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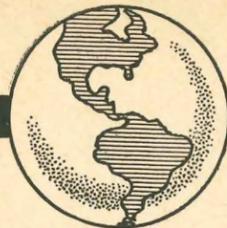
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New Auditorium of the Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, seating 500-plus, which was dedicated Sunday, February 15. (See Article on page 12).

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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

MEERS TO THREE SPRINGS

►Harold G. Meers has resigned the pastorate of the Three Springs Baptist Church, in Liberty Association, to become pastor of the Knoxes Creek Church, Route 3, Magnolia, Ky., in Lynn Association. His duties at Knoxes Creek began March 1.

FOREIGN MISSION ITEMS

►Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Torstrick, Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Chile who recently completed language school in Costa Rica, have departed for their permanent field of service. Their address is Casilla 33, Concepcion, Chile. Both are native of Louisville. Mrs. Torstrick is the former Shirley Lee.

►Eight men, the first persons to profess faith in Christ as a result of Southern Baptist mission work in Mombasa, Kenya, were baptized on Sunday afternoon, February 1. These men had studied Baptist beliefs and doctrines in inquirers' classes for a year, and during the week before the baptism each was given a thorough examination concerning his beliefs.

UP-EAST EXPANSION

►A new mission of Southern Baptist work has been started in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It received Southern Baptist status when its 64 members were voted into the membership of the Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, on February 22. New York's Manhattan Baptist Church is affiliated with the Maryland Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and Paul S. James is its pastor and he is also directing the work of Southern Baptists in Greater New York.

CHANGE OF DATE

►A change has been made in the date of the Kentucky State Baptist Student Union Convention, according to J. Chester Durham, student secretary. The tentative date of October 23-25, as shown in the Baptist Diary and the Calendar of Activities of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, should be changed to November 6-8, 1959. Please correct your calendars accordingly, so you will not be confused by the wrong date.

NEW BBI PRESIDENT

►D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, represented the Association of Southern Baptist Bible Schools at the inaugural ceremonies at Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida, when James A. Southerland was formally installed as the school's president.



Harold T. Prichard is the new minister of music associated with Pastor Frank F. Norfleet at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah. He hails from Knoxville, Tennessee, and has just received his M. S. M. degree from the Southern Seminary's School of Church Music in January. He was graduated from the University of Tennessee in his home town, and has been choir director at Christon Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Park Lane Baptist Church, Hedderheim Chapel Choir Frankfurt, Germany (Army Chapel); and at First Baptist Church, Scottsburg, Indiana. Mrs. Prichard is an organist.

THIRD AT SOUTH ELKHORN

►South Elkhorn Church, near Lexington, observed the third anniversary of Pastor J. Oliver Drew recently. There have been some 200 additions since his arrival, gifts to the Cooperative program have increased, a 3-story educational building has been erected, a new kitchen in the basement has been installed, and work has been started on the remainder of the new basement. The Sunday school

is standard, a teacher training file has been set up, and South Elkhorn ranked eighteenth in the state for training awards issued last year. The Church roll has been revised. Gilbert Wilder, a student at Southern Seminary, is music director.

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Let Us Worthily Honor Southern Seminary's Centennial

By GAINES S. DOBBINS
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
Berkeley, California

The year 1909 marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I had just enrolled as student and was called on by Dr. J. N. Prestridge, editor of *The Baptist World*, to report the meeting for his paper and for *The Courier-Journal*.

The celebration was a notable occasion, bringing to Louisville some of the outstanding Baptists and other religious leaders of the time. Dr. A. T. Robertson was especially featured as the most distinguished New Testament scholar and author of the English-speaking world.

As a youngster, I was deeply impressed by the occasion and the high esteem in which Southern Seminary was held at home and abroad. I remember that I wondered if I would live to see the celebration of the Seminary's 100th anniversary and tried to imagine the tremendousness of the event. Just around the corner is this celebration and I am spared to write about it! In imagination, I can see a cloud of witnesses looking from heaven with eager anticipation—Boyce, Broadus, Williams, Manly, Whitsett, Kerfoot, Mullins, Sampey, Robertson, McGlothlin, Carver, Gardner, Eager, Dargan, Adams, Fuller, Davis and other professors, and a host of alumni. If there is sadness in heaven, would they not be grieved if this anniversary celebration should in any wise fall short because of the misfortune that has just overtaken the school they loved?

I came to the faculty of the Seminary in 1920, when President E. Y. Mullins was at the height of his career and the institution had become world-renowned. Hershey Davis and I, elected at the same time, brought the total of full faculty members to nine! Dr. Mullins died in 1928, just before the depression, and left the Seminary with a building debt of almost a million dollars. For the next twenty years we struggled heroically to pay the debt and keep the school financially solvent. Few new faculty members could be added. We tightened our belts, took salary cuts rather than raises, with never a word of complaint. Always we put the Seminary first. In the close-knit fellowship of a dozen men there was a sort of unwritten agreement that no professor would be proposed to the trustees for election unless we were unanimous.

With the coming of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller to the presidency, we entered a new era. The debt was paid. The Convention's growth and prosperity became

phenomenal. Dr. Fuller possessed amazing ability to get money for the Seminary. The student body increased to a thousand, to twelve hundred, to fifteen hundred, and of course there had to be a corresponding increase in the faculty.

Dr. McCall came to a situation that demanded reorganization and redefinition of policy. The trustees had given Dr. Fuller a mandate to be president, the administrative head of the school, rather than "chairman of the faculty" as in the previous conception. Dr. McCall inherited this mandate which he was obliged to implement. Much of the trouble between certain members of the faculty and the trustees grew out of this difficulty of adjustment from an old order to a new, and an apparent failure to apprehend the genius of the Seminary as a Southern Baptist institution.

I served successively with Presidents Mullins, Sampey, Fuller, McCall. I bear solemn testimony that there was never abuse of administrative authority during these 36 years of my close association with these four men. The most nearly authoritarian of the four was Dr. Mullins, the most democratic Dr. Sampey. Dr. Sampey so leaned backward in his concept of himself as "first among equals" that the trustees by formal resolution required of his successors the exercise of more administrative authority. As is almost always the case, the personal equation entered the picture and inevitably mistakes were made. Perhaps the gravest mistake of the trustees was in not dealing decisively with the difficulty nearer its inception.

What profit can possibly come from agitating the trouble at the Convention in the effort to assess the blame? Whoever in the course of time may be adjudged more blameworthy, *this sin should not be laid at the door of the Alumni—that we failed in our loyalty at this crisis hour of our Alma Mater*. For disloyalty is *sin*—deep and dark. When I think of what the Seminary did for me, helping me to find myself when I was groping and uncertain, giving to me a foundation on which to build a useful career, honoring me with a place on its faculty, I am ready to cry concerning the Seminary as did the Psalmist concerning Jerusalem: "If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth!" And I am persuaded that I echo the sentiment of Southern Seminary's alumni at home and around the world.

Let us not be too much disturbed by the report of the Committee of the American Association of Theological Schools. The report was made by men of known integrity who did not have all the facts and who, I am afraid, were at some points misinformed. Remember, the Association is not "theirs" but ours. No man did more than our own W. O. Carver to promote its organization and perfect its operation. The Association has rendered and is rendering invaluable service to the cause of theological education. It is our friend, and I am confident that we could expect and receive fair and helpful treatment from the Commission on Research and Counsel if their services were requested by the Seminary trustees. The purpose of the Association is not to exercise control nor to punish members after trial and conviction, but "to promote the improvement of theological education in such ways as may be appropriate," as its constitution states. The suspension of accreditation would come, if at all, as a last resort, and only if the Association should be convinced that a member's affairs are in such condition as to require time in which to effect changes which the trustees themselves would voluntarily make in the interest of greater efficiency.

The assumption needs rethinking that loss of these professors, with resultant internal difficulties, imperils the Seminary's academic standing. Apparently account was not taken of the outcome if the demands of the professors had been met by the trustees. The Seminary would have lost its president and, I am confident, even more of its teachers who would not have stayed than those who left.

The Seminary has passed through many storms and weathered them all. A visit to the school, such as I was privileged to make recently, will convince that already the storm is subsiding and that the Seminary is emerging with prospects for even greater usefulness during the next hundred years than during the past.

Alumni and friends of Southern Seminary, hear my plea: *Let us go to Louisville prepared for a great outpouring of love and loyalty to the school that for a century has meant more to the cause of Southern Baptists and of Christ than any other institution God has given us!* Let us feel the presence of that "cloud of witnesses" who with eagerness and holy pride will be watching as we celebrate the centennial of the school to which some gave their lives and from which others received the equipment and inspiration that blessed and fructified their lives! Let no dark shadow fall across this occasion, but let us dispel it with such a display of gratitude and affection that will fittingly mark the turning point for another hundred years of still greater achievement and usefulness.



The Lord's Dilemma

The recent announcement of two special days of prayer leaves one wondering about the dilemma the Lord might face in answering both prayers.

On February 15 all Roman Catholic Churches in the archdiocese of Louisville observed a special day of prayer for persecuted Catholics around the world and especially in China. Archbishop Floersch called the special day of prayer for "supplication for the special graces needed by the hierarchy, the clergy, and faithful, there and elsewhere, to resist the inhuman and cruel efforts of the ruling powers to bring about defections from the faith."

Reports from China indicate an attempt by the Communists to lead Chinese Catholics to rebel against Rome and form an independent church.

The other special day of prayer is scheduled for March 15 and is to be a day of prayer for Spain. This call to prayer has been issued by the National Association of Evangelicals which claim that 20 non-Catholic churches in Spain were closed in 1957 and six more in 1958. These church closings and other forms of persecution such as refusing to allow young people to marry outside the Catholic Church are directly traceable to Roman Catholic influence upon public officials.

This report of religious oppression is not unfounded rumors but is based on authoritative reports of responsible observers. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, in describing his experiences on a recent visit to Spain, tells of visiting Baptist churches in Madrid with Southern Baptist missionary Charles Whitten and two Spanish Baptist pastors only to find several of the churches closed with signs forbidding anyone to enter. Dahlberg also reports the prohibition of the publication of any kind of evangelical literature in Spain and the actual confiscation of 5,000 copies of the New Testament.

Baptist World Alliance President, Theodore F. Adams, has reported the same conditions as a result of his trips to Spain. I have received direct reports from Southern Baptist missionaries of their own persecution with requests not to use their names for fear they might not be allowed to return to Spain once they left the country for anything.

Imagine the consternation of heaven bombarded by prayers from Catholics for relief from Communist persecution and prayers from Baptists and other evangelicals for relief from Catholic persecution. At least Almighty God is not faced with prayers from the Communists. They don't believe in God but believe they can ultimately eradicate in their own strength, Catholics, Baptists and all other professing any kind of Christian faith.

Wise Words From a Sage

Every Southern Baptist should read the article in this issue written by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins concerning the Centennial celebration of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Dobbins and Dr. Jesse B. Weatherspoon are the two living men most qualified to speak on the genius of Southern Seminary.

The insight of Dr. Dobbins and his plea for loyalty on the part of all Southern alumni are typical of this big-hearted saint. Few men, if any, living today have meant more to the entire life of Southern Baptists.

I have profound respect for every word Dr. Dobbins chooses to speak and regard his counsel as good as is likely to be found anywhere. And while I do not agree with every detail of his observations, I heartily agree with his conclusion concerning our part in the forthcoming Centennial observance. Let us heed the wise counsel of this sage.

In the meantime, let us pray for the Seminary Board of Trustees' meeting scheduled next week, March 10 and 11. The outcome of this meeting will largely determine the feeling of Southern alumni in May at the Convention and might well have much to do with whether the Seminary retains accreditation with the American Association of Theological Schools.

It is always easy to find fault with actions of Trustees and this is the case in the Board's dismissal of 13 professors last June. But it must be said that these Trustees acted sincerely and responsibly. They did what they thought was best and they need the Lord's guidance in doing the same next week. One word of prayer for them is worth a thousand words of criticism.

I am encouraged by the mail and in visiting in many places because Baptists are prayerfully concerned about this matter. A dear lady who never saw the seminary nor knows a teacher or student there now assured me recently she prayed every day for God's direction in settling this affair. This is our hope!

No Let-Down in the Interim

One of the truly great Baptist churches in Indiana which is leaving the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky to join the newly formed State Convention of Baptists in Indiana is Calvary Baptist in Evansville. This church is a monument to the grace of God and the dedication of many loyal members led for more than 20 years by Pastor A. H. Cullen. Known as one of the ablest and most effective pulpiteers among Southern Baptists, A. H. Cullen has retired from the pastorate. A "This-Is-Your-Life" reception for him brought friends from many states and saw

gifts presented to him totaling almost \$11,000. What a demonstration of love and appreciation!

Visiting Calvary last Sunday, I found large congregations for morning and evening worship. A joyous spirit of enthusiasm pervaded the services and visitation and witnessing on the part of the members resulted in 3 professions of faith and 5 additions by letter. During the interim Charles R. Hawley, assistant pastor, is doing a superb job.

At noon I enjoyed the hospitality of Walter and Mary Clark, and this was worth the visit to Evansville. Walter is 83 and Mary is 78. They are brother and sister living in historic Newburgh, Indiana, a few miles out of Evansville. Mary is a painter and gave up instructing in a college to go into business painting shades for antique lamps. Walter is an electrician and good at repairing or remodeling anything, and they make a perfect team. Their lamps are shipped all

over the United States, and Mary says she has never caught up with orders since she began painting shades.

By special arrangement we had a sumptuous fish dinner in a dining room overlooking the Ohio River. After a visit to their antique shop we had a delightful visit with Ruby Dell Baugher, the well known invalid author. Ruby Dell is still a Kentucky Baptist but has had to move to Evansville in recent years for the care she needs. Her most recent book, *The Listening Heart*, has just been released and will be reviewed soon in the *Western Recorder*. We talked about Georgetown College where she graduated and where I taught, and other common interests.

Reflecting upon the day at Calvary I remembered what was written on the wall above Walter Clark's work bench. "The Holy Spirit and Walter Work Here." I found the Holy Spirit with Walter, with Ruby Dell and with Calvary Baptists.

SUMMER IN BRAZIL

Editor:

We would like to send a humid, eighty degree greeting to our Kentucky friends who are surrounded with freezing temperatures mixed with plenty of ice and snow. Living in Equatorial Brazil brings us this kind of temperature during our winter months, plus a hotter temperature during our summer time. Due to the tropical rains that go along with this season my clothes have been hung out and brought in twice today and are not not dry as of yet!

We had a lovely trip to Brazil, leaving Louisville on a Wednesday afternoon and arriving in our city early Friday morning. We were thrilled to find a new house waiting for us that had been built with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We want to thank our Kentucky friends who have shared with other Southern Baptists in making this possible for us.

Since returning Paul has been teaching in the Theological Institute, is pastor of a church, doing field work and taking care of three treasuries which mean a lot of bookkeeping. I have been busy taking care of the family, getting our house in order and taking care of passing guests. I do all the shopping, which means you go to one place to buy bread, another for meat, another for vegetables and another for staple goods. None of them are close together. I really do miss the lovely American shopping centers!

Mrs. Paul Sanderson
Brazil, South America



A FURTHER WORD

Editor:

I concur heartily in the feelings and statements of Mr. C. L. Smith as represented in the "Baptist Forum" of the *Western Recorder*, February 19, 1959, concerning our Child Care Program.

A further word concerning it ought to be said. This move is only part of a now well recognized trend throughout our denomination. It was a major contributing factor to the trouble we are having at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Its threat to the unity of our Baptist state work will be remembered by all who kept up with the General Association at Eliabethtown. Done in the name of efficiency and promotion it may well turn out to be the millstone about our necks. Students of church history will recognize in it the same forces that gave birth to the Roman Catholic Church of the third and fourth centuries.

How long will Baptists accept the growing ecclesiastical hierarchy and financial burden it requires! Astute people surely see in it a parallel between civil and ecclesiastical bureaucracy. In the former it is considered a sin; in the latter a blessing.

Recent reports (see editorial of January 8, 1959) indicate that the percentage of increase to the Cooperative Program lags dangerously behind the rate of increase in per capita giving to the church. The answer usually given (same editorial) is selfishness on the part of the local church. With this indictment I readily concur; as I have in most of

your splendid editorials. Yet, there is another answer of equal validity. It is a growing awareness that the first line denominational leader is "traveling first class." Looking at the "big" church preacher and denominational leader (evangelists included) one finds it increasingly difficult to reconcile him with that One who said, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man does not have a place to lay his head." It is the widely travelled leader who challenges the widow to give her "two mites" and the poor to tithe. The two or three car preacher or executive with the \$15,000.00 a year salary plus honorariums is the one most assured that "it pays to tithe." A visit to most of our denominational buildings would create in us quite the same feeling Martin Luther received when he visited Rome and saw St. Peter's basilica.

Let us not add more. Both church and denominational office are called on to sacrifice convenience and luxury that the gospel might reach to the ends of the world. And that we ourselves might know that it is in dying that we live and through suffering we are made perfect. Let the preacher and denominational leader set the example and by so doing put the heart back into the giver and then we will see the kingdom of God coming in power and glory.

Louisville, Ky. John E. Carter

A-men! Bro. Carter, you're really preaching and almost meddling. By the way, you're a pretty big preacher yourself. Let's get together sometime and compare our sacrifices.

Editor



Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

By MISS IONE GRAY, Press Representative

MISSION FIELDS JOIN IN YEAR OF EVANGELISM

Among the actions of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its February meeting was the appropriation of a portion of the money provided for foreign missions through the 1958 Advance Program section of the Co-operative Program. This money, the Foreign Mission Board's share of Co-operative Program funds received after the Southern Baptist Convention's operating budget was met, is being used to meet urgent needs and reinforce the foreign mission task across the world.

"Among the designations made from these funds, none is more significant than the amount set aside for advance project in evangelism and church development," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Board. "Across the world 1959 is being stressed as a year of evangelism. Many special projects have emerged upon the recommendations of Missions and conventions.

"One of the outstanding projects is in Japan where the 70th anniversary of the beginning of Southern Baptist mission work is being celebrated. There will be extensive meetings projected in Japan during the year, and it is anticipated that several people will be going from the United States to share in those meetings.

"One of the reasons we are seeing an increase in mission concern throughout the Southern Baptist Convention is that sizable numbers of leaders in responsible places have been able to make firsthand contributions on mission fields through preaching, conducting clinics, and rendering other types of special services."

SECRETARIES ABROAD

On February 13, the day after the Board meeting, Dr. Cauthen left the States to join Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, in missionary conferences in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He will return to Board headquarters about March 1. Dr. Means has been in South America since January 26 visiting mission stations. He will return the middle of March.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will leave the last of February for a month-long tour of Europe and the Near East. The principal occasion of his trip is the dedication of a new chapel building at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, followed by a conference on theological education. At this conference representatives from national Baptist seminaries in Europe and faculty members of the international seminary at Rushlikon will

seek to reach a correlation of curricula and increased co-operation among all who are working to produce a trained leadership for the Baptist churches and convention of Europe.

While in Europe Dr. Goerner will investigate further the situation with reference to religious freedom in Spain, confer with Baptist leaders in Italy, and visit a Baptist congregation in France. He will also consult with Baptist leaders in Portugal, where Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, veteran missionaries to Brazil, have taken up their residence as fraternal representatives of the Foreign Mission Board.

In the Near East Dr. Goerner will inspect the proposed plot for the new theological seminary in Beirut, Lebanon, have fellowship with new missionaries engaged in language study in Jordan and Gaza, and survey progress being made toward the establishment of a student center in Jerusalem, Israel.

IMPRESSIONS FROM PORTUGAL

Dr. Goerner shared with the Board portions of a report written by Dr. Crabtree on February 3, a few days after he and Mrs. Crabtree arrived in Portugal. "We are impressed with the fine quality of the church members here," Dr. Crabtree said. "The Sunday night congregation looked very much like an average congregation of smaller churches in the States. In spite of strong Catholic opposition the people here seem to be much more open to the gospel than I had expected to find them."

Dr. Crabtree reported that the financial assistance given Portuguese Baptists by the Foreign Mission Board has been gratefully received and has furnished a stimulus and encouragement to the work. Part of the funds were used by one church to rent a preaching hall on the first floor of a new building and rooms above for living quarters for the pastor.

"It was too early for Dr. Crabtree to give a definite opinion as to whether Southern Baptists should plan to send personnel to Portugal," Dr. Goerner told the Board. "The wisdom of sending experienced missionaries from Brazil to serve as our liaison persons has been abundantly proved, as Dr. Crabtree's outstanding first impression was that a major concern of Southern Baptists should be to avoid creating the feeling that our Foreign Mission Board is going into Portugal to 'take over' the work which has been so well done in the past by the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"A beginning has been made in Portugal. Just what the future contribution of Southern Baptists in this small country is to be remains yet to be determined."

Kentucky's Sizemore Made N.Y. Assistant By Home Mission Board



Elmer Sizemore

ATLANTA, Ga.—Elmer Sizemore has been appointed by the Home Mission Board as assistant to Paul S. James, director of Southern Baptist work in Greater New York. Sizemore, who is presently associational missionary in the Washington Baptist Association, Milledgeville, Georgia, will begin his new work March 1. He attended Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Louisville, Kentucky. Sizemore has served as pastor of churches in Duane and Hyden, Kentucky, and as local and county missionary in Kentucky.—L. O. Griffith.

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A. H. Cullen Retires From Calvary, Evansville; Moving to Florida

Pastor Albert H. Cullen has resigned the care of the Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, after a tenure of service with them for the last 21 years. During his pastorate in Evansville he was moderator of both the Ohio Valley and West Kentuckiana Associations of Kentucky, and preached the annual sermon before the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky in 1947 at Owensboro.

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in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada, by foster-parents, educated in Chicago. Dr. Cullen has held pastorates in Illinois, Louisiana and Indiana.

Dr. Cullen is both a great pulpiteer and a great pastor, as anyone can readily know who hears him preach or who reads the record of his accomplishments. The Calvary Church in Evansville has had a phenomenal growth under his preaching, and that church, under his leadership, has established five missions most of which have become churches—Vann Avenue, Fares Avenue, Northeast Park Churches and Fulton Square Mission, all in Evansville, and the First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

The membership of his own church has grown from 300 to 1,300. Three residences were acquired for added building space, a basement dug under the church, a new parsonage acquired, a \$250,000 education building erected, and \$50,000 is in their building fund toward a new auditorium. All of this in addition to helping finance the missions the church has started. Eleven men have entered the ministry under his preaching, and 28 have gone into full-time Christian work, seven as foreign missionaries.

Before they left Evansville, Pastor LaVerne Bulter, Taylorsville, Ky., served as master of ceremonies for a

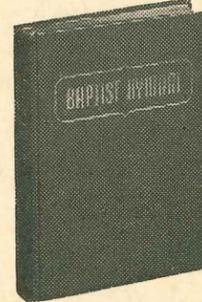
"This-is-Your-Life" program for Pastor and Mrs. Cullen at Calvary Church, at which time many of the events in their lives were re-enacted for them and for their friends to enjoy.

The Cullens are now visiting former pastorates and friends in Louisiana, and will then move on to make their home in Florida.



SHAWNEE ORDAINS SUMMERFIELD.—C. Gerald Summerfield was ordained to preach the Gospel by the Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, on February 8. The Council was convened by Pastor Grady Randolph, and the interoga-

tion was led by Charles Mitchiner. Randolph was elected moderator, and he also gave the charge to the church. The sermon was preached by Dr. J. J. Owens, of the Seminary faculty. Summerfield attended Campbellsville College and was graduated from the University of Louisville. He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is now serving as pastor of Elk Lick Baptist Church in Owen County.

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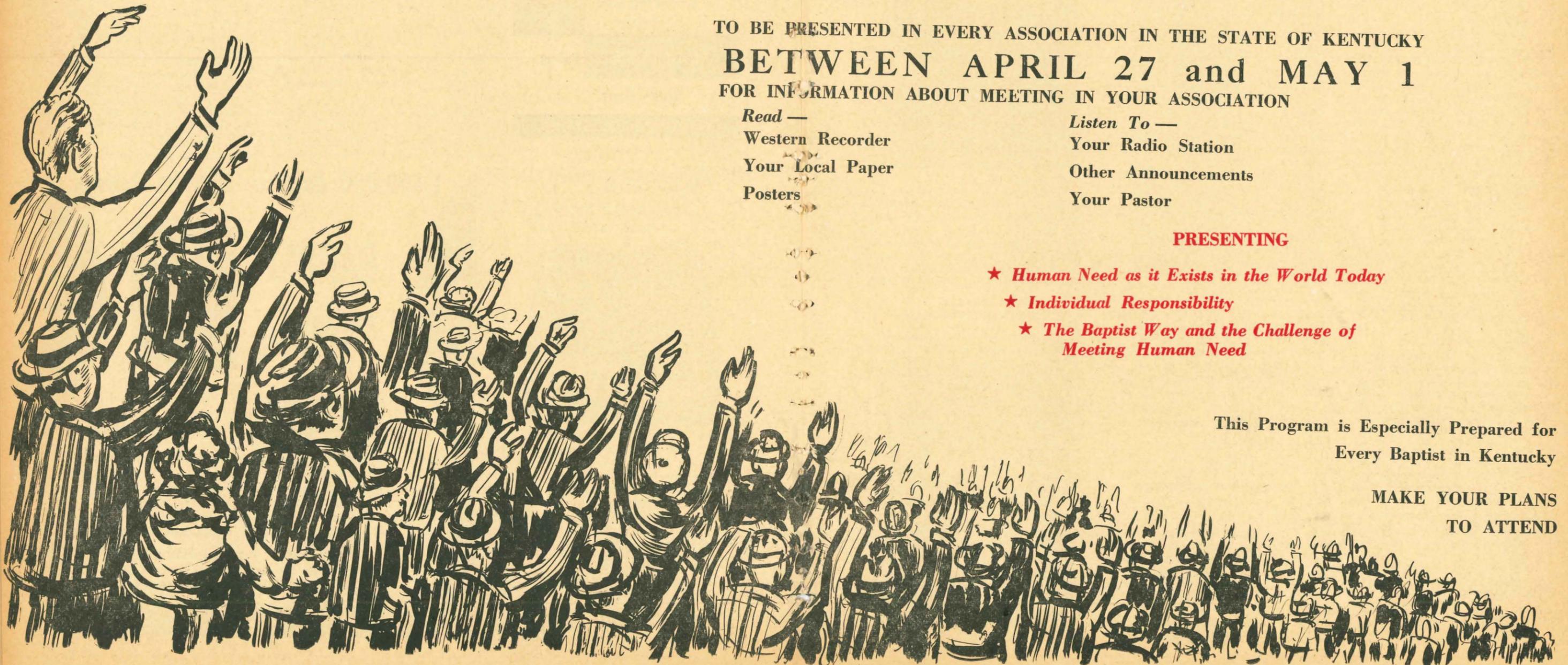
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BROTHERHOOD

Benevolence Committee

[This is the fifth 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.]

"Pure Religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" [James 1: 27]

The Benevolence Committee is to minister personally through fellowship, Christian sympathy, and with physical means to those who are sick, bereaved, aged, sorrowing, or needy. The Benevolence Committee is not the church's committee on welfare, but should seek in every way to co-operate with the church's committee. Members chosen to serve on the committee should be men who are kind, friendly, sympathetic, understanding, and of unselfish spirit.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Make a list of persons in the church membership who are sick, invalided, disabled and plan to keep in touch with them from time to time as they need friendship and help.
2. Work out a program of visitation that will use man of the Benevolence Committee, and other men in the Brotherhood, in doing things for others in Christlike spirit.
3. Help the church to build and maintain a fellowship fund out of which assistance may be given to members of the church who are in distress.
4. Help the pastor by bearing some of the load of visitation to the sorrowing, sick, and aged.
5. Visit frequently the old people who cannot attend church and keep them informed of church programs. In making such visits always read the Bible and have prayer.
6. Encourage church members to attend the funerals among church families. Understanding sympathy at such times means much.
7. Visit convalescent homes and homes for old people, sharing reading matter, and Christian friendship.
8. Make visits to hospitals, giving particular attention to those who are sick and away from their own families.

9. Keep before the Brotherhood and the church the needs of the Baptist Children's Home.

10. When requested, work with welfare agencies to provide subsistence for widows and orphans.

11. Seek to help young preachers with limited means to get started with their ministerial education.

12. Install hearing aids in church pews for the hard-of-hearing.

13. Sponsor Christmas trees and Christmas services for children in mission communities.

14. Counsel with the pastor about occasions to honor the aged at special services, or in revivals, and provide transportation for them to attend church.

15. Render both personal and financial help when possible, especially in cases of prolonged sickness, broken health, funerals.

16. Keep before the men the benevolent causes of Baptists, including hospitals, orphanages, welfare homes, and the like.

17. If any church members should ever be involved in troubles, extend sympathy, friendship, and help.

18. Conduct home services for "shut-ins" to read the Bible, sing, pray.

19. Provide radio or phonograph for the blind, if they have none, to enable them to hear sermons, music, news events.

20. See that men of the Brotherhood mail good-cheer cards, or send flowers to those who are sick in homes or hospitals.

21. Report promptly to the pastor all cases of sickness, distress, or need, and co-operate fully with him in ministering to individuals and families involved.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

State Clinic Has 674 Registered

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT

The Sunday School Department of Kentucky, working in co-operation with the Little Bethel Association and the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, conducted a successful Sunday School Clinic, February 9-13. The First Baptist Church of Madisonville was the gracious host to this clinic.

The faculty consisted of: Dr. A. V. Washburn, Herman King; LeRoy Ford; Jesse Daniel; Roland Crowder; Dr. W.

C. Boone; Dr. Allen Graves; Lawson Hatfield; Sue Eller; Mrs. Lyman Austin; Harry Garrett; Robert Fitts, and Roy Boatwright.

Conference Leaders:

- Cradle Roll Mrs. Mildred Oaks
- Nursery Mrs. Sam Brents
- Beginner Mrs. Charles R. Miller
- Primary Miss Allene Bryan
- Junior Mrs. Bert Bethel
- Intermediate Mrs. Wm. McGibney
- Young People James Lackey
- Adults Elmer Bailey
- Extension Joe Cyrus
- General Jesse Daniel

The following State Approved Workers were present: Mrs. A. B. Colvin; Mrs. H. A. McCabe; Mrs. D. Chester Sparks; Mrs. John Hammatt; Mrs. Charles Ham; W. G. Potts; Mrs. R. B. White; Mrs. Francis Tallant; Mrs. John Bass; B. B. Steele and Mrs. R. B. Hooks.

The total registration reached 674. Of this number 399 were of Little Bethel Association. Thirty-one associations were represented.

The Sunday School Department wishes to express deep appreciation to all who had a part in making this clinic successful. Special appreciation is extended to the First Baptist Church of Madisonville, Little Bethel Association, and the Sunday School Department, of the Sunday School Board, and all faculty members.

PIKE ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

The first associational Sunday school rally of the newly formed Pike Association, met February 2, 1959, with the East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson, West Virginia. Of the twelve churches in the association, nine were represented at this meeting. Due to the fact some people in the association live far from East Williamson Church it was necessary for them to travel many miles to attend.

Rev. James E. Casey, Jr., informs us that all associational Sunday school offices have been filled with capable people.

It was the good pleasure of your State Sunday School Secretary to attend this first meeting.

►President G. Earl Guinn has announced the signing of a new contract for a new \$25,000 indoor swimming pool at Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Speakers for WMU State Meeting

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

Many excellent speakers have been secured for the State Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, April 7-9. Among them are these pictured here:



Mrs. William McMurray

Mrs. William McMurray is director of promotion for the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and comes from Birmingham, Alabama. She has traveled to many of our mission fields and has much first-hand information about our work. She is a fluent, brilliant and inspiring speaker. Don't miss her message on the opening night, Tuesday, April 7.



Mrs. Donald C. Weeks

Mrs. Donald C. Weeks, of Pueblo, Colorado, will be the representative of our Home Mission Board. She is a graduate of Florence State Teacher's College, Alabama, and Carver School of Missions and Social Work. She has served as school teacher, Good Will Center workers, educational secretary, state WMU field worker, worker at WMU headquarters in Birmingham and in other phases of vocational Christian service. In April, 1957, she and her husband were appointed as missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people in Pueblo, Colorado. She greatly challenged her hearers in messages at Ridgecrest and Glorieta WMU Conferences and has written widely read articles for recent WMU and Home Mission magazines, making appeals for Home Missions. Don't miss hearing her at Lexington.



Dr. W. R. Pettigrew

Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, will bring the climax message on Thursday. Dr. Pettigrew has stirred his great church and all of Louisville during the past year with his missionary messages concerning his trip around the world. He was so inspired by his experiences that he led his people to give more than \$13,000 to the 1958 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which may be the largest gift from any one church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Stay through the meeting to hear his message.

Watch this column next week for other speakers and features of the meeting.

►Arthur Jackson, former executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation, has been made administrative assistant of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., according to President Randall H. Minor.

STUDENT UNION

Murray State Sophomore to work In Wisconsin

By J. CHESTER DURHAM



Gearld Sledd

Gearld Sledd, a sophomore at Murray State College, has been appointed for summer mission work in Wisconsin. He was selected by Kentucky Baptist students as one of eight to represent them in needy mission areas. While a student at Murray State, Gearld is serving as minister of music at the Briensburg Baptist Church, Benton, Kentucky. Before enrolling in colleges, his activities in his home church consisted of leading a young people's Training Union, teaching a class of junior boys, and serving as ambassador in chief of Royal Ambassadors. In his college B. S. U., he was chosen to be president of the Freshmen Council, and this year is stewardship chairman.

The Baptist Student Unions on Kentucky campuses are working to reach a goal of \$4,700 to support the eight students chosen to do mission work this coming summer. This project is under the supervision of the State B. S. U. Department.

MUSIC

Florida Graded Choirs Specialist to be at State Music School

By EUGENE F. QUINN



Robert L. Jones

The Kentucky Baptist State Music Leadership School at Georgetown, July 27-31, 1959, will have the able services of Mr. Robert L. Jones of Miami, Florida. Mr. Jones is a minister of music at the Allapattah Baptist Church at Miami, where he has developed during his nine years a fully graded choir program which is nationally known among Southern Baptists.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Music. His choirs were the first to present a demonstration of graded choirs before Southern Baptist Convention in 1952.

This summer will be his fifth teaching assignment at Ridgcrest where he is teaching Intermediate choir leadership.

At Georgetown this summer, Mr. Jones will teach the graded choir class and will direct a boys' choir class and Intermediate boys. This is the area in which he has done outstanding work. Intermediate workers are urged to take advantage of this teaching and demonstration which Mr. Jones will give to them.

TRAINING UNION

J. Winston Pearce to be Speaker at Training Union Convention

By JAMES WHALEY



J. Winston Pearce

Dr. J. Winston Pearce, pastor of First Baptist Church, DeLand, Florida will be the main speaker for the State Training Union Convention April 3-4 at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

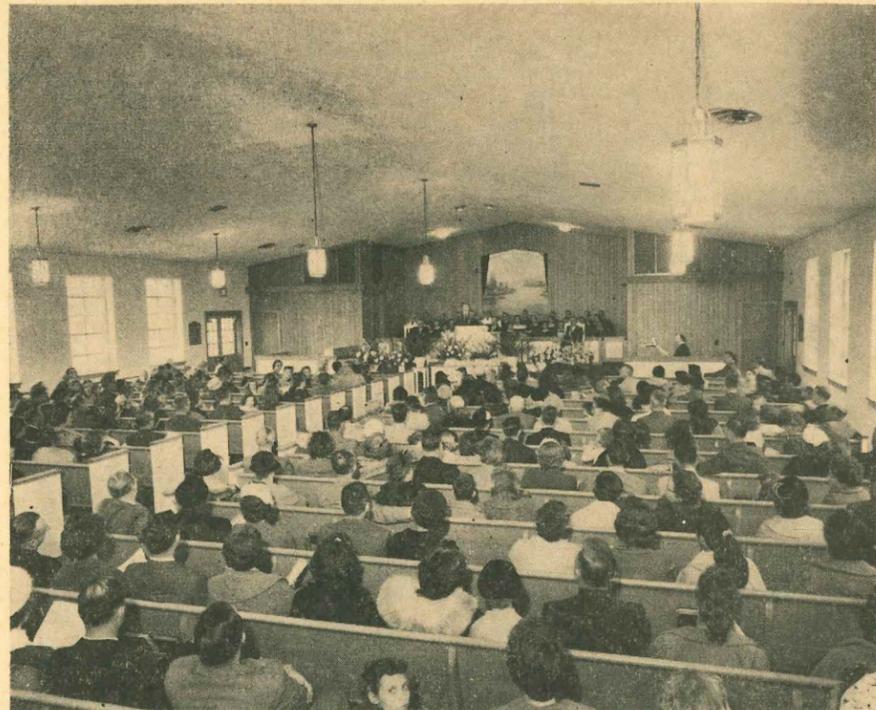
Dr. Pearce is one of the most popular Training Union speakers at Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly each summer.

He is the author of a book on doctrinal studies, *I Believe*. His most recent books are *Window Sill of Heaven* and *God Calls Me*.

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RALPH AVENUE DEDICATES NEW AUDITORIUM



The Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, dedicated its completely new auditorium with a seating capacity of more than 500 on Sunday, February 15. The new auditorium is equipped with new Fawn Oak pews with white maple ends and matching pulpit furniture. Also the church has installed a new organ with chimes, new piano to match the furnishings, new hymnals, carpeting and a public address system.

The day began with a procession from the old building to the new, led by Pastor John M. Snawder, who preached the first sermon in the new building. He spoke on "What Hath God Wrought." To climax the day, he buried 18 persons in believer's baptism.

Ralph Avenue is just over ten years of age. Pastor Snawder has served continuously as the one and only pastor the church has had. In fact, there was no membership when he, at the invitation of Dr. H. Leo Eddleman and the Parkland Baptist Church in 1948, assumed the responsibility for starting a Baptist mission. At the first service 12 people responded to the invitation and became the nucleus to which across the years "the Lord added to the Church . . . such as should be saved."

Materially, Ralph Avenue Church has expanded from \$5,000 in property to approximately \$150,000 in buildings and property. From open country the community has developed to a highly urbanized city. Ralph Avenue has built or made a major expansion six times during its ten-year history, and is making long-range plans for further building.

Spiritually, Ralph Avenue has made its impact upon its own community and the world. Evangelism is a major concept. Apart from its local mission work, Ralph Avenue Church tithes its income into the Cooperative Program, the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board. Also in connection with the "30,000 Movement," Ralph Avenue is sponsoring, in co-operation with the Home Mission Board, a new Baptist Church in Defiance, Ohio.

The present membership is over 500, with a current Sunday school attendance of above 300. Snawder is a graduate of Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, and of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Snawder is the former Mildred Ford of Louisville, Kentucky. They have one little daughter, Jonda Lyn, 3 years of age.

Principal persons participating in the Dedication Service were Pastors Snawder of Ralph Avenue; Rollin S. Burhans, of Crescent Hill, preaching the dedicatory sermon; Ben F. Mitchell, superintendent of city missions, Long Run Association, the prayer of dedication; and Wendell Romans, Beech Grove Baptist Church, the benediction.

►Dillard Hagan is the new pastor of Kuttawa Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky. He comes from Eastern Tennessee, where he has spent fourteen years as a full-time pastor.

Southern Seminary Names H. H. Culpepper, as Professor of Missions

By ASHLEY P. COX, News Director

Hugo Hurlston Culpepper, missionary to Argentina, has been elected, effective June 1, assistant professor of missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A professor in International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, since 1951, Culpepper is completing residence requirements at Southern this semester for a doctor's degree in Christian Theology.

He, a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, had completed studies at Marion Military Institute in Alabama and was studying at the U. S. Naval Academy, when, in 1932, he resigned to study for the Gospel ministry.

After study at Ouachita College, he went to Baylor University, where he received a B. A. degree in 1936. He earned a Master of Theology degree at Southern Seminary in 1939.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1940, he and Mrs. Culpepper, the former Miss Ruth Cochrane, Little Rock, Arkansas, went to Peiping, China, as language students.

Because of international tension a few months later, the language school was moved to the Philippine Islands. In 1941 they were interned in the Baguio Concentration Camp. They remained there until they were liberated by the U. S. Army in 1945.

Following repatriation aboard a troop transport, the Culpeppers, both of them in ill health, went to Little Rock for a two-year period of convalescence. During his interment Culpepper lost 40 pounds of weight.

In 1947 they went to Santiago, Chile, where Culpepper was a professor in the Baptist Seminary. He left that post in 1951 for the teaching position in Buenos Aires.

Mrs. Culpepper holds a degree from Baylor and is a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School, now the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. They have two sons, Richard Alan, 12, and Paul Lawrence, 10.

The parents of Mr. and Mrs. Culpepper live in Little Rock. Both couples are active members of the Immanuel Baptist Church there. His father, J. H. Culpepper, now retired, is former chief of the Federal Income Tax Division for Arkansas. Her father, W. F. Cochrane, is a retired corporation lawyer.

►Dr. John D. Freeman, formerly editor of the Western Recorder, has been serving as interim pastor at the Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., during recent weeks, and on one Sunday night led the church in a special

"Sermon in Song." Along with the choir director, he led the adult choir in the singing of "God's Whosoever Will," one of his own compositions. The new Baptist Hymnals, just purchased by the church, were dedicated at the same service.

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Southern Professor Gets Fellowship Worth \$4,000

By ASHLEY P. COX, News Director

Dr. Henlee H. Barnette, professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has been awarded a grant of \$4,000 by the Commission on Faculty Fellowships of the American Association of Theological Schools.

The professor, slated for sabbatical leave during the 1959-60 session, will use the money to attend Harvard University.

While he is at Harvard, Dr. Barnette plans to complete a manuscript for a

book on Christian ethics. He plans to study theology and ethics at Harvard and the Boston School of Theology.

He also will do research in the Russian Institute at Harvard. Dr. Barnette, who visited Russia in 1957, has taught several courses at Southern Seminary on Christianity and Communism.

►The Baptist Public Relations Association has elected J. Marse Grant, editor of Charity and Children, Thomasville, N. C., as its head for 1959-60. In this honorary position he succeeds Albert McClellan, Nashville.

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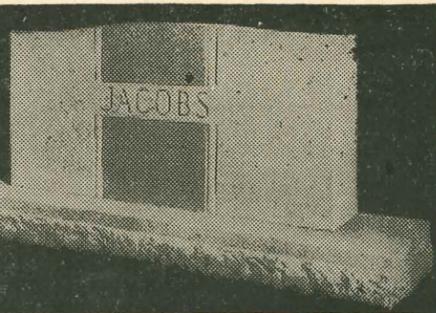


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Mail your nomination now to Mrs. Marse Grant, Thomasville, North Carolina, Awards Chairman. Be sure to include all qualifications of the wife you feel should receive this award. Your entry will then be sent to a panel of judges who will select the one they feel is most deserving. Presentation of the award will be made at the annual meeting in Louisville on May 20.

Winner of the award last year was Mrs. Ollie J. Owens, Greenville, S. C., who is now serving as president of the Ministers' Wives organization. She is well-known for her regular column in the *Baptist Program* about Minnie Belle and her husband Percy Vere, in addition to numerous other activities.

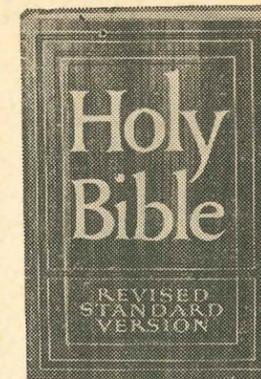
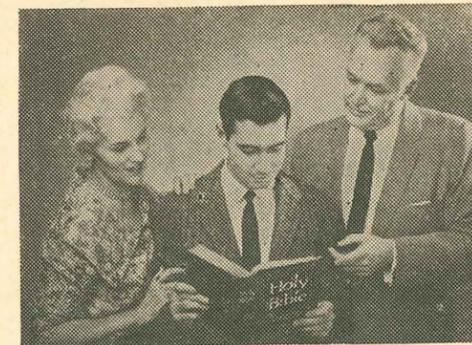
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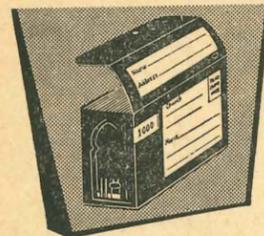
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Lou., Ninth and O	1106	9	496
Madisonville, First	1068	3	272
Bowling Green	931	10	161
Andrew Mission	170	1	1
Lexington, Immanuel	912	1	302
Todd's Road Chapel	21		
Elizabethtown, Severns Val.	877		200
Missions (2)	79		
Hopkinsville, Second	872	4	221
Lexington, Ashland Ave.	863	1	130
Lexington, Calvary	835	2	225
Mission	48		
Mayfield, First	832		212
Mission	111		
Covington, Calvary	824		
Lexington, Grace	783	2	207
Mission	22		
Frankfort, First	779	1	186
Hopkinsville, First	775	1	248
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Murray, First	770	5	165
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Missions (2)	379	3	118
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Lexington, Rosemont	570	1	151
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Mission (1)	131	2	52
Florence	500		68
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Evansville, Calvary	519		189
Georgetown	512	2	153
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Lexington, Porter Mem'l	500		141
Danville, First	496		150
Missions	141		75
Ashland, Unity	496	2	143
Lou., Beth Haven	491	6	158
Lou., Shively	482		137
Shively Heights	172		94
Bellvue	480		101
Lou., Eastern Parkway	479		95
Covington, Southside	475		64
Lou., Farmdale	469	1	164
Mission (1)	87		40
Lou., Southside	467		80
Mission (1)	78		
Central City, First	463	2	243
Danville, Lexington Ave.	457		78
Mission (1)	70	2	
Lou., Valley Station	433	2	96
Lou., Green Acres	430	6	135
Lou., Deer Park	419		81
Mission	110		35
Lebanon, First	416	1	105
Lou., Bethlehem	416	1	111
Lou., Shawnee	402	1	145
Hazard, First	402		96
Springfield, First	400		112
Mt. Washington	398		113
Russellville, First	63		
Corbin	387	1	119
Ludlow, First	384		97
Mission	384	1	87
Franklin, First	384		30
Mission	54		77
Jeffersonton, First	379		77
Lou., Valley View	377	2	96
Covington, First	375	2	194
Mission (1)	59		
Walton, First	371		162
Ft. Thomas	364		96
Mission	78		
Lou., Beechwood	362		130
Paducah, East	361		156
Bardstown	357		46
Lou., Immanuel	354	1	101
Bowling Green, Eastwood	350		104
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	346		119
Ashland, Pollard	345	3	124
Mission (1)	64		
Leitchfield, First	329		84
La Grange, DeHaven Mem.	324		65
Paducah, Twelfth St.	322		127

Rio de Janeiro Prepares For 1960 World Congress

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RIO de JANEIRO, Brazil—(BWA)—The Tenth Baptist World Congress will be the largest convention ever held in Rio de Janeiro. That is the personal estimate of Dr. Abelardo Franco, director of tourism for the city.

Rio Baptists will be ready for the Congress. Dr. Edger Hallock, general chairman of arrangements, says 26 committees with a total of 150 members are already at work, though the meeting—June 26-July 3, 1960—is more than a year away.

Hotel men also will be ready. They have allotted some 4,000 rooms for delegates, have made plans to curtail operation of their bars, and have adjusted dining hours to fit the Congress program.

Transportation companies have agreed to furnish special buses, running from hotels to the Congress and return. Rio police have begun studying the English and French languages to be a maximum help to the visitors.

These are among the things told Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Alliance when he met with Baptist committeemen and city officials in early February.

Registration at the Congress is expected to be about 15,000, of which 10,000 will come from the Baptist churches of Brazil. Non-registered visitors to the night session and a mass evangelistic rally at the Congress close is estimated to boost the total attendance to perhaps 200,000.

The meeting is expected, therefore, to be one of the strongest evangelistic witnesses ever known to Latin America, a nominally Catholic area.

Rio Baptists are among the fastest growing Baptist groups in the world. There are 121 Baptist churches in Rio proper and another 72 in the suburban areas. Every one of these churches is self-supporting.

Lou., La Salle Ave.	317	2	66
Lawrenceburg, Sand Spring	310	1	58
Benton, First	306	4	117
Middleboro, East			
Cumberland Ave.	291		
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	289		117
Lexington, Trinity	287	5	134
Campbellsville, So. C'ville	284	1	102
Williamson, E. W'son	274	2	75
Mission	102		51
Dayton, First	269		
Falmouth	263		59
Lou., Gethsemane	262		111
Carrollton, First	260	1	69
Middletown, First	252	3	83
Marion	245		78
Hazel	225		
Lou., Baptist Temple	225		65
Bowling Green, Glendale	221	3	121
Mt. Vernon, First (2)	220		72
Lou., Baptist Temple	210		73
Cloverport	202	4	39
Middlesboro, First	201		21
Bowling Green, Forest Park	201		69
Grayson, First	168		72