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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

CONVENTION BRIEFS

►The Missouri Baptist General Association, at its 124th annual session at Springfield, Mo., voted to change its name to the Missouri Baptist Convention.

►The Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists is to consider a year hence the change of its name to the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists. A number of Nebraska churches are affiliated with the Kansas group.

PASTORAL CHANGES

►The First Baptist Church, Earlington has called Guy Gordon as pastor. Gordon is presently pastor of Poole Baptist Church, Poole, Ky., and succeeds Hughlan Richey who is moving from Earlington to Keck Avenue in Evansville, Indiana. Gordon assumes duties at Earlington on November 30.

►W. W. Johnson has resigned as pastor of Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky., and has accepted the pastorate of the Liberty Church, Graves County Association. He expects to move to his new field about December 1. His new address will be Route 1, Hickory, Ky.

REVIVAL NOTES

►Gethsemane Baptist Church, Louisville, had a revival November 3-14, with Pastor Harold L. Ware, Highland Church of Henderson, doing the preaching. Pastor J. Alvin Hardy, Goshen Church near Lawrenceburg, led the singing. Pastor Richard DeBell says that the revival resulted in 11 decisions for the church and the church will feel the effects of Brother Ware's preaching for a long while.

►A Youth Team from the B. S. U., Campbellsville College went for three days recently to Scaffold Lick Baptist Church, near Blotcher, Indiana. They were expecting great things, but nothing nearly so great as they found. During the three services conducted there, 23 definite decisions were made for Christ, 17 of these at the Sunday morning service. Sunday afternoon they spoke over the Salem Radio Station WLSM. Glen Edwards, Pauline Goode, Jim Campbell, Janet Dishon, Jim McCoy and Betty Crowe were the six students composing the team.

►Pastor Curtis H. Warf tells us about the results of their revival meeting November 2-9, at which time Dr. Robert E. Humphreys, evangelist, of Owensboro, did the preaching. There were 10 for baptism, 3 by letter, and over 150 rededications. This brought the total additions to 52 since January 1. The pack-the-pew, family night and special committees sparked their attendance to a full house practically every night, with the aisles having extra chairs. Pastor Warf says: "Dr. Humphreys is a man of unique ability, wisdom and humility. He left our church with the feeling that he had been used by the power of God to bring us closer to what Jesus would have us be."



Dr. Samuel G. Shepard will assume the pastorate of Erlanger Baptist Church around December 1. Shepard is moving from Trinity Baptist in Paducah. He formerly served at Nicholasville Baptist Church.

DEATHS

►Mrs. Dollie Robertson Givens, 87, formerly of Bremen, Ky., died in the Clark County Memorial Hospital, Jeffersonville, Ind., Sunday, November 16. She became ill while on a three-week visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ervin Gish, Clarksville, Ind. She was the wife of retired Pastor John W. T. Givens; a son, Charles Robertson, Hollywood, Calif.; four daughters—Mrs.

W. A. Bates, Madisonville, Ky.; Mrs. C. E. Noffsinger, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Dewey Donovan; and Mrs. Gish, already mentioned; and one step-daughter, Mrs. Bruce (Mabel Grace Givens) Hudson, Cincinnati, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

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A MEANINGFUL THANKSGIVING

Personal Experience in National Tradition

By C. EMANUEL CARLSON, Executive Director

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Thanksgiving Day can be either a national holiday or a spiritual experience. And if we so desire, it can be both.

"God Almighty may be specially thanked, praised, and blessed on next Wednesday forenoon—the text to be appropriate and the sermon to be applicable thereto." This permission to give thanks was granted by the Governor of New Amsterdam in 1645. It is probably the first Thanksgiving proclamation in New York's history.

"Your Reverence will please announce this matter to the congregation next Sunday so they may have notice. On which we rely," said the Governor to the pastor.

Civil authorities in the new world had begun very early "to order thanksgiving" in the colonies. The pattern was normal, for all the colonists came from backgrounds in which their religious experiences were supposed to emanate from government authority.

In various colonies the practice had started by orders to give thanks for a safe crossing over the ocean, for the new harvest, for a treaty with the Indians, or for other special divine favors to these exposed colonial groups.

In 1775 the Continental Congress proclaimed a special day of prayer for all

the colonies, thereby starting a shift of this function to the central government. Following the Declaration of Independence and the other events which moved toward a new united nation, the Continental Congress proclaimed December 18, 1777, as a Thanksgiving Day. This may be taken as our first national observance of the day.

Presidents Washington and Adams followed the above patterns and proclaimed days of prayer and thanksgiving. But Jefferson was sure that these were violations of the Constitution and refused to accede to such requests.

"Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining of them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the times for these exercises and the objects proper for them," he said in reply to a Presbyterian clergyman.

"Civil powers alone have been given to the President of the United States, and no authority to direct the religious exercises of his constituents," he continued.

James Madison found himself in difficulty because his political opponents felt he was asking for partisan prayers during the war, but the proclamations have become standard procedure as part of the American culture.

Therein lies both a problem and an opportunity. We have Thanksgiving Day but that does not assure gratitude. The experience of gratitude does not come by political or national fiat. Perhaps the national holiday neither aids nor prevents the experience.

If the observance of the special day should cause us to feel that in merely having it we as an American people humble ourselves in adequate recognition of our dependence upon God, it may cause us to ignore personal expressions which are more meaningful.

Similarly, if our gratitude is limited to an expression regarding our national interests, thanking God for what He has done for us and our friends, we may miss the soul-enlarging experience which we need to be Christians in today's world.

Our government declares the holiday. How we use it depends upon our insights and our devotion. The day will probably not be a day of fasting in 1958, although such an exercise of soul-searching discipline would be quite in order these days.

To be meaningful our gratitude must also include a renewal of our responsiveness to Christ and to the mind of God. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination" is an old proverb with much wisdom.

If we will take time to seek the full counsel of God and thoughtfully recognize the greatness of God's wonderful care and provision, we will undoubtedly join the Psalmist in calling upon our souls. "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

LET THE PREACHER PREACH

By JOHN W. DRAKEFORD

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The term "preacher" is probably used more freely amongst Southern Baptists than among other denominations. Even among Baptists in other parts of the world the term "minister" or "pastor" is preferred. Southern Baptists' usage of this term shows their important emphasis on preaching. The mental picture created is that of the preacher standing up before the congregation to make his positive affirmation of "Thus saith the Lord." This is good, but there is a grave danger that we will see the work of all leaders in religious work in terms of this mental image and fail to recognize other very important aspects of leadership and teaching in vocational religious work.

Sunday School teacher, let the preacher preach! There is a difference

between preaching and teaching. A systematic teaching ministry is meant to supplement the inspirational utterance of the preacher. However, the subtle temptation is always with the teacher to think of himself as a preacher with his class as his congregation. Thus class members become mere listeners rather than active participants in the learning situation, and a class member with a contribution that he would just love to make, secretly speculates as to what might happen if the Sunday school teacher left the preaching to the preacher.

Music director, let the preacher preach! The minister of music can help so much in the spirit of a church service as he leads the music. But it is very easy for him to forget his main task of

leading the singing and to become a preacher. Some ministers of music seem to consider it incumbent upon them to exhort the congregation periodically, to discourse at length upon what this hymn reminds them of, or to demand that people in the congregation should, "Look like the music." Many a long-suffering congregation smiles wanly and wishes that the music director would let the preacher do the preaching.

Pastor, let the preacher preach! Preaching is an important part of the pastor's total ministry but there are other parts. There is a new and growing interest in the counseling work of the pastor. Such a ministry is not always easy. From being forthright and dogmatic in the pulpit, the successful pastor has to become understanding, permissive and receptive in his manner. Above all, he must be willing to listen, and preachers are notoriously bad listeners. Yet in this very ministry of listening we are putting our emphasis back on the worth of the individual and fulfilling an important part of our ministry. Pastor, let the preacher preach.



DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Wrong, Moderate or Otherwise

Thousands of God-fearing people were shocked last month by the announcement that the Episcopal Church had officially approved social drinking. The action came in the Triennial General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church held at Miami Beach in mid-October.

Those who have been close enough to know what this church has been doing and its positions on moral issues need not have been surprised at the announcement approving social drinking. Many Episcopal congregations have held this position and practiced it proudly.

In the South, especially where Baptists are so strong, Episcopal churches have used this approach to appeal to the country club kind of Baptists suggesting that those who want to drink can do so and belong to a church which does not condemn moderate drinking. Not a few so-called Baptists have accepted this invitation which is a blessing at least to the Baptist churches to which they belonged.

A recent event in nearby Knoxville, Tennessee which involved social drinking should be placed side-by-side with this announcement of the Episcopalians. A young graduate student was shot to death by his neighbor upon trying to enter the neighbor's home in the middle of the night. The young man knocked on the door of his friend and neighbor at two o'clock in the morning. Getting no satisfactory answer as to who it was, the householder became alarmed and when the young man tried to enter the back door, he was killed by his friend with a blast from a shot gun.

The neighbor who had killed his friend was horrified. The young man's father and mother were deeply shocked. He was their only child. He was not reared to drink and he did not frequent taverns or cocktail rooms. The girl whom he was to marry after graduation was deeply grieved.

Oh yes, one other person was distressed. This was the preacher with whom the young man had dinner on the very evening before he was killed. This clergyman had no prejudice against drinking and reported he and the young man had a shaker of cocktails before dinner and a brandy afterward. He was sure that they did not drink enough to effect

the mental processes but just the same the student was dead. All he did was to take a few drinks on a social occasion—drinks offered him by a minister of Jesus Christ.

Likely there will always be some Baptists who drink and I would be among the last to exclude from our fellowship anyone who took a drink. But if Baptists ever come to the place of official approval of social or any other kind of drinking, I will be among the first to ask to be excluded.

Early Impressions

It's far too early to evaluate the 1958 General Associational sessions of Kentucky Baptists in Elizabethtown but even now in its midst (Wednesday evening) several conclusions are obvious. Baptists can get worked up over controversial matters and will express themselves with determination. If we ever get as concerned about things we all agree on as those about which we disagree, nothing would be impossible to accomplish.

Baptists can also spend a whole day in intense discussion and maintain a Christian spirit. Not one out-of-place word was uttered in the long discussion of the education proposals and time after time the tension was eased by the moderator and various speakers. Intermittent laughter helped everyone and kept the temperature down.

This day also proved a moderator can hit two home runs in fair presiding. The performance of Moderator W. R. Pettigrew last year was hailed as the fairest possible. This year's performance was even fairer if that could be possible. Not one complaint could be justified. As a parliamentary consultant to Dr. Pettigrew, Congressman Eugene Siler always had Kerfoot's authority on the tip of his tongue.

The Baptists of Severn's Valley Church and Severn's Valley Association as well as all the citizens of Elizabethtown turned every stone to make Baptists of Kentucky welcome and comfortable. The church was inadequate for the crowd but the pastor, Dr. Verlin Kruschwitz, did everything humanly possible to accommodate the messengers.

Finally a word of commendation on the work and spirit of the members of the Survey Committee is more than due. No group ever had a more difficult task and no men could have worked more diligently. Their spirit of humility and conscientiousness was that becoming great men and Kentucky Baptists will be indebted to them for years to come.

Record General Association Crowd Kills Survey Proposals for Education and Elects R. S. Burhans as Moderator

Elizabethtown overflowed with Baptists from all sections of Kentucky today, Wednesday, November 19, in order to express themselves on a controversial report from a Survey Committee appointed by the body last year. The total number of registered messengers and visitors from the churches reported to be around 2,400. Many of these came only today for action on the Survey Report.

The beautiful and spacious sanctuary of the Severn's Valley Baptist Church overflowed with the unprecedented number of messengers. Ten assembly rooms with sound equipment also overflowed. Eating places were hard put to provide food for the many hungry Baptists who had to go several miles, in some instances, for food but who were in a hurry to get back to the church for one of the 900 seats on the main floor of the church.

The new moderator for Kentucky Baptists is R. S. Burhans, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist, Louisville. He won in a four cornered race with O. W. Yates, pastor, Rosemont Baptist, Lexington; H. B. Kuhnle, pastor Immanuel Baptist, Lexington and Harold Tallant, pastor, First Baptist, Madisonville. No candidate won a majority on the first ballot and Burhans won in a runoff with Tallant.

Assistant moderators are Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor, Severn's Valley, Elizabethtown and R. H. Hobbs, Baptist layman from Pikeville. Hobbs is a member of the First Baptist Church, Pikeville and moderator of the newly formed Pike Association.

Elected secretary and assistant secretary were George Raleigh Jewell and Leo Crismon, both of Louisville. These men are presently serving in the same positions.

The highly controversial report of the Survey Committee was referred to the Executive Board of the General Association for further study except Section IX, dealing with Christian Education. A substitute motion for this section, which will continue the present schools, was offered by Dr. Rollins S. Burhans, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, and was approved by the messengers after a full day's discussion.

The Survey Committee had asked

that the whole report be referred to the Executive Board, but a determined move to dispose of the education proposals prevailed. This came as a result of a motion by Mr. Ira J. Porter, Louisville banker and layman, to consider the education proposals at this session of the Association rather than refer them with other recommendations of the Survey Committee to the Executive Board.

The substitute proposal by Dr. Burhans was considered a move to preserve the unity of Kentucky Baptists as the survey proposals had been interpreted by some as pitting Kentucky Baptists against Louisville Baptists. Many advocates and alumni of the present schools had feared that the proposals relating to the establishment of a Kentucky Baptist University in Louisville would eventually mean the elimination of the present schools and opposed the report on these grounds.

The substitute proposal in effect continues the present educational set-up of Kentucky Baptists. It reapproved the action of Kentucky Baptists in 1956 at Madisonville which called for the start of a Baptist Junior College in Louisville by 1960 or afterwards as a branch of Georgetown College. It also reaffirmed the action of 1957 in Harlan when the General Association gave sanction to four-year college programs for Campbellsville College and Cumberland College, both of which up to that time were junior colleges. Campbellsville had begun third year work this year and plans the adding of the fourth year next fall. Cumberland has not begun senior college work, but is presently making plans.

The substitute proposal replaces the present Department of Christian Education directors with an Education Committee composed of Trustees from the schools and ten men from the state at large. The college presidents will be non-voting members of this committee. An amendment offered by Dr. Joseph R. Estes, Bowling Green's First Baptist pastor, instructed the Education Committee to make use of the consultants' report and other data in the future proposals for Christian Education in Kentucky.

The full text of the substitute motion as amended:

I move that all Kentucky Baptist Schools and Colleges be continued as separate agencies of the General Association. That the action of the General Association at Harlan, Kentucky, in 1957 relating to Campbells-

ville College and Cumberland College be reaffirmed.

That the proposal of the Christian Education Department adopted at Madisonville, Kentucky, in 1956 be reaffirmed as follows:

"1. That a liberal-arts branch of Georgetown College offering two years of college work be established in Louisville to open in the fall of 1960 or as soon thereafter as possible.

"2. That there be on hand before the beginning of the Branch:

"(1) A suitable campus site, if possible, of 100 acres or more;

"(2) \$500,000 in cash for a building or buildings;

"(3) \$500,000 for endowment;

"(4) \$100,000 for operating expenses;

"It being understood that the General Association authorizes and approves a special effort in the local area of the Branch to attain the above operations.

"3. That the Branch shall be operated by a board of managers composed of twelve members all of whom shall be members of the Board of Trustees of Georgetown College, elected by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, nine of whom shall be residents of the Long Run Association and three of the state at large. Should Georgetown College trustees desire not to assume this responsibility it is understood that the Louisville school will seek its own accreditation.

"4. That upon the opening of the Branch in the fall of 1960 or thereafter, it is to receive a full, junior-college share of the Christian Education appropriation for operation and capital needs, according to the formula adopted for junior colleges."

5. That the Educational Commission be dissolved, and an Education Committee be set up to formulate plans for the future guidance of our educational organization. That this committee consist of 4 trustees from Georgetown, 2 from each of the other colleges and 1 from each of the other schools. That 10 additional men be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the General Association to serve on the committee. That the heads of the schools also be members of the committee but be non-voting members.

The Joseph Richard Estes Amendment to the above Substitute Motion, which was approved at the same time:

"Amendment: That the Education Committee be instructed to utilize the Survey Materials supplied by Booz, Allen and Hamilton, and such other data as may in the future become available, in order further to modify the educational Program of Kentucky Baptists as they, with the approval of the various Boards of Trustees, and upon the action of the General Association, may deem essential of the progress of Christian Education."

This report is made on Wednesday evening to meet the deadline for this issue. Other action and a full report of the General Association will be in next week's *Western Recorder*.

Dr. Elmer S. West, of the Foreign Mission Board, is scheduled for the main address on Wednesday night and Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, will address the final session on Thursday morning.

►Abraham Berry has resigned as associational missionary in Russell Creek and East Lynn Associations, effective November 1, 1958. Brother Berry has served in these associations for eleven years. He will continue to make his home in Greensburg.

Premarital Compacts

By JOHN W. BRADBURY, Editor
in The Watchman-Examiner, New York

An important decision has been handed down by Judge Charles H. House, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, relating to premarital agreements by which non-Catholics promise to raise their children as Catholics. He decided that such pacts cannot be legally enforced in Connecticut. He cited the State constitution which declares that

"No person shall by law be compelled to join or support, nor to be classed with nor associated to, any congregation, church or religious association."

This first test case in Connecticut involved the marriage of a Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McLaughlin. Before their marriage in 1942 Mr. McLaughlin, a Catholic, and his wife, a Methodist, signed the agreement ordinarily required by Roman Catholic authorities in mixed marriages. Mrs. McLaughlin promised to have the marriage solemnized only in a Catholic ceremonial, to have all children born of the union baptized and educated in the Catholic faith, and never to obstruct her husband in the exercise of his religious duties.

Marital differences arose after three children had been born to the couple, ending with the husband asking for a legal separation and the wife for a divorce. Mr. McLaughlin then initiated the *habeas corpus* proceedings before Judge House seeking a judicial decree that his children were to be reared as Catholics. He also asked for their custody, although he did not question the fitness of their mother to care for them.

Judge House, in awarding custody to the mother, ruled that she could not be legally held to her premarital pact. He said, "The law is absolutely impartial in matters of religion. A court will not take a child's religious education into its own hands short of circumstances amounting to unfitness of the custodian. In a dispute relating to custody, religious views afford no ground for removing children from the custody of the parent otherwise qualified."

Since our Cooperative Program does not provide sufficient amount to care for these children as they should be cared for, I believe we should do our best in the Thanksgiving Offering.

Believes in Children's Homes and Their Work

By BEN F. MITCHELL
Superintendent of Missions
Long Run Association of Baptists

Both as a trustee at Glen Dale, and as a member of the first committee of twelve, in times past, I had opportunity to see the tremendous need that existed, and to help somewhat in the program for improvement. While I was a pastor, and now as superintendent of missions for Long Run Association, I have seen many occasions in our churches for the services of our children's homes to prove a rich blessing to both children and parents. It is a source of confidence and joy to me, when a pastor or an individual calls about an emergency involving some children (children in need are always an emergency) to be able to say, "Call on Sam Ed Bradley or Ford Deusner and something will be worked out."

On one occasion I was called to a home where the mother of seven children—four of them rather small—had just learned she must leave them to enter Waverly Hills Sanatorium. It was a pitiable plight to see the mother's tears of concern, and the wonderment in the faces of the children. But Brother Bradley was called and gave assurance about the care of the children, and the whole situation was turned eventually to a blessing.

God bless those who minister, and those to whom they minister, in our children's homes!

Lawson Hatfield, Fordyce, Ark., has been named superintendent of new work in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He assumed his new position November 1. A native of Little Rock, Hatfield is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and received the Th. M. degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Robert G. D. Stinson has resigned his pastorate at Bellfield Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky., and has accepted a call of the Victory Baptist Church in Evansville, Indiana. His new address will be 918 South Barker Avenue, that

city. Some 52 new members have been welcomed into the fellowship at Bellfield by baptism and 25 by letter, since he has been there. Two auxiliary buildings at the pastor's home have been erected, and the Building Fund has grown from \$700 to \$2,100.

Verner Barnett, associational missionary, writes: "Laurel River Association is in the business of evangelism during October and November, with some 18 of the churches having revivals, resulting in 58 being added by baptism and 20 by letter. During this same time the new building was entered at McWhorter Street Mission, arm of the First Church, London, with 107 in attendance at Sunday School. Long Branch, formerly quarter-time, has gone to half-time; Slate Hill and Jackson Memorial have gone to full-time . . . There has been a definite move started with Pine Grove sponsoring a new work in the southern end of Laurel County. Property has been donated, and a building is to be moved to the lot. Another property has been given in Camp Ground section, in the east, on Highway 229, between London and Barbourville. Laurel River Church will sponsor that work. Slate Hill Church is thinking of beginning a new work also."

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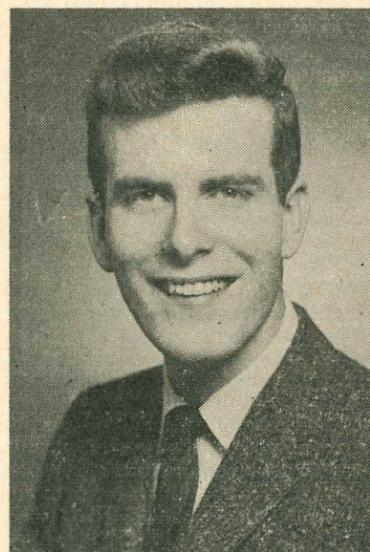
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New pastor for the First Baptist Church, Jellico, Tennessee, is Richard Allison. A graduate of Georgetown and Southern Seminary, Allison moves from Barren Run Baptist, Hodgenville, Kentucky. Mrs. Allison is the former Jane Foote.



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Eight Hundred Students Registered for State Baptist Student Convention in Bowling Green

By **BETH HAYWORTH,**
Assistant Secretary

Eight hundred students from eighteen Kentucky campuses registered for the annual Baptist Student Convention in Bowling Green, October 24-26. State B. S. U. President, Terrill Mays, a senior at Georgetown College, presided over the weekend meeting. All sessions were held in the First Baptist Church.

The opening session on Friday evening featured two speakers: Dr. Gabe Payne, physician from Hopkinsville, spoke on his recent tour around the world with the Baptist World Alliance Medical Missions group. Dr. Vernon E. Richardson, pastor of the University Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, introduced the convention theme **DISCIPLINED FOR TODAY'S DEMANDS** with his message on "The Urgency for A Divine Encounter."

The Saturday morning session spotlighted areas of personal discipline as the students met in various seminars: *Disciplines in Christian Citizenship*, led by Mr. Charles Dobbins, county attorney, Jefferson County, Louisville; *Disciplines in Church Life*, Dr. George W. Harrison, professor, Georgetown College; *Disciplines in Courtship*, Mrs. John M. Carter, Campbellsville; *Disciplines in the Missionary Task*, Rev. R. Kenneth Parks, missionary to Indonesia; *Disciplines in Moral Issues*, Dr. Joseph R. Estes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; *Disciplines in Racial Issues*, Rev. A. B. Colvin, secretary of missions and evangelism, Middletown; *Disciplines in the Academic World*, Mr. W. Howard Bramlette, associate, Department of Student Work, Nashville; *Disciplines in Social Life*, Miss Dorothy Booth, assistant dean, Cumberland College; *Disciplines in Witnessing*, Rev. Richard Oldham, pastor, Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green. To conclude the Saturday morning emphasis on personal discipline, Mr. Bramlette led the group in thinking of "Spiritual Resources for Discipline."

One of the highlights of each annual convention is the appointment of Student Summer Missionaries. On Saturday afternoon, following reports from students who served during the past summer, these appointments were made to represent the Kentucky Baptist Student Union: Mr. Jim Fugate, Morehead State, Hawaii; Miss Dorothy Matthews, Western, Arizona; Miss Ema Neeley, Georgetown, Good Will Center in New Orleans; Miss Gail Shoemaker, University of Kentucky, California; Mr. Gerald Sledd,

Murray State, Great Lakes area; Miss Nancy Steadman, Eastern, Colorado; Mr. Billy Tillett, Campbellsville, Alaska and Mr. Carl Wilkey, Georgetown, to serve in New York. A goal of \$5300 was adopted by the convention to support the summer mission program.

As the group convened on Saturday evening the Georgetown Maskrafters, under the direction of Professor O. R. Corey, presented the drama, "Job." Dr. Jess C. Moody, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, spoke on the subject, "Dedicated to God's Great Purpose."

DISCIPLINED, DEDICATED, AND DIRECTED was the session theme for Sunday morning as various students shared spiritual victories. The Dedication Service was climaxed with a message by Rev. Keith Parks, a first-term missionary on furlough from Indonesia, as he spoke on "My Life Directed by His Spirit."

Mr. Ira Prosser, assistant to the Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, led the congregational singing during the entire convention and Mr. James R. Jones, minister of music at the First Baptist Church in Bowling Green, directed the State B. S. U. Choir as it sang for each service. Musical assistants were Miss Pheroba Thomas, assistant minister of music at the First Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Mrs. Wena Manning, Louisville, and Mr. Jim Fugate, senior, Morehead State College.

Dr. Joseph R. Estes, pastor of the host church, led the Bible hour on Saturday morning and Dr. George Harrison, Georgetown, was in charge of Bible study on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Many students from campuses over the state were used throughout the program to speak on summer experiences, opportunities, needs, and victories on their particular campuses.



Sunday, December 14

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Central in Lexington To Observe Fifth Anniversary

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman will preach on the morning of December 16, as Central Baptist Church of Lexington celebrates her Fifth Anniversary. Dr. Eddleman also preached the constituting sermon of the same church five years ago.

Central Baptist Church, organized with 43 members late in 1953, has now grown to a membership of 475 and expects to reach a fellowship of 500 by the fifth Anniversary date. Some 193 members came into the fellowship during the last year.

Total gifts in five years have exceeded \$220,000. After liquidating an original indebtedness of \$104,000 on property and temporary facilities, Central adopted a master building plan that calls for 1,000 in Sunday School and an auditorium that will seat 1,000. As a part of this plan, the church is now in the process of building an educational unit that will raise Sunday School capacity from 300 to 800. Cost of this unit, to be completed by June 1, is \$150,000.

Dr. Clyde Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Spencer, North

Carolina, was the first and only pastor other than Homer Carter who has just completed his first year as the current pastor.

After October 1, 1959, Erik Ruden, general secretary of the Baptist Union (Convention) of Sweden, Stockholm, will become European secretary of the Baptist World Alliance succeeding Henry Cook of London.

CORRECTION

The final statement in last week's article on the visit of the committee of the American Association of Theological Schools to Southern Seminary was incomplete. It should have stated that all present seminaries of Southern Baptists are accredited or are in the process of becoming accredited. Southern Seminary, Southwestern and New Orleans have been accredited a number of years and Southeastern Seminary won full accreditation this year. Golden Gate and Midwestern Seminaries are in the process of meeting the rigid requirements for accreditation.



MIDWESTERN FACULTY—Faculty of the new Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, is shown at the Seminary's first Missionary Day. Back Row (left to right)—Joseph T. McClain, President; Millard J. Berquist, Keith C. Wills. Front Row—William

H. Morton, Ralph H. Elliott, E. C. Bryant, V. Lavell Seats. They are standing near buildings of Calvary Baptist Church, whose facilities they are using while developing a Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary campus. —Baptist Press Photo.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Suggested Monthly Activities For December

- Focus on Nursery department
- Seek to enroll every member of the Sunday School fifteen years of age or over for January Bible study. Make provision for younger age groups.
- Conduct previews of next quarter's Sunday School lessons.
- Check on Standards; apply for recognition.

- Receive final reports of three-month's evangelistic visitation.
- Promote individual study of general teaching books.
- Feature foreign missions and Lottie Moon Offering.

TOP TEN ASSOCIATIONS IN TRAINING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR 1957-58

Long Run	10,019
Elkhorn	2,447
West Kentuckiana	2,242
Little Bethel	2,208
Severns Valley	1,680
South District	1,631
North Bend	1,506
Nelson	1,386
Daviess-McLean	1,306
West Union	1,253

TOP TEN CHURCHES IN TRAINING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR 1957-58

Madisonville, First—	
Little Bethel Assn.	1,291
Victory Memorial—	
Long Run Association	1,247
Grace—	
West Kentuckiana	1,238
Ninth and O—	
Long Run	1,015

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Severns Valley	586
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Long Run	559
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Daviess-McLean	530
Walnut Street—	
Long Run	524
Gethsemane—	
South District	477
Rockford Lane—	
Long Run	431

►The Utica Baptist Church, near Owensboro, is sending the *Western Recorder* not only to its own local members but also to their members who are in the armed services and others who have to be away from their church.

►Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, preached the sermon for the dedication of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, 3,728 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Sunday afternoon, November 16. He also preached Sunday night for Pastor Willard Whoberry, Jr.

TRAINING UNION

Additional "M" Night Associational T. U. Mass Meetings

By JAMES WHALEY

Association	Dec.	P.M.	Place	Speaker
Blood River	1	7:30 CST	New Harmony	Rev. Joe Williams
Caldwell	1	7:00 CST	Northside, Princeton	Dr. Wendell H. Rone
Central	1	7:15 CST	First, Springfield	Dr. Henry Beach
Lynn	1	7:30 CST	South Fork	Forrest Sawyer
North Concord	15	7:00 EST	First, Barbourville	Dr. Raymond Sanderson
Red River	1	7:00 CST	Campton	
Russell Creek	1	7:00 CST	Greensburg	Rev. Marshall Black
Southwestern, Ind.	1	7:30 CST	Washington Ave., Evansville, Ind.	Dr. Jess Moody

STUDY COURSE AWARDS IN KENTUCKY

During the associational year, October 1, 1957-September 30, 1958. 788 churches and missions in Kentucky requested 33,605 study course awards. This is an increase of 3,302 awards and 59 churches requesting awards.

During the same period 16,142 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention requested 762,056 awards. This is an increase for the convention of one per cent over the previous year. Kentucky has an increase of nine per cent.

The Awards Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board reported 200 of the 1,100 associations in the Convention requesting 1,000 or more awards. The nine associations in Kentucky that requested over 1,000 awards are:

Long Run	5,789
W. Union	1,736
W. Kentuckiana	1,602
Pulaski	1,279
Elkhorn	1,225
Daviess-McLean	1,197

Baptists of America Join In Evangelism

DALLAS (BP)—"A large portion of 51 million non-Christian American citizens will hear about the Saviour in 1959, if Southern Baptists do their part in the Baptist simultaneous crusade," said Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, department of evangelism director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Surveys taken by several state conventions indicate that approximately 90 per cent of (or 27,000) of the Southern Baptist churches will participate in the year of revivals.

"The North American crusade," Sanderson said, "has now become an international year of evangelism. Baptist churches in South America will conduct prayer services during the North American periods of revival in March and April. These same churches will schedule simultaneous crusades during their spring of the year in October and November.

"The spirit of revival has attracted the attention of Southern Baptist mis-

sions stations. Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, has said that special prayers for the North American crusade will be held in 38 nations where missionaries are stationed."

In summarizing Southern Baptist participation in the crusade, the SBC evangelism director said that the next important date is Dec. 31, 1958, date of the New Year's Eve prayer service.

On Jan. 4, the Sunday following the prayer observance, an estimated three million Southern Baptists will personally sign soul-winning commitment cards.

The Southern Baptist Convention is one of six North American Baptist groups participating in the 1959 crusade. The 51 million figure is the number of people past 12 years of age who are not members of churches.

►Prof. John K. Durst, of the faculty of New Orleans Seminary, is the new director of the South Carolina Sunday School Department, succeeding the late J. L. Corzine.

►Jo Ann and Eldon Sturgeon are the proud parents of another little girl. Her name is Linda Sue. She was born November 11, and weighed seven pounds, ten and a half ounces at birth. Their entry permits into Mexico have not as yet been approved by the Mexican Government.



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ATTENDANCE, NOVEMBER 16, 1958**

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Lou., Walnut Street	1,613	10	396
Missions (4)	314		45
Lou., Ninth & O	1,222	2	411
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	1,129	2	280
Palmyra Baptist Chapel	42		27
God's Little House	22		
Hopkinsville, Second	998	2	262
Lou., Parkland	982	3	296
Maysfield, First	974		248
Mission	115		
Lou., Crescent Hill	970	4	285
Missions (2)	156		
Owensboro, Third	967		296
Lexington, Immanuel	963	12	330
Todd's Road Chapel	24		
Owensboro, First	946	1	275
Madisonville, First	946		317
Lexington, Calvary	928	5	265
Mission	39		
Lexington Grace	924	66	407
Filmwood	16		
Hi-Acres	80		
Evansville, Grace	917		
Hopkinsville, First	903	1	279
Lou., Beechland	897	12	222
Lexington, Ashland Ave.	873	3	131
Frankfort, First	848	3	250
Harrodsburg	841	1	239
Mission (1)	42		36
Lou., Beechmont	818	1	117
Missions (2)	433	3	163

Covington, Calvary	807		
Newport, First	764	4	193
Missions (3)	193		
Covington, Latonia	735	2	193
Mission (1)	91		34
Campbellsville	692	74	235
Missions (4)	106		
Lou., Baptist Tabernacle	657	6	214
Corbin, Central	632		155
Park Hill	60		14
Georgetown	620		214
Missions (2)	52		
Lou., Hazelwood	602	3	137
Lou., Highland	601	7	223
Covington, Southside	582		101
Henderson, Immanuel	574	1	
Missions (2)	118		
Lou., Southside	565	1	124
Mission (1)	69		
Winchester, Central	553	2	148
Lexington, Rosemont	552	4	158
Lou., Shively	551		160
Mission (1)	161		76
Lou., Eastern Parkway	545	43	122
Paducah, First	545		202
Ashland, First	534		121
Missions	211		
Danville, First	532	1	142
Missions (2)	125		31
Central City, First	523	1	303
Lou., Rockford Lane	513		212
Lou., Farmdale	502	7	188
Mission	101		36
Lou., Bethany	509	3	109
Lou., Eighteenth St.	506	4	138
Mission (1)	75		65
Evansville, Calvary	502		176
Bellevue	501		118
Owensboro, Hall Street	501		179
Lou., Deer Park	498	2	120
Flora Memorial Chapel	96		49
Florence	498		95
Owensboro, Buena Vista	496		175
Winchester, First	488		141
Mission	63		
Lou., Beth Haven	488	5	176
Owensboro,			
Eaton Memorial	487		181
Danville			
Lexington Ave.	480		94
Mission (1)	84		
Middlesboro, First	471		123
Lexington,			
Porter Memorial	466		137
Corbin, First	451	1	115
Russellville, First	442		154
Mission	46		
Greenville, First	438		188
Jeffersonton, First	436	1	141
Lou., Valley View	429	2	127
Morganfield, First	421	1	149
Lou., Shawnee	411		160
Nicholasville	410	1	111
Hazard, First	411		99
Mt. Washington	405		116
Lou.,			
Valley Station	405		103
Danville, Gethsemane	402		180
Versailles	401		94
Springfield	395		138
Ft. Thomas, First	391		116
Mission	103	1	
Lexington,			
Felix Mem.	391		124
Lou., Immanuel	391		106
Fern Creek,			
Cedar Creek	383		127
Richmond, First	380	2	104
Frankfort, Crestwood	380		116
Ludlow, First	378	2	109
Campbellsville	368		160
Lou., Fairdale	357	6	121
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	355		96
Paducah, West End	354		95
Mission (1)	50		
Covington, First	354		195
Mission (1)	89		
Bowling Green, Eastwood	352		134
Hima, Horse Cave	344		
Lou., Beechwood	342		138
Benton, First	341	17	175
Walton, First	339	3	162
Glendale, Gilead	338	1	229
Ashland, Pollard	336		127
Mission (1)	69		
Paducah, Twelfth St.	333	2	144
Scottsville, First	325		79
Lou., Gethsemane	324		127
Lebanon Junction, First	318		148
Monticello, First	304	1	139
Missions (2)	53		
Campbellsville,			
South Campbellsville	307		109
Lawrenceburg,			
Sand Spring	303	2	60
Dawson Springs	301		68
Middlesboro,			
East Cumberland Ave.	300		91
Hawesville	288		108
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	277		119
Marion	276		93

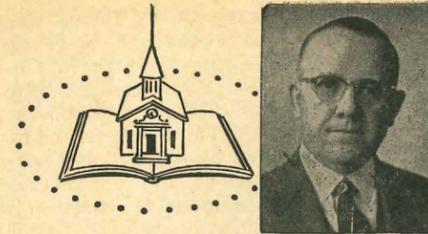
►General Secretary W. C. Boone was evangelist in an evangelistic meeting at the Russell Springs Church in October. Donald Withers, member of the church and pastor of their mission, was the music leader. There were 9 additions to the church by baptism and several other professions and reconsecrations. Brother Simpson B. Rowe has been the successful and beloved pastor for the Russell Springs Church for twenty years.

Middletown, First	273		84
Lexington, Trinity	273	4	97
Lou., Kenwood	271		113
Sonora	270		108
Falmouth	262	1	22
Cold Spring, First	261	1	108
Mt. Vernon First (1)	257		73
Owensboro, Wing Ave.	243		97
Bowling Green,			
Glendale	237		114
Williamson,			
East Williamson	237		77
Mission	72		34
Carrollton, First	233		80
Ashland, Fairview	233	4	85
Missions (2)	52		
Lou., Little Flock	227		64
Williamstown	221		60
Owensboro, Seven Hills	221		64
Hazel	219		
Lou., Baptist Temple	217	3	64
Covington, Ashland Ave.	210		75
Frankfort, Thorn Hill			121

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TEACHING BY PARABLES

Mark 4:1-12

Christ was the greatest teacher the church has ever known. Both by His words and His manner of life, He taught men about God and about His way of life for them. His instructions were simple, scriptural, interesting, positive, altruistic and helpful. One is impressed by His tactful approach to His hearers, the way in which He secured their attention and awakened their interest, His simplicity of expression and His practical illustrations.

After His withdrawal to the seashore near Capernaum, great and eager multitudes gathered to hear our Lord. When the crowds assembled on the curved shore and covered the rising ground behind, to protect Himself from the pressure of the throngs, and to get a better control of His audience, Christ stepped into a boat and had it moved out a little from the shore. From the novel pulpit He addressed the multitudes in a new style of teaching, namely, that of parables or vivid word-pictures.

"Parable" is a word which comes from the Greek "paraballo," meaning "to throw beside or to place two things alongside each other for comparison." Taking an earthly story of some well-known event or some fact true to daily life, Christ Jesus presented a profound spiritual truth in the most simple and attractive form. In this particular case, he employed the figure of a sower scattering seed by the old-fashioned method of broadcasting.

I. The Sower.

Interpreters of this and kindred passages have regarded the sower in this parable as a type of Christ during His earthly ministry. Then, they have thought of the sower as a type of all of Christ's servants down through the centuries whom He has chosen to scatter the seed of the Word of God. Truly, it is a marvelous privilege and a tremendous responsibility to be a preacher or a teacher of the Word.

II. The Seed.

The seed is the Word of God. It is to be sown in the hearts of men wherever they dwell, without reference to their character or condition. We owe the Word of God to all men everywhere. It has not been given to us simply to enjoy or to hoard. It has been committed to our trust in order

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

November 27, 1958

that we may share it with all who have never received it. We should dedicate ourselves anew to the task of proclaiming it far and wide, doing our best to see to it that all have an opportunity of hearing the glorious gospel of Christ.

III. The Soil.

The soil represents human hearts. The character of the hearer determines the effect of the Word upon him. The results of the sowing of the gospel seed everywhere depend on the condition of the hearts of those to whom it is addressed. That which one takes from the Word depends on what he first brings to the Word.

As Christ faced his vast audience on the seashore, He discerned four classes of hearers, typifying the four kinds of soil.

1. The wayside.

Fields in Palestine were usually without fences, so pathways were unable to penetrate the soil, germinate, root and grow. The fact that the seed lay on top of the hard surface was not the fault of the sower or the seed. Soon after the sower's back was turned, the birds picked up the seed and devoured them. Therefore, the sowing was to no avail.

There were those present that day on whom the message of Christ was utterly wasted. They heard His words but did not admit them. What a pity when the preached Word does not find an entrance and Satan and his emissaries steal it away, as the birds pick up the seed from the solid ground! Satan snatches away the Word from the hearts of the lost, lest believing it they should be saved. His greatest desire is to prevent people from believing the Word, accepting Christ and being saved. He takes away the Word by causing forgetfulness of it, or he prevents its reception by creating prejudices against it or by getting the mind occupied with other things.

2. The stony.

This was not soil where stones were mixed with the earth, but it was bed-rock covered with a thin layer of earth. In such soil the seed sprouted quickly, but the shallowness of it did not permit the roots to grow, so the plant soon withered under the heat of the sun.

Shallow hearers listen to the Word with joy, are carried away with emotional enthusiasm, and allow their feelings to gush, but they do not have any staying power. They are impulsive, emotional and unstable. They hear the Word, but they quickly forget it. They eagerly follow some new voice in the pulpit—for a time, but as soon as he says something they do not like because it applies to their misconduct they stay at home. Shallow ponds are easily stirred, but the great depths of the ocean are never easily moved.

3. The thorny.

A part of the soil on which the seed fell had thorns, briars and thistles lurking within. The seed penetrated the soil easily, germinated and sprang up. Ere long the thorns, etc., came up, drew the moisture and fertility from the soil and absorbed them, thereby preventing a harvest from the seed that had been sown.

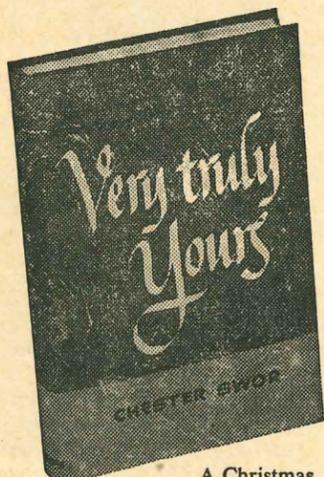
Christian fruitfulness is often prevented by carelessness, indifference, business, pleasure, selfish ambition and the like. Far too many have mixed motives and divided loyalties. One is often present in a worship service, but only in body. He is planning, plotting or playing, but is not giving any heed to the Word that is being spoken. Anything, however innocent or good it may be in itself, becomes a thorn if it dwarfs or crowds out something better.

4. The good.

The good soil was carefully and thoroughly prepared. It was not hard as a footpath, so the seed entered; it was not shallow, so the seed germinated and took root, sprang up and brought forth fruit in various degrees. Only in the case of the good soil is one which accepts God's will, walks in His ways, endures affliction for His sake and awaits His recompense.

►Jonathan Ashley Helton arrived November 4, 1958, at the parsonage at Marshall, Virginia, and now graces the home of Pastor and Mrs. Clinton Helton. Mrs. Helton is the former Miss Loretta Ashley, secretary to Dr. R. T. Skinner at the Western Recorder, and Mr. Helton was formerly pastor at Sand Springs Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ky., in Rockcastle Association. This is their second child, the oldest being Jane Gale Helton.

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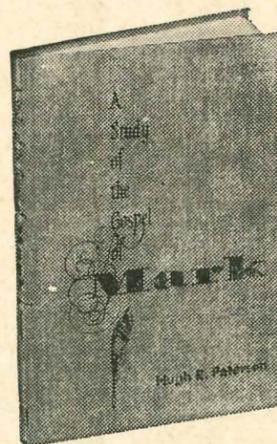
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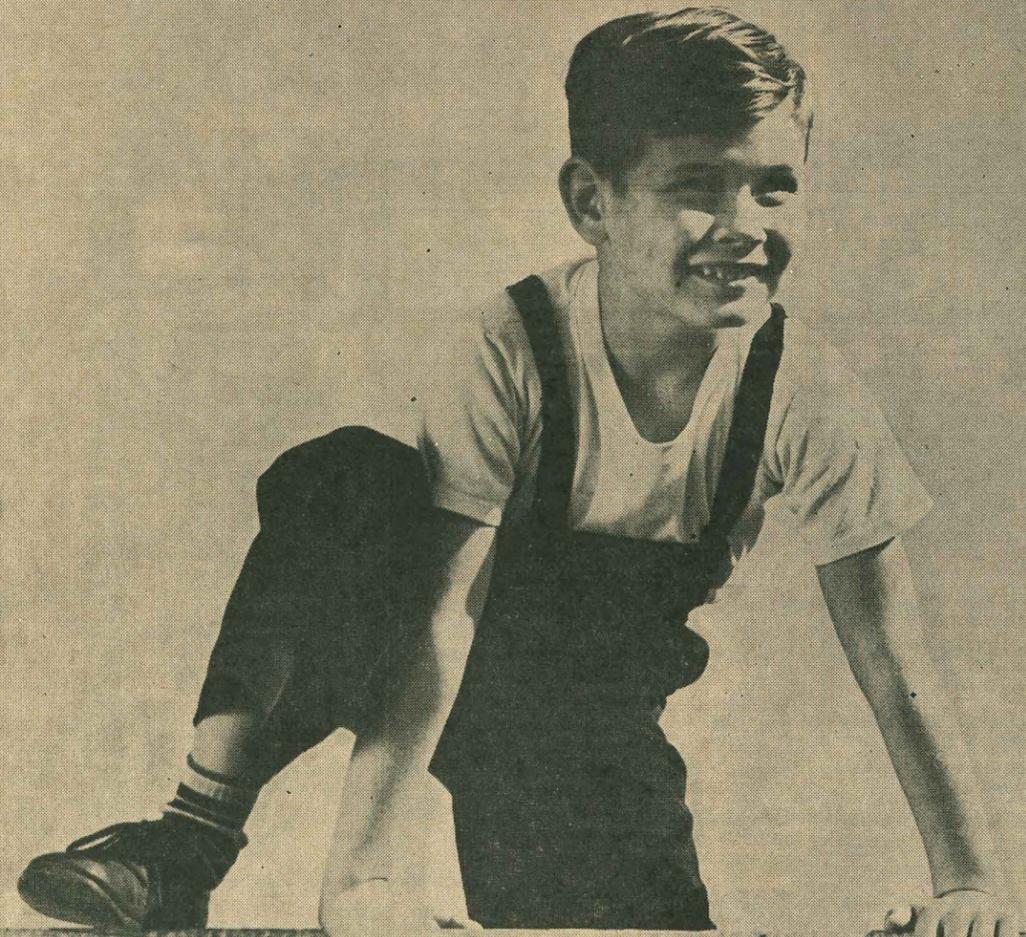
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