



## KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL'S \$1,250,000 SCHOOL OF NURSING

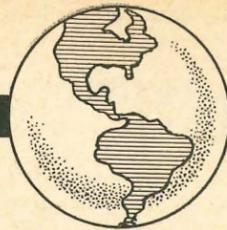
This architect's forecast is the shape of things to come on the lawn of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, 768 Barret Avenue, Louisville. Now being built directly in front of and facing the original hospital building, it will contain completely new teaching facilities, including nursing arts and science laboratories, lecture rooms, library, etc. Dormitory space will provide for 170 student nurses, plus quarters for house directors. Also a new chapel with a seating capacity of 240 to be known as the Hunt Memorial Chapel, in memory of Dr. M. P. Hunt, who served as pastor of three Louisville churches and who was one of the founders of Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

The new dormitory will be four stories high, including ground floor. An underground tunnel will connect the School of Nursing with the hospital prop-

er, making it possible for patients and visitors to attend religious services in the Chapel without being exposed to outside weather. The tunnel will also be used for student nurses going back and forth and for transferring laundry and supplies.

The project is being partially financed through voluntary contributions. In 1955 the Ford Foundation, being interested in human welfare and education, made a gift to Kentucky Baptist Hospital of \$193,000. This grant, together with other gifts, is being applied to the construction of the School of Nursing.

"The Hospital School of Nursing is not a mere appendage or adjunct to the hospital," said Administrator H. L. Dobbs. "It is an institution of higher learning and major educational activities."



## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

### REVIVALS

►B. R. Winchester, pastor of Lone Oak Church, Paducah, preached in a revival recently with Pastor E. M. Skinner at the Victory Church, Providence.

►Donald M. Randolph, pastor of Green Acres Church, Louisville preached in a revival with Pastor Donald R. Carroll at the Central Baptist Church, Paris, November 9-16, resulting in 97 decisions—46 by baptism; 2 on statement; 12 by church letters; and 37 on rededication.

### KENTUCKIANS IN CUBA

►Eldon Jones, Bell County associational missionary, D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, and H. B. Harris, pastor of Waco Baptist Church, are members of a party who have gone to Cuba on a preaching mission. They drove to Miami, and from there traveled by plane to Havana, arriving November 25. They preached in different churches where arrangements have been made by Home Board missionaries, leaving Cuba December 3 for their return to Kentucky.

### THE DEATH ANGEL

►In the past year the Dripping Spring Church, Olmstead, has lost three faithful women. The first to go was Mrs. Sallie Campbell, "tireless in His service," who "continues to live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her," writes one of the members. The second was Mrs. J. S. Young, "active and loyal . . . as long as her health permitted." And the third was Mrs. Howard Poore, fondly known as Miss Lil, "who was always filling her place in the Lord's house on the Lord's day," and is "affectionately remembered for the little things she so devotedly performed for those around her."

►Mrs. Ethel McGuire Points, 51, member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Elliston, Ky., in Ten Mile Association, passed away at St. Elizabeth Hospital November 14, 1958, after a brief illness. She was a teacher of the Young Girl's Sunday School Class for a number of years, Intermediate Class of Girls, assisted in Vacation Bible School, in addition to being prayer chairman and mission study chairman of the WMS. She leaves her husband, son and daughter - in - law, mother and father, 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Eugene Leftwich, at the church, and her remains placed in Hillcrest Cemetery at Dry Ridge, Ky.

### RECOGNITIONS

►Lorraine Lincke, Florence, Ky., is a member of Southwestern Baptist Seminary's Southwestern Singers who left Fort Worth, Wednesday, December 3, on their extensive annual tour that will take them through Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, and Texas. Directed by R. Paul Green of the School of Church Music, the Singers are composed of students from the schools of theology, church music, and religious education at Southwestern.

►Arthur James Powell, native of Frostproof, Fla., has been given a Lilly Foundation scholarship in connection with his graduate work at Southern Seminary. The award was made because of his interest in working on a graduate degree and the possibility of a teaching ministry. He is a former assistant chaplain in Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky., a former pastor of First Church, Frostproof, Fla., and is now a fellow for Dr. Henlee H. Barnette in the field of Christian Ethics. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Stetson University, and was given his B.D. at Southern Seminary in 1957. He is married to the former Miss Harriett Stones, Daytona Beach, Fla., and they have three children: Craig, 3½ years; Scott, 1½; and Diane, one month.

### PROGRESS AT GRAY FORK

►Gray Fork Church, Clay County, has made great progress in the past three months under the leadership of Ralph Duncan, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School and formerly pastor of Providence Church in Bellevue, Ohio. More than a year ago Earl Clark, a former Clear Creek student and now pastor of Pleasant Run, organized a Sunday school and preached on Sunday afternoons at Gray Fork Church, whose former pastor had not approved of having Sunday schools. Under Pastor Duncan's leadership, the church is having morning and evening services every Sunday for the first time in its history. Two new classes have been organized; curtains installed dividing the building into classrooms; six-point record system has been adopted; the roof, windows and doors repaired to make the building usable in winter months; a children's choir of 25 has been organized, there have been 4 adults added to the church; and Sunday school attendance now averages 60.

### COLUMBIAN AT CLEAR CREEK

►Miss Anna Frances Todd, Southern Baptist missionary to Columbia, was the speaker at Clear Creek Baptist School last week. Monday evening she showed colored slides of her work to a family group. Tuesday she spoke in chapel service and that evening she was guest speaker at a meeting of Woman's Missionary Union on the campus.



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# Southern Seminary President and Trustees Sharply Criticized for Mass Dismissal Of Professors

## American Association of Theological Schools Threatens Disaccreditation of Seminary Unless Damage is Repaired

By the EDITOR

The American Association of Theological Schools has sharply criticized the administration procedure of Southern Seminary President Duke K. McCall and the Board of Trustees of the institution in the mass dismissal of 13 professors last June 12. The action came in a meeting on December 5 and 6 of the A.A.T.S. in New York and was announced Monday, December 8. The A.A.T.S. is the recognized accrediting group for theological schools in America. Three Southern Baptist seminaries besides Louisville hold accreditation status with the organization.

The report of the A.A.T.S. was based on the findings of a special four-man investigating committee of the Association which visited the seminary several weeks ago. The investigation had been welcomed by President McCall, who said the seminary had nothing to hide.

The decision on removal of accreditation from the seminary was deferred one year during which the trustees are to take "adequate steps to repair the damage to the seminary and to the dismissed professors." It is intimated that loss of accreditation is a foregone conclusion unless satisfactory steps are taken by the trustees. Repairing of the damage to the dismissed professors is interpreted by some to mean the rescission of the June 12 dismissal of the professors. An A.A.T.S. inspection team is to revisit the Seminary next year just prior to the annual meeting of the A.A.T.S. to determine what progress has been made to repair damage.

The Executive Committee of the A.A.T.S. also voted to ask the resignation of Dr. McCall from the Vice-Presidency of the A.A.T.S. and also from membership on its accrediting commission of which he was chairman. The committee said that "it is inappropriate that he should continue to serve in these offices while his institution is under investigation by the Association."

### President and Trustees Blamed

The investigating committee placed the entire blame for the "intolerable conditions" at the seminary upon the President and the trustees. The language of the report could hardly be stronger though the report was prefaced with an assurance that the report was concerned with the character of the administrative process and not the char-

acter of particular persons involved in that process.

The dismissed professors by inference of the report were absolved of any blame in the incident. Treatment of them was pictured as questionable in several respects.

1. The professors were dismissed rather than asked to resign.
2. Two of the professors were out of the country and one out of the state at the time of dismissal and were not given a full hearing, as promised.
3. The other ten professors were not given a hearing on June 12 that conformed to "reasonable standards of dignity and due process of law."

4. The disparate financial and domestic needs and obligations of the professors were not treated with consideration by mass dismissal though authority to deal with this was given in the action of the board.
5. The action of June 12 was intended in part to secure the discharge of two members of the faculty and the reinstatement of as many as possible of the remaining eleven.

6. The dual action of June 12 in dismissing the professors and inviting them to ask reinstatement indicates a grave weakness and indecision in administration of the Trustees and the President.

On the basis of these conclusions the committee placed the entire blame and ultimate responsibility upon the President and Trustees.

### Report Challenged by Local Trustees

The report of the A.A.T.S. was immediately challenged by eight local members of the Board of Trustees. The dismissals were termed as "proper and correct" and the A.A.T.S. was urged to

## Texts of Reports of A.A.T.S. and Local Trustees

### Actions of the American Association of Theological Schools

RE. SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

A Committee was charged to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of thirteen members of the

use the next year to learn more of the conditions surrounding the action. An answer to each charge of the investigating committee was contained in a statement issued by the eight trustees who spoke for themselves and not for the Board of Trustees. The A.A.T.S. statement and the statement of the local trustees appear elsewhere in this issue.

### Dismissed Professors Claim Their Stand Vindicated

Several of the dismissed professors were contacted and issued statements.

Dr. Theron Price, now pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, said, that the association findings are a "vindication of the stand which the dismissed professors took." He said that the request of the A.A.T.S. for the resignation of Dr. McCall from its vice-presidency "shows, in my opinion, that the president of the seminary has lost the confidence of the responsible theological educators in the country." Dr. Price went on to say, "It is my further judgment that the root of the problem has yet to be dealt with directly. It is my hope that the trustees of our seminary will recognize and accept the fact and deal with it accordingly."

Dr. William H. Morton, now professor of Biblical archaeology at Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, said the decision of the A.A.T.S. was "vindication of the position we took. I can only hope the very best for the seminary in cleaning up their difficulties."

A similar statement was made jointly by Dr. J. Estill Jones and Dr. Guy Ranson, both of whom are still in Louisville. Dr. Ranson is to be visiting professor at Duke University in Durham, N. C. beginning in September, 1959.

### Seminary Family Hears Report

A meeting of the seminary family in Alumni Chapel on the evening of December 8 to hear the report and comments on it by President McCall was attended by about 1500 and lasted two hours. A background of the crisis and a detailed description of the development were heard by the students.

No announcement has been made as to when the full Board of Trustees will meet to consider the matter, but the Executive Committee of the Board met on December 11.

Faculty of the School of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, on June 12, 1958, and to determine whether this action should affect its accreditation. The members of this committee were:

Dr. Luther A. Weigle—Dean Emeritus of the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

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What About Accreditation?

What difference does it make whether or not the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary maintains its accreditation? This is a serious question in the minds of many Baptists now that the accreditation status of the seminary is in the balance. The recent report of the American Association of Theological Schools criticizing the administrative procedure of President McCall and the Trustees in the dismissal of 13 professors threatens to remove the accreditation of the seminary unless "adequate steps to repair the damage to the Seminary and the dismissed professors" are taken within a year.

The first reaction by most Baptists to such a report will be sharp. It sounds like an ultimatum handed to Baptists by outsiders and for this Baptists have never stood still. After all, who were these investigators from the A.A.T.S.? One of them was Lutheran, one an Episcopalian, one a Congregationalist, and the other a Methodist. Granted they are theological education experts, what do they know about the distinguishing characteristics of Baptist theological education?

There are many similarities between a Divinity School of a university and our Baptist seminaries, but there are also some differences. A Divinity School is generally privately endowed and for the most part self controlled. A Southern Baptist seminary is owned, financed, and operated by Southern Baptists. Therefore a Divinity School can teach what it pleases and most often answer to no one, but a Southern Baptist Seminary is answerable directly to 9,000,000 Baptists who have a say in what goes on.

Our first reaction then might be to resent and disregard the action of the A.A.T.S. But to do this would be a serious mistake. For purposes of training our preachers and giving them what they need as Baptist pastors, it might make little difference whether our seminary is accredited but there are other important considerations.

To lose accreditation would be a severe blow to Southern Seminary. Immediately it would lose world prestige and respect which have been earned through many years of striving. We must remember we started in theological education as a sect with no

standing in the academic world and have come all the way to the top so that our seminaries are judged to be among the best in the world. Accreditation verifies this just as the accreditation of a college or high school verifies its quality.

As Baptists we sought approval of the A.A.T.S. We have been proud that President McCall was vice-president of the organization and have used it to enhance our standing all over the world in theological education. We would be highly inconsistent to spurn this organization no matter how much we might resent their report. We would be tossing overboard what we have worked so long and so hard for.

There are other considerations. The loss of accreditation could lead to a mass exodus of students from Louisville. After all, three of our Southern Baptist seminaries are accredited and they could be expected to be turned to, especially by new students. Credits from an unaccredited seminary are often not accepted by other seminaries and few students want to do work that cannot be transferred to other seminaries. Already concern is being expressed by some students at Louisville.

Again every alumnus of Southern Seminary would suffer some in that his work and his degree from Southern would become work or a degree from an unaccredited school. Too much hard work was expended for degrees to be cheapened by non-accreditation.

What is our course? Plainly it is in the hands of President McCall and the Trustees. The report had to do with their action. They are looked to by Baptists to act now in light of the A.A.T.S. report. No pride, self-justification nor personal vindication can come before the welfare of the seminary. We have reason to believe our Trustees will bring us through with the direction of our Lord. They need and deserve all of our prayers.

We also have reasons to believe the A.A.T.S. will co-operate with our Trustees for a fair settlement of the matter. It's high time something about the whole affair can take a good turn since every move since March has seemed to turn out tragically.

How important is accreditation? Very important and it should be preserved at any honorable price and there is reason to believe it is maintainable at that price.

BAPTIST FORUM



A PLEA FOR PRAYER

Editor:

"Please pray for us. Only God can help us now." This was the plea of a pastor of a Baptist church in Barcelona, Spain, after the police ordered that their national magazine, "Entre Nosotros" cease publication. Since that statement was made a few months ago a new wave of persecution has settled over the evangelicals of Spain. More churches have been closed and literature has been confiscated.

Evangelical Christians in Spain have grown up under persecution, but during 1958 they have been subjected to more Roman Catholic-inspired persecution than in any year in recent history. Besides the five Baptist churches that were already closed, four additional churches of the Spanish Baptist Union have been officially sealed or ordered to cease having services. The total number of evangelical churches which have suffered such a fate amounts to at least ten. On November 12 the most recent church, the Baptist church of Seville, was closed.

It seems rather ironic to the persecuted Spaniards that this is also the year that Spain has received tremendous amounts of economic aid from freedom loving America, with \$130,000,000 going to the Catholic Relief Welfare Conference.

To the free world Spain can cite Article 6 of the Spanish Bill of Rights which says that every Spaniard is entitled to free private worship. No evangelical church in Spain has a sign nor in any way is there any indication from the outside that it is a church. Still they are closed.

At the same time the church at Seville in Southern Spain was closed three evangelical printers in Barcelona, in the northern part of the country, were visited by the police and numerous New Testaments and other books were confiscated.

Spanish evangelicals have been unusually patient and strong under the tremendous burden of persecution, even asking that it not be publicized until they had had every opportunity to try to work things out legally and quietly, seeking interviews with governors, etc. But they have not been received, have even been treated with disrespect and in most cases they have not been given reasons for the closing of the churches. Now they are asking, as did the Baptist pastor in Barcelona, "Please pray for us. Only God can help us now."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONARY IN SPAIN

NO LOVER OF BROOKS HAYS

Editor:

I am in sharp disagreement with your "Daley Observations" in the November 20 issue for a number of reasons.

As reported by you, Brooks Hays is entirely right in his thinking regarding segregation-integration. To state as Hays has done that he is a moderate segregationist needs only the one statement to be grossly inconsistent because that is saying that I am segregationist as long as it doesn't cost anything, but let's not contend for the position.

Brooks Hays as a representative in Congress has had the sacred duty of representing his constituency but has been guilty of substituting his own thoughts for his constituency. Proof of this statement lies in the fact that Arkansas and Little Rock have thrice had the opportunity at the polls to take a position in the matter and each choice has been overwhelmingly pro-segregation. I fear that Hays as president of the SBC is likewise guilty of substituting his own views for Baptists. Leaders who propose to speak for Baptists would do well to find out how Baptists think before speaking for them. The fact remains that Southern whites, Baptists or otherwise, do not want integration. The fact also remains that the only authority the Federal Government has in the matter is an usurped authority which was never intended in the constitution. The latter fact far transcends the feelings regarding segregation-integration as such. I for one rejoice in the defeat of Brooks Hays.

Instead of classing Governor Faubus as a demagogue, as you have done, one could say, and rightly so, that he is truly representative of his people. Lest we forget, the authority to close Little Rock Schools was granted by the Arkansas Legislature.

May God give us the wisdom to recognize what is and what is not right and in so doing to recognize what is and what is not law!

GROVER COOPER  
Evarts, Kentucky

TIME TO FIGHT

As you are probably aware it is not legal in most states to sell alcoholic beverages to minors, but each evening in millions of homes across our land it is being sold to children VIA the T. V. and Radio. Why don't the people who confess Christ as their Lord and Master in this fair land of Kentucky set the

wheels of Christendom in motion and as a group let the advertising elements in Kentucky know that we do not approve of using some of the best programs for children to help sell their products. I beg your attention to an article appearing in the *Brewers Journal* (from Clipsheet September 26, 1956), June 1955 which states:

"The future looks bright. Soon now, the large group of war and postwar babies will begin reaching legal drinking age and the brewers will have that bigger market for their product; and it will be the best group of beer drinkers to come along in a long while, because more of these people have seen beer served in their home and come to accept it as a perfect social beverage than ever before in history."

Why don't some of the interested brethren conduct some polls to determine the actual number of beer and wine commercials per evening just during the time that our children are watching them. I am convinced that their advertisement is not just for the present but is strongly geared to propagandizing the coming generations.

Do you want your child a chronic alcoholic? Let's press on to some constructive stands. It seems we as Baptists have been too much "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive," especially by those who promote the sales of alcoholic beverages. "Wherefore take upon you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." May we take a stand and fight the good fight by Faith!

EDWIN I. ARMITAGE  
Louisville, Ky.

ANOTHER PUBLICAN

Editor:

I have read and reread your editorial, "Pharisee or Publican," with deep interest and concern. Setting goals in numbers (converts or churches) is like "counting chickens before they hatch." We seem at times to forget that the "Lord adds to the church those being saved. Paul plants, Apollos waters, but God gives the increase.

Those who are pastors seem to forget that a shepherd is to care for his sheep.

Preachers are to equip the Christians for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-13. We need shepherds.

On the eve of a five-year Jubilee Ad- vance we need to remember that some six conventions of Baptists (18,000,000 or 20,000,000) should move together, but if we do it will be in the spirit of humility (true greatness) and on our knees.

Please let us have more of this diet; we badly need it.

Delbarton, W. Va. H. M. EASTES

## Southern Seminary

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Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim—Dean of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Charles R. Feilding—Dean of Trinity College, Toronto, Ontario.

Professor Carl C. Rasmussen—Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The committee had in mind the statement in the Standards for Accrediting a theological school that "regard will be had for . . . the character of its administration." While the Committee had evidence submitted to it on many subjects, its efforts were directed to making a report on the character of the administrative procedures leading up to this particular incident. To avoid misunderstanding, attention must be drawn to the fact that this report concerns the character of the administration or administrative process and not the character of particular persons involved actively or passively in that process.

On the basis of the evidence submitted to the Committee by President McCall of the Seminary and after hearing from trustees and faculty members of many varying points of view, the Committee reports that:

(a) The resignations of the thirteen professors were not tendered or asked for except orally in two instances.

(b) On June 12 when they were dismissed as a body, two of their number were overseas, and a third was out of the state.

(c) Between the time of the presidential recommendation of dismissal and final action, no opportunity of a full hearing, as promised, was given to these absent professors. The hearing given to the other ten professors during the Board meeting on June 12 was, in the Committee's opinion, too hastily conceived and executed to conform to reasonable standards of dignity and due process of law.

(d) The mass dismissal, in the Committee's opinion, failed to treat with consideration the disparate financial and domestic needs and obligations of the dismissed men, even though authority to deal with these matters was given in the action of the Board.

(e) After hearing many explanations of the Board's action from the President, from several Trustees, and from present faculty members, the Committee concludes that the action on June 12 was in part intended as a device to secure the discharge of two members of the faculty and the re-instatement of as many as possible of the remaining eleven.

(f) The dual action of the Board (recommended by the President) on June 12, both dismissing the professors and inviting them (or some of them) to seek re-instatement, indicates in the Com-

mittee's opinion, a grave weakness and indecisiveness in the administration of the Seminary by the Trustees and the President. Whatever the charges against the professors, they were manifestly not considered by the Trustees or by the President to be such as to disqualify these professors, or some of them, from further teaching at the Seminary.

(g) It is the Committee's judgment that the Trustees and President are ultimately responsible for the conditions that have made possible the development of what they themselves have called an intolerable situation.

### Recommendation Adopted by the Commission on Accrediting:

(a) That decision with regard to removal of the accreditation of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary be deferred for one year.

(b) That the Trustees of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary be informed that a primary factor in considering the status of the Seminary one year hence will be a full inquiry as to whether they have taken adequate steps to repair the damage to the Seminary and to the dismissed professors.

(c) That the Commission on Accrediting require an inspection of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary immediately prior to the annual meeting of the Commission on Accrediting in December, 1959.

(d) That the Commission on Accrediting recommend to the Executive Committee that the resignation of Duke K. McCall from the Vice Presidency of the American Association of Theological Schools, and from the membership of the Commission on Accrediting, be requested.

### Action of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the American Association of Theological Schools, December 6, 1958, voted to request the resignation of Duke K. McCall from the Vice Presidency of the Association and from the membership of the Commission on Accrediting, as it is inappropriate that he should continue to serve in these offices while his institution is under investigation by the Association.

## Statement From Local Trustees

We, the undersigned local Trustees wish to point out that the Committee did not call into question the high academic standards of our Seminary. It is a fully accredited institution.

We have continuously recognized the basic Christian character and ability of the twelve former Professors. Likewise, all the other Professors and the President are men of the highest Christian character.

The report of the Committee, we believe, unfortunately failed to recognize the basic problem which existed. The Trustees were confronted with a power bloc of thirteen professors making demands which the Trustees could not grant. This group, however, insisted on compliance with its demands and tendered an ultimatum that the Trustees must either comply or they would resign. Facing this ultimatum, the Trustees had no alternative but to dismiss these men. This group kept threatening to resign but no resignations were ever forthcoming, and they refused to amend their demands. This attitude obviously could not be permitted to continue, and it was only after months of persuasion for reconciliation or retraction of threats that our dismissal action was taken.

The Trustees proceeded with careful deliberation over a period of three months. At no time was our action hasty or ill-considered.

During the year which is now available, we invite the Commission to make a careful investigation of all the facts and circumstances with the calm assurance that they will come to the conclusion that our decision was proper and correct. Our course of action which has been interpreted as indecision was not this at all, but grew out of our desire to go the second mile.

The request that Dr. McCall be asked to withdraw from the Accrediting Commission of the AATS obviously stems from the fact that a litigant ought not to sit on the bench in a case in which he is involved. We call attention to the fact that President McCall voluntarily absented himself from all meetings of the American Association of Theological Schools during this inquiry.

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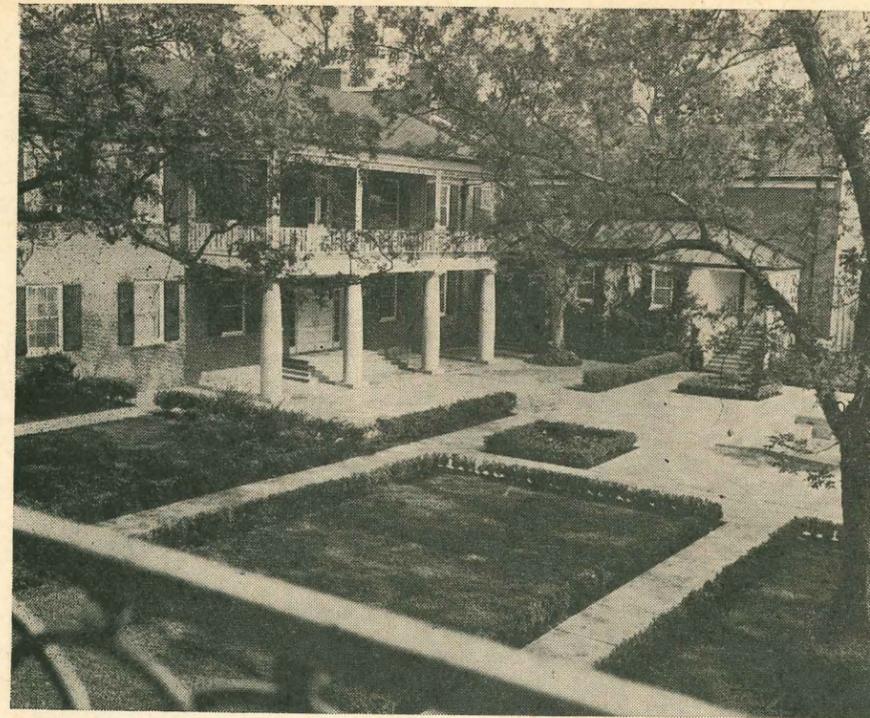
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## Oklahoma To Fight Prohibition Repeal

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has girded itself for an expected battle with the liquor interests, who are seeking to repeal the state's prohibition laws.

In annual session here, the convention voted to lend one of its state workers—Samuel W. Scantlan, secretary of rural and city missions—to the state United Drys organization for a six-month period.

## New Orleans Seminary Now Has \$7,000,000 Campus



Early Louisiana style of architecture prevails on campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as revealed in photograph of Mississippi Alumni Garden and the J. M. Frost Religious Education Building.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, is strategically located in an area which is the cultural, historical, and industrial center of the Deep South, boasting a metropolitan population of 863,300.

Students from nearly every state in the nation have enrolled in the institution and because of its cosmopolitan atmosphere has attracted students from many foreign countries.

A record student body attended the Seminary during the 1957-58 session when 1,142 enrolled. The present enrollment stands at 825 with two more regular session terms and two summer terms remaining.

The record enrollment represents an increase of 811 over the enrollment in 1946 the year the institution was changed from Baptist Bible Institute. The faculty has increased during this same period from 15 to the present 40.

The seminary offers graduate work beyond the college level in three separate schools—School of Theology, offering the bachelor of divinity, master of theology, and doctor of theology degrees; School of Religious Education, master of religious education and doctor of religious education; School of Sacred Music, bachelor of sacred music and master of sacred music.

sion on such topics as his Baptist Student Union, his faith, and his church.

Approximately 29,000 packets of materials on Student Night at Christmas have been mailed to Southern Baptist pastors and churches. Included in the packet is a *Student Night at Christmas Guidebook*, which outlines three types of program presentation.

Churches are urged to use all their students, high school and college, for effective observance of this event. Through Student Night at Christmas, church members can better understand B. S. U.'s ministry to collegians, and high school students can be better prepared for college experiences.

## Georgetown Trustees Plan Second Dormitory For Girls Soon

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Dec. 5—The Board of Trustees of Georgetown College has voted to negotiate for the construction of a dormitory for girls in the near future, according to an announcement by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, President.

The dormitory for girls will represent phase two of a long range program to better the housing accommodations on the campus. A dormitory for boys, Anderson Hall, was dedicated last year.

Not since 1895, when the present Rucker Hall was built, has a new dormitory for girls been provided. Several major improvements in present facilities and the purchase of a number of large dwellings in Georgetown have served to meet the housing needs up to this time.

President Eddleman, in making the announcement, said it would be essential that the school have a fund raising campaign to assist in providing the resources necessary to qualify for a Federal Homes and Housing Loan. The date of the campaign has not been set.

Georgetown College is one of the oldest co-educational colleges in America. Dr. J. J. Rucker, after whom the present principal residence for women on the campus is named, championed the cause of the co-ed for nearly a generation before the school voted to accept them. Dr. Rucker, a professor of physics and mathematics at Georgetown for 55 years, raised the funds for Rucker Hall.

The new dormitory will be constructed on the same architectural lines as the men's dormitory Anderson Hall. It will house 108 girls.

R. A. Slinker, general worker in the Missions Department of the Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, completed twenty-five years with the State Mission Board on December 6. He came with the Board in 1933. Mrs. Slinker is the former Miss Vallie L. Strader. They were married July 2, 1921.

# CHURCHWOMEN SURVEYED DON'T SMOKE NOR DRINK

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.(BP)—Two professors at Baptist-related Carson-Newman College here recently completed a survey of leading Baptist church-women in East Tennessee, the results of which showed that:

The great majority of the women do not smoke nor drink intoxicants.

They are very strongly against dancing, but four times as many approve of dances sponsored by a Baptist college than dances sponsored by churches.

Only about one in five favors integration of the public schools.

More than a third of them miss mid-week prayer services and Training Union.

Not quite half of them read their state Baptist newspaper regularly. The state newspaper is read as thoroughly, however, as the Southern Baptist Convention's home magazine, Home Life.

Only two-thirds of them made a special visit on behalf of their churches during the month prior to the survey.

They are, with the exception of one in five, tithers. Less than one in 10 failed

to take a study course in the last two years.

While overwhelmingly (93 per cent) against Southern Baptists' joining the ecumenical movement, 41 per cent approve of Baptist churches accepting into fellowship someone from another denomination if he has been baptized by immersion.

And almost half of them say it's all right for Baptists to take part in an observance of the Lord's Supper in some other church than Baptist.

Four out of five believe Baptist students should attend Baptist colleges "when circumstances permit" but only 13 per cent say they should attend Baptist schools "under all circumstances."

Over half of them don't belong to a civic or community club where they live. The survey of Tennessee Baptist women was carried on by Carson-Newman students under direction of Herbert J. Miles, professor of sociology, and Ray F. Koonce, associate professor of psychology.

Students sent questionnaires to 1152 churchwomen whose names had been provided by pastors in East Tennessee. The women held an average of three general church offices or offices of Key church organizations. Questionnaires did not have to be signed and 613 women filled them out. The other 47 per cent wasn't heard from.

The survey was planned so that women in churches of all sizes in all areas would be contacted. Questionnaires were sent to churchwomen in open country, town, village, and city churches. In the case of city churches, the surveyers were careful to include both large and small churches and large and small cities.

The two professors commented at length on the fact that 96 per cent of the women replying feel a Christian must never drink alcoholic beverages and 93 per cent say a Christian shouldn't use tobacco.

They also noted that churchwomen represented by the survey need to think more seriously about taking part in civic affairs in their communities.

Most of the women were between 30 and 49 years of age and 84 per cent of them grew up in communities of less than 2500 population, or in open country areas. Their education averaged out at 11.9 years of public school, or equivalent to completing high school.

# CHRISTMAS AND LOTTIE MOON

By WESLEY HANSON

Inasmuch as Southern Baptists are approaching that glorious time of the year in which some thirty-one thousand of our churches will have the opportunity to contribute towards the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, I come this morning with the following message on my heart, "Foreign Missions For Christmas."

No mission area in which Southern Baptists have work today is excluded from reasonable modern transportation facilities. That is one reason why missions today in our ranks is called World Wide Missions. But when our Lord gave the missions commission, he truly meant world missions.

However, at this thrilling time of the year, because of what Christ means to us; and, through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we have a gracious opportunity to do something big, and exclusively for foreign missions. We look into our own lives and see how little we have done for the advance of world wide missions. We read again and again Matthew 28:19-20. Like John 3:16, these scripture verses, two, were committed to memory at an early age. And yet as we have heard these words of Jesus again, perhaps most of us wonder how

we could come this far in life, and have so little concern for the Great Commission.

Have you ever dreamed of a Christmas for foreign missions? Has your family ever taken the time to sit down and talk this matter over concerning a spiritual Christmas? Have you done much thinking concerning the direction America is drifting as she continues to celebrate Christmas in a materialistic-pagan way? I am sorry to say that we as Southern Baptists are fitting quite well into the scheme of this type Christmas celebration.

I am for putting Christ back into Christmas. And to put Christ back into Christmas, it will mean the re-thinking of our Christmas values, and it will also mean the un-doing of some things which have helped to take Christ out of Christmas. For example:

This idea of giving a gift in order to receive a gift is absolutely un-Christian. Jesus said so. The motive is entirely wrong.

Secondly, the deliberate spending of your tithe which belongs to the church for Christmas gifts is sinful. The tithe belongs to the church. Next, the lavish spending of money for gifts which will put the bread-winner deeply in debt for the coming year seems to be unwise and poor business.

Christmas is a glorious time of the year. We celebrate Christ's birthday. We can, and it is proper to give and receive gifts. The Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus. But Christmas is also spiritual because the Wise Men worshipped Jesus. Dear friends, I want to request that you seriously consider and pray over this type Christmas: "A Christmas For Foreign Missions." It would be a Christmas which you and your family would cherish forever, it will be a Christmas in which you and your family could indirectly visit all thirty-eight of our foreign mission fields. You may have this kind of Christmas if you will prayerfully consider giving as generously as you possibly can through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

What is Lottie Moon? Lottie Moon was a missionary to China some seventy-five years ago. The Foreign Mission Board asked the W.M.U.'s to raise \$2,000 to help her work and other missionary work across the seas. The good women of our southland responded by raising \$3,000. Since then, the offering has grown by leaps and bounds. In 1957 the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was almost \$1,000,000 more than in 1956. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions goal for 1958 is \$6,000,000. This means that all our W.M.U. members must give 11 per cent more than last year to this cause.

I am speaking to all our good people now: Friends, if you want to magnify

God in a special way this Christmas, give sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. If it means leaving off the buying of some gifts, you will not be sorry. How little we sacrifice; how little we are called upon to sacrifice. In fact, the leaving off of buying some gifts this Christmas could hardly be called sacrifice, as it seems that most of us have sufficient.

A couple of weeks ago Mrs. Hanson and I were talking about this offering. We mentioned what we had given last year to Lottie Moon. It was a meager ten dollars. And I guess we patted ourselves on the back for that. Did we sacrifice to give that amount? Not a red cent. Gloria said, "It seems that we do so little for Christ at Christmas time." She suggested the amount we give to Lottie Moon this year. I was somewhat surprised at the high figure, but then I felt ashamed. This Christmas in our home there aren't going to be as many gifts as last Christmas, but they won't be missed. When reports come back from our heroes of the faith who are serving us around the world that some of their work was hindered because of lack of funds, I don't want to say, "I didn't do my share."

Our church has set a goal to reach this year for the Lottie Moon Offering. May God help all of you to do your share! One way in which we can begin right now to put Christ back into Christmas is to give generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

## Baptist Editor Urges Party Consider Hays

WASHINGTON—(BP)—The editor of the Capital Baptist here suggests that the Democratic Party "look with favor" on outgoing Congressman Brooks Hays as a vice-presidential candidate in the 1960 national elections.

James O. Duncan, in an editorial in the Dec. 4 issue, said that it was unlikely the party would consider a Southerner for the Presidency. Instead, he asked, "would it not be wise to have the next highest office filled by a man who knows and loves the South . . . yet one who has complete devotion allegiance to the whole Nation."

"This suggestion is not made . . . because Mr. Hays is the President of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . but because Mr. Hays, in my opinion, can give moral and constructive leadership to the present problem," Duncan wrote.

He referred to Hays, defeated representative from Little Rock, as "another Lincoln."



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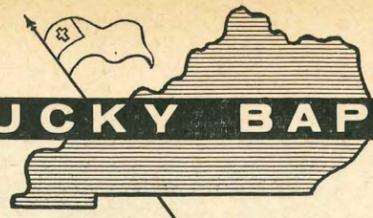
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### New Extension Quarterly Should be Ordered Now

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



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Mrs. Will S. McCraw writes: "We are happy to announce that, beginning January, 1959, members of the Extension department will have their own lesson periodical, *The Sunday School Extension Department Quarterly*. They will continue to follow the daily Bible readings in *Altar Fires of Home Life* magazine, so both periodicals will be needed, the *Sunday School Extension Department Quarterly* and *Home Life* magazine.

"The new quarterly contains several outstanding features. In addition to a discussion of the Uniform Sunday school lessons, there are eight pages of inspirational articles. Some of our most distinguished Baptist writers have contributed. Readers will benefit from the thoughts of such authors as Dr. James L. Sullivan, Dr. W. L. Howse, Dr. A. V. Washburn, Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, Dr. J. N. Barnette, and many others.

"You will want your members to have the joy of joining other Extension members throughout the Convention in the directed Bible study planned especially for them in this new lesson periodical.

"By providing the *Sunday School Extension Department Quarterly*, you are saying to those not privileged to attend church that you are interested in them and concerned about their spiritual welfare. It is a wonderful opportunity for your church to minister to some of its most important members.

"In the concluding paragraph of an article written for the first issue of the new quarterly, Dr. Sullivan says:

"As Jesus sent forth the seventy to minister and work miracles in his name, so we send this publication forth on its maiden voyage with a sense of expectancy and with a mission. We trust and pray that reports shall come back in this instance also saying that glorious things have been wrought in Christ's name and for God's glory."

## BROTHERHOOD

### Pastors, Please Lead Your Men

By FORREST R. SAWYER

Inspiration, with lasting qualities, comes from information. Contagious enthusiasm has its root in knowledge.

The scarcity of words, and the brevity of this week's article will, we trust, magnify its importance.

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### THEY WILL FOLLOW

In conversation with a friend the other day: "I have been an associational president for three years. I've attended innumerable meetings, attended leadership meetings at Cedarmore, and other places. Went to the National Baptist Men's Conference in Oklahoma City. Even heard you speak two or three times . . . I LEARNED MORE BROTHERHOOD WORK THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN I SAT DOWN AND STUDIED MATERIALS WHICH I HAVE AND RELATED THEM TO THE NEEDS OF THE BROTHERHOOD IN OUR CHURCH."

►Mrs. W. L. Blankinship is now confined to the Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, following a heart attack. She is retired worker of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

### Observe WMS Focus Week

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

Have you made your plans for WMS Focus Week, January 11-16? If not, this must be done at once. See January *Royal Service* magazine and *The Forecaster* for suggestions. A good observance of this important week can do much to make the work of your WMS more effective. Make it a "telling" week for enlistment. The opportunities are tremendous!

### ACHIEVEMENT CHART

The following WMU's have qualified for certificates of recognition on the Mission Study Achievement Chart by earning 350 or more points. These certificates will be mailed soon. Three WMU's tied for first place with 475 points each. These are: Harrodsburg; First, Danville; East, Paducah.

Those reaching 350 points or more are:

Bethel Association: First, Russellville; Blood River Association: First, Hazel, Memorial, Murray; Boone's Creek: First, Irvine; Breckenridge: Corinth; Caldwell; Donaldson; Campbell County: Trinity, Newport; Christian County: Gracey; Daviess-McLean: Island, Livermore; Elkhorn: Calvary, Lexington, Central, Paris, Immanuel, Lexington, South Elkhorn; Enterprise: First, Inez; Liberty: Horse Cave; Long Run: Beechland, Highland, Lee's Lane, St. Matthews; Mercer: Harrodsburg; Mt. Zion: First, Corbin, Main Street, Williamsburg; Muhlenburg County: First, Central City; Nelson: Little Union; North Bend: First, Walton; Owen County: Beech Grove, Mt. Pleasant; Pulaski: Monticello; Russell County: Fairview; Russell County: Russell Springs; Severn's Valley, Blue Ball; South District: First, Danville, Gethsemane, Lancaster, Willow Grove; Sulphur Fork: De Haven Memorial, La Grange; Upper Cumberland, Calvary; Warren: Glendale; West Kentucky; Bethlehem; West Kentuckiana: First Henderson; West Union: East, Immanuel, Kevil, Trinity.

Some charts were sent to our office with errors in computing the points. Letters of explanation will be sent to these, returning the charts, soon. If there are other errors or omissions please notify us.

## TRAINING UNION

### Incomplete "M" Night Reports

By JAMES WHALEY

Association	Attendance	Churches Represented
Anderson	77	9
Bethel	455	20
Boone's Creek	211	13
Booneville	73	7
Bracken	95	-----
Breckenridge	85	11
Campbell County	867	17
Casey County	202	11
Central	337	11
Christian County	867	28
Crittenden	66	10
Daviess-McLean	650	38
East Lynn	54	4
Edmonson	8	1
Elkhorn	740	34
Freedom	372	8
Goshen	86	7
Graves County	490	18
Greenup	260	15
Green Valley	577	22
Henry County	24	5
Laurel River	218	13
Liberty	104	7
Little Bethel	508	25
Little River	276	12
Logan County	288	14
Long Run	1746	100
Lynn	95	7
Mercer	66	8
Monroe	75	6
Muhlenberg	342	27
Nelson	401	15
North Bend	571	20
Ohio County	390	18
Ohio River	300	15
Ohio Valley	221	10
Pike	361	11
Pulaski County	261	18
Red River	76	6
Rockcastle	86	6
Russell Creek	211	9
Salem	191	11
Severns Valley	610	22
Shelby County	261	14
Simpson	325	10
South District	548	16
Sulphur Fork	109	10
Tates Creek	489	20
Upper Cumberland	574	22
Warren	392	23
S. W. Indiana	1208	31
West Kentucky	269	13
West Union	704	32

Association Reporting: 53. Total attendance: 18,400. Weather and Road Conditions in most areas—TERRIBLE.

Other "M" Night reports will be listed as they are received.

Allen County Association "M" Night will be held at First Baptist Church, Scottsville on December 31 at 8:00 p.m. CST. Rev. Norris Hite, pastor, will be the speaker.

## FORWARD PROGRAM

### A Pastor Evaluates Forward Program

By THOMAS B. CHANEY

Pastor R. Trevis Otey, of the Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow, Kentucky, evaluates the Forward Program in his bulletin, *The Window*, in its issue of December 1, as follows:

During the past weeks, our church has been in an intensive program of stewardship training and enlistment. Probably no other single event has aroused as much interest and conversation as has our FORWARD PROGRAM. Now that the program has been concluded, I think it would be wise for us to attempt to make an appraisal and evaluation of the program. What has it done for our church? Did we achieve our goals and our purposes? What were the results?

It goes without saying that the program was a tremendous success. In my estimation, only eternity will reveal the full impact on our church. These are some of the results:

First, the campaign offered an opportunity of Christian service to many who had never worked in their church before. Over three hundred individuals served on the various committees. This enlistment for Christian service will carry over into the entire future of our church.

Second, the inspiration that comes from a common venture together was a constant source of strength to the church. There was aroused a new sense of devotion and loyalty to the church.

Third, every Sunday school and church member was presented with the Biblical concept of the stewardship of one's possessions. Church finance was presented with its Biblical background, and many came to see that church finance is not a matter of nickels, dimes and dollars, but a matter of the committal of one's entire life in dedication to God.

Fourth, the Loyalty dinner offered an opportunity of Christian fellowship that has never been equalled. It gave us an opportunity to get to know one another better. The inspiration and fellowship of this hour was worth the entire effort.

Fifth, numerically the results were outstanding. We received a total of 955 pledges. Of this number, 393 indicated a pledge to tithe, in recognition of their stewardship. These pledges totalled over \$94,000. This is an increase of 42% over last year. These pledges, along with the loose offering, will enable our church to operate on a \$100,000 budget for 1959, which is a 35% increase over last year.

Sixth, the wonderful spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation on the part of our people was a constant source of strength and inspiration to me, personally, and to the others who led in the program. The entire program was

conducted on a high level. Never was there any high-pressure tactics, undue persuasion, or embarrassing features. I have never seen a group of people as concerned to see their church go forward and as willing to sacrifice to make it possible. This same spirit of co-operation will carry into every phase of our church life

Truly, our program was a success! I thank God for you, for your vision, and for your willingness to follow the leadership of the Lord. Again, how thankful I am that the Lord led me here as pastor.

►Lyn Claybrook, formerly pastor at Oneida, Ky., has resigned the pastorate at Calvary Hill Church, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

►Sunday, December 14, was designated as Victory Day at First Church, Shelbyville. In an effort to underwrite the 1959 budget of \$133,000.00, members were requested to bring their pledges and place them in the cornerstone of the new educational building now under construction. A transcript of the pledge was made and placed permanently in the cornerstone. A special service was held Sunday morning, December 7, in preparation for Victory Day, at which time Dr. A. M. Vollmer, secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, spoke on the subject of Christian Stewardship. During 1958 this church gave more than \$10,000.00 through the Cooperative Program. Raymond E. Lawrence is the pastor.

### Forces Marshaled For 1960 Emphasis

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—"Total Southern Baptist denominational forces will be marshaled for the first time for a Convention-wide stress on teaching and training in 1960," Dr. W. L. Howse, Education Division director for the Baptist Sunday School Board, said here last week.

Dr. Howse is chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's committee on the Baptist Jubilee Advance 1960 emphasis on teaching and training.

The purpose of the emphasis, Dr. Howse said, is "to advance perennial evangelism, guide the total development of church members, and strengthen the churches in their work."

The program was outlined before 300 denominational leaders from 25 states in their annual meeting at the Sunday School Board. The group including state executive secretaries, Sunday school, Training Union, church music, student and evangelism secretaries.

Dr. Howse said the 1960 emphasis on teaching and training will affect more than 31,000 churches, 9,000,000 members in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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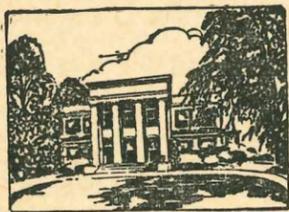
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Lou., Walnut Street	1,478	1	356
Missions (4)	299		59
Lou., Ninth and O	1,152	4	443
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	1,100		280
Missions (2)	37		20
Madisonville, First	993	2	262
Mayfield, First	985		270
Mission	110		
Bowling Green, First	974	9	222
Andrew Mission	149	1	
Owensboro, Third	944	1	314
Lou., Parkland	931		267
Hopkinsville, Second	917	2	254
Lexington, Immanuel	914	4	297
Todd's Road Chapel	26		
Lou., Crescent Hill	888	9	270
Missions (2)	153		
Lexington, Calvary	869	1	264
Mission (1)	34		
Elizabethtown, Severn's Val.	864		216
Missions (2)	79		
Murray, First	840		
Mission	36		
Lou., Beechland	811		242
Hopkinsville, First (1)	811	2	254
Harrodsburg	783		251
Missions (2)	69		55
Frankfort, First	765	3	214
Lou., Beechmont	760	3	168
Missions (2)	372	1	124
Somerset, First	751	2	281
Mission	81		
Lexington, Grace	739	2	173
Elmwood	27		
Hi-Acres	60		
Covington, Latonia	699	2	200
Covington, Calvary	692		
Newport, First	675	3	223
Mission (3)	156		
Glasgow	645		129
Mission (2)	195	1	
Georgetown	606		234
Missions (2)	44		
Lou., Hazelwood	588	1	121
Shelbyville, First	583		104
Ashland, First	561		117
Missions (3)	209		
Henderson, Immanuel	537	23	
Missions (2)	114		
Corbin, Central	535		200
Park Hill	65		18
Lou., Büchel Park	528	2	136
Danville, First	527		166
Missions (2)	113		28
Winchester, Central	526		134
Evansville, Calvary	521		190
Lou., Shively	515		133
Mission (1)	167	4	74
Lou., Southside	513	1	101
Mission (1)	58		
Owensboro, Hall St.	513		188
Lou., Rockford Lane	509	2	202
Lou., Third Ave.	506		110
Mission (1)	133		33
Lou., Eighteenth St.	486	5	114
Mission (1)	77	1	67
Middlesboro, First	481	2	120
Lou., Beth Haven	476	1	175
London, First	463		106
Mission	64		42
Covington Southside	461		79
Owensboro Eaton Memorial	458		180
Bellevue	450		102
Danville, Lexington Ave.	447		117
Mission (1)	35		
Jeffersonton, First	441		124
Russellville, First	430		160
Mission	53		
Lou., Farmdale	427	3	161
Mission (1)	102		44
Lou., Valley View	414		101
Corbin, First	411		126
Springfield, First	402		127
Richmond, First	400	1	78
Danville, Gethsemane	394		152
Nicholasville	391		99
Owensboro, Buena Vista	390		151
Mt. Washington	387		116
Lou., Green Acres	386	2	163
Paducah, East	386	1	154
Hazard, First	380		98
Lou., Shawnee	380		126
Lou., Beechwood	379	4	125
Versailles	372		82
Ft. Thomas, First	371	1	89
Mission	55		
Lou., Immanuel	367	2	100
Lou., Valley Station	362		107
Hima, Horse Creek	360		
Lawrenceburg	360	2	68
Tyrone	58		
Greenville, First	358		165
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	343	1	116
Ludlow, First	342		81
Morganfield, First	339	1	122
Florence	337		83
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	332		168

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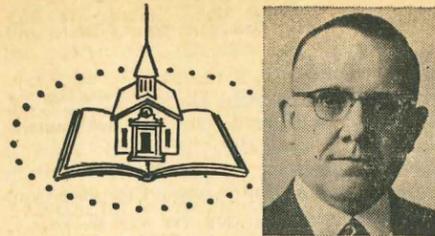
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Springfield, First	314		99
Paducah, Twelfth St.	310		142
Shepherdsville, First	306		79
Mission (1)	17		
Evansville, Keck Ave.	304	2	124
Lebanon Junction	303		133
Ashland, Pollard	301		113
Mission (1)	70		
Benton, First	301		113
Monticello, First	297	4	116
Missions (2)	53		
Lou., Gethsemane	297		104
Frankfort, Crestwood	291		123
Lawrenceburg, Sand Spring	288	1	56
Old Yellow Creek	285		84
Lexington, Felix Memorial	283		96
Campbellsville, So. C'ville	280		128
Marion	278		74
Middlesboro, East Cumber-			
land Ave.	269		84
Hawesville	267		105
Dawson Springs	265		65
Covington, First	262	1	153
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

By H. C. Chiles

**JOY AT THE SAVIOUR'S BIRTH December 21, 1958**

The story of the birth of Christ is of perennial interest and constant blessing to all who know and loved Him. His coming has meant more to the world by far than of any other person. Therefore, we need to study these inspired songs of praise which came from those who thrilled about the birth of the Saviour.

Mary, a Jewish maid, was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth. It seems that it was a custom among the Jews for betrothal to precede marriage by a year. During this betrothal period, God sent the angel, Gabriel, to inform Mary that she was the one who had been chosen through whom the Lord Jesus Christ would come into the world. Mary was a true servant of God for in the salutation of the angel she was told, "The Lord is with thee," and "Thou hast found favor with God." Her attitude of dedication to God's will is expressed in her statement, "Be it unto me according to thy word" (v.38). This signal honor, which had been the hope of every pious Jewish maiden for centuries, was the highest that could come to any woman.

**I. The Magnificat Luke 1:46-55**

Upon being informed that God had chosen her as the medium of bringing the Saviour into the world, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. In response to Elizabeth's words of greeting, Mary broke forth in the words of this inspired song which gives us a marvelous insight into her wonderful character.

**1. Character.**

**(1) It was worshipful**

A study of her song reveals that praise was its keynote. Having been stirred to the depths of her soul by the announcement that she was God's chosen vessel for the coming of the Redeemer into the world, Mary was moved to magnify the greatness, the goodness, and the graciousness of God in making her the channel of blessing to the whole world.

**(2) It was confessional**

Instead of being filled with pride because she had been favored so highly, Mary expressed her deep gratitude to God for the grace and goodness which He had bestowed upon her. She praised Him for what He had done for her in various ways. She said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord . . . for He hath re-

garded the low estate of His handmaiden" (Luke 1:46,48). She confessed her appreciation for the wonderful blessing of salvation which she had received from the Lord.

**(3) It was prophetic.**

Mary fully realized that the great promise that God had made to Abraham, which embraced all the nations, was culminating through her. She also knew that the birth of the Saviour would be a fulfillment of many of the Old Testament prophecies. Those prophecies and promises had been made long before her day, but the One making them had not forgotten, nor would He ever forget them. Looking into the future, Mary treated those promises as if they were fulfilled already.

**2. Its Content.**

**(1) Praise for salvation.**

Mary praised and thanked God for salvation, both for herself and for others. She needed a Saviour just as every child of the human race does. She was fully conscious of her need in this regard. She said, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." She so thoroughly magnified the Lord, and thereby repudiated any idea of any worship of herself, that it is astounding that any group on earth would ever deify the mother of our Lord. "There is One Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).

**(2) Praise for the divine character.**

Mary praised God for His almighty power, His absolute holiness, and His abundant mercy. His abundant mercy was not confined to Mary, but it is "on all them that fear Him from generation to generation."

**(3) Praise for what the Savior would accomplish.**

It was a certainty, according to Mary, that the Savior was to be merciful and patient, but it was also evident that He would scatter the rebellious and the proud. She gave the assurance that He would exalt those who turn from their sins and exercise faith in Him. He would also send away empty those who might arrogate importance to themselves because of the things which they had received, all of which had come from His own bountiful hand.

**(4) Praise for the divine faithfulness.**

God's faithfulness is shown in many ways; especially the manner by which

He keeps all of His promises. His faithfulness is a sufficient reason for our loving Him, praising Him, and obeying Him.

A careful analysis of Mary's song indicates the fact that she was an earnest, careful, and believing student of the Old Testament scriptures.

**II. The Magnificent. Luke 2:1-7**

**1. The arrangements for the Saviour. Luke 2:1-6.**

Some seven hundred years before Christ was born the prophet, Micah, had foretold that the coming Messiah would be born in Bethlehem in Judea (Micah 5:2). Just prior to the birth of Christ, Joseph and Mary were in Nazareth, which was some sixty miles north of Bethlehem. In order that they might be at the proper places at the right time, God caused Caesar Augustus to issue a decree that all the world over which he had control should be enrolled, every one in his own city, with a view to taxation and perhaps military service. Thus we see God employing men of the world as instruments in the working out of His plans. Often men serve His purpose without being aware of it. As the people were going "everyone into his own city," Joseph and Mary, in obedience to the constituted authority, wended their way to Bethlehem, in order that the scriptures might be fulfilled with reference to the birth of the Saviour.

**2. The Advent of the Saviour. Luke 2:6-7**

When everything was ready for His coming, and while Joseph and Mary were still in Bethlehem, "The days were accomplished that she should be delivered," and Jesus Christ was born. His mother did not have a doctor, a nurse, or an attendant in the hour of her great need. That there were none to help was but a part of the humiliation connected with the incarnation of our Lord. When the Saviour was born, Mary "wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." A more lowly birth could hardly have been imagined. His birth is absolutely unique; there has never been another like it in all the annals of history.

They should have made room for Him in that inn, even if it had been necessary to remove all others. Likewise, every one of us should make room for Him in our lives no matter what else or who else must go.

# BAPTISTS IN OTHER STATES

## MORGAN RE-ELECTED

TOPEKA, Kans. (BP)—Rang Morgan has been re-elected president of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. Morgan is pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Wichita.

## CALIFORNIA TO SURVEY; ENDORSES LOS ANGELES

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (BP)—Messengers to the annual session of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California here approved a survey of their convention operation by a professional management consultant firm.

It was expected that the convention would call on Booz, Allen, and Hamilton

of Chicago, which has done surveys of the Southern Baptist Convention, several SBC agencies, and several state Baptist groups.

The convention also joined with the Los Angeles association of Southern Baptist churches and Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to invite the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in that city in 1962. The SBC has already chosen its meeting places for 1959, 1960, and 1961.

If the SBC were to vote to go to Los Angeles, it would be the second visit to California. The 1951 session was at San Francisco.

The California convention elected

Charles L. McClain, pastor, Truett Memorial Baptist Church of Long Beach, president, and selected San Diego for its 1959 session.

It adopted a 1959 budget of \$953,635. Of this, \$800,000 will come from anticipated Cooperative Program receipts and 22 per cent of the \$800,000 will be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention.

## NEW MEXICO ADOPTS BUDGET OF \$459,559

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. (BP)—The Baptist Convention of New Mexico, in annual session here, approved a budget for 1959 of \$459,559. This is \$53,000 greater than the current budget.

Thirty per cent of the 1959 budget will be channeled through the Cooperative

Program to activities carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The convention elected W. D. Wyatt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, president. It asked Lewis Myers to continue serving as editor of the Baptist New Mexican, weekly convention paper, until his successor has been elected. Myers had announced his retirement.

Progress reports of Baptist work in the state showed a gain of 23 churches and missions during the past year. There are now 243 churches and 103 missions affiliated with the New Mexico convention.

These churches and missions have total membership of 73,705.

## OKLAHOMA INSTITUTES STATE PRESS AWARD

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—Oklahoma Baptists' first state press award was presented here to Miss Mary Jo Nelson, religion editor for the Oklahoma City Times. The occasion was the 53rd annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Presentations of the award, an engraved wrist watch, and a plaque commending Miss Nelson for "outstanding reporting of church news" were made by T. B. Lackey, state executive secretary, on behalf of the Convention.

A Baptist public relations subcommittee selected Miss Nelson to receive the award, which will be presented to some state newspaper editor or reporter annually, from persons nominated by pastors and church public relations chairmen from over the state.

Miss Nelson has been with local newspaper staffs since 1951. She is a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church here.

She covered the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston for her paper.

## OHIO HONORS FIRST MISSIONARY COUPLE

DAYTON, O. (BP)—Ohio Southern Baptists paid special recognition to their first foreign missionary appointees at their annual convention here.

Dr. and Mrs. David Dorr, member of Tri-Village Baptist Church, Columbus, O., will be the first foreign missionary appointees from Ohio since the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio was organized four years ago.

The Dorr's have four children. They will be going to the Baptist hospital at Gaza in the Near East about Jan. 1.

At the convention, it was reported that there are now 158 churches and 86 missions in the area of the convention which also includes parts of neighboring states.

Executive Secretary Ray Roberts said that 36 churches and 61 missions had been organized during the past year.

A convention budget of \$282,000 was approved. Approximately \$32,000 will

be forwarded through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

## SOUTH CAROLINA WANTS MINISTER IMMUNITY LAW

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)—South Carolina Baptists, with a record messenger registration at their annual convention, discussed a possible convention-related college in Charleston. They voted also to seek legislation protecting confidences given to ministers during counselling.

The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, meeting with First Baptist Church here, enrolled 1804 messengers; 377 visitors also registered.

Inspiration highlight of the convention was an evangelistic address by Billy Graham, who spoke on the closing day, Graham's address was carried by radio and television stations in the city.

The convention approved an effort by Baptists in the Charleston area to raise \$500,000 and provide a site for a convention-related junior college there. The college would be an affiliate of Furman University here, the convention's only senior college. It already operates two junior colleges.

## HUGGINS TO RETIRE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM, N. C.—(BP)Dr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, has announced he will retire next June 30. He has held that office since 1932.

One of the oldest of Southern Baptist "state secretaries" in years of service, Dr. Huggins said he was 68 years old. Employees of the state's general board have a mandatory retirement age of 68.

Dr. Huggins, employed directly by the convention, was not subject to mandatory retirement, but decided to retire at this term voluntarily.

## LOUISIANANS APPROVE ORGANIZATION REPORT

SHEVEPORT, La. (BP)—Louisiana Baptist Convention at its session here adopted the report of its executive

convention work and responsibilities of board which recommended definition of its boards and agencies.

The executive board recommendations were based on a survey conducted by Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, professional management consultants from Chicago.

The recommendations clarified and strengthened the administrative position of the executive secretary, outlined duties of employees of Baptist boards and agencies in the state, and covered relations of the convention to its boards and agencies.

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## Committee of Seventeen Named

Seventeen members of the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptists have been named to a special committee to give further study to the Survey Report which was referred to the Executive Board by action of the General Association in November. The committeemen named by the Executive Board Chairman, Harold D. Tallant, are:

Carroll Hubbard, Chairman, St. Matthews; Sidney M. Maddox, Hopkinsville; Henry Beach, Louisville; D. L. Druien,

Campbellsville; Joe Weber, Henderson; R. Trevis Otey, Glasgow; H. C. Chiles, Murray; Isadore Childers, Stearns; H. C. Zachry, Winchester; A. C. Walker, Middlesboro; Gordon Sather, Leitchfield; Harold Wainscott, Pikeville; Dudley T. Pomeroy, Newport; Marion Duncan, Catlettsburg; W. L. Crumpler, Maysville; John W. Kruschwitz, Versailles; C. L. Hardcastle, Hawesville.

The committee is to study the Survey Report and report to the Executive Board which, in turn will make recommendations concerning the report to the next meeting of the General Association.

The first meeting of the committee for making organization and procedure plans is scheduled for the evening of January 12 following sessions of the Evangelistic Conference.

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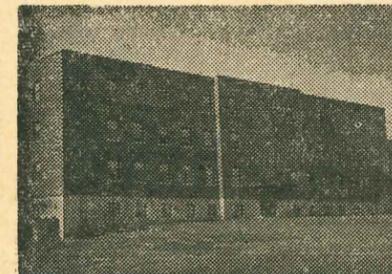
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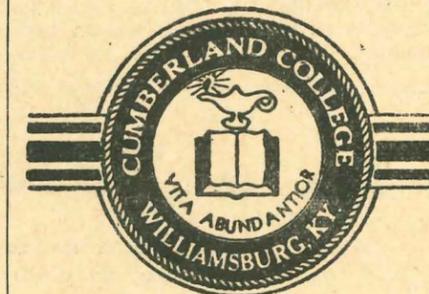
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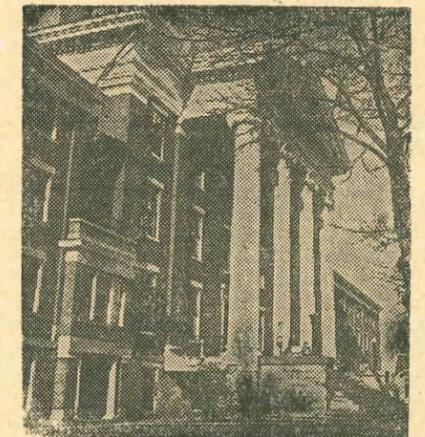
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