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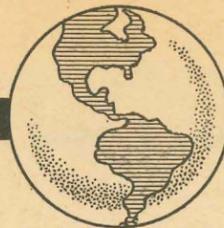
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I have determined that death shall not defeat my purpose to help advance the Kingdom of God. I shall remember the causes I love in my Will through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

CHANGES OF POSITIONS

►Conwell A. Anderson, dean of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, has been made president of Judson College, Marion, Alabama, succeeding J. I. Riddle, effective July 31. Anderson is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

►Pastor James W. Parrish has been made vice president of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., in charge of church relations, development and alumni affairs. He has resigned as pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., to assume this new position.

►Henry William Greer, Jr., student secretary at the University of California, Berkeley, Calif., accepts a similar work as student secretary at the Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, N. C. Mr. Greer is a son of Mrs. H. W. Greer, Sr., Lumberton, Miss. His father, now deceased, many years ago was manager of the book store of the Baptist World Publishing Co., on Fifth near Broadway, opposite the dormitory of the Southern Seminary when it was in downtown Louisville. He is a nephew of the Misses Latta H., Mary E. and Frances Greer, Louisville.

NEW LaFAYETTE PASTOR

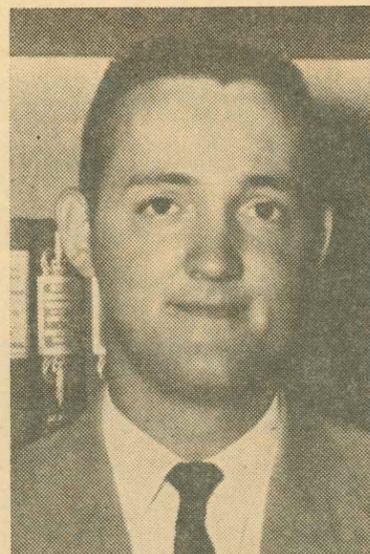
►Warner Bumgardner, from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Ky., and a graduate of Southern Seminary, became pastor of the LaFayette Baptist Church, Christian County, and moved in the pastorium December 2 with his wife, Roberta Gentry Bumgardner, and son, Mark Wayne, 9 months old.

SONORA NEWS

►Emmett L. Tabb, member of the Sonora Baptist Church, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home at Sonora, Kentucky, on November 10, 1959. He had been a Sunday School teacher in the Sonora church for 56 years. He was a deacon and a member of the executive committee of the Severn's Valley Association.

►Bobby Humes was ordained as deacon of the Sonora Baptist Church, Sonora, Kentucky, on Sunday, December 13. The sermon was delivered by the pastor, A. W. Allison. Mr. Humes serves as superintendent of the Adult Department in Sun-

day School and is principal of the Upton School, Upton, Kentucky.



Carlys Scates, native of West Tennessee, has been called as minister of music by the West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, according to Pastor James G. Pickens. He was graduated from the Martin Branch of the University of Tennessee in 1959, and is now attending the School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife is teaching secretarial science at the University of Louisville. Before coming to Louisville Mr. Scates was minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Halls, Tennessee.

BULLITTSBURG'S 165th

►Henry Holladay, Radcliffe, Ky., was the evangelist in a revival at Bullittsburg Baptist Church, Burlington, Ky., recently, which resulted in 15 additions to the church, 13 of them coming for baptism. Two others have been added since. More than 50 people have been added to the membership in the last 19 months, according to Pastor Frank Campbell. The church has been remodeled, the sanctuary lengthened, the choir loft relocated, a new baptistry installed and a new carpet laid. The new annex was dedicated October 25, as were the new carpet and baptistry. Also a home coming climaxed the 165 anniversary of the church. Dr. George W. Redding, professor of Bible at George-

town College, preached at the morning service and at the dedicatory service in the afternoon. Karl McGraw, a former pastor, during whose ministry the annex was built, led in the prayer of dedication.

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GOOD STEWARD'S TESTAMENT

By MICHAEL LATE BENEDUM, in The Christian Century

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[Michael Late Benedum, widely acclaimed as the "Great Wildcatter," made and lost several fortunes during the 69 of his 90 years he spent in the oil business here and abroad—as prospector, developer, refiner and distributor. In the late 30's he developed an interest in his role as steward, not exploiter, of the world's riches, and when he died at his Pittsburgh home July 30 he left a will stipulating that half of his \$100,000,000 estate should be added to the \$8,000,000 foundation he had already set up for the benefit of educational and other non-profit institutions that serve humankind. An active Methodist layman, he provided that three-fourths of the income from the foundation should go to institutions in his native West Virginia, particularly to privately supported colleges. His philosophy of stewardship is set forth in the following codicil from his last will and testament. — Editor, The Christian Century.]

The disposition of a not inconsiderable estate is never an easy assignment. It has been a thorny and laborious problem for me because, recognizing my frailty and inadequacy, I have not been able to lose sight of the awesome responsibility involved.

If I could have looked upon my material goods as personal property, belonging to me alone, my task would have been immeasurably lighter. But I have never regarded my possessions in that light. Providence gives no fee simple title to such possessions. As I have seen it, all of the elements of the earth belong to the Creator of all things, and he has, as a part of the divine purpose, distributed them unevenly among his children, holding each relatively accountable for their wise use and disposition.

I have always felt that I have been only a trustee for such material wealth as Providence has placed in my hands. This trusteeship has weighed heavily upon me. In carrying out this final responsibility of my stewardship, I have sought to utilize such wisdom and understanding of equity as the Creator has given me. No one with any regard for his responsibility to his God and his fellow man should do less. No one can do more.

I will not attempt to deny that in certain provisions of this Last Will and Testament I have been swayed to some extent by the tender sentiment that I have for the land of my birth and by my affection for those who are nearer and dearer to me than life itself. While I may seem to have been generous to these loved ones who are the blood of my blood, I know from experience that

I am in reality merely passing a responsibility to them.

The book is not closed. The responsibility is merely lessened and divided. It is none the less fearful. I hope that these loved ones of mine will bear with me in this last word of counsel as I again remind them of the obligation that goes with their marital heritage. I have unlimited confidence that they will be faithful to this trust.

As I have seen it, life is but a proving ground where Providence tests the character and mettle of those he places upon the earth. The whole course of mortal existence is a series of problems, sorrows and difficulties. If that existence be rightly conducted it becomes a progress towards the fulfillment of human destiny. We must pass through the darkness to reach the light.

Throughout my adult life, day by day and year by year, I have been instilled with the conviction that wealth cannot be measured in terms of money, stocks, bonds, broad acres or by ownership of mine and mill. These cannot bear testimony to the staple of real excellence of man or woman. Those who use a material yardstick to appraise their wealth and foolishly imagine themselves to be rich are objects of pity. In their ignorance and misanthropic isolation, they suffer from shrinkage of the soul.

All of us aspire to a higher and better life beyond this, but I feel that the individual who seeks to climb the ladder alone will never find the way to paradise. Only those who sustain the faltering ones on the rungs above and extend a helping hand to the less fortunate on the rungs below can approach the end with the strength of sublime faith and confidence.

At the end of life each of us must face the great teacher that we call death. Stern, cold and irresistible, it walks the earth in dread mystery and lays its hands upon all. The wealth of empires cannot stay its approach. As I near my rendezvous with this common leveler of mankind, which takes prince and pauper alike to the democracy of the grave, I do so with resignation to the will of God and with faith in his eternal justice.

Life has been sweet to me—sweet in the loved ones that have been mine, sweet in the friends who have surrounded me and rewarding in the opportunities that have come my way. I could not leave this earth with any degree of happiness or satisfaction if I felt that I had not tried to bring some of these joys to those less fortunate than I have been.

We know not where seed may sprout. In the poorest and most unregarded child who seems to be abandoned to ignorance and evil, there may slumber virtue, in-

tellect and genius. It is our duty to sow and to nurture, leaving it to others to harvest the fruits of our efforts.

While I am conscious that my love for the land that gave me birth has been an influence in guiding the disposition of my estate, there are other practical reasons why I have favored my native state of West Virginia. It is not that I am unmindful or unappreciative of my adopted home of Pennsylvania, but rather that I have sought to appraise and balance the needs of each and the available potential for supplying those needs.

I cannot close my eyes to the realistic consideration that Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania abound in riches, having a citizenship in which men of great wealth are more common than rare. West Virginia is in a less fortunate position. There can be no question but that its needs are much greater than those of my adopted home. Consequently, in making specific provisions for West Virginia institutions, I have done so in good conscience, with a sense of equity and with recognition of a responsibility to distribute my estate in a way that will bring the greatest good to the greatest number. This decision was not made lightly or impetuously.

Conscious that in this codicil to my Last Will and Testament I am figuratively speaking from the grave, and that the great book of my account with the Creator has been closed beyond change or amendment. I submit my soul to his tender mercy, and my memory to the generosity and compassion of my fellow man.—The Christian Century.

►The Christian Life Commission is to conduct three regional conferences in the fall of 1960 on the church's responsibility to the aged, according to Secretary A. C. Miller. The places and dates of the meetings will be announced later.

►A motion picture in sound and full color depicting the Africa portion of a Baptist World Alliance medical mission tour has been made and is being offered for showing in churches, other religious organizations and civic clubs. Named "Operation: Brother's Keeper," as was the round-the-world medical mission tour it describes, the 16-mm film runs 40 minutes. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary, says the film is available to churches in return for a free will offering which will in turn be used to provide additional prints for use by other churches. Our own Dr. Gabe Payne, physician, Hopkinsville, Ky., was one of the six medical men making this trip. The other five were Dr. Blanchard Antes, Canton, Ohio; Dr. Charles Black, Shreveport, La.; Dr. John Cleland, Oregon City, Ore.; Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, Tuskegee, Ala.; and Dr. Robert A. Hingson, Cleveland, Ohio. Persons desiring the film may write Robert S. Denny, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 9, D.C.



Speaking From The Grave

"Conscious that in this codicil to my Last Will and Testament I am figuratively speaking from the grave, and that the great book of my account with the Creator has been closed beyond change or amendment, I submit my soul to His tender mercy, and my memory to the generosity and compassion of my fellowmen."

With these words a multi-millionaire recently concluded his last message to this world having left \$58,000,000 as an endowment for educational and non-profit institutions. (See article on page 3.) Not many men speak thusly.

In a Courier-Journal article of the July 19, 1959, issue these startling facts were revealed: Of 73 wills probated in Jefferson County with a total value of \$17,991,000, only five left any money to churches, only three left any money to schools, and only eight left any money to charitable institutions. The total amount (out of \$17,991,000) left to churches added up to \$7,000, plus some property; and that to schools totaled only \$25,000, plus some property.

On the basis of the study made by the writer of the Courier-Journal article, he concluded, "If you are a minister or a church trustee, you had better get the money from your parishioners while they are still alive. They have not shown any great willingness to leave money to churches after their deaths."

The writer continued, "Schools didn't fatten their endowment funds much with money left them by Louisvillians in the last six months. People who had a fair amount of money to leave didn't seem to think much of leaving any of it to a school."

The tendency for people who have means to lavish them upon their loved ones, forgetting the great causes of society, makes more important than ever the "Will-Making Month" emphasis of Kentucky Baptists in January. Every pastor should stress it from the pulpit and every Baptist should reflect seriously upon his obligation in this respect.

There are refreshing and encouraging exceptions to the rule of selfishness in will-making. One example of generosity in death as in life last year saw the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary receive a \$2,025,000 gift from the estate of Lemuel C. Spillman.

What an example for Baptists! Think what \$1,000,000 would do right now for the Louisville Baptist College! Such a gift at this time when the school is trying to get started would likely mean more than \$2,000,000 later on.

Kentucky Baptists have a department of work giving full time to the matter of helping interested people

make provisions for good causes in their wills. An inquiry directed to A. M. Vollmer, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky, will bring a quick response. Every Baptist should make a will and, wherever possible, remember the Lord's causes. This is "speaking from the grave" and a form of immortality within the reach of many.

Questions of 1960

What will 1960 bring? How many answers will be found by the end of the year to the questions which haunt us at the year's beginning? The hopes and fears of millions are met in the year ahead.

Internationally it stands to be a memorable year. What will come of the summit conference or conferences? Will the talk of men, one of whom does not even believe in God, result in disarmament and save us from catastrophe? The testimony of history is not on our side.

Will 1960 see the first man sent and brought back from space? If it happens, will the man be Russian or American? Will human feet set down on the moon this year? If so, whose feet?

Nationally it promises to be an important year. Will steel workers and management get together or will this crisis cripple American economy in 1960? How much more will the cost of living rise? The fact that a new high record has been set in six of the last seven months is not encouraging. Will 1960 bring new taxes nationally and locally? Heaven help us!

Who will be nominated by the Democratic and Republican parties for president and vice-president of the United States? Who will move into the White House next January after Americans have cast the ballot?

Will a Roman Catholic be nominated for president or vice-president? If so, what will his chances be for being elected?

Two recent incidents serve to show the difficulty of a loyal Catholic serving as president. The recent statement of the Catholic bishops denouncing the distribution of birth control information to other nations by the United States put every potential Catholic candidate on the spot. It was not a Baptist but the Episcopal bishop, James Pike, who asked if the bishops' position was binding upon a Catholic who might be president of the United States. Senator John Kennedy, the most talked about potential candidate, helped himself none with non-Catholics when he sanctioned the bishops' position and helped himself none with Catholics when

he indicated he would act in keeping with his oath of office, if president. Conceivably his oath of office as president could call for action contrary to Roman teaching.

The other incident was a recent statement from the Vatican holding that some limitation is proper upon the freedom of the press. Widespread reaction to this brought a retraction from the Vatican saying "licence" was meant instead of "freedom."

Interestingly enough, both of these incidents drew rather strong editorials from the Louisville Courier-Journal. The same editorial page scored a group of Kentucky Baptists and the Kentucky Baptist paper last summer for opposing the selection of a Roman Catholic by either party as candidate for president or vice-president of the United States.

For Kentucky Baptists 1960 is an important year. We have at least one crisis on our hands that must be dealt with positively. This is the matter of our schools and colleges. We cannot go on much longer this way. We have about enough money to support one first-rate senior college and we're trying to stretch it all the way

to three senior colleges with a fourth in the offing, one junior college, and three other schools.

This makes the Education Committee of Kentucky Baptists probably the most important of all Kentucky Baptist committees. At least, it has the most difficult task.

Also slated for decision by Kentucky Baptists this year is whether the *Western Recorder* is to stay under the present plan of operation or be changed and brought under more direct control of the Executive Board. Such a proposal has been under consideration by the Survey Committee for two years. In the editor's opinion the year 1960 could be spent far more profitably than in changing a proven plan of operation for the state paper.

For all of us as Baptists the words of Joshua to God's children long ago are fitting for 1960. "Ye have not passed this way heretofore. Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3:4, 5).

The stern, sad truth is we won't be this way again. We had better make good of 1960 while it is with us.

BAPTIST FORUM



CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Editor:

I am growing more concerned every day about the kind of TV programs and advertising our children are seeing.

Being the mother of four children, I know how easy it is to allow them to watch "just anything" because it keeps them quiet.

While there are many programs which are clean and commendable, sandwiched between them are catchy beer tunes which my three-year-old daughter sings the next day.

What can we do? Surely we need help. There must be thousands of parents who feel the same way about such advertising poured into the minds of our children, but we are silent, unorganized, and ineffectual.

Instead of Bible reading in our homes, do we have for a spiritual diet the cotton-candy of TV drivel? Will our young men and women of tomorrow have cigarettes in their mouths, beer in their hands, and guns in their pockets or purses?

Is there any connection between the many murders seen on our TV screens and the frequent murders by youngsters that we read about in our newspapers?

Madisonville, Ky. Virginia Barrett

PRAISE OF PASTOR

Editor:

It has been a bit more than a year now, that Dr. T. D. Price came to be our pastor at Wornall Road Baptist Church, one of the largest and wealthiest churches in Kansas City, situated in the Country Club district.

Without trying to state how or why the Bible had become a neglected and a lost book in our church before Dr. Price came to be our pastor: First of all, we had to put a four inch base under the pulpit, then after we discovered he had a really big Bible we had to enlarge the top to keep the old book from extending over the edges. It seems it does not take much of a pulpit for the small Bible some of our modern-day preachers know and preach after all. Some years ago one of our Missouri churches put in a pipe organ and, in order to install the organ, they had to rearrange the platform to take care of the choir, organ, and baptistry, but forgot about the place for the pulpit and the preacher. Then they invited Dr. R. K. Maiden, editor of *The Word and Way*, to come and preach a week. Great and resourceful as Dr. Maiden was, he preached one time, and in that sermon he told the people, "With you, preaching seems to have somehow become an after-thought. You have made no place or provision for either the pulpit or the preacher; therefore, I am

going home, for in order to preach the preacher must have a place to stand."

I have known all the great preachers for 60 years past and no one of them was, in my judgment, the equal in real gospel preaching to Dr. T. D. Price, our beloved pastor at Wornall Road Baptist Church.

Kansas City, Mo. James H. Hubbard

CAN THIS BE TOPPED?

Editor:

Just read December 3 issue of the *Western Recorder*. The article on page 5 about Pleasant Grove's attendance record was of interest to us here at Cecilia. Would like to report that Cecilia Baptist Church gave 37 perfect attendance pins for the last Sunday School year out of an enrollment of 189. Each one had to have perfect attendance, no exceptions.

Included in this were pins for 1 to 4 years, also Brian Russell who received his second year pin at 24 months and 3 weeks. His mother received her 4 year bar.

Glendale, Ky. Finley Ray

PUSHING HAS A PURPOSE

Editor:

I read with interest and concern a letter in the November 19 issue of your paper. The letter was from one who was tired of being "pushed" around in a Baptist church. It reminded me of an incident which happened this week.

I was out of town one day and my wife decided to drive our car to the store. When she tried to start it, she

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J. Edward Cunningham Named Missions Associate

By A. B. COLVIN

Superintendent of Missions
and Evangelism

J. Edward Cunningham was named associate in the Missions Department of the State Mission Board at the Board's Meeting in Middletown, December 1.

Cunningham will continue his work as director of the Mountain Mission Program. He will also assist in the total State Mission Program, being in charge of the Student Summer Program and other related programs.

For the present he will be in charge of Schools of Missions and Stewardship Revivals.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Cunningham has been associated with the State Mission Board since June, 1953. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Most of his life has been spent in Kentucky, his family having moved from Detroit to Clinton, Kentucky, when he was a small lad.

Cunningham served as pastor of the Second Twelve Mile Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky from 1948 to 1950. He became associate pastor of the Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville in 1950 and continued in that capacity until he was called to the pastorate of the Camp-ton, Kentucky, church in June, 1953.

Following a successful pastorate at

Campton, Cunningham was named part-time director of the Mountain Mission Program in June, 1956, and was elected director of the Mountain Mission Program effective July 1, 1956.

For the past three and one-half years Campton has been the base of operation for the Mountain Mission Program. With the acceptance of the additional responsibilities of associate in the Missions Department, effective January 1, 1960, Cunningham will move to Lexington where he will maintain an office.

American European Seminar Planned For Next Summer

By HENLEE BARNETTE

In June of 1960 an American Seminar of limited membership made up of ministers, professors, doctors, businessmen, and others will leave for Europe, Russia, and the Near East for a study of the people and their problems. The itinerary includes Sweden, Finland, Russia, Turkestan, Jordan, Syria, Israel, Jerusalem, France and England. At all points the group will meet with government and religious leaders. The trip by air from New York to New York (June 20-August 3) will cost \$1,895. Those who go by ship will sail on June 11 and return August 9, and the cost will be \$1,795.

Leader of the Seminar is Dr. Jerome Davis, assisted by Dr. Henlee Barnette.

Dr. Davis, formerly professor at Yale Divinity School and president of the Eastern Sociological Society, has traveled extensively in Europe and Russia and speaks Russian. He is personally acquainted with top government and religious leaders in all countries to be visited. This writer is professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Baptist Seminary (now on sabbatical leave studying at Harvard), has traveled in Europe and Russia.

For pamphlets giving full particulars of the trip write to Dr. Jerome Davis, 489 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, or to Dr. Henlee Barnette, 55 Sacramento Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Kentucky Evangelistic Conference Next Week At Louisville

By A. B. COLVIN

Supt. of Missions and Evangelism
Middletown, Kentucky

Pastors and laymen from all over Kentucky will be converging on Louisville next Monday, January 11, for the Annual Kentucky Evangelistic Conference to be held at the Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Indicative of the type program awaiting these visitors is the fact that both the outgoing Director of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board and the incoming Director of the Evangelism Division will appear on the program.

Dr. Leonard Sanderson, who has served as director of the Division of Evangelism for the past four years, will bring four messages to the Conference. Dr. C. E. Autrey, who has been elected to succeed Sanderson, will also bring two messages.

Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana State College, and well known throughout the Convention for his ability as a speaker, will bring four messages to the Conference. Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., well known among Kentucky Baptists, will also bring two messages.

Dr. William R. Pettigrew, pastor of the host Church, will bring a message on "The Unction of the Holy Spirit" during the Conference.

The program for this year promises to be one of the best ever held in Kentucky. Its results will be felt throughout the year. Every church in the state should make an effort to send its pastor and at least one layman to the Conference.

►Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, after spending the last 35 years as president of Blue Mountain College, in Mississippi, is retiring from that position at the end of this school year. He is to be succeeded by one of the teachers, Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, head of the department of religious education.



MEADOW HILL BAPTIST CHAPEL GROUND BREAKING—The Meadow Hill Baptist Chapel, mission of the Farmdale Baptist Church, has broken ground for its new building, Minor's Lane, Okolona. Shown in the picture are: Adrian Burns, Mr. Clark, Elmer Grant, James Metcalf, Royce Burns; Paul Miller, educational director, and James Borders, pastor, both of Farmdale Baptist Church, the mother church; Carl Grant, oldest member of the chapel and Charles Lawrence Godwin, pastor of Meadow Hill. Brother Godwin is from Columbus, Ga., and is at present a student in Southern Seminary.

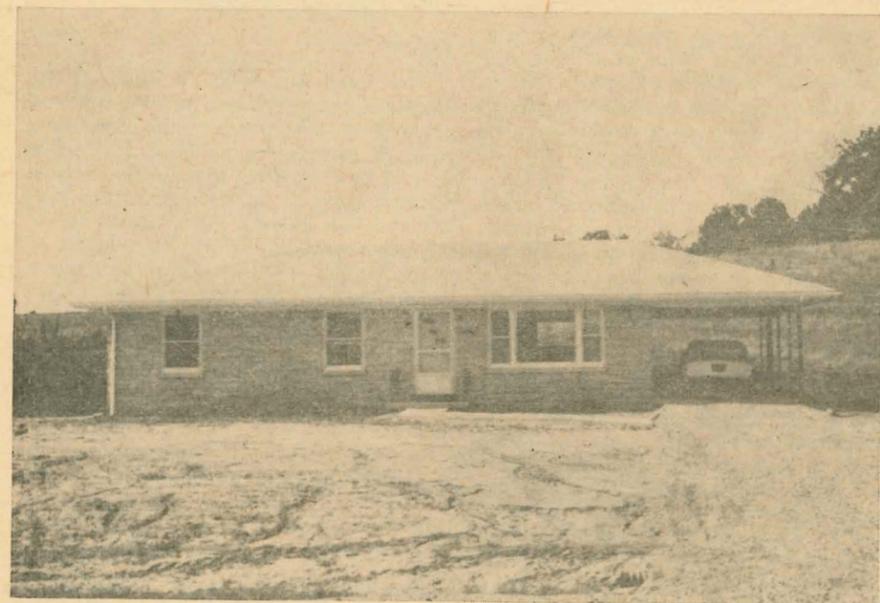
Early Registration for World Alliance Urged

Arnold T. Ohrn, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has issued a statement urging early registration for the 1960 Baptist World Congress to be held in Rio, Brazil, June 24-July 3. Ohrn reports that registration is forty per cent ahead of registrations at a corresponding point of time before the London Congress four years ago.

The B.W.A. official points out, however, that South America is quite different from Europe in the matter of arranging for tourists accommodations.

A large number of plane seats and hotel beds have been reserved by various travel agencies on the strength of expecting many Baptists to fly to Rio. These reservations cannot be held indefinitely and must be canceled soon if registration for the congress does not warrant holding them. As many as 4,000 from the U.S.A. are expected to attend the congress.

Those who have not registered already are urged to contact their travel agent or write to: W. C. Boone, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky, for a registration blank, or Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C.



The Knoxes Creek Baptist pastorium was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, November 15. The recently completed home for the Knoxes Creek Baptist pastor cost \$13,000 and is the first pastorium of this church. It is located on Highway 31 E. about one mile from the church. Pastor Harold G. Meers was in charge of the dedication service. Special speaker for the occasion was Editor C. R. Daley. Members of the church were invited to visit the pastorium following the dedication service. In addition to the pastor, members serving on the Building Committee were Hubert Shelton, Chairman, James Shipp, and William Wilson.

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The Curse of Obscenity

By A. C. MILLER
Nashville, Tennessee

The report recently released from the Subcommittee on Postal Operations in the House of Representatives has some very forthright indictments to pronounce on the curse of obscenity in our nation. "One thing should be clearly kept in mind," it states. "This large scale business has nothing to do with enhancing art or literature, but rather is conducted for the sole purpose of reaping profits without regard to its effect on the welfare of the country."

By actual count, the trash and smut on the newsstands now have the advantage of numbers. More than 1,200 magazines, including comics, are being regularly distributed among retailers who handle periodicals. Of these, approximately 210 are magazines of healthful interest acceptable to discriminating readers. The rest are crime and love comics of a low type, trash produced by fly-by-night publishers who usually fold up in failure after a few issues, and the salacious girly magazines. Within two years this traffic has grown from \$500,000,000 a year to \$1,000,000,000 a year.

In this fight against the dealers in

smut and filth, it is not the freedom of the individual publisher that is the issue. Rather, it is the freedom of a few unscrupulous individuals to reap huge profits at the expense of the moral welfare of our youth that is the real issue at stake. This obscene and pornographic material with its loose portrayal of sex has become the "golden calf" of our times, with our youth as the sacrificial lamb (S.B.C. Christian Life Commission).

►W. M. Lowery has resigned as pastor of East Baptist Church, Louisville, to accept a pastorate with the Bethany Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., effective at the turn of the New Year. Native of Paducah, he has been at the East Church for the last four years.

►James M. Windham assumed leadership of the new Chicago office of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, on New Year's Day, according to announcement made by Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, president of the National POAU. Native of Georgia, and trained at Mercer University and Southern Seminary, Mr. Windham has been pastor of the 2,000 member Maryville Church, in the suburbs of Knoxville, for the last ten years. In addition to his duties with the POAU,

he will also serve as liaison man with the nation's Baptist conventions.

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Dr. Gabe Payne's Medical Mission Tour Report Impresses B.W.A. Secretary

Dr. Gabe Payne, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was one of the members of the Medical Mission Tour last year which

took a group of doctors around the world on a tour of the Baptist mission stations. During the trip Dr. Payne made extensive reports and observations of his experiences. These reports were put on tape and were turned over to the Baptist World Alliance office in Washington for transcription. The secretary assigned for transcribing the tape reports was Patricia Carson. Upon the completion of her work the secretary sent a copy of her work to Dr. Payne and in a letter accompanying the transcription, the secretary made the following comments on her own experience.

"I remarked many times to the office staff about how keenly observing you were throughout the trip. I felt like I had been right with you from start to finish—you made it live! The variety of experiences you reported gave it appeal (everything from taking a shower with a damp toad to balancing tea cups with the higher-ups), and I certainly appreciated your delightful sense of humor.

"And the picture Dr. Payne painted of Dr. Schweitzer—why, I just felt I had met the man. But the strongest impression left on my mind was the compassion you expressed throughout the whole report for the unfortunates people you met—it brought to mind the time when Christ stood outside the gates of Jerusalem, not marvelling at the beautiful buildings, but weeping over the souls of its citizens. I shall never forget Mrs. Payne's comment about the rickshaw. I'm sure I would not have felt right about it, either."

A copy of the letter from the B.Y.A. secretary to Dr. Gabe Payne was provided to the *Western Recorder* by Robert S. Denny of the Baptist World Alliance staff. Commenting on the report of Dr. Payne, Denny said, "It's this kind of compassion on the part of our laymen today which is making a tremendous impression on the world."

floor seats about 480 and the balcony about 265.

Georgian Colonial design was used in the auditorium remodeling and furnishing. The pulpit furniture is of cherry wood and the pews of a special finish to watch the pulpit furniture.

Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of Kentucky Baptists, was the dedication speaker in the morning service of December 8. H. C. Zachry is the Central pastor.

THE BAPTIST FORUM (Continued from Page 5)

found that the cold weather had caused it to be difficult to start. The battery was dead and it would not run. It was necessary for her to get someone to "push" the car around in order to get it started. Maybe our car resented being "pushed" around but it was of no use to my wife sitting still in front of the house.

Maybe that is why some people "feel" that they are "being pushed around." Maybe it is because they do not want to go anywhere that will be a benefit to the Lord's work. Maybe they need a little recharging on their battery. At least it may be worth considering before we join some other denomination.

Parma, Missouri Edward C. Goodwin

INFORMED BAPTISTS

Editor:

I appreciate the good report on the December 1, 1959, Executive Board meeting.

In addition to the report in the *Western Recorder* on our annual meeting of the General Association, I believe it would be helpful to all Baptists of our state if every meeting of the Executive Board were reported in the *Western Recorder*.

Also, I believe it would be helpful to Baptists of each association if their annual associational meetings and each meeting of their Executive Boards were reported in their local papers. To do this each association should have a member of its Executive Committee to be an associational news reporter.

The Executive Board of the Owen County Baptist Association voted that the state Executive Board member of the association make a verbal report to it, at its next meeting after each state Executive Board meeting.

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Central, in Winchester, Completes \$200,000 Renovation Program

The Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Kentucky, completed a \$200,000 building program and dedicated the improved facilities on December 6.

Included in the building program was a complete renovation of the sanctuary. New wiring, new plumbing, and complete heating and air-conditioning systems were installed. Considerable room rearrangement was made resulting in gaining an entire separate floor in the present building.

The auditorium has new lighting, a new carpet and pews. The balcony and front vestibule were changed, resulting in 200 additional seats, bringing the total capacity of the auditorium to 800. The choir provides space for 35, the main

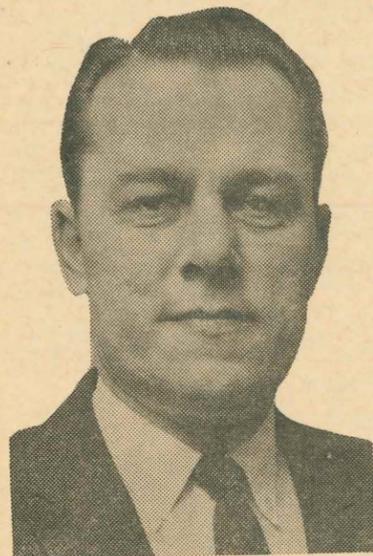
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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

BROTHERHOOD

G. T. Cowan, Jr., Vice President of Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood

By FORREST R. SAWYER



G. T. Cowan, Jr.

Mr. G. T. Cowan, Jr., is vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention, and has a good knowledge of Brotherhood work and methods. He is an officer of the Convention, is available to visit and to speak in churches and associations and Brotherhoods, as time and circumstances permit.

Born in Carlisle, Kentucky, he is a member of Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Kentucky, in which he serves as a deacon, Brotherhood member, choir member, and is Training Union director.

Prior to his service in the Air Force, he attended Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and upon his discharge from service, entered Eastern Kentucky State College in Richmond, from which institution he was graduated in 1949 with a B.S. Degree in Industrial Arts.

At the present time, Mr. Cowan is employed in the International Business Machines, Electric Typewriter Division, in Lexington.

In 1949, he and Naoma Dotson, of Somerset, Kentucky, were married. They have three children: Jimmy, 7; Johnny, 4; and Jerry, 2.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Book to be Available February 26

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



R. E. Boatwright

The Curriculum Guide—1960, compiled and edited by Clifton J. Allen, W. L. Howse, \$1.25.

This book summarizes all of the lessons, programs, and study texts, that will be used in the whole educational program of the Sunday School Board during 1960. It grew out of special research that has been conducted during the last three years, and it is aimed at making a special contribution to the churches on the part of the Board during the 1960 emphasis on teaching and training.

The first chapter outlines the theological assumptions, the educational viewpoint, and the general and specific aims (by age groups) of our educational program.

Chapters 2-5 present all Sunday school lesson courses, both uniform and graded; the Training Union lesson course for all ages and the daily Bible readers' course; emphases and plans by months for the graded Music Ministry; and the requirements, awards, and book titles in the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training.

Chapter 6 summarizes the methods of utilization of these materials for all age groups. Chapter 7 lists all special and supplementary materials to implement the work of the major organizations, plus Audio-Visuals, Baptist Student Union, Church Recreation, Church Library, and others. Thus this work gives a "whole" picture of our total educational effort sponsored by the Board for the churches.

The Curriculum Guide—1960, will be of great help to pastors, educational directors, music directors, department leaders—well, every leader in the church and denominational life will find this book invaluable as a quick reference guide.

CHURCH MUSIC

W. Hines Sims to Attend Regional Festival

By EUGENE F. QUINN



W. Hines Sims



R. W. Grobe

Dr. W. Hines Sims, Nashville, Tennessee, has been engaged to serve as guest director and adjudicator at the Western Regional Music Festival of Kentucky Baptists at the First Baptist Church of Madisonville on Friday night, February 26. Dr. Sims is the secretary of the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board, S.B.C.

Mr. R. W. Grobe, of Madisonville, will be the host as the Regional Music Director for the festival. He is minister of music of the First Baptist Church there.

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have been scheduled for 1960, as associational music leaders "gird up their loins" for a special emphasis on Teaching and Training in the new year.

Applications for church music schools throughout the year are also being received in the state music department. Evidences such as these promise a good year in our Baptist Jubilee Advance for Kentucky Baptists in church music for Christ.

TRAINING UNION

Time to Begin Marking Your Calendar for the New Year, Nineteen Sixty

By JAMES H. WHALEY, SR.

There are a number of dates in 1960 that are important for Training Union Folk. Mark your calendar now!

February

Associational Drills and Tournaments (Material for church preparation for these are available from the Training Union Department.)

March

Regional Events and Tournaments (Each meeting at 4:30 in the afternoon.)

14..... Central Region
14..... North Central Region
15..... Northeastern Region
15..... Southern Region
17..... Southeastern Region
17..... Southwestern Region
18..... South Central Region
18..... Western Region

Study Course

21-25—Study Course Membership Training Week Books for Study:
Junior—
 The Junior and His Church
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Intermediates—
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 The Meaning of Church Membership
Young People—
 The Challenge of Church Membership
 Training in Church Membership

April

21-22—State Training Union Convention, Paducah (Special Train will be run.)

July

7-13..... Ridgecrest
14-20..... Ridgecrest
21-28..... Ridgecrest

August

8-12..... Cedarmore
15-19..... Cedarmore

Institute on Alcohol For Ministers

The Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, is planning an Institute on Alcohol designed especially to help ministers to meet this problem in their community. The institute is under the direction of Chaplain Leonard Morgan, Jr., of Eastern State Hospital and features a number of outstanding speakers and lecturers.

The institute begins Monday, January 25, with a 7:30 p.m. session, and continues through Thursday afternoon, January 28.

Some of the participants in the institute include Dr. Howard J. Clinebell, associate professor of pastoral counseling, Southern California School of Theology, Claremont, California; Dr. J. Wilbert Edgerton, consultant in psychology, Virginia Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Dr. Julian G. Hanlon, consultant in psychiatric social work, Virginia Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Dr. John A. Lewis, consultant in psychiatry, Virginia Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and Dr. Raymond G. McCarthy, associate professor of Health Education, Yale University.

The total cost per person for the institute will be \$35.00. This amount will include room, board, and tuition. There will be a small number of scholarships available for ministers whose church cannot cover the cost of their attending the institute.

Registrations will be accepted in the order that they arrive at Eastern State hospital. Correspondence concerning the institute should be directed to: Chaplain Leonard Morgan, Jr., Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky.

►V. W. Chenoweth, for 43 years a deacon of the Darlington Baptist Church, died December 16 at Darlington, Missouri. He was the father of Mrs. Roy E. Boatwright, Louisville, Ky., whose husband is secretary of Sunday school work at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky.

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Louisville, Ninth and O	1243	--	464
Madisonville, First	1181	4	298
Mayfield, First	1009	--	220
Mission	154	--	--
Bowling Green, First	980	2	210
Mission	189	--	--
Owensboro, Third	968	2	290
Hopkinsville, Second	957	--	236
Elizabethtown, Severns	881	--	249
Missions (2)	105	--	--
Louisville, Parkland	875	--	155
Harrodsburg	840	--	192
Missions (2)	72	--	107
Louisville, St. Matthews	814	2	230
Newport, First	793	--	213
Missions (2)	175	--	35
Covington, Calvary	792	--	--
Somerset, First	773	--	278
Mission	82	--	--
Louisville, Beechland	757	--	167
Mission	198	--	78
Louisville, Beechmont	744	5	182
Covington, Latonia	736	--	227
Campbellsville	654	--	217
Missions (3)	72	--	46
Paducah, First	572	2	225
Louisville, Hazelwood	565	6	129
Owensboro, Hall Street	557	--	230
Erlanger	529	1	127
Louisville, Southside	523	1	99
Winchester, Central	521	--	131
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	515	--	193
Danville, First	498	--	154
Louisville, Bethlehem	492	1	171
Louisville, Bethany	491	2	118
Louisville, Farmdale	480	--	159
Belleveu	480	--	102
Corbin, Central	479	--	155
Mission	70	--	20
Covington, South Side	475	1	83
Louisville, Valley View	472	6	125
Central City, First	467	--	233
Louisville, Eighteenth Street	467	--	139
Mission	80	--	70
Louisville, Beth Haven	463	6	176
Paducah, East	448	1	196
Louisville, Green Acres	448	--	141
Hodgenville, First	444	--	140

Missouri Buys Tract For Office Building

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. — (BP) — Missouri Baptist Convention with headquarters here has entered into a contact for sale with the Jefferson City Baking Co. involving a 17-acre tract of land on U S Highway 54 just within the city limits of Jefferson City.

The tract is being acquired by the Baptists after two years of preliminary study, with a view toward a new and larger Missouri Baptist headquarters building. The new building would replace the present office building at 213 Adams St., which was erected in 1948, when the convention moved its offices to Jefferson City. The facilities of the Missouri Baptist press, now located in a separate building near the present office building, would also be incorporated in the new structure.

In the last five years, the convention's rapid expansion has outgrown its present quarters. A similar expansion in the services of the convention-operated printing press to the denomination and its churches now requires more space and a new type of facility and operation.

Building plans have not been developed beyond the initial stages and will wait upon additional study of future needs. It is estimated that a probable expenditure of at least \$1,000,000 will be involved. Earl O. Harding of Jefferson City is the executive secretary of the convention.

Purchase price of the 17½ acres is \$87,500. About 65 full-time employees now serve the Missouri Baptist Convention and Missouri Baptist press here.

Missouri becomes the 12th state of those co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention to have plans for new state office space, or to have occupied new space in recent times.

Louisville, Shawnee	433	--	100
Mt. Washington, First	431	--	150
Mission	27	--	--
Owensboro, Buena Vista	426	--	166
Corbin, First	424	--	105
Middlesboro, First	417	--	145
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	414	--	148
Louisville, Immanuel	410	1	111
Danville, Gethsemane	410	--	189
Morganfield, First	401	3	101
Russellville, First	382	--	103
Mission	73	--	--
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	364	--	118
Lawrenceburg, First	363	--	101
Mission	51	--	--
Hima, Horse Creek	348	--	--
Ft. Thomas, First	347	--	91
Mission	99	--	62
Dawson Springs, First	335	--	136
Benton, First	317	--	184
Earlington, First	314	--	112
Middletown, First	302	--	82
Louisville, LaSalle Avenue	298	--	--
Middlesboro,	291	--	106
E. Cumberland Avenue	261	--	72
Marion	259	--	--
Hazel	251	--	91
Sonora	240	2	62
Shepherdsville, Little Flock	238	1	92
Carrlinton, First	232	3	--
Cloverport	214	--	165
Madisonville, Liberty	213	--	--
Mt. Vernon, First	95	--	--
Missions (4)	95	--	--
Folsomdale, Liberty	202	--	61

Thomas Hicks Shelton Observes His Ninth Anniversary at Latonia

Thomas Hicks Shelton, pastor of Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, observed his ninth anniversary as Latonia pastor on December 6. Shelton, son of the well-known Western Kentucky Baptist preacher, Tom Shelton, and brother of R. G. Shelton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Eddyville, Kentucky, moved to Latonia from Ludlow Baptist Church.

Travel Expenses to Rio May Be Tax Deductible

By **ROBERT S. DENNY**
Washington, D. C.

Travel expenses for "official delegates" to the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro next June-July may be deductible as charitable contributions in filing United States income tax returns.

Conversations with Internal Revenue Office personnel have borne out suggestions obtained from tax lawyers indicating that Rio travel expense becomes a deductible item under the following conditions:

(1) You must be an official delegate from your church. Be sure that your church votes in conference that you are to represent them at the meeting in Rio. Get a letter from the church secretary, moderator, or pastor to this effect.

(2) Keep good records of your travel expense. Document the price of your transportation tickets and the cost of your meals, hotels and other expenses on the trip to Rio, at Rio, and your return from Rio. Do not claim deductions for any sight-seeing portion of your trip. Deduction is limited to 10 per cent of annual income.

(3) Make the Congress the real purpose of your trip to South America. Income tax authorities are wary of people who might use a meeting such as this as an excuse for a pleasure trip. You must be able to convince authorities, if questioned, that you went to Rio to attend the Congress, that you attended the Congress and participated in its decisions, and that this was the purpose of your trip.

These provisions are given in the Internal Revenue Ruling 9240, Cumulative Bulletin 58—Page 141, on Section 170 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code.

Ministers who are delegates will deduct under "professional expense." Lay delegates will deduct under "charitable contribution" to the church or other tax-exempt religious organization.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **H. C. Chiles**

STRENGTHENING NEW CHURCHES January 10, 1960

Acts 14:19-28

Having been selected by the Holy Spirit, and set apart and commissioned by the church at Antioch, Barnabas and Paul went forth as pioneer missionaries on their first missionary journey to proclaim the glorious gospel of Christ. These missionaries, who were chosen, called, commissioned, energized and directed by the Holy Spirit, preached the gospel and established churches in several cities in Asia Minor.

A growing opposition rapidly followed the success of the gospel. While many accepted Christ as their Saviour, and allied themselves with His followers, many others rejected Him and set themselves in opposition to the truth. In different places and from time to time the enemies became so numerous and their plans became so violent that the missionaries were convinced that it was best for their followers, as well as for themselves, that they should go elsewhere and avert a rapidly approaching crisis. In some cases their retreat was really an advance into new territory.

One day while Paul was preaching in Lystra, he observed an eager listener among the throng. He was a man who had been a cripple all of his life and had never walked. Desiring to win the confidence of the people, as well as to assist this poor man, Paul steadfastly looked in pity on this sympathetic listener. Although his case was regarded as being incurable and hopeless, Paul shouted, "Stand upright on thy feet." Through Paul God healed this man instantaneously and completely, whereupon he jumped up and began walking.

When the people perceived in the miracle the manifestation of supernatural power, they wanted to hail Paul and Barnabas as visiting deities who had come to them in the form of men. Since Barnabas was the more impressive physically, he was called Zeus, the Greek name answering to Jupiter, the most powerful among the heathen gods. Paul was called Hermes, the name in Greek answering to Mercury, the god of eloquence and prudence, and an attendant of Jupiter.

When they were about ready to offer sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas as an act of worship, the missionaries indignantly restrained them and put a stop to the impious service. They assured the deluded people that their mission was simply to rescue them and many others from the vanity of idolatry and turn their hearts to the living God.

The scene changed quickly. As an example of the fickleness of human nature, enthusiasm soon gave place to resentment. Filled with malicious and Satanic hatred, the Jews who had caused the missionaries trouble in Iconium followed them to Lystra in the hope that they could cripple their influence and possibly incite their assassination. So fierce and relentless was their hatred that they incited a mob to stone Paul which fact in itself provides a good example of the fickleness of popular favor. As Paul was being stoned, what memories of Stephen's death must have passed through his mind! In a sense this experience was a punishment for the part he had taken in the stoning of the great and glorious martyr.

Thinking Paul was dead, they dragged his body out of the city like a dead beast. Had they left Paul's body within the city walls, the leaders of the mob would have become involved with the authorities in the city. Paul's disciples gathered around his prostrate and bleeding body and grieved over their apparently dead leader. While some think that Paul actually died, the Holy Spirit's use of the word "supposing" in verse 19 indicates that he had not. God did not forsake Paul. In fact, He never forgets or forsakes His own. God miraculously enabled Paul to arise and to enter the city again, and on the next day they proceeded to Derbe. God still had work for Paul to do. Satan can't touch the life of one of God's servants before his work is finished (Job 2:6).

Their sojourn in Derbe was uneventful, but neither unpleasant nor unprofitable. Apparently without interference, they preached the gospel and taught the people with considerable success.

Instead of returning home by the shortest and easiest route, those two mighty men of God did not hesitate to return to the same cities where they had been shamefully treated, there to bear testimony again to the grace of God and to confirm the souls of those whom they had won to Christ. Paul knew that the Lord's work included more than evangelism. Realizing that starting something was only part of the job, he was anxious to keep the work going, to strengthen it, and to give permanency to it. This is always vitally important in the work of our Lord. So, as they journeyed homeward, they encouraged their converts,

exhorted them to steadfastness in the faith, assisted them in securing leaders for their churches, promised them abundant trials in their Christian lives, assured them persecution and suffering were often the lot of those who remained loyal to Christ, and warned them that they might even be called upon to seal their devotion to Christ with their blood. How we need the virtue and grace of a godly perseverance in our work for Christ today!

►Mrs. Eugene (Ruth Bradford) Bradley, professor of music at Georgetown College, died at her home December 20 following an extended illness. She was 63 years of age at the time of her passing. She joined the faculty in 1918, and two years ago was made a professor of music. Her husband is a photographer in Georgetown.

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How Do You Elect Your Deacons?

By O. W. YATES
Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

One of the most important groups of men in our churches is our deacons. In Acts 6 there were seven selected, although they were not called deacons, but have been so regarded through the years. In I Timothy 3, the qualifications for deacons are outlined. The two offices in the New Testament churches were pastor and deacons.

The plan of rotation of deacons is well established. Any church does better with a rotation system. Any church who does not have this system will greatly improve its services by inaugurating the same.

Many times the question arises as to how many deacons a church should have. The seven men mentioned in Acts 6 does not indicate that every church, whether large or small, should have just seven deacons. The number should depend upon the size of the church, the number of available men who meet all qualifications to be deacons, and likewise the number depends upon what the church is planning to do. If they are doing nothing, they can get along with very few

deacons. If they have a worthy program, they need more good men in this organization.

The problem that many times churches face is how to elect the best men for deacons, without offending those who may be just as good, but not so well qualified.

At Rosemont Baptist Church the deacons appoint a committee to go over the church roll and select four times as many men as there are places to fill. This year the number was 32, as there were eight places to be filled. At a regular deacons' meeting they voted for 32, and 16 receiving the highest number of votes were presented to the church at their regular business meeting. Then after scripture reading and prayer the 16 names were presented and the 8 receiving the highest number of votes from the church were declared elected deacons. In this way there is no discrimination. The church simply narrows down the list that has already been screened and the best deacon material is brought into service.

In order that the enlisted may be better enlisted and the unenlisted may be enlisted, about 45 names of the church members are given to each deacon. About half of them will assist this deacon in enlisting the other half. There are about 50% of the membership in any church that creep along, doing very little for

the church and the church doing very little for them.

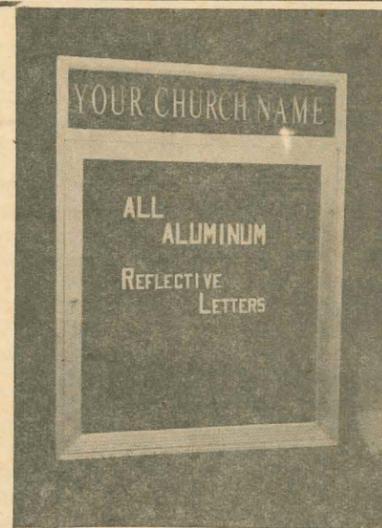
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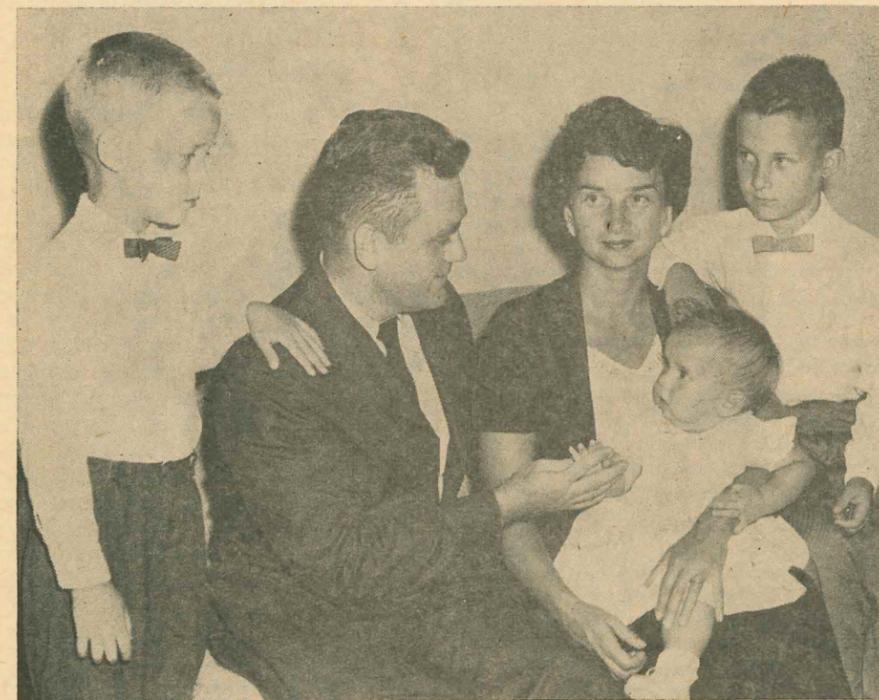
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deacons. He visits these new members with a package of information prepared at the office and undertakes to acquaint them with the organizations of the church and with the financial program. Many may be enlisted at once to be added to active personnel leadership.

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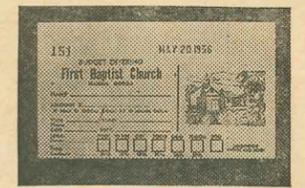
David Sparrow Accepts Tennessee Education Position

David W. Sparrow, minister of education of the First Baptist Church, London, Kentucky, has accepted a similar position in the First Baptist Church, Fountain City, Knoxville, Tennessee. Sparrow is a graduate of the School of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Seminary and was formerly minister of education at the Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

Miss Dorothy Evans recently became the bride of Mr. Sparrow. They plan to move to the new field of work at an early date.

John M. Emut, formerly pastor of the Fern Creek Baptist Mission, Long Run Association, became pastor of the North Hartford Baptist Church, Rocks, Maryland, on November 1. The new pastor

reports 8 additions to the church membership and one decision for full-time Christian service since November 1.



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The attendance was 331.

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| 7. Bahai | 16. Omnireligion |
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