituted in July, and may be counted in the 30,000 Movement. The missions are Victory Heights Baptist Temple, in Wayne County Association, sponsored by Steubenville Church; Oakdale Mission, in Caldwell Association, sponsored by Mt. Mebron Church; and the Mission at Saw Brier in Upper Cumberland Association, sponsored by the First Church, Loyall. The church is Edgewood, in Christian County.

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Missions (4)	296		77
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	964	1	221
Missions (3)	237		60
Owensboro, Third	935	7	253
Hopkinsville, Second	921	3	205
Madisonville, First	920		214
Mayfield, First	886		228
Owensboro, First	821		199
Evansville, Grace	798		---
Hopkinsville, First (1)	748		204
Covington, Calvary	734		---
Somerset, First	729	2	248
Mission (1)	90	1	---
Elizabethtown,			---
Severns Valley	723		144
Missions (2)	62		---
Covington, Latonia	707	1	195
Missions (1)	93		36
Murray, First	707		---
Missions (1)	38		---
Lou., Parkland	694	1	171
Missions (1)	180		52
Lexington, Calvary	681		141
Mission (1)	36		---
Newport, First	664		171
Missions (2)	153		---
Lou., Beechland	649	3	204
Lou., Crescent Hill	648	5	150
Missions (2)	106		---
Lou., Beechmont	621	1	108
Missions (2)	377	5	143
Lou., Hazelwood	516	1	126
Paducah, First	515	5	216
Henderson, Immanuel	512		---
Missions (2)	102		---
London, First	501	1	135
Mission (1)	62		---
Central City, First	479	4	252
Campbellsville	470		148
Missions (4)	127		---
Owensboro, Hall Street	459		188
Princeton, First	458		---
Corbin, Central	458		161
Mission (1)	59		35
Lou., Highland	453	3	108
Covington, Southside	449		80
Lou., Shively	445	6	101
Missions (1)	148	2	54
Evansville, Calvary	443		158
Ashland, Unity	440	2	92
Owensboro, Eaton Mem.	436		146
Lou., Third Ave.	434	5	138
Mission (1)	109		38
Lou., Rockford Lane	434	6	184
Mission (1)	15		8
Nicholasville	434		90
Mission (1)	30		20
Lou., Bethany	429	5	73
Owensboro, Buena Vista	427		134
Lou., Southside	425		84
Lexington, Porter Mem.	418		87
Russellville, First	413		125
Mission (1)	39		---
Franklin, First	410		72
Mission	52		29
Middlesboro, First	401	1	99
Dayville, Lexington Ave.	400		61
Missions (1)	37		---
Lou., Valley Station	398	10	86
Lou., Beth Haven	393	2	129
Newport, Bellevue	391		94
Mt. Washington	388		113
Versailles	382		70
Springfield, First	375		91
Lou., Farmdale	372	2	119
Mission (1)	93	1	38
Cynthiana	367	2	46
Mission (1)	59		32
Lou., Bethlehem	336		99
Lou., Immanuel	365	1	68
Bardstown	362		57
Greenville, First	361		146
Lou., Shawnee	357	4	114
Corbin, First	355	1	54
Hazard, First	344		69
Paducah, East	343		108
Shepherdsville, First (1)	340		75
Walton, First	336	3	148
Campbellsville,			---
Pleasant Hill	333		129
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	325		56
Mission (1)	34		25
Lebanon Junction, First	325	1	97
Scottsville, First	323		78
Paducah, Twelfth Street	318		119
Bowling Green, Eastwood	316		---
Ludlow, First	312		97
Marion	298		69
Ashland, Pollard	290	1	119
Mission (1)	53		---
Harrodsburg,			---
Erumer's Chapel	287	3	159
Covington, First	287		142
Mission (1)	84		---
Benton, First	286	5	129
Hazel	283		---

Philippine Seminary Has Record Enrolment

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 8 (FMB)—The Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary began its seventh session on July 8, 1958, with a record enrolment of 39, more than double that of last year. This includes 38 regular students and one auditor, as compared with the previous record enrolment of 26 regular students and nine auditors during the school's third session.

For the first time there are students from the central islands of Mindoro and Samar. Others come from Mindanao and Luzon, where Southern Baptist missionaries are stationed. The student body includes Filipinos and Chinese.

Some of the students are training to be preachers, and all except the auditor feel that God has called them to full-time Christian work, reports Missionary James A. Foster, dean of the seminary. "The prayer of the faculty is that this session may reach a record high in spiritual and intellectual development, as well as in the number of students," he adds. "The spirit of the student body is good and has so manifested itself from the very first day of the session."

The seminary is located on the island of Luzon, on a pine-covered campus in Baguio City, summer capital of the Philippines.

Owensboro, Lewis Lane	280	100
Ft. Thomas, First	279	78
Mission (1)	123	---
Middlesboro,		---
E. Cumberland Ave.	271	---
Sonora	264	94
Campbellville, S. Camp	257	90
Lou., Gethsemane	257	79
Perryville,		---
Beech Grove	253	146
Monticello, First	246	93
Missions (2)	75	---
Perryville	233	105
Cold Spring, First	230	74
Mt. Vernon, First (1)	230	66
Owensboro, Wing Ave.	228	74
Owensboro, Seven Hills	227	51
Henderson, Hyland	224	66
Somerset, Calvary	223	116
Mission (1)	28	---
Carrollton, First	217	62
Williamson,		---
E. Williamson	216	55
Mission (1)	66	34
Falmouth	210	---
Mission (1)	18	---
Earlington	204	62
Louisville, Baptist Temple	192	57
Mission (1)	136	65
Bowling Green, Glendale	192	80
Covington, Ashland Ave.	180	54
Greenville, Second	179	69
Lexington, Grace	---	194
Frankfort, Thornhill	---	123

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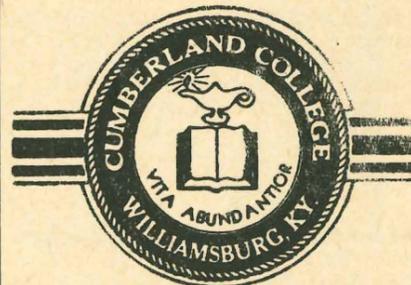
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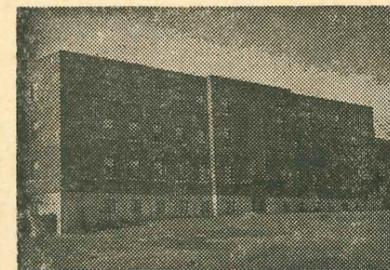
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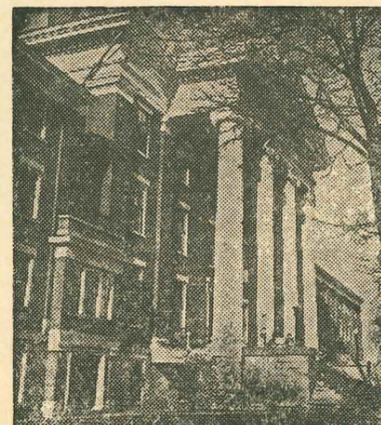


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Deacon Lynn Dies at Midway



John Alvin Lynn died at his home in Midway, Kentucky, on May 8. Mr. Lynn was born in Owen County on January 18, 1877, and became a resident of Midway at an early age. He joined the First Baptist Church of Midway in November, 1891, and was the third person to be baptized in the baptistry. Mr. Lynn served many years on the baptismal committee and also had years of service as an active deacon for over fifty years.

CONSIDER

By DAVID MASON

She had a body like a goat, except for the rear-end (which is like a dragon). Her head was like a lion's head, and her breath . . . well, even her best friend would not like to mention it—she belched fire. If she is a friend of yours, you are no friend of mine. It would be one thing to be a goat, another to be a dragon, and still another to be a lion; but to be all three at once! By the way, the name of this odd-ball was Chimera.

Chimera was so distasteful that a very involved plan had to be evolved before she could be destroyed. A flying horse was caught with the aid of a golden bridle, and a guy by the name of Bellerophon got on the horse and either rode or flew (whatever you do on a flying horse—my experience there is limited) to her home and dispatched her. From the day that happened until today a chimera is supposed to be any sort of person, place, thing, plant, or animal which seems to be made-up of a variety of incongruous parts.

Consider then a modern beast which might well be called a chimera. This beast's hands are materialist's hands—they lust for money and goods with little regard for the needs of others. This beast's feet are a pagan's feet—they walk in the way of the transgressor, with no regard for moral law. This beast has the heart of a Christian—full of love toward God and compassion for his neighbors. Do you believe this? It may be that the original Chimera was real—but the last one is preposterous.

►Mount Zion Church, Rockcastle Association, held a revival August 4-10 with John R. Isaacs, Clear Creek Baptist School, being the evangelist assisting Pastor Roy E. Canfield. The church plans to enter into an active field survey program as a direct result of the revival.

►Miss Anna Starkley has resigned her teaching position with Magoffin Baptist Institute, Mountain Valley, Ky., after having filled that work for fourteen years. She is to work at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.

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