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Dr. Robert Lee Mills, new president of Georgetown College, who will assume his office June 1.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

►Evangelist Billy Graham and his team plan an eight-week crusade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 13-October 8, 1961.

MR. PRESIDENT, S.B.C.

►The new book by Ex-congressman Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, entitled, "A Southern Moderate Speaks," came from the University of North Carolina Press on March 14.

INCREASE OF 2,600%

►J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, says: "The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 with 351,951 members in 4,126 churches. By 1873 its membership had reached 1,000,000; and by 1940, 5,000,000. In the brief span between 1940 and 1958, membership increased more than 4,000,000." We have now reached a total membership of 9,206,758 in 31,498 churches.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

►Dr. Thomas Frederick Keyte, chairman of the Council, Baptist Theological College, Melbourne, Australia, was in Louisville, Kentucky, on March 24, and visited the Kentucky Baptist Building and the *Western Recorder* offices. The Melbourne institution is about seventy years old, and has an enrollment of 65 students. In addition to being head of the Theological College, he is pastor of the Ivanhoe Baptist Church. He is speaking in churches and conventions in the United States.

FROM WHOSE HANDS

►The Foreign Mission Board recognized more than 275 years of missionary service as it voted to place six missionaries on emeritus status and paid tribute to Dr. H. H. McMillan, emeritus missionary to China and the Bahamas who died January 29. Retiring March 1 were Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, of China and Hawaii, Miss Lora Clement, of China and Malaya, and Rev. and Mrs. Ivan V. Larson, of China, the Philippines, and Taiwan (Formosa). Miss Minnie Landrum, of South Brazil, retired February 28. The Blackmans and Miss Landrum each served for nearly 37 years, the Larsons for nearly 40 years, Dr. McMillan for 42 years, and Miss Clement

for nearly 44 years. "How splendid it is that missionaries go and serve long years and make lifelong contributions," Dr. Cauthen said.



Wayne E. Todd has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss., and has accepted the work as secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Library Service, Nashville, Tenn., and began those duties April 1, according to Harold E. Ingraham, director of the Board's Service Division. While a student some years ago in the Southern Seminary at Louisville he was pastor at Salvisa, Ky., and later became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Danville, Ky., and of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

TWO MEN ORDAINED

►Clyde Rhea and J. H. Hollingshad were ordained to the gospel ministry in a special service at the First Baptist Church, Pineville, Sunday evening, February 1. Pastor Raymond Sanderson presented the candidates to the church. Rhea, who graduated from Cleer Creek Baptist School in January, has been called as pastor of the Rose Hill Baptist Church in Virginia. He and Mrs. Rhea and their four children are now residing at Rose Hill. Hollingshad, a first year student at Cleer Creek, is pastor of Mt. Eden Baptist Church in Pulaski County. Mrs. Hollingshad and their two daughters

attended the ordination ceremony. Missionary Elden Jones of Bell County Association, preached the ordination sermon. After the laying on of hands by all ordained ministers and deacons present, Foley Partin, Pineville deacon, led in the ordaining prayer.

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CUBA'S CRUCIAL HOUR

By MARJORIE J. CAUDILL, S. B. C. Missionary
Havana, Cuba

The island of Cuba is experiencing the most radical change it has ever been through in all of its history as a republic. After the blackest period in her national life she has suddenly emerged into the light of what promises to be a new day of freedom, justice and righteousness. After a long night-mare of bloody tyranny, in which there were no constitutional guarantees nor freedom of the press, in which Batista made a mockery of the courts, from the supreme court on down, and a mockery of elections, in which a knock on the door at midnight by secret police meant torture and death, we find ourselves in the dawn of a new regime that is trying desperately to give Cuba an honest government and to clean up her dens of vice.

The provisional government is made up of men of high ideals but, in many cases, little experience. They have the impetuosity of youth and the impulsiveness of the Latin, but their very boldness and courage in seeking to wipe out gambling, sinecures in the government, dishonesty in handling public funds, and all the other long list of vices that have been afflicting Cuba, deserve the admiration of all, and the prayers of Christians everywhere. They have made mistakes, and will probably make others, but they have brought order out of chaos much more quickly than anybody might have expected.

Fidel Castro forbade drinking, gambling and immorality in his rebel army from the very beginning, and this is still being rigidly observed in the armed forces. What is going to be difficult to enforce will be the law against gambling in the nation as a whole. Gambling is deep-rooted in the Cubans for generations back: the Catholic church promotes raffling; there has always been a government lottery, and during the Batista regime the "big gamblers" of the United States were imported and encouraged with all kinds of concessions. With the help of Batista fabulously luxurious hotels were built, whose main attraction and source of income were the gambling casinos. As an example, Batista gave \$6,000,000 of the total cost of \$15,000,000 for the construction of the Hotel Riviera. Naturally the big gamblers and other cohorts of Batista are not giving up the fight to keep their lucrative business, and the false propaganda being put out and the pressure being brought to bear on the new government is terrific.

Never before has Cuba had so many

evangelicals and evangelically-inclined men in places of high office. Never before has a Cuban president called in a group of evangelical pastors and asked for their help in combatting crime and vice in the nation. Provisional President Urrutia, on last Saturday night (January 16) told twelve pastors that the evangelical churches are the only organizations in Cuba that have the moral right to offer their help in combatting these evils, as they have always stood for social justice and clean living. Dr. J. M. Sanchez, one of our Baptist pastors, closed the interview with a prayer for the new president and his government, and for Cuba at this historical moment.

In one of the darkest periods of the Batista regime, in April of 1958, when the general strike which Fidel Castro had called failed and government brutality became more and more intense, our Baptist radio preacher, Rev. Domingo Fernandez, called all evangelicals to unceasing prayer for some way out of the terrible situation. No solution was in sight, and many thinking people were saying, "There is no political figure on the horizon that offers any hope of a way out of our agony." But Christians formed prayer groups, around-the-clock prayer chains, and every public and private prayer included a fervent petition for peace and for an end to injustice, torture and crime.

Bibles and testaments were sent in great quantities to the rebel soldiers, and when there were not enough to go around they copied passages (especially Psalms 91) before going into battle. Classes that were organized for the soldiers in the Sierra Maestra had a number of Baptists among their teachers.

God has answered our prayers beyond what we had asked. A Presbyterian doctor is a member of the new cabinet. A Baptist is administrator of the presidential palace. Another Baptist is assistant to still another member of the cabinet. In Police Station No. 5 in Havana, where the famous Ventura formerly held sway and tortured hundreds of "Fidelistas" with unbelievable instruments of suffering, a Baptist from Guantanamo is now the captain. Last Sunday the pastor of the McCall Baptist Church stood within a few feet of the torture chambers and prayed for the new captain who has such a great responsibility upon his young shoulders.

Most of the leaders in the provisional government are cultured men with university degrees: doctors of medicine, of law, of pedagogy. But many of them lack the school of experience, and it is

not going to be easy to carry out the high goals they have set before them. We would plead with American Christians that they not be too quick to criticize the new government—new not only in time of existence but new in personnel from top to bottom, and completely different in ideals from anything Cuba has ever had. Will they be able to carry them out? Christian friends, Cuba needs your prayers in this, her crucial hour!

Baby-Sitting Care For Southern Baptist and W. M. U. Conventions

Concerning child care during the sessions of the Southwide W.M.U. Convention and of the Southern Baptist Convention at Freedom Hall, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Grounds, Louisville, Kentucky, May 18-22:

Child care facilities will be provided at Freedom Hall for children, ages two through five years. Children under two years of age cannot be cared for at Freedom Hall, because of the problem of formula feeding, the lack of refrigeration, etc. However, a list of private baby-sitters made up from our Baptist churches will be furnished those desiring this service. This service will be individually arranged with the parties offering such service. Names may be secured in advance by writing Mrs. A. B. Colvin, 515 Eline, Louisville, Ky.

Parents leaving children in the Nursery at Freedom Hall will be charged \$1.00 per session per child, and the parents must call for them within 15 minutes after the close of each session. Only light refreshments will be provided for the children, and the parents will be responsible for taking the children out for their meals. A group of competent workers from Carver School, along with a number of workers from our local Baptist churches will be in charge of caring for the children. They will seek to furnish helpful entertainment in the form of stories, films and directed activities for the children.

Local children, from the Louisville area, will not be cared for at Freedom Hall. We are not able to provide enough room for them, and we are trying to be good hosts and provide for those who will be our guests during the Convention. Local people will also be able to secure adequate help among their neighbors.

Mrs. A. B. Colvin, Chairman
Child Care Committee
W.M.U. Convention

D. E. Jones, Chairman
Child Care Committee
Southern Bapt. Convention



Godspeed to the New President

Dr. Robert Lee Mills returns to his native Kentucky to become president of Georgetown College, one of the most demanding and challenging tasks to be found anywhere. To lead a denominational college in these days requires all the wisdom, both human and divine, that a man can possess. To find enough money, to evoke full denominational support, to win and keep the loyalty and to provide the inspiration for an underpaid faculty is almost a superman assignment.

Dr. Mills appears to be God's man for his hour at Georgetown. A trained educator, the new president is also a Baptist layman of sterling quality. Everywhere he has ever been he has been found with his family in all the services of his church and all his pastors give unqualified testimony to the unusual Christian witness of him and his household. Mrs. Mills and the three children make for a perfect family and will do grace to the home of the president.

There can be no doubt that the new president is excellently qualified to continue and perpetuate the high standards of our great college. As a layman, however, he has one tremendous task beyond the campus. He must be found constantly in Kentucky Baptist churches, district associations and elsewhere selling Georgetown to all Baptists in Kentucky. The time has not come, if ever it will, when Kentucky Baptists are willing to give their money to a school without being constantly assured that the school is thoroughly Baptist and serving Baptist needs in our state.

To sell Georgetown College to Kentucky Baptists and to keep it sold to them, however, is not the task of President Mills alone but is the ministry of all of us. As one who experienced the unusual and unique blessings of Georgetown, I know that this school would receive far more support in every way from Kentucky Baptists if all of us only knew its true greatness.

Welcome back home, Dr. Mills! We pledge our efforts with yours in the great ministry to which God has called you and us.

Concerning Baptist Hospitals

According to a recent news report Baptists turned down an offer to take over the operation of a \$350,000 hospital in a needy section of our state. Several Baptists have expressed disappointment and have even been critical that we did not grab this chance, especially since it was eventually offered to the Roman Catholics who agreed to take over its operation.

Why don't Baptists seize every opportunity to get into the hospital business? The truth is we have gone a good ways in the hospital ministry. In addition to the three Baptist hospitals in Lexington, Louisville and Paducah sponsored by the General Association of

Kentucky Baptists, there is at least one hospital operated by a group of Baptist Associations and there is another one operated by a single Baptist Association.

While all would agree that great blessings come from the Baptist hospital ministry, there are some good reasons why we can't take over every hospital that might be made available to us. This editor does not pose as an authority in this field but would only point out several obvious considerations.

First, we must always keep in mind our primary objective as found in the New Testament. Our task is to bring men to God through Jesus Christ and we must choose methods in the order of their importance to get this assignment done. In our task healing has a place but is not the most important part of our ministry. Jesus healed the body but He came primarily as a Saviour, not as a Healer. In the commission to the church healing is not mentioned, though again, it surely has a place in making disciples and in showing concern and compassion upon the whole man as did Jesus.

If healing the body were the best way to win the world to Christ, then we should convert our churches into hospitals and train all our ministerial students to become doctors. In fact the whole concept of Baptists in hospital business might need examining. Why should we operate hospitals to lead men to Christ any more than we should have parochial elementary and high schools to lead boys and girls to Christ? The evangelistic opportunities indeed are greater in schools than in hospitals.

The quick reply is that the public education is basic in the American way of life and is considered the responsibility of the state. Why doesn't this go for hospitals? The same tax money builds and supports both. Instead of operating Baptist hospitals, why not offer Baptist chaplains to public hospitals to help the local pastors in the hospital ministry?

I hear some crying now, "But, O, look what the Catholics are doing with their hospitals." Yes, and look what they're doing with their parochial schools, but I don't see Baptists trying to build a high school across the street or road from every Catholic school.

Which brings us to the next consideration. There is the matter of finance. Hospitals are costly to build and to operate and we haven't been willing to pay for everything we have wanted to do as Baptists. What's more, we not only haven't been willing to give the necessary money ourselves but we have also refused to take it as a gift from the government because of our convictions on separation of church and state.

In the case of the hospital recently offered us, its construction was made possible by Hill-Burton grants. Remember we would not take Hill-Burton funds to build our own hospitals. How could we take this hos-

pital and be consistent? What's the difference in taking federal money to build a hospital and taking a hospital to operate after it has been built by federal money?

Enter again the Catholics. They take all funds they can get from the government and everywhere else. No wonder they can take over any available hospital. Baptists could, too, if we operated like that. Think of this the next time you threaten to denounce Baptists and join the Catholics because they are doing so much more than Baptists.

Consider also that the Catholics operate their hospitals by orders of nuns and priests who expect no pay beyond their bare necessities. The rest of their earnings goes back to the church. On the other hand Baptist hospitals expect and are expected to pay full fare and are lucky if the church gets back a tithe.

The truth is we can't compete with the Catholics as long as we hold to our convictions on separation of church and state. And if we are going to give up our convictions, we should have done it a hundred years ago because we are at least that far behind. But who would sacrifice truth and conviction for expediency?

In going further into the hospital business, there are other considerations of a technical nature that only hospital experts could discuss intelligently.

What shall we say then? Let's be thankful for and support our present hospitals and provide others as we can and are willing to pay for. But let's not get out of proportion. Now Kentucky Baptists support 3 hospitals, 7 schools and 3 children's homes. I wouldn't want it to be 7 hospitals, 2 schools and 1 children's home, would you?

BAPTIST FORUM



BAPTISTS AND HOSPITALS

Editor:

How can we as Baptists let things like this happen and still wonder how the Catholics keep on growing in the South.

I am referring to the enclosed clipping. When we let a \$350,000 hospital go to the Catholics without doing anything except complain when they say they not only will run it but will add on to the present plant.

This seems to me an unexcused loss of opportunity. Just when are we going to wake up? When we are in the same condition as Spain!

Lexington, Ky . David Lea

Answer:

Yours is one of several letters on this same matter. The editorial on the opposite page attempts to deal with questions, and I hope it is somewhat, if not entirely, satisfactory. Editor

THE SITUATION IN MEXICO

The serious persecution in the Capital of the State of Colima in Mexico is of great importance here and there. The people in the United States ought to know what Catholicism does in other places, and what it would do here if it were in the majority. Also the work in Colima needs our prayers.

Threats have been made for a long time to blow up our building. The Catholics boast that our Baptist people will never get to move into the new building. The lives of the workmen, and especially of the pastor-builder, are in danger.

A letter has just arrived from Carlos Torres, pastor-constructor of the First Baptist Church of Colima, Colima,

Mexico. From it I take the following translated paragraphs:

"A wave of attempts to destroy our construction has started. A group of Catholic students has stoned our workmen three times. Last Monday they wounded three of our men with their stones. Tuesday, criminal hands cut some of the ropes that held a large beam on which some of our workmen stood to work. The beam fell with the men. Our head bricklayer had a foot fractured and an arm broken. Five hours later, a pickup truck followed me for several blocks. When I stopped for a through street, the pickup tried to run over me. I managed to jump to the curb, but my bicycle was destroyed. The truck fled. One woman shouted "It was the Padre" (Priest). Then she would say no more.

The traffic believes that it was a priest who was a general in the "Crister" revolution. That was a revolution started by the Archbishop of the State of Jalisco, other bishops and priests. The police are working on the matter. Two policemen are guarding our construction. Pray for us, especially as we begin our evangelistic campaign on "Holy Week. . ."

About the time the church at Colima called Brother Carlos Torres to be their pastor and to direct the construction of their building he received an offer from the Federal Department of Education. He was offered a house, a car, and over three million pesos worth of school buildings. The church only pays him about \$65.00 a month for the double job. He has a wife and baby.

YOUR LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING MADE POSSIBLE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CHURCH BUILDING IN THE STATE CAPITOL OF COLIMA, MEXICO. PRAY FOR

BROTHER TORRES AND FOR THE WORK THERE!

Fort Worth, Texas Orvil W. Reid

Answer:

As an editor I find I am regarded as a bigot by many when I present facts about the Catholic situation in other lands. Thank you for this first hand, authoritative report. I trust it would help open some eyes.

Editor

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN 1899

Editor:

The first time I attended the Southern Baptist Convention was when it met in Louisville, May 1, 1899. I have attended most of the meetings since. The meetings were held in the Warren Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fourth and Broadway. That building, if standing now, would not hold more than the committees now.

Dr. George W. Truett preached the annual sermon from Ephesians 3:8, "Unto me, who am the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." An hour before time for the service, fifty or seventy-five brethren from Texas assembled in front of the pulpit and prayed for the preacher. When Dr. Truett took the stand and read his text, as the old darkie said: "He walked about."

There were giants in those days. Dr. T. T. Eaton was editor of the Western Recorder and pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church. Dr. E. Y. Mullins was the newly elected president of the Southern Seminary. Dr. W. W. Landrum was pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church. Dr. John T. Christian was pastor of the East Baptist Church. In this church on Sunday we heard the one and only Dr. B. H. Carroll preach. His text was Psalms 23:4, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." He looked like I imagined the Prophet Elijah. He is an

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More Than 2,000 Weekly Newspapers Throughout U.S.A. Ban Liquor Ads

CHICAGO, Ill., March 14.—A just completed survey of weekly newspapers throughout the U.S.A. shows the equivalent of 45 newspapers per state in 45 out of the 49 states of the Union that completely ban alcoholic beverage advertising of all kinds from their columns, whether distilled, wines, or beers, or a total of no less than 2,033 such community papers that refuse to accept any advertising of this character in their columns.

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This record is the more extraordinary since the liquor interests have been concentrating their strongest high-pressure sales tactics to get into the local community papers of all the medium sized cities and towns of the country during recent months.

The record shows that more than 50% of all the local weekly newspapers in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Arkansas are free from alcoholic beverage advertising by their own individual choice, while 34% of the local papers in 15 states are dry so far as the advertising columns are concerned.

High points of this survey show that Texas leads the entire country with 246 weekly newspapers that will not accept alcohol advertising, a figure only slightly short of 50% of the weekly papers in that whole state. Illinois runs second with 158 dry weeklies. Iowa with 131 advertisingly "dry" weeklies; Kansas with 126; Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio with 91 each; Missouri with 88; Georgia with 85; Kentucky and Pennsylvania with 75 each; New York State with 71; 61 in Arkansas; 59 in Alabama; 55 in Mississippi. Only 3 states, Delaware, Nevada, and Vermont, report no weekly papers with a "dry" advertising policy.

Interesting also in this survey is the

fact that wine-famous California reports 30 weeklies that refuse to accept wine or any other liquor advertising; Wisconsin, called a beer commonwealth, still reports 21 weekly papers that refuse to advertise beer or any other alcoholic beverage; and, as noted above, Kentucky with its whisky domination counts 75 weekly papers that refuse to take a cent of distillers' money; and Oklahoma counts 36 totally "dry" weekly papers so far as their advertising columns are concerned.

Just why these alcohol-free weekly newspapers maintain such a "dry" policy is of immediate and timely interest and many of the publishers are frankly and even warmly proclaiming their public and moral convictions that are responsible for their attitude. What they think and say will be made public in succeeding releases from this survey. Watch for them!—F.D.L. Squires, 2030 Touhy Avenue.

Rural and Small Church Laymen's Conference At Southern Seminary

By ASHLEY P. COX, News Director

A Rural and Small Church Laymen's Conference will be held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on April 4.

It is sponsored by the student pastors of the Seminary. These ministers—approximately 400 men—have adopted as a theme for the meeting the fact that "Every Church Can Be a Great Church."

Inspirational speakers during the meeting will be Mr. Bruce Maples, associate in missions, Missouri Baptist General Association, and Dr. Dallas J. West, executive secretary, the Indiana Baptist Convention.

Before the noon hour, when lunch will be served in the Seminary cafeteria, special conferences will be held. Conference leaders are Eugene F. Quinn, Kentucky music secretary, music; Mr. Maples, finance; Lee Anderton and Roland Crowder, Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, buildings, and Dr. Wayne E. Oates, lay ministries. Similar conferences will be held during the afternoon.

A special conference on missions at 1 p.m. will feature Missionaries J. C. Poole, Nigeria; Dr. Maurice Anderson, China; Hugo Culpepper, Argentina; Mrs. Roy Wyatt, Spain, and a student from Nigeria, Joseph Idowu.

A registration fee of 50 cents will be charged, according to the Rev. John W. Moon, publicity chairman. He urged all Kentucky Baptists to "make your plans now to be present for the important session."

Suit Charges Tax Fund Use in Catholic School

AUSTIN, Tex.—(BP)—A "taxpayer-citizen" group, including ministers from four Protestant faiths, has filed suit here charging that state funds are being used illegally to operate a Catholic school in Bremond, Tex.

The 14 plaintiffs said they are being forced "to pay taxes for the support of the Catholic church" in violation of both the Federal and State constitutions.

The sisters, who teach while wearing the robes of their order, are but "conduits through which public school funds are channeled into the coffers of the Catholic church," says the petition.

The suit seeks an injunction preventing additional state funds from being used for the operation of the school.

In addition to the Bremond Independent school board, the 37 defendants include the superintendent of schools, the state comptroller, the state commissioner of education, all 21 members of the state board of education, and six Catholic nuns and two priests who teach in the St. Mary's elementary school.

Plaintiffs include Earl A. McIntyre, Jr., a Methodist minister, and R. W. Terry, a Baptist minister, both of Bremond; E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, state Baptist paper; Roy Valentine, director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission; L. R. Wilson, editor of the Church of Christ publication, Voice of Freedom; M. D. Hannah, a Seventh Day Adventist minister; and Wesley Hite and T. Lee Miller, both Methodist district superintendents, all of Dallas.

They allege 24 constitutional violations, including charge tax money is used to provide free textbooks and bus transportation to St. Mary's students. Eighty-six per cent of the money used to operate the school, the petition said, comes from state tax funds.

Purpose of the suit, according to the petition, is to bring about "an actual separation of church and state in the public schools of the Bremond Independent School District and to eliminate all sectarian influence in the tax-supported schools" of the district.

Until 12 years ago, the school was owned and operated exclusively by the Catholic church. To ease the financial strain on both the public schools and the parochial school, the Catholics leased the building to the public school district for \$1 per year. It was added to the school district as one of its public units.

School superintendent J. W. Baker said the nuns were certified by state educational authorities as public school teachers. They were permitted to wear their traditional habits, Baker said, because he felt he could not tell them what they must wear any more than he could tell any other teacher.

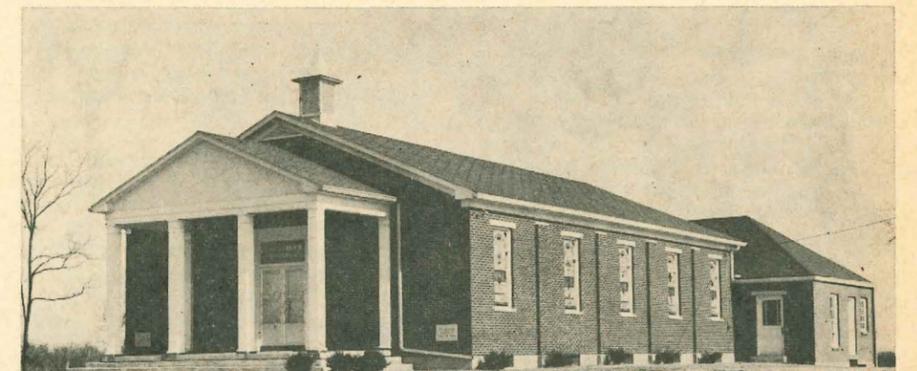
Baker and the school board also agreed to leave the crucifixes and re-

ligious pictures on the walls. Symbols, they said, are not teaching devices and they were the property of the building owners.

The suit charges that the presence in the school of sectarian religious books and the religious articles is a constitutional violation.

Bremond is the center of one of the state's largest communities of persons of Polish extraction. Estimates put the proportion of Polish people at about 75 per cent of the community population.

The suit is the first of its kind to be filed in Texas. A 1912 suit, State vs. Bullock, concerned Bible reading in public schools.



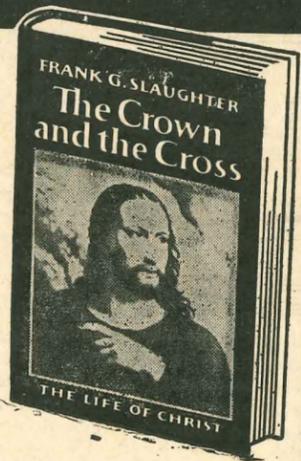
The Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, on the Bagdad-Peytona Pike about 10 miles east of Shelbyville, Ky., had a note-burning for their new building. Taking part were those shown in the bottom picture (left to right): George M. Horton, pastor; William Thomas Lewis, chairman of Building Committee; Curtis Brooks, church treasurer; Ryburn Weakley, chairman of Building Finance Committee; Alex Green, moderator; and Clifton Saunders, chairman of the deacons. Above: The new building of the Buffalo Lick Church, which takes the place of the 119-year-old building, erected in 1805, which was destroyed by a tornado on June 21, 1956. The new building has a full basement complete with spacious kitchen and educational rooms, which provide facilities which could not have been realized in its old building. At the note burning service recognition was given to the Building Committee and the Building Finance Committee, a brief history of the debt retirement progress was read by Ryburn Weakley, and Pastor Horton brought a message on the significance of note burning.

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MISSISSIPPI EDITOR LISTS BAPTIST NEEDS, DANGERS

By W. C. FIELDS, Editor

Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of *The Baptist Record*, Jackson, Mississippi, adds his views to the recent poll of editors of Baptist state papers carried by *The Baptist and Reflector*, Nashville, Tennessee. Answering the query of Editor Richard N. Owen, Dr. Fields gave the following opinion on our Baptist life:

With regard to present needs in Baptist life, I feel that all of our organizational and functional problems are tied in with the great overwhelming need of a deeper commitment to Christ on the part of our individual church members. My own feeling is that we have two main internal problems that need massive assault: (1) the enormous weight of manpower we have among people who are listed on our church rolls but who are unenlisted, uninterested, and often non-resident and consequently are hitchhikers, dead-heads, and a continuing indictment against our churches and our denomination; and (2) the amazing innocence and ignorance of people who are fairly regular attenders in their churches but who know precious little about the Bible, Baptist doctrine, or the enormous program which we are carrying on as a people.

From here, it seems that the most serious threats to our work are threats from the inside: (1) the gradual transformation of pastor to the role of administrator and organization man with

less and less emphasis upon his prophetic mission; (2) a narrowness of vision which fails rapidly as it moves out beyond state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention; and (3) a creeping credalism (though unwritten, a credalism nevertheless) which cuts away at the historic principle of soul freedom and ends up equating orthodoxy with some localized set of mottoes and ground rules.

External threats to our Baptist work include (1) the levelling influence of those who would like to see Southern Baptists blend a little more into the cultural and religious scenery of American life and without being so distinctive or independent; (2) the enticement of government socialistic projects which would lead us out on the long limb of church-state compromise; (3) Roman Catholic strategy to create a climate in America whereby anybody (including Baptists, particularly Baptist leaders) become automatically branded with bigotry when opposition is voiced to the Catholic conspiracy.

The greatest danger facing Baptist life at every level at the moment is partially external. It is the emotion-packed race problem which calls for all the statesmanship and Christian grace at our disposal.

Three Children Receive Recognition



Bonnie Snyder

Her parents, her older brother, Orville Wayne, and a sister, Hope, also received two year pins.

Three small children have received recognition in their local communities recently.

Little Bonnie Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Snyder, Lewisport, was awarded a two-year Sunday school attendance pin by Superintendent Homer Remington on a recent Sunday.



Jana Louise Tanner



Peggy Carol Blair

Jana Louise Tanner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tanner, of First Church, Wickliffe, has received her two year pin in Sunday school for perfect attendance. She started three weeks after birth and has not missed a Sunday.

Peggy Carol Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cather Blair, 9908 Preston Highway, Louisville, and granddaughter of Rev. W. G. Potts, received her diploma for attendance with five year seal at the Farmdale Church. She also received the five year pin.

D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, has just returned from Conway, South Carolina, where he participated in a School of Missions.

W. R. Cromer, instructor in religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be one of the campaign directors in the Southern Baptist Convention-wide Sunday School Clinic April 5-12 in Miami, Florida.

Ohio River Important to Louisville Growth

LOUISVILLE—(BP)—Historic Louisville—181 years old in 1959—is located in Jefferson County, Ky., on the south bank of the Ohio River below the Mason-Dixon Line.

Gen. George Rogers Clark founded the first settlement in 1778 when he established an 18-cabin base at Corn Island. Louisville was named by Clark in honor of Louis XVI of France in tribute for French services during the Revolution.

In 1780 the Virginia Legislature passed an "Act for establishing the town of Louisville at the Falls of the Ohio" signed by then-Gov. Thomas Jefferson. In 1828 Louisville was incorporated as a city.

In the heyday of the keel-boaters, the first ocean-going sailship came down the Ohio from Elizabethtown, Pa., with a cargo of 720 barrels of flour and docked at the Louisville wharf June 16, 1800. Just a year before the War of 1812 the first steamboat, *The Orleans*, docked at the wharf.

Then, as now, the Ohio River was of prime importance in the city's development. The barrier presented by the falls of the Ohio was surmounted in 1831 with the opening of the Portland Canal.

Jefferson Seminary, forerunner of the University of Louisville, was founded in 1798, and today U. of L. is the oldest municipal university in the United States.

During the early 1800's, Louisville's first newspaper, church, and theater opened. John James Audubon came to Louisville in 1808 and produced some of his first famous bird pictures.

In 1840 Louisville became the first city in the American West to acquire gas lights. During that decade Louisville was the biggest tobacco and pork market in the world.

In 1842 an institution for the blind was established in Louisville. It gave rise to the present Kentucky School for the Blind and the American Printing House for the Blind, world center of Braille printing.

During the railroad era of the 50's came the completion of the Louisville, Frankfort & Lexington Railroad. The Louisville & Nashville, which has home offices in Louisville and is one of eight trunk lines now serving the city, was completed to Nashville in 1859.

The Civil War brought a bitter division of opinion in Louisville. The wartime "Gateway City" had a great influx of northerners whose Union sentiments conflicted with opinions of southerners in adjoining areas. Louisville was military headquarters and supply depot for the armies of the North during the war.

In 1883 Louisville business sponsored the Southern Exposition, a fabulous display of industrial progress during which President Chester A. Arthur threw the switch which lighted a public gathering by electricity for the first time.

Modern Louisville began to emerge as a major industrial city during World War II. "Rubbertown," a synthetic rubber center was established by the Federal Government. Today that group of industries produces 12 per cent of the world's synthetic supply.

Louisville's greatest growth has taken place during the current decade. Present industrial employment in the Louisville metropolitan area is about 100,000, with a total non-farm employment of about 250,000. Population of the city is well past the 400,000-mark, with the three-county metropolitan area pushing toward 700,000.

BAPTIST FORUM

(Continued from Page 5)

orator of the old school. His eloquence was thrilling as he carried us to sublime heights.

I predict that the coming meeting of the Convention, May 1959, will be the largest attended ever. People love to come to Louisville. For thousands of preachers it will be a homecoming. It will be a high day for Baptists as they celebrate one hundred years service of The School of the Prophets.

Southern Baptists will have a chance to look over the James P. Boyce Memorial Library. I predict that the spiritual tide will run high, since this is the year of celebration and thanksgiving. It is the year of Jubilee.

Pineville, Ky. John A. McCord

Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, has established a Sunday School Department for mentally retarded children. This is the first Sunday School Department for retarded children in Kentucky Baptist churches. Workers will be trained by teachers of retarded children in the county school system and of the Bluegrass Council for the Mentally Retarded. At present, 37 children are enrolled, with a waiting list of 40. The same type of guidance and training as that provided in the public school training for the retarded children will be given, but will feature certain church related activities, as Bible stories and religious music. A secondary purpose is to make it possible for parents of these children to attend church and Sunday school. Trinity has also authorized a committee to investigate the need of a ministry to the deaf. Bob W. Brown is pastor at Trinity.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C.

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

Kentucky is honored to entertain the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville in May. The WMU meeting is May 18-19 and the SBC, May 20-23. These meetings have not been held in Kentucky since 1927 and it will probably be some years before we will have this privilege again. Every member of Woman's Missionary Union will want to attend these meetings and we hope many thousands of you will find it possible to do so.

Many advance reservations have been made for hotel and motel space and rooms in homes. Many in Kentucky are planning to commute to these meetings and we hope others will seriously consider this possibility.

Kentucky WMU is allowed 72 voting representatives. First consideration is to

be given to members of our Executive Board and Associational Superintendents. If our quota is not filled by 1:30 p.m. on Monday anyone desiring to do so may register as a delegate. Since Freedom Hall is so large there will be no reserved sections so the only special privilege for delegates is the privilege of voting.

Plan now to enjoy the marvelous blessings of this great meeting!

CORRECTION

Through an error the WMS Conference for Presidents was not listed in the *Western Recorder* as one of the conferences to be held prior to the State Meeting in Lexington on April 7 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Your Executive Secretary will lead this conference.

ATTENTION GA LEADERSHIP

Beginning with the November 1959 issue there will be a Leadership Edition of *Tell* magazine for all adult Girls' Auxiliary leadership. The Leadership Edition will be the regular monthly magazine which the girls will receive, plus a center insert of eight pages of leadership helps. No additional cost.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Sunday School Leaflets Available

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT

You may now secure the following new Sunday school leaflets to assist in your Sunday school work:

Winning Adults to Christ, by John T. Sizemore.

This pamphlet is designed to help department workers and teachers of Adults in winning lost Adults to Christ. The main divisions of the pamphlet are: I. Recognizing the Tremendous Possibilities for Adult Evangelism; II. Consider the Relationship of the Sunday School to Evangelistic Success; III. Center the Class Activities in Evangelism. (1) keep an accurate record of the unsaved, (2) visit the unsaved prospects, (3) pray by name for the unsaved members and prospects, (4) witness to the unsaved, (5) distribute the gospel message in printed form, (6) lead the lost to attend revival services; IV. Train the Class Members in Soul-Winning; V. Flavor the Teaching with Evangelism; VI. Put the Lost in the Preaching Service; VII. Evaluate the Evangelistic Efforts of the Class.

Working With Primaries on Sunday Morning, by Robert A. Dowdy.

This pamphlet will prove very helpful to those engaged in Primary work. *The Cradle Roll Department Can Build Your Church*, by J. N. Barnette.

This pamphlet is designed, primarily, for Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and Ministers of Education.

The Cradle Roll Department in Action, by Mrs. Douglas Hills.

This will supply a great deal of help to the Cradle Roll workers.

Dear Red, sets forth the means of establishing new Sunday schools.

One Plus One — A Mission Vacation Bible School Opportunity, by Crawford Howell.

This pamphlet would be exceedingly helpful to associational workers and churches interested in conducting Mission Vacation Bible Schools.

These pamphlets and others may be secured by writing to your Sunday School Department, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

MUSIC

Three Speakers for Ridgecrest Music Week

By EUGENE F. QUINN

Instead of the customary one principal speaker at the Ridgecrest Music Leadership Conference, this year there are to be three who will share the responsibilities. Dates of the conference are June 25 to July 1.

Donald F. Ackland, Nashville, Tennessee, is to be speaker for the Thursday and Friday evening sessions. He also is to be leader of the lakeside service on Sunday evening following the regular evening service.

Charles Maples, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is to bring the messages on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. He will also be conference pastor, being available for conferences with conference registrants seeking to find God's will for their lives.

The third speaker is one of Southern Baptists' most dynamic personalities. He is G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Baptist Student Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. The Sunday and Monday evening congregations will have the privilege of hearing Dr. Keegan.

SUGGESTION THAT CHOIRS LEARN CENTENNIAL HYMN

Ashley P. Cox tells of the writing of the Centennial Hymn, "God of our Fathers, Blest of Old," by Elbert N. Johnson of Wagram, N. C., to commemorate the one hundredth year of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, on page seven of the *Western Recorder* of March 19. Why not have your choir present this Centennial Hymn for special music at some service in your church? And why not teach the whole congregation to sing this hymn, providing words for it, and letting them sing it to the familiar tune?

TRAINING UNION

State Convention Participants From Joint Regional Meetings

By JAMES WHALEY



James Whaley

Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky:

Young People's Speakers' Tournament—Section B (19-24 and all college Young People):

Clifton D. Alexander, Central Region, Long Run Association

Phyllis Ann Maxie, North Central Region, Bracken Association

Patricia Anne Britton, Northeastern Region, Greenup Association

David Hood, South Central Region (Tie), Mercer Association

Eugene Overstreet, So. Central Region (Tie), Taylor County Association

Allen F. Harrod, Southeastern Region, Mt. Zion Association

Juanita Bolls, Southern Region, Simpson Association

Judie Moorefield, Southwestern Region, West Union Association

John M. Harris, Western Region, Little Bethel Association

Young People's Speakers' Tournament Section A (17-18 Non-College Young People):

Eula Walton Tingle, Central Region, Sulphur Fork Association

Martha Sparks, North Central Region, North Bend Association

Bonnie Rae Lester, Northeastern Region, Pike Association

Betty Ann Patrick, South Central Region, Mercer Association

Mary Rodgers, Southeastern Region, Three Forks Association

Shirley Ann McCarroll, Southern Region, Simpson Association

Kay Barnett, Southwestern Region, West Union Association

Judy Catherine McGregor, Western Region, Little Bethel Association

Intermediate Sword Drill:

Bonnie Lee Porter, Central Region, Nelson Association

Linda Duchemin, North Central Region, North Bend Association

Sharon Tolson, Northeastern Region, Red River Association

Barbara Anne Litton, South Central Region, South District Association

Janice Sue Blakley, Southeastern Region, Upper Cumberland Association

Elaine Blewett, Southern Region, Logan County Association

Judith Rose Burgess, Southwestern Region, West Kentucky Association

Karen Anita Myers, Western Region, Little Bethel Association

Junior Memory Work and Bible Drill:

Janis Cheser, Central Region, Nelson Association

Listed below are the first place winners of the tournaments and drills recently held at the Joint Regional Meetings. These young people will participate in the State-wide events to be held this Friday and Saturday, April 3-4, at the State Training Union Convention, First Baptist

June Wilson, North Central Region, Bracken Association
Teddy Sloan, Northeastern Region, Greenup Association
Louis Elliott, South Central Region, Central Association
Eloise Davis, Southeastern Region, Bell County Association
Margaret Baird, Southern Region, Bethel Association
Diane Sivells, Southwestern Region, Christian County Association
Marilyn Tallant, Western Region, Little Bethel Association

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 June 29-July 4.....Junior

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Direct all correspondence to:

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT
Kentucky Baptist Building
Middletown, Kentucky

(Pastors and/or laymen planning or desiring to serve as COUNSELORS any or all of the four weeks indicated above should write the Department.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION
ATTENDANCE, MARCH 22, 1959**

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut St.	1574	13	373
Mission (4)	339		151
Lou., Ninth and O	1433	28	797
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	1112	33	280
Palmyra Baptist Chapel	46		32
Corydon Baptist Chapel	29		12
Mayfield, First	1046		245
Mission	126		
Hopkinsville, Second	1042	47	274
Bowling Green, First	976	2	197
Andrew Mission	173		
Madisonville, First	963	29	243
Owensboro, First	962	2	190
Lou., Parkland	959	7	291
Owensboro, Third	943	4	298
Lexington, Immanuel	938	4	275
Todd's Road	16		
Lou., St. Matthews	911	7	260
Lou., Crescent Hill	882	9	257
Missions (2)	146		
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	867		195
Lou., Beechmont	862		214
Missions (2)	422	5	109
Lexington, Calvary	852	1	199
Mission	31		
Murray, First	852	2	163
Mission	32		
Covington, Calvary	849		
Lou., Beechland	832	4	215
Mission (1)	210		69
Newport, First	802		177
Missions (3)	199	1	42
Harrodsburg	800	8	180
Missions (2)	68		
Hopkinsville, First	797		196
Mission	154		57
Frankfort, First	786	8	183
Covington, Latonia	738		199
Lexington, Grace	717		
Mission	27		
Somerset, First	687	1	268
Mission	82		
Henderson, Immanuel	667		
Missions (2)	129		
Paducah, First	654	5	231
Fulton, First	636		170

Glasgow	629		130
Missions (2)	178		1
Lou., Southside	604		5
Georgetown	599		1
Lou., Hazelwood	581		109
Lou., Rockford Lane	579		11
Owensboro, Hall Street	566		206
Erlanger	564		12
Corbin, Central	561		142
Covington, Southside	557		81
Evansville, Calvary	553		199
Lou., Highland	543		25
Lou., Shively	542		142
Mission (1)	201		1
Bardstown	542		71
Lou., Eastern Parkway	536		98
Lou., Third Ave.	535		2
Mission (1)	145		3
Ashland, First	518		2
Missions (3)	199		54
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	514		169
Lou., Beth Haven	514		4
Franklin, First	509		30
Missions (2)	82		2
Danville, First	509		2
Missions (2)	111		59
Florence	504		1
Lou., Valley View	502		16
Lou., Valley Station	499		27
Lou., Bethany	494		4
Bellevue	490		98
Winchester, Central	486		127
Lexington, Porter Memorial	480		134
Lou., Eighteenth St.	476		2
Ashland, Unity	475		1
Lou., Farmdale	471		140
Mission (1)	107		2
London, First	471		153
Mission	54		30
Lou., Deer Park	471		3
Mission (1)	110		1
Central City, First	465		5
Lou., Immanuel	464		16
Lou., Green Acres	459		4
Morganfield, First	456		31
Ludlow, First	452		95
Ft. Thomas, First	447		97
Mission	103		
Mt. Washington	444		214
Lou., Bethlehem	440		5

**Social Security Deadline
For Self-Employed
Ministers, April 15**

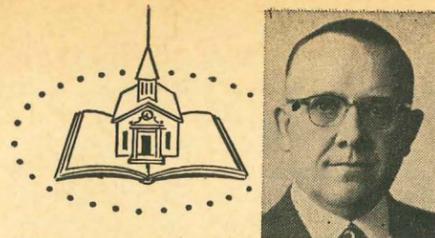
The Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas, reminds ministers who have not yet enrolled in Social Security as self-employed individuals, have until April 15, 1959, to do so. "This deadline was extended from April 15, 1957. If you were eligible for Social Security before the 1957 deadline and are taking advantage of this extension, then earnings must be reported and taxes paid for 1956, 1957 and 1958."

The Years Ahead for March, 1959, continues to say:

"Ministers ordained in 1957, have until April 15, 1959, to file the waiver form 2031 and join Social Security. If they had earnings of more than \$400 in 1957 and 1958, they must pay self-employment taxes for both years.

"The deadline for ministers ordained in 1958 is April 15, 1960. If they delay until then, self-employment earnings will be reported and taxes required for both '58 and '59.

Scottsville, First	437		60
Middlesboro, First	426		143
Lebanon Junction, First	422		12
Danville, Lexington Ave.	420		80
Mission (1)	69		41
Jeffersonville, First	413		79
Lebanon, First	406		116
Corbin, First	405		83
Dawson Springs	392		5
Hima, Horse Creek	391		102
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	386		126
Covington, First	383		10
Mission	85		226
Russellville, First	376		135
Mission	60		
Nicholasville	375		75
Barbourville, First	373		2
Missions (3)	210		182
Marion	368		95
Greenville, First	364		137
Verailles	359		73
Hodgenville, First	358		112
Walton, First	357		1
Springfield, First	357		177
Hazard, First	354		103
Ashland, Pollard	338		74
Mission (1)	74		106
Shepherdsville, First	337		
Mission (1)	20		
Lawrenceburg	335		67
Tyrone Mission	67		
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	334		79
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	331		130
Frankfort, Crestwood	329		112
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	304		71
Lou., La Salle	304		1
Leitchfield, First	300		66
Lawrenceburg, Sand Spring	288		94
Hawesville	285		1
Middletown, First	285		100
Sonora	283		8
Old Yellow Creek	281		91
Falmouth	280		12
Mission	18		110
Owensboro, Seven Hills	274		108
Williamson, E. Williamson	268		66
Mission	110		
Lexington, Trinity	267		85
Cold Spring, First	263		9
Hazel	259		94
Monticello, First	253		95
Mission (2)	34		4
Middlesboro, E. Cumberland	249		81
Carrollton, First	247		91
Folsomdale, Liberty	244		1
Owensboro, Wing Ave.	241		62
Shepherdsville, Little Flock	240		77
Bowling Green, Glendale	240		5
Campbellsville, S. C'ville	238		43
Ashland, Fairview	226		6
Missions (2)	60		144
Perryville	212		98
Mt. Vernon, First (2)	210		55
Grayson, First	190		98



SAMUEL AS JUDGE

I Samuel 7:5-16

Some of the characters mentioned in the Word of God are so strikingly in contrast to their surroundings that they stand out in bold relief. Samuel is one of such characters. He holds a unique place in the history of the children of Israel. He comes in as a link between the judges and the kings of Israel. He was the last of the judges, and the first of the prophets. He also performed the functions of a priest. In his intimate fellowship with God he was very definitely a pattern for the believer.

One cannot read his biography without being impressed with the faithful manner in which he served God. He was a conspicuous example of faith, integrity, patience, self-sacrifice and intercession. And the thing that made him one of the outstanding men of Old Testament times was his childlike trust in God and his obedient response to Him. In his task of piloting the nation through the transition period of its history, his chief concern was to perform his duty in a manner which would be the most beneficial to the spiritual interests of the people.

Samuel won the admiration and affection of Eli and the people who came to Shiloh annually to worship. Steadily he worked his way into the hearts of his countrymen. Because of his devotion to God, Samuel earned the respect of the nation. He was God's man for the moment, but it was remarkable that the entire nation would admit as much. Although he never assumed military leadership, he wielded a tremendous influence over his people.

Samuel had to contend against the numerous weaknesses of human nature in the lives of the Israelites. In this effort God supported and blessed him in a wonderful way. During the twenty years that the ark was in the house of Abinadab, Samuel was traveling over Israel urging the people to put their trust in God and obey Him implicitly. As Samuel went among the people, he zealously reproved and exhorted them. He reminded them of their ancient glory, of the wonderful providential guidance which they had enjoyed, of the prosperity which had resulted from their faithful obedience to God, and of the great and embarrassing punishment which had followed their shameful disobedience of the divine commandments. He did his very best to make them conscious of their great sinfulness, to

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

For April 5, 1959

get them to acknowledge the justice of the punishment which they had received, to persuade them to forsake their idols and banish their foreign gods, and to return to Jehovah and thereafter to worship and serve Him exclusively.

I. The Prayer of Samuel.

I Samuel 7:5-6.

Through the long, faithful, effective and influential ministry of Samuel, the Israelites came to realize that their beloved nation was on the brink of disaster. They finally came to the realization that it was mandatory for them to discontinue their worship of the heathen deities of Baalim and Ashtaroth, the former representing the gods and the latter representing the goddesses. The worship of these was nothing less than complete licentiousness under the guise of religious ceremony. Such religious practices had deadened the spiritual sensibilities of the people to such an extent that they no longer pretended to recognize any line of demarcation between themselves and the most worldly whom they knew.

In view of their dissatisfaction with their manner of life and of their genuine desire for a closer walk with God, Samuel issued a call to the nation for a solemn gathering at Mizpeh in order that he might pray for them.

In response to the call of Samuel, the people assembled at the designated time and place for a prayer meeting. Their assembling there in response to his request was good evidence of their genuine repentance toward God and His acceptance of them back into full fellowship with Him. In token and as a symbol of their penitence, after Samuel's intercessory prayer in their behalf, they "drew water, and poured it out before the Lord." Their worship and sacrifices were accompanied by fasting and confessing their sins.

II. The Peace of Israel.

I Samuel 7:7-14.

Having done his very best to promote a revival in the hearts of the Israelites, it was truly a great day when the people gathered at Mizpeh for prayer, fasting, confession of sin and dedication of themselves to God and the doing of His will. The Philistines misinterpreted the significance of this assembly. The gathering was a revival, but they mis-

took it for a council of war, so they resolved to chastise the Israelites. As always, when God's people get closer to Him, Satan gets busy.

When the Israelites knew that the Philistines were approaching them for battle, they were filled with fear and appealed to Samuel to pray for them. Prayer to God in this instance brought help from Him, renewal of courage in the Israelites and lasting victory to them. In answer to Samuel's prayer, God interposed with a terrible thunderstorm which dispersed the Philistines, whereupon the warriors pursued them and drove them from their midst.

In order to remind the Israelites in the years to come that the Lord had been their help, and that their victory can come from Him alone, Samuel erected a stone of remembrance, and called it "Ebenezer", meaning, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." This stone was to be a perpetual memorial of their glorious victory. Thereafter, they enjoyed peace.

III. The Practice of Samuel.

I Samuel 7:15-16.

For many years Samuel continued as a faithful judge. He opened a new era of progress. His great concern was that the people should live so as to be well-pleasing unto God. To that he resolved to live before them in such a way that his life would be most beneficial for their spiritual interests. He never failed to intercede in behalf of the people. He was a man of power because he was a man of prayer.

►Overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work reported 29,990 baptisms during 1958, an increase of 4,912 over 1957. These brought the total membership of the 3,229 churches to 416,750.

►Ralph Duncan, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School who has been pastor of the Gray Fork Baptist Church of Clay County, has also been called as pastor of nearby Muddy Gap Baptist Church. Each church will have two preaching services every Sunday. Pastor Duncan will conduct worship services at the Gray Fork Church at 10:00 and 5:30 and at Muddy Gap at 11:00 and 6:30. During the summer and on week-ends Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and their son will occupy a home which the churches are providing.

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Dr. Tull held two pastorates in Kentucky—with the First Church of Paducah and the First Church of Middlesboro. Their oldest daughter, Martha, who is now Mrs. R. L. McKnight of Memphis, Tennessee, was one time dean of women at Georgetown College at Georgetown, Kentucky, and their other daughter, Louise, who is now Mrs. J. W. Nowlin of Melbourne, Florida, is a graduate of Georgetown. Mrs. Tull is survived by Dr. Tull, two daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

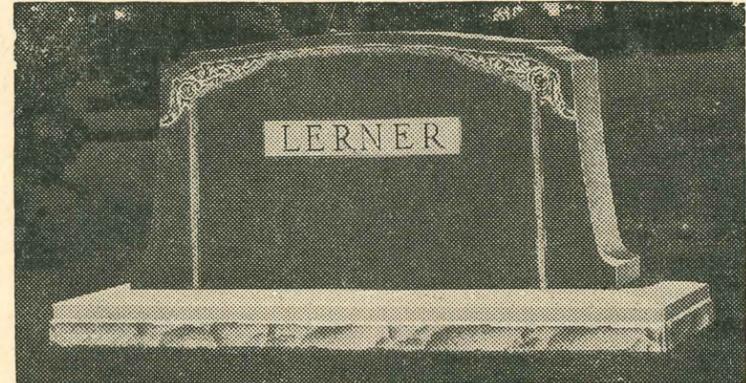
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During Sloan's three years at Pollard, the church has had 182 additions by baptism and 144 by letter. He has organized a Training Union, Brotherhood and one mission. He also has two radio broadcasts each Sunday, and there have been 575 awards earned in the Study Course program. The youth program

has expanded under his leadership and has doubled in three years. A library was opened in January, and Mr. Sloan is serving this year as moderator of Greenup Association.

Property improvements have included the redecorating of the auditorium, remodeling of pulpit, new hardwood floors in auditorium, heating and air-conditioning installed in entire building, and the parking lot has been paved. The fellowship room in the basement has been completely remodeled and redecorated, the nurseries were redecorated, and the parsonage was redecorated and storm windows installed.

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