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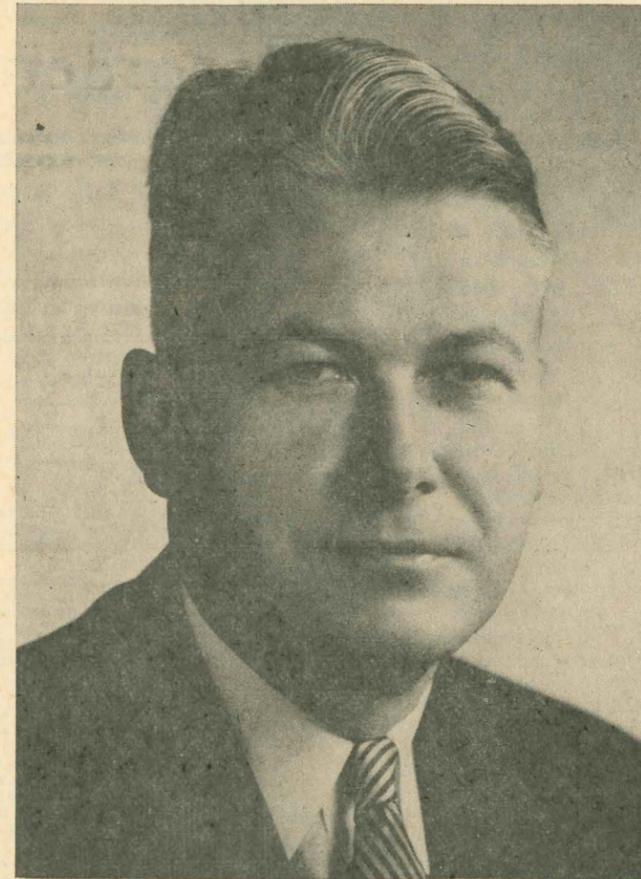
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## Southern Baptist State Executive Secretaries and Editors

Meeting at the

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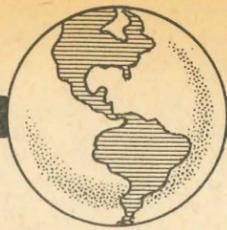


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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

### BYLAND BUILDING DEDICATED

►The First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Ky., celebrated the retirement of the indebtedness on its Byland Educational Building with a special service January 8. W. D. Byland, retired pastor of the church and the one for whom the new building was named, was the principal speaker at the morning service. The Byland Building was constructed in 1952 at a cost of approximately \$80,000. Final payment was recently made on the indebtedness of \$50,000 incurred at the time of construction. Earl Huck was chairman of the Building Committee. Bill Galvagni, church treasurer for many years, was in charge of the note-burning. Lee Hopkins is the present pastor.

### ACCIDENT VICTIMS

►Mr. and Mrs. William L. McQuary, members of the Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Brandenburg, were critically injured in an automobile accident near Cave City on January 15, 1961. They are now recovering in the Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow. Pastor David Bratcher says that both are greatly missed by their church, as they are active and loyal members. Mrs. McQuary is the church organist and a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. McQuary is an officer in the Brotherhood. Pastor Bratcher says that they have asked that they be remembered in the prayers of all their friends.

### MEET THE MISSIONARIES

►Miss Jean Bach, Southern Baptist missionary who has been in the States for furlough, is returning to her work in Nigeria, where her address is Baptist Women's Training College, Box 126, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, West Africa. She is a native of Jackson, Ky.

►Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Wise, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, are returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed, c/o J. E. Wise, 1401 South Avenue D, Portales, N.M. He is a native of Tiaban, N.M.; she is the former Aleene Greenlaw, of Flagstaff, Ariz.

►Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Craighead, Southern Baptist missionaries to Italy, have a new daughter, Amelia Rose, their fifth child, born December 7. Their address is Via Colla 6, Rivoli (Turin), Italy. Mrs. Craighead is the former Rhoda Miller, of East Point, Ga.; Mr. Craighead was born in Romania, where his parents were missionaries.

►Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain,

have a new son, John William, their fourth child, born December 24. Their address is Calle de San Telmo, 10, Madrid, Spain. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Weir and she, the former Nella Dean Mitchell, of Louisville.

### DEATH ANGEL KNOCKS

►Mrs. Daisy Parrish passed away January 15, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hocker, Jr., in Arlington, Kentucky, where she was a member of the First Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at Jackson-Milner Funeral Home, after which the body was returned to McNeil, Miss., for burial. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. O. C. Markham, Mayfield, Ky.; Mrs. R. P. Hocker, Jr., Arlington, Ky.; two grandchildren, Robert P. Hocker III, Melinda Anne Hocker, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

►The Buck Grove Woman's Missionary Society, in Salem Baptist Association, has adopted resolutions about the passing of Mrs. Judith DeJarnette English, on December 26, 1960, at her home in Ekron, Ky. The Society suffered a great loss in the passing of this faithful member. The resolutions speak of her serving faithfully by the side of her husband, retired Pastor E. B. English, in his 53 years in the ministry, and in all other religious and civic affairs of the many communities in which they have served. The document was signed by Mrs. James Shacklett and Mrs. Roger Dowell, Jr., who were on the resolutions committee.

►Funeral service for Thomas J. Donohoo was conducted by Pastors J. W. Barefield and James Hooker at the Lakeview Missionary Baptist Church on January 9. He died at his home in Benton, Route 7, Ky., January 7, 1961. He was a son of Alma Georgia Vickers and John L. Donohoo, and was born near Sacramento, McLean County, Ky., on June 25, 1891. In early life he had been a member of the Gilbertsville Church, until 1944, when surrounding property was taken over by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Moving to the Pugh School House community, he helped organize the Lakeview Church. There he became a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, and director of the choir. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dell Cena Donohoo; one daughter, Mrs. William Powell; two sons, Kenneth Donohoo and Thomas J.

Donohoo, Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Harmon, Hugo, Okla., and Mrs. Paul Owen, Calvert City, Ky.; a twin brother, Walter Donohoo; and 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Burial was in the Provines Cemetery.

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# A Visit To Soviet Russia

By HOWARD E. KERSHNER

### Christian Worship

We visited two Russian Orthodox churches in Kiev and two in Moscow and found them crowded with worshippers. While there were a substantial number of young people and children, most of the people appeared to be elderly.

The Baptist Church in the central part of Moscow seats about 1,000 persons. The morning service usually begins at 10 o'clock but on Sunday morning, September 25, the house was completely packed long before that time and the service actually started at 9:45. Not only was every seat filled but all of the aisles, the space around the altar, the stairways, the galleries, the steps, the foyers and outside of the doors were crowded with people standing just as closely together as they could be packed in. They stood thus almost motionless for two and one-half hours. There were three sermons, congregational singing, music by the choir, Scripture reading, prayer, announcements and collection.

Never have we witnessed such devotional fervor as was manifested that morning. The congregational singing was the most beautiful I have ever heard. We recognized the music of many of the songs and sang in English as the congregation sang the Russian words. The faces of the people fairly shone as they sang, as they listened to the choir and to their ministers.

The choir was composed of 40 women and about 30 men. Their singing seemed not only technically perfect but so infused by the spirit of worship as to sound like heavenly music. The faces of the singers seemed illumined as they sang. The women all wore neat, white blouses and were unadorned with jewelry save for a few wristwatches. There was no make-up, lipstick or nailpolish in the group and there were no earrings. The faces of these women were marked by spiritual beauty and did not need make-up. The men were neatly but not well-dressed according to our standards.

To stand so long so closely packed together in warm, humid air with hopelessly inadequate ventilation must have been an ordeal to any who were not animated and strengthened by a sense of the presence of God. Some 3,000 people had crowded into the building providing seats for a third of that number. One woman fainted and two seemed near the point of exhaustion. Many were fanning themselves with handkerchiefs or cor-

[NOTE.—This article is a description by Howard E. Kershner, editor, *Christian Economics*, of a recent visit to the First Baptist Church, Moscow. It is part of an article which appeared in the January 24, 1961, issue of *Christian Economics* and is used by permission.—C. R. Daley, Editor, *Western Recorder*.]

ners of the scarves with which their heads were covered. Even so, they all listened attentively and made fervent responses to the words of their ministers. Often they nodded their heads in approval and no one stirred from his place until after the benediction.

So great was the throng that the ushers could not move about to take the collection. Bills were passed from hand to hand overhead, however, until they could be deposited with the nearest usher. The collections seemed to be generous and certainly were eagerly given. From our balcony seat it looked like a sea of bills.

We returned for the evening service at 6 P.M. which, likewise, lasted two and one-half hours. At the close, the people remembered Paul's admonition to greet one another with a holy kiss, although I did not see the practice carried on between the sexes.

We were told that similar services of two and one-half hours in length were held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week. We wondered if Christianity thrives best under persecution and hardship. These good Christian people are not allowed to conduct a Sunday School or to carry on any religious activity outside of their churches. There are some 5,000 Baptist churches in Russia with a total membership of about half a million. They are not permitted to operate schools or a seminary for the training of ministers, though occasionally a few have been sent abroad for seminary training.

### How We Might Help

It occurred to us that if this devout, religious movement should spread throughout Russia that it would be the answer to communism. When we inquired how we might help we were told: (1) Pray for us. (2) You cannot send money from outside of Russia but when you are here you may contribute as much as you like. (3) Go home and clean up your motion pictures. Ours are bad but yours are vile.

Mrs. Kershner and I felt as if we had been transported back to the time of primitive Christianity when the saints of those early days were transformed by a sense of the presence of God in their midst.

Our disillusionment came during a conversation with one of the ten ministers of the Baptist Church in Moscow. He said, "Of course you understand that while we are devout, believing Christians and will never agree with the atheism officially promoted in our country, yet we definitely are in agreement with the economic policies of our government."

Whether this agreement is forced or voluntary we do not know. It may be the price these Christians have to pay for permission to continue their worship services. That they have every appearance of being sincere, devoted Christians is beyond question. Their earnestness and their faith are unmistakable. No one can be sure what compromises he would make until he is faced with the choices that confronted these people.

This experience climaxed our journey through ten countries and was, we think, the most significant event we witnessed. We believe the worship of God is the best hope for the solution, not only of the difficulties in Russia, but for the problems that face the people of all nations.

As long as people accept the leadership of God and follow Him to the best of their ability, they will find solutions for the problems of poverty, war and government. But when they turn from God to the man-made device of the state and seek salvation in and through it, they bring insoluble problems, suffering and woe upon themselves. This is not only a problem in Russia, it is a worldwide problem and we in the United States are as much in need of a revival of the kind of Christianity which transforms lives and commands total allegiance as are the peoples of other countries. If we lose the internal discipline arising from faith in God, the exaltation of government is inevitable. We cannot exist without discipline and unless we accept the discipline of the moral law of God voluntarily, we shall soon find ourselves under the control of man-made discipline forced upon us by the state.

►Neal Boehnke, a Georgetown College senior, has been awarded a \$2,800 teaching assistantship by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Boehnke, a native of Dayton, Kentucky, carried a triple major in chemistry, physics and mathematics at Georgetown. He is a member of the Dean's List, the choice academic achievement at Georgetown. He will teach 12 hours a week at M.I.T. where he plans to continue his education in the field of physical chemistry. He hopes to obtain a doctor's degree, after which he would like to teach in a graduate school.

►The faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has taken action to strengthen the curriculum for the bachelor of divinity degree, the basic theological degree offered by all seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. Beginning with the 1961-62 session, candidates for the bachelor of divinity degree will be required to earn a minimum of six hours of credit in Greek and six hours in Hebrew. "This modification of requirements represents an effort on the part of the faculty to enrich and strengthen the bachelor of divinity degree curriculum," according to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of the school of theology.

Neither Isolation Nor Merger

Considerable discussion is going on presently in several Southern Baptist state papers concerning the possibility of a merger between the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention. The two groups went separate ways when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

There has been no official proposal concerning a merger. The possibility of such a move was recently proposed by Marse Grant, editor of the North Carolina Baptist publication, *The Biblical Recorder*. Joe Odle, editor of the Mississippi publication, *The Baptist Record*, endorsed the idea and Gainer Bryan, Jr., Maryland editor, proposed a federation rather than a union of the two. Strong objections to the merger idea were raised by Alabama Editor Leon Macon and New Mexico Editor Horace Burns.

Good arguments can be advanced on both sides. Definite advantages can be envisioned from closer ties between Southern and American Baptists. At the same time many problems and some disadvantages can be seen in a merger.

Apparently what Grant and other advocates of the merger are concerned about is the extreme isolation present in some circles of Southern Baptists. There is reason for this concern for there is a type of isolation which is objectionable and harmful. This kind of isolation and its consequences can be more clearly delineated when seen in others. We have two good examples in Roman Catholicism, seen the world over, and in the particular brand of the Church of Christ, found mainly in parts of Tennessee and Kentucky.

A Roman Catholic is isolated by his church to the extent that he is not even allowed without permission to attend a non-Catholic worship service. This even applies to funerals, weddings, etc. Priests often refuse to have a part in a baccalaureate service held in a non-Catholic church or where other ministers have a part though there is a number of Catholics in the graduating class. The reasoning behind this is that, according to Catholic dogma, participation in or mere attendance upon non-Catholic services might constitute an admission of the validity of the non-Catholic worship which is contrary to Roman dogma.

Though it is news to many outside the area of their operation, the Church of Christ practices the same kind or even more stringent isolation. It is not unknown that in many communities the Catholic priest will come nearer cooperating with other ministers in a community endeavor than will the Church of Christ preacher. And in the case of mixed marriages, a Roman Catholic could be more easily converted to the Baptist position than a member of the Church of Christ.



Now this is the kind of isolation Baptists should avoid. In fact, only few Baptists ever go this far, though all of us are accused of it by some. I have heard of a Baptist preacher who would not take part in a service where the soloist was a Methodist, but this is by no means characteristic of Baptist preachers. Only few Baptists could be found who would declare that only Baptists will get to heaven, but I hope that fewer than that could be found who would hold that one church is as right as any other.

Having said so much, now let's consider the desirability of any merger between Southern and American Baptists, or between Southern Baptists and any other group. What real good could come from such a merger? What benefits are to be realized which we do not already enjoy? Could it be done without some sacrifice of convictions? What would the long-range effects be?

It seems that Southern Baptists presently have as good a relationship with American Baptists as could result from any merger. We are working together in the Baptist Jubilee Advance and in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. There is also considerable interchange of promotion ideas and methods between the leadership of the two groups. This might be sufficient.

Actual merger could bring frictions that do not now exist because we are separate. Certainly comity arrangements where particular areas are assigned to particular groups would pose an immediate problem for Southern Baptists, especially considering the present program of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in pioneer areas. The American Baptists are members of the National Council of Churches; Southern Baptists are not. Wouldn't that pose a problem?

What about doctrinal differences? There are some doctrinal differences between Southern and American Baptists, and, though they are not great, they are sharp. The liberalism of many members of the American Baptist Convention is well known. This is not to say that some Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches are not just as liberal, but the main streams of theological positions of the two are quite different. The Regular Baptists and Conservative Baptists of the north are historical results of American Baptist liberalism. Could a merger of Southern Baptists and American Baptists take place without the same result?

A look at other mergers which have taken place does not constitute a great argument for such a Baptist merger. What great benefits have resulted from the merger of Southern and Northern Methodists? Doesn't a merger always tend to take the sharp edges

off and produce a leveling effect so far as convictions and positions are concerned?

Witness the past presidential campaign. Admittedly some Southern Baptists made some mistakes in procedure and methods, but our voice was heard on the vital issue of a free church in a free state. And in spite of being maligned by the press, Southern Baptists probably grew in stature because of the forthright stand we took. What witness came from the national Council of Churches or from any other of the religious groups on this important issue? Would the voice of Southern Baptists be somewhat silenced by a merger with another group?

What is the conclusion of the matter? There is a kind of isolation and a kind of merger to be avoided. There is a unity we can have without union and there is a co-operation that is short of cohabitation. Neither isolation nor merger is our answer. A spiritual revival is a better suggestion.

Secretaries and Editors

Once a year the executive secretaries and editors of the various Southern Baptist states get together for conferences. These are down-to-earth meetings where secretaries and editors talk shop and share ideas. The conferences are separate except for one joint session, which is usually in the form of a banquet.

For the first time in their history these meetings will be in Louisville this year. They will begin at the Brown Hotel today (February 16) and continue through Saturday (February 18).

Hosts for these distinguished visitors will be the Executive Board of the General Association and the *Western Recorder*. Executive Secretary W. C. Boone and Editor C. R. Daley will have the honor of welcoming these fellow secretaries and editors to Kentucky and will attempt to extend to them genuine Kentucky Baptist hospitality. Senator John Sherman Cooper and Governor Bert Combs, Kentucky Baptist laymen, both will address the secretaries and editors in their joint session.

Speaking of secretaries and editors, did you ever wonder just what they are and what they do? They

are called many things by some people but just what are they?

Consider the executive secretary. He generally comes from the ranks of successful pastors. He has proven himself as an able pastor and leader. He knows the Baptist approach and has demonstrated the best brand of loyalty to the denomination.

As executive secretary he becomes something of a pastor for the hundreds of pastors in the state. He hears their problems and troubles. He tries to help churchless pastors and pastorless churches at their invitation. He hears the complaints and criticisms of hundreds of preachers and thousands of Baptist church members. He has to stretch dollars and try to recommend fair distribution of available funds to many needy places. In a sense his deacons are the 132 executive board members (in the case of Kentucky) and the budget he has the task of promoting runs into the millions. All in all he has quite a job and a tremendous responsibility.

Consider the editor. He might come from the pastorate or most any other place. At least four of the Southern Baptist state editors now are former newspapermen. Others of us never saw the inside of a journalism class. The editor has the task of trying to interpret current affairs in the light of Biblical revelation and the Baptist viewpoint. He must try to interpret current Baptist programs and methods to the Baptist masses and must always represent the Baptist grassroots in constantly asking Baptist leadership for meanings and reasons for current practices.

A Baptist editor sticks his neck out at least once a week and gets it whacked about as often. Letters to the editor often make the mailbag, in which they are delivered, smoke and he is called such names as "Communist," "heretic," and "a devil on wheels." (These are actually from recent mail.) All in all the editor's job is an exciting one, and because many of his readers believe what he says, the job carries an awesome responsibility.

Secretaries and editors—important groups in Southern Baptist life! They are men with feet of clay but hearts of gold. Their hope is the hope of any other Baptist—the grace of God!

BAPTIST FORUM



THINK IT OVER!

Editor:  
If all the unsaved people in the world were to line up in single file beginning at your front door, the line would completely encircle the earth not once, not five times, but 30 times.

This line grows in length 20 miles a day.

If you were to drive your automobile 50 miles an hour for ten hours every day, it would require four years and 40 days to get to the end of the line.

By the time you arrived at the end of the line it would have grown by 30,000 miles.

Owensboro, Kentucky Jess Moody

A WORD FROM THE RAMSEYS

Editor:  
We look forward each week to the coming of the Kentucky paper. We enjoy your "Daley Observations" very much, as well as other articles and news of interest.

We miss Kentucky, the work and our friends there. Dr. Ramsey is confined to the home and has been for several months. He had surgery twice seventeen months ago and has not been able to be out this year. He is a wonderful patient and has great faith. The Lord is good to us and we praise His Wonderful Name for every blessing.

May the Lord bless you and the work that you are doing! Remember us to our Kentucky friends.

715 Highland Ave.  
Jackson, Tenn. Mrs. Preston L. Ramsey

►Dr. John West Pearce died of cancer at his home in Starke, Florida, on February 4. Burial took place at Starke. While he was a student in Louisville at the Southern Seminary some years ago he was pastor of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church.

## Senator Cooper and Governor Combs To Address Baptist Groups

Senator John Sherman Cooper and Governor Bert Combs will both appear on the program for the annual conferences of the Southern Baptist Executive Secretaries and Editors, February 16-18 in Louisville. Senator Cooper and Governor Combs will appear on the joint program for the secretaries and editors on Thursday evening, February 16. All of the sessions of the conferences will be conducted at the Brown Hotel.

The conferences are annual affairs for the Baptist executive secretaries and editors. The groups conduct separate conferences except for the one joint session. The conferences begin on Thursday morning, February 16, and continue through Saturday morning, February 18. About 125 are expected to attend the conferences. This number will include associate secretaries and associate editors and some wives of the participants.

The program for the executive secretaries will include several discussions led by the secretaries from various Southern Baptist states. Appearing also on the program of the secretaries will be Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

Included on the editors' program are Ora Spaid, religion editor of the *Courier-Journal*, Professors Penrose St. Amant and William Hull, Southern Baptist Seminary, David Nelson, pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville; Barry Garrett, associate secretary of Baptist

Joint Committee of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., and Foy Valentine, executive Secretary, Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

The wives of the participants do not have formal conferences scheduled but will participate in several activities arranged especially for them. These will include a Bardstown tour on Thursday, February 16, including a tea at the home of Mrs. Frank B. Wilson, Bardstown, and a coffee on Friday morning at the home of Kentucky Southern College President and Mrs. Rollin S. Burhans.

Planned for the entire group also is a luncheon at the Southern Baptist Seminary at 1:00 p.m. Friday, followed by a tour of the seminary campus and visits to the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, the Kentucky Southern College site, Kentucky Baptist Building, and Spring Meadows Children's Home at Middletown, and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

W. C. Boone, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, is president of the secretaries' group and Richard N. Owen, Nashville, Tennessee, editor of the Tennessee Baptist publication, *Baptist and Reflector*, is president of the editors' group. W. C. Boone and C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, will serve as hosts for the secretaries and editors, with Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Daley serving in the same capacity for the ladies attending the conferences.

## Washington Paper Urges Church-State Separation

WASHINGTON—(BP)—The Washington Post, daily newspaper here, has defended its stand against the violation of separation of church and state by the use of tax funds for the support of parochial schools.

The Washington Post has been both severely criticized and highly commended for its editorial statement against Cardinal Spellman's attack on President Kennedy's task force recommendation for tax aid to public schools. In an editorial the Washington Post said that the Cardinal "has done a disservice to the country by reinjecting a religious controversy into the issue of Federal aid to the public schools."

The newspaper pointed out that all Americans have a right to send their children to the public schools, or, if they prefer, to parochial schools, "but they cannot expect public funds to support

those parochial or private schools, and least of all those that give instruction in religious matters."

The Washington Post further pointed out that the use of public funds for private schools would mean "some measure of public control" in order to protect the public interest, and that by keeping the parochial schools out of the public funds their freedom from public regulation is thereby being protected.

In a letter to the editor James P. McGranery, Attorney General of the United States in 1952, denounced the Washington Post for its attitude toward Federal aid to parochial schools and charged the newspaper with denying to Cardinal Spellman the right to differ, using police-state methods, and misrepresenting the Cardinal. He then appealed for public funds for private schools on the grounds that they relieve the public schools of a great burden, that their pupils are a part of the public and that they become patriotic, loyal and responsible citizens.

McGranery quoted the Supreme Court (Zorach v. Clauson, 9152) to prove that an "absolute wall of separation" between church and state was not intended by the First Amendment.

In an editorial reply the Washington Post defended its position as being in no way an attack on the Cardinal's right to speak. The newspaper said, "However exalted the Cardinal's authority in ecclesiastical matters, it is neither sacreligious nor discourteous nor an infringement of his freedom to criticize him when he voices a view on a political problem."

The newspaper then quoted the Supreme Court (Everson v. Board of Education, 1947) to prove that "a wall of separation between church and state" was established by the First Amendment. Among other things that decision said:

"Neither a State nor the Federal Government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another. . . . No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion."

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## Election or Inauguration

By MARY NELSON

"If she's a Christian, she hides it well!" said a friend of mine about one of her relatives as we chatted together in a conversation.

What a said appraisal! Why would anyone want to hide the fact that she is a Christian? And yet, truth to tell, I am quite sure that many great souls—including Jesus himself as He warned Peter of his forthcoming denial—have been saddened by the realization that some of us do indeed hide our Christianity.

Let us consider Peter: Why did he choose to deny that he was a follower of Jesus? Was it simply because he was afraid? The answer likely is more than this. He was afraid of the mob. He had just witnessed what that gang of rowdies had done to his Lord. But, had Peter realized Christ's power, and compared it with the power of the mob, he would have been brave instead of fearful. Indeed, it seems that Peter had chosen to be a follower of Jesus, and yet he had failed to give Him the proper place in his heart. Jesus Christ demands first place. And at that moment Peter let the concern for his own physical welfare have first place. Peter had elected Jesus as his Christ, but failed to inaugurate Him.

Our presidential elections would be absolutely useless if we elected a president and then failed to install the chosen man into office. Once a man has been chosen to fill the office of president, he naturally assumes that he will be installed. If this is true of the man we choose to govern our United States—which is temporal—how much more true should it be of the Son of God who is chosen to govern our souls—which are eternal! He expects—and rightly so—that once we choose Him, He will be installed in His proper place.

We constantly hear cries of the spiritual deterioration of America. And yet we are proud that America is known as a Christian nation. True Christianity and spiritual deterioration are direct opposites. One is of God; the other of Satan. Some might doubt that this is true of the great land in which we live. We could bury our heads like our feathered friend, the ostrich, and refuse to face the facts. But the fact is that there are four saloons for every church in this Christian nation. The sad part is that this is only one form of Satan's work. It behooves us not to bury our heads, but to bow our heads, and ask God's guidance that we as Christians might help stop this decay. Any grocer will vouch that if decay is not detected on one potato, it is only a matter of time before the entire bushel is rotten also.

A professor once told me, "If you ever grow weary of being a teacher, just pause and remember what it was that prompted you to be a teacher. Once you have revalued your profession you will be refreshed and ready to conquer every foe that besets you as a teacher." I also think if we are to conquer the foes of sin, we need to pause to remember what prompted us to choose Jesus Christ.

Why did I choose Christ? Why does anyone choose Christ? Let us consider some of His qualifications for leadership:

If I were chosen to give a campaign speech for my Master, it might be delivered something like this:

"I present to you my Candidate for leadership—not for the United States alone, but for the entire world. We need not worry about whether or not He will keep His promises—His Word has been proved. We need not worry about His experience—He has held a place of most high leadership since time originated. We need not worry about His age—He is eternal. We need not worry about our being on the losing side—He will not be defeated. We need not worry about His platform—it is solid and will not become outdated. His platform is Love! This is my Candidate. This is my Saviour!"

This is the Saviour who has been shoved aside in many men's lives today after they once professed to know Him. Let each of us pray that we may show these who need enlightenment that the election has been held. It is now time for true inauguration.

## Bell's Run Church, In Ohio County, Improves Facilities

The Bell's Run Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, is enjoying improved facilities after extensive remodeling of the 140-year-old sanctuary. Brick veneer was added last summer making a very attractive appearance for the church.

The newly remodeled church, near Pleasant Ridge, is using the third building for worship purposes since the constitution of the church 140 years ago. The present building which was brick veneered, was constructed in the 1930's. An educational wing was added twelve years ago.

In 1951 the church went from half-time to full-time services with a pastor on the field. A modern parsonage was built that year.

The church has a standard Sunday School for the first time in its history. The pastor is Orville D. Hickey, and members of the committee planning the dedication of the remodeled sanctuary were: B. S. Ambrose, Ella Mae Cambron, Maybell Chapman, and Pastor Hickey.

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Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer of Kentucky's Executive Board, confers with mission leaders on missions and evangelism. The task of the church, missions and evangelism, was studied recently by state executive secretaries, and state secretaries of evangelism with leaders of the Home Mission Board in meetings in Atlanta. The Home Mission Board co-operates with the state mission boards in missions and evangelism plans to assist the churches in this work. Shown in the picture are: Arthur Rutledge, director, Division of Missions; C. E. Autrey, director, Division of Evangelism; W. C. Boone, already mentioned, and Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer. All are with the Home Mission Board except Dr. Boone.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, FEBRUARY 5, 1961**

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Ninth and O	1200	8	725
Hopkinsville, Second	984	3	207
Louisville, Carlisle Avenue	960		269
Missions (2)	72		38
Mayfield, First	936		208
Mission	95		
Bowling Green, First	911	1	200
Mission	122		
Murray, First	894	1	160
Mission	34		
Madisonville, First	881	2	189
Louisville, St. Matthews	847	3	232
Covington, Calvary	834		
Owensboro, Third	823		295
Lexington, Calvary	763		221
Chapel	55		
Somerset, First	708	3	250
Mission	92		
Louisville, Beechmont	691	4	204
Glasgow	685	1	114
Mission	31		
Lexington, Immanuel	682		212
Mission	10		
Louisville, Beechland	675		151
Mission	205		77
Covington, Latonia	669		229
Louisville, Buechel Park	660	2	162
Paducah, Immanuel	659		178
Princeton, First	623		181
Harrodsburg	610	2	182
Missions (2)	56		32
Newport, First	608	1	160
Lexington, Grace	597	2	218
Mission	14		
Franklin, First	560		182
Mission	72		47
Louisville, Beth Haven	552	2	216
Louisville, Bethlehem	544	1	154
Shelbyville, First	528		85
Louisville, Valley Station	526	10	120
Louisville, Shively	524	2	134
Georgetown	519	6	217
Erlanger	511	4	140
Corbin, Central	510		122
Mission	88		32
Paducah, First	508	12	195
Florence	506		103
Louisville, Green Acres	503	5	177
Louisville, Rockford Lane	491	2	173
Ashland, First	491		99
Mission	120		
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	486		184

Middlesboro, First	479		118
Lexington, Trinity	476	2	242
Mission	82	3	62
Henderson, Immanuel	475		
Missions (2)	142		
Jeffersonton, First	474		109
Louisville, Hazelwood	472		105
Louisville, Third Avenue	467		187
Owensboro, Hall Street	458		197
Covington, South Side	451		78
London, First	451		127
Hodgenville, First	449	2	136
Louisville, Highland	445		194
Mission	54		15
Louisville, South Side	441		117
Louisville, Beechwood	431	2	172
Lexington, Porter Memorial	429	4	107
Louisville, Bethany	421	2	118
Owensboro, Buena Vista	416	2	116
Hazard, First	413	1	93
Greenville, First	402	4	158
Lebanon, First	401	3	133
Corbin, First	401		115
Russellville, First	400		107
Mission	37		
Central City, First	400		167
Winchester, Central	397		130
Richmond, First	395	1	78
Mt. Washington, First	391	1	114
Mission	37		
Ashland, Unity	389		126
Nicholasville	387		122
Danville, Gethsemane	382		216
Ludlow, First	377	4	93
Scottsville, First	376		72
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	375	3	159
Frankfort, Crestwood	370	1	109
Bowling Green, Eastwood	368		111
Morganfield, First	368		94
Ft. Thomas, First	368		92
Mission	89		
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	368		127
Louisville, High View	367	2	146
Louisville, Shawnee	360		123
Louisville, Fairdale	353		174
Louisville, Immanuel	345	1	93
Springfield	340		77
Versailles	333		78
Louisville, Valley View	327	2	131
Walton, First	324		157
Bellevue	319	4	66
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	38		117
Barbourville, First	314	1	194
Missions (3)	131		

Ashland, Pollard	302		368
Missions (2)	66		
Lawrenceburg, First	299		50
Mission	38		
Earlington, First	297		113
Benton, First	292		113
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	290	1	93
Greensburg	288		123
Louisville, East Audubon	286	1	108
Mission	24		7
Middletown, First	285	5	104
Bowling Green, Glendale	282	1	135
Mission	29		19
Stanford	280		101
Mission	26		
Falmouth	277		60
Mission	30		
Lebanon Junction, First	276		113
Glendale, Gilead	274		234
Cold Spring, First	266		107
Marion	244		74
Louisville, Virginia Avenue	241		
Hazel	225		
Sonora	224		77
Shepherdsville, Little Flock	212		50
Carrollton, First	205	3	43
Perryville	204		116
Owensboro, Seven Hills	198		68
Owensboro, Yellow Creek	187		46
Calhoun	150	1	45
Versailles, Glenn's Creek	63		31

**Perfect Attendance Awards Presented to 22 by Laurel River Church**

The Laurel Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, has presented 22 perfect attendance awards for the year 1960. Included among those with perfect attendance was an entire family of six. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coffey and children, Glenda, Dennis, Marilyn, and Sharion. The Coffeys received pins for one year's perfect attendance, as did Pearl Yaden, Lettie Watkins, Donna Gail Whitaker, and Carol Yaden.

Other awards included: 2 years—David Bowling, Rhonda Bowling, Christine Hubbard, Cy Nicholson, and Marjorie Faye Nicholson; 3 years—Crystal Yaden and Pastor Kendall Hatton; 4 years—Jerry Evans and Judy Evans; 5 years—Hazel Dotson; 7 years—Mrs. J. E. Evans, age 83, who has been a faithful member for over 58 years; 13 years—Russell Brewer.

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**Business Firms Contribute To Hospitality Plans for Secretaries and Editors**

Several business firms in Louisville and Kentucky, along with the department of public information in Frankfort, have made contributions to the hospitality plans for the annual conference of Southern Baptist State Executive Secretaries and Editors in Louisville February 16-18. The conferences are annual affairs and will bring approximately 125 Southern Baptist state leaders to Louisville for the three-day conferences at the Brown Hotel.

Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and Dr. C. R. Daley, editor, *Western Recorder*, have noted with appreciation various contributions in the form of favors and souvenirs from the following:

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**Bill Introduced to Ban Teaching in Nun's Garb**

AUSTIN, Tex. — (BP) — A bill that would forbid public school teachers from wearing religious garb in the classroom has been introduced in the Texas legislature.

Rep. Leon Thurman, a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Anson, Tex., is sponsoring the measure.

The Thurman Bill states: "No teacher in the public schools of this state shall teach any class in such public schools while dressed in any religious garb or while wearing any visible religious insignia."

Penalty for violation of the bill would be the loss of state school funds.

The bill was prompted, said Rep. Thurman, by a recent ruling by Texas Commissioner of Education J. W. Edgar in the controversial Bremond school case.

Complainants in the Bremond case charge that Catholic nuns teaching in a Bremond, Tex., public school while wearing religious garb is a violation of separation of church-state clauses in both Texas and U.S. Constitutions.

Edgar ruled recently that he had no authority to forbid teachers from wearing religious robes. "This is a question for the courts or the legislature to decide," he said.

Complainants have appealed Edgar's ruling to the State Board of Education, saying that the board has the authority to issue an immediate order to halt the Catholic nuns from teaching while wearing religious garb and to stop the Bremond School Board from leasing the school building, located within the compound of other church property, from St. Mary's Catholic Church for a "token" one dollar per year.

Number six in a series



**WHAT IS MISSIONS?**

We pride ourselves on being "Missionary" Baptists. And rightly so. No one can be a true follower of Jesus Christ who fails to love lost people around the world.

Being missionary, we set aside a percentage of our church budgets for missions. When a member gives his tithe, part of it automatically goes to some missionary cause.

In planning a church budget, which items should go under missions? The Cooperative Program? Associational missions? Local missions? Payments to the Annuity Board? Subscriptions to the state paper? Broadcasting the morning service? Boy Scouts? Flowers to the bereaved? Where do we start—where do we end?

Occasionally a church is tempted to include borderline items. Why? First, some churches want their mission column to look as big as possible. By stretching the point, they inflate the mission item. Second, to pacify those members who constantly insist on more for missions. Non-mission items are sometimes slipped into the mission column so these individuals will think more is going to bona fide missions than may be true.

What is the answer? There is no hard rule. Each church is free to work out its own budget. It is a matter of conscience, of fair play. Often, it is a question of whether a church wants to look big or to be big. And there is a difference, you know!

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# KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

## Woman's Missionary Union

### State Meeting News

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

Hear these missionaries at the State Meeting at Mayfield, April 4-6.



Dr. Hobson L. Sinclair

Dr. Hobson L. Sinclair, a native of Upton, Ky., was appointed a missionary by our Foreign Mission Board at its October, 1960, meeting. At that time he was a dentist in Bowling Green. He will serve in Hong Kong.

Holding a New Testament, he told the Foreign Mission Board that he had been reading that same book by candlelight in a Maginot line pillbox in France when he dedicated his life to Christian service in early 1945. In the next battle all members of his battalion were killed or captured and he remained a prisoner until the European war ended. He said that commitment had not been forgotten but also had not been answered until he began to correspond with the Board only five months before his appointment. Dr. Sinclair became the first U. S. Air Force dentist in Korea during the Korean conflict and later also served in Japan. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and is studying now in our Louisville Seminary while commuting to Bowling Green to continue his practice there.

In Bowling Green he is active in the First Baptist Church. He feels that his election as a deacon in his church is the highest honor his fellow men have ever bestowed upon him. He taught a college Sunday School class and was chairman

of the church finance committee. He will speak on Tuesday evening.



S. L. Goldfinch, Sr.

Rev. Sydney L. Goldfinch, Sr., has had "a finger in every pie" as far as Southern Baptist mission work in Paraguay is concerned, serving as field evangelist, pastor, theological professor, camp administrator, hospital chaplain, president of the Paraguayan Baptist Convention and executive secretary of its mission board. He served six years in Uruguay before transferring to Paraguay.

He and his family make their home in Asuncion, national capital and location of four of Paraguay's seven Baptist churches, the Baptist theological institute and the Baptist hospital. He is a former pastor of three of the churches, is chaplain at the hospital and professor at the institute.

A native of South Carolina, he has degrees from Columbia Bible College, Wheaton College and the Southern Baptist Seminary. Prior to foreign appointment, he served as a public school teacher and then as a pastor.

He will speak on Thursday.

More information about speakers and State Meeting each week.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In applying for a reservation at the Hall Hotel for our State Meeting be sure to state that you are attending our meeting. All rooms in that hotel are being held for our use during these dates.

Kentucky Bus Lines has the most direct service to Paducah from Louisville where almost direct bus connection may be made for Mayfield. Bus leaves Louisville at noon making connection with a

bus for Mayfield at 8:20 p.m. Some groups are planning chartered bus service. Notify the church if your transportation requires that someone meet you on arrival.

### Student Union

#### Joretta Fox and B.S.U.

By MISS JORETTA FOX

Before I started to college I heard a lot about the B.S.U., and I also met students who were B.S.U.ers. They told me that the B.S.U. was a link between the college and the church. They said the B.S.U. aided them in meeting new friends and enjoying fellowship and recreation through activities such as banquets, retreats, picnics, parties, and recreational games. They said the B.S.U. helped them to understand themselves

#### A STUDENT SPEAKS

Miss Joretta Fox is a Senior, majoring in secretarial science at Murray State College. She has served on the Executive Council of the Baptist Student Union and has served as a teacher in the Primary Department of the First Baptist Church of Murray.

—J. Chester Durham,  
State Student Secretary

and others better by discussions which solved some of their problems. They told me how they obtained a spiritual uplift through noonday and vesper services, retreats, youth teams, and student conventions.

"How could the B.S.U. do all these things for a student?" I wondered.

As a Freshman I started going to B.S.U. activities and found out for myself that the B.S.U. could do all these things and more.

Now as a Senior, I know that through the B.S.U. I have found close friends. It was at the B.S.U. that I met the man to whom I am now engaged. Where did he ask me to go on our first date? "To the B.S.U.'s Spring Banquet." We both found the B.S.U. to mean a lot in our lives. We served on the B.S.U. Executive Council together.

The students, especially the executive council members, came to know and love our B.S.U. Director, Joe P. Williams. This is the one B.S.U.er the B.S.U. could not do without.

At present I am serving as Social Chairman on the B.S.U. Executive Council. With the most excellent committee

we planned and carried out a fall banquet with the theme, "Victory Harvest" and had as our speaker, Dr. H. C. Chiles.

As a B.S.U.er I have attended three State Baptist Student Conventions. This year I found it a great inspiration to be among 1,300 B.S.U.ers from all over Kentucky who assembled to participate in singing, discussion groups, Bible study and to listen to inspirational talks and testimonies by missionaries, pastors, professors, and students. Of the three conventions I have attended, the 1960 convention was the greatest to me. It was here that I publicly professed my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. At the age of eleven I had joined the First Baptist Church in Murray, Kentucky, but only because a girl friend of mine did and said she'd be mad at me if I didn't. I realized I had joined the church and been baptized before accepting Christ and was never really satisfied. At this B.S.U. convention I really faced the problem that had been bothering me. The last night of the convention I talked and prayed with our B.S.U. Director. Afterwards, I came home, talked to my pastor, joined the church and was baptized. Another wonderful thing about this was that another B.S.U.er was also baptized in the same service.

These are some of the things B.S.U. has meant to me. It can mean the same for other college students.

[NOTE: Murray State College enrollment has increased since last fall, by 12 percent without a single additional dormitory room being available. This brings their enrollment to 3,100. We have 1,179 Baptist and Baptist preference students at Murray.—J. C. D.]

### Brotherhood

#### What They Are Doing at Northside in Morganfield

By FORREST R. SAWYER

Secretary Pete Terrell, of the Brotherhood at Northside Baptist Church, Morganfield, has sent us the following letter:

"I rejoice in sending you this report of our Northside Brotherhood for the past quarter. We realize that there are many things that we haven't done, but we do wish to share our accomplishments.

"As you know, we did not have a pastor until October, and our new pastor, James Watt, did not meet with the Brotherhood until November. However, in the November meeting, five recommendations were adopted as a result of a meeting of our pastor and president:

"(1) That the Brotherhood have a special meeting and the Stewardship Committee chairman explain the budget for the new year to the men, then the men be divided in pairs and visit every

home of our church and explain the budget.

"(2) That the Brotherhood meet as a group and visit for our church in the name of Christ once each quarter.

"(3) That the Brotherhood purchase New Testaments and mark them by the Brotherhood suggestion and carry one with us and give the same to any person who shows interest and desires the same (When a man has given his away, he picks up another one.)

"(4) To promote, attend, pray for, and furnish transportation to anyone who desires the service, for the spring revival.

"(5) To adopt as a church property project, the covering of the floor of the main building with asphalt tile or some other suitable material when finances are available.

"On December 16, the Brotherhood had a rabbit supper (Rabbits were killed and cooked by the men.). Following the supper, the men divided in pairs and visited in each home and explained the new church budget. During December, the pastor taught the *Brotherhood Guidebook*. A Royal Ambassador chapter was organized, a special planning meeting was held and the programs planned for six months.

"The Brotherhood conducts a monthly jail service with a layman leading the service. The Brotherhood prepared and delivered Christmas baskets to the needy.

"Also in December, the Brotherhood was shown the promotional filmstrip for the Memphis meeting, Layman's Day was observed (This was late because our new pastor accepted our church on Layman's Day). Four of our own men were on this program. There were three additions to the church that day.

"Our organization has been church elected. Names of officers, addresses and dates of meetings have been sent to the state office and the association. Our Brotherhood expenses are in the church budget. Every officer has received the *Brotherhood Handbook* for 1961. (We had the 7½ hours in the *Guidebook*.)

"Our Brotherhood meets regularly every month. The Planning Committee meets before each monthly meeting. We have members attending the quarterly associational meeting. The Royal Ambassadors attend their associational meetings."

Brotherhood officers at Northside, other than Mr. Terrell, are: Dr. Maurice Mills, president; Mr. Ed Walker, R.A. leader; Mr. Bryan Jenkins, World Missions leader; Mr. Don Bratcher, Christian witness leader; Mr. John Terrell, personal stewardship leader.

During the study of the *Brotherhood Guidebook* it was revealed that Northside, although only four years old, had fallen into the same pitfall many churches do, and that was—thirteen men were holding down forty-one jobs. Needless to say, this condition, following the

study of the *Guidebook*, is being remedied.

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One point in the *Guide to Brotherhood Proficiency* suggests that the pastor teach the *Brotherhood Guidebook* to the men. A Manpower survey is a part of this study. Some very disturbing conditions are presenting a challenge to church leadership as figures have revealed: 125—71 inactive (this church has a 43% proficiency over against the 30% S.B.C. average); 125—91 inactive; 285—235 inactive.

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State Vacation

Bible School Clinic

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



R. A. Boatwright

This will be the last announcement that you will receive prior to the State Vacation Bible School Clinic, which will be held February 23-24, 1961, with the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky.

No other meeting during the year will be more helpful to Vacation Bible School workers than the State Clinic. All phases of Vacation Bible School work will be discussed, departmental textbooks will be previewed, new items will be featured, associational Vacation Bible School goals will be set.

**PROGRAM PERSONALITIES:** We are happy to announce that we have secured an outstanding faculty for our clinic. Those who will serve on the faculty are: Rev. Bob Patterson, Superintendent of Vacation Bible School Expansion, Baptist Sunday School Board; Rev. Harry Garrett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ferguson, Kentucky; twelve experienced V.B.S. workers, who will serve on a panel; and departmental workers: Nursery, Mrs. Ada Rutledge, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Beginners, Mrs. Lyman Austin, Sunday School Department, Middletown, Kentucky; Primaries, Miss Ruth Hawkins, Associate in Sunday School Department, Ohio; Juniors, Mrs. George Fletcher, Junior Approved worker for Ohio; and Mrs. Roy Boatwright, Junior Approved worker for Kentucky.

Our goal for attendance is 500. Now is the time to start planning for your Vacation Bible School for this summer.

Church Music

Time For Reservations For Ridgecrest And Glorieta

"The early bird gets the best accommodations." That's the maxim for the Music Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. January is the month when most of the reservations are requested for the conferences next summer.

Featured oratorios to be rehearsed and performed this year will be two works by Felix Mendelssohn: *Hymn of Praise* and *Hear My Prayer*. The first is quite well-known; the other is an excellent work also. Dr. Warren Angell will con-

duct these at Ridgecrest; and R. Paul Green, at Glorieta.

CHANGES IN FORMAT

Instead of a late afternoon rehearsal of the oratorios, there will be a period (the second) each morning and another shortly after lunch.

Intermediates must be accompanied, each one by his parent or an adult sponsor per Intermediate.

YOUR FIRST TIME?

If this is to be your first trip to Ridgecrest, you will appreciate knowing these details. You write to Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C., for information and reservations for Ridgecrest, and to E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N.M., for the Glorieta data. Send \$2.50 per person with reservations, stating name, sex and age group level of each person planning to attend.

CHANGE FROM PARK CITY TO HORSE CAVE

The Kentucky Baptist Regional Music Festival which was to have been held at Park City, Kentucky, on February 24, will be held instead at the First Baptist Church, Horse Cave, Kentucky, on the same date.

Training Union

Regional Training Union Events and Conferences

By JAMES H. WHALEY, SR.



J. H. Whaley

The Regional Young People's Speakers' Tournament, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Junior Memory Work and Bible Drill will be held the week of March 20-24. These meetings will begin at 4:30 and adjourn at 9:00. The detailed program will be included on a poster that will be mailed to all Training Union Directors. The date and place of each meeting is:

**Central Region:** March 20—place to be announced.

**North Central Region:** March 20—Cynthiana Baptist Church, Cynthiana.

**Northeastern Region:** March 21—First Baptist Church, Louisa.

**South Central Region:** March 24—Stanford Baptist Church, Stanford.

**Southeastern Region:** March 23—Manchester Baptist Church, Manchester.

**Southern Region:** March 21—First Baptist Church, Franklin.

**Southwestern Region:** March 23—Cadiz Baptist Church, Cadiz.

**Western Region:** March 24—Calhoun Baptist Church, Calhoun.

Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Kentucky Baptist Foundation Receives A \$10,000 Gift

By A. M. VOLLMER, Exec. Secy.

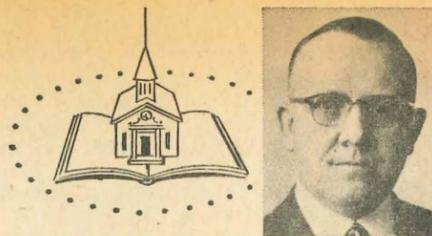
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Logan established a trust fund on September 15, 1958, with the Kentucky Baptist Foundation in memory of their daughter, Mary Ann, who, while a medical student in the University of Louisville, preparing to go as a medical missionary, was accidentally killed on an elevator at the Louisville General Hospital. The amount of the fund was \$21,000. The income from the investment of the fund is to be used to aid medical students preparing themselves for work on the foreign field.

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation received a check for \$10,000 on February 6 from a Baptist lady in Kentucky, who, having heard of the fund, wanted to add to its usefulness.

Two students in the University of Louisville Medical School at the present time are receiving aid from this fund. No finer investment could be made in Foreign Missions than the one this Baptist friend has made.

►Layman's Day was observed at the First Church, Kuttawa, on January 29. Roy Clift and Ernest Yates took part on Sunday morning; and Lamon Pinnegar and Don Rodgers at the evening hour. A male choir of 22 men, under the leadership of Buddy Brown, was on schedule at both services. Robert Colston is Brotherhood president, and Dillard Hagan the pastor.

►John Newport, professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, has been named speaker of commencement exercises at Texas A. and M. College, College Station, Texas. Newport is a former interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, College Station. His wife is the former Miss Eddie Bell Leavell, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Leavell, Sr. (BP)



THE LORD OF LIFE AND DEATH February 19, 1961

John 11:17-27, 38-44

About two miles from Jerusalem was the village of Bethany, where Martha, Mary and Lazarus resided. Their home was one of true family love and one in which Christ was always a welcome guest. To this well-ordered home, which was so much to His liking, the Master frequently resorted as a visitor. These two sisters and their brother were ever ready to give their very best to the Lord Jesus. His beautiful love for the three members of this household is an abiding inspiration to every student of the New Testament.

Those who are in close fellowship with Christ are not immune to illness. Sooner or later sickness and sorrow come to every family. Such was the case with this family in Bethany. Lazarus became desperately ill. Doubtless he received the very best care that loving hearts and tender hands could provide, but he did not improve.

Because of their great need the sisters naturally and promptly decided to appeal to Christ. At that particular time He was abiding in Bethabara, which was some twenty miles away and beyond the Jordan River. Meanwhile a messenger was sent to Him with the laconic message, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." That was all that was deemed necessary, inasmuch as the sisters fully believed that He would do the right thing. Since the Saviour was such an intimate friend of the family, it was, of course, to be expected that He would hasten to Bethany and minister to the needs of Lazarus. But that was not the program which He followed.

Christ's reaction to this message was rather surprising. He merely said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." Instead of departing promptly, He continued His activities there for two days. One reason for His delay was to convince His disciples and the people of His divine power. He wanted to allow death to have its full sway, and then His victory over it would be all the more convincing.

When anxiety and sorrow visit a happy home the arrival of a loving and trusted friend always brings a wonderful strength and comfort. We can imagine something of the feelings of the two bereaved sisters when they were informed that at last the Master was coming to see them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

I. Christ's Lordship Doubted.

John 11:17-24.

When Christ finally reached Bethany Lazarus had been dead and buried four days. As soon as the word reached Martha that the Saviour was approaching her home, she went out to meet Him. Her statement, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died," indicated that she had sufficient faith to believe that if He had arrived before the death of Lazarus that he would not have died. But there her faith stopped. She did not see in Him the same sovereignty over death which He held over disease.

Christ gave Martha's faith another test by declaring, "Thy brother shall rise again." Instead of interpreting His statement to mean that Lazarus was going to rise immediately, Martha thought that He meant that he would rise on the resurrection day. She and Mary believed in the resurrection at the last day, but they did not know that He had the power to raise the dead then and there.

II. Christ's Lordship Declared.

John 11:25-27.

Our Lord proceeded to give one of the astounding revelations concerning Himself saying, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." These matchless words have brought untold comfort and assurance to countless sorrowing hearts. Just as soon as Martha received comfort from Christ, she rushed back into her home and called her sister, Mary, and said, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." Mary "arose quickly, and came unto him," trusting Him more fully and loving Him more devotedly.

III. Christ's Lordship Demonstrated.

John 11:25-27.

Mary's sorrow was deep and poignant, but her grief was mingled with hope. Lazarus had died, but, with her Lord present, Mary believed that anything could happen. He promptly inquired as to where they had laid Lazarus. Observing Mary weeping, Christ's great heart of sympathy and compassion was so touched that He wept also, even though He knew that ere long He would change her sorrow to joy. How marvelously this reveals to us the tender concern and compassion with which Christ now intercedes for us!

Those who saw how Christ sympathized with the bereaved immediately began to criticize Him. They thought that He could have kept Lazarus from dying, and therefore, because He did not, they inferred that His delayed action was wrong. How natural! Whatever the Lord does, if it is not in accordance with what people think He should do, is immediately the subject of criticism.

Christ, the sorrowing relatives and some friends moved out to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Taking charge of the situation, He at once requested the friends to remove the stone from the entrance to the tomb. This seemed to be a request which they wondered if it should be granted. Martha remonstrated with Him, reminding the Lord that Lazarus had been dead for four days, and that, by this time, the body would be decomposing; therefore, to remove the stone would be to pollute the very air.

In spite of Martha's protest the men removed the stone. There lay the body of Lazarus in full and open view. Those who stood by and witnessed the scene must have had strange feelings. The Saviour lifted His voice in thanksgiving to God, expressing appreciation for answered prayer. Then, He called forth Lazarus from the grave. He restored him to natural life. Still bound in the garments of the grave, Christ commanded them to "loose him, and let him go." This was something that human hands could not do by themselves. What people can do for themselves Christ will not do for them, but what they cannot do for themselves He will do for them.

This mighty miracle of the raising of Lazarus was a splendid demonstration of Christ's power to give life to souls that are dead in trespasses and sins.

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# Look In The Right Places-- Plenty of New Pastors

By HAL D. BENNETT  
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Baptist writers and speakers keep reminding us that fewer men are entering the ministry. Figures on ministerial students now in our colleges and seminaries are cited as proof—both show falling enrollments.

It may be that we aren't looking in all the right places for the thousands of pastors we expect to need. The average current Southern Baptist pastor, judged on education alone, can't enrol for a seminary degree. In fact he hasn't even finished junior college.

Fact is, the average Southern Baptist pastor probably will never be a college or seminary statistic. Survey your own state. It may be you will find, as Alabama Baptists did, that out of 1,900 active pastors more than 1,200 have not had any college training.

Alabama, my native state, may or may not be average for the S.B.C. Yet I know this, my own acquaintance and travel tell me that Alabama Baptists are enjoying growth, new churches, and an effective pastoral leadership.

We Southern Baptists may have to re-evaluate our provisions for pastoral training. For instance, our enrolment at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, is up, not off. We enrolled 138, not counting summer school, in 1959-1960. This year we enrolled 182. First-year students totaled 35 in September, 1959. Last September we had 76 new enrollees.

Current inquires indicate that next fall will show a similar increase, meaning that in two years we will double our usefulness to the denomination.

## Two New Sources

In addition to the thousands of mature men now in, or entering the Southern Baptist ministry, who for various reasons cannot look forward to a seminary degree, there are two new sources ready to be counted.

Take retired military personnel. Baker James Cauthen has an editorial in *The Commission* about the many missions and churches started or helped by our missionaries in uniform. The ones entering the Armed Services in 1940-1942, are retiring now.

We have a few of these already enrolled, with more coming. These men have families. Many had their formal education interrupted by the draft. Colleges can't take them: the seminaries regretfully must turn most of them away, or lose accreditation. But these men profess a call to preach. Where

will they be counted? Where will they be trained?

Another source is from other denominations. Within a week I have talked to men with Mennonite, Presbyterian—Reformed, and Community Church backgrounds, from Pennsylvania, Maine, and New York. The spread of our work into other areas, plus the movement of many military people into the South, brings these and other non-Baptist Christians into contact with our way of thinking.

Many pay us no mind. But these three men and their wives tell a typical story: "We found a church home. We had these beliefs all along, and as soon as we found a church teaching what we believed, we joined it." Their zeal to be one of us is touching: they are almost more "Southern" in their baptisticism than many of us who were reared in it.

## Where Will They Prepare

My theme, of course, is that we must give these new potential pastors at least a basic ministerial training before their full service to the churches. They must have thorough courses in Bible, evangelism, homiletics, church administration, religious education, doctrine, church history, church music, and English.

These they must have, but where will they get them? In loyal Southern Baptist Bible schools? Don't be facetious: there isn't room.

We have such a school, and we are over-loaded now. Our own school needs at least two more faculty members now, and several buildings.

Southern Baptists are going to take one of two courses with respect to this vast need: (1) Enter this neglected field of pastoral training; or (2) Not enter it.

Look around you. Just what do you think the denomination ought to do?

▶ Albert Gisler, former pastor of the Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, Kentucky, has arrived on his new field in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and begun mission work under the sponsorship of the Ohio Convention of Southern Baptists and the Home Mission Board. The new address for the Gislers is 131 Alpine Village Drive, Alpine Village, Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

▶ A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from Argentina, was awarded his Th.D. degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on January 24. He and Mrs. Glaze left our shores on February 6 to sail to Buenos Aires. During his study in Louisville he spoke on missions in a number of churches and associations. He is a native of Dlo, Miss., and she is the former Eugenia Johnson, of Greenwood, Mississippi.

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## January Income Picture Shows Gifts Are Less

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The news about January receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program isn't good.

The Convention's share of receipts is only \$1,397,480 compared with \$1,555,469 coming in during January, 1960. The 1961 annual budget of the Convention is, of course, higher than the 1960 budget.

Even designated receipts—boosted in January by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering income—are down over January, 1960. Total designated receipts for January, 1961, are \$2,091,336 compared with the previous January's \$2,255,838.

The report from Convention Treasurer Porter Routh here includes only that part of Cooperative Program and designated receipts going to agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Funds kept for state projects and local church activities are not counted.

Although most Lottie Moon foreign mission offering money is contributed in the churches in December, it is reflected in Southern Baptist Convention designated receipts during the early months of the following year. Churches forward their money to their state Baptist treasurer, who in turn forwards to the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer amounts due it.

Fourteen state conventions sent in more to the Cooperative Program in January, 1961, than during the previous January, but 14 states sent in less. The 14 states sending in less money overcame the gains from the 14 sending in more.

## Memphis Pastor Caudill Plans World Tour

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis, will conduct an around-the-world tour this summer, visiting Baptist mission fields in the Orient and the Middle East.

The party is scheduled to leave Los Angeles on Monday, July 17, returning to New York on Friday, September 1. The places to be visited are as follows: Honolulu—3 days; Tokyo—6 days; Formosa—2 days; Hong Kong—3 days; Viet Nam—2 days; Indonesia—5 days; Singapore—1 day; Bangkok—2 days; Rangoon—2 days; Calcutta—2 days; New Delhi—4 days; Kabul—1 day; Teheran—2 days; Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem (Jordan), Cairo area—6 days; Jerusalem (Israel) area—3 days; Athens—1 day.

The party will be small in number. Anyone who might be interested in making the tour should get in touch with Dr. Caudill.

WESTERN RECORDER

## Pollard "Unalarmed," Says Baptists Are Strong

MEMPHIS—(BP)—President Ramsey Pollard of the Southern Baptist Convention declared here the denomination is not losing its strength.

"There's no need to hit the panic button," he said, when asked his own personal opinion about a reported "recession" in the Convention.

Those who have claimed a "recession" have pointed to fewer converts this year than last, and to fewer commitments by young people to the ministry and other church-related vocations.

They also have said that giving has not met goals.

"Those things fluctuate," the Memphis minister said. "They always will." He was referring to the variation in these statistics from year to year.

"I wouldn't like one of the deacons in my church getting up in church business meeting with a sour face and a crying towel just because the offering fell off one Sunday," Pollard said.

"Churches don't stay on an even keel; the Convention doesn't stay on an even keel because it is made up of churches," he added.

Pollard made his remarks in appearing before the Baptist Public Relations Association here. The association was conducting its annual conference and workshop. To this workshop came public relations staffs from Baptist hospitals, colleges, seminaries, children's homes, executive boards, and other agencies.

## Moreland's First Baptist Church Occupies New Building

The very young First Baptist Church, Moreland, has recently occupied a new \$12,000 educational building. The building will be used for both Sunday school and worship for the time being.

The young church was organized only on November 1, 1959, and has already grown from 55 charter members to a present membership of 76. Enrolled in Sunday school are 135 and the Training Union now has 74 enrolled. The church also has a strong Woman's Missionary Union and is currently organizing the men and boys. The Sunday school has been standard for the years 1959-60 and 1960-61. And a standard Vacation Bible School was held last summer.

Two young men who are members of the church have surrendered to the ministry. Mike Watts, now serving as minister of music for the church, is a graduate of Georgetown College and plans to enter Southern Seminary this fall. The other young minister is Ken-

neth Lambert who is a sophomore at Campbellsville College.

The church grew out of a mission of the Houstonville Baptist Church and is now a member of the Lincoln Baptist Association. James E. Spaulding, a third year student at Campbellsville, is the pastor.

## Beaver Dam Sunday School Has 29 With Perfect Attendance Records

The Sunday School of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church with an enrollment of 653 has 29 members who have perfect attendance records ranging from 1 year to 34 years.

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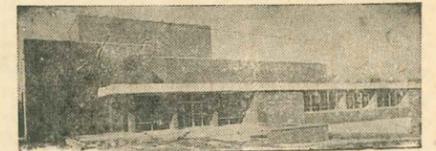
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► **Clarence W. Cranford**, who for 19 years has been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., is to become pastor of the United Baptist Church, Lewiston, Maine, on March 12.

He has been pastor in both the American and Southern Conventions, and has been president of the American. Right now he is a Southern Baptist Convention member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and is its chairman.



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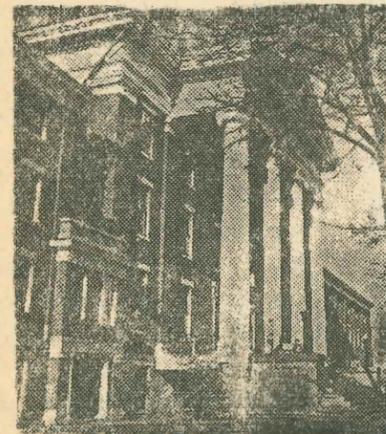
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