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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

"A ROSE BY ANY OTHER . . ."

▶The name of South Fork Church, in Pulaski Association, has been changed to Southside Church.

MATTHEWS TO MIDWESTERN

▶The new head of the Department of Preaching at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, is C. DeWitt Matthews, pastor of Vineville Church, Macon, Ga.

MORE PUBLIC RELATIONS

▶Robert Myrlyn Brooks, Jr., Pensacola, Fla., will be a promotional copywriter for the Church Literature Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and has been a student of New Orleans Seminary.

S.B.C. ANNUAL AVAILABLE

▶The 1959 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention is now ready for distribution. More than 30,000 copies have been printed. Paperback copies at \$2.50 and clothbound editions at \$3.00 may be obtained by ordering from the Executive Committee, S.B.C., 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

INVITING KHRUSHCHEV

▶Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance, has suggested that President Eisenhower help Premier Khrushchev of Russia "see what religion means to America and to Americans." He suggests that when the American president is in Russia that he attend a service of worship, and when the Russian premier is in the United States that the host invite the visitor to worship with him.

MISSIONARIES HERE AND THERE

▶Rev. and Mrs. G. Clayton Bond, Southern Baptist missionaries to Ghana, have moved from Kumasi to Sekondi, where their address is American Baptist Mission, Box 301, Sekondi, Ghana, West Africa. Mrs. Bond, the former Helen Terry, is a native of Stearns, Ky.

▶Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, Southern Baptist representatives to Spain, have moved from Barcelona to Alicante, where their address is General Mola 14, sexto, Alicante, Spain. Both are natives of Kentucky, he is of Louisville and she, the former June Hall, of Pikeville.

▶Miss Cora Ney Hardy, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria who has been in the States on furlough, has returned to her field of service. Her address is Reagan Memorial Girls' School, Box 83, Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa. Miss Hardy, a native of Bullitt County, Kentucky, is principal of the school.

▶Three Kentuckians, recently appointed Southern Baptist missionaries, have left the States to begin their first term of service overseas. Rev. S. Thomas Tipton, native of Louisville, and Mrs. Tipton, the former Virginia Dixon, of Ashland, may be addressed, Baptist Mission, Box 2731, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa. Mrs. J. Boyd Sutton, the former Joan Riffey, of Louisville, and Mrs. Sutton may be addressed, Caixa Postal, 758, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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▶Four Southern Baptist missionaries from Kentucky have recently returned to the States for furlough. The missionaries, and their addresses, are: Mrs. Samuel A. DeBord, the former Marthana Lindsay, native of Bonnyman, and Mr. DeBord, 2000 Broadus St., Fort Worth, Tex.; Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt, the former Elizabeth Cooper, of Louisville, and Mr. Merritt, Box 117, Clinton, Miss. Also, Miss Mary Sampson, of Louisville, 2121 Speed Ave., Louisville, and Mrs. A.

Clark Scanlon, the former Sarah Martin, of Hazard, 2000 Broadus, Fort Worth. The DeBords work in East Africa; the Merritts, in Nigeria; Miss Sampson, in Taiwan, and the the Scanlons, in Guatemala.

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A SOLUTION TO THE BRADFORDSVILLE CASE

By GAINER E. BRYAN, JR., Special Correspondent

This month public schools opened all over the nation, but not the high school at Bradfordsville, Ky. For the fifth straight year, that once proud school remains closed, young people languish without an education and a community goes down.

The Bradfordsville high school, in a predominantly Protestant area, was closed in 1954 by the arbitrary action of a Roman Catholic county school superintendent and a Roman Catholic majority on the county school board, with the help of a board member of another Protestant community on the school board.

Back of the action apparently was a determination by the Catholic officials to serve Roman Catholic Church educational policy by operating parochial schools for Catholic children at public expense in the predominantly Catholic western half of Marion County.

This picture has been confused by the participation of a Baptist member of the school board in the action which reduced and closed the Bradfordsville high school.

A. C. Glasscock, the Baptist member of the school board who voted with the Catholic board members to close Bradfordsville school, claims he did so because of the objection of his constituents to the sending of their children to Bradfordsville. By voting to close Bradfordsville, the Gravel Switch pupils could attend school in Lebanon which was their preference.

This made for a strange coalition of a Baptist and Catholics which starved out and finally closed the Bradfordsville school. All this was done in spite of the findings of a state board of education survey and the welfare of Bradfordsville citizens.

These facts were sustained by the Kentucky Court of Appeals in a decision that did great credit to the state's highest tribunal June 22, 1956. In reversing the ruling of the lower court, the Appellate Court heavily censured the county school board for its "many arbitrary and discriminatory acts." It ordered the re-establishment of a high school system in Marion County that would afford all children in the county equal educational opportunities. Acting on one of two alternatives given by the high court, Franklin Circuit Court ordered the establishment of one centrally located county high school as the best solution.

Now two years have passed, and the central school has not materialized. Many people in Marion County are saying it never will be realized. The estimated cost of a centrally located high school to serve all children of high school age in the county is \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The county's bonding capacity is \$400,000. In a referendum to

raise taxes to finance it, the citizens of Marion County voted down the issue 12 to 1.

Nobody in Marion County seems to want the central school. "Why should the citizens vote to build another school when they already have good buildings?" a Catholic source asked me. People in the western end of the county don't want a central school because it means closing St. Charles High School. (St. Francis High School appears destined to be consolidated with St. Charles, whatever the outcome.)

The central school has no appeal to the Protestant people along and near the Danville Pike because they want to send their children to Lebanon to school. It doesn't satisfy Bradfordsville people because they feel they are entitled to have their own school back, and they don't want to go to Lebanon to school. There are many pool halls and places where beer and liquor are sold in Lebanon, while Bradfordsville has none of these demoralizing influences.

There is another solution, and the people of the county are turning to it in their thinking. That solution is to go back to the plan of regional schools and reopen Bradfordsville high school. St. Charles, consolidated with St. Francis, would continue as the regional school in the western section. The re-establishment of the Bradfordsville school would be within the county's financial capabilities.

I found people all over Marion County favorable to the reopening of Bradfordsville high school when I was there in August. Fiscal Court, made up of four Catholic and four Protestant magistrates and representing the whole county, voted last spring in favor of reopening the Bradfordsville high school. They were opposed to the central school.

One of the Catholic magistrates said to me, "Yes, I voted for the reopening of the Bradfordsville school. I would not be against it if the pupils could be found."

One of the Catholic members of the county school board has reportedly said on at least two recent occasions that he was in favor of settling the issue by reopening the Bradfordsville school.

Another Catholic source who declined to be quoted said he thinks the people of Bradfordsville should have their school back if they can get enough pupils. The same source stated that Catholic Church authorities will eventually build their own parochial high school on their own property near the St. Charles school and will take back St. Francis and operate it as a full-fledged parochial school. Apparently, the P.O.A.U.-backed litigation of the Bradfordsville citizens has accomplished something. The Catholics may have

given up trying to have their parochial schools in Marion County financed at taxpayers' expense.

Hugh Spalding, the county superintendent, confirmed the fact that many people in the county would like to see the Bradfordsville high school reopened. However, he said, "I doubt that enough pupils can be gotten there for an adequate school to meet present day needs."

I went to Gravel Switch, a village in Mr. Glasscock's territory, about 16 miles east of Lebanon, to ask citizens whether they would now be willing to send their children to a first class high school at Bradfordsville. Between Bradfordsville and Gravel Switch I visited the homes or business of five families. All said they would be willing to send their children to school in Bradfordsville, if the school was set up on a first class basis and bus transportation was provided.

From Doyle Crenshaw, the Gravel Switch banker, a neutral in the controversy, I learned that Mr. Glasscock does accurately represent the views of most of the people living north of the Danville Pike—they want their children to go to Lebanon to school. (Gravel Switch and Bradfordsville are to the south.) He theorized with me, however, that if a first class school were established and school buses came to Gravel Switch, people to the south of that village would be willing to go to Bradfordsville to high school. Then we theorized that if the bus routes were extended from Bradfordsville westward to a point halfway toward the St. Charles school and northwestward to a point halfway to Lebanon, at least 100 pupils could be found to attend a high school at Bradfordsville.

Mrs. Everett Tucker, the county school board member from the Bradfordsville district, definitely feels that a properly established high school at Bradfordsville, with equitably drawn bus routes would produce the necessary 100 pupils for accreditation. She further feels that pupils would attend from Casey County, as they used to do.

If this regional system were re-established, Mr. Glasscock's constituents living near Lebanon could still be given the choice of attending the Lebanon city school at county expense. In fact, the Lebanon city school needs pupils from the county to have enough.

A return to the regional plan and the reopening of Bradfordsville high school would conform with the Court of Appeals' original ruling because the high court gave the regional system as one of two alternatives. Now that the central system is proving unfeasible, Franklin Circuit Court should, in my opinion, modify its judgment and order the reopening of Bradfordsville high school.

Sometimes justice has to travel the long way around to reach its destination. The reopening of the Bradfordsville school was always the just solution. Now it may prove, in the thinking of a majority of the parties concerned, to be the expedient solution.



Executive Board Endorses New Survey Proposals

The Executive Board of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, meeting at Middletown on September 1, approved without modification the recommendations presented by its 17-member Survey Committee. The proposals will go on to the General Association meeting in Lexington on November 17-19 as recommendations of the Executive Board.

The Board was entrusted with the task of further surveying the present work of Kentucky Baptists and making recommendations for needed changes by action of the General Association last year. The association at that time considered an earlier survey report and decided upon referral for another year's study. The Board gave the task to a 17-man committee which made its report to the full Board on September 1 after a year's work.

Controversial Issues Avoided

The report sailed smoothly through the 130-member Executive Board. A number of questions was asked for clarification and minor revisions were made in the wording, but no essential change in the recommendations was advocated.

The harmony was an evident result of the removal of the controversial issues of last year's report. No mention was made of the Christian Education program for Kentucky Baptists since this part of the report was eliminated by a vote of the Association last year. Kentucky Baptist schools are being operated presently according to the pattern of the last few years.

Several other controversial issues of last year's report were removed and recommendations made were more in line with the present method of operation. Among these were the direct mission program, the Baptist Foundation, and the method of selection and the manner of operation of the Executive Board.

Present Mission Program Advocated

The direct mission program recommended is a continuation of the present plan with suggestions for constant re-evaluation with a view for improvement. The associational mission program will continue to be a joint project of the state and the district association with encouragement for the district associations to assume more and more financial responsibility. The program will be under the direction of the Secretary of Missions with the help of a Missions Committee composed of 9 members of the Executive Board.

The recommendation of the earlier report had called for the abandonment of the joint state-associational mission plan in favor of regional missionaries sponsored entirely by the state.

The Baptist Foundation which would have been curtailed in its scope of activity by the proposals last

year is recommended for a larger field of activity in this year's report. A full-time secretary is proposed instead of a part-time secretary and half of the secretary's time is to be spent in the field promoting Foundation work. The secretary of the Foundation is to be nominated by the trustees of the Foundation and elected by the Executive Board. At present the trustees elect the secretary.

130-Member Executive Board Continued

Another controversial recommendation eliminated from last year's report has to do with the number and manner of election of the Executive Board members. The proposal last year would have called for their selection by the General Association upon the nomination of the General Association nominating committee instead of by nomination from the district associations. At present each district association has a right to one Board member plus an additional member for every 5,000 Baptists or major fraction thereof. The district association nominates two names for each Board membership and the General Association selects one of these two. The present method of selection as well as the present number on the board is recommended in the new survey report.

The reorganization of the General Association committees and the committees of the Executive Board recommended does not depart radically from the present set-up. The General Association committees are reduced in number and follow the suggestions of last year's report.

Administrative Committee Replaces Executive Committee

The Executive Board is not to have the Operating Committee recommended last year but is to have an Administrative Committee with many of the duties of the present Executive Committee of the Executive Board. Other duties of the present Executive Committee are assigned to a new Finance Committee and to other committees of the Board.

The new survey report will call for the creation of three new positions on the Executive Board staff but these positions will be filled at the discretion of the Executive Board and as finances permit. It is felt that not all of the places will be filled immediately upon approval of the report.

Three New Positions Created

The new positions will be the secretary of Stewardship Promotion, the secretary of Evangelism, and an Associate General Secretary. The priority in filling these positions will be in the order in which they are listed.

At present the Promotion work is a part-time job. Stewardship is divided between two men including the director of the Forward Program of Church Finance. The direction of the Forward Program of

Church Finance will be a part of the new stewardship promotion, though a full-time director will probably be continued.

Several Matters Slated for Further Study

A final recommendation will ask for a continuation of the committee to consider other matters in the original Survey Report. Among the things slated for further study are the *Western Recorder*, a Program Analyst, a Business Manager for the Executive Board, and a centralized accounting system for the Baptist Building.

The reason this report of the action of the Executive Board in reference to the new survey appears on the editor's page is its paramount importance and interest to all Kentucky Baptists. Subsequently other discussion of the new survey proposals will appear and the entire text of the report to be presented to the General Association will appear in the *Recorder*. Pertinent questions and discussions of the report are invited.

First impressions of the report would indicate that the Executive Board is very wise in asking for action at this time on matters that are mostly non-contro-

versial. We don't need another Elizabethtown at Lexington this fall. The report has progressive recommendations that will put Kentucky Baptists ahead in the years to come.

Compared to last year's report it is very mild. It is mostly a continuation of our present approach with suggestions for progress and improvement. It will be likely said by some that if last year's report went too far, this year's is not going far enough.

But while this is only a start, it seems to be the right start. With its approval there are still big questions left like the future of Baptist education in Kentucky.

Rome was not built in a day and an adequate denominational program for Kentucky Baptists cannot be built in a year. We have this on our side. We have as much intelligence among Kentucky Baptist pastors and laymen as any other state. Besides this, the Lord is for us and from this source can come the grace to do what needs to be done. Every Kentucky Baptist should pray for human intelligence and Divine leadership for the consideration of this report at the General Association this fall.

BAPTIST FORUM



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Editor:

What do you and your readers think of changing our paper's name so it has "Baptist" in it? What does *Western Recorder* mean?

Interested Baptist

Answer: I don't know what the readers think of changing the name. Maybe we'll hear from some of them.

I like the idea of the word "Baptist" in the name but would be reluctant to give up the name "*Western Recorder*" after 108 years. "*Western Baptist Recorder*" would be too long. "*Baptist Recorder*" is the name of the Mississippi Baptist paper.

The meaning of "*Western Recorder*" is just what it sounds like. In 1851 Kentucky was considered "the west" and "recorder" was a good name for a periodical, thus "*Western Recorder*."

Editor

WHO KNOWS?

Editor:

Recently in a radio broadcast some leading religious leaders discussed Nixon's visit to Russia. One leader looked upon the visit as purely selfish and political as a vote-getter for the next presidential election.

Another was more considerate and

said that it was necessary in return for the visit paid us.

All told, they agreed that they could see no good accomplished.

I disagree with them. One thing Mr. Nixon told the Russians is that we are too big to be pushed around. We have seen more of the results now.

The stoning of Stephen was to Saul a lasting experience. Maybe Nixon's visit will be a lasting experience too.

Maybe Khrushchev's visit to America could be Saul on the Damascus road repeated. Both men are great. Both men are sincere. Both men are (or were) wrong. Both men had (or have) much responsibility. Saul and Khrushchev are alike in many ways. Look what Saul's conversion has meant to the world and will continue to mean as long as time lasts.

Only God knows what Khrushchev's conversion to Christ would mean to the world.

Let us join in prayer that God may have his way with this Russian.

306 Fairground St.
Columbia, Kentucky Bayard P. Antle

THE TEACHER IN A NEW AGE

Editor:

Some months ago I attended a teachers' meeting. The presiding officer was the president of the college where the meeting was being held. His introductory words were; "Teachers, you are

not only important, but you are in a market of great demand, as well as a cry for more efficiency and advanced study."

What is of greater importance for a future world than the preparation of the material that goes into the foundation of it? On this, the teacher will stand or fall. The business of teaching is to reach, to bestir, to direct, to arouse, and to inspire pupils to the challenge of a new age—involving an outer space race. We see the exodus of teachers from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, lured to other states by much better pay. This is indeed a challenge to those who are steering our educational struggle, and we should raise our sights, stay at home, and give ourselves unreservedly to the task of turning out a better product (a better citizen) than those who have gone before. To whom shall we go?

As you stand there this morning, with innumerable hosts of little eyes fixed upon you, just remember that you are the heart of the school, and, that much compassion and sacrifice should emanate from you as you walk among the future world in the making. Things that are closest to us are the invisibles; the air we breathe, the spirit of the Almighty, love, hate, honesty, and virtue, none of which we can see with our natural eyes, but we CAN see the results they bring. The capstone of all our teaching should imply—Be what you would have your pupils become. Would you prefer to see them become gamblers, thieves, drunkards, robbers, "good for nothings?" No man ever made a shipwreck of his life who lived according to the teachings of the Bible. So the business of a teacher should run parallel with that of discipleship.

Oneida, Kentucky Thomas L. Britton

BLUEPRINT FOR EDUCATION

By EUGENE I. ENLOW, Pastor
Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville

The question of education stabs us awake to make us aware that this is one of the most pressing problems we face today. The place of America in our world today with all the striving forces that are contending for recognition and world domination makes the problem all the more acute. The scientific race and technological competitiveness bring into sharp focus the reality of a need for mental preparedness and a searching, intelligent acquisitiveness. The wresting of miraculous inventions and discoveries from the unknown makes our age an exciting one in which to live. Education is not for military and political preparedness alone but primarily for the enrichment of the total life of the individual as well as the masses.

From the practical viewpoint in America today even to preserve our American way of life we must make a vigorous appraisal of our objectives. In these objectives we truly evaluate the American way of life not as sentiments that cling to but as spiritual objectives that lend a supreme purpose and a dynamic motivation. In this day of increased birthrate, lack of school space, teacher shortage, changing curricula, integration problems, political pressures, questions concerning academic freedom, the teaching of religion in schools, moral instruction and responsibility, there must be more presented for educational purposes than just a mass exposure to material for learning, or just running the masses through the mill in assembly-line style.

The answers do not come easily. The desire is, however, to seek the truth that will enlighten, ennoble, and emancipate. The Bible says, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Traditionally there are three institutions charged with the responsibility for education, the home, the church, the school. There has been a feeling in some academic circles that organized religion, instead of being an aid to free intellectual pursuit, has been a major foe. In some cases this may be true. However, the church and the school both are addressing the whole man, and it is time to recognize the common ground. Education really springs from a religious background, and without a spiritual balance it is unable to prepare one to meet the crises of life that ultimately come to each one.

A blueprint is a plan of work outlined to direct a building program to a successful conclusion. It carries the specifications, the skeleton foundation, and

framework of the building. When followed properly, the permanent structure is sound and secure. A three point blueprint is offered, as the home, the church, and the school are interrelated and responsible for proper education so there are three interrelated areas for education, (1) the discovery of self, (2) the learning to live with others, (3) learning to live with God.

The Discovery of One's Self

The first learning process of life is a discovery. The first instinct of a baby is the discovery of himself, his needs, wants, and pleasures. At this early stage in life these are physical discoveries. Soon there comes the identification of individuality. The child says, "Let me do it myself." The discovery of self-expression is realized. The contemplation of the inner world of one's life comes along through introspection in the growing transitions of development. There comes the motivating force of life as expressed by the Socratic "Know Thyself!" One comes to discover impressions and urges and dreams that lead him to ask himself, "What shall I be or do in life?" The main learning process is not just to learn a subject, but to learn how that subject can relate to one's life.

A striking phrase in the story of the Prodigal Son points out the discovery of oneself, "He came to himself." He became aware of the meaning of his life and his potentiality. The apostle Paul speaks of "the inner man" being strengthened (Ephes. 3:16).

Anne Mansfield Sullivan, the teacher of Helen Keller, took the task of helping Helen Keller discover herself and her life. "Does it seem too far-fetched to picture the young Helen Keller as the symbol *par excellence* of every student that ever lived? We are all Helen Kellers in some degree, vision beclouded, ears indiscriminating, speech uncertain, and untrue. We have all needed at some time or other TRUTH spelled out slowly for us, to have our capabilities redefined and re-evaluated and the limitations of our sensations and perceptions suggested. It is not a mean epitaph for any teacher to have it said of him, 'He rendered all whom he taught less deaf, less dumb, less blind.'"

The Discovery of Learning to Live With Others

The general growth from the discovery of self leads to the discovery of others. To know someone other than oneself leads into a new exciting area of living. Not only does one come to

learn to associate with others but to depend upon others. Individual living is dependent upon a community intercourse of giving and receiving in mutual reciprocity.

In learning to live with others there are three factors that stand out:

(1) One must follow ennobling principle rather than personal prejudice. Great principles are simple expressions of abiding truth and will lead in the solution of problems in an easier manner. Prejudices are complex as they grow out of personal emotional conflict and often lead to group conflicts.

(2) One must observe law above license. Liberty, freedom and personal discipline are based upon law rather than license. Law is to be the helper of man rather than a hinderer. Law does not handicap individuality but rather gives protection and the right for the exercise of personal freedom, in relation to the total community. This does not force conformity but brings strength out of discipline, and respect for personal rights.

(3) One must learn Spiritual and Emotional Maturity as well as development of physical maturity.

Emotional maturity is not the strait-jacketing of the mind, but it means being able to see the point involved from all points and then face it calmly and sanely.

Undoubtedly some of the most effective teaching is to be found in the gym or athletic field. There is clarity of aim, a measure of visible achievement. The student learns by doing and excellent form is developed. However, the development of a good physical form does not always mean a spiritual maturity to control the muscles. A healthy body should accompany a healthy mind. Where there is proper balance a healthy mind will help provide a healthy body.

The Discovery of Living With God

Someone has indicated three related steps that can involve the total learning process of man. These are reason, research, and revelation. God has given man certain endowments of the mind that distinguish him as a person. One of these endowments is reason. Man adjusts himself to life with what he knows and plans. There is also the capacity to probe into the curtain of the unknown and find life organized in orderly fashion even beyond the probing finger of human inquisitiveness. Thus research has made life more exciting and more comfortable. Reason and research both reach a point where they can go no further, then in a small obscure way, or with a brilliant flash, something happens to open a new way, or to provide the answer. This is revelation. It is God's way of revealing Himself and His ultimate purpose for finite man.

This happened in the person of Jesus. Through Jesus we learn to live with and for God. "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord" (Prov. 9:10), "the truth is in Jesus" (Ephes. 4:21), "to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephes. 3:18-19). This then is more than intellectual assent, it is the total committal of one's personality to the higher laws of life as found in God through reason, research, and revelation.

The Use of the Blueprint

Often in planning there are many preliminary sketches made before the "working drawings" are finally made. When the working drawings are ready they are followed closely and the building is constructed according to specifications.

Our educational programs today are using the best from scientific research, experience, and idealism. However, one must determine the type of building or institution that is desired so that the proper plans may be placed in the blueprint. When a school embraces the three steps herein mentioned it begins to fulfill its purpose as an educational institution as it ministers to the individual, to the community, and to God.

Auburn Baptist Church Receives \$20,000 Gift

By LAWRENCE MARTIN, Pastor
Auburn, Kentucky

The Auburn Baptist Church, Auburn, Ky., has received a \$20,000 bequest from the estate of the late H. Curtis Robbins. This has been invested, and will eventually be applied toward the erection of a new sanctuary, one of the long range plans of the Church.

Tribute was paid as follows to Mr. Robbins in the August 9 issue of the Auburn Church bulletin:

"It is said of one of our Bible characters that he served well his generation and fell asleep. This and more can be said of Mr. Robbins. Through many years he served well in our church as one of the most loyal attendants, one of the most capable leaders, one who loved his Church and his Lord and put them first, one who supported his Church not only with his time and his talents but also his means. Through the setting forth of such worthy example and the generous gift mentioned above, he is privileged to serve generations other than his own."

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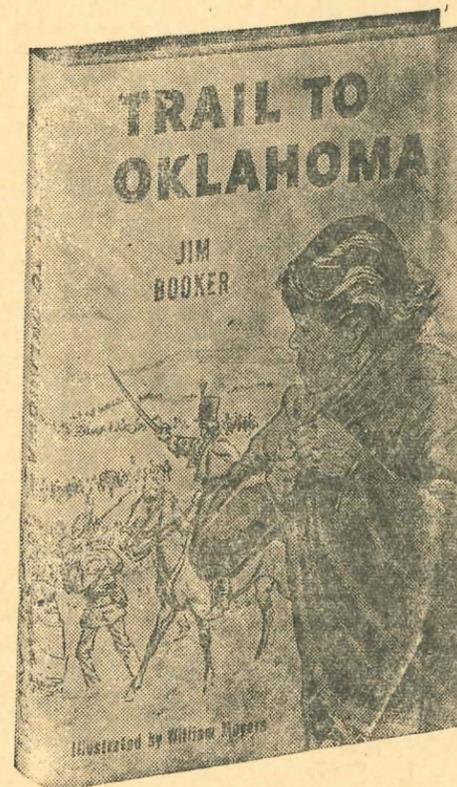
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by Jim Booker

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BY MISS IONE GRAY, Director of Press Relations
Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., Richmond, Va.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and the three area secretaries of the Board have returned to Richmond from overseas travels.

Dr. Cauthen and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, left the States July 17 for a survey of mission needs in French West Africa and a visit with missionaries in Ghana and Nigeria. They visited a number of important centers of French West Africa and attended the meetings of the executive committees of the Baptist Missions of Ghana and Nigeria.

Dr. Cauthen left Africa in time to attend the closing sessions of the Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta N. M., and Dr. Goerner remained with the Nigerian Mission to deliver a number of addresses and confer about mission work.

Dr. Goerner will present a full report of the journey to an early meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

HAWAII BAPTISTS ASSUME LARGER RESPONSIBILITIES

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, spent a week in Hawaii studying with missionaries and nationals the transition which is now taking place in Baptist work of the islands with the coming of statehood. Plans are being worked out for the carrying through of the transfer of responsibility for Baptist work in Hawaii from the Foreign Mission Board to the Hawaii Baptist Convention. For several years the Foreign Mission Board has been preparing Baptist work in Hawaii for the increased responsibility which has come with the attainment of statehood.

Dr. Crawley attended the annual meeting of the Hawaii Baptist Mission and an important planning session of the executive board of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. In these meetings budget and capital needs of the Baptist work in Hawaii were studied.

In order to carry out the transition as smoothly as possible and without any abrupt break in the work, the Foreign Mission Board will be giving some continuous help both in personnel and in money to the Baptist work in Hawaii for a period of time.

Dr. Crawley says: "Our main effort now is in the direction of strengthening Baptist church and convention life in Hawaii for the responsibilities of the years ahead. I was impressed with the spirit of faith, optimism, and dedication on the part of Baptist leaders in Hawaii and what they have done and are doing through much earnest and prayerful planning and work as they prepare for the transition with which they are faced."

HAWAII BAPTIST CONVENTION ELECTS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Hawaii Baptist Convention has elected Rev. Stanton Nash, of Oklahoma City, as its executive secretary. Mr. Nash will take up his new duties the latter part of September and will give full time to the work.

For the past 10 years Mr. Nash has been assistant to the pastor at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Prior to that he was director of music and education at Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; College Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and First Baptist Church, Ranger, Tex.

A native of New Roads, La., he was educated at Trinity University, Waxahachie, Tex. (now located at San Antonio, Tex.), and Southwestern Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. After receiving the bachelor of sacred music degree from Southwestern Seminary he taught there for two years. He spent five years in military service.

He is married to the former Joy Balyeat, native of Alexandria, La. They have three daughters and a son.

BRAZILIAN BAPTISTS PREPARING FOR BWA

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, attended the annual meeting of the three Baptist Missions of Brazil, giving a series of devotions to the South Brazil missionaries. In these meetings he and the missionaries discussed plans for the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro next year.

Dr. Means says the people going to Brazil can be assured that missionaries and nationals are doing everything in their power to prepare for their Baptist guests. These leaders have expressed hope that the trip to Rio will be of real significance to the cause of missions and to the lives of those who come that way.

Dr. Means also stopped in Guatemala, where he visited Quezaltenango, second largest city in the country. The Baptist Mission of Guatemala plans to open Baptist work in this city as soon as there is adequate missionary personnel. Also, other centers in the country are being considered for the expansion of work.

WITNESS WHILE TRAVELING

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., is preparing tracts to be used by visitors from the United States as they journey through mission areas bound for the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro next summer. These tracts, printed in the Spanish language, are designed to help English-speaking visitors witness

for Christ by means of tract distribution as they travel.

Southern Baptists desiring copies of these tracts should write directly to Dr. Frank W. Patterson, P. O. Box 4255, El Paso, Tex.

S.B.C. Receipts Up 11.6 Per Cent For Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Undesignated gifts for Southern Baptist Convention causes amounted to \$1,414,352 during July, bringing the year's total to \$9,743,093.62, a 9.31 per cent increase over the first seven months of last year.

July Cooperative Program receipts plus designations amounting to \$202,668.55 brought the 31-day total to \$1,627,020.55.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville reports that for the year thus far total gifts are up 11.6 per cent over the same period in 1958. There has been a 13.09 per cent increase in designated contributions.

Midsummer receipts continue the upward trend in financial support which has been in evidence throughout the year. Each month the percentage of gain for 1959 over 1958 has been significantly higher than the percentage gain of 1958 over 1957.

The Cooperative Program goal for the calendar year 1959 is \$17,500,000.

The Foreign Mission Board received in July \$667,249.36, the largest amount disbursed. The Cooperative Program provided \$559,343.03 of this amount. The remainder was designated ones.

The Home Mission Board allotment for the month was \$290,476.12. Of this amount \$202,257.98 came through the Cooperative Program and \$88,218.14 through designations.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, now in the process of building an entire new campus, received \$217,356.12 during the month.

The other agencies and commissions received considerably smaller amounts.

Funds retained by local Baptist churches and state Baptist organizations are not reported through the office of the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer and are not reflected in his monthly statement.

For the month of July, Kentucky forwarded \$66,856.44 through the Cooperative Program and \$8,789.31 in designations for a total of \$75,645.75. This placed the state eleventh among those of the convention in total gifts for the month.

►James Edward Sandridge, II, assistant to the executive secretary, Baptist Board of Missions and Education, Richmond, Va., will be the evangelist preaching in the Harvest Revival at West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., September 20-30, according to Pastor J. G. Pickens.

Colleges In Jeopardy, Need Serious Thought

NASHVILLE—(BP)—"Our greatest need" in Baptist higher education has been described as "a clear-cut sense of values, a sharply-defined philosophy of what we are supposed to be doing with and through our Baptist schools."

This viewpoint was expressed in the Southern Baptist Educator's July-August issue by Ralph A. Phelps of Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Phelps is chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission, which publishes the magazine, and president of Ouachita Baptist College.

"We have been making more progress on the material side of education than we have on the intangible side," he continued. "We have learned how to erect buildings and recruit teachers, but we have only a hazy idea of why we do either."

He said programs have been based on expediency — "expediency embellished with a few pious platitudes to make the outsider believe that our schools have a crystal-clear sense of divine mission and programs at least as scriptural as the New Testament."

Phelps contended that several questions need "serious, dedicated attention." The questions, summarized, include:

1. What makes a school Christian, and what about the school which publicly proclaims one set of principles and privately practices the opposite?
2. What sort of people should teach on the faculty of a Baptist school? Should non-Baptists, even non-Christians teach, and does a faculty made up of evangelical Christians necessarily mean there will be spiritual quality?
3. How much say-so should a denomination have in running its own school, one it has supported through the years and still "theoretically at least" owns and operates?
4. From whom shall the Baptist college take money? Shall it accept government funds, or even private foundation grants which dictate the courses to be taught and "slant given them"?
5. To what extent is service to the denomination a responsibility of the Baptist college?
6. What are the primary purposes of a Christian college? How does it balance development of Christian character, a championship football objective, and academic achievement?
7. What part does Jesus Christ play in a school which is supposed to exist because of and for him?

The problem, according to Phelps, is that there are too few people associated with the Baptist colleges to think through these questions. The president? "No one looks to the president as a thinker these days. He is a producer, a builder, a fundraiser, a huckster, a financier, a public speaker, a politician."

Trustees "are busy with their own businesses and professions" and faculty are "paid to teach, not think," Phelps added. "Pastors might, but their job security does not rest on a denomination's program but on their local responsibility."

Baptist editors might be the thinkers, "but they have many other causes also in need of editorial attention," Phelps said.

"The cold truth is that the job of thinking is given little attention and that no particular individual is apt to be raised up as a Moses to lead us from the wilderness in which we are wandering," he complained.

"Unless many Baptists . . . give serious thought to these matters at once, future generations may well look back upon this present period as the age in which the cause of Christian education was lost for Southern Baptists," Phelps warned.

Carver School Takes Bid on New Building

Carver School of Missions and Social Work here has awarded the contract for its new academic building to the Garst-Receveur Construction Co., Inc., of

Louisville, on the basis of a bid of \$226,833.

Nevin and Morgan, architects for the present school plant, have designed the new two-story, air-conditioned addition approximately 51 feet by 110 feet in size.

In announcing the trustees' acceptance of the bid, President Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., of Carver School, indicated that construction is expected to take approximately eight or nine months.

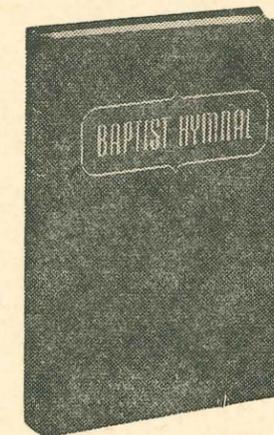
The building will contain three classrooms of varied sizes, 11 offices for professors that have been designed to also accommodate seminars of from eight to a dozen students, and offices for the registrar and the secretary to the faculty. A faculty lounge on the second floor will serve as a meeting place for the faculty and for committee meetings.

"The academic building is the second major equipment need being met in the administration's program to implement the management survey made by Booz, Allen, and Hamilton," Brooks reported. A contract was signed earlier with Southern Seminary for a joint library operation (Baptist Press).

►The House Creek Baptist Church became affiliated with Bracken Association during its annual meeting, August 4, 1959.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

BROTHERHOOD

Meet "Spud" Halcomb at State Brotherhood Convention, Campbellsville

By FORREST R. SAWYER



F. R. Sawyer

The State Brotherhood Convention will be held at the Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky, October 1 and 2.

R. H. "Spud" Halcomb, state Royal Ambassador in chief, will be presiding at the second session of that body on Friday morning, October 2, at 9:00 o'clock.

Mr. Halcomb will be a junior at Danville High School this year. Due to rheumatic fever while a youngster, Mr. Halcomb lost one school year which puts him and his only sister in the same grade, and they are both striving to be Valedictorians of their senior class next year. Numerous honors have come to Mr. Halcomb. Amongst others, he is the Governor for the 1960 Kentucky Youth Assembly, which means that during the week, the young people of the state of Kentucky will take over the reins of government and Mr. Halcomb will be the Governor. During the past several years, Spud, as he prefers to be called, has been one of the most competent workers during the Royal Ambassador Camps at Cedarmore.

During the morning session over which Mr. Halcomb will be presiding, there will be an opportunity given for questions relative to Royal Ambassador work that will come from the floor of the convention and will be directed toward a panel of men who have been working in Royal Ambassador work for some years. One of the panel members is Mr. Bill Funk, Associational Royal Ambassador Leader for Long Run Association who has spent eight years in his position as an Associational Royal Ambassador leader.

ALL BAPTIST MEN ARE WELCOME AT CAMPBELLSVILLE BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

Attendance at the State Brotherhood Convention, previously mentioned, is not restricted to men who are already mem-

bers of Brotherhoods in their local churches. Rather, it is for all men who are members of Baptist churches cooperating with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Those desiring to attend the convention, and wanting over-night accommodations for October 1 may write: RESERVATIONS, CAMPBELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMPBELLSVILLE, KENTUCKY, and upon arrival in Campbellsville, can go to the church, and there receive directions to their lodging place.

The people of Campbellsville Baptist Church are providing, in addition to the nice lodging, breakfast for the men for Friday morning.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"Proclaim His Love" Kentucky YWA House Party, Georgetown, October 3-11, Cumberland, Oct. 30-Nov. 1

By MISS NINA MARTIN, WMS-YWA Dtr.



Mrs. Hancock

The first Kentucky Y.W.A. house party of 1959 will be held at Georgetown College, October 9-11. A second house party will be held at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, October 30-November 1. Notice the October 1 issue of the *Western Recorder* for further details concerning the house party at Cumberland.

Mrs. Aaron Hancock, of the Home Mission Board, and Miss Mary Kirkpatrick of the Foreign Mission Board, will be missionary speakers at Georgetown.

Mrs. Hancock was born in Oklahoma, of Cherokee Indian parents. She is a well known speaker and talented musician. Since 1927 Mrs. Hancock and her husband have been serving as missionaries to the Indians.



Miss Kirkpatrick

Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick is a native of Mississippi and is now in the States on furlough. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, while in Nigeria she lives in Ibadan, where she is in charge of the accounts department of the Baptist book store. Miss Kirkpatrick is also active in Sunday school, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union work in Ibadan.

Appearing at both house parties will be Miss Beth Hayworth, of the Baptist Student Union department, Miss Martha Miller, of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, and Miss Norma Jean Baker, of Carver School of Missions and Social Work. Dr. C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, will bring the Sunday morning message at Georgetown.

Reservations for both house parties are now being received in the W.M.U. Office, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky. Two hundred guests can be taken care of at each house party; therefore, after this limit has been reached, we shall not be able to accept more

reservations. Send your \$1.00 registration fee, along with your name, mailing address, age, town, association, church, and pastor's name. Housing will be free, with each girl taking care of her own meals and transportation expenses.

CHURCH MUSIC

September Musicalendar

By EUGENE F. QUINN

MUSIC SCHOOLS:

September:

- 7-11—First Baptist Church, Jackson, Red River Association.
- 7-11—Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association.
- 7-11—First Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Baptist Association Music School.
- 21-25—First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Shelby County Association.

HYMN SINGS:

September:

- 13—Magnolia, Severn's Valley Association.
- 13—Hite's Run, Breckenridge Association.
- 20—Salem, Salem Association.
- 20—Auburn, Bethel Association.
- 21—New Harmony, Blood River Association.
- 27—Bloomfield, Nelson Association.

TRAINING UNION

1959 Training Union Assemblies

By JAMES H. WHALEY



Kentucky were present.

Three Training Union assemblies were held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, with over 500 Kentuckians attending representing 30 associations and 79 churches. Kentucky's representative in the Young People's Speakers' Tournament, Allen Harrod, and the Intermediate Sword Drill, Miss Elaine Blewett, placed first in their respective tournaments.

Two weeks were also held at our state assembly, Cedarmore. The attendance was excellent with 191 present the first week and 144 the second week.

At each assembly a large number of

decisions were made: Ridgecrest — 20 young people from Kentucky dedicated themselves to church-related vocations; Cedarmore — 4 accepted Christ as their Saviour and 14 dedicated themselves to church-related vocations.

The Training Union weeks in 1960 for Cedarmore are August 8-12 and August 15-19.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Missionaries and B.S.U.

By J. CHESTER DURHAM



J. C. Durham

The Baptist Student Union has played a vital role in the recruiting of foreign mission appointees.

In order that we of the Southern Baptist Convention might know the true facts about our foreign missionaries, Mr. Rogers M. Smith, associate secretary for promo-

tion of the Foreign Mission Board, made a comprehensive survey of every missionary on the field. This survey was made in 1956.

He studied the record of 1,211 missionaries for the period of 1900 to October 1, 1956. In this study Mr. Smith tabulated the educational institutions which they attended. The tabulation showed that 848 had attended Baptist colleges and that 710 had attended non-Baptist colleges.

Some missionaries had more than one college degree and many of them had attended more than one college. Some had attended more than one Baptist college. Therefore, the numbers indicated in the totals for Baptist colleges or state schools do not necessarily represent the actual number of persons.

Most of these missionaries who attended a college after the Baptist Student Union movement began were vitally influenced by the work of the Baptist Student Union.

CLOSER HOME

Where have Kentucky's missionaries attended school?

A study was made in 1955 to see what Kentucky institutions were attended by missionaries. At that time it was discovered that there were 56 missionaries on the foreign field who had an A.B. or B.S. Degree from a Kentucky college. Twenty-four of these were from Baptist schools and twenty-eight from non-Baptist schools.

Another survey was completed in March 1959. As far as we can tell, at that time we had sixty-six missionaries on the foreign field who have received

a degree from a Kentucky college. Thirty-three of these attended a Baptist school and thirty-three attended a non-Baptist college.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

How to Have an Effective Harvest Day



R. E. Boatwright

A fitting climax to the year of evangelism and our current theme "That They Might Have Life," is the opportunity for soul-winning through the Sunday school on Harvest Day.

Led by the pastor, every Sunday school worker will pray, teach, do personal soul-winning, and

help in other ways to prepare a great harvest of souls.

1. List unsaved members and prospects by classes. Share lists with the pastor, department superintendents, and teachers involved.

2. Pray daily in September for lost individuals.

3. Use regular officers and teachers' meeting in September to plan soul-winning visitation. Give out visitation slips and receive reports each week. Workers will confer with parents where Juniors are involved. Assign every unsaved member and prospect to the Christian members of the classes. Assign unsaved parents to children's workers.

4. On consecutive weeks, before Harvest Day, mail personal letters to the unsaved from the pastor, superintendents, and teachers.

5. Assembly programs and all lessons during September should have evangelistic and soul-winning application.

6. Make wise use of new soul-winning tracts.

7. Climax the efforts on Harvest Day, Sunday, September 20. Have positive evangelistic services in all departments, classes and worship services. Pray for, seek, encourage, and expect results. Urge all unsaved to make a decision accepting Christ as Saviour and make a public profession of faith in the preaching service.

8. Follow up those who do not make decisions with additional visits. Pass full information regarding unsaved members and prospects to the proper teachers on Promotion Day.—Sunday-School Planning Booklet, 59-60.

STATE PLANNING MEETING IS CALLED OFF

The State Planning Meeting which had been scheduled to meet September 5, 7, has been cancelled. The cancelation was due to the type of Sunday school program

conducted at Cedarmore and our plans to visit all the associations in the One-night Officers' Clinics. It was felt that the State Planning Meeting would primarily be a duplication.

Church-Captured Public Schools Being Operated In the Land of the Free

"Church-captured public schools are not a joke; they are a fact and a threat to our religious freedom," said a spokesman for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State today. Glenn L. Archer, the organization's executive director, took exception to a story widely printed in the Roman Catholic press which branded a P.O.A.U. movie about captive schools as "ridiculous" and denied that such institutions really existed.

"I am not surprised at the denial on the subject of captive schools which has been issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference," Archer declared. "I realize how embarrassing this disclosure must be to them. For years Catholic Welfare denied that there was any persecution of Protestants in Columbia. They may be denying it even yet. But painful facts cannot be concealed by brazen denials.

"Captive schools do exist. The public may not be aware of them because they frequently exist in enclaves where the Catholic faith predominates and such matters are only of local interest. But news does get out.

"In Bremond, Texas, the 'public school' is conducted in a parish-owned building with six nuns and two priests as teachers. A suit filed there recently charged that public funds were being illegally used in support of this sectarian institution. The Bremond school is only one of 22 such 'public schools' in Texas that are being supported by tax funds.

"If the Catholic Welfare Conference

will send its agents to Franklin, Dearborn, Dubois, Spencer, Martin and Knox Counties in Indiana he will find 113 nuns teaching in 30 so-called public schools with salaries paid from public funds. If they will go to Auglaize, Mercer, Putnam, Brown, Noble and Shelby Counties in Ohio they will find 78 nuns teaching their religion to pupils in 22 of the same kind of quasi-public schools.

"It is confusing and really serves no useful end to deny that these institutions exist," Archer said. "When state boards of education today admit that there are at least 2,055 Roman Catholic nuns teaching in U. S. public schools, who can honestly deny that these institutions have been 'captured' by the religious workers of one denomination? Schools like these—public in name but parochial in purpose and operation—patently violate the religious rights of children who are not of the Roman Catholic faith and are an affront to our tradition of church-state separation."

Premiere showings of the controversial film "Captured" were attended by 5,000 invited officials and leaders. A representative of the National Catholic Welfare Conference who attended by invitation wrote: "P.O.A.U. is hoping to convince Protestants . . . that these 'captive schools,' and the ridiculous situations portrayed in the film, really do exist."

Archer, himself a lawyer and former dean of a law school, replied by saying: "We based the film on files of numerous captive school cases which have come to trial. On the basis of just such facts as are depicted here, the courts broke up captive school chains in Missouri, New Mexico, Colorado and Kentucky."

Divorce By the Month

By A. C. MILLER

The number of divorces granted during May, 1959, in the United States reached a total of 14,800. This is a 7/10 per cent increase in the year since May 1958. In fact, each monthly divorce total within the nation has been larger than the figure for the same month of the preceding year. The cumulative total for the five months of January-May of 1959 was 72,568, or 7.2 per cent more than for the same period of 1958.

According to the testimony of Domestic Court judges across the nation, the percentages of divorces due to involvements from beverage alcohol ranged from 63 per cent to 90 per cent.

We have a government that purports to work for the public welfare. Why, then, does that government tolerate an evil that is more responsible for the break-up of American homes than any other force among us? It is time for the citizenship of this country to recall the words of Samuel Zant Batten, who said a generation ago: "Nations are not destroyed by forces from without; they are destroyed by forces from within. Nations do not die; they commit suicide."



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

GOD'S CONCERN FOR ALL PEOPLE September 13

Jonah 3:1-2, 10; 4:11-11

It was to the great city of Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, that God commanded Jonah to go and to cry out against the terrible wickedness which prevailed there. His instructions were clear, specific and unmistakable. Rather than preach to the heathen in the most magnificent capital in the ancient world, Jonah chose to disobey God by taking a ship from Tarshish, which was about as far in the opposite direction as he could go. His disobedience resulted in the most terrifying experiences imaginable, the account of which is recorded in this prophecy and is well known. However, God's will had not been changed by Jonah's disobedience.

After God had chastised Jonah for his disobedience, He gave him a second opportunity to obey Him. Jonah had learned his lesson, so, after he had repented and had been forgiven, when God commanded him the second time to go to Nineveh and to preach to the people he was ready to go. As he journeyed toward that great and wicked city he did so with the realization that he was to be the channel for the divine message.

Having learned by experience that disobedience brings trouble, Jonah became willing to preach to the detested Assyrians. Upon entering Nineveh he went up and down the winding streets preaching the message which God had directed him to deliver. His preaching was characterized by simplicity. The gist of his message was a prediction of an early overthrow of the city. He said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." Of course, this declaration had the proviso that this calamity would overtake the city unless the people repented of their sins. In effect, the warning was an invitation to them to repent. There was something about Jonah's preaching that impressed the people greatly.

When Jonah went through Nineveh preaching and warning, the people interpreted his message as one directly from the true and living God. Conscious of their guilt, they were aware that it would be followed with judgment. Their penitence was genuine. When "they believed God," they "proclaimed a fast," which was a sign of their dependence upon God. As an evidence of their humility and sorrow, they "put on sackcloth." They confessed their sins and the righteousness of the threat-

ened judgment. They forsook their evil ways, and trusted in God's forgiveness and mercy. Even the king humbled himself by descending from his throne, laying aside his robe, covering himself with sackcloth and sitting in ashes. He commanded the people of the city to humble themselves before God and implore His mercy upon them. Observing their godly sorrow and genuine repentance, God exercised His mercy and spared the people from destruction.

It is human to want to see things result as one anticipates. Jonah's desire was to see these heathen punished. It was his hope that at the end of forty days God's arm would be extended and the people of Nineveh would be destroyed. Therefore, the repentance of the people was not to his liking. Jonah was highly displeased that God had not fulfilled the threatened doom and substantiated his own prediction. The prophet did not hesitate to express and display his selfish anger.

Jonah was such a patriot that to spare a people who were potentially such foes of his people was unthinkable to him. He wanted Nineveh destroyed lest she might destroy his people. Loyalty to one's country is a noble quality and one to be encouraged, but there is no virtue in that kind of loyalty which condones sin in one's own country while condemning the same sin in another. We should remember that God does not have any favorites either among the nations or among individuals.

Believing that he was discredited as a true prophet because God had exercised clemency with the penitent people, Jonah pleaded for God to take his life. It is unfortunate indeed for any person to lose sight of the welfare of others because he is so self-centered that he is interested only in the accomplishment of his own purposes.

Having gone out on the east side of the city, Jonah erected a booth and sat therein, waiting to see whether or not God would destroy Nineveh as he had predicted. To protect Jonah from the fierce heat of the sun, God causes a gourd vine to grow up overnight. With this the prophet was delighted. However, next day God prepared a worm which killed the vine and the plant withered away. Following that He sent a hot and sultry wind which, in addition to the burning rays of the sun, made Jonah

exceedingly uncomfortable. In his despair the prophet concluded it would be better for him if he could die.

All of these occurrences served as an object lesson to teach Jonah that as he, who had not bestowed any labor on the gourd vine, was deeply concerned about its having been destroyed, so God, who had bestowed great energy and care upon the Ninevites, had a right to be greatly concerned for those people. The withered vine on which Jonah had pity pointed out to the prophet his own inconsistency, and his lack of compassion for the Assyrian multitudes. God wanted him to see that the teeming multitudes of heathen were of much more value than a mere plant. God was and still is very much concerned about the heathen, as much in fact as He is with us. May He hasten the day when every Christian shall have a real longing to give the glorious gospel of Christ to every creature!

►Some 1,674 were registered at Bible Week in Glorieta Baptist Assembly, New Mexico, which topped the joint Home Missions and Writers' Conferences of 1,614.

►David K. Morris, public relations director for Alabama, is conducting a weekly radio program, "Alabama Baptist News," over 26 radio stations in that state.

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PINEVILLE, Ky., Aug. 6—Dr. Richard Cortright, head of the Literacy Center of Baylor University, has been asked to conduct a Literacy Workshop at Clear Creek Baptist School October 9 and 10.

The workshop, which will be open to interested people of Kentucky, will be the first of its kind in this state. It is expected to become a pattern for other literacy workshops in this state, according to D. M. Aldridge, president of the school.

Interest in the literacy program started when a student at Clear Creek offered a Bible to a new convert. When the woman refused the Bible, stating that she could not read, the student-pastor became interested in getting help in teaching her to read.

The Bell County Associational W.M.U., in their July meeting, voted to give some financial backing for the workshop. A committee was appointed to plan for the workshop. Those on the committee were Mrs. John Isaacs, Clear Creek, chairman; J. Eldon Jones, Clear Creek, associational missionary; Mrs. Richard Golden, Pine-

ville; and Mrs. Barton Massengill, Midlesboro.

North Carolina Elects Brotherhood Secretary

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—(BP)—The general board of the Baptist State Convention in session at Fruitland Assembly near here elected a new president and named a new Brotherhood secretary.

Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church, was elevated from vice-president to president, succeeding L. H. Hollingsworth of Boone who resigned to become chaplain of Wake Forest College August 1. Employees of agencies or institutions are not eligible to serve on the board.

Clyde L. Davis of Stedman, missionary in the New South River Association for the past two years, was elected Brotherhood secretary. The post has been vacant since January 1, 1958, when Horace Easom of Shelby retired.

Davis, 38, is a native of Hammond, La., and a graduate of Mississippi College. While serving West Side Baptist Church in Red Springs, N. C., for five years, he earned his degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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