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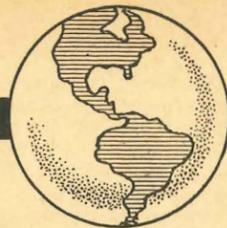
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More than 22,000 were seated in Freedom Hall, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center during the Billie Graham Meetings several years ago. Those who attend the Southern Baptist Convention this year may expect to find it one of the largest and most commodious auditoriums in America.

(Photo, Louisville Chamber of Commerce.)



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

TRAINING UNION STARTED

►Poplar Spring Church, Route 4, Glasgow, organized a Training Union in February, with George Bowles as director. G. N. Curtis is the pastor.

DEATH KNOCKS

►Mrs. Florence Robbins Hickerson, wife of Evangelist Judson W. Hickerson, departed this life April 3, 1959, at Edinburg, Texas. She is survived by her husband; by one sister; by two sisters-in-law; several nieces and nephews.

►Dr. George B. Connell, 54, president of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., died of a heart attack while in his automobile on April 21. He was a 1924 graduate of Mercer, and spent 35 years in the field of education, the last five years of which he had been president of his Alma Mater. He was a native of Douglas, Ga.

PLEITZ TO PENSACOLA

►The First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., has called James L. Pleitz, pastor for four years at Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, Ark., to be its pastor. He succeeds Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., now president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville.

CARVER SCHOOL NOTES

►"Open House" will be held at Carver School of Missions and Social Work, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky., Wednesday afternoon, May 20, 1959, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., to which the public is invited.

►An agreement has been signed by the presidents of the Southern Baptist Seminary and Carver School of Missions and Social Work to make joint use of the new James P. Boyce Centennial Library building. President Duke K. McCall says that Carver School is to have 6,500 square feet of space on the second floor of the new \$1,750,000 facility. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., president of Carver, says that his institution is to provide \$129,750 to the new library, and will keep maintenance of its 8 1/3% portion of the building now under construction.

MISSIONARIES MOVE

►Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crabb, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Italy, have moved from Rome to Perugia, where they are studying the Italian language. Their address is 43M Via Dei Filosofi, Perugia, Italy. Both are natives of Kentucky, he of Louisville and she,

the former Patricia Maddux, of Hopkinsville.

►Word from Robert S. McGinnis, Jr., in Jerusalem, indicates that his work is nearing completion and he plans to return in the near future to the United States. Brother McGinnis has been assisting in the work of the Jerusalem Baptist Church and along with his wife, Adalaide, has been doing post graduate studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Brother McGinnis graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary in May, 1958, and has served as pastor of Kentucky Baptist churches. He is a native of Owensboro.

FOREIGN BOARD PERSONNEL

►Luke B. Smith, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., was elected assistant secretary for missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its semi-annual full meeting in Richmond, Va., April 7-8. He was prepared for the ministry at Southern Baptist Seminary, graduating with the B.D. degree. While in the Seminary Mr. Smith served as pastor of Gilead Baptist Church, Cottonburg, Ky.

HOUCHINS TO PARK CITY

►Warm words of appreciation and commendation have been expressed concerning Bryant Houchins who has recently moved from an eight year pastorate at the Woodburn Baptist Church, Woodburn, Kentucky, to the pastorate of the Park City Baptist Church at Park City. The expression was made by Moderator S. T. Skaggs on behalf of the Warren Association of Baptists. Houchins is characterized as the best loved pastor in Warren Association and is called a sincere and fearless preacher of the Word by Moderator Skaggs.

TAPE RECORDING

►Tape recording facilities for individuals who wish to record proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville will be available as usual as a service of the TV Commission. Reservations by those who plan to use this service will be helpful but are not compulsory. Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Commission director, said recording space will be reserved for the entire Convention week—May 18-22. An engineer will be on hand to assist in technical problems. These facilities also will be in

operation during the Pastors' Conference, May 18-19, for the first time, in addition to the Convention. The recording fee is five dollars (\$5). Recording tape at wholesale price will also be available to those who desire it.

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The Contributions of Baptist Schools

The Kentucky Baptist General Association meeting in Elizabethtown, November, 1958, established a new education committee for Kentucky Baptists. They have adopted the following statement on the contributions of Kentucky Baptist schools, calling attention to the fine work that is being done by our Baptist colleges and schools in the state of Kentucky:

I. Baptist Schools Produce Leaders

Alumni of Kentucky Baptist colleges are filling positions of great significance in the business, educational, political, and religious life of the world. Laymen who have graduated from Kentucky Baptist colleges are serving effectively as Christian citizens and as loyal leaders in the local churches. A majority of the pastors, missionaries, education-music workers in the churches, and in denominational leadership are the products of Baptist schools. Currently more than 450 of the 3,000 students in Kentucky Baptist schools are preparing for some church-related vocation.

Dr. R. Orin Cornett reports that of the 33,788 college men listed in the "Who's Who in America" 21,835 came from independent and denominational schools and only 11,953 from tax-supported schools.

II. Baptist Schools Offer Quality Education

The smaller student bodies and dedicated Christian teachers who have a personal interest in their students, combine to make possible stimulating educational experiences for those who choose Kentucky Baptist colleges. More students have opportunity for campus leadership experience. This experience fits them for leadership roles in every area of community life.

III. Baptist Colleges Offer That Christian "Plus" in Education

America and the world today desperately need leaders with Christian perspectives. Until about a century ago practically all higher education in America was conducted from a positive Christian perspective. In the last century a radical change has come about in many universities. Secularism has become widespread. Religion in many independent and tax-supported schools was either ignored or ridiculed. As a consequence many such schools turned out highly educated and technically trained people without the high moral standards and convictions that would produce national leadership with integrity, who were not motivated by a spirit of altruism and a desire to serve their fellow men.

Students in the formative and determinative years of their lives need not

only specific instruction in Bible and religion. They need an understanding of all areas of academic instruction from the viewpoint of the Christian faith. Religious facts, issues, and implications should be taught and interpreted sympathetically and applied in every department and course in a Baptist college.

Students and their parents who recognize this fundamental difference between much secular higher education and Christian education will want to seek Christian colleges where Christian professors teach freely and openly from their Christian perspectives. Such teachings will produce young men and women with conviction, integrity, with a sense of purpose and meaning in life, with the moral and ethical standards and the intellectual discipline that will edify the moral and spiritual life of our entire nation.

Even Christian colleges have their weaknesses, yet there are constant positive influences on the Christian college campus that make un-Christian behavior unpopular and wholesome Christian living the normal and accepted pattern of life.

The record is clear that Christian higher education can better prepare a person to fulfill his responsibility to God and to his fellow men.

IV. Baptist Young People Should Attend Baptist Colleges

Dr. R. Orin Cornett has expressed some good reasons why Baptist young people should choose a Baptist college. Here young people can find acceptance. The best environment in which to study, work, and play is one in which the student has a sense of belonging. "Popularity isn't everything but you do need for happy development of personality and for undisturbed application to the task of learning, the friendly affection of those around you."

"This means that you need to be one of a majority who have about the same ideals and general standards of conduct as yours who respect each other's convictions and beliefs and who like each other. This you will find on a Christian campus."

The Baptist college can give to its students perspective that will bring into focus the important things of life and give a sense of values that can guide all of life.

The Christian college can give to the student a sense of purpose in life that will call forth the dedication of the student's abilities and effort and prepare him for a life worth living. The people who accomplish great things are those who have great purpose. The Christian college can help the student to discover and follow such purpose in his life. The Christian college can pro-

vide completeness of preparation that will train not only the mind and the body but also the spirit of man.

V. How Kentucky Baptists Can Support Their Schools

1. We can have a more sympathetic, loyal, and helpful attitude toward our Baptist schools and colleges. The confidence, love, and good will of Kentucky Baptists are essential.

2. We can recognize the contribution of our Baptist colleges to all of our Baptist work. In these schools our Christian leaders are being trained. Take out of Kentucky the graduates of Baptist schools and colleges and our churches and denominational agencies would be severely crippled.

3. Recognize the tremendous Christian service to laymen and women trained in our Baptist schools who in various secular vocations witness for their Lord. Business, politics, and indeed all community life, are raised to a higher level where Christian citizens exercise their influence for good. These same lay workers are also key leaders in the churches, giving strong support to the pastors in the on-going work of the churches.

4. Kentucky Baptists can help their schools by encouraging and assisting worthy young people to attend. Parents, Sunday school teachers, and other church leaders can help the pastor in keeping young people informed about the advantages of education in a Baptist college.

Some churches have used the following techniques to encourage their young people to attend Kentucky Baptist colleges:

(1) Hold a breakfast meeting of all graduating high school seniors in the spring with information from the various Baptist schools on display for distribution to the high school seniors. A representative of one of the Baptist schools may share in the program which should include a word from the pastor encouraging the young people to attend Baptist schools.

(2) A college and career clinic for high school people utilizing Christian laymen from various professions as well as representatives of various church-related vocations. The opportunities of service in various vocations may be presented. Information about preparation for various vocations available in the Baptist colleges could be presented at this time.

(3) A tour by chartered bus by the church young people, especially high school juniors and seniors, to visit Kentucky Baptist college campuses and meet the administration, faculty, and students there.

(4) Articles with pictures from various young people now attending Baptist colleges in church bulletins and the

Western Recorder giving testimony to what they have found in Baptist schools, that has been of value to them.

5. Kentucky Baptists need to give more generously for the support of our colleges.

(1) Kentucky Baptist church members should be encouraged to include Kentucky Baptist schools in their wills.

(2) Lawyers drawing up wills should be encouraged to call attention to the opportunity of serving the kingdom through wills and bequests to Kentucky Baptists schools and colleges.

(3) That Kentucky Baptists be encouraged to consider the possibility of adding to endowment programs of the schools and colleges through the purchase of life insurance for which the schools and colleges are made irrevocable beneficiaries or owners of the contracts and thereby enable the contributors to claim income tax exemption for the premiums paid as well as estate tax relief.

These are our schools, serving our young people, training Christian leaders. They deserve our sacrificial and generous support.

Academic Blueprint Set For New Baptist School

HOUSTON—(BP)—An academic blueprint for the new Houston Baptist college will be mapped here before the school begins a fund campaign.

One of the nation's foremost educators will probably work with the Union Baptist Association's college committee to outline curricula, plant size and objectives, said committee chairman W. E. Denham, Jr., pastor of the River Oaks Baptist Church here.

Doak Campbell, president emeritus of Florida State University and a partner in an educational consultant firm, met with the committee to begin the academic design.

He will submit a proposed study by the firm of Associated Consultants in Education, Atlanta, Ga.

"By clearly defining the academic needs of the school," Denham said, "we can tailor-make the plant to suit instructional needs."

Campbell urged the committee to plan the school on a "high academic plane."

"Baptists have as a goal the influencing of society," he said. "The temptation to build a 'people's college' is hard to resist. But most schools already admit just about everyone with a high school diploma. You will have better acceptance from the academic world if you start on a high, selective level."

One of the first requirements for the school, he said, is a top-flight library.

To speed action on the school, the committee voted to petition the Texas Baptist executive board for funds to employ a chief administrative officer and

a librarian in 1960. They will ask the board to include the institution in the 1961 annual budget and for special library appropriations.

A request for a special nominating committee to select trustees for the institution will go to the June Texas Baptist executive board meeting. The trustees, the committee hopes, will be selected subject to incorporation of the school next spring.

A charter will be presented to the September executive board meeting and to the full convention in November for ratification.

By electing trustees this fall, Denham said, the school will be six to eight months ahead of schedule.

A 200-acre campus site has already been secured. A \$3,500,000 fund campaign is scheduled to begin in 1960.

Target date for the fund drive had been indefinite pending clarification of a planned Baylor University fund campaign. A Baptist leader told the committee that Baylor would not conduct a drive in the Houston area that would conflict with a campaign for the new school.

Dallas Baptist College Receives Go-Ahead Sign

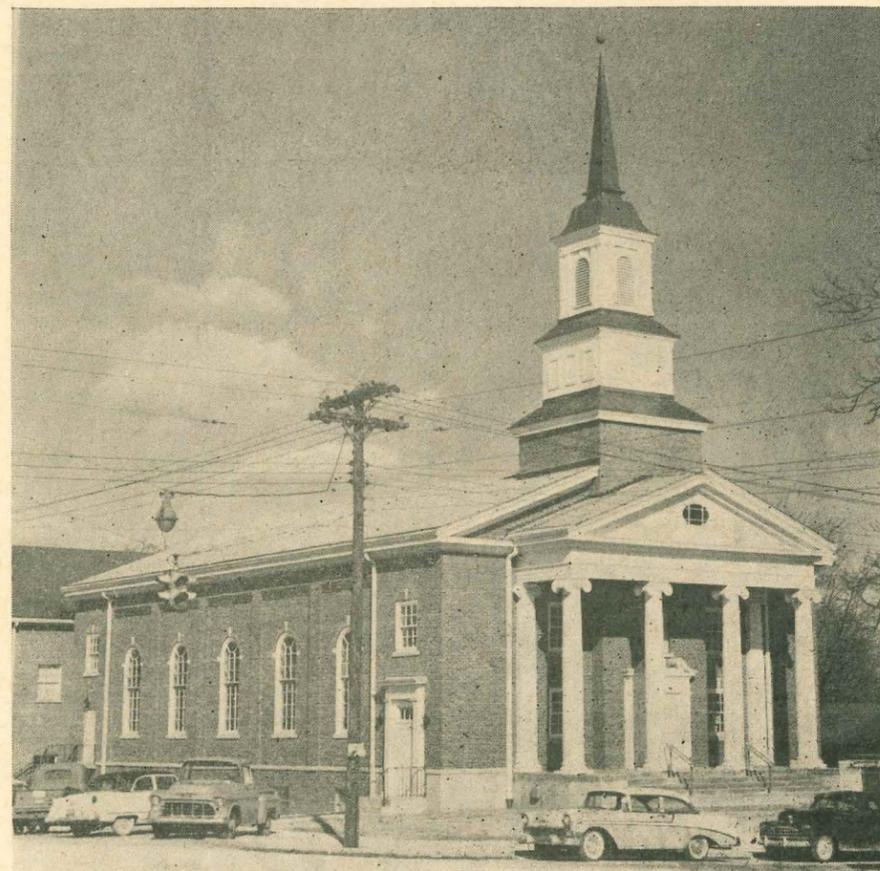
DALLAS—(BP)—Plans for a Dallas Baptist college have been stripped of red tape and given a go-ahead sign by the Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission here.

Questions about affiliation with Baylor University are now cleared away and the Dallas school will be established as a 4-year independent college. Target date for opening the school is the fall term of 1961.

Another proposal of the Dallas Baptist Association to lower endowment requirements for the establishment of all metropolitan colleges in Texas was also partially accepted.

The commission recommended that endowment requirements be changed from \$1,500,000 to \$500,000 with a minimum annual \$50,000 sustenance fund and \$2,500,000 capital funds.

The plan was substantially the proposal of the Dallas group, with the exception of a \$10,000 increase in the annual sustenance fund.



The Lancaster Baptist Church recently moved into its new sanctuary. The first floor has three assembly rooms, and fourteen class rooms which provide for three departments. The Sanctuary has a seating capacity of 650 and is completely air-conditioned. Total cost of building and equipment, over \$200,000. The date for dedication is set for May.

One Pastor's View of the SBTS Controversy

By DALTON LEATH, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Winchester, Kentucky

The prolonged deliberation of the decision made by the Southern Seminary Board of Trustees should cause deep concern on the part of all Southern Baptists. The charges brought against the seminary seem not to be based upon the quality of instruction in the classroom, but upon the way thirteen professors were dismissed.

I feel that we have some fine Christian laymen and pastors on the Board of Trustees. The criticism of their decision by the accrediting association seems to question their ability to deal fairly and wisely with such a problem. Of course, these men do not have perfect wisdom, but neither does the committee of convention presidents who have been appointed to investigate the problem of Southern Seminary. If Southern Baptists cannot trust the Board of Trustees to handle such problems as they arise, then whom can we trust? When future problems arise will the trustees feel that they have to call a meeting of past presi-

dents of the convention to tell them what is the wise or unwise decision? The fact that such a committee of convention presidents was appointed to review the case is bound to give some credit to the charges of the Accrediting Association. Does this not in turn impair any further usefulness of Dr. McCall and the trustees of the Seminary?

What do we hope to gain by further deliberating the case? Does anyone really believe that these teachers, who were dismissed, can be brought back without great harm to the school? The supposition is that the people involved on both sides of the controversy were, and still are, sincere in their convictions. If none of these men have been able to see any mistake and admit it, surely they will not change their position now. As much as we may dislike it, the condition is much the same as we have developed in some of our churches. When deep disagreement arises, it is better for one of the groups to go than

to have constant bickering. This constant pressure to bring the teachers back places the Seminary President and the trustees in an impossible situation.

Is loss of accreditation the worst thing that can happen to our Seminary? We cannot answer this question fairly without considering the purpose of our seminary. Is it not to train men to lead our denomination in the most efficient way within the framework of our stated principles? Is accreditation essential to the achieving of this purpose? When we think of our able leaders who have never attended any seminary, and those who graduated from our schools before they became accredited, it would seem that we do not have to belong to the association to produce competent leadership. How important is it to be recognized by other religious bodies in the field of theological education? Is it worth sacrificing any Baptist principles, like relinquishing the right to say who shall, or who shall not, teach in our schools?

Have Southern Baptists not in some ways been betrayed? We have resisted for many years all efforts to get us to join the World Council of Churches because of the beliefs of some members of this body and the fear lest we may ultimately sacrifice some of our freedoms as Baptists. Now we find our seminaries are members of an association in which we have little or no voice, and who in turn claim the right to censor us for not acting according to their concept of how a seminary should be run.

The teachers in our seminaries could, if they were so inclined and had the liberty, bring about radical changes in our denomination in just a few years. Therefore, we should never hesitate to declare our right to determine the course our seminaries should go.

We, as Baptists, have assigned the supervision of our seminary to a body of Godly men who believe in Christ and the teachings and mission He gave us in His Word. Let us declare our faith in these men rather than discredit them by constantly questioning their decisions.



Dr. H. Leo Eddleman will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville in May for the first time as president of one of the Southern Baptist seminaries. In other conventions he has attended in the role of missionary, pastor, and college president. Pictured with Dr. Eddleman at his inauguration as the fifth president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on February 26, 1959 are, from left: Dr. Eddleman, T. Odus Winn, New Orleans, president of the seminary board of trustees; Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, who delivered the alumni and student hour address, and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president emeritus of the seminary.

►Burlington Church dedicated its new educational building April 5. Dr. C. R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder, led in the services, preaching to a packed house at 11:00 o'clock and in the new building at 2:30. The new structure is a three floor plan, with tiled concrete floors and hot water furnace. The school entered the new building under the planning of Superintendent James Gayle Smith, and Assistant Superintendent Earl Aylo. Judge C. L. Cropper was chairman of the building committee. He was assisted by Walter Brown, Alvin Cable, William Smith, Wilton Stephens, Janie Jones and Lula Tolin.



What Goes at a Convention?

What happens at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention? As is always the case, some will come to Louisville week after next for their first Convention, and these will know little of what to expect. For many others it will be old soap and they will be almost as familiar with the Convention events as they are with those of the business meetings of their own church.

Some conscientious souls will attend every session coming early for a front seat and staying late for the last Amen. These ought to receive a ribbon for endurance with a bonus added to their expense account. Others will spend a week in Louisville and visit a few sessions of the Convention. These ought to turn their back to receive their expense money and might be expected to give it back but for the report they prepare for their church from the Convention daily bulletins which will sound as authentic as if the reporter never missed a minute of the sessions.

To be sure every minute of every session will be worthwhile, but hard indeed is the soldier who can take it all. It's come somewhat to be expected for veteran conventioners to consult the program and select those parts most interesting and important to them. The first session is always one of the largest in attendance. Foreign Mission night and Home Mission night are generally well attended. Most messengers want to be present when the new officers of the Convention are elected and veterans rarely miss the periods of miscellaneous business since most anything could happen then. The explosiveness of these miscellaneous periods, however, has somewhat diminished with the rule of referring all resolutions to a committee before floor discussion.

In addition to the Convention proper there is quite an array of associated meetings going on simultaneously prior to the first convention session. The W.M.U. ladies have their own convention which is always full of inspiration and flowered hats. The ladies also have their own counterpart to the men's Pastors' Conference in what they call the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Meeting. Here they talk about how to get along with their husbands and about other problems and select the outstanding minister's wife of the year.

All the preachers like the Pastors' Conference. This meets on Monday morning and continues for five sessions through Tuesday afternoon. This is the annual parade of preachers, the Who's Who of Southern Baptist pulpits. Sometimes it seems more like performance than preaching but always supplies the listener's sermon barrel. Once a preacher makes it on the Pastors' Conference program, there's not much left in this life for him except maybe to preach the Convention sermon, receive an honorary degree, or be sent on a flying preaching tour of the world.

The ministers of education have their own meeting, as do the ministers of music. Mostly they talk shop. The education men try to learn how to get along with the pastor and the music director, while the music men try to find the secret of good relations with the pastor and the education men.

During the Convention session much important and unimportant activity goes on in the corridors and elsewhere around the meeting place. At times, judging by the number of people milling around, one wonders if anyone is left in the actual meeting. New acquaintances are made and old ones renewed. Barrels of coffee are consumed. In discussing their places of service, and in comparing their sacrifices, some preachers picture themselves better off than they really are, while others complain with no good reasons.

Those who are not accustomed to so much where they came from will complain loudest about the poor accommodations and facilities of Louisville for a Convention. They will wail more than those recently-gone horse race fans who lost a two dollar bet.

After it's all over everyone will be happy to return to his own place of service with a feeling that God has a great stake in Southern Baptists, and it's a wonderful experience to be a part of that stake.

Don't miss the Convention! No one can really tell you about it. You have to experience it for yourself. Watch next week for more on the serious side of the 1959 Louisville Convention.

How to Vote

In spring a young man's fancy turns lightly to thoughts of you know what, but this spring in Kentucky everybody's thoughts have turned to politics. A religious periodical is far above partisan politics, so far as endorsing any particular candidate is concerned, but has a responsibility to urge all Christians to act like a child of God in politics as elsewhere.

This editor has been asked to present for conscientious readers something of the qualifications and especially the religious background of various candidates for state office, but even this was considered to be unwise since it is altogether possible that the very man who would appear to be most trustworthy could sell out and betray his supporters!

Who can be but confused? What can one believe in light of all accusations? In the case of the two leading candidates for governor in the forthcoming primary, if either one is as good as he claims, he ought to be president of the United States as well as governor. If either is as bad as the other suggests, he ought to be disqualified.

This is a part of politics which is below the level of Christian ethics. Mud-slinging seems to be regarded a political necessity in which the only way to run for office is to exalt yourself and tear down the other

fellow. Voters are supposed to believe all the dirt they hear yet it is not unusual for the loser to embrace the winner of a primary the morning after the election and pledge his support to the very man who he said would ruin things if elected. This kind of duping and hypocrisy is an insult to the intelligence of the voters.

It is often said that politics and religion don't mix, and, about the kind of politics often seen, this is true. This does not mean they shouldn't mix to the extent that a man's religion ought to direct his political activity as well as all the other areas of his life.

How lamentable that people who are otherwise transparent in character are muddy in their political activity! It's been known that Baptist men, who are otherwise honest and upright and who would not dare touch strong drink, provide the money to buy liquor with which to win votes.

When approached about such inconsistency in character the answer generally given is, "Well, you know that's the way politics is and you have to play that way to get the right man elected." How wrong! This is the same false argument by which bingo and other gambling are declared right because the proceeds go to orphans or to hospitals. Any candidate considered to be the right man ceases to be the right man when the first vote is bought for him with his knowledge.

Judging by the lack of progress being made in this field, it would appear that the last citadel of this world to be invaded by Christian standards will be the area of local, county, state, and national politics. Pastor Perry Ginn recently passed on to Hodgenville Baptists these words of the great preacher, Thomas DeWitt Talmadge, from his sermon entitled, "The Christian at the Ballot Box." As we near the day for casting our ballot, more helpful words could hardly be found:

"While there are honest men, true men, Christian men, who stand in both political parties, and who come into the elections resolving to serve their city or their State or the Nation in the best possible way, I have noticed also that with many it is a mere contest between the ins and the outs—those who are in trying to stay in and keep the outs out, and those who are out trying to get in and thrust the ins out . . . I propose to tell the people very plainly what I consider to be their Christian duty at the ballot-box.

"First, set yourselves against all political falsehood. The most monstrous lies ever told in this country are during the elections. Men who at other seasons of the year are very careful in their speech become peddlers of scandal. O Christian men, from upon this political falsehood! Remember that a political lie is as black as any other kind of lie.

"Again, I counsel you as Christian men to set yourselves against the misuse of money in political campaigns. You have a right to spend money for the publishing of political tracts, for the establishment of organizations for the carrying-out of

what you consider to be the best; you have a right to appeal to the reason of men by argument and statistics and by facts; but he who puts a bribe into the hand of a voter, or plies weak men with mercenary and corrupt motives, commits a sin against God and the nation.

"Again, I ask you as Christian men to set yourselves against the dissipations that hover over the ballot-box. Let me say that no man can afford to go into political life who is not a teetotaler. Hot political discussion somehow creates an unnatural thirst, and hundreds of thousands of men have gone down into drunkenness through political life.

"Again, I counsel you that, when you go to the ballot-box at the city or the state or the national elections, you recognize God, and appeal to Him for His blessings. There is a power higher than the ballot-box, than the gubernatorial chair, than the Presidential White House. It is high time that we put less confidence in political platforms and more confidence in God.

"O Christian men! take out your Bible, and in the light of that word make up your minds as to what is your duty as citizens. Remember that the highest kind of a patriot is a Christian patriot. Consecrate yourselves first to God, then you will know how to consecrate yourselves to your country."

We Ought to Do More

To many Baptists a provoking problem of today's church life is the great number of special offerings. Just as every month and almost every week is designated nationally for some good cause requesting a contribution, so almost every Sunday in a Baptist church is set aside for some special offering.

Hasten the day when Bible-believing Baptists in profession become Bible-believing in practice and tithe. Then we should have enough for every good cause and could do away with all special offerings.

Until then we must go on asking for special help for our very needy causes. Some of these depend on these special offerings more than others. One is our Children's Homes at Thanksgiving. Another is the one for which we are asked a gift next Sunday—the Baptist Hospitals.

This Mother's Day offering will go entirely for the treatment of charity patients. Unfortunately we are so in debt on our Baptist hospitals that the money budgeted from the Cooperative Program each year has to be used mostly for payment of interest on a large loan and the only source of funds for charity work is the Mother's Day offering.

Last year this offering amounted to only about \$33,000 and helped take care of only 149 charity patients at an average cost of \$285 each. As Baptists we ought to do more in this matter. In fact, many of us criticize our hospitals for not accepting more charity patients. Let's replace our criticism with our contributions next Sunday.

Ohio Employs First Associational Worker

COLUMBUS, O.—(BP)—Ohio Southern Baptists are employing their first associational missions superintendent. He will work with an association of churches in the cities of Middletown and Hamilton, O., and adjacent areas.

The executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, meeting here, approved appointment of Doyle Deney, Columbus, Ind., minister. He will be

supported equally by the association, the state convention, and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ray E. Roberts, Columbus, convention executive secretary, announced record receipts for any three-month period were contributed during the first quarter of 1959. The total was \$72,908.

►Pastor Charles Jones, Sand Springs Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, has received a warm word of

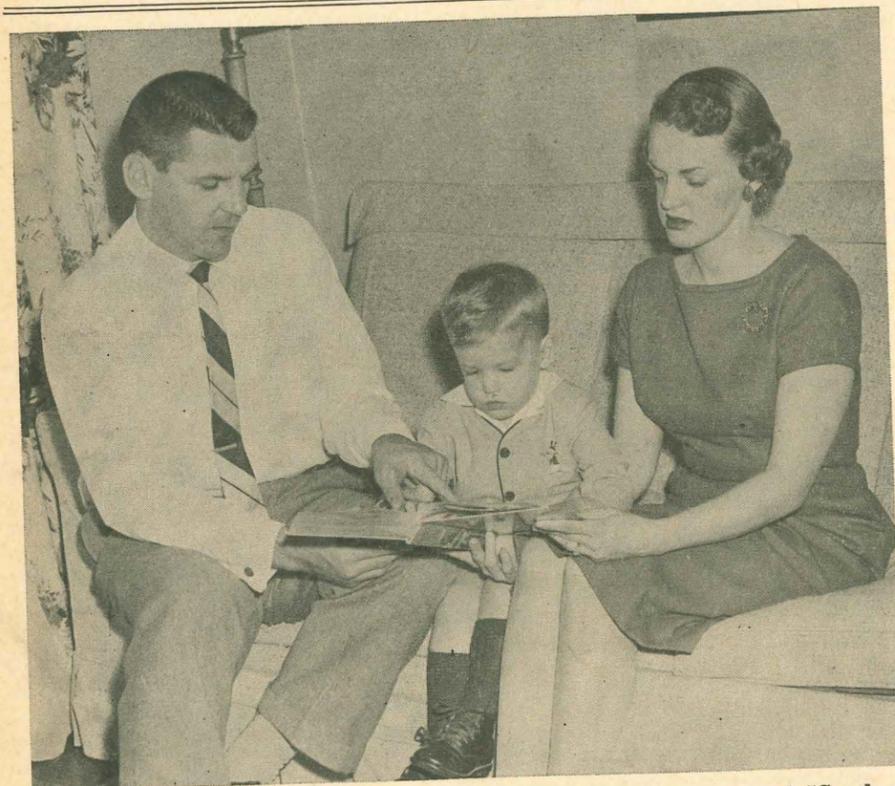
appreciation and confidence on the occasion of his first anniversary as Sand Springs pastor. In a statement prepared by the deacons the progress of the church under the leadership of Pastor Jones is reviewed and the pastor's leadership is praised. Note is not only taken of the material progress of the church but the spiritual benedictions experienced by the whole community from the pastor's ministry are pointed out. The church has pledged faith, love, and co-operation to their pastor in the years ahead.

New Highland Homecoming For Brandenburg Church

BRANDENBURG, Ky.—The New Highland Baptist Church, Brandenburg, Kentucky, will have its first homecoming celebration in many, many years, May 24, the Sunday following the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville. The all-day celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Former pastors will conduct the informal service, each having a part on the program.

At noon there will be an old-fashioned dinner on the grounds, with plenty of fried chicken and baked ham.

H. H. Foushee, who has been an active member of New Highland for fifty-seven years, is writing a brief history of the church, which will be read some time during the day. Several former pastors and former members who will be here for the Convention have made arrangements with members of New Highland for lodging. If others so desire this convenience they should write to Mrs. H. H. Foushee, Brandenburg. Pastor William Sanders and the members are anxious for former pastors, members and friends to attend this homecoming.



Georgetown College basketball coach Robert M. Davis was named "Coach of the Year" by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He was selected from the more than 450 colleges that make up the association. The Georgetown College Tigers under his tutelage won the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament crown. He led the team in defeating the University of Louisville and one of the south's finest teams, Tennessee State of Nashville. He is shown with his lovely wife, Joyce and son, Brad.

UN Observer Called For By Peace Group

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The Committee on World Peace of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend that its work be carried on through the Christian Life Commission, and that the commission provide a "Non-Governmental Organizations Observer" at United Nations.

The recommendation for a UN observer is that it be within budget limitations.

The committee, chairman of which is Walter Pope Binns, Baptist college president of Liberty, Mo., asks that it be discharged.

The Christian Life Commission, which has a section in its 1959 report in which world peace is mentioned, would "accelerate its program of study, activity, and education in the interest of world peace."

It would further "seek ways of cooperation with similar agencies of other Baptist bodies in the United States in the interest of world peace."

The recommendations will be presented to the 1959 session of the Convention meeting in Louisville. The Committee on World Peace reports on May 22.

The State Church Principle

By George W. Riddle

A group of Southern Baptist pastors have recently returned from England and Scotland, where they had gone to assist in a revival movement among "free churches" of the Baptist variety. This trip gave these ministers an opportunity to observe the baleful effects of the state church on free evangelical religion. They found that the preferred legal status given the "official church" created a spirit of defeatism among the "free churches." A negative attitude seemed to prevail throughout the religious community. Religion had become largely impotent.

Two observations may be made on this situation. One is that evangelical religion moves at low ebb when church and state are united. The other is that the acceptance of the state church principle is not confined to the Roman Catholics, as many assume. The established church in England is the Anglican (Episcopal); in Scotland, the Presbyterian; and in the Scandinavian countries, the Lutheran.

But the Roman Catholic Church does insist on being given official status by the state. That their purpose is to achieve this ultimate goal in America is shown by their continuous effort to get government support for their parochial schools, free bus transportation, and by many other current indications of their desire to "get the camel's nose in the tent." They have achieved this position in several countries: notably, Italy, Spain, France, and Argentina.

These examples demonstrate some of the reasons Baptists believe that all churches and denominations should be independent of the state and should remain apart from it in the administration and promotion of their affairs.

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B.S.U. Spring Conference Held at Cedarmore

Christianity is recognized and realized in terms of service, which we find in Ephesians 6:7, is "doing the will of God from the heart." Two hundred Baptist student leaders from college campuses in our state of Kentucky gathered on April 24 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly for a week-end of thought and decision concerning their places of service in the next year on their college campuses.

The Spring Conference opened on Friday evening with a "Call to Service" by Dr. Glenn Yarbrough, Director of student activities at Georgetown College. He revealed to us Jesus, God's Son, as he stooped to wash the feet of common men in an act of service portraying his perfect love.

With Jesus as our example of "One That Serveth" we must prepare for service. Preparation was begun as students met in groups divided according to their positions on the executive council to think together about the scope of their newly-accepted positions of opportunity and responsibility, to share ideas and plans for achieving results in training students and in reaching lost and unenlisted students for Christ through the medium of Baptist Student Union.

Saturday afternoon we were presented with our church and campus unit organizations as our "Channels of Service." The church organizations considered were the Sunday School, Training Union, and the Young Women's Auxiliary. The campus unit organizations considered were the Life Service Band, Volunteer Mission Band, and the Ministerial Association.

The "4x4x4 Program" featured on Saturday evening consisted of students reporting on four best enlistment ideas, four best devotional programs, and four best promotional features as they were carried out on their campus during the past year. This proved to be informative for students making plans in these areas for the coming school year.

Mr. Calvin Zongker, B.S.U. Director of University of Kentucky, broadened our understanding of service as he led us to view how we communicate by our actions. Such actions as good-manners, cleanliness, admirable dating relationships, and sincerity communicate to students around us something of our relationship to Christ. Thus we discovered that the "Way of Service," which was the session theme, is according to the way we behave.

The climax of the conference came in the students' recognition that service is within our reach, "Serving Where We Live." Jim Bergman, part-time B.S.U. Director at Berea College, posed the college campus as our area of service, our mission field.

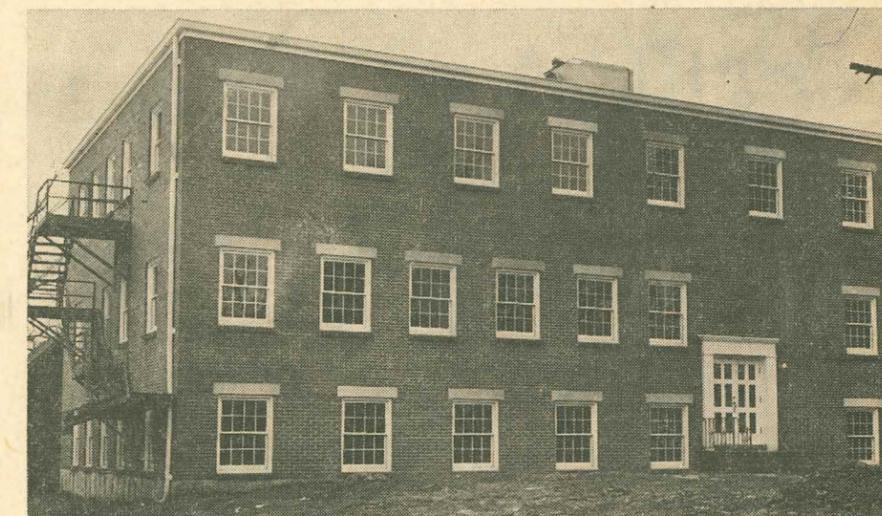
Students welcomed again to Kentucky Miss Jane Ray Bean, from the Student

Department in Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Bean lifted our spiritual eyes to see the world and "B.S.U.'s Place in the World." She reminded us that over-seas students are our potential friends. She led us to think about some of the hazards of leadership, such as a "holier-than-thou attitude," an acceptance of the honor and not the responsibility of the council position, and failing to be sensitive to fellow students.

An interesting feature at the close of the sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings was the "Interpretative Benedictions" by Miss Carolyn Burks, a student at Carver School of Missions and Social Work. She interpreted for us the Lord's Prayer and a revision of the song, "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me" to "Use Me, O Lord, Use Me." The sweeping movements and simple gestures of Miss Burks pictured for us the greatness of our Heavenly Father bidding us to rise up and serve our Lord.

Those of us who attended the Conference left with a more complete concept of service, and of how we may be of service on the college campus, our mission field.—By Shirley Purdy, Part-time Secretary for J. Chester Durham.

►Rev. and Mrs. Melvin E. Torstrick, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, have moved from Concepcion to Valparaiso. Their address is Castilla 960, Valparaiso, Chile. Both are natives of Louisville. Mrs. Torstrick is the former Shirley Lee.



Morganfield Baptists recently entered this new educational building. The new structure contains 35 rooms and accommodates 13 departments from the nursery through the single young people. It is completely air conditioned and brings the Morganfield facilities to a capacity of 550 for Sunday School. The new educational building is the second of a three phase building program for First Baptist Church, Morganfield. The first phase completed in 1956 was the re-modeling of the auditorium including complete air-conditioning and the re-modeling of the pastorium. The third phase, planned for sometime in the future, is the construction of more educational and office space. The building committee for both phases of the building program was A. V. Conway, Bill Anderson, and Dan Shacklette. Earl Hohman is the Morganfield pastor.

Broadman Records Releases Nursery Songs

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BPN)—A record album of seventeen songs for the Nursery child will be released June 1 by Broadman Records of Nashville, W. Hines Sims, church music department secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, announced.

The hinged album contains two 45 rpm records (four sides) designed primarily to teach the songs to Nursery workers and the children's parents, Dr. Sims said.

►Two Kentucky students are among the 131 candidates for degrees and awards to be presented at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at commencement exercises on May 15. They are Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wesbecker, both of Louisville. She is a candidate for the diploma in religious education, and he is a candidate for the diploma in Christian theology.

►Walter C. House, executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky, has announced the addition of Dan L. Small to their staff. He is a native of Missouri. He graduated from Southern Seminary in January and assumed his full-time duties as administrative assistant. Mrs. Small is a former Billie Ruth Pounds, a graduate of the School of Religious Education at Southern Seminary. They have one daughter, Dani Ruth.

Dr. Heeren's Operations Termed "Successful"

Dr. Forrest H. Heeren, dean of the School of Church Music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is getting along nicely following two operations last month for a detached retina in his left eye.

After about a month of hospitalization and convalescence at home since April 7, Louisville doctors have said that "every indication" is that recovery will be complete.

Dean Heeren had a 70 per cent loss of vision in the left eye. Vision in that eye now is "nearly normal," it was reported.

He expects to return to a normal work schedule by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Louisville. Physicians said he would have to be "cautious" about being "too active."

As official song leader for the Convention, Dr. Heeren expects to direct much of the singing. He also plans to ask other Southern Baptist musicians to assist him.

Adult Religious Education Institute Planned In May

An institute in Adult Religious Education will be held at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, May 23-27.

Leaders for the five-day series of 21 sessions will be Dr. Paul Bergevin and Professor John McKinley of the University of Indiana, and Ellis Bush of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Dr. Allen W. Graves, dean, Southern Seminary School of Religious Education,

said that the official text for the institute will be Bergevin and McKinley's *Design For Adult Education in the Church*.

Persons who desire it may receive two hours of academic graduate credit from the University of Indiana. The \$20 to be charged each participant will include the price of the book.

Additional information may be secured by writing to Dr. Graves at 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Kentucky.

State Music School Meeting Place Changed Due to Emergency

The 1959 State Music Leadership School is moving to Southern Baptist Seminary for its sessions July 27-31, due to emergency repairs at Georgetown College, where the school was originally scheduled to meet. Acting President Henson Harris expresses regret that the move was made necessary, but it was impossible to re-wire Rucker Hall in less than the three months of summer time.

Kentucky Baptists appreciate the gracious hospitality of Dr. Duke K. McCall in opening the adequate facilities of Southern Baptist Seminary to the use of the Kentucky Baptist State Music Leadership School.

Equally grateful are we to Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., in making available the rooms in Carver School of Missions for over 100 registrants for the school.

Both Southern and Carver are contributing their space for the five-day school.

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December	186,923.67	205,578.14
January	184,549.86	192,016.24
February	192,047.80	162,904.06
March	184,722.07	191,924.33
	\$897,017.55	\$909,635.76
Comparing last year's total.....		897,017.55
		\$ 12,618.21
Goal For Five Months		
Goal 1958-59 for five months.....		\$958,333.30
Receipts for same period, 1958-59.....		909,635.76
Short of Goal for five months, 1958-59.....		\$ 48,697.54
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Goal for this year of 1958-59.....		\$2,300,000.00
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►Mrs. Pearl Watts Ritter, member for 67 years of the Pigeon Fork Baptist Church, Waddy, Ky., died March 19, 1959. She was a charter member of the WMS at that church. She is survived by three sons, two daughters, two sisters and one brother. The church has passed resolutions about her homegoing.

►Mrs. Mollie Bott Emberton passed away in the early hours of the dawning of the Lord's Day on March 8, 1959. In her early life she took Christ as her Saviour and had lived a faithful Christian life through all her years. Former pastors and visiting evangelists will remember her for the warm welcome they always received in her home at Tompkinsville. She loved her church, and attended all its services as long as she was physically able. She leaves a daughter, Coretha.

►Ercil L. Barker, formerly pastor of Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., has taken up his duties as a mission worker in Des Moines, Iowa. His resignation at Rockford Lane climaxes five years of unusual progress. Thus far in his ministerial career he has started three new churches and erected four new buildings. Rockford Lane has grown from 94 to 700 members, with an average attendance of 500 in Sunday school and 200 in Training Union. It has an active Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, besides all other related organizations.

Penrose St. Amant Elected Dean at Southern Seminary



C. Penrose St. Amant

Dr. Clyde Penrose St. Amant, of New Orleans, will become dean of the School of Theology of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, on June 1, Seminary President Duke K. McCall announced.

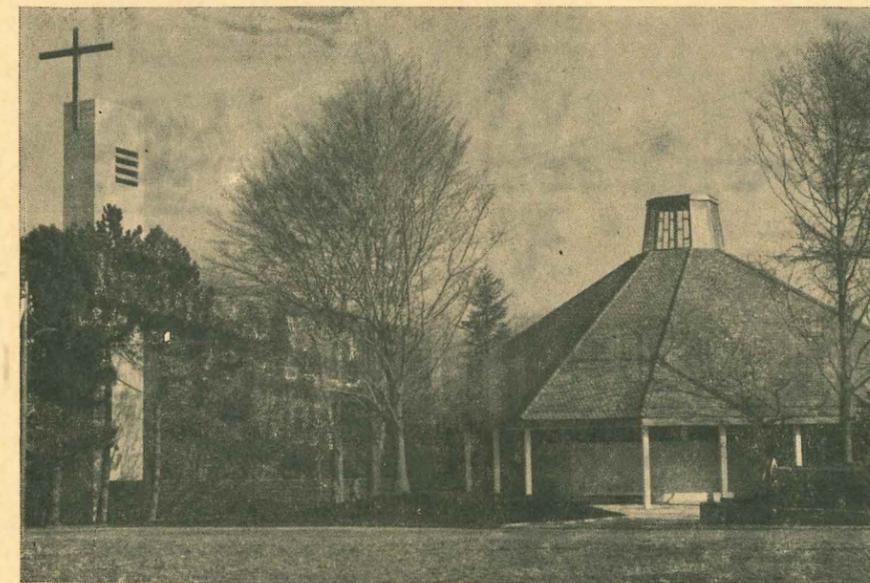
The new dean is currently professor of church history at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. St. Amant has taught there since 1943, when McCall was president of that institution. He also served as professor of religion at Hannibal-LaGrange College in Missouri for one year before going to New Orleans.

St. Amant, whose election received the unanimous endorsement of the seminary faculty, has a bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana College, Pineville, La., and a master's degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. He was granted master and doctor of theology degrees by New Orleans Seminary.

In addition, he earned the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1952.

St. Amant is author of *A Short History of Louisiana Baptists*; *A Historical Sketch of the Louisiana Baptist Student Union*; several articles in the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*. At the present time he is completing the manuscript of *A History of the Presbyterian Church in Louisiana*.

A special committee, of which Lamar Jackson of Birmingham, Ala., chairman-elect of Southern's board of trustees, was made head, is to work out a detailed definition of the role of the dean in the life of the seminary.—Baptist Press.



The octagon shaped chapel of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, which was dedicated March 18. Guest of honor was Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., president of W.M.U., auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, 1945-56. Funds for the erection of the chapel in memory of her service were provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner was one of the speakers, and President Josef Nordenhaug presided. The 223 seats face the center in a semi-circle around the pulpit, so that the people face each other as well as the speaker. The chapel has four soundproof translation booths, with headphones to be plugged in at each seat, making it possible for auditors to "hear" the translations in one of three other languages than the one the speaker is using. Film projection and radio broadcasting facilities are also available. The bell tower is shown on the left (Photo by John D. W. Watts).

Bob Patterson Joins Baptist SS Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Robert B. Patterson, Jr., of Nashville, has accepted a position with the Baptist Sunday School Board as superintendent of Vacation Bible School Expansion. Patterson takes office May 1.

In his new position, Patterson will promote Vacation Bible school work through states, associations, and churches, at conferences, assemblies, clinics, and seminaries and colleges.

Patterson held pastorates during his college and seminary days in churches in Mississippi and Tennessee. He has been superintendent of Adult and Extension work in the Sunday school department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention since January, 1957.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

H. H. Hobbs Continues On Baptist Hour Radio Through September



H. H. Hobbs

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs will continue as preacher on The Baptist Hour through September, 1959, it was announced today by Dr. Paul Stevens, director of Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. Dr. Hobbs, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, was to preach through March, which would have been six months. The Baptist Hour Committee, headed by Dr. Edgar Arendall of Birmingham, Alabama, requested that he continue for a full year.

This modified worship service is currently broadcast by 470 radio stations in 35 states and several foreign countries.

►Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be featured in an NBC-TV program, "Frontiers of Faith," which will be seen over WAVE-TV, Louisville, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 10. The program was put on a video tape recording at the Seminary last month, and originally was scheduled for a telecast from New York on May 31. A strike of engineers and some other personnel as NBC in New York forced program changes. The tape recording was run in New York on May 3, but George Patterson and WAVE-TV officials secured a kinescope of the program for viewing here on May 10.

Salt River Baptist Building, Near Danville, Burns to the Ground

DANVILLE, Ky.—Fire swept through the historic Salt River Baptist Church building shortly before the morning services on February 8, completely consuming the original log auditorium and the five room Sunday school addition with their contents. Despite the immediate efforts of Danville firemen, the building was demolished to its foundation in less than two hours. All of the church furnishings were destroyed except for five items.

The Salt River Baptist Church was founded as early as 1789, its first meet-

ings held under a sugar tree on a protecting island in Salt River. They first erected a log building on a Mr. J. Harlon's property, but having no deed to this property were forced to move in 1818. They disassembled and rebuilt their building on the land of James Dillard, only to fall victims of the same fate again in 1840. In 1840 they moved their building intact to the third location given by James Wiggins, to which they received a clear deed and where they now remain. It is believed that the original logs burned in this tragic blaze.

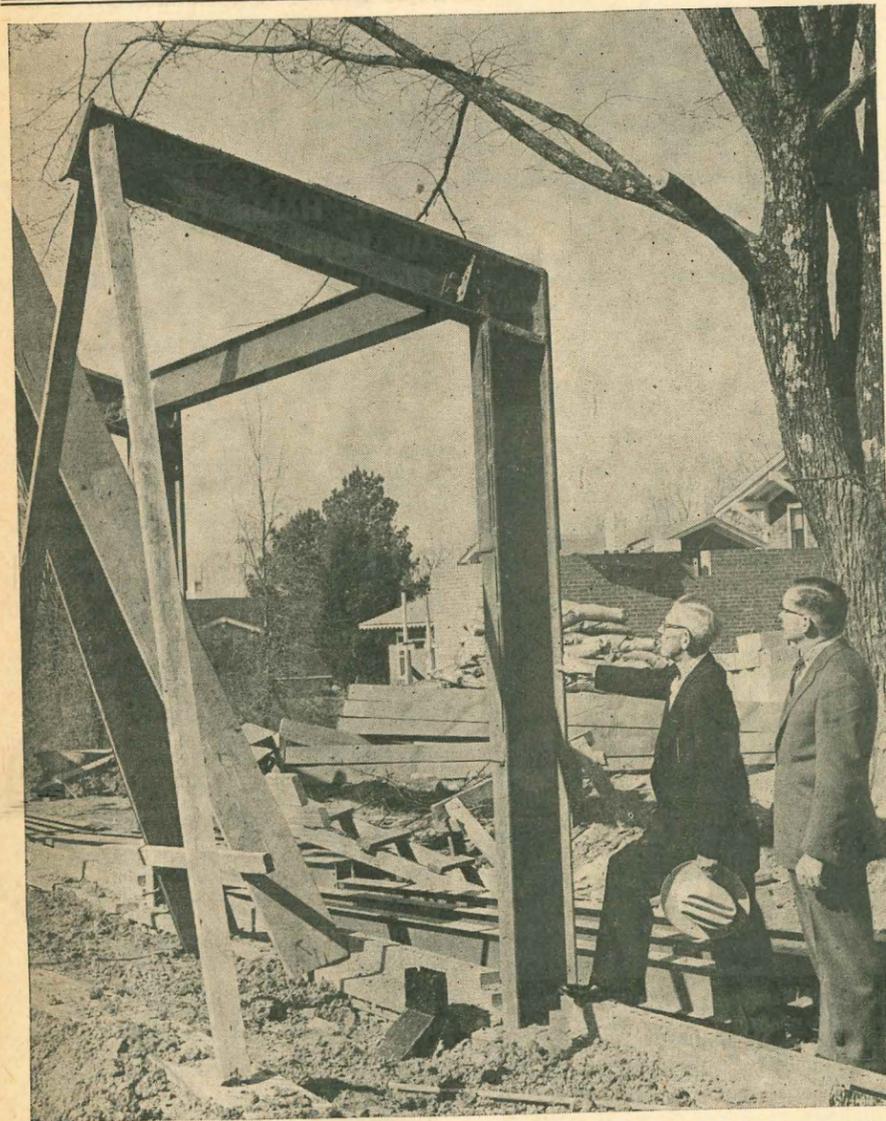
The Salt River Baptist Church has played a leading role in early Kentucky Baptist history. From her fellowship many of the surrounding churches have

sprung, and under her roof the South District Association was founded in 1802. Many great men have begun their preaching career in her fellowship, and the theological education of many young men have been aided by Salt River Church.

Although Salt River averages only seventy in Sunday School, this past year she reported 18 baptisms and 7 additions by letter.

Jim Harlan, student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is the pastor.

►The Heselton Church, Lewis County, has ordained Wayne Riggs to the Gospel ministry, and he has become full-time pastor of this church. Reginald W. Johnson, associational missionary, was moderator; Jerry Hayner, clerk; John Ivey, Ashland, examined the candidate; O. G. Foster, Aberdeen, Ohio, preached the ordination sermon; and Charles H. Johnston, Foxport Church at Wallingford, Ky., gave the charge to the church.



The Ruby Reid Child Care Center, now under construction at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., is being examined by Dr. F. F. Brown and Editor C. R. Daley, trustees of the seminary. Dr. Brown now lives in retirement in Knoxville, Tennessee, but is lovingly remembered by many Kentucky Baptists for many years' ministry in Kentucky. The new building at Southeastern is expected to cost about \$135,000.



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H. I. Hesters Endow Midwestern Lectures

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(BP)—The president of the trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here—H. I. Hester—announced that he and Mrs. Hester will endow a lectureship on preaching at the new seminary.

Hester made his announcement at the March meeting of the board. "The first historic series of lectures resulting from this gift will be presented in the spring

of 1960 on the new seminary campus," Pineville, La., and both Southern and President Millard J. Berquist said. *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries.

Hester is vice-president of William Jewell College, Baptist senior college located in nearby Liberty, Mo.

At their meeting, trustees also elected a new faculty member. H. C. Brown, Jr., of Fort Worth, who has been professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for ten years, was elected professor of homiletics at Midwestern.

Brown will assume his new position August 1. He is a native of Louisiana, and a graduate of Louisiana College,

Trustees were told that construction of the four initial buildings for the new seminary is progressing. They are expected to be ready for occupancy by September. An enrollment of more than 300 students is expected in the fall, President Berquist said.

Until the buildings are ready, Midwestern is using facilities provided by Calvary Baptist Church here. The new campus is on a 99-acre site in the northern part of the city.

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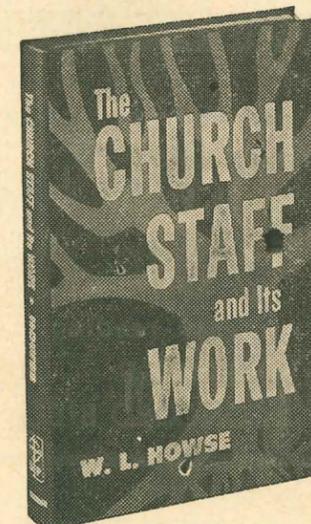
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SBC President Reports Latin American Progress

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Encouraging signs for the strengthening of religious liberty in South America are reported by Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. President and Mrs. Hays recently returned from a two weeks' tour of five Latin American countries under the sponsorship of the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC.

A new political leadership is emerging in many of the countries of South America, he reported, and these leaders are aware of the part their nations must play in world affairs. Hence, they are increasingly concerned for the rights of minority groups and they are insisting on freedom for all.

"The effort to establish complete religious freedom has not been completely successful in all areas yet," Hays declared, "but I encountered many encouraging signs and assurances as I visited with both heads of government, other officials and many of our missionaries."

"Colombia has presented the greatest problem and there is still work to do there," he said. Persecution was to be expected in a country "where a dictatorship of the worst type flourished for a number of years and consorted with elements that were determined to deny liberty to our missionaries."

Commenting on his observations of the Baptist mission work Hays said, "The character of our missionary personnel is one of the most striking things about the foreign mission program. My wife and I are intensely proud of what we discovered in the way of dedication and professional service by these wonderful people."

"Our missionaries are not suffering physical deprivations for they are reasonably well cared for and have comfortable arrangements for their families. The greatest sacrifice they make is absence from their loved ones here in the States and this is something that our own people who do not suffer long absences from loved ones should appreciate."

The five countries visited by Mr. and Mrs. Hays are Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

►Mrs. Cassie Gibbs entered her Heavenly home to be with her Lord March 11, 1959. She had lived in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the past several years, but had kept in touch with the people of the First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, Ky. She had been ill and bedfast for several years. Though she could not even sit up, she crocheted and sold her work, sending her money to the Tompkinsville Church to further God's cause. She is survived by a daughter, Brenda.

►Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., will be the principal commencement speaker at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 15, at which time degrees and awards will be presented to the graduates by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, new president of the institution.

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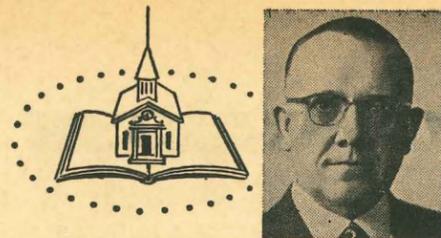
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NATHAN AND DAVID

II Samuel 12:1-14

This record of David's sin is an example of how the Word of God, as a warning to others, describes frankly and fully the failures of God's servants. David's fall, which came after he had passed the zenith of his life and had reached the climax of his prosperity and usefulness, is a solemn warning to all of God's children.

Through the years which preceded this incident David had kept himself busy most of his waking hours. Upon the return of spring his army had gone forth to resume fighting with the Ammonites, but David preferred the ease and luxuries of the palace to the hardships of the battlefield. By remaining in the palace he not only shunned his post of duty, but he became guilty of slothfulness. He neither improved himself nor sought to be useful to others, but merely followed the line of least resistance. Late one afternoon, David arose from his daily nap, which was customary in that part of the world, and was walking leisurely in the fresh air on the roof of the palace. While doing so he beheld Bathsheba, a woman of remarkable beauty, bathing. Lusting after her, David inquired about her, whereupon one of his servants reminded him that she was the wife of another. Nevertheless "David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her." For this deliberate and dishonorable deed David was inexcusable.

Conception followed, and Bathsheba promptly reported her condition to David. In an attempt to shift the blame for her condition to another, David summoned Uriah to return home. He came, but he consistently observed the custom of the people of the Middle East in that day by refusing to live at home with his wife during the time of war. Finally, David ordered Joab to place Uriah in the front line during the hardest fighting so that his death would be inevitable. After David's indirect murder of Uriah, he took Bathsheba as his wife. "But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord."

God does not leave his children alone when they indulge in sin. In one way or another He deals with them in order that they may be restored to fellowship with Him and be able to render useful and effective service for Him. In the

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

For May 10, 1959

case of David, God sent His faithful prophet to declare unto him his terrible personal guilt and the intense displeasure of God because of his dastardly conduct.

It was approximately a year after David had sinned so grievously in this matter of Bathsheba and Uriah that he was visited by Nathan the prophet. In mercy God sent this preacher to him. Naham was just as skillful as he was brave. In the hearing of the king he uttered one of the most touching parables in all literature. With simple pathos he told David a very stirring story of the injustice of one man to another. He told him about a man with great flocks who stole the only lamb of a poor man. It was such a graphic portrayal that it had an immediate effect. It should not be difficult for us to visualize the enraged David as he bit his lips, clenched his fists and said, "As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die."

David is a splendid illustration of the fact that it is so much easier to go into a rage about the sins of others than it is to be indignant on account of our own transgressions. Although David listened attentively to Nathan's sermon, he never applied any of it to himself. Doubtless he reasoned something like this, "The preacher is certainly digging up that scoundrel who has stolen that lamb, whoever he is."

Just then Nathan did a tremendously courageous thing. Fearlessly and dramatically he looked into the face of the lust-smearing and blood-stained king and said, "Thou art the man." What an indictment! How terrible was the blow of that accusation! Such a bold and unexpected application of the story shocked David and aroused his slumbering conscience. Instead of trying to justify himself or to minimize his guilt, David promptly confessed that he had sinned against God.

David did not offer any excuse for his conduct or take revenge on the fearless prophet who accused him to his face. Abhorring himself and the sins which he had deliberately and wilfully committed, he fell on his face in genuine repentance, confessed his sins and sobbed out his prayer to God for forgiveness and restoration. Realizing that he needed the grace and mercy of God, David's requests were pointed, earnest and persevering. He did not plead any

mitigating circumstances whatsoever. Neither did he attempt to blame anyone for his sins. Realizing full well that his sins had wronged God more than they had injured others, out of the depths of his degradation he cried, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness." Following his full and frank confession and earnest praying, David received complete forgiveness. However, it should be said that, even though he was forgiven, his sins certainly left their scars on his life and his record.

David's remarkable and memorable prayer for forgiveness is recorded in the fifty-first Psalm. In it he prayed for pardon, purity, and power, indicating that he greatly desired a clean heart and life. Such ought to be the nature of our daily prayers.



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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

CHURCH MUSIC

Music Appreciation For Juniors

By EUGENE F. QUINN

Miss Pheroba Ann Thomas of Bowling Green will teach Music Appreciation and direct the Girls' Choir at Cedarmore Junior Music Camp August 3-6, 1959. Miss Thomas is associate minister of music of the First Baptist Church, Bow-



Miss Pheroba Ann Thomas

ling Green, where she has been a full-time employee since her graduation from the School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Seminary, with a Master of Sacred Music degree.

MUSIC IN THE HOME IS FEATURED IN THE CHURCH MUSICIAN

The May issue of *The Church Musician*, our Southern Baptist music monthly magazine, features several notable articles. Editor W. Hines Sims advocates "A Hymnal in Every Home" in his editorial.

A hymn sing in a private home is described in an article entitled "Music Is for Everyone." State Music Secretary Lowell C. Alexander of Louisiana recalls his pleasant memories of music in his exceptionally musical home in his article entitled "Music in the Home."

Another article, entitled "Let's Have More Music in the Home," tells who, how and where to start with music in a non-musical home.

The cover page of the magazine features a picture of the home of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home." Ask for a copy at your church office.

STUDENT UNION

Morehead State College Baptist Student Union

By MISS MARCIA HALL
BSU Director, Morehead, Kentucky

In the foothills of the mountains of Eastern Kentucky lies the beautiful campus of Morehead State College. Here the Baptist Student Union was organized in March, 1954, making Morehead the last state senior college in Kentucky to have organized Baptist work on its campus.

Morehead is unique in that it has more Baptist preference (non-church members) than Baptist students enrolled. Of the 1,820 student constituency, 191 are Baptists with 224 students indicating Baptist preference. One hundred and seventy register no church preference at all. This would indicate that the campus is a mission field itself.

Students take an active part in the First Baptist Church at Morehead serving as pianists, choir members, associate teachers, leaders in Sunday school and Training Union, and just by being faithful to the services. The relationship between students and church members is very close. Sixty students now have membership at First Baptist. Approximately 115 students are enlisted in some organization of the church. A student is choir director at the church.

Besides the students who teach regularly in the missions of First Baptist Church, each Sunday afternoon a group of students have part of the program at nearby Pine Grove Mission. For the first time in the history of Morehead BSU, a student, selected by Kentucky Baptist students, will be serving as a summer missionary. Jim Fugate will work in Hawaii under the Home Mission Board and will be supported by the State BSU.

This year the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky purchased and remodeled a small house near the campus. This is the center of on-campus activities and has been of inestimable value during this year.

Morehead BSU had its first off-campus pre-school retreat in September. Norman and Betsy Deaton of Southern Sem-

inary led in Bible study and conferences at this time. The theme for the year, "To Know Him—To Make Him Known" was interpreted at the retreat and one boy was won to Christ. This retreat was a key factor in the success of the year.

Evangelistic fervor has run high during this past year with students becoming more and more concerned with personal evangelism. During the spring semester of 1958 a week of special emphasis on evangelism was held with thirty-seven students making professions of faith. This brought the number for the semester to fifty-four. As students continued to witness in the forums and on campus, fifteen others have been won to Christ during the past two semesters.

A challenging evangelism follow-up program was held during October featuring Waylan Moore, a representative of International Students Incorporated in Washington, D.C., and Bill Junker of the Southwide Baptist Student Department. The emphasis was on how to follow up new Christians and how to have an effective Bible Study and prayer life.

Outstanding Baptist students are respected leaders in every area of campus life at Morehead. The Christian witness of these students is exemplified not only by telling the good news of Christ but by standing firm for their convictions in the face of ridicule, honesty in the classroom, good studentship, wholesome fun and friendliness, plus other Christian virtues. During this year five students have made decisions to go into church-related vocations.

BROTHERHOOD

What's Happening, Here and There?

By FORREST R. SAWYER

T. J. McCray is president of the Brotherhood at the Berea Baptist Church, in Tate's Creek Association, where O. B. Mylum is pastor.

Other officers include Carl Belden, Jarvis Scott, Blair Tucker, Ed Johnson, M. G. Callico, E. B. Lanter, and John Hammond.

At a recent meeting, they had nine of their officers present for an *Executive Committee Meeting*.

W. L. Clore is secretary of the Brotherhood at the Fourth Avenue Baptist

Church in Long Run Association. During the first quarter of the year, the men of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church distributed 111 Testaments and Gospels. They extended 237 invitations to men to attend the services of their church, Sunday school, Training Union, etc.

Five hundred and eighty-six man hours of work were given to the church, and the men of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church read twenty-three missionary publications during the quarter.

April 2, Dr. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of the Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky, was the speaker for the Pulaski County Associational Brotherhood Meeting which was held with Pastor R. A. Hill at the High Street Baptist Church in Somerset.

Associational Brotherhood President Earl Godsey presided over the meeting which was *Pre-Revival*.

Royal Ambassador enrollment increased in Kentucky this past year 32.4 per cent over the preceding year's enrollment.

R. L. King of the Buena Vista Baptist Church Brotherhood, Owensboro, in Daviess-McLean Association, informs us that thus far twenty-five of the men of the Brotherhood have marked their New Testaments according to the plan as set forth in the tract, "*Layman Witnessing Using a Marked New Testament*."

The Brotherhood of the Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, J. A. Corley, President, Bobby C. Jones, pastor, visited 360 church members in the interest of the work of the church during the past month.

The Brotherhood of the Hardinsburg Baptist Church, in Breckenridge Association, Robert Wayne, pastor, and Thomas Beard, president, had thirty men and boys present on the occasion of their Man-and-Boy Night recently.

The men have assisted in the recent revival, in cleaning of the church, and arrangements for Easter services.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

YWA Conference at Ridgecrest, June 11, 1959

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

Kentucky expects to charter a bus to Ridgecrest for the YWA Conference, June 11-17.

The bus will leave the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown early Thursday morning, June 11 and will return to Middletown late the following Wednesday. It will make stops in Frankfort, Lexington, Richmond and Corbin to pick up girls.

To make reservations for this state-chartered bus, send name, age, address,

church and a letter of recommendation from your pastor to WMU Office, Kentucky Baptist Bldg., Middletown, Ky., by May 22 with a deposit fee of \$7.50 (\$5.00 on the bus and \$2.50 registration fee at Ridgecrest). Send your reservation early, but not later than May 22. These plans depend on having enough girls and leaders to fill a bus. If you make your reservations early and find it necessary to cancel, your deposit will be refunded if we are notified before May 22. No refunds can be made after May 22.

Those making their own travel arrangements should send the same information and a deposit fee of only \$2.50 by May 22 to the WMU office. **YOUR DEPOSIT FEE MAKES YOUR RESERVATION AT RIDGECREST.**

Approximate Cost: Bus fare—round trip—\$25.00 (\$5.00 deposit included); Ridgecrest reservation and insurance—\$2.50; Room and board—\$32.00; Meals en route—\$6.00; Total—\$65.00.

Come on! Y.W.A.'s—100 strong!

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC will open on Monday morning, May 18, at 9:30 o'clock. There will be no service on Sunday. We have had many inquiries about this.

There will be registration at Freedom Hall (Coliseum) Sunday, May 17, 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Monday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 19, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., according to Mrs. Wallace W. Sanders, registration chairman. Doors of the Coliseum will be open at 8:00 a.m. each day. There is a restaurant and cafeteria in the building.

Kentucky is allotted 72 messengers. The only special privilege for messengers is the privilege of voting, as there will be no reserved section for state delegations. Members of the Kentucky WMU Executive Board and Associational superintendents are to be given the privilege of registering as messengers on a "first come, first served" basis until our quota of 72 is filled. If the quota is not filled by 1:30 p.m. on Monday, any WMU member who desires to do so may register after that time, until 72 have registered. **There will be no credential cards** this year so it is not necessary to write to the state office to be a messenger.

CORRECTION

Our attention has been called to errors in the dates for Girl's Auxiliary weeks for Camp Joy, as given in the double-spread in the Western Recorder recently and in the mailing of re-prints. We are glad to make this correction.

There will be no YWA week this year at Camp Joy. The following are the correct dates for Girl's Auxiliary weeks at Camp Joy for 1959:

Intermediate and 12 year olds—June 15-19

Ages 9-11—G.A.'s—June 22-26

Ages 9-11—G.A.'s—June 29 - July 3

There will be an overflow week for Junior G.A.'s July 20-24, if needed. We are told that the dates for Royal Ambassador Camps were listed correctly.

TRAINING UNION

Youth Week - Outstanding Event in Church Life

By JAMES WHALEY



James Whaley

Youth Week was celebrated last year in one hundred fifty-five churches in Kentucky.

Comments from each of these churches indicate that the week is one of the outstanding events in the life of each church. This year it has already been observed and reported in a large

number of churches.

Youth Week is a plan for a church to use its young people in all the official positions of the church for one week. The Training Union should plan and carry out the project. This week may be observed at anytime in the church year.

If you are interested in Youth Week material, write Kentucky Training Union Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

FORWARD PROGRAM

One Clinic Today at Bowling Green; Another At Lexington in June

By THOMAS B. CHANEY

This is the "last call" for the first of two State Forward Program Clinics this year. The first one will be held this week, beginning at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, May 7, at the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

The faculty for the Bowling Green Clinic will include: Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi; Dr. V. C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severn's Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Reverend James B. Lewis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Corbin; and Thomas B. Chaney, director of the Forward Program in Kentucky.

Dr. Odle served as pastor of a Paducah church before going to Mississippi several years ago. In Mississippi he served as pastor at Crystal Springs and Gulfport prior to his present position. As associate executive secretary he par-

ticipated in the test campaigns on the Forward Program.

New materials will be available at the clinic. Many helpful ideas will be presented, especially for the churches that have already used the Forward Program and for those who do not have a plan for church finance.

Churches will make a good investment by sending their pastor and other leaders to the clinic.

The second State Clinic will be held at Lexington, June 25-26.

►Pastor George S. Munro, First Church, Fort Thomas, Ky., was the evangelist recently with Pastor Bob W. Brown at the Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington. Lynn Mitchell, minister of music at Trinity, conducted the song services.

►The Drakes Creek Baptist Church, Preachersville, Ky., lost one of its most loyal and devoted members, Howard Holtzclaw, by death. A deacon and Sunday school secretary, he had served the church as clerk for approximately forty years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, APRIL 26, 1959

	S.S.	Att.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut Street	1393	5	327
Missions (4)	343		154
Lou., Ninth and O	1168	4	505
Owensboro, First	1117	2	172
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	1088	1	305
Palmyra	41		21
Corydon	33	1	16
Owensboro, Third	1061		317
Hopkinsville, Second	992	2	249
Lexington, Immanuel	988	4	290
Todd's Road	23		---
Bowling Green, First	969		165
Andrew Mission	201	8	---
Mayfield, First	958		242
Mission	117		---
Covington, Calvary	887		---
Harrodsburg	886	34	200
Missions (2)	85		41
Lou., Crescent Hill	673	10	250
Missions (2)	154		---
Lou., Parkland	855		196
Frankfort, First	845	15	204
Lou., St. Matthews (1)	842	2	251
Newport, First	840	5	165
Chapel	126		32
S. Newport Mission	47		8
Peter G. Noll Homes	8		---
Lexington, Calvary	836		238
Mission	35		---
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	800		221
Missions (2)	70		---
Covington, Latonia	765	3	181
Somerset, First	721	14	307
Mission	44		---
Lou., Beechland	694		171
Mission (1)	189		58
Erlanger	673	39	133
Paducah, Immanuel	670		176
Glasgow	667		133
Missions (2)	202		---

Georgetown	627	10	178
Missions (2)	33		---
Covington, Southside	627		87
Ashland, First	582		118
Missions (3)	215	6	---
Lou., Hazelwood	581	1	127
Owensboro, Hall Street	574		205
Paducah, First	573		229
Lexington, Porter Memorial	547		132
Ashland, Unity	547	1	118
Central City, First	544	3	255
Winchester, Central	532		123
Bellevue	510		115
Lou., Beuchel Park	501	2	148
Lou., Shively	495		149
Shively Heights	162		72
Corbin, First	491	10	139
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	486		174
Evansville, Calvary	481		176
Lou., Southside	479		60
Mission (1)	81		---
Falmouth	477	27	82
Mission	19		---
Owensboro, Buena Vista	473		155
Danville, First	470	1	129
Missions (2)	112	17	68
Lou., Farmdale	461	5	130
Mission (1)	81		29
Lou., Beth Haven	460	1	217
Middlesboro, First	460	2	136
Franklin, First	460		115
Mission	58		25
Lou., Rockford Lane	455		177
Lou., Third Ave.	453	2	149
Mission (1)	146	1	52
Lexington, Rosemont	445	2	152
Bardstown	443		119
Ludlow, First	440	17	73
Lou., Eighteenth St.	439		110
Mission (1)	80	2	47
Hodgenville, First	434		120
Versailles	429		93
Lou., Valley Station	427	1	87
Hazard, First	427		95
Greenville, First	420		185
Lou., Bethany	420	7	105
Lou., Deer Park	417	1	97
Davis Memorial Chapel	91		30
Nicholasville	411		93
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	409		71
Springfield, First	408		114
Paducah, East	407		156
Lebanon, First	407	35	123
Ft. Thomas, First	403		107
Mission	133		---
Mt. Washington	397	1	98
Lou., Shawnee	397		119
Morganfield, First	395		106
Fern Creek, Cedar Creek	389		108
Lou., Immanuel	385		110
Hima, Horse Creek	383		---
Lou., Green Acres	379	2	153
Barbourville, First	377	1	197
Missions (3)	231		---
Danville, Gethsemane	370		217
Covington, First	370		186
Mission (1)	69		---
Bowling Green, Eastwood	364		112
Walton, First	364	4	167
Frankfort, Thornhill	364		104
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	362		130
Jeffersonton, First	355	1	103
Frankfort, Crestwood	347		122
Lexington, Trinity	340	8	109
Leitchfield, First	335		103
Louisville, Beechwood	333	4	143
Lexington, Central	330	15	107
Old Yellow Creek	327		105
Hawesville	323		110
Ashland, Pollard	321		111
Mission (1)	43		---
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	321		49
Dawson Springs	320		70
Earlington, First	314	3	151
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	314	5	135
Benton, First	303		105
Shepherdsville, First	298		72
Mission (1)	16		---
Williamson, E. Williamson	290	5	69
Mission (1)	162	13	61
Middletown, First	284		91
Monticello, First	283	24	113
Mission (2)	35		---
Lou., Gethsemane	280		108
Marion	275		75
Owensboro, Seven Hills	272		61
Campbellsville, S. Campbellsville	267		99
Hazel	248		---
Sonora	245		92
Owensboro, Wing Avenue	242	2	71
Folsomdale, Liberty	226		72
Cloverport	221		42
Paintsville	207	2	97
Mission (2)	110		---
Louisville, Baptist Temple	203		---
Lexington, Grace	---		165



A PROTEST

Editor:

My protest against a Super-Superintendent for our three Children's Homes here in Kentucky may perhaps have little weight with the Powers-that-Be but I am registering it just the same through the Recorder, since I do not know to whom else to go!

Please, how could any one removed from the immediate conditions and needs of the Home possibly have the personal interest as would one living daily with them?

If we have the money to pay a salary such as this office would demand, do let us give it to the under paid personnel.

Cloverport, Ky. Mrs. Frank Colville

FOR THOSE WHO DOUBT

Editor:

On April 9 the local court of Avezzano tried and sentenced Mr. Donato Cretarolo, member of the Baptist church of San Benedetto dei Marsi, Italy, to fifteen days in jail on the charge of contempt of the "religion of the State," that is, the Roman Catholic Church.

Cretarolo was charged with having printed and publicly displayed handbills offensive to the Catholic Church during "Holy Week." The publication in question commented upon the introduction of certain ceremonies and practices into the Roman Catholic Church which, according to Cretarolo, find no support in the Scriptures. Some of those cited by him were the establishment of the papacy, the use of Latin in worship, the use of relics, the canonization of saints, the celibacy of the clergy, the sacrifice of the mass, the seven sacraments, auricular confession, transubstantiation, purgatory, the equality of tradition with the Scriptures, the immaculate conception, the infallibility of the Pope, etc.

Although Cretarolo's defense pointed out that the law guarantees freedom of religious discussion, he was found guilty and ordered to pay the court costs as well. The case was appealed to the Constitutional Court of Italy. Cretarolo is eighty years old.

Rome, Italy Italian Baptist Union

TO MAKE MERRY THE EDITOR

Editor:

Enclosed you will find not only ten new names for your mailing list for our church, but forty-four. This covers the new homes added to our church for the last quarter of 1958 and the first quarter of 1959.

We certainly do enjoy the *Western Recorder*, and we feel that it is a very worthwhile and informative magazine. We hope that you will reach your circulation of 65,000 by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets here, and we hope that our forty-four will help.

Mrs. Marion Young, Secty.
William L. Kaufman, Pastor
Valley Station, Ky.

Baker J. Cauthen to Address Southwide Woman's Meeting

By MRS. CARROLL HUBBARD



Baker J. Cauthen

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, will be one of the missionary speakers at the Southwide Woman's Missionary Union Meeting. Dr. Cauthen, a dynamic speaker, is well known in Kentucky and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition to Dr. Cauthen, there will be other outstanding speakers whose pictures will be appearing from week to week. There will be panels of missionaries from various continents where Southern Baptists have missionaries who will provide much interest and information for the programs on Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19. Do not miss hearing them!

►Evangelist Walter K. Price, Danville, Ky., held a revival with the First Church of Abernathy, Texas. There was not a single service without a number of decisions being made, resulting in 49 recorded decisions during the whole series.

Kentucky's H. C. Gabhart Elected President of Belmont College

NASHVILLE — (BP) — A Memphis, Tenn., minister has been elected president of Belmont College here, one of three four-year colleges operated by Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Trustees elected Herbert C. Gabhart, pastor of Memphis' McLean Baptist Church since 1951. He will announce his decision shortly on whether he will accept the call.

Dr. R. Kelly White, president since 1952, retires Aug. 31 at the close of the current college fiscal year. He plans to move to his former home at Conway, N. C.

Dr. White was the first full-time president of Belmont College, which has been a Tennessee Baptist institution for only eight years.

The college's most immediate concern is accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The association is sending its accrediting committee to the Belmont campus May 3 to consider the college's petition.

During its last full academic year, Belmont reported an enrolment of 503 students. It has \$480,000 in endowment and operates on an annual budget of \$496,935.

Gabhart is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., largest of the three Tennessee Baptist colleges. He received the master of the theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he was a teaching fellow in the department of Biblical introduction.

Native of Henderson, Ky., he served a pastorate in Williamsburg, Ky., and was trustee of Cumberland College of that city, a junior college operated by Kentucky Baptists.

Resolution Asks UN To Open With Vocal Prayer

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Vocal prayer daily at the opening of the United Nations is called for by a Concurrent Resolution in the 86th Congress. It was introduced by Rep. Frank J. Becker (R., N.Y.), who has made similar attempts in two previous Congresses.

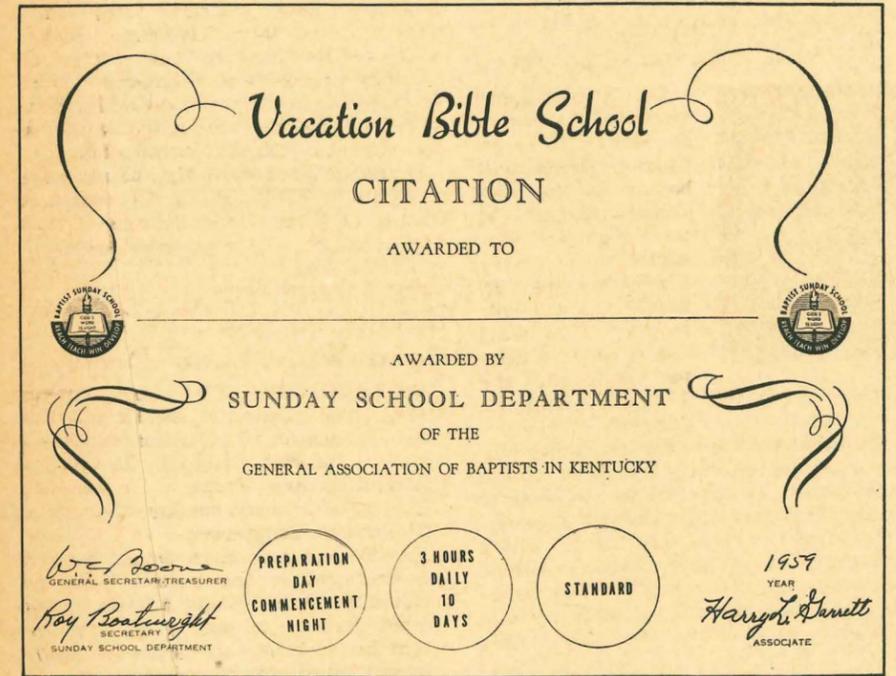
The Becker resolution would request the President of the United States to instruct the United States Mission to the United Nations to take such steps as might be necessary to have each day's session opened with "vocal" prayer.

At present the United Nations both opens and closes its sessions with one minute of silence for prayer or meditation on the part of any delegate who wishes to participate. In addition a simply furnished room for meditation is available for any of the delegates as they desire.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School Citation

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



Above is a picture of the new Vacation Bible School Citation that will be signed by Dr. W. C. Boone, Roy Boatwright, and Harry Garrett, and will be sent to each church that reports a Vacation Bible School this year. A red seal will indicate Preparation Day and Commencement Night, a blue seal will indicate three hours daily and ten days, a gold seal will indicate a standard school.

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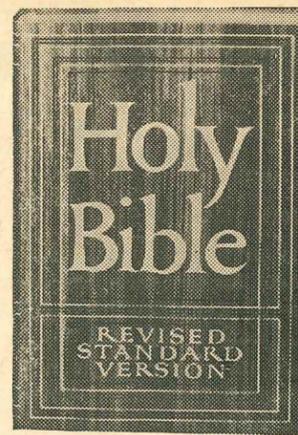
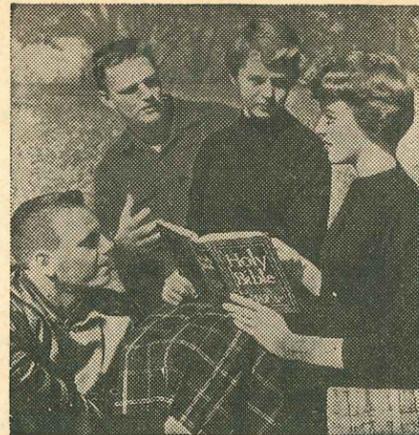
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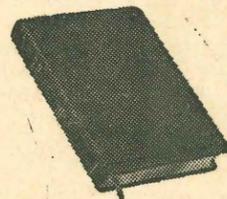
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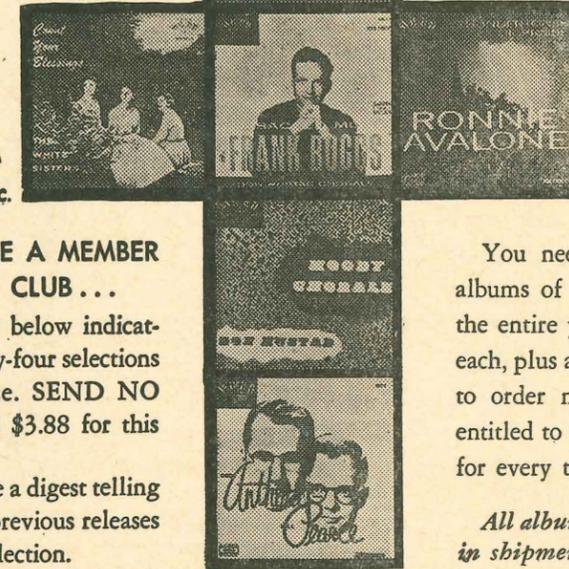
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Kentucky Alumni of Carver Hear Brooks; Elect New Officers

Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, spoke on "Some Plans for Carver School" at the annual meeting of Kentucky Alumni at the Kentuckian Hotel in Lexington, April 8.

Re-elected to office for the group were: Mrs. J. Brandon Price, Paducah, president; and Miss Nina J. Jett, Owensboro, secretary-treasurer. Other officers elected were the following regional vice presidents: Northeastern—Miss Ella Faye Hayes, Allen; Southeastern—Mrs. D.

Merrill Aldridge, Pineville; South Central—Mrs. Eldred M. Taylor, Somerset; Central—Mrs. A. E. Lacy, Bloomfield; North Central—Mrs. George Harrison, Georgetown; Western—Mrs. Harold D. Tallant, Madisonville; Southern—Mrs. Lawrence Martin, Auburn; Southwestern—Mrs. Thomas L. Lewis, Hopkinsville.

Among the other items of interest at the breakfast meeting, was emphasis given to the forthcoming southside meeting of Carver Alumni. Miss Norma Jean Baker, administrative assistant of Carver and resident alumni secretary, told of plans for the buffet supper meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 5:00-7:00 at Carver School. At that time a portrait

of former president, Dr. Emily K. Lansdell, will be presented by the alumni to the school. Reservations for the supper may be made directly with Miss Baker.

Covington's Southside Calls Jack Altman, Jr.

Southside Baptist Church, Covington, has called as pastor Jack Altman, Jr., who will assume his responsibilities on May 31. The new pastor comes from the First Baptist Church, Smyrna, Tenn. His training was at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., Vanderbilt University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before going to Smyrna as pastor he worked in the field of Jewish Evangelism with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mr. Altman succeeds Charles Garringer at Southside who has resigned under doctor's orders. Mr. Garringer has had four operations for the removal of growths from the vocal cords due to a contact ulcer and as a result has full use of his voice for conversation purposes but is not able to continue in the pastoral ministry which requires the strain of preaching. Mr. Garringer has accepted a position with the Presbyterian Ministers Fund and will be located in St. Louis, Mo., after May 1.

During the interim the pulpit responsibilities have been ably cared for by Southside associate pastor, Robert Zdinden.

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Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

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

Foreign Board Dedicates Building, Takes Action to Expand Operations

The semi-annual full meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board April 7-8, was a time of dedication—dedication of 16 new missionaries to overseas service and dedication of a new headquarters building as a place where careful planning and efficient work may make possible Southern Baptists' response to the urgency of taking the gospel to the entire world.

Several actions of the Board will make possible immediate and future expansion and advance overseas. Two of the new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, were appointed for service in Vietnam, a new Southeast Asian country where Southern Baptists expect to begin work within the near future. The opening of that new field was presented as an urgent matter of prayer. Vietnam brings to 39 the number of countries to which Southern Baptist missionaries are under appointment.

In accepting recommendations of its committee on Africa, Europe, and the Near East, the Board authorized the appointment of a couple for the development of English-speaking work in Europe and another for service in Portugal. The first assignment of the couple for English-speaking work will probably be assisting a congregation in Orleans, France, and seeking the development of work for American service personnel at other points in France.

Although Southern Baptists have no missionaries under appointment to Portugal at present, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, veteran missionaries of the Brazil staff, are now in that country as fraternal representatives to Portuguese Baptists.

Another action of the Board authorized a survey of French-speaking territories in Africa with a view to the possibility of opening Southern Baptist work in some of these countries. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will make this survey in July.

Dr. Goerner reported on the plans already under way for missionaries to begin work in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. The exact time of entry into these two countries has not yet been determined.

1,307 Foreign Missionaries

Appointments made at the April meeting of the Board brought the total number of active Southern Baptist missionaries to 1,307. The new missionaries are Julian C. Bridges, Florida, and Charlotte Martin Bridges, Georgia, ap-

pointed for Mexico; Mary Cannon, North Carolina, for Japan; Harold T. Cummins, Arkansas, and Betty Noe Cummins, Missouri, for East Pakistan; Herman P. Hayes and Dottie Primeaux Hayes, both of Louisiana, for Vietnam.

Also, Dale G. Hooper, North Carolina, and Beulah Johnson Hooper, Virginia, appointed for East Africa; Jerry S. Key and Johnnie Johnson Key, both of Texas, for Brazil; Ernest L. King, Jr., Virginia, and Dorothea DeWitt King, Iowa, for Indonesia; Wyona King, Kentucky, for Nigeria, and Wilbur C. Lewis and Gladys Sherman Lewis, both of Oklahoma, for Paraguay.

Dr. King is a dentist, the first to be appointed by the Board in seven years. Southern Baptists now have three dentists under appointment as missionaries, two in Nigeria and Dr. King for Indonesia.

Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, said he is confident the number of appointments in 1959 will reach the goal of 140 set last October. "Let not our gratitude for these blind us to the fact that there will still be 600 unfilled requests for missionaries," he said.

To strengthen the staff of its personnel department, the Board elected Rev. Luke B. Smith, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., as assistant secretary for missionary personnel. He will assume the new duties on May 11.

Symbol of Concern

Dr. John H. Buchanan, of Birmingham, Ala., a former member of the Foreign Mission Board, brought the dedication address for the new headquarters building. Speaking on his 72nd birthday, Dr. Buchanan said he has never had a birthday present that meant quite so much as the privilege of sharing in the dedication service. "I doubt if there has been a more significant occasion in Southern Baptist life," he said, "not necessarily because of the beauty and the commodiousness of this building, but because of the symbol which it represents and the purpose for which it has been erected."

Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and one of several who brought greetings at the dedication service, called the building a "symbol of Southern Baptist concern for this distraught and needy world." He said, "It will serve as a service station and enlargement to the churches seeking to respond to the commission God has given to them to send the gospel even unto the ends of the earth."

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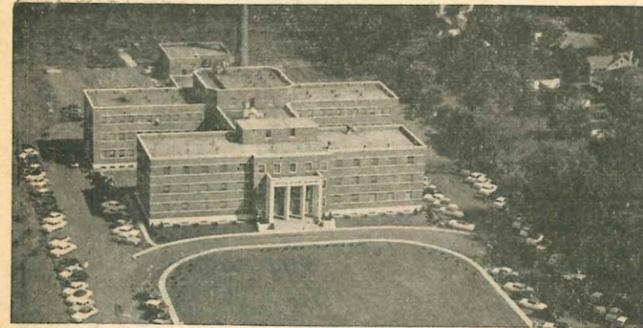
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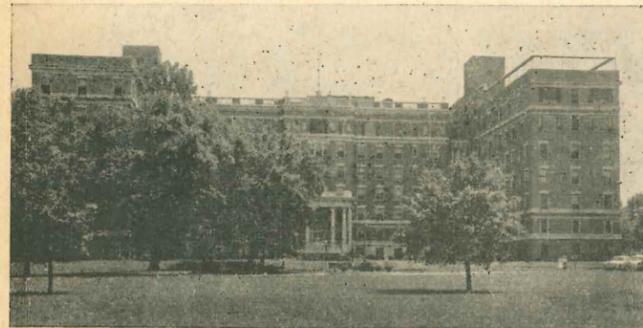
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