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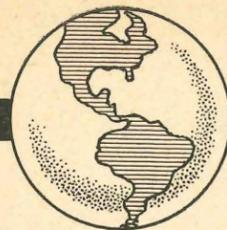
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Southern Seminary President Duke K. McCall, left, and Southeastern Seminary President Sydnor L. Stealey place wreath on grave of James P. Boyce, founder and first president of Southern. Dr. Stealey was speaker for January 11 Founder's Day observance at Southern. See page 3 for an excerpt from his address.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

PASSED ON

►Mrs. Ermine Jones Cole, beloved member of Mt. Tabor Baptist, Tyner Association, Hodgenville, died on January 2 at the age of eighty-five. Fellow members expressed their deep devotion to her and appreciation of her life in a letter to the *Western Recorder*.

►The funeral of Samuel C. Alloway, 83, the oldest member of Plum Creek Baptist Church, Waterford, Ky., was held at his residence between Fern Creek and Mt. Washington on Bardstown-Louisville Road, on Monday, January 19. His remains were taken to the Valley Cemetery, Taylorsville, for burial. He had spent his life as a farmer at Waterford, but retired from that work a decade ago. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the People's Bank, Taylorsville, and in former years was its president. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fields Carpenter Alloway; one son, Merritt B. Alloway; one daughter, Mrs. Lyle (Corine Alloway) Rouse; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

NEW PASTORS

►Larry Ader, son of Pastor and Mrs. Lewis M. Ader, Olive Hill, has been called to be pastor of the Willard Baptist Church, Carter County.

►Harold E. Williams, P.O. Box 4074, Hammond, Indiana, a Southern Baptist pastor for 11 years, has announced his resignation from the pastorate of Woodmar Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, to give full time to the ministry of evangelism.

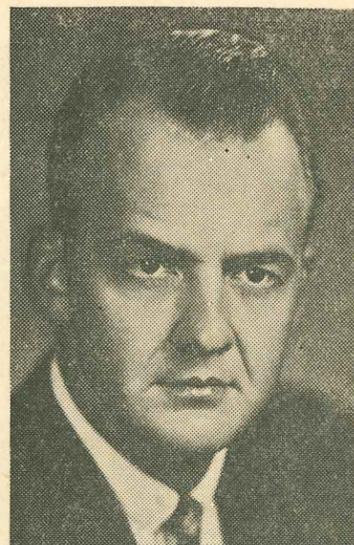
►The Heselton Church, Lewis County, has called Wayne Riggs as its pastor. The church has decided to become a full-time church. Six months ago it was a quarter-time church, and more recently it has been half-time.

►The Kirksville Baptist Church has passed resolutions about the going of their pastor, Burton Calico, after a ministry of four years with them to the Chaplin Baptist Church, in Nelson County. The resolutions refer to his teaching them the need for "vigorous, militant, Christian lives, for firm convictions based on Bible truth, for much Bible study and a deep respect for its truth." Reference is also made to his ever being ready to help them regardless of personal sacrifice, in sickness, grief and difficulties.

BOOK STORE CONFERENCE

►Davis C. Hill, Louisville Baptist Book Store manager, and Mrs. Martha Minor, manager of the Baptist Book Store in Owensboro, will attend a group conference for Baptist Book Store managers to be held March 9-12 in Roanoke, Virginia. In the conference particular attention

sion study chairman of the region; Mrs. D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, president of the region; Mrs. H. B. Edwards, and Mrs. Jack Myers, both of Manchester, Mrs. J. C. Dance, Oneida. Methods of teaching the books in the new Home Mission series were presented in a program that lasted from 10:20 until 2:00.



Jordan Holland, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of Ghent Baptist Church, Ghent, Ky., after serving 5½ years as pastor of Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Owenton. Under the leadership of Pastor Holland, Cedar Hill organized a W.M.S. and Brotherhood with their youth auxiliaries, built a nine-room educational building and doubled the membership and the total gifts. Mr. Holland's father, Jordan, Sr., served as pastor of Sanders Baptist Church, also in White's Run Association, while in the seminary several years ago. The new Ghent pastor is doing graduate work at Southern Seminary.

will be given to the Evangelistic Crusade of 1959, reports Mr. Keith Von Hagen, director of the Merchandise and Sales Division of the Sunday School Board.

REGIONAL WMU AT ONEIDA

►Southern Region W.M.U. mission study institutes were held January 12 and 13 at Oneida Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Pineville. Teachers were Mrs. D. C. Sparks, Oneida Institute, mis-

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—Jude 3.

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SOUTHERN SEMINARY'S SUSTAINING CHARACTERISTICS

By SYDNOR L. STEALEY, President
Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

The following testimony of Dr. Stealey, one of Southern Seminary's most illustrious graduates, is an excerpt from his Founder's Day address delivered in the seminary chapel on January 14. This insight into the greatness of the past and present of Southern should be reassuring and inspiring to many concerned for the seminary in the present difficulties.
—Editor.

Because I know that in a decade marked by the publication of Marx's *Communist Manifesto*, Darwin's *Origin of the Species* and Joseph Arthur Gobineaux's *Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races*, which later supplied Hitler with source material for his abominable Nordic superiority theory, our godly predecessors founded this Seminary and developed it magnificently and thus brought balancing blessings to a century which has been characterized largely by the materialistic, behavioristic and racialistic influences of these three basic books, a century characterized also by troubles and wars and theological controversies; and because I am convinced that the Christian function of this Seminary will be no less needed in the century now beginning, I determined to seek in this study those characteristics and ideals that guided the men who have brought it safe thus far and, frankly, to admonish all of us who are now responsible for Southern Baptist theological education to discern, cherish and propagate those characteristics and ideals.

The sustaining characteristics of this School I first discerned directly in those second and third generation scholars whom I found here when I came as a student in 1924. My first and lasting impression was that here was a Baptist institution of higher education which wasn't playing school. Honest and hard study were sternly demanded. I had been in school almost all of my 28 years, but I had never had to work so hard before. I made an unusual 98 on a mid-term test in Introductory Old Testament. I heard that it was feared that I had cheated. I knew better than to go to class unprepared at any time, but I studied doubly hard after that. Dr. Sampey stood me up for a 30-minute recitation the next class session, 30 minutes during the second session and again about 15 minutes the third. As I sat down that third day he said, "You're a good man, Brother Stealey." He was determined to discover a cheater if there was one, but his joy in vindicating me was a glorious thing to see. Put it down that our first century was characterized by leaders who demanded that students pass the tests for sound moral fibre and hard study.

Another characteristic of our worthy builders was most clearly revealed to me by an illustration used often by Dr. Mullins. The evolution fight was on in the 1920's and there were many Southern Baptists who could think and talk seemingly of nothing else. Tempers often flared and drastic and dogmatic acts were frequent.

One state impounded all of this Seminary's part of southwide funds and demanded that the professors sign a certain statement of faith before such funds should be released. In the midst of the fight, Dr. Mullins created his famous parable of a fly riding the big drive wheel of a speeding locomotive and philosophizing thus: "Now I know the secret of life. It is revolution, revolution, revolution. Keep on revolving and you really get somewhere." The wheel was all that he could see and so he concluded that it was all there was to see. Some Baptists, the teacher explained, are like the fly. They try to center the whole realm of reality in one relatively small area. The Kingdom is reduced to a county. With some it is evolution or a special interpretation of prophecy; with some it is a dispensational theory; with some a special theory of communion or communism or capitalism, or integration or segregation; with others it may be millennialism. So many even in religion, take a fragment of life or of scripture and treat it as if it were the whole. They give life a false center of meaning and thus become eccentrics.

Southern has ever majored in the whole Bible and recognized Christ only as the center of God's revealed truth. In all matters balanced judgment is sought. Spirit and body are both God-created and the value of each is recognized here. Missions, evangelism and education are balanced in a sound denominational program. Spiritual consecration and scholarly achievement were incarnated in our best teachers. I have not known one of our professors who daily rode about class on a hobby horse. (Of course, Dr. Sampey was partial to Robert E. Lee.) This discernment of values and balance of judgment is tremendous characteristic number two.

Another incident that stands tall in

my memory seems at first mention almost trivial, but is really deeply revealing. A church near here suffered a split in its membership and came close to anarchy. One of our younger professors was asked to mediate and moderate and serve as interim pastor. He accepted the responsibility on condition that no salary be paid him. He wanted his judgment to be free from any financial consideration. He was amazingly successful. When peace was restored and his service ended, they tried to give him a big purse in appreciation. He refused. He refused even the non-monetary gift they proposed. He had rendered a spiritual service and he felt it would be unwise to raise questions about money in anybody's mind. "I really needed that money," he told me ruefully, but that was not the time to take it." The Seminary that day taught me through that wonderful young professor the beauty of spiritually-rendered service and the meanness of professionalism in the ministry.

I've known Southern now for 34 years and I can say that the danger of professionalism among preachers has been recognized and condemned as a part of her vital teaching. Defections, and I trust confession of sin, have undoubtedly marked most of us... but the ideal has never been lowered. Anti-professionalism, in direct contradiction to the spirit of the age, is tremendous ideal number three.

Those second and third generation teachers, in three terse statements which form chapter headings in the book of my life, illustrated another perennial ideal of Southern. It is the ideal of magnificent persistence in the pursuit of truth and of noble humility in the presence of truth. One day when class discussion had led to the realization that God uses for great purposes some men not of our particular faith and order, some of the students raised objections. Professor Hersey Davis' reply was reverent, but uncompromising: "What God does is a whole lot more important than what we think He ought to do!" One seems bound, when he remembers that, to seek doggedly the ways of God among men and to stand for them with valiant weakness.

The same general truth was driven home to me by Professor W. O. Carver. In the class in "Christianity and Current Thought" I turned in a book review that consisted of about 50 questions raised in my mind by the reading of an assigned book. I knew that my teacher's active mind rejoiced to recognize and clearly state a problem. As expected, he gave me a high grade on the paper but penned on it these words: "A question clearly phrased is half answered, but never forget that the people in the pews are more interested in clear answers."

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Reexamining the Call

There's no place where Baptists need to do more serious thinking than in the field of church-related vocations. Once upon a time, and not long ago at that, church-related vocation meant "preacher," and that's all except for an occasional person who felt he was called to teach Bible in a college or seminary, and these were also mostly preachers.

Not so, now. Ours is a day of church staffs with assistant pastor, associate pastor, church secretary, pastor's secretary, educational secretary, financial secretary, educational director, educational workers, elementary and otherwise, recreation director, music director, paid organist, and pianist, and others.

Not many churches have large staffs, but a great number of churches have some staff members, and, with the phenomenal growth of churches, every day adds churches which, for the first time, feel the need of adding at least one staff member to help the pastor.

What's the problem? The first problem is simply where to find the staff members. While secretaries are not especially scarce, secretaries with desired church and denominational orientation are few and far between. The real scarcity is in the field of education and music directors, and most especially combination men, that is, a man who can direct the education and music program of a church which is still not ready for a full time director of each.

As a denominational worker, I am approached mostly for help by two groups. Preachers want churches and churches want music-education directors. Something is wrong. Some able preachers who graduated almost a year ago with a B.D. degree are still waiting to be called to a church, while the dean of Southern Seminary School of Religious Education, Allen Graves, has requests every day for help in finding combination men which just aren't to be found.

The lack of supply has affected the salary offered, so that many pastors could give up their pastorates for work in education and music at a higher salary. Also many churches bringing in staff members have to raise their pastor's salary to keep him from being outranked in salary by the new staff member.

Maybe we need to reexamine our concept of the call to the ministry. A man who feels called to the pastorate is reluctant to consider the education or music ministry, but what is the difference in proclaiming the good news as a pastor, an education or music director, an editor, or any other of several ways to proclaim it. For that matter, what's the difference between being called to preach in North America and in South America. Tommy Halsell, missionary in Brazil, decided that if he were called in such a way to be a pastor in Memphis, the same call, submitted to prayer, could send him to preach and teach in Brazil. This sounds reasonable if not traditional. Why couldn't

the man from Macedonia saying, "Come over and help us" be from a neighboring continent as well as a neighboring state or, for that matter, from religious education as well as from the pastorate?

Apparently something is wrong. With preachers without churches and churches without desired staff members, either our church organization is contrary to God's plan or many are mistaken about what they have been called for. We claim God's direction for churches and for persons He calls, but God can not be credited with our present unbalance in demand and supply.

Could it be we have confused the New Testament way with the American idea of success? In America everyone is encouraged to become president of the company, and who wants to be a staff member if he can be pastor of a church and direct the staff?

Fortunately we are coming to have the team idea for the church staff. On the team another player may be as valuable or more valuable than the captain. The New Testament rule book for the game says so.

What Price Unity?

Pope John's announcement of the call of a universal church council in interest of world church unity can hardly elicit any excitement or hope in non-Catholics. History abounds in irrefutable evidence of what the Roman Church considers necessary for unity. Even a country boy like John should know he has no chance to change the unalterable position of the Roman Church and its hierarchy.

Non-Catholics have only to read a chapter of history from any age to be certain what the price of unity would be. Martin Luther could testify, as could thousands of others persecuted and often burned alive, that unity in the Roman sense means the selling of one's soul to error.

If John is serious and sincere, let him renounce the fallacious and erroneous Roman doctrines such as papal infallibility, immaculate conception, assumption of Mary, infant baptismal regeneration, purgatory, etc. Then talk of unity might begin to make sense.

Too Valuable to Miss

The two outstanding clinics in February, arranged by Roy Boatwright and his helpers in the Sunday School Department, could give the religious education work of our whole state a tremendous boost, if properly taken advantage of.

The State Sunday School Clinic at First Church, Madisonville, February 9-13, will be almost a once-in-a-lifetime affair. Very few clinics with such high caliber faculty have ever been held, and to have one close enough for convenient attendance may not happen again anytime soon.

Those who have experienced such meetings are generally never the same but have such a renewed zeal as to change their whole church upon return. This clinic will actually have presented about as much know-how in Sunday School work as could be found in a whole college course, seminary training or a life time of private study. The best of Nashville, outstanding leaders from other states, as well as our own able Kentucky Sunday School force, will be on hand.

This clinic is the result of the co-operation of our Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, our Kentucky Baptist Sunday School Department and the Little Bethel Association. Kentucky pastors and their Sunday School leaders should take full advantage of the unusual opportunity.

The other February Sunday School project is the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic to be held this year on February 26-27 at Severn's Valley in Elizabethtown. Too many churches neglect the selection of their V.B.S. leaders until too late for the state clinic. What a mistake!

An inexperienced worker can attend the state V.B.S. Clinic and be ready to do an acceptable job in the school while any worker, no matter how experienced, can always learn something new in a state clinic.

For the sake of success in June, the rest of 1959 and the years ahead, Madisonville and Elizabethtown would be good places to spend part of February.

BAPTIST FORUM



FROM A READER OF 72 YEARS

Editor:

This little letter will tell that I have been reading the *Western Recorder* seventy-two years. Some years ago I had to retire from active pastorate because of a heart ailment. Recently it has grown worse and I am confined to my room much of the time. I graduated from the Southern Seminary in 1920. I would appreciate a line from any of my old classmates who may read this.

Kuttawa, Kentucky L. J. Knoth

SO TIRED

Editor:

I get so tired of the bickering, picking at, and nagging at of the Catholic Church. What difference to us does it make what they believe? It seems as if we have enough things in our own church to occupy our mind and energies. What I had rather know, what is being done with our or my money I give for foreign missions? That concerns me more than what the Pope has to say.

I am in favor of more good sermons and reports on our own affairs instead of eternally trying to show up the faults and shortcomings of others. I call it peddling hate.

A Tired Baptist

Answer:

It wouldn't tire you much more to refer to a copy of the Kentucky Baptist Annual and the Southern Baptist Annual to see exactly where your mission gifts go and then you could rest without wondering.

I like your sweet spirit toward John, but, from another's viewpoint, what you call "peddling hate" might be truly regarded as exposing error in interest of

truth. I hope you're just tired and not asleep.

Editor

NO VACILLATOR

Editor:

In reading the current *Western Recorder* I find on page eight an article concerning the candidacy of Senator John F. Kennedy for the presidency of the United States of America.

First of all I think any stand we, as Baptists, take should be one of a positive nature concerning the politics of our nation. It should be one that would not leave our people in doubt as to our definite opposition to, not only Senator Kennedy but any Catholic, being the president of these United States.

To say that Senator Kennedy should make a public declaration as to his allegiance to the United States, in opposition to the Pope, and that it should be done in this area, gives one the right to think if he so did he might find support among Baptists.

Secondly, I doubt the validity of the publication's stands upon this or any other matter when such an article as this is published by the same paper, let alone in the same issue as the one found on page three.

On the third premise I think it is time we ceased and desisted from our vacillating stand, in matters political as well as religious, and firmly stated we would oppose any effort to seat a Catholic in the President's chair.

We utter such platitudes as, "firmly supporting Baptist principles" and "being set in the defense of the Gospel" while we sit idly by, and in instances such as this, abet the ascendancy of a

Catholic into a position to destroy these things we say we hold so dear.

I, as one who is supporting every phase of the Baptist work, would like to see the editor of our state paper take a public stand on this issue. I believe he is one set in possibly the most important position of our faith and order. Therefore it is his prerogative to take such a stand and to see that such rot does not infiltrate our paper.

It is not my desire that this letter receive an answer personally, but rather I shall be looking for its answer in the next publication of *The Western Recorder*.

Owensboro, Ky. H. W. Baker

Answer:

I agree that Baptists and every other American should take a positive stand on political issues but I do not hold that Baptists should judge political personalities solely on the basis of denominational status. This smacks of the same bigotry and intolerance which Baptists have suffered through the ages and the escape from which caused America to be founded and caused guarantee of religious liberty to be written into the constitution.

I do have serious question whether a true Roman Catholic is free enough to be trusted with the leadership of our nation. The fact remains, however, that Mr. Kennedy's religion is considered such as to let him be an American, and, as an American, he has a right to seek any political office, even the presidency. Since this is so, and since Mr. Kennedy seems to be off and running, it's proper to ask him some questions about his allegiances. It's also proper to point out to Baptists and other Americans the Roman doctrines that might disqualify a Roman Catholic seeking the highest office of the land. This having been done, the rest is up to the voters. Are you registered?

And did you know that the present Congress has 91 Roman Catholics in the House of Representatives (largest number of any religious group) and 12 in the Senate? It may be later than we think.

Editor

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

By MISS IONE GRAY, Press Representative, Richmond, Va.

FOREIGN BOARD ADVANCE FUNDS TOTAL \$1,922,932

Dr. Cauthen announced that the advanced section of the Cooperative Program brought \$1,922,932.10 to the Foreign Mission Board during the year just ended. (Cooperative Program money received after the Southern Baptist Convention's operating budget is met is called Advance Program funds and is shared by the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Board receiving 75 per cent.)

"This money makes possible continued advance through the budget of the Foreign Mission Board and in provision for capital and other needs across the world," Dr. Cauthen said. "One of the important parts of this money is that which is earmarked for advance projects in evangelism and church development. These projects, which are becoming an increasing aspect of our missionary labor, emerge upon recommendation from the overseas Missions. During this year of world evangelism there will be a larger number of these special efforts."

2,000 MISSIONARIES EXPECTED BY END OF 1964

"Our expectation is that Southern Baptists will have 2,000 missionaries under appointment by the close of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in 1964," Dr. Cauthen said. "This advance will be contingent upon continued response in life dedication and a parallel increase in giving. We look to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering as the chief sources for providing financial reinforcement for this undertaking."

"The rapid growth of missionary responsibility brings to us at the beginning of this year a fresh sense of dedication and commitment."

LATIN-AMERICAN STAFF IS 465; APPOINTMENTS MUST INCREASE

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, reviewed the missionary personnel situation in Latin America. As of January 1, 1958, there were 450 missionaries on the Latin-American staff. A net gain of 15 missionaries during the year brought the Latin-American staff to 465 as of December 31, 1958.

The number of missionaries assigned to the beginning of 1959 are as follows: Equatorial Brazil, 32; North Brazil, 49; South Brazil, 108; Argentina, 55; Chile, 42; Colombia, 28; Costa Rica, 4; Ecuador, 8; Guatemala-Honduras, 16; Mexico, 44; Paraguay, 18; Peru, 14; Spanish Baptist Publishing House, 10; Uruguay, 14; Venezuela, 19; and Bahama Islands, 4.

Dr. Means concluded his report: "The

next five years will see quite a number of retirements among our Latin-American staff. After the normal number of resignations are added to these, the appointments will necessarily have to run ahead of the number in 1958 if the goal of 600 is to be reached by 1964."

"NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS" IN ORIENT

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, gave a brief survey of Baptist mission work in that area during 1958. Excerpts from his report follow:

"The Foreign Mission Board took several significant actions relating to the Orient during the year. Formal plans were made and initial procedures worked out the transfer of responsibility for Baptist work in Hawaii from the Foreign Mission Board to the churches and the Baptist convention of that territory. Plans were developed for the carrying forward of English-language church work in our mission areas and the first missionaries were appointed specifically for that work, one of them being designated for Bangkok, Thailand. Also, the Board approved in principle a Southern Baptist mission entry into Vietnam as soon as appointment prospects justify that expansion of our work."

"As other notable developments in the Orient fields I mention the following: Increased impetus has been given to the development of program of student work and student center evangelism. New missionaries in Pakistan have completed their initial language study responsibilities and are now ready to actually begin a program of mission work in that land. Orient missionaries entered two new stations of residence, Faridpur in Pakistan and Tarlac in the Philippines."

"The Japan Baptist Convention has concentrated on evangelism through its 'New Life' evangelistic campaigns. It opened work in eight new cities during the year. Other achievements of the Japan Convention include the formal beginning of its student work program, the naming of its first full-time Training Union secretary, final approval of a reorganization plan, and dedication of a church building in its mission work in Okinawa."

"The Korea Mission, working with the Korean Baptist Convention, began the production of Sunday school literature during the year."

"Baptists of Taiwan (Formosa) had more than 1,000 baptisms during 1958; and church membership now exceeds 7,000. The Taiwan Baptist Convention has expanded its own home mission program by sending missionaries to the east coast area of the island."

"The Hong Kong Baptist Association

celebrated its 20th anniversary during 1958. Negotiations were completed for permanent sites for the Hong Kong Baptist College and the proposed Hong Kong Hospital."

"In the Philippines, the opening of the new station in Tarlac and the beginning of work in the Batangas area head the list of Advance. The theological seminary grew to a student body of approximately 40."

"Three hundred and twenty-three baptisms were reported in Indonesia. Graduates of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia have begun to serve as pastors of several of the churches."

"In Malaya, completion of the buildings at the assembly grounds and purchase of land for a permanent seminary site were prominent forward steps in Baptist work. Even more encouraging is the appointment and arrival on the field of the first missionaries to work among the Indian population of Malaya."

"In Thailand, a number of missionaries are now finishing their language study and will soon be moving out to open new stations of work."

"The Southern Baptist Mission in Pakistan has been given formal recognition as a co-operating mission body by the East Pakistan Baptist Union. Thus, the foundation is laid for a happy relationship between our Mission and the Baptist churches which already exist in the areas where we are working."

Pastor's Conference Lists Theme For 1959

LOUISVILLE—(BP)—"Committed to the Commission" is the theme for the 1959 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference convening in Louisville's Armory May 18-19.

Several thousand pastors of Baptist churches from coast to coast will attend the conference, which immediately precedes the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention. The convention opens May 19.

The conference theme is derived from the Bible passage known as the "Great Commission," found in Matthew 28: 19-20.

Following customary procedure, the conference is made up of a series of messages, both inspirational and instructional, of special benefit to the pastor of a church. Program personnel are from Southern Baptist circles, chiefly pastors.

Charles C. Bowles, pastor of Hunter St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., is conference president.

D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, recently preached at First Baptist Church, Corbin, in the absence of the pastor James Lewis, who has undergone surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Corbin.

Southern Seminary's Sustaining Characteristics

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So many students prate proudly about the puzzling problems propounded by the passing pedants of our generation. Dr. Carver's kind of teaching has led many a Southern student to discover and preach some mighty important eternal answers to pressing contemporary problems.

And Professor C. S. Gardner, saint and scholar extraordinary, drove home for me the fact that there are some things that even the wisest and youngest of us do not yet know. On my doctoral examination, he asked me with a twinkle in his eye, "Brother Stealey, just what is mysticism?" I replied frankly, "I don't know, Doctor." Then he applied a quotation I shall never forget: "Blessed is the man who doesn't know and who knows that he doesn't know, for he knows then that he has much to learn." Persistent and humble searching for truth; that has been our School's ever ready remedy for twitching tongues and heavy ears.

From among almost countless personal observations and memories I have chosen these because I believe that they represent traits of character and points of emphasis that have been significant

in the development of our strength from the very beginning. I have deliberately chosen today to "accentuate the positive" and "eliminate the negative." No one realizes more than I, I think, that another paper could be written on evidences of weakness and sin in our history; but as we face the urgent demands of the new century it is a consciousness of tested qualities of righteousness, faith and wisdom that can most surely guide and sustain us.

Cooperative Program

By W. C. BOONE, Treasurer

Net distributable Cooperative Program receipts for December, 1958, amounted to \$205,578.14. This is believed to be the largest amount ever given in one month by Kentucky Baptists through the Cooperative Program, and is a gain of \$18,654.47 over December 1957.

Designated gifts for last December were \$267,583.29. This includes large amounts for the Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Home and the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions. Total receipts through our state office for the month were \$473,161.43

Cooperative Program receipts for the

first two months of the General Associational year were \$362,791.13. This was an increase over last year of \$27,092.31.

Our Cooperative Program goal for this year is \$2,300,000 or \$191,666.67 per month. So we are short for the first two months this year \$20,542.20. We can easily make this up and no doubt will do so. 1959 should be our greatest year so far!

Jones to Georgia Pastorate



J. Estill Jones

J. Estill Jones will assume duties as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chatsworth, Georgia, on February 1. Jones, born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, received his training at Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has served churches in Kentucky as pastor and interim pastor and was a member of the Southern Seminary faculty from 1951 until June, 1958.

He married Elsie Violet Moak of Rome, Georgia in 1948. They have three children: Jack 8, Jean 6, and Judson 3.



KENTUCKY OFFICERS.—The Kentucky Group officers at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, photographed recently in one of the classrooms in Norton Hall, are, left to right, Bill N. Sirens, Benton, music leader; James Silvers, Lexington, vice president; Sue E. Arnold, Madisonville, secretary; Joe Mason, Hopkinsville, athletic chairman; Clifton Courtney Jr., Paducah, president; Bob Campbell, Florence, social chairman. Mary Lu Larson, Frankfort, publicity chairman, was absent when the picture was taken. The Group meets on Missionary Day each month and plans special functions during the school year.

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HOW TO DO IT

A CONSERVATION PROGRAM

By BOB W. BROWN, Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

[This practical article is offered for the help of Kentucky churches and pastors. The editor would welcome "How to Do It" articles from all pastors and laymen who have discovered successful ways to get any job done. We can share successful methods with each other without undue boasting.—Editor.]

Churches throughout our Southern Baptist Convention began on New Year's Eve our concentrated effort at *Evangelism in 1959*. This program has the promise of a mighty mass movement among Baptists to reach and enlist the unsaved, always our primary objective. The potential of making new disciples by the hundreds is not lost to any of us who share the commission of Christ in world-wide evangelism.

We have a program of evangelism, we know the revival comes by prayer, we are or have secured our preachers, we are busy making plans—the good news of the Gospel will be publicized. Programs, prayer, plans, preachers, and publicity are all ingredients for revival. None of us assume that the revival will come without the convicting power of the Holy Spirit nor without the consecrated witnessing of our people. Our dedication and faith will express itself in the most optimistic hope that hundreds of people will be led to Christ.

Even as we move rapidly into the era of evangelistic emphasis, a silent shadow hovers over us. How many of these hundreds of new church members are going to be conserved for Kingdom service? Is there a valid reason for our evangelism to be called superficial or shallow? Is there a tendency on our part to "Bring Them In" and then lose them? We are known by our fruits—not by the number of trees in the orchard.

The casualty rate—perhaps mortality rate is a better phrase—of our additions to the church is too high. This cannot be dismissed by blaming high pressure methods of evangelism, emotional preachers, embarrassing invitations, or by hiding behind the parable of the seed and the sower—thereby justifying one active, useful, Christian out of every four additions.

The problem of conserving the result of evangelism has given many thoughtful Baptists cause for prayerful considerations. Out of such concern we have adopted a program like this:

Each person who comes forward in response to our invitation is met by the pastor. When they are seated they are greeted by one of our deacons who is sitting at the front of the church. The clerk gives them a membership application card and the deacon assists them in filling out of the card. When they are presented to the church the pastor has

not only the deacon to stand with them but has the Sunday school teacher, or perhaps a member of their family already in the church stand with them to introduce them to the church members who come by to welcome them on their decision. This eliminates embarrassment and the terribly lonely feeling the person might experience if he is left alone at the front of the church to meet a long line of people. It also establishes an identification with a deacon and a teacher. No vote is taken.

The pastor and/or the chairman of the deacons assign a deacon to visit the prospective member in his house the following week. The identification with the deacon continues. The new convert is fully informed by the deacon about the church, what she has to offer the person and what is expected of the member. The deacon also learns about the person's interests, past church experience, his conversion experience, and other pertinent information. He leaves necessary information about the church with the prospective member.

The pastor sends out a letter on Monday to each new member. It is personal and seeks to be informative. He also plans to visit the home in a week or so. The church secretary mails the new member an information sheet to be filled out and returned. It is a complete source of information that gives the pastor, deacons, nominating committee and other interested individuals and organizations a picture of this person's needs and capacities.

The monthly deacons' meeting includes a report of the deacons on each prospective member. This experience is shared with the deacons. Their needs and talents are discussed. The deacons then bring a written recommendation to the church in regular business session at the monthly business meeting that these people be accepted into the church.

The deacons keep a list of the new members they have recommended. They are constantly aware of their particular people as regards their attendance in all services, they note illnesses and other crises and visits. They are closely identified with these new people.

We are convinced that these simple but important procedures are valuable. The very fact that others sit and stand with the new member when he makes his decision eliminates his feeling of 'aloneness.' The hasty and careless vote

at the end of the service makes him aware of our desire to "get it over with quick." He feels that the church is really too easy to join. We spend an hour at a business meeting arguing about an expenditure of \$25.00 and 30 seconds at the end of a morning service to receive a new member. Our visits, the identification mutually of the deacon and the new member, the information sheets all help us to know one another and to understand the meaning of church membership.

To indulge now in statistical testimony: The first 100 additions at Trinity to be received this way show in twenty weeks—30 out of 31 professions of faith were baptized, 50 out of 100 enrolled in B. T. U., 86 out of 100 enrolled in Sunday School, 94 out of 100 in preaching service twice a month, 82 out of 100 in Sunday night services twice a month, 64 out of 100 in prayer service twice a month. Four out of 100 have moved out of town, but we know where. We have gleaned the following workers out of the 100 to meet our needs in an enlarged organization: 2 deacons, 12 Sunday school teachers, 2 department superintendents, 5 T. U. department heads, 3 B. T. U. sponsors, 13 church officers and permanent committee members, 12 new choir members. Our giving has more than doubled because these new people have given. Out of the 69 additions by letter, 39 came from churches outside of Lexington. These people especially needed an orientation to our church.

We are convinced that a program similar to this will conserve the results of your evangelistic effort this year.

Home Board's John Caylor to Teach His Own Book



John Caylor

The Long Run W.M.S. is interested in studying the book, *Ways of Witnessing*, so they have planned two meetings for its study. For their teacher they have secured none other than the author himself, Dr. John Caylor, of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. The night

meeting will be at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, February 10. Dinner will be at 6:00, and class at 7:00. The day meeting will be at Crescent Hill Church, February 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The nursery will be open. Mrs. W. Lyle Pearce, publicity chairman, urges all ladies of Long Run Association to attend both meetings.

Kentucky Baptist Choirs to Sing At the Southern Baptist Convention

By EUGENE F. QUINN

All choirs of adult and teen age in Kentucky Baptist Churches have been invited to form a thousand-voice choir to sing at the Friday night session of the Southern Baptist Convention on May 22, 1959, at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Dr. Forrest Heeren, who has been appointed convention music director by President Brooks Hays, has extended an invitation to the choirs of the Baptist churches in the state of Kentucky to mobilize for the great opportunity.

The first rehearsal in preparation for this event will be held at the *Regional Music Festivals* at Mayfield, Henderson, Scottsville, Danville, Cynthiana, Harlan and at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, all of which will meet on Friday night, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. All of the choirs that participate in each of these festivals will conclude the festival with simultaneous rehearsals of the identical special music that will be used at the Southern Baptist Convention.

The final rehearsal will be held in Freedom Hall on Friday afternoon, May 22, at not earlier than 5:00 p.m. Dr. Heeren will direct the Central Regional Festival rehearsal, and this final rehearsal on May 22.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST MUSICIANS, LET'S MEET THE CHALLENGE!



MISS GEORGETONIAN AND MR. GEORGETONIAN.—Eight hundred and two student voters of Georgetown College have elected Carroll Hubbard, Jr., Louisville and Betty Von Fuller, Mt. Sterling, as 1959's Mr. and Miss Georgetownian. On the Georgetown campus Hubbard is editor-in-chief of the weekly student publication, *The Georgetownian*, a member of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, and last year was editor of the year book, treasurer of the Baptist Student Union, and on the Dean's List. Miss Fuller, also a senior, is secretary of the student body, president of the Woman's Athletic Association, a cheerleader, and voted last year's Most Popular Girl.

Glenn A. Igleheart Ordained at Parkland Church, Louisville



Glenn A. Igleheart

Glenn Igleheart was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, January 21, 1959. Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, interim pastor, presided over the service. Dr. V. L. Stanfield, associate professor of preaching at Southern Seminary, preached the ordaining sermon; Chester A. Igleheart, father of the candidate and director of promotion for Long Run Association, brought the charge to the church and R. T. McGinity, chairman of the deacons, brought the charge to the candidate.

Mr. Igleheart is a graduate of Murray State College, where he was president of the B.S.U. and later state B.S.U. president. He is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary and is now doing graduate work there.

He has served in the position of minister of music at the Cherry Corner Baptist Church, Murray, assistant pastor of East Baptist Church, Paducah, and youth director of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville. He is now pastor of the Stewart's Creek Baptist Church, Central Association.

Mrs. Igleheart is the former Miss Nancye Schad of Versailles.

►Dr. Cort Flint, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., has had a sick spell and is now confined to the local hospital there. In former years he was pastor of the Lynn Acres Baptist Church, and administrative assistant to Dr. Duke K. McCall at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

FORWARD PROGRAM OF CHURCH FINANCE

Thomas B. Chaney, Director

They Didn't Believe in Pledging, But They Did the "Impossible"

By HARRY L. WINTERS, Pastor
Guthrie Baptist Church, Guthrie, Ky.

We increased our budget 78.9%, over-pledged that amount and our offerings have been more than was pledged. This has been accomplished in a church that did not believe in pledging. One person said, "We tried to get the people to pledge one time and then had to borrow money to pay the pastor." You can readily see how I was almost persuaded to turn back and forget the whole thing.

The story is this—Nine months before we finally adopted the Forward Program, I began trying to interest our people in it. A few of our people wanted then to go ahead with it, but I felt that they were too few. Each time it was mentioned, some of our people would quickly tell us frankly that they did not believe in pledging.

There were fewer people than usual at the business meeting. We had said that we would take final action that night so I felt that I had no choice and must bring it up for discussion and a vote. I felt sure it would be voted down. It was discussed somewhat briefly and then I took the vote. About one third of the people voted for it and the others refused to vote. (This in spite of the fact that I had pleaded with them to vote their convictions on this question). Again I felt that I had no choice but to go ahead. I contacted Dr. Robert J. Hastings and asked him to help us in putting on this program.

Dr. Hasting came. There were about half as many as I had asked for to meet with him. He suggested the number of committees that we needed. I went to my study, asked God for grace and wisdom, wrote the names of thirty-nine people and started calling them. Of the thirty-nine people, one asked to be placed on a different committee while the other thirty-eight accepted unhesitatingly. I told the church of this experience the next Sunday and had some volunteer to serve.

Our budget committee met. I had a suggested budget in my pocket but thought I would wait and see just how far they would go. (We had some of our most conservative people on the committee). Their budget goal was more

than mine in almost every instance. I was almost afraid for the people to learn about it. As they did, I began hearing on every hand, "It is impossible."

With determination that we would leave out no part of the program, we went ahead. The one encouraging feature was that as we had begun, so we continued; we never lacked for people to do the work. Every deadline was met. Some worked into the night to do the work they had agreed to do. Our Loyalty Dinner was a wonderful experience. On pledge day almost 75% of our budget was pledged. Our weekly goal was \$511.00. By Victory Sunday we had pledged \$512.86. The offering on "Pledge Day" was \$660.77 and on "Victory Sunday" \$521.23. Since Pledge Day our offerings have averaged approximately \$530.00. Tithers increased from an estimated 50 to 156.

The Forward Program is in our budget for next year.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Campbellsville's Billy Tillett Appointed Summer Missionary to Alaska

By J. CHESTER DURHAM



Billy Tillett

Mr. Billy Tillett, a Junior at Campbellsville College, has been chosen by Kentucky students to represent them in Alaska during the summer of 1959. Billy, a native of Danville, Kentucky, is an English major at Campbellsville. While in college, Billy has served as missions chairman

and representative of the College Brotherhood. In addition to this, he has been a chief counselor of Royal Ambassadors, Associational youth director, and has spent several summers work-

ing in Royal Ambassador camps at Cedarmore.

As a summer missionary in Alaska, Billy will be working with the Home Mission Board in establishing new churches and Sunday schools. His appointment is a part of the annual program of summer missions sponsored by the State Student Department.

FOUNDATION

The Pastor's Thoughts

By A. M. VOLLMER,
Executive Secretary
Kentucky Baptist Foundation

The following is from the bulletin of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, and was written by its pastor, William T. Flynt:

"Legal matters claim the attention of many, many individuals at this time of the year. For some, January 15 is the deadline for filing income tax returns. Others are concerned with investments and things related thereto. In our Southern Baptist Convention Calendar of Activities, January is called 'Will Making Month.' It is a good time for that to be emphasized and it is a very good idea to be promoted. There is no way to know how many millions of dollars have been lost to the Kingdom of God through negligence on the part of individuals about making a will. There is a Southern Baptist Foundation and there are individual State Baptist Foundations set up for the purpose of procuring, investing and safe-guarding funds for Baptist agencies and institutions.

"Young and old should make a will soon if you have not already done so. Protect those you love and the cause you love by making a will that the courts will honor. You should obtain the services of a competent lawyer. The cost of preparing a will is very nominal. (We hope to have the record of our individuals' contributions to our church for 1958 ready to mail soon. In these stewardship reports we will enclose two tracts printed by The Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Inc. I hope many of you will read them carefully.)

"Death is certain to come to all of us, but a person's influence and material possessions can go on working for ages for the glory of God. After you have provided for those you love, why not leave the rest of your estate to one of our Baptist causes close to your heart. You might want to leave some to your

local church to be used for a specific purpose. My strongest appeal, however, would be that you remember our denominational needs, such as Georgetown College, or the Seminary, or the Children's Home, or the Cooperative Program. Any sum can be left with the KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION and it will be invested according to laws governing such an agency of Trust, and the earnings will be sent to those institutions which you have specified in your will. I am not writing as a lawyer in legal terms, but as one who hopes that in the ages to come Christ will be honored by our faithfulness in Christian will making. Do it now."

The Secretary and Directors of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation feel that this is timely advice on the part of this pastor and could wish interest in this phase of Kingdom work would be more wide-spread.

MUSIC

Christian County Has Harry Hampsher For its Music School

By EUGENE F. QUINN



Harry Hampsher

Christian County Baptist Association is having a music school in which Mr. Harry Hampsher of Mayfield will teach during February 2-6 at Hopkinsville. Associational Music Director Malcolm Lunceford is directing the multi-class music school, which is sponsored by the association of churches in Christian County.

DAVIESS-McLEAN ASSOCIATION HAS SIX MUSIC CLASSES

Six church music classes will be featured in the Daviess-McLean Associational Music School during February 16-20. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night except Wednesday, the following classes will be open to everyone: Church Music Manual, The Beginning Vocalist, Gospel Song and Hymn Playing, Technique of Conducting, The Beginning Music Reader, and Music in the Bible.

Heading the list of teachers of the classes is Mr. C. A. Holcomb, who is Director of Field Promotion of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

Other teachers include State Music Secretary E. F. Quinn, Mrs. Norbert Taylor, Mr. George Mills, Jr., Miss Jane Barnett, and Rev. Curtis Warf, the latter four being residents of the Owensboro area.

DR. FORREST HEEREN TO DIRECT CHOIR FESTIVAL IN LOUISVILLE



Forrest Heeren

Dr. Forrest Heeren, dean of the School of Church Music of Southern Baptist Seminary, will direct the combined adult and youth choirs of the Central Regional Choir Festival at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville on Friday night, February 27. The children's

section of choirs will meet on Saturday afternoon, February 28. Regional Music Director Louis O. Ball, Jr., is in charge of the festival, which is sponsored by the state music department of Kentucky Baptists.

COMING MUSIC SCHOOLS

Association	Date
Bethel	January 25-30
Russellville, First Baptist Church	
Christian County	February 2-6
Hopkinsville, First Baptist Church	
Logan County	February 2-6
Elk Lick Baptist Church	
Mercer	February 2-6
Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church	
Daviess-McLean	February 16-20
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave. Church	
Long Run	February 20-21
Lou., Highland Baptist Church	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

One-For-One

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



R. E. Boatwright

One major preparation for a successful evangelistic effort is the One-For-One Plan. Starting February 1 with the Simultaneous Religious Census we're asking the teachers and officers of our Sunday schools to be responsible for enrolling one additional pupil in Sunday school from February 1 until the Simultaneous effort in March and April. This entered into conscientiously would provide thousands of new prospects for our churches. There are approximately 43,000 teachers and officers in Baptist Sunday schools in Kentucky. Surely a large percent of these would be willing to enrol additional pupils. Evangelistic opportunities are far greater when lost people are enrolled in Sunday school.

Now is the time to make definite plans for the One-For-One program.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC

The Sunday School Department in cooperation with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Little Bethel Association have planned an outstanding State Sunday School Clinic, February 9-13, 1959 to be held with the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Kentucky. This is an opportunity for Sunday school workers to become better informed on Sunday school work which will in turn inspire them to do greater work in the local Sunday schools. Outstanding personnel has been selected from various states in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Make plans now to attend.

STATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

The State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held with Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, February 26-27, 1959, under the direction of Mr. Harry Garrett. An outstanding program has been planned to aid the associational workers in the state who will be interested in promoting Vacation Bible School work in various associations. We urge all Vacation Bible School workers to take advantage of this opportunity.

TOP TEN ASSOCIATIONS IN TRAINING FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Long Run	361
West Kentuckiana	240
Elkhorn	112
Caldwell	109
Nelson	101
Pulaski County	96
South District	68
Bell County	65
Daviess-McLean	62
Gasper River	57

TOP TEN CHURCHES IN TRAINING FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Ninth and O, Long Run	221
Grace, West Kentuckiana	149
Walnut Street, Long Run	111
Somerset, First, Pulaski Co.	70
Lebanon Junction, Nelson	62
Morgantown, Gasper River	57
Russellville, First, Bethel	51
Middlesboro, First, Bell Co.	50
Corydon, Green Valley	40
Audubon, Long Run	38

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

State WMU Meeting At Calvary Church Lexington, April 7-9

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

The annual meeting of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at Calvary Church, Lexington, April 7-9, 1959.

A very fine program is being prepared by our president and those working with her.

There will be special features on youth work and the work of business women. Make your plans now to attend this important, inspirational meeting, with a large group from your church.

Watch this page for information about program features, conferences, awards, banquets, and other important information.

Representation

According to our By-laws, official messengers to the annual session, with the privilege of voting are: (1) members of the Executive Board; (2) WMU Field Workers; (3) Chairmen of Departments, namely, Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship, Community Missions, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, Sunbeam Band; (4) Regional Chairman of Departments and Divisions; (5) Regional Youth Leaders; (6) Superintendents of Associations; (7) Associational Group Leaders; (8) Associational Youth Leaders; (9) Former State Presidents; (10) one from each WMS and one additional for every fifty members above the first fifty, three being the limit (except the hostess church which is entitled to six) and three from the Department of Youth of each WMS.

Credential Cards

Requests for credential cards for messengers are to be sent to the State Office. Names and addresses of those requesting them and the organizations they represent must be included with the request for the cards.

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received but your card will be on file at the registration desk in Lexington, if you have requested one.

Your request must reach us in time for cards to be prepared before the State Meeting. Please get your request in early. Remember, also, that we can issue cards only in keeping with provisions of the state by-laws.

Room Reservations

Entertainment in homes will be on the pay plan, which is the plan adopted many years ago. The rates will be \$2.00 for bed and breakfast. Send reservations to: Mrs. E. L. Hulett, 104 Westwood Dr., Lexington. A list of hotels and motor courts, with rates, appeared in the January 29 issue of *Western Recorder*.

Make your reservations as soon as possible.

BROTHERHOOD

Royal Ambassador Committee

(This is the first of seven articles dealing with the work of suggested Brotherhood Committees. Functioning Committees eliminate "PROJECTS," as such, from Brotherhoods and focus the attention of men upon areas of church ACTIVITY.)



F. R. Sawyer

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth." (Psalm 144: 12).

The work of the Royal Ambassador Committee may be summed up as follows: (1) To promote, through the Brotherhood, the Royal Ambassador Program; (2) To provide and train leadership for Royal Ambassador chapters; (3) To lead the men of Brotherhood to assist in reaching more boys and to provide an adequate number of chapters and leaders to care for all boys who may be reached.

1. Work closely with Royal Ambassador Counselors—be a "strong right arm" to leadership with boys.
2. Through the Brotherhood lead the church to provide adequate meeting place, literature, and other equipment needed to work with boys.
3. Insure a sustained leadership for boys. Boys lose interest when without a leader even for a short time.
4. Encourage the financing of the Royal Ambassador program through the church budget.
5. Encourage the church to place in its budget subscriptions for AMBAS-

SADOR LIFE for each Royal Ambassador.

6. Organize additional chapters by age groups. Where possible, have a chapter for each age, nine through seventeen.

7. Serve on reviewing council and seek the assistance of other men when needed.

8. Serve at Recognition and Initiation services.

9. Lead the Brotherhood to provide for year round program of special events of interest to boys such as camping trips, sports, sports events, hikes, trips of interest to boys, etc.

10. Give assistance in sending boys to Royal Ambassador Camps, Conclaves, Congresses and other events.

11. Keep the Brotherhood informed as to the activities of Royal Ambassadors.

12. Assist in planning a worthy program for observance of Royal Ambassador Focus Week.

13. Co-operate with Brotherhood in observance of Layman's Day and use boys when possible.

14. Plan for at least one Father-and-Son Banquet during the year.

TRAINING UNION

Soul-Winning Emphases

By JAMES WHALEY



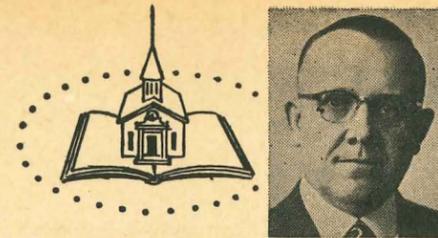
James Whaley

In the next two or three weeks Baptist churches in Kentucky will be placing special emphases on Soul-Winning. Many will be using this time to study one of the several excellent books concerning soul-winning that are available. The following suggestions may be help-

ful in preparing, promoting, and conducting the school.

Plan for special announcements to be made in each Sunday School and Training Union Departmental assembly or general assembly for the two Sundays prior to the study. Have one person in each department hold up a copy of the text for that age, announce the availability of the books, the title, the teacher, the date, and urge members to attend. For the second Sunday select in advance at least four people from each department. Ask them to look through the books and mark some significant statements. Have them quote the statements to the group. Each might say, "I think I'm going to like this study because of statements like that I find in (name of the book).

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

JESUS QUESTIONED about the RESURRECTION For February 8

Luke 20:27-38

After the diabolical scheme of the unscrupulous Pharisees to entrap Christ in His speech concerning giving tribute to Caesar had failed to arouse disfavor toward Him on the part of the Roman authorities, the Sadducees questioned Him about the resurrection.

The Sadducees were skeptical and haughty intellectualists. They were the rationalists of their day. They were not very numerous, but they were men of rank, wealth and considerable influence. The Sadducees did not hesitate to reject any opinions or to repudiate any practices which, according to their way of thinking, put any restraint upon their pleasures or desires. They looked upon people who had a simple faith in Christ and His teachings with disdain. At first they looked upon Christ with amusement, but later they viewed Him with contempt.

These aristocratic Jews claimed to accept as authoritative only the truths set forth in the five books which were written by Moses. They denied the supernatural, the existence of a spirit world, the existence of angels, and the possibility of the resurrection, personal immortality and the future judgment. While striving to sustain their denial of resurrection as taught by the Pharisees, they quickly seized upon the opportunity to defeat Christ with the dangerous weapon of ridicule.

The Sadducees decided to ask Christ a question about the resurrection, in which event they did not believe, for the specific purpose of entangling Him in a theological argument and subjecting both Him and this glorious doctrine to public ridicule. They asked Christ a ridiculous question about an imaginary and fictitious case. The hypothetical case was that of a woman who married seven brothers in succession, all of whom died without having a child. The Sadducees inquired of Christ, in the event that there should be such a thing as a resurrection state, "In the resurrection whose wife of them is she?"

Their question was stated in such a way as to make the resurrection appear ridiculous. In their reference to Deuteronomy 25:5-6 they were attempting to leave the impression that they were in agreement with Moses about this doctrine. Those proud and egotistic Sad-

ducees did not think that Christ could possibly answer their "brilliant" question without being embarrassed greatly.

Like all others who attempted to confuse Christ or to entrap Him, the Sadducees made a miserable failure. However, instead of dismissing their stupid question or rebuking the expressed ignorance of the presumptuous inquirers, with matchless wisdom and perfect skill Christ did three things, namely, charged them with grave error, corrected their mistakes and convicted them through the use of the scriptures which they acknowledged.

Christ made it clear to the Sadducees that all of the relationships which now exist will not continue after the resurrection. He taught that marriage is a relationship for this life only. He declared that marrying and giving in marriage are practiced in this world only. Marriage was instituted to preserve the human race from extinction. Therefore, when death is abolished there will be no need for marriage.

As certainly as God lives there will be a resurrection of the dead. Everything sensual will be removed from God's children in the life beyond this. Like the angels they will be immortal. This life will be one of purity and perfect blessedness, and one that will never end.

Hong Kong Baptist College Building Site Approved By Hong Kong Government

HONG KONG, Jan. 15.—Formal approval has come from the Hong Kong Government through the Crown Lands Office for the building site of Hong Kong Baptist College. Application was made two years ago. Since that time Her Majesty's Government, through its London Office, has confirmed the grant of the site for college building purposes. A request was made to the Hong Kong Crown Lands Office for a change in the direction of the site. This was approved according to formal notice more recently.

The college Board of Trustees is now holding a series of important meetings

to complete initial plans for the campus. An architect will soon be employed to direct the project. Further fund raising activities are also being planned. Southern Baptists sponsor and support Hong Kong Baptist College.

It is the plan of the college to complete the first stage of its building program in time to begin operation in its new campus at the beginning of the institution's fifth academic year.

Hong Kong Baptist College enrolled its largest freshmen class this year when 298 freshmen students matriculated.

BOARD OF CHILD CARE

Considers Election of General Superintendent For Children's Homes

In a recent meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, action was taken leading to the election of a general superintendent for the three Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes. According to Joseph E. Stopher of Louisville, Chairman of the Board, final decision and the election of the General Superintendent will take place in April.

Another important action of the Board provided for the submission by Frank W. Owens, Louisville contractor and Child Care Board member, of plans for a new administration building and three new cottages for children at the Glen Dale Home. These improvements at Glen Dale are next on the list of projects by the Board.

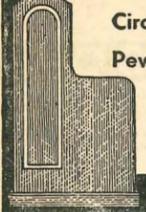
New officers elected at the meeting in addition to Chairman Joseph E. Stopher are: R. L. Duncan, La Grange, vice-president; Ralph Couey, Carrollton, secretary; and Tom Barbee, Louisville, treasurer.

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One Baptism For Every Three Members

SAVANNAH, Ga., U. S. A.—(BWA)—
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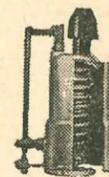
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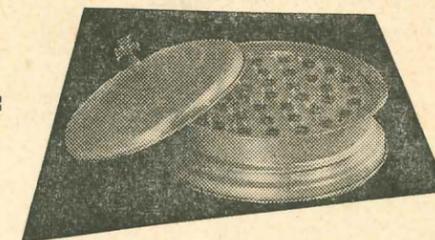
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SOUL-WINNING EMPHASES

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The pastor should personally write or contact all of those who have signed a personal soul-winning commitment card about their attending the classes. This is a definite effort on the part of the church to provide them assistance in the fulfilling of their commitment.

On the Sunday afternoon prior to the school organize a visitation of all absentees of the previous Sunday. Give them an opportunity to sign registration cards. Following are suggestions that could be used for the assembly period.

Have a "My Faith Holds" program. Ask young people who have responded to the invitation of profession of faith in Christ as Saviour to relate their salvation experience and the change it has made in their lives. Have a demonstration visit to lead a non-resident Baptist to move his membership. Have a soul-winning visit demonstration. A number of visual aides are available and are listed in the *Focus Catalogue*. Those especially appropriate are: Approved Unto God Filmstrip—36 frames; He that Repenteth—36 frames; White unto Harvest—36 frames; Words of Life—36 frames; New Life for You—48 frames.

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	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut St.	1523	3	372
Missions (4)	349		67
Lou., Ninth and O.	1116	3	428
Hopkinsville, Second	1015		263
Bowling Green, First	1004		185
Andrew Mission	169	2	
Owensboro, Third	974	4	298
Mayfield, First	964		235
Mission	97		
Owensboro, First	918	5	221
Lou., Parkland	900	2	249
Lou., Crescent Hill	894		303
Missions (2)	141	2	
Lou., St. Matthews	884	2	254
Hopkinsville, First (1)	874		281
Lexington, Immanuel	866	3	281
Todd's Road Chapel	25		
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	837		202
Missions (2)	73		
Lexington, Grace	804		243
Elmwood	29		
Lou., Beechland	802	3	195
Mission (1)	156	1	52
Murray, First	800	3	
Mission	20		
Harrodsburg	796		201
Missions (2)	68		52
Frankfort, First	791		219
Somerset, First	789	1	248
Mission	65		
Covington, Calvary	773		
Lou., Beechmont	770	4	182
Missions (2)	361	2	91
Covington, Latonia	768		180
Newport, First	741	1	206
Missions (3)	168		
Lexington, Calvary	725		217
Mission	79		
Glasgow	697		126
Missions (2)	180		
Campbellsville	607	1	248
Missions (4)	97		
Lou., Hazelwood	597		123
Ashland, First	577		151
Missions (3)	165		
Lou., Southside	551	3	103
Mission (1)	54		
Lexington, Rosemont	549	3	141
Henderson, Immanuel	544		
Missions (2)	105		
Middlesboro, First	542	5	199
Owensboro, Hall St.	537		192
Corbin, Central	530	1	148
Mission	69		26

►The sum of \$7,200 has been appropriated for improvements in the Seneca Lake Assembly, Cambridge, Ohio, by the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. They expect to erect six new motel-style units in time for the summer assembly.

Erlanger	529	6	92
Lou., Shively	526	4	145
Shively Heights	177	3	90
Lou., Third Ave.	520		136
Mission (1)	133		40
Ashland, Unity	520		137
Lou., Eastern Parkway	516	2	109
Danville, First	508	1	143
Missions (2)	107	5	34
Bellevue	501		115
Lou., Eighteenth St.	497	7	135
Mission (1)	70		50
Danville, Lexington Ave.	488		74
Mission (1)	62		
Covington, Southside	480		90
Lou., Deer Park	477		112
Davis Mem. Chapel	101		46
Central City, First	477		242
Lou., Beth Haven	475		173
Evansville, Calvary	474		177
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	465		181
Lou., Bethlehem	463		144
Winchester, Central	462		145
Owensboro, Buena Vista	445		155
Lou., Valley Station	429	6	112
Jeffersonton, First	423		126
Ft. Thomas, First	414		114
Corbin, First	412		122
Hazard, First	408		93
Bardstown	408		56
Richmond, First	405		89
Lou., Valley View	405		103
Ashland, Unity	404	1	120
Ludlow, First	403	3	123
Lou., Green Acres	400		152
Lou., Immanuel	399	4	108
Morganfield, First	397		112
Covington, First	397	1	193
Russellville, First	395		128
Mission	54		
London, First	393		135
Mission	57	2	26
Mt. Washington	389		116
Springfield, First	388		106
Lou., Shawnee	387		136
Hodgenville, First	378		113
Nicholasville	375	2	113
Versailles	368		86
Paducah, East	363		159
Walton, First	356		184
Danville, Gethsemane	350		170
Scottsville	329		60
Lawrenceburg	326		53
Tyrone Mission	74		
Leitchfield, First	324	2	91
Frankfort, Crestwood	321		120
Lou., La Salle Ave.	319	6	105
Ashland, Pollard	319	2	133
Mission (1)	78		
Lou., Gethsemane	318		109
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	315		89
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	315		119
Dawson Springs	313		67
Greenville, First	311		131
Bowling Green, Eastwood	310		110
Lawrenceburg, Sand Spring	310		47
Evansville, Keck Ave.	309	4	109
Benton, First	302		117
Monticello, First	298	3	103
Missions (2)	49		
Lebanon Junction, First	296	2	125
Middletown, First	289	1	72
Williamson, E. Williamson	284		82
Mission	68		36
Lexington, Trinity	280	7	125
Middlesboro			
E. Cumberland Ave.	267		89
Old Yellow Creek	262		98
Marion	256		79
Falmouth	255		64
Mission	20		
Cold Spring, First	251	1	100
Lexington, Porter Memorial	247		136
Carrollton, First	235		56
Hazel	235		
Owensboro, Wing Ave.	234		99
Sonora	229		88
Lou., Portland Ave.	228	3	33
Mt. Vernon, First (2)	224		62
Owensboro, Seven Hills	220		62
Bowling Green, Glendale	216		94
Prestonsburg			
Irene Cole Mem.	214	1	
Missions (13)	411		
Lou., Baptist Temple	209		60
Ashland, Fairview	183		75
Missions (2)	51		
Frankfort, Thorn Hill			133