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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

AND NOW TO ROCHESTER

►The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, under the leadership of Area Missionary Arthur L. Walker, formerly of Kentucky, will enter another of America's major cities when the first services will be held in Rochester, New York, on May 31. Anyone knowing of Southern Baptist prospects in the Rochester area may send their names and addresses to him at 302 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo 16, New York.

TWO BELLS AND ALL IS WELL

►Two Kentucky Bell sisters have just been elected president of the Sophomore and Senior Classes respectively at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. Mary Garland Bell, Hindman, Ky., has been honored by the members of her class by being elected president of the Sophomore Class and Dorothy Bell, also of Hindman, has been elected president of the 1959-60 senior class. They are the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell of the Temple Baptist Church, Hindman.

NOW IT'S DOCTOR JESTER

►David L. Jester, missionary in the Baptist Teacher Training College at Iwo, Nigeria, West Africa, has been awarded his Ph.D. degree in education by Columbia University, New York, in absentia. Dr. Jester is a son of missionary parents, Daisy Hicks Jester, graduate of the School of Nursing at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, and William L. Jester, graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, both of whom are now on furlough in Louisville. Mrs. David L. Jester is the former Miss Marie Hans, of North Vernon, Indiana.

ORDINATION AT PINEVILLE

►Cledith V. Campbell, a second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Riverside Baptist Church April 19. Dr. Ralph S. Voris, pastor, conducted the examination. Ralph Holbrook and Floyd Warrix served as moderator and clerk respectively. R. G. Coign and L. C. McIntyre, deacons in the Riverside Church, led the devotional and presented the Bible to the candidate. W. B. Bingham, pastor of Binghamtown Church, Middlesboro, preached the sermon, and John Cummins, pastor of Page Baptist Church, led the ordination prayer. Campbell, who has been called as pastor

of Calloway Baptist Church in Bell County, is married and has two sons, Mike and Cledith, Jr.



Photo by Lawrence R. Snedden

Miss Wyona King (left), Covington, Ky., newly appointed missionary to Nigeria, stands before the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's new headquarters building in Richmond, Va., with Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, associate secretary for missionary personnel. Miss King graduates from Southern Seminary this month. Southern Baptist foreign missionaries now number 1,308.

C. B. STOVALL PASSES

►The Executive Board of Warren Association has passed resolutions about the passing of Dr. Charles B. Stovall, who died in calm peacefulness during the night of March 19, 1959. "His ministry has gone beyond the bounds of his church and association," the resolutions read, and "He was a friend and shepherd to all who were in need of the Gospel, and . . . he labored many long hours under difficult circumstances to witness to lost people who might never have been reached for our lord." Much of his

time and talents were given without accepting any monetary compensation. He leaves a wife and daughter. The resolutions were signed by Robert E. Lively, Raymond T. Ward and C. O. Brown.

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RURAL DEACONS

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A student accepted the pastorate of a small country church which had only two elderly deacons. He saw that if the church were to continue a stable program of growth in the future there must be some younger men brought into responsible leadership in the church. When he approached the two deacons on the subject of wanting some younger men, they became extremely hostile. One of the men said, "What do you want to do, put us older men on a shelf?" This was not the younger man's intention at all, but he had to drop the matter of seeking out qualified younger men as deacon material because of the extremely biligerent attitude of the deacons.

Nevertheless, in two months the church did not have a deacon. One had passed away rather suddenly; the other one was confined to his bed with a stroke. As a result the church had to seek out younger men and ask them to serve as deacons though they had had no experience whatsoever and though there were no older men to train them.

DEMOCRACY

Rural churches are usually exceptionally democratic in spirit and attitude. They are not in the habit of working through committees to any large degree and thus many times do not place upon the deacon body the responsibility necessary for proper functioning of the church. At the same time, some of the deacons have not been experienced in accepting committee responsibility. They are hesitant to take upon themselves the distinctive responsibility that goes with the office of deacon. This hesitancy to accept responsibility frequently prevents the deacon group from taking the initiative in leading out in the program of the church. This being true, the deacons are not as effective as they could be.

Because of this extreme democratic attitude many times the deacons in a small church hesitate to make strong recommendations to the church. They seem to feel that a recommendation from the deacons carried unusual power and would be too influential upon the members of the church. A deacon is frequently heard to say, "Whatever the people want will be o.k. with me. I will not try to influence them." This hesitancy to make strong recommendations many times prevents the deacon group from being as aggressive as it would otherwise be.

ROTATION

Pastors are constantly asking about the advisability of rotation of deacons in the smaller town and country churches. With deepest sincerity I would like to reply, "The Lord has a rotation system."

This is indeed true for old age, and death takes its toll of the fine, stable, loyal supporters among the deacons of rural churches. This is to be expected. No one of us can last always in the places where we are called to serve. Still, as we grow older, somehow we must lay down some of the responsibility that the church has placed upon us. In doing this we must be looking toward the time when others can take our places.

Recently a student pastor said, "My church has enough deacons and they are the finest men in the world but they are all 60 years of age or older. I realize that in a few years they will all be inactive. How can I lead my church to ordain some good middle-aged men to share the responsibility with these fine older deacons, and thus gradually bring them into places of leadership?"

In my place of counseling young pastors, this question occurs almost weekly. In all too many cases the deacons seem to resent any suggestion that younger men should be selected. The idea of rotation is not that the older men will be removed from responsibility but that younger men will be brought into sharing responsibility.

In fact, a very small church does not need a rotation system for deacons. Unless it has 18 deacons or more I personally see no need to set up a three year rotation plan. If it has that many or more it probably would be wise to do so. However, in God's rotation system a church must be constantly seeking out qualified younger men to be inducted into places of leadership, including the deacon body.

TRAINING

The most significant matter, as I see it, is that younger men need to be brought in to work beside the older fellows in order that they might get training in the wisdom and experience of the older men. A group of deacons should not be made up entirely of older men, nor should it be made up entirely of young men. There should be a balance as to age between the older and younger men. The only way to maintain this balance is to add younger men regularly. This is the long perspective,

I realize, but if the church does not ordain younger men over a period of years it will soon find that it has to select an entire group of inexperienced men. It seems to be the point of wisdom that younger men be brought into the group in order to be trained with the experienced men. The older men should be anxious to share their wisdom and experience with younger men who will have to lead when the older ones have passed on.

The deacon holds the most significant office occupied by laymen in the church. It is a New Testament office. It has a marvelous history dating back to the First Century of Christian History.

Since the office of the deacon is Biblical it is so significant for progress in today's churches, each person involved should consider it in its proper significance. The pastor needs to understand that this is his most strategic opportunity of working with his people. He gives the deacons the highest respect and confidence and works in closest fellowship with them. The church respects the deacons because of the significant position they hold. The church should not allow deacons to dominate the church against the will of the body but should be anxious to follow their leadership. The deacons are servants of the churches, so the church should select for deacons only those with scriptural qualifications.

The deacons themselves need to hold their office in highest honor. This can be done by a Christian dedication, by a progressive attitude, and by a fully cooperative spirit.

Those wishing to study the qualifications of a deacon further can find an excellent treatment in President Robert E. Naylor's book, *The Baptist Deacon*.

Clear Creek Graduate Becomes Pastor of New Church in California

The Herndon Road Southern Baptist Mission, sponsored by the Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Ceres, California, was organized into a church on Sunday, April 19. The church was formerly named the "Faith Southern Baptist Church" and expressed a desire to unite with other Southern Baptists through the association, state, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The work began in September, 1958, with Charles Palmer as the first pastor and 24 members have been received into the membership by letter and baptism since that time. In November, 1958, the present pastor, Harry N. Sharp, was called to the field. Brother Sharp is a graduate of the Clear Creek Baptist Preachers' School, Pineville, Kentucky.



A Good Example

Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn and Baptist churches also have been known to treat pastors with less than the fullest love and appreciation. This is rare, however, and most often churches have demonstrated love and care for their pastors that went far beyond the world's standards.

One such recent case deserves mention for the testimony it bears to all other churches. Several months ago a throat ailment began to plague Charles Garringer, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Covington. Medical examination revealed an ulcer on the vocal cords which was irritated by the strain of preaching and which ultimately reduced the voice to a whisper. Four separate operations were performed to remove the growth only for a reappearance upon the resumption of preaching. Conversation does not produce irritation to the vocal cord but preaching does, and upon the advice of the best medical authorities, the pastor reluctantly decided to give up trying to preach.

He resigned last December breaking the hearts of his beloved members. They made it a concern of most earnest prayer, and insisted that his resignation become effective only after he found satisfactory employment. He lived on in the parsonage and was given full salary. Recently other employment has been secured and the pastor leaves with a heart full of love and eternal gratitude.

Not many churches will ever be called upon to rise to such an occasion, but, when they are, Southside Baptist in Covington will afford a wonderful example.

Correction Please

In the attempts of this editor to deal fairly and thoroughly with the Southern Seminary affair, many mistakes have been made. This is understandable and almost unavoidable in light of the complexity of the whole controversy.

In spite of this the reaction to almost every article has been fair and wholesome on the part of everyone concerned. This does not mean the participants have not disagreed and sometimes rather violently with several articles and editorials. This also is understandable in that convictions have been so deep and only full agreement with both sides which would have been impossible would have avoided some challenge. Most important of all intimate and cherished friendships with those on both sides have been preserved without any impairment whatsoever, and this speaks eloquently of the thorough Christian spirit of all these men. This goes for the president, the present faculty, the former professors and the trustees.

As I reflect now upon the articles written and published, I have most regret about the editorial of the December 25, 1958, issue entitled, "The Unofficial A.A.T.S. Report." I believe the choice of a title for this editorial was unfortunate and left the wrong impression. The facts of the article are correct so far as I know, and I know nothing now I did not know then.

In the editorial I used information from the syndicated column of the Associated Press Religion writer, George Cornell. Mr. Cornell reported what he called unofficial findings from an undisclosed A.A.T.S. official in which the dismissed professors were censured along with the president and the trustees.

By using the title, *Unofficial A.A.T.S. Report*, it was inferred that there were two A.A.T.S. reports, one official and one unofficial. I was assured by Dr. Luther Weigle of the A.A.T.S. investigating committee that he knew of only one report and that was the one released by the A.A.T.S. I knew this before publishing the article and hesitated quite some time before deciding to release it.

In fairness to the A.A.T.S., the professors and others concerned, it ought to be said that the so-called unofficial findings were apparently a private opinion of one or more A.A.T.S. officials, and in no sense an official or unofficial report of the A.A.T.S.

Convention Issues

Though no one can ever predict what developments may take place at a Southern Baptist Convention, this year's meeting is not expected to be characterized by major issues so far as business is concerned. There are several matters that will evoke considerable discussion but, for the most part, the messengers should be able to concentrate on the things to which we are already committed and on the high inspiration of such a gathering.

Scheduled for further action are the sections of the Survey recommendations referred from last year. Three of these promise some debate.

One is the section dealing with the Home Mission Board. Major changes proposed for this Board which were put off last year have been modified and are now mostly acceptable to Home Mission Board leadership. One remaining proposal that will be objected to is the recommendation calling for the Home Mission Board to turn over all its present work in states with established programs to those states within five years. This time limit would be unwise, say Home Mission officials.

Another Survey recommendation headed for objection is the one calling for the establishment of a new Stewardship Commission to promote Southern Baptist stewardship. This promotion has been done until now by the S.B.C. Executive Committee. Dr.

Findley Edge of Southern Seminary has raised objection to this proposal in an article which appeared in the April 23 issue of the *Western Recorder*. Dr. Douglas Branch of North Carolina, chairman of the Survey Committee, has answered Dr. Edge's arguments in a recent release for publication.

Another matter related to the Survey recommendations has to do with the Carver School of Social Work. The survey recommends that the school be continued and strengthened for training in this special field but there are some who say it ought to be combined with Southern Seminary for economy purposes. It's uncertain whether this issue will be debated in the Louisville Convention.

A move to amend the Constitution to allow Baptists from Canada to come into the Southern Baptist Convention is also up for consideration. Those for this move point out that these Canadian brethren are not in full sympathy with their fellow Canadian Baptists in many practices and want to co-operate with the program of Southern Baptists. Those objecting to extending the Southern Baptist Convention beyond national boundaries are concerned lest we needlessly irritate fellow Baptists in Canada by accepting their churches and thus infer that Canadian Baptists are not true Baptists.

This is a delicate matter and, though we should always welcome any who share our convictions and believe in our program, to lift national boundaries could be a far-reaching step. We have had another trouble explaining our expansion from the south and west to the whole continental United States.

Another question for the Convention is who will be the new president? The Hon. Mr. Brooks Hays has

served the two-year limit. Sometimes dark horses come in and this was something of the case of Hays, but more often the president comes from those considered to be in the running. Among those most mentioned for this year are Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn.; Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C.; H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Mississippi.

Generally one of the vice-presidents comes from the Convention city. This means a Louisville pastor would be named a vice-president, but why not break this precedent and elect a Kentuckian as Convention president. If we wanted another national figure, Congressman Eugene Siler is as prominent a layman and as able a parliamentarian as could be found. If we wanted a pastor, Dr. W. R. Pettigrew has every qualification for a Convention president.

The segregation issue is generally pushed in somewhere along the way, but messengers have indicated several times already they are not sympathetic with embroiling the Convention with this matter. There are several who predict the Southern Seminary controversy will be aired, but I doubt this. It's difficult to see any helpful solution to this problem coming from the Convention floor. If the problem persists and all other attempts to rebuild the seminary fail, floor action might have to be resorted to, but the time is not yet.

One thing is sure. The Southern Baptist Convention is never dull. So don't miss it and say years later, "I wish I had gone to the Convention when it was in Louisville."

You don't have to be an appointed messenger to get in. Everybody is welcome. The only advantage in coming as a messenger is voting privileges.

A VIEW ON CARVER

Dear Editor:

I am a missionary of twenty-five years' experience. This furlough year I have served a second time as visiting professor of missions at Carver School.

Since one member of the Southern Baptist Convention Survey Committee is presenting a minority report recommending the discontinuance of this school, I should like you to let me say a word as to how the matter looks to a missionary who knows the school from the inside.

I believe that there is great need for the school and that the need will increase. Most of our missionaries do and should come from the seminaries, but I feel Southern Baptists, in addition, need a school:

- (1) where the mission enterprise can be brought into sharper focus than is practicable in the diversified seminary program,
- (2) where a richer variety of specialized courses can be offered,
- (3) and where a larger concentration of specialists will be at work in the Missions field than is practicable in the seminaries.

Such schools are being established by other denominations and inter-denomi-

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BAPTIST FORUM



SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN

Dear Editor:

I would like to reply to the idea expressed in the letter by Dr. T. V. McCaul in the issue of April 16 in which he stated a desire for silence at the convention on two issues which are current in the life of our denomination.

It is the principle of the letter which I wish to question.

The principle seems to express the idea that it would be best for our denomination to remain silent on social and ethical issues rather than have them openly discussed. This practically amounts to saying that when a problem arises it should be ignored and maybe it will go away. It seems that this is a concept to be found in our denomination, else why not support convention discussion and action on current problems? I think that many times Christianity has kept silent when problems arose and

they did not go away, but developed into monsters more hideous than they were at their beginning.

It seems that we could profit from some open discussion and some united denominational action on issues which demand an answer from the Christian faith. There is a saying, "Don't just stand there; do something!" Perhaps we might apply that statement to our denomination when it comes to the point of bringing issues out in the open and presenting a united front supporting Christian truth, even if that front were not unanimous. Certainly by remaining silent on social and moral issues in order to keep peace at any price we often fail to apply in positive action the gospel which we preach. "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).

Louisville, Ky.

Bill Givens

Broadman Baptist in Ohio Begins Construction

The Broadman Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a suburban area of Akron, will begin construction about July 1 of the first unit of a multiple unit plant which is expected to cost approximately \$1,500,000. The first unit will house educational facilities and a temporary sanctuary for 300 persons. The completed building will be a two story concrete block brick veneer type construction and will provide worship and educational facilities for 1,200 persons. The church is using the Broadway Plan for the financing of the new facilities. This plan, which has been used extensively for church finance for more than twenty years, calls for the sale of 5% interest bearing bonds to members and friends of the church.

During the past 2½ years Broadman Church has received more than 100 new members. The Sunday School has grown from an enrollment of less than 50 to more than 200. Two missions have already been sponsored by the church, one in Canton which has already been or-

ganized into a church, and one in Streetsboro which will be constituted into a church sometime this year.

The new construction is to be located on a four acre building site and ground breaking ceremonies have been scheduled for June 7.

Broadman's pastor, C. Kenneth Hayes, went to Cuyahoga Falls 2½ years ago from Erlanger, Kentucky, where he was serving as minister of music and education at the Erlanger Baptist Church. Mr. Hayes is a graduate of Georgetown Baptist College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a native of Beuchel, Kentucky, and received his early training in the Buechel Baptist Church.

No Traffic Jams, Say Louisville Committee

LOUISVILLE—(BP)—If you want to drive your car between downtown Louisville and Freedom Hall between sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, you should not run into any traffic jam.

That's the advice from local police and from the committee of Louisville Baptists

making arrangements for the Convention.

However, city buses operate on regular schedules to the meeting hall, and special chartered buses will make the rounds each day to and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus.

The parking lot at the Exposition Center, in which Freedom Hall is located, can handle 10,000 cars. Cars may park free during the Convention. There are five entrances. "Traffic congestion probably won't be too noticeable," local Baptists say. Police are placing extra men on duty during peak periods on routes leading to the meeting place.

Under normal conditions, it takes about 20 minutes to drive from downtown hotels to the hall.

Here are the best routes to and from the center from all directions:

From town—South on First St. (one-way South) to North-South Expressway; then follow Expressway to Exposition Center. Returning, use Second St. (one-way North) instead of First.

From west—Entering on Highways 60 and 31W from Paducah, Nashville, Memphis (not using Turnpike), follow right turn on U.S. 60 onto Watterson Expressway, following Expressway to Exposition Center.

From east—Entering from direction of Frankfort and Lexington, follow U.S. 60 on the Watterson Expressway to the meeting place.

From northeast—From Cincinnati on U.S. 42, turn left off Brownsboro Rd. at Chenoweth Lane; cross Shelbyville Rd. where Chenoweth becomes Breckenridge Lane; follow Breckenridge to Watterson Expressway; Expressway to Fairgrounds.

From south—Entering on Kentucky Turnpike from Elizabethtown, follow it to where it crosses Watterson Expressway to Fairgrounds Center.

Several parking lots and ramps are located in the downtown area of Louisville. Rates average 25-35 cents for the first hour and 10-15 cents for each additional hour, with maximum per day of 50-60 cents.

All major hotels have their own parking garages with rates as follows: 50 cents minimum, two hours or less; \$1.25 for 18 hours (overnight); \$1.50 for 24 hours, and 25 cents for pickup either way.

Beginning Monday, May 18, and through Friday, May 22, two large buses will leave the front of Norton Hall at the seminary, headed for the Center. One will depart at 8:30 a.m., the other at 8:45 a.m. They will go to the front entrance of the Center.

These chartered buses will return to the seminary each evening, leaving the Center at 9:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 20, five buses will leave the Center at 12:15 p.m. to take people to the seminary alumni luncheon. They will leave the seminary at 3 p.m. for the Center.

Brotherhood Commission Employs Editorial Head

MEMPHIS—(BP)—Roy Jennings, Memphis newspaperman, will become editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission here on May 1. He is presently serving as night city editor of the Memphis Commercial - Appeal, the mid-south's largest daily newspaper.

A native of Oklahoma, Jennings graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1949 with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism. Four years' service in the air arm of the Navy preceded his college career. Between 1941 and 1945, he spent two tours of duty in the Southeast Pacific and one tour in the Northwest Pacific.

He is a member of LaBelle Baptist Church in Memphis where he serves as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and director of the Training Union. He also supervises the publications of his church.

The Brotherhood Commission issues three periodicals—the quarterly Brotherhood Journal, the monthly Ambassador Life, and the quarterly Ambassador Leader.

Catholics Appointed To Education Committee

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Roman Catholics are gaining strength in the Education and Labor Committee of the House of Representatives. Out of the five new Democratic members of this committee of the 86th Congress four are Roman Catholics. In the 85th Congress two out of four Democratic appointees were Roman Catholics. This brings the Roman Catholic membership on the Committee to a total of seven.

The powerful Education and Labor Committee was responsible last year for backing the successful National Defense Education Act, which opened new doors to the Federal treasury for private schools on the higher education level. Many amendments to the Education Act have been proposed in the 86th Congress, some of which specifically provide for Federal funds to private and parochial schools on the elementary and secondary levels.

In commenting on this development, C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, stated that this trend has far reaching implications for the use of public funds in future programs of education.

"Since the new members of the committee will gradually gain seniority and influence on educational proposals," Carlson continued, "We can expect those proposals to reflect the particular interests of the constituencies they represent. That the Democratic party leadership chooses four Roman Catholics out of the five named cannot be coincidence."

Other religious groups represented on the committee are Baptist, 4; Episcopal, 4; Methodist, 4; Lutheran, 3; Congregational, 2; Presbyterian, 2; Jewish, 2; Disciples of Christ, 1; Latter Day Saints, 1.

Messengers of the Churches and the Glory of Christ

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Churches are now naming messengers to this year's sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Louisville, May 19-22. Registration cards, to be properly certified by church officers, have been mailed to the Baptist State Headquarters offices and are available on request to your general secretary, Dr. W. C. Boone, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky.

The Convention's constitutional provision respecting the appointment of messengers is printed on the registration card, and may be found also in Article III of the Convention Constitution (See 1958 Southern Baptist Convention Annual, page 27).

In view of the significance of this appointment and certification of messengers, churches are requested to give prayerful and orderly attention to this matter.—Joe W. Burton, Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention.

Maryland Editor Helps Kill Bus Transportation Bills

Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., former director of public relations for Kentucky Baptists and now editor of *The Maryland Baptist*, assisted in the killing of two pieces of proposed legislation in Maryland which would have benefited parochial schools in that state. One was designed to permit non-public school children to ride public school busses from a point on the highway nearest the pupil's home to a point on the highway nearest the parochial school.

The other was intended to amend the existing law for one Maryland county which would have permitted public school busses to change their routes and take non-public school children directly to public schools. This county already has a law permitting parochial school children to ride busses.

Maryland Baptist, published twice a month in Baltimore, in a front page editorial, attacked the two legislative moves as step one and two in a pattern of encroachment. The editorial by Mr. Bryan was followed by a ground swell of citizens' opposition from the two counties affected and resulted in the killing of the two bills.



The Brotherhood at Carlisle Avenue Church, Louisville, took over the Royal Ambassador group, more than a year ago when it was composed of three or four boys. Now they have an enrollment of 65 in four chapters. Shown above is the executive committee of Carlisle Avenue's Brotherhood (left to right), front row (seated): J. T. Scott, program vice president; A. W. Walker, pastor; Howard W. Watt, president; back row (standing): Ervin Keathley, song leader; Carroll Freeman, education; Roy Barton, benevolence; Allen Parnell, R.A. chairman; Ray Walters, secy.-treas.; Ernie Cates, evangelism. Not present were: John Holston, membership vice president; Jesse Stevenson, Activities vice president; Bennis Raymer, stewardship; and Bill LaFollette, social.



Macedonia Baptist Church, Route 2, Owensboro, dedicated this new sanctuary February 24, 1957. The church has enjoyed unusual blessings in recent months under the leadership of Pastor Clyde Boyles. A recent revival resulted in 36 decisions, 27 of which were professions of faith for baptism. Attendance records for Sunday School were set on one Sunday of the revival when 348 were present. The preacher for the revival was Sam Gash, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church in Owensboro and leading the revival music was George Mills, Jr., music director of Wing Avenue Baptist Church in Owensboro.

A VIEW ON CARVER
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nationally. Should not Southern Baptists take the lead and not lag behind?

Research and advanced study, in my feeling, should more and more be the center of the Carver School program. There is already projected, with the approval of the faculty and trustees, a professional journal for missionaries and Christian social workers which can become a clearing house for the best thinking among us on these specialized topics. We greatly need such a stimulus and such a clearing house.

I am frequently asked about the relation of Carver School's program to that of the seminaries. Besides the value for women and for medical and other non-ministerial workers, for a man who expects to be a missionary preacher, I suggest:

1. A seminary B.D. course as basic.
2. Specialized missionary training such as is not available in the seminaries but can be had at Carver in one or more of four ways:
 - a. Courses taken while a student at Southern and credited, with faculty approval, toward the B.D.
 - b. Summer school.
 - c. Carver School's M.A. course taken after the B.D. before beginning missionary service. With credit given for Bible and Theology courses and the like taken in the B.D. course, this can be done in one additional year.
 - d. Course work either as a regular or special student during furlough. Also, of course, work in research using Carver School's resources and faculty.

Similar and perhaps even more emphatic things could be said about the need for a Southern Baptist center of professional social work training. The two programs at Carver reinforce and enrich each other.

My personal hope, as a man dedicated to the work of missions, is that the minority recommendation will make Southern Baptists take a closer look at Carver School and its program and come to understand and appreciate it better. If this is done, there should be a ringing vote of confidence and a mandate not only to continue, but to enlarge and strengthen the school's work, as the almost-unanimous majority report of the Survey Committee urges.

Louisville, Ky. W. Maxfield Garrott

►The Florida Group at Southern Seminary is planning a reception for all Florida messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Mullins Hall Lounge, on the campus, Wednesday, May 20, from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock, immediately following the pageant to be presented the day of the Alumni Meeting.

R. B. Hooks, Sr., Named Warren Baptist Associational Missionary

R. B. Hooks, Sr., well known Kentucky Baptist pastor and former state worker, has been called by the Warren Association of Baptists as missionary. Hooks presently is serving as pastor of the Gravel Switch Baptist Church in South District Association. He begins his new work June 1.

Hooks, a native Kentuckian who received his training at Western State



R. B. Hooks

Teachers' College and Southern Baptist Seminary, formerly served as Field Secretary of Rural Church Work and Evangelism for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

The new Warren Association missionary is not only widely known in Kentucky for his work in the rural church field, but is also regarded as one of the most effective evangelists among Kentucky Baptists. His most recent evangelistic effort was with the New Providence Baptist Church, Clarkesville, Tennessee. This church ministers to the servicemen and their families at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. A former Kentuckian, Marvin E. Hines, Sr., is the New Providence pastor and reports a number of additions to the church and other spiritual blessings resulting from the revival effort.

Hon. Brooks Hays to Speak at Carlisle Avenue in Louisville

Hon. Brooks Hays of Arkansas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak at the Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, on Sunday evening, May 17, 1959. Hays, coming to Louisville to preside over the

sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the speaker for the regular Sunday evening services at the Carlisle Avenue Church, according to Pastor A. W. Walker. A cordial invitation is being extended by the pastor to all Louisvillians who might be interested in hearing the Hon. Mr. Hays and also to messengers arriving in Louisville for the Convention.

The Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church is located at 3548 Taylor Blvd., two blocks north of the Watterson Expressway. This will be one of the last appearances of Hays as Convention president since he has served the limit of two terms and will be replaced by a new president during the Convention sessions here. Hays is known nationally and internationally as a prominent Baptist layman as well as an influential voice in American political affairs. He was defeated as congressman from the 5th District in Arkansas by segregationist, Dr. Dale Alford. Hays considers himself a moderate on the race question. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary will introduce the Hon. Mr. Hays for his appearance at Carlisle Avenue.

296 In Graduating Class At Seminary

LOUISVILLE—(BP)—Degrees will be conferred officially on 269 graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville's Freedom Hall. (7:20 p.m., Tuesday, May 19.)

With the exception of the candidates for the doctor of theology degree, the graduates will have received their diplomas individually the previous evening in Alumni Memorial Chapel on the seminary campus.

The principal speaker—preacher of the Convention Sermon—will be R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. Scripture will be read by Frank E. Morris, pastor, Bull St. Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga., alternate Convention preacher.

During the special program Wade H. Bryant of Roanoke, Va., chairman of the seminary's board of trustees, will offer the prayer. The various classes will be presented by Allen W. Graves, dean, school of religious education; Forrest H. Heeren, school of church music dean, and Henlee H. Barnette, representing the school of theology.

Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology, will be in charge of the investiture of the doctor of theology candidates.

Candidates for the bachelor of divinity degree total 164. Other degrees or diplomas and the number of candidates include: master of religious education, 40; master of sacred music, 30; master of theology, 13; bachelor of theology, 7, and diploma in religious education, 3.

An Explanation by Clear Creek President

PINEVILLE, Ky.—The Georgetown College production JOB, which is to be presented during the summer here in Pineville, promises to be an excellent outdoor play. Painstaking preparation is being made by the players as well as the citizens of Pineville to bring a worthy production to the general public.

It has been my privilege to assist in a small way with the preparation for bringing JOB to Pineville. I feel personally it will bring a much needed religious and cultural emphasis to a great number of people during the summer. However, the preparations have brought some personal embarrassment to me and to the Clear Creek Baptist School,

which needs to be shared with our Baptist people.

When I was invited to serve on the committee to make advance preparations, I was asked if my name might be placed on the letterheads of the stationery. Naturally, I gladly gave permission. I have just learned that a letter was sent out over my name which was not authorized by me. The letter was addressed to a large number of pastors asking them to encourage their Missionary Societies to sell tickets to the production. The Missionary Societies, in turn, were to receive approximately 35% of the total cost of the tickets.

While I am highly in favor of the production and want to see it succeed, I have never been in favor of supporting our churches by the sale of pies, cakes, clothing, or even tickets. I believe firmly that the Biblical method of supporting our churches is by tithes and offerings. We so teach every ministerial student in the Clear Creek Baptist School on the doctrine of stewardship.

—D. M. Alldridge, President, Clear Creek Baptist School.

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WESTERN RECORDER

Chaplains Slate Study At Southern Seminary

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will be host to a group of senior Veterans Administration chaplains during the week of May 25.

The chaplains will spend the week discussing the pastoral ministry to dying patients and their bereaved relatives.

Dr. Samuel Southard, associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern, will be moderator for panel discussions. Dr. Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion, will serve as a discussion leader.

The special study is a part of VA plans to bring chaplains from various hospitals to selected seminary campuses where they will be able to benefit from discussions with outstanding professors in the field of counseling.—Ashley Cox.

►Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy, Denver, Colorado. And, President Dwight D. Eisenhower is expected to make the commencement address at the Academy.

►Dr. Spright Dowell, president emeritus of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and who was head of the institution from 1928 to 1953, has been asked to become acting president of the school since the death of Dr. George B. McConnell, who died of a heart attack in his automobile while riding with his wife from Macon to St. Petersburg, Fla., on April 21. Since retirement, Dr. Dowell has written a history of Mercer University, and is at present working on a book about Jesse Mercer. He has assumed his former duties.



Under the direction of R. Paul Green of the School of Church Music of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., the Southwestern Singers will appear at the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Wednesday night, May 20. Scheduled in connection with the choral group's annual spring tour they will sing sacred numbers, spirituals, and folk songs. The group will also sing for the Convention meeting in Louisville, Thursday night, May 21.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

University of Kentucky Baptist Student Union Girds for the Future

By CALVIN E. ZONGKER

B.S.U. Director
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The Baptist Student Union at the University of Kentucky is undergirding its program to meet the demands of a tremendous increase in enrollment on the campus during the next few years. Five-hundred additional freshmen now enroll at the University each year, and by 1963 there will be 3,500 Baptist students on the sprawling Lexington campus.

A significant step was made by Kentucky Baptists during this past summer when the BSU Center was remodeled and redecorated. This building, purchased in 1946, has increasingly become the center of Baptist activities on the campus. Facilities include a chapel which will seat 200, library, hi-fi room, kitchen, lounges, offices, and recreational equipment. The two-story red-brick structure stands less than 200 feet from the largest and newest girls' dormitory.

During the past two years the devotional program of the BSU has expanded to meet new needs and to reach more of the student population. The traditional fifteen-minute "noonday" service which meets daily has a half-hour "vespers" companion each evening. Over 100 young people meet to worship at these programs each day. Planned by and for the students, these programs strive to present a Christian Faith that will keep pace with academic growth.

One of the most outstanding features of the BSU is a Bible course taught each semester by a Georgetown College Professor and underwritten by the Student Department of the General Association. Students obtain academic credit at the University for it by transferring credits through Georgetown College.

This year the BSU Choir of the University of Kentucky took a gigantic step toward greater usefulness and influence. Forsaking the annual one or two-day tour, this group spent their entire vacation between semesters presenting a program of sacred music, scripture, and testimonies. Travelling as far south as West Palm Beach, Florida, they sang in seven churches and an Army service club over a period of eight days.

The "30,000 Movement" of the Southern Baptist Convention promises to provide opportunities for an expanded mission service in the future of the University of Kentucky BSU. While at present three mission points are being served, recent action by the Elkhorn indicates that there will be greater avenues of service for youth teams and prospective ministers in the near future.

Every generation in a large university demands changes in the student program if the needs of its young people are to be met. Perhaps the greatest obstacle in the future will be to think big enough. The BSU at the University of Kentucky is striving to do that.

MUSIC

Mr. William Bushnell To Direct Massed Choirs

By EUGENE F. QUINN



William Bushnell

Mr. William Bushnell, of the faculty of the School of Church Music of Southern Baptist Seminary, will direct the combined choirs of the Kentucky All-State Choir at the Southern Baptist Convention in Freedom Hall at Louisville. Dr. Forrest Heeren will not be able to

direct the choir, as originally planned, due to an operation he has undergone. Kentucky Baptists are grateful to Dr. Heeren for inviting the All-State Choir to appear on the program of the Convention, and hope that he will soon be as fit as ever.

LAST MINUTE FACTS ABOUT THE MASSED CHOIRS AT SBC

1. **DRESS:** No robes. White shirt, dark four-in-hand tie, dark trousers for men. White blouse, dark skirt for women.

2. **SUPPER:** Buy at concession stands after rehearsal, or bring snack along.

3. **MUSIC:** "The Lord's Prayer" and "Onward, Ye Peoples" will definitely be sung. Bring along "How Firm a Foundation" (Dean) and "Adoration" (Sims),

in case there is time for singing them. These four are still available at the Baptist Book Stores.

4. **SPECIAL REHEARSAL:** A special rehearsal of the massed choir will be held at Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, at 3:00 p.m. (CDT), May 17, for the Louisville area members of the choir.

5. **FINAL REHEARSAL:** Everyone should be at Freedom Hall by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, May 22. Please allow enough time to get there.

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TRAINING UNION

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Reported by JAMES H. GRIGGS

Educational Director
Highland Baptist Church
Louisville, Kentucky

The Highland Baptist Church of Louisville experienced an effective Training Union revival, a few months ago. Emphasis was upon methods and the methods books were taught in all departments. Consideration was given to enlargement. New leaders were enlisted and two additional unions were organized. A properly prepared prospect file revealed that the Training Union had more than 600 prospects. An intense visitation program was planned.

Attendance week nights averaged 141. This was considered to be excellent since the regular attendance in Training Union the previous Sunday was 200. Those qualifying for awards totaled 130. There was real evidence of revived interest throughout the entire Training Union. It was felt that the Training Union-wide emphasis upon methods was very helpful. The effort was launched and strengthened from its beginning by a sermon by the pastor, Dr. David Nel-



As more and more important conventions, retreats, and assemblies are being held, song books are needed that can be distributed in large numbers for congregational singing. Your Baptist Book Store now has the new *Assembly Song Book* with 96 hymns especially chosen for use in such gatherings. The low prices make this song book practical for any gathering. (26b)

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son, on Sunday evening. His subject was, "Why I Believe in Training Union."

Rev. Bluford Sloan, Training Union Secretary for Illinois, directed the revival effort and conducted the Adult conference. Other faculty members and the age groups with which they served were the following: Mrs. Helen Gallo-way, Young People and their leaders; Mrs. W. C. Durlley, Intermediate leadership; Mr. Joe Mason, Intermediates; Mrs. James Whaley, Junior leadership; Mrs. David A. Nelson and Miss Mel Camp, Juniors; Mrs. Kerney Bailey, Primary leadership; Miss Mary Royce Eckles, Nursery and Beginner leadership. Interest and enthusiasm were high in all conferences.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Central Training School For Pulaski County Association, May 25-29

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



W. W. Miller
Associational
S.S. Supt.



Hobert E. Beck
Associational
Missionary

The associational Sunday school leaders of Pulaski County Association have planned an Associational Central Training School to be held at the First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, the last week in May.

The churches of Pulaski County will have the opportunity of attending the Central Training School and hearing faculty members who will be able to assist in every age group in the Sunday school.

The following faculty has been secured: Cradle Roll, Mrs. H. A. McCabe; Nursery, Miss Emma Noland; Beginner, Mrs. Lyman Austin; Primary, Mrs. R. B. White; Junior, Mrs. Roy Boatwright; Intermediate, Mrs. Chester Sparks; Young People, Mrs. John Hammatt; Adult, Harry Garrett; Extension, Robert Fitts; Pastors and Superintendents, Roy Boatwright.

A number of the associations in the state have planned Associational Central Training Schools and Pastor-led Enlargement Campaigns. These two phases of our work provide needed assistance for our churches.

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Radio and TV Programs from Louisville

Radio and television coverage of the Southern Baptist Convention during May 18-22 will be the best in Convention history, according to program commitments already made by Louisville stations it was learned today.

This comment was made by James T. Johns, head of the station relations department for Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission, who is in charge of Convention radio-television coverage. He said Radio Station WHAS, 50,000 watt clear channel station at 840 k.c., will provide practically everyone in Southern Baptist territory with a running daily account of the sessions.

In addition to a nightly 15-minute summary of important Convention news at 10:30 o'clock (Central Time), WHAS will have special broadcasts morning and evening Monday through Thursday (see attached copy). For example, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary commencement address by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis will be broadcast beginning at 8:15 p.m. from the Coliseum on Tuesday. An hour-long Convention program will be aired from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Two full hours of television programming is currently scheduled to deal with the Convention and its personalities, alternating between WHAS-TV and WAVE-TV, throughout the week.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION May 18-22, 1959 Daily Radio and Television Coverage Schedule

TELEVISION

Monday, May 18

5:45-6:00 p.m.—WAVE-TV—live—Panel to preview the Convention and discuss major issues and problems.
6:15-6:30 p.m.—WHAS-TV—live—"Small Talk" show, with Phyllis Knight, m.c., presenting the Bison Glee Club.

Wednesday, May 20

12:00 noon—WHAS-TV—live pickup of President's address (Brooks Hays) from coliseum.
10:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.—WHAS-TV—"What's Your Question?" regular weekly show in which viewers phone in questions to be asked of the week's guest.

Thursday, May 21

5:20-5:30 p.m.—WAVE-TV—live—Livingston Gilbert interviews Convention leader.
6:15-6:30 p.m.—WHAS-TV—"Small Talk"—Phyllis Knight interviews General Robert T. Taylor, Chief of Chaplains.

Friday, May 22

5:20-5:30 p.m.—WAVE-TV—Livingston Gilbert interviews Convention leader.

RADIO

Daily Monday - Friday

1. 10:45-11:00 a.m.—WAVE—"The Woman's Way"—Louise Weiller, m.c., interviewing Convention personalities.
2. 12:45-1:00 p.m.—WKY—"Bulletin Board"—outlining highlights of upcoming day's sessions.
3. 9:45 p.m.—WINN—Three-minute summary of important news from the day's sessions.

4. 10:30-10:45 p.m.—WHAS—Fifteen-minute summary of important Convention news.
5. 11:00-12:00 p.m.—WAVE—"Nightbeat"—Joe Knight presents recorded interviews with Convention personalities.
6. Throughout the day, every day of the Convention, stations WAKY, WKLO, and WINN will present one to three-minute capsule reports of Convention news and brief interviews as important action is taken or significant news released.

Monday, May 18

9:30-10:00 p.m.—WHAS—Special panel show to "set the stage" for the Convention, discussing major issues and projects on which action will be taken.

Tuesday, May 19

9:00-9:30 a.m.—WHAS—"Your Home"—Phyllis Knight, m.c., interviews Robert Denny and discusses youth work in the Baptist World Alliance.

8:15 p.m. to conclusion—WHAS—live pickup of Commencement address by R. Paul Caudill from coliseum.

Wednesday, May 20

9:00-9:30 a.m.—WHAS—"Your Home"—Phyllis Knight discusses life in other countries with a panel of Southern Baptist Missionaries.

8:30-9:30 p.m.—WHAS—outstanding Convention messages both taped and live. Tonight's schedule:

8:30 p.m.—(tape)—President's address, Brooks Hays.

9:00 p.m.—live—Dr. Cauthen's FMB report.

Thursday, May 21

8:30-9:30 p.m.—WHAS—outstanding Convention messages of the day on tape. The schedule (tentative):

8:30 p.m.—Report of Committee on Public Affairs, Walter Pope Binns.

9:00 p.m.—The Jubilee Advance Program, C. C. Warren.

9:30 p.m.—WHAS—special half-hour panel discussion of the work of lesser-known branches of the Convention.

Friday, May 22

8:30-9:30 p.m.—WHAS—outstanding Convention messages of the day on tape. The schedule (tentative):

8:30 p.m.—"And Now ALL TOGETHER"—J. D. Grey.

9:00 p.m.—Report of World Peace Committee—Walter Pope Binns.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MAY 3, 1959

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut Street	1508	5	478
Missions (4)	394		143
Hopkinsville, Second	1206	1	258
Lou., Carlisle Avenue	1144		247
Palmyra Baptist Chapel	30		25
Corydon Baptist Chapel	31		39
Madisonville, First	1048		246
Bowling Green, First	1033	2	183
Andrew Baptist Mission	219	1	
Owensboro, Third	1015		279
Lou., Parkland	1014	7	216
Lexington, Immanuel	1012	2	332
Mission (1)	20		
Lou., Crescent Hill	948	4	233
Missions (2)	159		
Mayfield, First	942		214
Mission	100		
Hopkinsville, First	933	3	183
Mission (1)	188		17
Owensboro, First	924		176
Lexington, Calvary	873	3	236
Mission	21		
Harrodsburg	856		219
Missions (2)	60		54
Covington, Calvary	844		
Elizabethtown,			
Severn's Valley	826		196
Frankfort, First	823	4	203
Somerset, First	807	1	265
Mission	52		
Lou., St. Matthews	793	3	206
Bowman Field	112		37
Covington, Latonia	775	2	171
Lou., Beechland	746		187
Mission (1)	179	5	46
Lexington, Grace	732	12	140
Mission (1)	26		
Newport, First	724	4	162
Chapel	131		32
South Newport Mission	46		12
Peter G. Noll Homes Mission	4		

►Bullitt Lick Church, Route 1, Shepherdsville, has voted to sell a \$35,000 bond issue to construct a new auditorium. The new building will seat more than 500, plus some additional educational space. Odell Leigh is the pastor.

Glasgow	723	2	185
Missions (2)	194		
Paducah, Immanuel	675	2	175
Georgetown (2)	612	9	220
Erlanger	596	6	126
Shelbyville, First	589		85
Henderson, Immanuel	581		
Missions (2)	112		
Lou., Shively	566	3	138
Shively Heights	207		76
Ashland, First	561		123
Missions (3)	199		
Lou., Eastern Parkway	522	3	98
Owensboro, Hall Street	543		189
Covington, Southside	536		88
Central City, First	535		233
Lou., Farmdale	516	6	132
Mission (1)	92		42
Bellevue	515		110
Evansville, Calvary	509		158
Winchester, Central	498		123
London, First	496		106
Danville, Lexington Avenue	485	1	72
Mission (1)	83		65
Lou., Bethlehem	483		134
Winchester, First	475	6	144
Mission	43		
Lou., Beth Haven	470	2	174
Middlesboro, First	463		151
Paducah, East	461		152
Franklin, First	459		120
Mission (1)	65		28
Ludlow, First	450	1	86
Lou., Eighteenth Street	447		112
Mission (1)	70	1	34
Mt. Washington	447		104
Lou., Shawnee	445		125
Lou., Deer Park	435		90
Davis Memorial Chapel	114		31
Hodgenville, First	433		130
Lou., Bethany	430		91
Owensboro, Buena Vista	427		159
Corbin, First	414		83
Versailles	408		77
Morganfield, First	507		89
Springfield, First	402		102
Ft. Thomas, First	396		111
Mission	104		
Lou., Green Acres	395		173
Jeffersonton, First	392		91
Danville, Gethsemane	386		183
Lou., Immanuel	381		88
Barbourville, First	380	1	240
Missions (3)	226		
Hima, Horse Creek	380		
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	379		58
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	375		
Greenville, First	367		146
Lexington, Trinity	367	6	133
Bowling Green, Eastwood	366		104
Walton, First	366	1	163
Ashland, Pollard	363		117
Mission (1)	57		
Falmouth	358	1	68
Mission	21		
Lou., Beechwood	356	1	148
Lou., Gethsemane	350	15	139
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	344		128
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	342		102
Covington, First	330	3	198
Mission (1)	67		
Lexington, Central	322	2	117
Earlington, First	321		155
South Campbellsville	320	1	115
Monticello, First	314	2	77
Missions (2)	30		
Shepherdsville, First	307		69
Mission (1)	6		
Lebanon Junction	300	1	105
Hawesville	109		298
Marion	298		85
Lou., LaSalle	294		
Cold Spring, First	282		104
Williamson, E. Williamson	282		62
Mission (1)	104		35
Owensboro, Seven Hills	278		60
Carrollton	273		75
Middlesboro,			
East Cumberland Ave.	265		
Sonora	264		87
Mt. Vernon, First (2)	244		65
Owensboro, Wing Avenue	235		70
Cloverport	228		47
Bowling Green, Glendale	220	1	107
Lebanon, Woodlawn	218	45	57
Providence, First	215		
Folsomdale, Liberty	211		66



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

SOLOMON'S REIGN

I Kings 9:1-9

King David was far from perfect, as the Bible reveals clearly in various places, but he was essentially a man after God's own heart. Even when overcome by the temptations of Satan, he neither faltered in his allegiance to the truth nor participated in any idolatrous practices. Although he was very desirous of building a temple for God, he was not permitted to do so because he was a man of war. That privilege and honor were reserved for his son, Solomon.

Solomon came to the throne with a rich heritage from David. After his coronation, Solomon went to Gibeon, where the tabernacle was located, and there offered a sacrifice to God in the form of a thousand animals. "In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee." In reply Solomon said, "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad." This request pleased God so much that He not only granted it, but also told him that He would add to it the gifts of riches, honor and fame for which Solomon had not asked.

David had collected enormous treasures of materials and money for the erection of the temple. Inasmuch as David did not get to build it, his son, Solomon, set himself to this task as his first major project. When the magnificent structure was completed in approximately seven and one-half years, Solomon humbly, gratefully and appropriately dedicated it to God. God was highly pleased with Solomon's prayer and dedication of the temple. From this incident it is plain to be seen that God is always delighted to accept man's dedication of himself and his possessions to Him. He has a need in His service for that which we are and have in our possession.

The people were anxious for a place where God would put His name and to which they might go and make known their troubles and find a solution to their problems. In his memorable request Solomon asked for God's name to be placed inside the veil where the golden altar was, in order that all might have a place to which they could go for the forgiveness of their sins.

In His striking answer to Solomon's petition God said, "I have hallowed this

house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually." When God said, "My name shall be there," He meant that His power would be concentrated in that place. In view of the fact that He was omnipotent, it was the privilege and the duty of the people to go there to obtain from Him the power or the ability which they needed. When God said, "My eyes shall be there," He meant that because of His presence there He would see everything that they did. Nothing could escape His observation. When God said, "My heart shall be there perpetually," He meant that His presence and His power would be affected greatly by His love. It was encouraging to them to have the blessed assurance that He would always be present there and that the door into His presence would never be fastened so that they could not be admitted. It is so comforting and helpful to know that none of us who are God's children will ever get beyond His perfect vision or protective care. With sincere appreciation for all blessings received, let us pray daily for grace to help us in every time of need.

Solomon's prayer unto God was offered in the midst of a great multitude. Our prayers unto Him should be both public and private. What a privilege and honor to have an audience with God! What a satisfaction and blessing to have our prayers answered by Him!

From what God said to Solomon it is evident that the permanence of a nation is dependent on obedience to God. He assured Solomon that as long as he walked before Him in faithful obedience to His commandments he would enjoy God's blessings upon his life and work. Obedience to God always brings perpetuity of blessing. God reminded Solomon that his father, David, had been sincere and upright in the worship of God. Although he had committed various sins, he had never fallen into idolatry or apostatized from the true faith.

After Solomon was told that the throne of David would remain in his lineage as long as he and the Israelites walked uprightly before God, he made the serious blunder of failing to continue in God's way. Many of his seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines were from foreign countries and of various pagan religious persuasions. Efforts to please

these women, through the provision of the facilities which they desired for the observance of their rites and customs, and a desire on his part to have the good will of the surrounding nations, caused Solomon to turn from the worship of Jehovah to that of various forms of idolatry. Consequently, the judgment of God fell upon him and his people for their disobedience. Any nation, people or individual who abandons God is doomed to failure.

New Orleans Seminary Alumni Breakfast in Louisville, May 21

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Plans for the New Orleans Seminary Alumni meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville have been announced by Mr. H. Lawrence Martin, Auburn, president of the Kentucky chapter.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, who will be attending his first alumni meeting as president of the seminary, will be the principal speaker at the breakfast, which will be held at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, May 21 in the Terrace Room of the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville.

Serving as master of ceremonies will be the Rev. Ray P. Rust, Bathrop, La., Convention-wide Alumni president.

One of the features of the breakfast will be the showing of a 14-minute film on the inauguration Feb. 26 of Dr. Eddleman. State alumni presidents and representatives were special guests for the inauguration and participated in the academic procession. In addition to the entertainment for the occasion, there will be the annual election of Convention-wide officers.

Special guests will be the heads of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies, including the presidents of the other five seminaries, and trustees, and members of the WMU advisory committee.

►Charles L. Tipton, associational missionary for Severns Valley Association, reports that 37 churches and missions (including colored churches) had a part in the Simultaneous Crusade in Severns Valley Association, resulting in 205 baptisms, 73 by letter, and 200 rededications. There are 32 churches in their association.

Mrs. W. C. Tyler to Give Devotionals at Southwide Meeting



Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler

Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, professor of Bible in Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, will be the devotional speaker for each session of the

Woman's Missionary Union southwide meeting to be held in Freedom Hall, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, May 18-19. Mrs. Tyler is well known in Kentucky and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, and always brings an inspiring, challenging message. Do not miss hearing Mrs. Tyler's devotional messages.

►Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, will be the meeting place May 15-17 of twenty-six Baptist state music secretaries and associate secretaries, Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department, announced. Dr. Sims said the group will discuss specifically the promotion of the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training, and the 1960 church music program. Plans for 1961 will be perfected at the meeting and the work for 1962, 1963, and 1964 outlined, he said. Other workers from the Board's church music department attending the meeting are: William J. Reynolds, Mrs. Alta Faircloth, Loren R. Williams, Miss Nettie Lou Crowder, Clifford A. Holcomb, and Dan C. Hall. Dr. Sims said that following the meeting the group will go to Louisville for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, which is scheduled for May 18-19, and for the Southern Baptist Convention, May 19-22.

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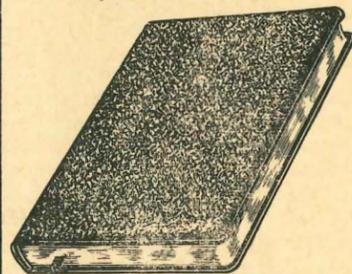
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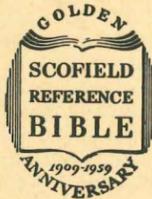
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High School Marriages

By GEORGE W. RIDDLE

The increasing trend toward high school marriages is a serious symptom of a breakdown in the American home. Quite a few of these marriages are elopements, indicating a lessening of respect for parental authority and family relationships. Home life is so intertwined in the fabric of Christian society that a searching look is in order to see what may be done.

Little is to be gained by a debate as to which groups are the more responsible. The problem strikes across economic and social lines, and affects every community. Preachers, teachers, parents, community leaders and young people are all concerned with a Christian answer to this problem.

The ministers of one city became burdened about this problem and resolved to do something about it. A committee for the Ministerial Alliance met with the city school board to discuss the problem, with the following results:

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(3) The churches were enlivened, so that stronger preaching and teaching on the sanctity of marriage and the home was the result.

(4) The number of high school marriages in that community was reduced substantially.

It would be well if pastors and other church leaders would look about and see if there are not constructive steps which can be taken to contribute a solution. Every Christian should be vitally interested in a stabler home life as a firm foundation for a Christian society.

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►The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has sent \$5,000 in relief funds to missionaries in Uruguay to help care for victims of the worst flood in the history of the country. The entire lower part of South America is affected; but Uruguay is reported to be hardest hit. The Foreign Mission Board has received no word from missionaries in Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay about conditions in those countries. Missionaries in Uruguay are safe.

Invitation to Georgetownians

Milton Hughes, pastor of Meridian Southern Baptist Church, El Cajon, California, has suggested a meeting of the Georgetown College students of the years 1948-52 during the Southern Baptist Convention. The place of meeting is Lynn's Restaurant, Bowman Field, 2825 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Ky., at noon on Wednesday, May 20.

Hughes is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Georgetown and Southern Seminary.

Anyone interested in discussing the possibility of moving to California for Christian work is also invited to meet with Hughes and California Missionary Richard Bryant at the same time.

Parents Talk Of Son, Edgar

By **ASHLEY P. COX, JR.**

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Mullins talked a long time during the evening of January 4, 1903, about their "little boy" named Edgar.

And, the next day—his 43rd birthday—she wrote Edgar in care of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he had been president since 1899.

"Many days and years came over our memory," she wrote in a letter found recently in a box of the personal papers of Dr. Edgar Young Mullins.

She said reminiscing brought "that little boy to our mind, with so many plans, and hopes for him, and with thankful hearts could we lay our bodies down for rest . . . that even more than we ever dreamed of has fallen to our share in him, now a man 43 years old filling one of the highest places for our Master's service."

"As your father said when you were elected," Mrs. Mullins of Corsicana, Texas, wrote, "he would rather see you there filling the place successfully than President of the United States. We pray your light may grow even brighter."

Dr. Mullins, born in Franklin County, Miss., served as Southern Seminary's president until his death on November 23, 1928. He was president when the Seminary moved from its crowded downtown-Louisville location to "The Beeches," the present campus on Lexington Road.

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