

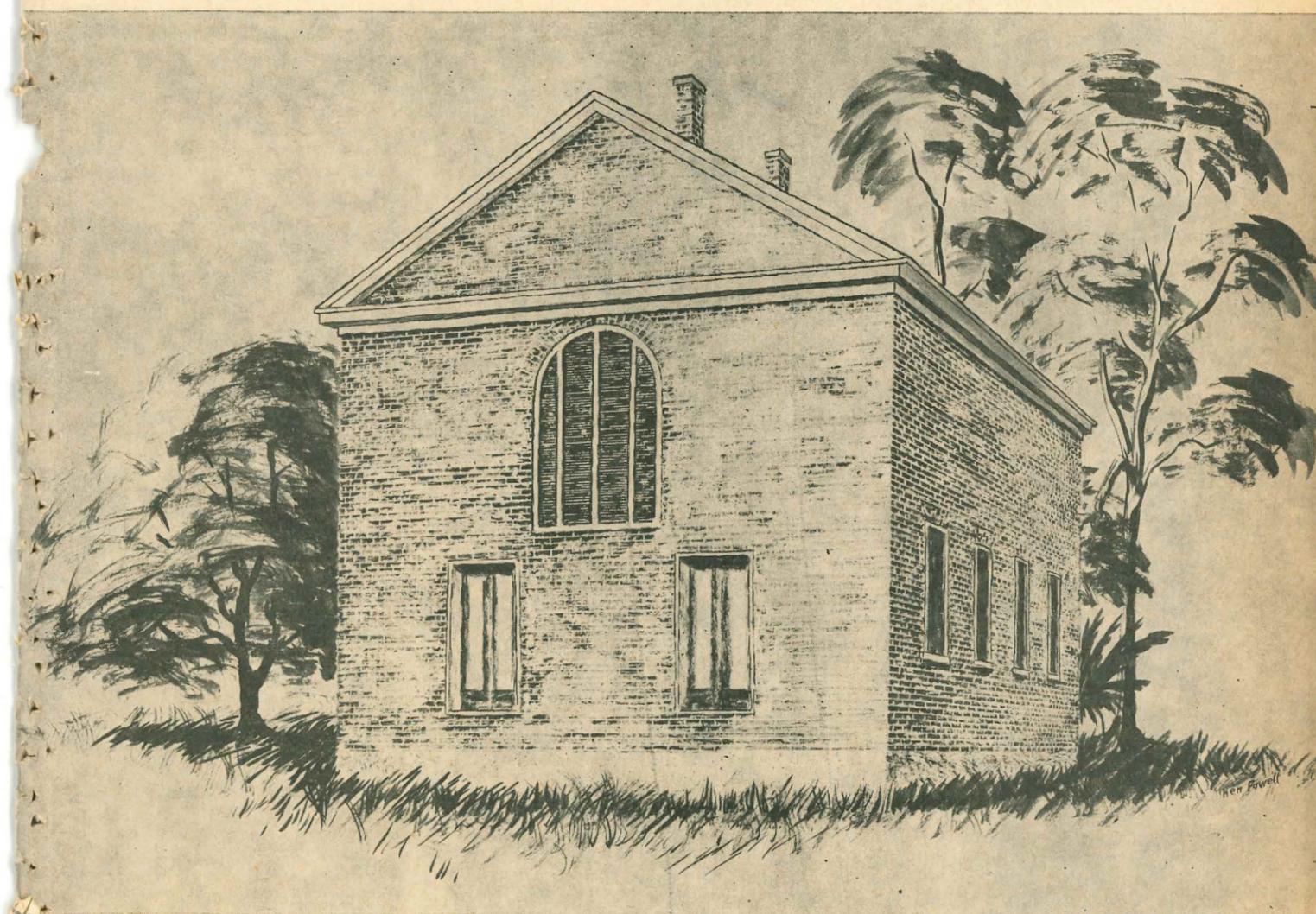
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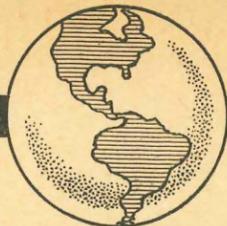
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Drawing by Ken Powell

This is a sketch of the one-room building in Greenville, South Carolina, where the first session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was opened in 1859. The building earlier served as Greenville's First Baptist Church sanctuary (Courtesy, The Tie).



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

LOTTIE MOON, \$6,762,468.63

►Books on the 1958 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering closed May 1 with a total of \$6,762,468.63. This represents an increase of \$640,833.49 over the 1957 total of \$6,121,585.14. Any additional Lottie Moon Offering money received by the Foreign Mission Board will be counted on the 1959 Offering.

PRESIDENT OF EASTERN B.S.U.

►Morris Hall, a senior at Eastern College, has been elected president of the Eastern Baptist Student Union. Morris has also been called as student educational director for the summer at the First Baptist Church in Richmond. The home church of the new Eastern B.S.U. president is Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Miss Easter Wilkerson is publicity chairman for the Eastern B.S.U.

ROY N. BROWN ORDAINED

►Liberty Church, Route 1, Hickory, Ky., ordained Roy Neil Brown to the work of the gospel ministry. Orman Stegall was moderator; David L. Elliot clerk; O. C. Markham led the questioning; W. W. Johnson preached the ordination sermon, A. W. Landis brought the charge to the church, James Tharp led the ordination prayer and C. J. Hughes presented the Bible. Roy Neil Brown is the new pastor of Midway Baptist Church.

ANOTHER BROTHERHOOD

►Pastor John M. Wall says that Ashland Avenue Church, Covington, organized a Brotherhood on February 9 with 27 men present. Tom Day was elected president. Other officers included Harold Combs, Membership V.P.; Ira Cummins, Program V.P.; Adrain Wood, Activities V.P.; Edwin Loomis, song leader; and Dean Masters, secretary and treasurer. Forrest R. Sawyer, state Brotherhood secretary, was present to help with the organization and delivered an informative message.

SIX CHURCHES CITED

►In a recognition program for outstanding community service in 1958 by town and country churches in Kentucky which was held at the University of Kentucky, six Baptist churches were recognized. They were: Springfield's First Baptist Church, James D. Hopkins, pastor; Williamstown Baptist Church,

R. T. Daugherty, pastor; Richland Baptist Church, Dimple, Kentucky, Ronald L. Burnett, pastor; Crab Orchard Baptist Church, E. V. Carrier, pastor; First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Bruce V. Hartsell, pastor; and First Baptist Church, Sandy Hook, Davis H. King, pastor.

DEATH ANGEL KNOCKS

►A. M. Townsend, 83, for 39 years executive secretary of Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., died of a heart attack April 21.

►Mrs. Harriet Naomi Evans, Nashville, died at the Baptist Hospital in Nashville, April 21, following a ten-month sickness. Wife of Ellis B. Evans, church architecture consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, she was formerly secretary in the office of the Florida Baptist Convention of Jacksonville, the Baptist General Convention of California, and the Alabama Baptist Convention in Montgomery.

►The Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, in its regular meeting, passed resolutions about the homegoing of one of its most valuable members, Mr. T. B. Grissom. The resolutions expressed a keen sense of loss and sorrow, and expressed to his family their heartfelt sympathy and commended them to the Great Comforter in their hour of grief and sorrow. They expressed to them their deep appreciation for the contribution Mr. Grissom made to their board and to the Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes through his work on the Board, as well as this great service to his church at Burnside and to his denomination. The document is signed by Ralph R. Couey, secretary, Carrollton, Ky.

►The funeral of Retired Pastor Edmond G. Butler, 87, was held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 24. Native of Illinois, he was raised in Tennessee and attended Union University. His pastorates included Jackson, Newberry and Trenton, Tennessee, then he went to Oklahoma in 1909, serving at Holdenville, Muskogee and Durant. He then traveled in the interest of Oklahoma Baptist University for a year, and moved to Arizona in 1923. He was the founder and first pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Glendale. Serving there six years, he then retired and moved to Phoenix. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude

L. Butler; two daughters, Mrs. R. W. Human, Sulphur, La.; and Mrs. E. R. Schindler, Phoenix; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Florence Robison, McKenzie, Tenn.

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WE DO NEED A STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

By DOUGLAS M. BRANCH, Chairman

Committee to Study Southern Baptist Program

Dr. Findley Edge of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has written an article entitled, *Do We Need A Stewardship Commission?* He has taken the position that we do not need such a commission, and has stated that the Southern Baptist Convention "must vote 'no' to the proposal to start a Stewardship Commission." (Quote from Dr. Edge) In the friendliest possible spirit, I make answer to the above-mentioned article, and will seek to share with Southern Baptists the reasons why this new agency was recommended to the Convention in 1958 and will be presented for a second and final action this year. For information about the proposed Commission, please consult your 1958 Annual, p. 433, No. 4 and p. 442, No. 4.

Dr. Edge begins his article by agreeing wholeheartedly with the Committee To Study the Southern Baptist Convention "that the Executive Committee be relieved of the responsibility for Stewardship promotion. This is essential if the Executive Committee is to carry out its enlarged responsibility for the Convention." (Quote from Dr. Edge) Dr. Edge has correctly stated this matter. The Executive Committee cannot occupy the role of umpire among Southern Baptist agencies and institutions if it is also to play on the team—in this case—produce and market materials in competition with other agencies, particularly the Sunday School Board. This is why the Stewardship Commission is proposed. It is not then a question as to the need, but rather how the need is to be met. The Study Committee recommends the establishment of a Stewardship Commission. Dr. Edge urges that this function be turned over to the Sunday School Board. Herein lies our difference in viewpoints.

I am sure Dr. Edge would join me in saying that none of us desires to have this matter settled in our favor just to have our way; rather, we desire earnestly the thing which is best for the Kingdom of God and Southern Baptists. There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Edge desires this as much as the committee. If I could feel that the assignment of this all-important aspect of Southern Baptist life to the Sunday School Board would be the best solution I would gladly accept his position. I cannot feel this. Indeed, I feel as strongly opposed to such a procedure as possible, and for reasons which I hope Southern Baptists will believe to be valid.

Dr. Edge objects to a re-organization of our Convention from what he refers to as an agency principle to what he calls a functional principle. This is a

misleading use of terms. We cannot disassociate an agency from its functions, for the function is what makes it distinctive and is the basis for its existence. Whether an agency's functions represent many emphases, as in the case of the Sunday School Board, or a more limited and specialized emphasis, as would be the case of the Relief and Annuity Board, doesn't alter the fact that an agency exists to perform certain functions which are intended to meet a felt need. An agency does not exist in a vacuum, nor does it represent an abstract idea or principle. Every agency Southern Baptists have has been established and is maintained because we feel it to be essential to carrying out a part of the Lord's program which cannot be as effectively carried out by some other means.

Objection to the Stewardship Commission is raised also because of the fear that another commission would further complicate the problem of correlation. It must be observed, however, that if the problem of correlation stems from the existence of more than one agency to eliminate all but one agency and create therein one administrative center for all the numerous and far-flung ministries of 9,000,000 Baptists would be a risky substitute even for the problem.

The truth is that the problem of correlation stems mainly from the fact that the Convention has not heretofore clearly spelled out the activities of its agencies, and that there has not been provided an effective tool by which the agencies themselves could work at the problem. The Study Committee has, we believe, faced both these aspects of the problem and has provided an effective means for its solution in clearly defining the proper activities of each agency, in establishing a representative and effective Inter-Agency Council, and in placing the Executive Committee in an objective position. Under the Convention structure proposed by the committee the Stewardship Commission would not, as Dr. Edge says, "prepare, promote, and sell its own literature" except within the framework of that relationship which all commissions must sustain with the Sunday School Board. The problem of diversity can be solved by consolidation perhaps, but only at the cost of creativeness—which is basic and fundamental to progress.

Dr. Edge proposes then that Stewardship promotion be made a part of the Sunday School Board for to do so would obviate the conflict between promotion of the Forward Program and "Promotion of the total educational program of

the church." The Sunday School has large responsibility for the promotion of stewardship education at the local church level, but so does W.M.U., the Brotherhood, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board. Would it be wise to bring all these into the Sunday School Board since they obviously are also involved in stewardship education?

To say that "Stewardship is an educational function" (Quote from Dr. Edge) is only half the truth. Stewardship is also a promotional function. The truth is that Southern Baptists must have both stewardship education and stewardship promotion. This is illustrated by the Forward Program to which reference has been made. One of the finest features of this program is its powerful educational aspect, but that feature must be balanced by promotion. The basic question is whether both aspects of stewardship can best be achieved by placing it within an agency whose function is purely educational on the broadest possible basis, or by placing it within an agency whose one program is stewardship promotion.

In connection with the Forward Program objection is made that "the present stewardship promotion in the churches leans heavily upon the educational organizations to subscribe the church budget." (Quote from Dr. Edge.) The writer of the article has slipped at this point over his own precipice of fear. I speak as a pastor. In the local church, we look upon all we do as one program: worship, evangelism, education, stewardship, recreation. All we do has in view related objectives: to make Christians and to mature Christians. In this program, one part is not set off to itself as something separate, but is one of the elements in the church's life-giving bloodstream. We "lean" more heavily upon our educational organizations to promote evangelism than we do in the matter of stewardship. If this is the basis of judgment, then evangelism should also be placed in the Sunday School Board. Of course, it is there in an educational aspect because our literature is definitely evangelistic, but the promotion of evangelism seems properly to rest elsewhere.

As to the alleged probability that stewardship could be "promoted more easily, more economically, and more adequately as a part of the Sunday School Board, "it must be pointed out that the first two claims are purely conjectural and the facts seem to argue against the latter. Certainly the Sunday School Board is doing outstanding work in each of its departments, but stewardship promotion is a field which is different from the proper sphere of the Board's activities. The Sunday School Board and stewardship promotion are not natural affinities. Stewardship promotion among Southern Baptists is not done in the same way that Sunday School or Training Union pro-

grams and curricula are worked out and made available to the churches. Stewardship promotion is not a program which is worked out by experts and handed to the churches. It is rather a vast co-operative endeavor which finds its focus in the Promotion Conference. This conference brings together the heads of all Convention boards and agencies, W.M.U. leaders, the executive secretaries of the 26 state conventions and their associates in charge of stewardship promotion, the editors of the Baptist papers and the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Under the proposed Stewardship Commission, the only change in this procedure would be the substitution of the Commission for the Promotion Committee, and then in setting goals, the Executive Committee would be represented by its Finance Committee. We believe this set-up is wholesome. After all the people who are most directly concerned with stewardship are those within the state conventions. It is difficult to see how such a conference could be called by a department within the Sunday School Board.

Dr. Edge states that "the strongest objection to making this emphasis a part of the Sunday School Board is an objection based on fear—that this would make the Sunday School Board too big and too powerful." I can assure Southern Baptists that the Study Committee entertained no such fear. We are profoundly grateful for the superb job being done by the Sunday School Board and for its singleness of purpose to the cause of Southern Baptists. Our motivation is solely our conviction that stewardship promotion would be out of place in the Sunday School Board and could be more effectively carried on by an agency which would have this emphasis as its first purpose and not "one of many."

At the present time, Southern Baptists are giving through their churches almost \$500,000,000 annually. Our future plans are large. Everything we will do in the future will be determined in quality and scope by our giving. The Forward Program is wonderful, but we fervently hope that other and equally significant developments will take place in the stewardship concepts and practices of our people. There is a real sense in which stewardship sets the boundaries and determines the intensity of the impact of the Southern Baptist message upon the world.

Dr. Edge says, "If a Stewardship Commission should be started, I would not be afraid that it would fail. I would be far more afraid of its success." Here is one Southern Baptist pastor who has faced all the problems of correlation, and now expresses the fervent hope that the Stewardship Commission will be approved and that its success will be such that within the foreseeable future,

Southern Baptists will double their support of everything we are doing.

I cannot feel that we would be wise in placing this tremendous stewardship promotion task upon the Sunday School Board—placing upon it the responsibility of promoting support for the local church, the district associations, the state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention and even that of securing wills and bequests since these are no longer the responsibility of the Foundation.

As Dr. Edge has said, "Southern Baptists must settle this problem of stewardship promotion correctly, now—" I believe they will—by voting to establish the Stewardship Commission.

Little Rock Men Take School Responsibility

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — (BP) — Full control of Baptist High School in Little Rock was transferred to a board of seven Little Rock, Ark., business men by trustees of Ouachita Baptist College meeting here.

H. L. Winburn, former member of the Little Rock school board and a member of the City Council, is chairman of the seven-man group.

Other members are B. T. Harris, Frank Shamburger, John Shamburger, A. B. Witherington, Charles Bolton, and Bert Treadway.

The school has been an extension program of Ouachita College.

Since last November when Ouachita trustees asked them to accept responsibility for the school's financial operation, the seven prominent Little Rock men have handled this phase while the college supervised the academic program. Action of the college trustees placed the academic program of the school as well as the financial under the businessmen's control.

Ouachita will be available to assist in an advisory capacity if needed, Ralph A. Phelps, college president, pointed out.

"When we established the high school last October to provide temporary schooling for senior high students who apparently were not going to have any public schools opened to them this year, it was our intention to withdraw our relationship from the school after we had done all we could to put it on a sound basis," Phelps stated.

"Now that the school has been granted a Class 'A' rating and is functioning satisfactorily, we believe that control of it would be more effective if in local hands completely."



CAMP CHORES — Packing wood in proper style was the assignment given these three campercraft course students at Camp Kittiwake, Miss. They are (from left) Calvin Fields of Liberty, Ky., Bob Boyd of Nashville, Tenn., and (partly hidden) Wesley Spain of Tulsa, Okla.—(BBC Photo).

HAS A CRISIS COME?

By BOB BROWN, Pastor
Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky

The recent national elections and the conduct of the present Congress accent the pattern of 20th Century American thought as it relates to social welfare. The election of a liberal congress by such an overwhelming majority last fall is indicative of the desire of the voter to maintain and even increase government social and welfare benefits. A political analyst could see other factors such as the International scene, the race in space, influence of Catholicism, and the power of organized labor. The majority of the political commentators, however, stated that the welfare state was the major issue and will be increasingly so in 1960. This has serious implications to Baptists.

This new political philosophy has been embraced by both major parties. It is not necessarily bad, although it is a unique brand of socialism. Increased Government controls and regulations, and increased tax burdens has its justification, if not its compensation, in increased welfare benefits for the populace. In fact, the trend begun in the early 30's has now become a torrent that has no precedent in the United States. We have not asked for and consequently have not had a single welfare measure repealed.

Let us remember that Christianity can exist, even flourish, in a socialistic Government. To be sure, a democracy is ideal, but the work of the Church is not dependent upon her political environment. Even Soviet Communism has not written finis to the religious life of the people.

The purpose of this article is not to question the morality of this political system, it is rather to call attention to the attendant problems for the church created by this system.

The end result of this type of political philosophy is social welfare. It seeks to provide for the needs of the "have nots." Its purpose is to do such things for the people that they are not able to do or refuse to do for themselves. This type of concern for all society is as Christian as the Sermon on the Mount and has traditionally been the business of the organized church. Although the motives are obscure, who can question the ethic involved in welfare, relief programs, unemployment compensation, public housing, slum clearance, aid to education, social security, health programs, and hospital construction?

To be sure, the increasing tax burden, the enormous bureaucracy, the tragic instances of misuse of power, and the loss of individual initiative are serious by-products. These implications are of an economical and social nature and not directly related to church work.

Those of us in the church realize, even if we do not admit it readily, that we have abrogated much of our social mission to the Government. The care of widows, orphans, education, health, care of the poor and other functions, once exclusively the business of the church, have now become almost exclusively the business of the state. Our world wide concern for the millions overseas is practically divorced from any kind of physical relief for their suffering. The Government does this through foreign aid.

We know that the churches have practically given up caring for the poor. We do little or nothing for the unemployed, the hungry, the cold. They do not even come to us but go to a Government Agency first. Our work with minority groups is only of a spiritual nature. Our ministry to the handicapped, the delinquent, the unwed mother, the mentally ill, the blind and deaf, the alcoholic, the divorcee, the retarded, is limited and always second best to the Government programs or some other social groups. Our voice is rarely if ever heard on housing, racial problems, war and peace, capitol and labor, or public education.

If these things are out of the ministry of the church as we evidently believe, then we must remember it has not always been so. Even if this be true, there are still problems confronting us.

We have tried to stay as Baptists in the business of providing hospitals, colleges and homes for dependent children. Up until this time the work of the churches has been commendable, but it seems now that a crisis has come. Education, hospitals and children's homes are expensive! Even with increased giving and financial support we are losing ground. It is known that our schools are crowded to capacity, the children's homes reject children daily for lack of space, and all the hospitals are too small.

Can private colleges compete with the large tax supported state schools? The tendency in Government will reflect itself in more tax funds for state schools thus providing more and better facilities, plus a cheaper education for the prospective student. Will it become impossible for the largest segment of our society to attend a private college?

These same congressmen will provide more hospitals or the Hill-Burton Act will so supplement other sectarian hospitals that Baptists, who refuse government funds, will be severely wounded. There is already a serious problem here of public relations. Will rising costs soon make it prohibitive to become a patient in a Baptist Hospital?

The liberal congressmen of today realize that the largest area of social welfare yet untouched by the Government is care for dependent and delinquent children. This subject has great sentimental appeal to the voters and will soon become a part of the program. Here again our own Child Care Program will be checked.

It seems that we must either put more funds, in fact we must put an enormous amount of money, in education, hospitals, and children's homes or we will soon be forced to definitive actions. Can we justify colleges that are restricted to the wealthy, or provide hospital care only for the well-to-do, or provide child care for a select group at the expense of hundreds of other needy children? Do we actually have the financial resources among our people to do this? Can we take more Co-operative Program funds for these ministries at the expense of more direct mission work?

A strong Baptist voice in public affairs can assure us that although state schools, state hospitals, and state children's homes may not be Christian they need not be Un-Christian. Well-trained Baptist teachers, a strong B.S.U., chaplain service, and Baptist social workers are to be commended in state institutions where they now serve.

No one regrets this situation more than the writer; no one is more indebted to our institutions, but this may be our best, even our only way of existence in the social framework of the second half of the 20th Century. A concentration of all our funds and leadership in Missions, Evangelism, local church work, and in the seminaries for vocational church related training may be the product of the Social Welfare State. We will evidently decide soon unless the Government decides for us.

Kentucky Church Bell Goes to Nigeria

By Robert Brewer

WILLISBURG, Ky.—Rockbridge Baptist Church of Washington County has participated in an unique mission project. While Brother Samuel Olu Makanjuola from Nigeria, W. Africa, was a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, 1957-58, his church in Nigeria was completing a new church edifice and was in need of a bell for the tower. Bro. Robert Brewer, pastor of Rockbridge Church, heard about this need and began a search for a bell among his church members. After several weeks of searching a bell was found. After crating the bell carefully to protect it from damage it began its long journey to the Araromi Baptist Church, Igede-Ekiti, Nigeria, West Africa, where Bro. Makanjuola is the pastor. This church with a membership of 400 is located in the village Igede-Ekiti, with a population of 5,000.



DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Welcome to Kentucky

To many the Bluegrass State is best known for bourbon whiskey and blooded horses but to the thousands of visitors to Louisville this week, it ought to be emphasized that Kentucky is also a land of Baptists. Among the first brave souls to cross the mountains into the wilderness were Baptists. Squire Boone, a brother of Daniel, was a Baptist; and W. C. Boone, a descendent of another brother, Samuel Boone, is now General Secretary of Kentucky Baptists.

One of every five Kentuckians is a member of a Baptist Church which co-operates with the General Association of Kentucky Baptists. Besides the 615,000 Baptists in Kentucky which consider themselves as Southern Baptists, there is about every other kind of Baptist in Kentucky that can be found anywhere and then some. Records are not kept and there is no way to know how many there might be, but General Baptists, Regular Baptists, Freewill Baptists, United Baptists, and others are quite numerous especially in the remote mountainous sections of Kentucky. For the most part, these are ruggedly independent, anti-education, and anti-mission.

Chancing to meet an elderly, talkative man recently, I soon learned he was a Baptist preacher from a mountain, rural community. Curious to know what kind of church he ministered to, he informed me proudly he was a United Baptist preacher and had preached for over 50 years without ever asking for pay. In answer to a question about Southern Baptists, he said he never heard of that kind of Baptists, but when missionary Baptists were mentioned, he knew that most of their preachers only preached for money. His chief claim for United Baptists was that they stuck strictly to the Bible while other Baptists had wandered away. When asked where in the Scriptures he found the United Baptists, he said, "United we stand, divided we fall."

All the anti-sentiment is not restricted to these minority groups. From the early 19th century there has been a strong suspicion toward boards and a great fear of centralization among Baptists in Kentucky. Even now there are a few district associations where it is considered some concession to let a state worker on the program. From these Baptists comes little support for the Cooperative Program and this accounts for the records of Kentucky Baptists not quite measuring up to some other states with a like number of Baptists.

Yet many Baptist churches in Kentucky are as progressive as can be found anywhere. Kentucky began using the Cooperative Program under another name even before the Southern Baptist Convention adopted it and rightly claims to be the originator of this wonderful plan.

Great strides have been made in recent years by Kentucky Baptists under the leadership of Secretary W. C. Boone. A quiet, mild-mannered man of God, he is considered to have been the Lord's man to bring peace, tranquility and progress to Baptists in Kentucky. With three modern hospitals, three model Children's Homes, seven schools, a new headquarters building, a beautiful encampment, and effective departmental leaders and staffs, Kentucky Baptists probably get more for their money than any other state group of Baptists.

Kentucky Baptists welcome Southern Baptist Convention messengers and urge that these messengers visit the many institutions and places of which we are justifiably proud. Those who pass up Baptist sites for Mammoth Cave and Churchill Downs will have something on Kentucky Baptists for not many Kentuckians have ever taken the trouble to see these tourist attractions.

Many of the leading Southern Baptist preachers everywhere today once were pastors of Kentucky churches and almost without exception they love to return to Kentucky. We trust this will be true of all our visitors this week.

A Better Time for the Convention

For some meetings there is just not a convenient time and the Southern Baptist Convention might be one of these, but there surely must be a better time than the present meeting date. Only Christmas, Thanksgiving or Easter could be much more undesirable than the third week in May. Many people every year are deprived from attending the Conventions and many others attend with mixed emotions because of the date.

One of the serious conflicts is high school and college graduations. Most anyone coming to the Convention has personal interest in some commencement. Many like to return to their alma mater for alumni activities but can't be both places. Many pastors are on commencement programs, others receive honorary degrees and are forced to miss the Convention.

Even if commencements are held the week following the Convention, this is difficult. Consider all the teachers and other officials of our Baptist colleges who cannot get away except by special and sometimes expensive arrangements.

An even more serious matter is that the Convention has come to be and rightly so a family affair. Children can hardly be taken out of school during exam week or commencement, and mothers should be at home with the children who have to be in school.

The third week of May is generally right after the spring revival and just before the Vacation Bible School. It might be a relief to the pastor to get away

and out of some of the work but it's hardly fair to the new converts and the Vacation Bible School workers.

Why not have the Convention some other time? The present date must not be divinely appointed. I know of no other great religious body using this date. When could we meet more conveniently?

Why not have the Convention in the middle of summer? The last of July or the first of August would coincide with vacation time and what could be better? A vacation is a family affair and so could be the Convention. Many messengers now are already combining the two and taking an extra week but this is somewhat too early for the summer vacation.

A summer date once would have interfered seriously with Baptist revivals but the spring and fall meetings are replacing the old time summer revivals.

About the only serious conflict would be with Ridgcrest and Glorieta programs. These could be rearranged with one week left open for the Convention. The assemblies would probably profit from the many families combining the Convention with an assembly visit.

Some Baptists would object to a summer meeting because they use their summers for world tours. These could afford to miss the Convention better than those having to miss it now.

Direct Missions in Kentucky

By A. B. COLVIN, Supt. of Missions and Evangelism



A. B. Colvin

"Why should Baptists have missionaries in Kentucky?" is a question asked frequently by people who are not aware of all that is involved in the direct mission program of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Only within the past decade have Kentucky Baptists been able to plant at least one local Baptist church in each of the state's 120 counties. We still have large counties in Kentucky boasting several thousand population with one small church in the county-seat town; no other Baptist witness in the county. There are thickly populated areas in the mountain county area where one may travel for twenty-five miles, passing several thousand people and find not a single Baptist Church. There are Kentucky counties that can number only one Baptist for each 100 population.

Within the 40,000 square mile area of their beloved state, Kentucky Baptists also find several large urban centers presenting spiritual needs beyond the reach of the local churches. In various sections of the state are found prejudices and misunderstandings that have made missionary endeavors almost entirely unacceptable.

To meet the challenge of the spiritual needs of 3,000,000 people in Kentucky the General Association has developed a direct mission program that is unique, interesting and effective.

The Secretary of the Mission Department is assisted by three General Workers, one in charge of the Mountain Mission Program, one a liaison man for the work in the western part of the state, and one in charge of the Rural Church Program.

There are eighty-eight missionaries on the field, classified as follows: Two City Superintendents of Missions, twelve District Missionaries, thirty-seven Associational Missionaries, fourteen County Missionaries, nineteen Local Missionaries, and four Special Workers. Several students are sent out each week-end to work in local mission points. During the summer months about twenty-five students work in the mission fields.

A District Missionary is one who works in two or more associations. A County Missionary is pastor of a county-seat church doing mission work in the county. A Local Missionary is pastor of a local church being supported, in part, by the State Mission Board. A Special Worker is a Chaplain in an institution, a Good Will Center worker, an Area Missionary in another state, a teacher in one of our schools, or someone working in any other special category. The work of a City Superintendent and an Associational Missionary is described by their title.

The Associational Mission Program is the primary program in Kentucky. The other programs are adaptations of this basic program. Seventy-one of our eighty-two associations in Kentucky have some type mission program.

The financial support of missionaries in Kentucky ranges from those paid entirely by a local group to those paid entirely by the State Mission Board. The local group is encouraged to accept a larger part of the responsibility year by year, the hope being that all mission work will some day be self-supporting. It is recognized, however, that some of the work will need assistance for many years.

While broad principles and guides are administered by the State Mission Board, the missionary "belongs to" the local group and every effort is made to develop a strong Local Missions Committee which will work with the Missionary and supervise his work.

Every missionary is endeavoring to promote the full program of Kentucky Baptists. Special needs within the field are given priority. Conferences during the year keep the missionaries apprised of special emphases to be made in the denominational program.

The average missionary in Kentucky reported twenty people led to Christ during 1958, as compared to eleven baptisms by the average pastor in Kentucky. One baptism was reported for each \$250.00 spent in the mission program last year.



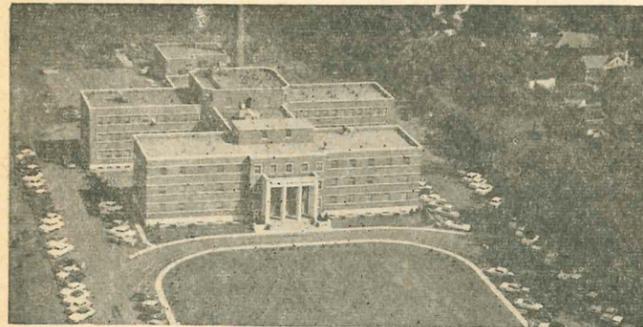
Jack Altman, Jr., will begin his pastorate with the Southside Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, May 31. Mrs. Altman is the former Miss Macon Harrison Dillard, Fredricksburg, Virginia. They have two children—Jeffrey Harrison and Jill Dorene.

►Bramlette Baptist Church, Carson, Ky., in Carroll County seven miles from Ghent, is having a reunion dinner for all its former pastors and their families during the Southern Baptist Convention, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. The Bramlette Church has nearly always had seminary students as its pastors, and now many of them are located in various fields of labor. S. David Stull is the present pastor.

THE HEALING MINISTRY OF KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

By B. B. HILBURN, Hospital Minister
Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky

Kentucky Baptists own and operate three Baptist hospitals, located strategically in the state, with a total of 635 general beds and 90 bassinets. They are: Kentucky Baptist Hospital; Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, Mr. Homer D. Coggins, Administrator; Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky, Mr. Ben F. Brewer, Administrator. Each hospital has its own Board of Trustees selected by the General Associ-



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Homer D. Coggins, Administrator

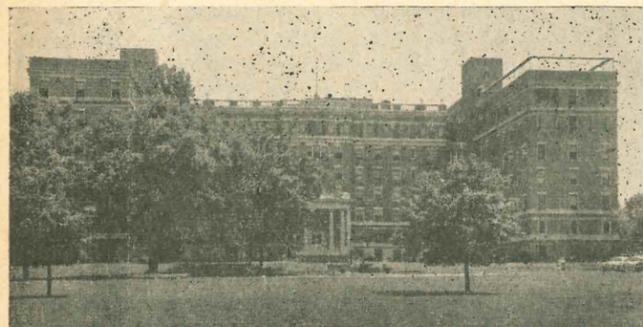
ation of Baptists in Kentucky. Representatives from each Board of Trustees constitute the Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists with Mr. H. L. Dobbs as Executive Secretary. The Hospital Commission determines policies and has overall control of the three hospitals.

The three Baptist hospitals operated by Kentucky Baptists were established for the purpose of rendering a humanitarian service to the sick and suffering in the name of Christ and to provide a practical means by which Kentucky Baptists in their organized program of work can carry out the whole commission which Christ gave to his disciples.

During the past year 33,809 patients were admitted including 5,682 newborn babies. A total of 723 doctors are on the active, courtesy and consulting staffs of the three hospitals. The services of 1,279 employees were required, not counting 170 student nurses, 13 students in X-ray and 6 students in Laboratory.

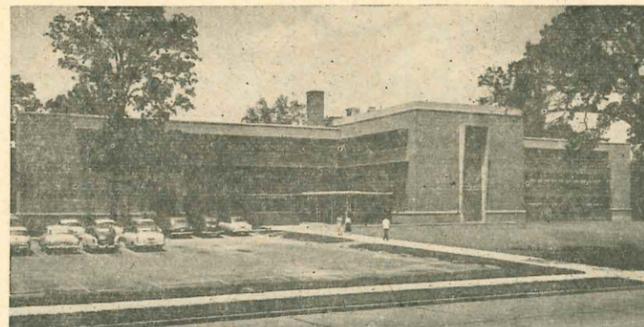
Providing For the Patient's Total Needs

Meeting the total needs of the patient is our first concern. In an effort to meet these needs, the chaplain has been added to the hospital team. At the present time four chaplains are working in our three Baptist hospitals. Accepted by the physicians as a member of the healing team, the chaplains are making a worthy contribution to a program geared to meet



KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL, LOUISVILLE
H. L. Dobbs, Administrator

the patient's physical, mental and spiritual needs. In addition to bedside visits, the chaplains conduct daily worship services, teach Bible courses, engage in personal counseling with the patient, relatives, student nurses and hospital employees. They comfort the bereaved, strengthen the faith of the Christian and bring many to an acceptance of Christ as a personal Saviour.



WESTERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL, PADUCAH
Ben R. Brewer, Administrator

School of Nursing

Kentucky Baptist Hospital operates a School of Nursing with an enrollment of 170 students. Mrs. Marie Mason is Director. A new building now under construction, costing approximately \$1,500,000, will provide dormitory facilities for 170 student nurses, classroom facilities for the School of Nursing, and a chapel seating 250 people to be known as the "Hunt Memorial Chapel." It will be ready for occupancy September 15, 1959. A three year basic course of study is offered with Georgetown College, a Baptist institution, teaching certain courses which were formerly taught by the University of Louisville. Tuition for the three years is \$350.00. The Helen Vincent Scholarship Fund enables a student to borrow up to \$350.00 without interest.

Schools of Medical Technology

Schools of Medical Technology are operated by Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, and Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, with an enrollment of 10 students each.

School of X-Ray Technology

Kentucky Baptist Hospital operates a School of X-Ray Technology. The course requires two years of technical study. The maximum enrollment is 12 students.

Kentucky Baptists Are In the Healing Ministry

1. To give medical care to the poor.
2. To provide a Christian atmosphere for the sick.
3. To follow the example and obey the command of Christ. In our Baptist Hospitals, Kentucky Baptists are HEALING, TEACHING, AND PREACHING.
4. To win the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ and enlarge our program of evangelism.
5. To train young women in the field of nursing, to train young men and women to be x-ray and laboratory technicians, to provide internships for young doctors which will enable them adequately to prepare themselves for the practice of medicine, and to furnish an avenue of service to doctors, nurses, technicians and others who feel the call to Christian service.

Historical Commission Elects Davis C. Woolley



Davis C. Woolley

NASHVILLE — (BP) — An Alabama Baptist historian and educator has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

He is Davis Collier Woolley, director of extension for Christian education at Howard College, Baptist school in Birmingham, Ala.

Woolley will succeed Norman W. Cox of Nashville when Cox retires Aug. 31. J. P. Edmunds of Nashville, Commission chairman, announced the election.

The executive secretary-elect has a background of experience in several areas of Baptist life. A graduate of Howard College, where he majored in history, Woolley subsequently attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He received the doctor of theology degree in 1945.

During his seminary days, he was pastor of Waddy, Ky., Baptist Church for four years. Prior to attending Southern Seminary, he was secretary of Baptist student work on the campus of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., from 1935-1940, and state Training Union and Baptist student secretary for Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, Ala., 1940-42.

After graduating from the seminary Woolley was pastor of First Baptist Church, Palatka, Fla., from 1946-1953.

In his position at Howard College, Woolley has directed the college's adult education program conducted in various communities throughout Alabama. The "Howard Plan" of adult Christian education has been a pattern for other states.

Religious Liberty Gains Victory in Italian Court

RICHMOND, Va. (FMB)—Rain failed to dampen rejoicing in the little town of Sant'Angelo in Villa, Italy, on April 21, 1959. Members of the Baptist church and curious townspeople stood under dripping umbrellas to watch workers resume the task of building the house of the Lord, a task interrupted a year before by an administrative order.

This order, issued by the mayor of the municipality of which Sant'Angelo in Villa is a part, had called for suspension of work on the new church building and demolition of the part already constructed. Italian Baptists appealed the case to a higher court, and on February 28, 1959, the administrative order was annulled.

In addition, the superior court directed the municipality to pay damages incurred by the Baptist community as a result of the illegal suspension. The court cited the mayor as exceeding the limits of his authority on several counts.

The mayor had refused to issue a building permit to the Baptist group even though the blueprints had been officially approved by the building code authorities. He claimed the permit could not be issued because the pastor had not shown proof that he had been regularly approved as a minister of religion by the Ministry of the Interior and also because the Baptist group had not obtained authorization to open a place of worship.

The high court ruled that the request should have been considered and approved or disapproved solely on the basis of the provisions of the building code. The questions of whether the pastor was authorized or whether a permit to open a place of worship had been obtained did not fall within limits of the authority of

the mayor and, therefore, had no bearing on the matter of the building permit, it said.

Incidentally, the law requiring that a permit to open a place of worship be obtained was abrogated by the Constitutional Court of Italy in December, 1958.

The pastor of the Baptist church in Sant'Angelo in Villa claims that the construction was stopped as a result of ecclesiastical authority working through the local municipal government. He cites as a further example of religious intolerance the fact that a request for city water has never been granted to the church although other people in the same vicinity have made requests later and have obtained the water.

"The case of Sant'Angelo in Villa marks another milestone in the acquisition of the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience by the evangelicals of Italy," says Missionary Roy F. Starmer. "Oftentimes evangelicals win their cases in the higher courts only to find them denied locally. In this particular case, however, it appears that for the time being no further obstruction will be placed in the way of the development of the young Baptist community."

J. E. Darter has resigned as pastor of the Upton Baptist Church after ten and one-half years in its leadership. Prior to his military service in World War II, he was pastor for Gilead Baptist Church, Glendale, for nearly twenty years, meaning that he has been in Hardin County for the last thirty years of his pastoral labors.



The choir of the Elkton Baptist Church, Elkton, Kentucky, in their new robes: Left to right, in front of rail, Mrs. Billy Vick Hall and Mrs. J. S. Shanklin. First row: Mrs. Leo Haley, Mrs. Wayne Minks, Mrs. Arthur Boone, Sr., Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Royce Nichols. Second row: Mrs. W. S. Jones, Miss Lillian Young, Miss Vicki Hall, Miss Diann Miller, Mrs. Richard Birkhead, Mrs. Roland Markham, Mrs. Rudy Hall. Third row: Henry Stinson, Bill Kitchen, Richard Birkhead, Mrs. Paul Rager, Mrs. Bill Kitchen, Roland Markham, Paul Rager, Dr. King Prewitt, James Henderson.

Baptist Schools in Kentucky

Baptists in Kentucky have always been education conscious. Through the years no less than a hundred Baptist sponsored schools have been started by individuals, local churches, associations, or groups of associations. Most of these had short life and by now only seven schools are sponsored by the General Association though this is a large number of institutions to share in the available resources for support. There are at least two other rather well known Baptist schools now in Kentucky which do not share in the distribution of General Association education funds. They are the Lexington Bible College, sponsored by the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, and the West Kentucky Bible Institute in Mayfield, supported by local churches and associations.

Georgetown



Chemistry at Georgetown

At present Georgetown College is the only Baptist senior college in Kentucky. Located at Georgetown, Kentucky, twelve miles north of Lexington, in the heart of the beautiful bluegrass country, Georgetown is rich in glorious history and cultural background. The school was chartered by the state of Kentucky in 1829 but its predecessor, Rittenhouse Academy, dates back to 1798, and Craig's Classical School to 1788.

Experiencing unusual growth in recent years, Georgetown now has 1,397 students and 60 faculty members, plus a competent staff. Robert L. Mills is the newly elected president succeeding H. Leo Eddleman, who resigned recently to become president of New Orleans Seminary. Dean Henson Harris has served as acting president during the interim.

Georgetown considers its distinct contribution to be the providing of Christian leaders to the denomination and to the communities in which students find themselves upon graduation.

Bethel



Future Secretary at Bethel

At Hopkinsville in western Kentucky is Bethel College, a two year institution. W. Edwin Richardson is president. The school began in 1854 and was only for girls until several years ago when it became coeducational. Many women who are leaders in Kentucky Baptist work today are Bethel graduates and an increasing number of young pastors in Kentucky and elsewhere began their college work at Bethel. Present enrollment is listed as 367 with 20 faculty members.

Campbellsville



Student industry officials at Campbellsville

Campbellsville College, at Campbellsville, Kentucky, was founded in 1907 as Russell Creek Academy, a school where the Bible would be taught daily. It became Campbellsville College in 1924 and has as its purpose "education for Christian leadership." John M. Carter is president. In keeping with an action of the General Association two years ago, Campbellsville has offered third year college work this year and will become a senior college next year with the addition of the fourth year program.

The inauguration of a student industry program at Campbellsville has made place for about 200 students who earn most of their expenses by working. Emphasis in the new four year Campbellsville program is upon teacher training. The present enrollment is 566 with 30 faculty members.

Cumberland

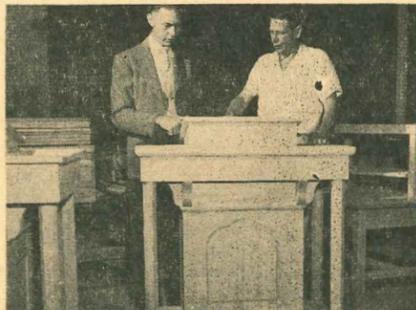


Between classes at Cumberland

The other Kentucky Baptist Junior College given the privilege of a 4-year status by the General Association is Cumberland College, located in southeastern Kentucky at Williamsburg. The town of Williamsburg is a cultural center and offers unusual environment for a college. The college is held in high esteem by the local citizens and enjoys more than the usual local support. Cumberland College endowment is one of the largest of any Baptist Junior College.

Cumberland serves a large area of the mountainous section of southeastern Kentucky and has 753 students this year. Third year work is planned for the fall. James M. Boswell, a layman, is president and has 38 faculty members to assist him. The school dates from 1889 and has considered as the main purpose the provision of liberal arts and pre-professional education in a strong religious atmosphere. This school has a record of over 50 conversions in the student body each year.

Clear Creek



Church Furniture Factory at Clear Creek

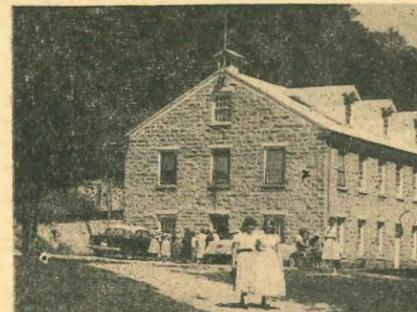
Kentucky Baptists sponsor three unique schools in the Kentucky mountains. One of these is Clear Creek Baptist School, a three year Bible institute offering theological education to ministerial students with a limited educational background. Clear Creek, founded in 1926, is located at Pineville, Kentucky, in Bell County, just off National Highway 25E.

The school has a nationally known church furniture factory which employs many of the students. One hundred ten

students are enrolled presently and are taught by six faculty members. D. M. Aldridge is president.

The distinctive contribution of this school is the training of men who give themselves for service in rural churches. Last year the churches led by Clear Creek graduates baptized one of every 13 baptized by Kentucky Baptists and gave one out of every 26 dollars given for missions, according to President Aldridge.

Magoffin



Education at Magoffin

One of the two boarding high schools sponsored by Kentucky Baptists is Magoffin Baptist Institute, located at Mountain Valley in Breathitt County. This school was started in 1905 under auspices of the Home Mission Board for the training of mountain boys and girls. When support was withdrawn by the Home Mission Board, Kentucky Baptists assumed financial responsibility.

A total of 125 students have enrolled this year. James E. Brown is president. The school still majors on education "for time and eternity" in the lives of mountain boys and girls.

Oneida



A stitch in time at Oneida

The other Baptist high school in Kentucky is Oneida Institute, at Oneida in Clay County. This school was founded in 1900 for training mountain boys and girls who had no other opportunity for schooling. For many years it was the personal project of the widely known, "Burns of the Mountains." Burns spread the fame of the school far and wide and it still enjoys considerable support from far-away places. A \$250,000 gift was

recently offered for a new dormitory. Today the school has 215 enrolled and a faculty of 11. D. Chester Sparks is president. In his words, "Oneida is dedicated to the task of meeting a need; that of providing a fully accredited high school with dormitory space, where young people of our state, who for various reasons are in need of such facilities, may continue their education under Christian supervision and environment."

Greater Louisville College

In addition to the seven Baptist schools now supported, plans call for a new college in Louisville. An excellent 240-acre campus has been secured, a financial drive conducted, and a target opening date for 1960 set. The Greater Louisville College will be four-years and will receive General Association support when it opens.

Kentucky Baptists are proud of their schools and each institution has strong support. This was much in evidence when a recent recommendation from a survey group for discontinuation and consolidation of some of the schools was strongly opposed and rejected. As is the case in other Southern Baptist states, Kentucky has one great problem in education—finding enough money.

Dan F. Thomas Goes to Florida



Dan F. Thomas

Dan F. Thomas has resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Junction City, Ky., to become pastor of the Cutler Ridge Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, on May 3. Before going to Junction City he served the Kentucky Baptist Sunday School Department as associate secretary for two years. He also served as pastor of Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, for four years. During his pastorate at Owensboro, a \$135,000.00 building was erected and 340 people were received into the church membership. During the fifteen months that he has served at Junction City the budget has been increased 40% through the use of the "Forward Program of Church Finance" and sixty-two people have united with the church. Thomas has served on the Executive Board and the Executive Committee of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The Cutler Ridge Church of Miami ministers to a community of approximately 2,000 new homes that have been erected during the last four years. It is also adjacent to the Homestead Air Force Base. Thomas assumed his duties there May 3.

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The Southern Baptist Convention looked like this last year, May 20 - 23, 1958, when its 101st session (and its 113th year), was held at the Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas. Congressman Brooks Hays, first on the left foreground, was presiding.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

I Kings 12:12-20

With a rich heritage from David, Solomon had ascended the throne of the United Kingdom when he was quite young. He carried on a very extensive enlargement and building program, but his magnificent reign had placed a very heavy and oppressive tax burden upon the people to support it. His kingdom was large in size, great in wealth and wonderful in possibilities. However, his disobedience to the divine commands displeased God to such an extent that He determined to rend the kingdom from him and give it to his servant, Jeroboam, who was an industrious and valorous young man.

Solomon had recognized the resourcefulness of Jeroboam and had entrusted him with various important responsibilities. In a dramatic way, a prophet by the name of Ahijah informed Jeroboam that he would receive the ten northern tribes and would become king over them. When this news reached Solomon, it became necessary for Jeroboam to flee to Egypt for safety. He remained there until the death of Solomon.

Unfortunately Solomon did not leave his son, Rehoboam, the goodly heritage which he had received from his father,

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David. Rehoboam was at a great disadvantage from the beginning because he had inherited a legacy of trouble. Solomon had built up a great national prosperity, but at the expense of extremely heavy taxes. Immediately after Rehoboam's accession to the throne, Jeroboam headed a large delegation which approached the king and sought relief from the heavy tax burdens which had been imposed on them by Solomon, Rehoboam's father and predecessor. With all possible kindness the delegation earnestly asked for a promise of lighter taxes. They said, "Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee" (I Kings 12:4).

In response to their request Rehoboam told them to return in three days and he would give them an answer. Knowing that their cause was just, they were quite willing to wait for his answer. After all, justice was what they were seeking.

At the designated time Jeroboam and the people assembled to receive the answer to their request. During the interval Rehoboam had failed to consult with God about the matter. Meanwhile, he had consulted with the older, wiser and more experienced men who had

been close to Solomon and they had advised him to concur in the request. They expressed the opinion that if he would speak kindly to them and grant their request, which was quite reasonable, he would gain their undying gratitude and their most faithful allegiance. When he consulted the inexperienced and irresponsible young men, who were closer to him, they advised him to deny their request and to threaten them with even greater and heavier burdens than Solomon had imposed on them. Filled with pride, he rashly and foolishly decided to take the advice of his younger counselors, because their counsel was far more favorable to his vanity. How foolish are those who refuse to listen to the voice of experience!

This picture of people crying for some relief from taxation is astonishingly up-to-date. One group of leaders urged moderation, while the other group said, "Tax them all you can and keep on spending." There is a limit beyond which people refuse to go in such matters.

Rehoboam peremptorily decided against the delegation and with the voice of an arrogant despot he said, "My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." The reaction of his hearers was inevitable and immediate. His harsh denial of their reasonable request and his foolish threat to make their

burden heavier automatically caused him to lose the allegiance of the northern tribes. His statement caused the leaders of these tribes to give a signal for a revolt. The ten tribes seceded, formed the Northern Kingdom and set up a government of their own in Shechem. They elected Jeroboam as the king of this ten-tribe nation, commonly known as Israel. He was ready for this hour which he had been awaiting.

Rehoboam, the king of the Southern Kingdom from its capital in Jerusalem, sought to stop this rebellion by sending Adoram, the least qualified person whom he could have selected for the purpose, to handle the situation and solve the problem. It is difficult to understand why any man would do such a stupid thing. That was simply a case of adding insult to injury, so the indignant and angry people promptly stoned Adoram to death. Naturally, the last bond between the tribes was severed, so both the northern and the southern kingdoms fortified the border between them and fighting continued for years.

Jeroboam was the choice of the people. He was a man with great executive ability and with considerable experience in management. Not only had he enjoyed God's favor, but he was the recipient of a divine promise that he would be blessed in a wonderful way provided he would be an obedient to the commandments of God. Jeroboam had a wonderful opportunity to lead his people aright. Instead of doing so, he became the king whose name stood for wickedness. The Bible refers to him as "the man who made Israel to sin." What a reputation! How inexcusable! Jeroboam is a typical representative of all those who think they are doing the will of God when they are merely conforming to their own wills.

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REGARDING A STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Editor:

I have read with interest the article by Dr. Findley B. Edge on "Do We Need a Stewardship Commission?". This was in reply to the proposal of the committee studying Southern Baptist work that such a commission be set up. I concur in the view expressed by him that this should not be done.

If we have a stewardship commission on a South-wide basis it will inevitably lead to such on the state-wide level, if not further down the line. Thus we will increase our over-head expenses, lead to more duplication, and spend an increasing amount of our money in the homeland.

In preparing a message on correlation for the Southern Baptist Minister's Conference in St. Louis a few years ago, I got reactions from more than fifty leaders over the South, and they were unanimous in their feeling that we have already too much duplication. Following the address many others expressed the same opinion. When shall we begin to do something about it?

The Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood organizations, with pulpit and pastoral leadership, can take care of every function of a Baptist church. When we cut across organizational lines and promote on geographical and functional bases we inevitably duplicate the work of this "Big Four."

Isn't it about time to call a halt on increasing machinery, begin to reduce duplication and overhead expenses, and release more of our money for foreign missions? After studying at length the

problems at home, and visiting a number of understaffed mission fields around the world, it is the writer's definite conviction that we should.

Abilene, Texas J. M. Price, Sr.

Dr. Page Kelley Added As Seminary Professor

Dr. Page H. Kelley, librarian and professor of Old Testament in the Baptist Seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, since 1953, has accepted a position as associate professor of Old Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

President Duke K. McCall said that Dr. Kelley plans to sail from Rio de Janeiro on July 2, and will begin teaching duties when the fall semester opens in September.

While he was working on the degree of Doctor of Theology, which he received at Southern Seminary in 1953, he was a fellow in Old Testament and an instructor in Hebrew. He was Visiting Professor of Old Testament there in 1957-58.

A native of Hartford, Alabama, Dr. Kelley graduated from Howard College in 1945. While he was a college student, he was assistant pastor at the Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham and pastor of churches in Verbena and Phenix City, Ala. From 1945 to 1950 he was pastor of churches in Livonia and North Vernon, Ind.

Since he went to Brazil under appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, he has served as pastor of one of the churches in Rio. His wife is the former Miss Vernice McIntosh.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST MINISTRY OF CHILD CARE

Kentucky Baptists operate three Homes for children: Glen Dale at Glendale, Kentucky; Spring Meadows at Middletown, Kentucky; and Pine Crest at Morehead, Kentucky. All three Homes are governed by the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, a group of twenty men elected by the General Association. There are about equal numbers of pastors and laymen on the Board. Meetings are held each quarter with at least one meeting being held at each of the three Homes each year.

In addition to the Board of Child Care our Homes have a Women's Advisory Board, which is a group of twenty women from all over the state who meet quarterly and render valuable assistance to the administrations of the Homes and help interpret to their sections of the state both the needs and services of our Baptist child care program. Each of the three Homes has a Women's Auxiliary with representatives from each of the churches near the Homes. They meet monthly and do many wonderful things for the children as well as keep the women of the churches informed about the Homes.

Kentucky Baptists launched their ministry to homeless children nearly a century ago—1869. No doubt there were several reasons. First was the warm desire to relieve the suffering, privation and exploitation of children left fatherless by the recently ended Civil War. Christian compassion moved our Baptist forefathers to provide food, clothing, and shelter for as many as they could. There also was a desire to give Christian guidance and training in order that the children might become useful citizens. No doubt there was also the consideration that this was a means of winning to Christ not only the children but often members of their families as well. Finally, there was the deep longing to perform a work that would be a credit to Baptists and bring glory and honor to the Lord Jesus. These same laudable persons are our motivating forces today.

Visitors

The children in our Homes love to have company and visitors are always welcome, whether just one person or a bus load. We regret that our Homes cannot serve meals to visiting groups; however, each Home has adequate picnic areas where groups may bring their own lunch.

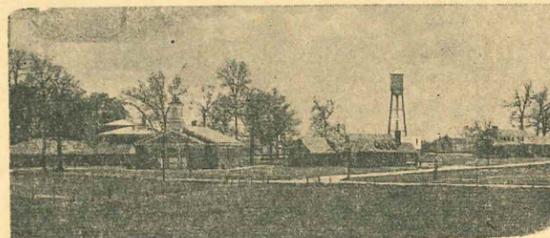
Spring Meadows

Spring Meadows, which began as "The Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home", has the distinction of being the oldest Baptist Children's Home in continuous operation in the South. It received its first children on June 30, 1869, when a rented house was occupied on Walnut Street in downtown Louisville. In 1870 the Home moved to new quarters on First and St. Catherine Streets, on what was then the edge of Louisville, and there the Home was to continue operations for eighty years.

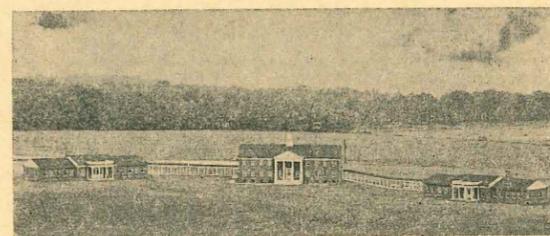
January 21, 1950, Spring Meadows moved to its new home on U.S. 60 at Middletown which is about twelve miles from downtown Louisville. Present buildings on the 82-acre campus include nine cottages, superintendent's residence, director of social services' residence and the usual farm buildings plus a large two-story administration building, which houses the administrative offices, library, fifteen-bed infirmary, living quarters for several staff members and a large central dining room and kitchen.



Spring Meadows



Glen Dale



Pine Crest

site overlooking Kentucky 32, two miles north of Morehead.

Initial construction consisted of an administration building (with sixteen bed infirmary, central dining room and kitchen, in addition to staff quarters, office, library and first aid room) and two cottages, one housing 24 girls and the other 24 boys. The girls' cottage is appropriately named "The Annie Allen Cottage", in memory of the famed Kentucky Baptist mountain missionary.

Mrs. Virginia R. Fields, who, for a number of years was assistant superintendent at Spring Meadows, is resident director of Pine Crest.

Support

The support for Kentucky Baptists' program of child care comes from several sources. The three homes have an allocation from the Cooperative Program of \$95,000 for this year. The greatest single source of financial support is the annual Thanksgiving Offering. Other income is from designated gifts, income from endowment, bequests in wills, and so forth.

Admission

Application for the admission of children to one of the homes is generally

made by a Kentucky Baptist pastor. Basic information on each child is secured on regular forms supplied by any of our homes upon request. A member of the home's staff visits the home community to study at first hand the situation.

At present we cannot begin to accept all children who seek admission to our homes. Children are accepted on the basis of Baptist responsibility, whether full orphan, half orphan or from a home broken by separation, divorce, long time illness, or desertion, and the ability of the child to adjust to the program of the homes and to profit from a group living experience.

Our homes cannot accept children who are not normal physically and mentally. Neither can they accept children with serious behaviour problems or who have a record of delinquency. We have no facilities for caring for physically or mentally sub-normal children. Our homes are not correctional institutions and we cannot jeopardize the moral and spiritual development of our children already in the homes by bringing in a delinquent boy or girl. All these factors must be carefully and prayerfully evaluated by the administrative staff in terms of long experience and sound child care policy.

The decision to accept a child cannot be made in terms of the advantage that placement will render to parent(s) or guardian, or in the interest of some organization in the community.

Pastors and church leaders should be extremely reluctant to accept a child into their own home in the expectation that the child can be speedily admitted into one of the homes. If emergency care is needed, contact your State Child Welfare Worker or your County Judge.

Children who are seriously retarded in school cannot be accepted. Experience has shown that such children are unable to take the keen competition of group living and cannot maintain a compatible social and age level. They soon become dissatisfied at the home and build up a bitter resentment.

►Jesse Northcutt, dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., has been invited to lecture this summer in four Southern Baptist seminaries in South America. During May 25-June 19 he will be at the North Brazil Seminary in Recife, Brazil; South Brazil Seminary, Rio de Janeiro; International Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and International Seminary, Cali, Colombia. This will be Dean Northcutt's second experience in teaching at Baptist seminaries in other countries. During the academic year 1956-57 he was guest professor at the International Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The Growth of Kentucky Baptists

By W. C. BOONE, General Secretary - Treasurer
Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky



W. C. Boone

states participating in the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in Augusta, Georgia, in 1845.

When the Southern Baptist Convention met before in Louisville, in 1927, there were 4,424 messengers registered, representing a total reported church membership of 3,765,001. Kentucky Baptists had at that time 304,262 members. The Southern Baptist Convention last year had a total membership of 9,200,000, of whom Kentucky accounted for 615,000.

In other ways the Baptists of Kentucky have made marked gains. Strange to say, we have the same number of district associations we had in 1927—eighty-two. But of course there were some which ceased to exist, or were combined with others, and new ones have been organized, the latest being Taylor County, Green Valley and Pike County, all started in 1958, but all composed of churches coming out of other associations. In 1927 our churches baptized 12,552 persons on profession of their faith in Christ; in 1958 this number was 22,847. The year the Convention met in Louisville before, Kentucky Baptist churches gave a total of \$636,041 for all missions, education and benevolence, and \$2,774,522 for all purposes. Last year these figures were increased to \$3,886,541 and \$22,731,794—a gain of more than six-fold in gifts in missions, and more than eight-fold in total contributions of the churches. Surely the Lord has been with us during these years!

Our people in Kentucky are intensely loyal to the denomination. No state surpasses us in our devotion to the distinctive doctrines of the people called Baptists. The *Western Recorder*, one of the oldest of our denominational journals, still has at its mast-head the slogan quoted by our forefathers from Jude 3, "Contend earnestly for the faith which was delivered once for all unto the saints." The overwhelming majority of our pastors and churches have an uncompromising dedication to the historic beliefs and practices of our spiritual

forebears. We believe that God blesses Baptists most and they prosper most where they stand steadfast in the faith.

Late years have seen a tremendous increase in the work we are doing. We have more institutions than we had back in 1927, children's homes, hospitals and schools. We have more departments of our state organization serving the churches and people: included in these are the Student Union, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Promotion, Missionary Training and other departments, the Baptist Foundation for securing and investing capital gifts, the Forward Program of Church Finance, the Rural Church Enlargement Program, our camps and assemblies with Cedarmore, our state assembly, heading the list, our Associational organizations and movements on a simultaneous basis, and many other services. This is not merely multiplying organizations, but is determining to utilize all our resources and all our facilities for winning the lost to Christ and building up His kingdom in Kentucky, and to the uttermost part of the earth. Baptists are on the march. May God lead us in Kentucky to hear His voice and follow wherever He leads!

Van Cliburn Is A Double-Tither

SHREVEPORT, La. (BWA)—Van Cliburn, the pianist who won international acclaim by winning the Soviet Union's Tchaikovsky Piano Contest in Moscow last year, believes that the Lord has a large claim to the financial rewards he wins with his talent.

He told a reporter for *The Baptist Messenger* of Louisiana, his home state, that he gives 20 per cent "and maybe a little bit more" to stewardship enterprises of the church.

Born in Shreveport, La., 24 years ago, the newborn babe was the object then of a dedicatory prayer offered by the late Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport and a deeply respected Baptist minister, who had been invited to the home by Van's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lavan Cliburn, Sr. The senior Cliburns now live at Kilgore, Texas, and are active in the Baptist church there.

►J. F. Mitchell has resigned his four and a half year pastorate at the Helena Baptist Church, Helena, Ga., and is moving with Mrs. Mitchell to their home in Louisville, Ky.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

K.B.H.-B.S.U. Highlights

By NANCY VAUGHN, Student Nurse
Kentucky Baptist Hospital



Native costumes make missions emphasis week realistic at Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. For a visit in a Nigerian home, we have Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cowley, missionaries, Student Summer Missionary Nancy Hansbrough, Mrs. Joseph Idowu, a Nigerian pastor, and two student nurse "Hostesses," Annetta Boling and Betty Pruden.

When a new freshman enters the nurses' dorm of Kentucky Baptist Hospital she is greeted by a huge sign which reads: "B.S.U. Welcomes You!" Wonderingly, she reports to the house-mother and makes her way up three flights of stairs to find her room. She begins to unpack and put her various belongings away, but she is startled by a quiet tap on her door.

"Come in," she says.
The door opens and an older student in uniform smiles and asks, "Susie Smith?"

Doubtfully, the freshman replies, "Yes—"

"I'm Ann Jones, your 'Big Sister,' and I've come to help you get settled."

This is the beginning of a warm introduction to K.B.H. made possible through one of the projects of the Baptist Student Union.

As the freshman continues into her first week, she finds that one morning breakfast is special. Besides the extra-delicious food, there are representatives from different churches present who extend the invitation to attend their services and possibly make theirs her church while at school. This, too, is sponsored by the B.S.U.

Thursday night finds the freshmen, along with every other student, in

Chapel. This offers a much-needed quiet hour. A typical program includes a few hymns, and prayer periods, usually followed by a guest speaker. Often this speaker is a minister from a local church, a missionary on furlough, a student summer-missionary, or a foreign student studying in the States.

Not only do the freshmen benefit from the B.S.U., but also Juniors and Seniors. An example is the "Preparation for Marriage" Clinic held each Spring for all seniors who are engaged to be married, and their fiancées, plus those who just happen to be interested.

There is no need for the girl who is musically inclined to disregard this when she comes to K.B.H. Each Thursday night after Chapel, she has the opportunity to participate in our K.B.H. Choir, under the direction of John Preston, a student at Southern Seminary. Our choir has many requests to sing—at churches, conventions, etc. We were privileged to sing at the State B.S.U. Convention in Bowling Green this past year, the State B.S.U. Choir Festival at Georgetown College, and various local churches.

For the artistically minded girl, the B.S.U. offers the chance to practice her talent in creating witty and challenging posters for the many socials which we have. These socials occur twice a month. There is almost as much fun in planning and decorating for these affairs as there is in attending. The invitation to attend these socials is extended, through the posters which are placed in the U. of L. B.S.U. Center, Med. School, Dental School, and Southern Seminary.

When spring arrives and time for our Spring Picnic rolls around, eager minds get together to plan the time, place, and food. Finally, a park is chosen, and plans are put into action. Are we discouraged when the date comes, and we wake up to a rainy, muddy day? No—we aren't! With a little persuasion, the hospital maintenance man supplies us with huge tree limbs which we wrap around each of two big pillars in one of our classrooms, making perfect trees. Ingenuity goes to work and soon shiny stars dangle from the ceiling. Blue paper over the lights and a huge crepe-paper campfire makes our classroom into the ideal "park."

Another B.S.U. highlight each year is Religious Emphasis Week. There are guest speakers in Chapel and "buzz sessions" afterwards in the dorm.

Still another highlight is Missions

Emphasis Week. This year our theme was "Around the World—via the airplane." We fastened our safety belts, and our first stop was Hawaii, where we heard the inspiring messages of two student summer missionaries and regular missionary Chester Young. On each following night, we stopped at Latin America, and Africa. Home again on the last night, Bill Cody from the Foreign Mission Board inspired us with a message on reflection of the world need as we had just seen it. At each place we were greeted by hostesses in native costume who served us with their native drink. Much emphasis was placed on the need for missionary nurses at this time.

Each new B.S.U. year begins with the election of new officers. A selected committee nominates a candidate who is eligible for each executive office. These are ten voted on by each K.B.H. student, who wishes to take part in elections. There are also opportunities for "write-in" votes.

An activity enjoyed by many each year is attending the annual State B.S.U. Convention. To be "caught up" in the mutual excitement that fills the air is an unimaginable experience.

Also, another project of the B.S.U. is taking members to Ridgecrest, North Carolina. All who are privileged to visit this wonderful place returns to praise indescribable experiences.

These are just a few activities which are made possible through the Baptist Student Union. It helps to enrich our school life, and make it worthwhile. Yet these could not be possible, but through the endless efforts of our B.S.U. director, Miss Martha Miller. Only through her leadership is the primary purpose of the Baptist Student Union . . . "to promote Christianity on the college campus . . ." fulfilled at K.B.H.

TRAINING UNION

Standard Units

By JAMES WHALEY

Congratulations are in order to the following unions for being standard:

October-December Quarter (Church Units)

Bethel Association, Married Young People's Union of Spring Valley Baptist Church, Oakville.

Long Run Association—the Joy Union of the Adult Department, Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

Severns Valley Association, Nine A Union, Junior Department I of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

Warren Association, Feather Union, Junior Department, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; Go-Getters Junior Union of Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

January-March Quarter

Greenup Association, Friendship Union, Adult Department, of First Baptist Church, Ashland.

October-December Quarter (Associational Organization)

Franklin Associational Training Union Organization.

ADULT AND JUNIOR AWARDS OF MERIT

We are happy to congratulate six people at Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, for completing their Training Union Awards of Merit.

Adult—Mrs. Elizabeth Wiltshire, Mrs. Virginia Wiltshire.

Junior—Larry Bailey; Linda Bailey; Judy Cassidy; and Judy Gifford.

TRAINING UNION WEEKS — CEDARMORE AUGUST 10-14; AUGUST 17-21

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Taylor County and Ten Mile Organizations Qualify for Recognition

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



Marshall Black



Estil J. Noffsinger

The Taylor County Associational Sunday School Organization under the leadership of Rev. Marshall Black has attained the Standard of Excellence for this year. This is the second year in succession that this association has been standard. In fact, it has been standard in Sunday school work each year since its organization.

The following churches in the association have attained the standard: Campbellsville Baptist, Mt. Gilboa, Good Hope, and Robinson Creek.

Rev. Marshall Black is the Associational Sunday School Superintendent,

and Dr. Chester Badgett, Associational Moderator.

The Ten Mile Association has also attained the standard in Sunday school work. The following churches have been recognized as standard: Macedonia, Ten Mile, Oakland, Pleasant Home, Vine Run, Paint Lick, Mt. Zion, and Concord.

This association has not failed to reach the standard in many years. Mr. Estil J. Noffsinger is the Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Rev. George Stack, Missionary, and Mr. Donald Bingham, Associational Moderator.

We wish to commend the associational leadership of these two associations for the excellent work in reaching the associational standard.

MUSIC

Shelbyville Pastor To Preach at State Music School

By EUGENE F. QUINN



Raymond Lawrence

Rev. Raymond Lawrence, of the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, will preach a series of messages at the evening service of the Kentucky Baptist State Music Leadership School, July 27-31, 1959. The titles of his messages are, "A Fortunate Young Man Who Flunked," "A Timid Young Man Who Succeeded," "A Cynical Young Man Who Preached," and "A Talented Young Man Who Failed." The series will be a part of the services on Monday through Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Georgetown Professor And Wife Are Honored

Professor and Mrs. George W. Harrison of Georgetown College were honored at a surprise dinner by the Ephesus Baptist Church, Winchester, Ky., on March 22, 1959. The occasion was in appreciation of Professor Harrison's services as interim pastor of the Ephesus church for the last eight months. The professor and his wife were both greatly surprised when the church presented them with a beautiful silver service.

Professor Harrison has been teaching Old Testament at Georgetown College for the past five years and will receive the Doctor of Theology degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this month.

BROTHERHOOD

Men Volunteer Labor On Swimming Pool at Cedarmore Encampment By FORREST R. SAWYER

Construction work on a standard, senior-size swimming pool at Cedarmore has been started.

Donated labor, on Saturdays, has been given by the following men, young men and boys (These, and all others who work on the pool, will have their names inscribed on a pool plaque):

Atchison, Terry	Hess, Robert
Bandy, James	Holmes, George
Bell, Carlton	Hood, Harold
Bolton, Billy	Leach, Kenneth
Bowling, Larry Joe	Lee, J. L.
Boyles, Arthur	Lewis, Everett
Boyles, Danny	Mather, Frank
Burden, Wavie	McComas, Earl
Casey, Ronald	Milburn, Roger
Ellis, Marvin	Moore, Eddie
England, Steve	Pallom, David Lee
Farmer, J. C.	Redfern, Adrian
Ferrell, Larry Joe	Rooney, George W.
Ferrell, Sam, Jr.	Stites, O. W.
Gill, Billy	Swart, Harry
Gritton, O. H.	Timberlake, Larry

When Cedarmore Manager Marvin Byrdwell knows who are coming to work ahead of time, he serves breakfast. Said breakfast is served at 6:30 to 7:30 E.S.T.; and lunch is at 12:00 noon.

Work day will be each Saturday until further notice.

►Dr. Donald E. McDowell, Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay who is now in the States on furlough, recently completed the examinations of the Board of Thoracic Surgery, Los Angeles, and now holds a diploma from that Board. It is believed that Dr. McDowell is the second missionary surgeon and first Southern Baptist missionary to become a diplomate of the Board of Thoracic Surgery. A native of Zion, Md., Dr. McDowell received his medical training at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

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Miss Doris DeVault
YWA Director
Birmingham, Ala.



Miss Elsie Rives
Sunbeam Band Director
Birmingham, Alabama

Northern Kentucky BAPTIST MISSION PROGRAM

By CHASE W. JENNINGS, Superintendent



Chase W. Jennings

The Mission Program in Northern Kentucky is composed of the North Bend and Campbell County Associations extending over three counties, comprising fifty-four (54) co-operating Southern Baptist Churches with a population of 250,000, the second largest population center in the state.

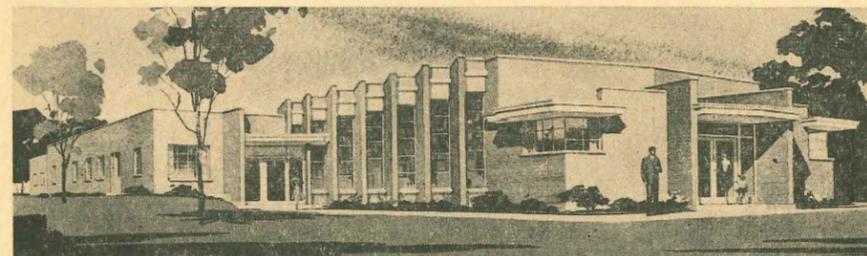
This work is directed by a Missions Committee of thirteen (13) members, elected annually by the two associations.

The program is financed by the "Unified Budget," a local co-operative program type budget which receives and distributes funds on a percentage basis to the projects approved at the annual associational meetings.

Among the outstanding projects of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Mission Program are: Bethel Encampment, Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky, and the Good Will Center.



The Good Will Center, located in west Newport, has been in operation since January, 1951. Miss Frances Jane Thompson has been the director from the beginning. With the help of part-time workers a full week day schedule is maintained including the kindergarten pictured above conducted Monday through Friday.



Typical of the growth of northern Kentucky Baptists is the Highland Heights Mission. Sponsored by the Ft. Thomas Baptist Church, George Munro, Pastor, it has a full-time pastor, Charles Minch.



A greatly cherished project of the Northern Kentucky Mission program is the Baptist Home for the Aged. Opened in August, 1952, it has the finest facilities available and a long list of applicants. Pictured above is the new dining room. Bro. and Mrs. Leo Drake direct it.

Georgetown College Commencement Next Week, May 28 and 29

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — Georgetown College will hold its annual commencement program on May 28 and 29 according to word received from the college this week.

The Baccalaureate service is set for Thursday evening, May 28, at 8:00 p.m. The Commencement exercises will be held on May 29 at 10:00 a.m. Both programs are scheduled to take place in the John L. Hill Chapel on the campus.

In keeping with tradition, the school will honor several reunion classes on commencement day. The classes of 1909, 1919, 1929, 1934, 1949 and 1954, will be recognized. The members of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1909 will be presented golden medallions as mementos of the occasion.

Anniversary classes will then be feted at the annual luncheons in the college cafeteria. The Old Guard, members of classes beyond 1909, are the special guests of Georgetown on that day.

Preceding the Baccalaureate service on Thursday, the graduating seniors, alumni and friends will be received at a tea in honor of the graduates in the Cooke Memorial Library Building. That evening the school will observe another custom of recent years, a Smorgasbord in the college cafeteria.

Two special events have been linked with this year's program, following the Friday commencement program. The ground will be broken for the new dormitory early in the afternoon. The Music Department has planned a program honoring one of the school's great music teachers, Dr. C. Frederick Bonawitz. At that time a memorial in his name will be dedicated.

Alumni will hold the annual business meeting, which is the concluding event of the two day program.

Abernathy Moves to Calvary in Evansville

J. W. Abernathy, pastor of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, has accepted the call of the Calvary Baptist Church in Evansville, Indiana. He begins his new ministry on June 7. He succeeds A. H. Cullen, who recently retired from the Calvary Baptist pastorate after a long and illustrious ministry.

Abernathy leaves a fine record at Beaver Dam and has led the church in one of its finest periods of work. He has been active in associational and in state work as well as ministering in the local church. Expressions of regret for his loss have come from his fellow pastors in the Beaver Dam area.

L. L. Carpenter Announces Retirement as Editor North Carolina Paper

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who for almost 17 years has been editor of the weekly Biblical Recorder here, said he plans to retire from office December 31.

The Biblical Recorder, with 62,000 subscribers, is the publication of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. Carpenter told the paper's board of directors that he had considered re-

tirement for some time and had decided to retire when 68. His 68th birthday will be next November 29.

He added that he was making the announcement early so that a nominating committee could be appointed to find a successor. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., of Raleigh, chairman of the board, was expected to appoint this committee.

Dr. Carpenter joined the Biblical Recorder as editor in September, 1942. The paper had about 10,000 subscribers then, only a sixth of its present circulation.

The Biblical Recorder recently announced that it had a new printing contract which would improve the format and typography of the periodical.

A native of the Raleigh area, Dr. Carpenter graduated from Wake Forest College when it was located in nearby Wake Forest, N. C. He has master's and doctor's degrees in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and a Ph.D. from Yale University.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1912 and taught at several colleges before becoming editor. He was an instructor at Southern Seminary, 1916-18; at University of South Carolina, 1921-26; at Furman University, 1926-27; at Limestone College, 1927-36, and at Baylor University, 1936-42.

He was pastor of churches in North and South Carolina and in Texas.

Dr. Carpenter also has served on several committees in Baptist denominational life and is author or co-author of at least six books. His varied experience includes also having served as a chaplain during World War I and holding memberships in educational, historical, and civic associations.

He is past president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and former vice-president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. During compilation of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, Dr. Carpenter was chairman of the committee gathering monographs related to North Carolina Baptists.

Course On Alcoholism Scheduled at Southern

A course dealing with alcoholism has been added to the study schedule for summer school at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, this year.

It will be offered during the second term, June 30-July 24, and will be taught by Dr. Thomas A. Bland, associate professor of Christian Sociology and Ethics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The first term is scheduled from June 2 to June 26, according to Administrative Dean Hugh R. Peterson, with whom arrangements for attending summer school may be made.

Visiting professors during the first term and the courses they will teach

are Dr. Robert A. Baker, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Reformation and Modern Church History; Dr. Penrose St. Amant, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, History of Roman Catholicism, and Dr. Nelson Eugene Mandrell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wauhalla, S. C., Clinical Pastoral Training.

Visiting professors during the second term and their courses in addition to Dr. Bland, will include Dr. James Leo Garrett, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, History of Baptist Theology; Dr. Rollin Armour, who recently completed a year of graduate study in Switzerland, History of the Baptists, and Dr. Mandrell.

Twenty Southern professors will teach courses during the summer session. Ashley P. Cox.

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OPERATION BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY

Time to Complete Forms Extended to May 31

By GEO. RALEIGH JEWELL
Secy.-Treas., Kentucky Baptist Historical Society
Middletown, Kentucky

A letter from Dr. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, extends the deadline for the Operation Baptist Biography project to May 31. The previous deadline was April 15.

Thousands of these forms have been circulated in Kentucky, through the moderators of district associations, and others. Hundreds were distributed at the General Association in Elizabethtown and others through the mails. But it seems that many of those who received them have neglected to fill them in, or are being coy or modest, thinking that they were intended for other Baptists than themselves, and have so far failed to fill them out and return them in duplicate. If Kentucky is going to be well represented, as compared to all of the other states in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, there will have to be many more of these blanks filled out, and returned.

Dr. Cox writes that there has been a 90%-plus coverage returned on those blanks supplied to Southern Baptist Convention agencies and to persons for whom they are responsible. So far the number of filled-in forms returned to the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society is far, far down in the percentage scale.

Sample forms were furnished all moderators of district associations last July and August, and some of these moderators have responded and co-operated generously. Some moderators handled the matter themselves, some appointed individuals, and some appointed committees to circulate the forms. Some we have never heard from, so we do not know what is being done within their associations.

We still have a few forms left, for persons wishing them, to be filled out by individuals (the blanks for living persons), and other blanks for deceased persons, to be filled out about Baptists who have served their day and generation and have passed on. Please write me if you desire forms for living or deceased persons.

Dr. Cox is endeavoring to bring this project to a conclusion before he retires from his office, so the time is getting short. Please turn in these forms about Kentuckians to me promptly so I can conclude this matter.

Predict Senate Okay For Hays' TV Office

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Capitol Hill observers here predicted quick confirmation by the U. S. Senate of the nomination of Brooks Hays as a director of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

President Eisenhower announced he would nominate the former Arkansas Congressman, now serving as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to

fill an unexpired term running about one year.

Hays would succeed Frank J. Welch of Lexington, Ky., who resigned before the end of his term. It was not known whether Hays would seek reappointment to a full nine-year term on the TVA board in 1960.

In the position on the three-member TVA board, Hays' office would be in Knoxville, Tenn. Since his Congressional term ended earlier this year, Hays has devoted his time to private law practice here, frequent lectures throughout the country, and his responsibilities as SBC president.

Southwestern Seminary Answers Christian Century Editorial

FORT WORTH—The faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has replied to an editorial in the current issue of a religious weekly magazine which charges that six seminary professors have resigned because of abuses of faculty rights.

In a letter to the editor of the Christian Century, an undenominational magazine, dated April 23, 1959, the faculty of Southwestern wrote:

Dr. Harold E. Fey, Editor
The Christian Century
407 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Dr. Fey:

In your editorial in *The Christian Century* of April 22, 1959, entitled "Southern Baptist Crisis", there are some things that deeply concern and disturb us.

In the beginning you suggest that there is serious internal tension among Southern Baptists which "involves two theological seminaries." You later identify one of the seminaries as "Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth."

There are some statements in your editorial that are not accurate. For example, in the second paragraph you say: "In the interest of their rights as men and of Christian human relations, faculty members in both institutions have protested. Their protests have been rejected." No such protest has gone from any within our faculty.

In a later paragraph you suggest that a half dozen professors in our seminary have "recently resigned because of abuses of faculty rights similar to those which have plagued the Louisville Seminary since last year." Again this is not true.

For your information, only four members of the faculty have, to use your terminology, "recently resigned." They are as follows: one has gone to a pastorate; one to head a department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville; one to head a department at the newest Southern Baptist seminary, Midwestern, at Kansas City; and the other as a professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

There are usually many factors that enter into a man's change from one place of service to another, but there is every assurance that these men have not "resigned because of abuses of faculty rights."

We request that you correct the errors contained in your editorial.

This statement was unanimously adopted by action of the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary including the four faculty members referred to above, April 23, 1959.—Sincerely yours, The Faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Robert Douglass, Secretary.



Ground was broken for the new \$126,000 Religious Education Building of the First Baptist Church, Paris, Kentucky. Shown in the Enterprise photograph are, left to right: Carroll Tichenor, Fred Atkinson, Henry Napier, Sanford Alverson, H. D. Jasper, Orlie Boggs, Julian Rogers, Pastor Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Alverson, Sr., Robert Powell and J. H. Sibley.

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A CRAZY STORY

By **KENNETH M. COOPER**, in *Watchman-Examiner*

There is a community located at the foot of a mountain. Winding over the mountain is a heavily traveled highway. Just above the community is a dangerous curve. Frequently, autos fail to make this curve and, with their occupants, plunge into the rocky ravine below. Needless to say, some are killed, many are maimed and not a few are left as orphans. Sad to relate, the accidents are occurring with ever increasing frequency.

The hospital was long ago found to be inadequate. After several enlargements it was decided to erect a large, well equipped hospital to deal just with accident cases. Since many children are left without parents, it has been necessary to build a children's village to care for the orphans. This, too, has been enlarged from time to time. Of course, many of the survivors were permanently maimed. The kindly townspeople have built a hospital where people can learn to use artificial limbs and to perform some useful tasks, in spite of their handicaps. A mental institution has also been established to care for those who will never be quite right again.

Inevitably, certain businesses in the community have prospered. Garage owners have found it profitable to have specially equipped tow trucks to retrieve the wreckage from the perilous ravine. Hotels are kept busy housing relatives of the dead, the dying and those whose fate is a great big question mark. Several new mortuaries have been constructed and the morticians are extremely busy.

One can readily see that all this new building has resulted in higher taxes. The citizens of the community are concerned that something be done to halt, or at least decrease the carnage. An investigation has disclosed that the road has received government approval. Some

Kenneth M. Cooper is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 350 Prospect Street, Torrington, Conn. A Crazy Story is used by permission.



Fifty girls from churches in Monroe Association participated in a recent Girls' Auxiliary coronation service at Tompkinsville. Over 400 people attended this service.

hardy souls have ventured to suggest that the road be closed. This has raised a storm of protest. It appears that, this being a toll road, the government derives some revenue in taxes upon the corporation which owns the road. Business people who sell their products to the corporation protest that they will lose income if the road is closed. A howl of anguish has gone up from the publishers of newspapers and magazines. They receive no little income from advertising the road in their publications. Radio and television operators tear their hair when it is suggested that anything should happen to sever them from the lucrative advertising accounts they hold with the road corporation.

A university in the community set up a department to study the problem. They have discovered by scientific tests that there is no way to know in advance who will become an accident victim. Even the most reliable drivers may wind up at the bottom of the ravine. Their studies have uncovered another somber truth. One out of every sixteen users of the road will eventually meet with disaster.

Statistically-minded men have busied themselves with finding the cost to users of the road. They found that travelers on the highway are spending three times as much as the community is providing for education. Further comparisons reveal that the costs of the road are twenty times as much as the community spends for religion.

Much discussion still goes on as to what can be done to cope with the situation. Some feel that it should be illegal to advertise the road. Others feel that low speed limits should be established and strictly enforced, regardless of cost. There are advocates of a costly advertising campaign to warn people against the use of the road. Some—quite generally regarded as fanatics—still maintain that the road should be closed.

So far, nothing tangible has been done to deal with the problem. Currently the community is building enlargements on the hospital, the asylum and the children's village. Oh yes, a spanking new mortuary, done in modernistic style, offers bigger and better facilities for those who have come to the end of their road.

You say that you think this is a crazy story? I do not blame you. It is! The name of the community is The United States. The name of the road is Alcohol Boulevard.

Georgetown College Girls' Dormitory Site is Selected

By **Kenneth C. Fendley**

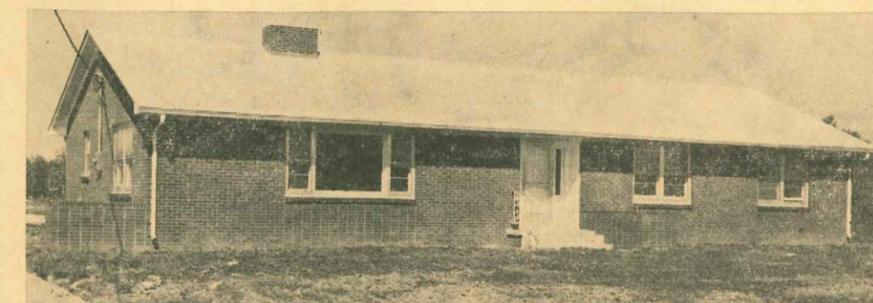
GEORGETOWN, Ky., May 14—The official site for Georgetown College's new dormitory for girls was announced today by Dr. Henson Harris, acting president of the college.

The location will center on the north side of College Street between the school's Memorial Drive and Mulberry. Dr. Harris pointed out that the school has secured title to all the properties lying between the home of Richard Hall Wolfe and the Worthington Garage.

The new dormitory represents the second phase of a long-range plan to enlarge and improve the housing facilities of Georgetown College. Its design will be similar to the boys' dormitory, Anderson Hall, which was completed in 1957. The cost of the project will run in the neighborhood of \$350,000.

The new hall is to be named for some member of the family of L. B. Knight, Greenville businessman and philanthropist. The announcement of the exact name will come at a later date.

The first section of the dormitory will be designed to accommodate 106 young ladies. The hall can be expanded to house 300. Long-range plans call for this expansion.



The new parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., was dedicated in the Austin Subdivision on Sunday, April 26. This is the new home of Pastor and Mrs. J. V. Case, Jr., and was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Romey Austin. Norris Hite, pastor of the First Church, Scottsville, was the speaker, and Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer of the Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, led in the prayer of dedication.

The college sponsored a campaign last winter to raise funds for a dormitory construction fund which would qualify the school for a federal loan of \$300,000.

College officials expressed delight in the plans which they felt would add beauty to the community and greater distinction to the campus. A groundbreaking ceremony has been tentatively set for commencement day, May 29. A contract for the construction will also be awarded on or about the same date.



Jerry Davis began his work on February 25 as pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, on Old Third Street Road and Valley Station. He and his family, which includes his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Davis, and the children, Lynn, 10, and Mike, 7, will live in the parsonage near the church. Pastor Davis is a graduate of Georgetown College and the Southern Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Arkansas, Indiana and Kentucky, and comes to Valley Station Church from Alton Station Baptist Church, in Kentucky.

►Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Black of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Jane Black, to Mr. Charles W. Douglas, army private, of Paducah. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Douglas. He is a Baylor University graduate, and attended Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. He is now a private in the Army, stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The wedding is to occur in the West Side Baptist Church, Louisville, June 13, at 8:00 p.m.

►Louis Ward Stanger, pastor emeritus of the Greensburg Baptist church, Greensburg, Kentucky, returned home recently from the Baptist Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, where he underwent surgery April 22. Mr. and Mrs. Stanger are now residing at 211 West Columbia Avenue, Greensburg, Kentucky, and will be happy to hear from their friends. Mr. Stanger will be available for supply work after June 1.

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Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools and the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. These two groups meet in Nashville on June 7-9.

The request was made to Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and to other members of the program committee for the meeting of the educational groups.

The request is based on the feeling of President Aldridge and Trustee Amis that Bible Institute work should be an integral part of the theological training program of the Southern Baptist Convention. They state that this program has never been presented in detail to Southern Baptist educators and that they feel it is now time for them to consider the place of a Baptist Institute program in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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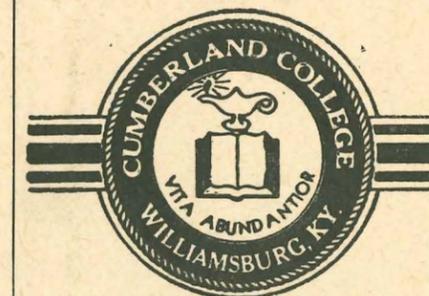
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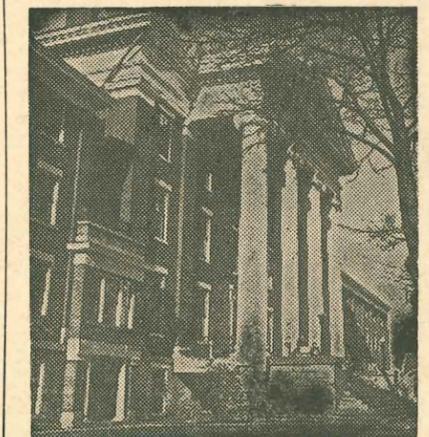
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