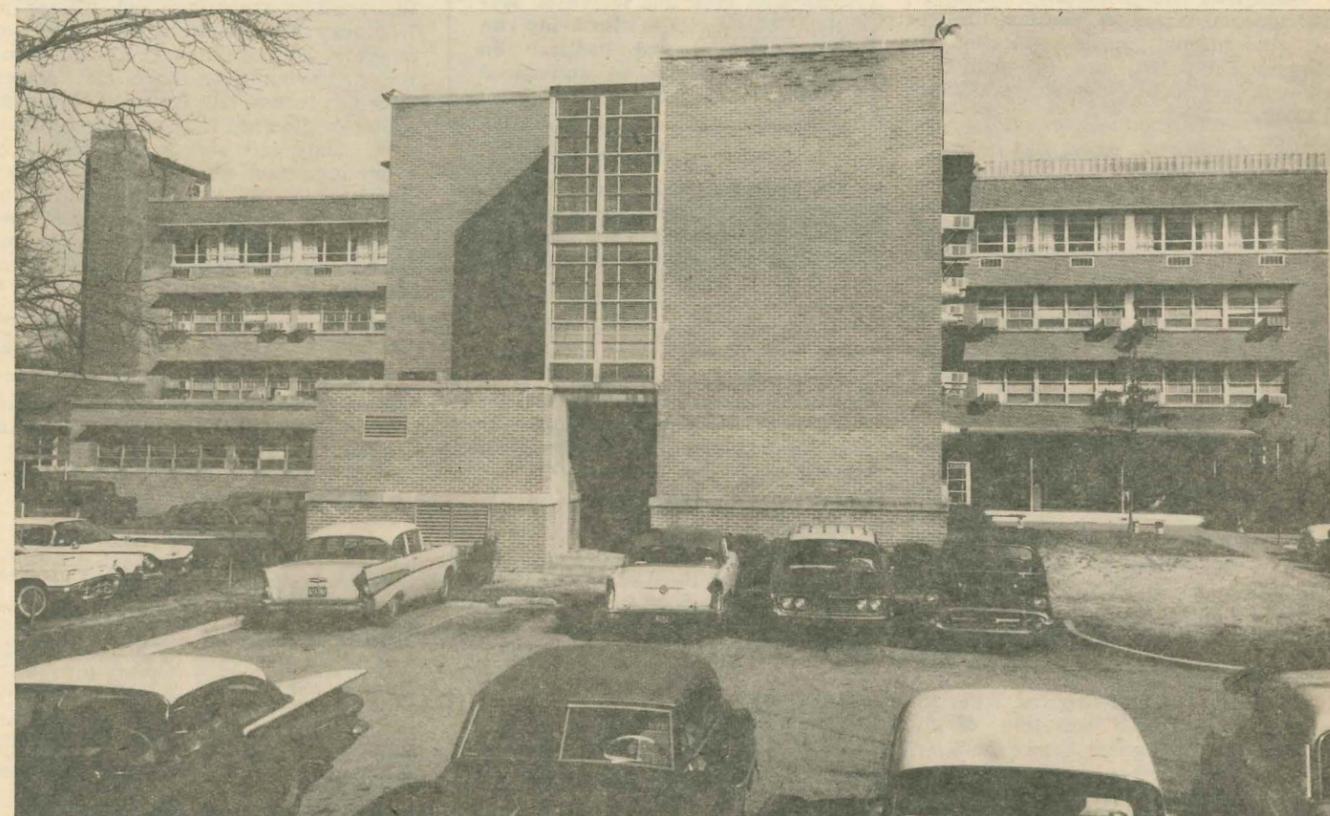




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Rear view of the Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky, showing the new fourth floor addition which will be thrown open for patients next Monday, February 12,

according to Ben R. Brewer, administrator. The hospital at Paducah now has a total of 150 beds at its disposal. See article on Page 12.





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

Jewish Books Given Library

Rabbi Leo Bergman, of the New Orleans Touro Synagogue, has presented seventeen books on behalf of the Jewish Chatauqua Society, to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Library.

Brandeis-Souther Revival at G-town

Evangelist Don Brandeis, Tallahassee, Florida, and Harold A. Souther, director of associational music education in Kansas City, Mo., are to conduct a campus revival at Georgetown College, February 12-16.

Leaves Faculty for Matrimony

After eight years of service as hostess of the William Carey Hall and member of faculty at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Mrs. Sibyl Brame Townsend has resigned. She was married recently to Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N.C., formerly president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and now director of the 30,000 movement.

N.T. Translator Wuest Dies

Dr. Kenneth S. Wuest, 68, well known translator of the New Testament, called the *Expanded Translation of the New Testament*, and teacher on the faculty of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, died at the West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Ill., on December 27. He had taught at Moody for 29 years and has been retired for the last three years.

Another Milestone

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, retired from the office of executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, now living in Texas, observed his 79th birthday on December 22.

Moyers, Bingham at Binghamtown

The 12th anniversary of Pastor W. B. Bingham and Choir Director Joe Moyers was observed by members of the Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro, on January 7. The church has received a total of 945 new members in the 12-year pastorate of Mr. Bingham. It has had phenomenal progress in other areas. Accomplishments in the 12 years include the purchase of a parsonage, the paying off of the church mortgage, the purchase of a church bus and church organ, the construction of an educational building, and the remodeling of the church sanctuary. The church has also had a radio broadcast over a local station for eleven years.

WAVE-TV Carries "The Answer"

"The Answer", the Southern Baptist television program, began on Louisville television WAVE-TV on February 4. The hour is 9:00 a.m. over this television station. This series is also being run by Lexington and Paducah on television stations as announced on the January 25 cover page.

Charles Orin Parrish is Born

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Parrish, of New Orleans, are the parents of a new baby, Charles Olin Parrish, born January 24. Charles is a family name, and Olin is for Dr. O. T. Binkley. Mrs. Parrish was in former years secretary to Dr. C. R. Daley at the *Western Recorder* office, while her husband was a student in Southern Seminary. At present Brother Parrish is associated with Dr. Myron C. Madden at the Southern Baptist Hospital, and studying as a post-graduate student at Tulane University.

W. T. Ligon to Valdosta

William T. Ligon, pastor of the First Church of Madison, Fla., has been called to be pastor of the Lee Street Church, Valdosta, Ga., and he has accepted. He will succeed Grady Feagan. Pastor Ligon was for a few years recently pastor of the Barren River Baptist Church, near Bowling Green, Ky., while he was a student at Southern Seminary, and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Jean Ligon, was secretary for Secretaries Eldred M. Taylor, G. R. Pendergraph and W. H. Curl.

Thomas B. Chaney Accepts Post

Thomas B. Chaney, director of the Forward Program for Kentucky Baptists until recently, has accepted a position with the Guaranty Bond and Securities Corporation of Nashville, Tennessee. The official title of Mr. Chaney is bond program director. He will be associated with local churches in much the same way he has worked with them in his past with Kentucky Baptists. The Guaranty Bond and Securities Corporation has been one of the successful companies in aiding churches in bond issues for constructing new facilities. Chaney will have headquarters in Nashville but expects to spend considerable time working in Kentucky Baptist churches.

Judy Returns to Henderson

E. Keevil Judy, pastor of the Harlan Baptist Church for the past seven years, has resigned to return to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Henderson. Judy has served the Henderson congregation before, having spent 7½ years between March 1945 and August 1952 at Henderson. Judy has been one of the leading denominational figures in Kentucky Baptist circles for a number of years. He is a native of Central Kentucky, having been born and reared near Cynthiana. He has also served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Newport. Judy has served on practically every important committee in Kentucky Baptist life. He is greatly beloved in Harlan and the entire southeastern area of Kentucky. The first Sunday for his new duties at the First Church, Henderson, will be February 11.

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Staff Prayer Time, remembering requests received in "fan mail" from listeners to *The Baptist Hour*.

Couple Hears Problem Answer On Car Radio

By Clarence Duncan, for Baptist Press

"A baby—what are we going to do with a baby?" the probing voice on the radio asked.

The question hit home to a young couple as they were driving down the busy turnpike near Chicago, Ill., one Sunday. They, too, were asking the same question. As a possible answer, the young couple had even considered doing away with the unwanted and unexpected child.

They listened intently as the radio voice told of a recent television film about the marriage of two young high school students who had married against their parents' wishes. The young husband returned from school one day to find his wife frightened and crying. He blurted out the startling question when he learned his wife was expecting.

But the voice on the radio had changed now. It was reassuring, compelling, convincing. The speaker said that no couple can adequately meet the crisis of parenthood without God's help.

"What shall we do with the baby?" the speaker asked again. "Dedicate it to God," came the reply.

The young couple in the automobile pondered the words, and decided it was

the right thing to do. When they arrived at their destination, they wrote to the producer of the program, asking for a copy of the radio message and telling of their new realization of responsible parenthood.

The program was "The Baptist Hour." It, like the television film that told the story of the high school couple, was produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, Tex.

The letter the Radio-TV Commission received from the young couple was one of more than 50,000 responses, many telling of similar experiences, that come through the mail each year.

Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, director of the Radio-TV Commission, said this is a "wonderful example" of the ability of radio and television to reach people beyond the reach of pastors and missionaries.

"This is the entire purpose of the Radio and Television Commission—bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by the way of radio and television programs," said Stevens.

The first order of business for the

Commission is producing radio and television programs.

Eight weekly radio programs are now prepared and distributed by tape recording to more than 1,000 different stations. Most prominent of the programs, "The Baptist Hour," celebrated its 20th anniversary this year as a 30-minute worship service.

Permanent preacher for "The Baptist Hour" is Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

A "congregation" estimated at 20,000,000 hears "The Baptist Hour," each week over 470 radio stations in 38 states and 11 nations.

This year for the first time the program is being broadcast in eastern Nigeria to an additional potential audience of 10,000,000 people.

Other programs of the same length and format are broadcast in Spanish (La Hora Bautista), Italian (Buone Novella), and a 15-minute version in Russian beamed across the iron curtain.

"MasterControl" is a 30-minute variety program produced by the commission which includes interviews with interesting people in all walks of life, popular music and brief vignettes of Christianity.

A 15-minute version of "MasterControl" is beamed via Trans-World Radio in Monte Carlo to Great Britain.

Other quarter-hour programs include "International Sunday School Lesson," taught by Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and "Chapel Upstairs," a devotional program offered daily to radio stations.

In the field of television, the Radio-TV Commission produces films under "The Answer" series for weekly use on an annual average of 125 television stations across the nation. Some have been shown also in Canada.

During the past six years, the Radio-TV Commission has released 62 full-color, half-hour films for use in "The Answer" television series. An estimated 100,000,000 people have viewed the films, prepared for the commission by Family Films, Inc., a religious film company in California.

Thousands of letters have poured into the commission office in Fort Worth in response to the television shows.

One woman wrote, "My husband, an unbeliever in God, liked the show and asked me to write to you for him. He would like the booklet you mentioned. Pray that God will save him."

Each day the Commission staff meets to pray for the people who write in response to the radio and television programs. As prayer requests come by mail each day the staff joins in a devotional

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Need for Common Sense

Too many pastors are unhappy with the churches they serve and too many churches are unhappy with the pastors who serve them. This has always been so to some extent but never to the degree it is in our day. This is surely partly due to the spirit of restlessness and anxiety which characterizes our age. Churches are never immune to the influence of the culture in which they exist.

A better explanation is to be found in the fact that as pastors and people we lack the maturity, responsibility, consecration, and common sense necessary for relationships on a high level.

Several years ago a member of a church of ninety members wrote to a denominational official saying that their church was without a pastor and that help was needed in finding the desired pastor. Here is the description of the man wanted:

We want a man who will appeal to the young people and yet will hold the respect of the old. We want a man who is a good mixer yet a deep thinker. A man who is an able preacher and a faithful pastor. A man who is sound in theology and progressive in his methods; we want a man who dresses attractively but we do not want a dandy. A man who will tend to the work of his church and yet be interested in all the affairs of the community.

The answer to the request was very short.

Dear Mrs. _____:

The man you want was crucified 2,000 years ago.

The request of this church member concerning a pastor is not an exaggeration. This is what nearly every church wants—someone as near like Jesus Christ as possible. The sad truth is that there just aren't many like this. Furthermore, often when a pastor begins to act like Jesus Christ, a church proceeds to crucify him.

This letter reveals what is highly desirable in a pastor—a man of balance and ordinary common sense. Why do many churches want a change in pastors and many pastors want a change in churches? It is not usually because of a moral lapse or other basic weaknesses on the part of the pastor or because of the demonic in the people. Usually it is due to the absence of just plain common sense on the part of the pastor, and the absence of emotional and spiritual maturity on the part of the members.

The Lord has endowed us with more common sense than we use. Common sense or plain "gumption," as

it has been called, is needed more than anything else. It tells us what is appropriate to say or do. Common sense tells the pastor he can't lord it over his people on the one hand, nor be a mollycoddle—letting everyone push him around—on the other hand. A preacher can't don a perpetual air of sanctimoniousness, give forth with a ministerial whine while oozing piety in all directions and keep the respect of his people. Neither can he become the life of the party in every crowd and be a civic or community errand boy and still command the spiritual respect of his congregation. Balance is golden.

For the people common sense ought to teach that being a preacher doesn't remove the humanity of a person. Nor does it necessarily take away all the preacher's personality quirks or faults. The preacher is still a man subject to as many or more temptations than any church member. He is to be accepted for what he is, always remembering that with encouragement and prayer he will grow into something greater. If you are tempted to complain for putting up with the pastor, remember he has to put up with you and many more like you.

It's not so much a matter of grinning and bearing it. It's a matter of praying and enjoying it.

GUEST EDITORIAL

"Go!" Not "Send!"

By Miss Barbara Westerfield

The following guest editorial was written by Miss Westerfield as a class assignment in her journalism course at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Its message deserves the serious consideration of every Southern Baptist.—Editor.

Can Southern Baptists really be called missionary Baptists? Is the name suitable when, according to the news on January 15, 1962, there were only 1,548 Southern Baptist missionaries serving outside this country?

Southern Baptists have more than 30,000 churches in America. A goal has been set to establish 30,000 more preaching stations during the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Does not this indicate that Southern Baptists are mission-minded? Let us look further into the mission endeavor. The 1960 Foreign Mission Board report indicates that at that time we had mission work in forty countries. At the same time there were more than twice that many countries in the United Nations! Can it be that we have misread the words "Go ye" in the Great Commission, substituting, instead, the words "Send ye"? What other reason could there be for the fact that 9,731,591 of us sit comfortably at home while only 1,548 serve abroad?

Perhaps the failure has been in the way the chal-

lenge of the Great Commission has been presented. Young people like to do something challenging, to take a dare, but the Christian life has been presented as one of ease. The challenge which the Christians of old received has been buried in an attempt to smooth the road. It is our task to dig away the debris which has filled the rough spots and to present the burning

challenge of our mission to young people who can meet it with vigor and enthusiasm.

When Southern Baptists truly become mission-minded there will be a much better ratio than one foreign missionary to approximately every twenty churches. Each of the 9,000,000 must consider the "Go ye" as his own personal commission from Christ.

BAPTIST FORUM



Beware of Success Mania

Editor:

Is it possible that the statement in the editorial of the October 26 edition of the *Western Recorder* is a statement of fact—I refer to "Unless we give better support to our schools, we can expect almost anything from them in trying to keep their doors open"—or is this but an instance of Oriental hyperbole? One could hope it is the latter, but there are indications, sufficient at least to warrant genuine concern, that it may be the former. Admittedly, the instance cited is "way out," but some others may be more nearly "on target."

As a former member of the Kentucky Committee on Public Affairs, I had more than one occasion to consider, with other concerned brethren, our Baptist problems on Separation of Church and State. We are not "Simon pure" in the matter. Doubtless it may be because of the breadth and diversity of Baptist life, but I venture to suggest that a more fundamental consideration may be the source. This may best be illustrated by one discussion related to "tax exempt" property which occurred in the above mentioned committee. One of our schools had just received a donation of considerable property to be set up as a "tax exempt" possession without immediately being converted directly to educational use. An official of the school told of being approached by a newspaper reporter with the question, "How do you reconcile the receipt of such tax exempt property with the Baptist position on Separation of Church and State?" After citing the well-known Southern Baptist Convention resolution favoring the taxation of church-owned income-producing property, the official answered, "If you play a ball game in which the rules are bad, though you may not like the rules you play the game nevertheless. We tried to pay tax on some such property and were told that the law would not permit it."

Might one ask if it is bad sportsman-

ship to quit the game in order to gain the principle and preserve a good Baptist conscience? Must we, after all, play the world's "game?" It may be remembered that one Roger Williams (whom Baptists in America like to claim as our "spiritual father") refused to be pastor of a church in Boston because it was established and maintained by public funds. At that particular point in his career, Williams was a whopping big failure by contemporary church standards. But aren't we glad he was! The point involved is whether one's desire for "success" dominates his sense of principle. The "Cross" at least means that out of worldly failure God will give the victory.

Our school leaders, certainly, are not alone, or perhaps even chiefly, the ones in our denomination faced with this dilemma. There is in every phase and on every level of church life the danger of allowing "practical" considerations to obscure basic ethical and religious principles. The "will to power," which, as Adler has observed, is so basic to our nature, may too easily be "sanctified" in the name of "mission concern." In its most extreme forms this danger becomes a reality in ecclesiastical tyranny and despotism. In such a situation there is no longer room for loving and constructive self-criticism. Ethically the consequence is an incapacity for giving a clear "Yes" or "No" on any question and full acquiescence to whatever is pragmatically expedient and feasible. Pious equivocation to the effect that "there numbers represent souls" or "this acquisition means advance for the Kingdom of God" scarcely conceals the morally dubious practice of "the end justifying the means." Theologically this results in defining the "Kingdom of God" as something man builds up instead of that which God brings in by His own power. In such a situation, the "unpardonable sin" is to be a "failure," even for Christ's sake.

By this I do not mean to suggest that I believe that Baptists generally and

finally have surrendered to the "success" temptation. Rather is this intended as a sincere self-examination of Baptist life, "self" examination because I stand within the Baptist circle. The temptation we face is "like unto" that which our Lord faced when tempted to do the spectacular in order to win the world. In whatever guise it comes to us, the "success mania" amounts to the worship of Satan.

Nor is this intended as a recommendation of "failure," as such. Rather do I mean to suggest that the truest success is sometimes through apparent failure. It is the truest because it is God's success. Refusing to succeed at the expense of Christian principle amounts to the highest success in the service of God. It is better to lose a good fight than to win a bad one, any day.

Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland Joseph R. Estes

A Layman Agrees

Editor:

Congratulations on your editorial in December 7 *Western Recorder* "An Unused Reservoir of Power." As an active layman, I have for years in Eastern, Central Kentucky and now in Western Kentucky "preached" the need in Kentucky of returning many of our capable ordained ministers to their calling and replacing them on an Associational, State and South-wide Boards, Committees and Commissions, with capable laymen.

At our Blood River Associational District Meeting in October of this year, I was one of only three laymen appearing on the two-day program and I took advantage of another opportunity to try to challenge my fellow laymen to the fact that they had shirked their responsibilities of leadership in our denominational life, resulting in the necessity of almost complete domination by our minister brethren. I wholeheartedly support your suggestion that we amend our present constitution to guarantee laymen part in all phases of our denominational leadership in Kentucky. Without criticizing any of our minister brethren, it has been my feeling for some time that many of the administrative positions should have been in the hands of capable, experienced laymen.

Benton, Ky. A. Joe Asher



George E. Lease is the new director of religious education at the Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, where Dr. Eugene I. Enlow is pastor. Brother Lease attended Pennsylvania State University and the Lancaster School of Theology. He served five years in home missions in the northwest under the sponsorship of Village Missions. He was assistant pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, Mich., before coming to Louisville nearly three years ago to direct the Louisville Friends of Israel. He and his wife have three children—Debbie, 10; David, 8; and Donna Susan, 5. They were members at Walnut Street Church and were active in the music program there before going to Bethany Church.

Mrs. Sarah Rogers Fox, Widow of Dr. Arthur Fox, Died January 13

Mrs. Arthur Fox, Morristown, Tennessee, widow of the late Dr. Arthur Fox, died on January 13, 1962, after a long illness. Mrs. Fox was born in Bristol, Tennessee. She was the former Sarah Enfield Rogers. While attending Carson-Newman College she met and married Mr. Fox who preceded her in death October 26, 1959. During Dr. Fox's ministry they made their home in Newport, Mariana and Hope, Arkansas; Paris, Mayfield and Louisville, Kentucky, and Morristown, Tennessee. Dr. Fox served as an evangelist for 25 years, during that time Mrs. Fox made her home in Morristown, Tennessee; Louisville and Georgetown, Kentucky. For several years Mrs. Fox was a beloved housemother of one of the girls' dormitories at Mars Hill College in North Carolina.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Hudson Hicks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Morristown; Dr. Leo Eddleman, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana; and a son, Paul Fox,

O. W. Yates Given This-Is-Your-Life Citation

LEXINGTON, Ky.—A surprise tenth anniversary celebration in honor of Dr. O. W. Yates, pastor of Rosemont Baptist Church, and his wife, was the highlight of the evening, January 5, 1962. The celebration was held in Fellowship Hall at the church educational building with about 325 present. The festivities began with a covered dish supper, which was followed by a "This-Is-Your-Life" presentation of Dr. Yates' illustrious life. Bill Curl, associate pastor, was the master of ceremonies and narrated the presentation of Dr. Yates' life. Dr. Frank F. Norfleet, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church of Paducah, Kentucky, and a former student of Dr. Yates, was the main speaker and gave an inspiring talk, entitled, "A Tribute to a Great Man." At the conclusion of the program, Dr. and Mrs. Yates were presented with a silver tray.

Dr. Otis Webster Yates was born near Morrisville, North Carolina; graduated from Wake Forest College with B.A. degree; received the Th.M. from Southern Seminary; honored with the D.D. degree from Georgetown College and later received the Ph.D. from George Peabody College. He married Miss Margaret Elizabeth Cully of Louisville in 1917. He taught Bible and Greek in our Baptist colleges for 28 years; came to Georgetown College to lead in the construction of John L. Hill Chapel; in 1949 he yielded to the request of the trustees of the Central Baptist Hospital to lead in its construction. Then when they needed a hospital administrator, he resigned and accepted the pastorate of the Rosemont Baptist Church, on January 1, 1952.

COUPLE HEARS PROBLEM ANSWER ON CAR RADIO

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period to petition God in behalf of those who write.

The Radio-TV Commission is involved, however, in a great many things besides the production of radio and television programs.

There are 10 departments of the commission, each with its own responsibility, and each working toward the commission's common goal. A promo-

pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Survivors include four children, they are: Mrs. C. Frank Davis, Morristown; Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman, New Orleans, Louisiana; Pastor Paul Fox, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Arthur Fox, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Interment was in Jarnagin Cemetery, Morristown, Tennessee.

tion department creates news releases, posters, letters and booklets with the assistance of the art department. The printing department prints, addresses and mails the items.

Another department contacts radio and television stations to provide outlets for the programs, and another distributes more than 1,000 tapes and films to these stations every week. Still another department produces a monthly packet-size magazine, "The Beam."

The commission is composed of 31 members, both laymen and pastors, elected by messengers to the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

As other Convention agencies do, the Radio-TV Commission operates under activities assigned it directly by the Convention. In its budget report on these activities to the 1961 Convention, it listed its 1961 income as: \$475,000 through Cooperative Program, \$95,000 from fan mail, \$40,000 from film royalties and rentals. With smaller sums from other sources, its budget totalled \$640,000.

Stevens said the years ahead for radio and television ministry will be "tremendous."

Green Acres Sanctuary, Louisville, Is Dedicated

The new sanctuary of the Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, was recently dedicated. Speaker at the dedication service was Kentucky Baptist Executive Secretary Harold G. Sanders.

The Green Acres Church began as a mission of the Farmdale Baptist Church on May 22, 1955, with only 65 in Sunday school and 30 in Training Union.

The church was constituted on July 1, 1956, with 157 members. In the five years since then the Sunday school enrollment has grown to 863 and the Training Union membership to 339.

In 1961, some 201 new members were received into the Green Acres fellowship. Ninety-four of these were by letter and 107 by baptism.

The Sunday school averaged 505 per Sunday during 1961 and the Training Union had an average of 215 each Sunday.

Tithes and offerings for the year amounted to \$61,571.29.

The sanctuary is the third part of a four stage building program. The first unit of the educational plant was built in 1955 with the second unit of educational space being added in 1957. Architects are already designing another two-story education plant for future construction.

Don M. Randolph is the Green Acres pastor.



Walnut Street, Louisville, Expresses Regret on Going of R. K. Wells

The Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, has accepted the resignation of Ronald K. Wells as minister of music with much regret, and they have adopted resolutions about his work with them and his departure to perform a similar work with the First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas.

"Our hearts are full of gratitude for his varied gifts so utterly consecrated to Christ and to our church and to the entire Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ," the resolution read.

"He has given himself to each and all in the entire program of our church. He has so often quoted pertinent Scripture before beginning the song announced, which showed the import of the hymn's meaning and message in the Word of God. He has sought for us all the blessings of unanimous singing in the worship. He has lived in close fellowship with our blessed young people, stimulating their devotion and call to various phases of the Kingdom work. He is by nature humble and retiring; this has been demonstrated when other evangelistic singers were in our church for special revival services. He has fully shared with the church the gifts in music of his talented and equally

Awards Given In Anthem Competition

NASHVILLE—Broadman Press announces award winners in its 1961 Anthem Competition:

First Place, "Praise the Lord, Alleluia," by W. Glen Darst, executive secretary of the Rotary Club of Ft. Worth, Tex.

Second Place, "The Living Word," by Edwin T. Karhu, minister of music, First Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Third Place, "Come and Hear," by John Lewis, organist and choirmaster, Trinity Episcopal Church, Aurora, Ill.

Fourth Place, "Eternal Monarch, King

devoted family, and the Wells Quartet has blessed our minds at home, or in conventions and other gatherings of which we were the host, or to which he sent messengers. The music program of our church has a southwide fame because of Ronald K. Wells."

The resolutions conclude by expressing "deep and abiding gratitude to Brother Wells and his family for the great service rendered for so many years to the spirituality and beauty of our public worship."

The special committee which drew up the statement and presented it to the church for its adoption was composed of W. C. Taylor, Joe D. Cross, Kenton R. Hayes, and Lorena Elkins.

This new two-story educational building was recently dedicated by members of the De Haven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange. The building is 170 feet by 48 feet. It provides for Nursery, the Beginner, the Junior, and the Intermediate and has a pastors study and secretary's office.

The cost of the building was \$100,000 with only \$53,000 indebtedness.

Dedication service speakers were George W. Redding, chairman of the Religion Department, Georgetown College, and C. R. Daley, editor, Western Recorder.

A. L. Meacham is pastor and Alton Ross served as chairman of the Building Committee.

Most High," by Robert J. Powell, organist-choir director, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Meridian, Miss.

Fifth Place, "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God," by Even Lekberg, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

The competition was started two years ago to encourage contemporary composers of church music to direct their creative abilities toward the needs of present church music programs. The anthem competition is held in odd years, and a hymn-writing competition is held in even years.

Anthems of the award winners will be published in the "Church Musician," monthly periodical of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, during 1962. Those persons receiving honorable mention are being given contracts either for publication in the magazine or in octavo form.

Honorable mentions are: "God Give Us Peace," by Allen James, Silver Springs, Md.; "He That Would Love Life," by Laurel Rittenhouse, East Palestine, Ohio; "Holy Spirit of God," by Hamilton McLean, Los Angeles, Cal.; "Blessed Be the God and Father," by Mrs. Thomas Gibbs, Birmingham, Ala.; "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God," by T. W. (Jack) Dean, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and "Thou Dost Keep Him," by Louise Swan, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Christ's Undelegated Authority

By Joseph Nordenhaug, Gen. Sec'y., Baptist World Alliance

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An article in the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, commenting on the discussion of Christian unity at the recent assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, states that "Christian unity can be realized only through a Catholic-type hierarchy presided over by an infallible authority."

This candid restatement of the old Roman Catholic position on infallibility calls for an equally candid statement by those of us who have "an acute and vivid consciousness of the sovereignty of Christ, accompanied by a steadfast determination to secure the complete and consistent recognition of His personal, direct and undelegated authority over the souls of men."*

There is no evidence in the New Testament that Jesus envisioned a hierarchy presided over by an infallible authority. The authority of the church set forth in the sixteenth and eighteenth chapters of the Gospel of Matthew flows not from flesh and blood, but from God (16-18), and from the presence of Christ among his disciples (18:20). Christ promised that after his departure the Holy Spirit would be his advocate on earth to instruct and guide his followers into all the truth (John 14:16; 16:13).

Many of our friends in the Roman Catholic Church will say that individual freedom of interpretation leads to fragmentation of the Christian forces and competition between groups which believe they have the final truth. This is admittedly a danger. We deplore just as deeply the tendency of men to assume infallibility within the free churches as within the Roman Catholic Church. Yet the abuse of freedom is not reason for giving it up. It requires Christian humility and a deep sense of personal responsibility to claim the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free (Gal. 5:13-16).

In decrying the tendencies to fragmentation we should not overlook the growing sense of cohesion among those who hold that personal faith is the prerequisite for church membership. Despite differences and the absence of central ecclesiastical authority they

march together in world-wide missionary, evangelistic and benevolent endeavors with a sense of devotion and holy urgency which is borne, we believe, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Faith in Jesus Christ must always be personal, but it is never private. Our relation to Christ, the head of the church, involves us in specific relations with our fellow believers, our neighbors, and all the world. Personal Christian faith carries with it solemn responsibilities for the welfare of our fellow men.

The doctrine of direct personal access to God in Christ may harbor a certain danger of individualism, but we believe the danger in an authoritarian ecclesiastical institution is greater. History bears ample testimony concerning the horrors accompanying the attempts to coerce people to conform to official doctrines. Unaccountable thousands of "heretics" were tortured, drowned, and burned at the stake because an authoritarian church arrogated infallibility.

We do not believe that Christ ever delegated his power to a "hierarchy presided over by an infallible authority." We believe that the authority is still in the hands of him who said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18).

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Religious News in Review

The Kentucky Scene

The Penn Street Mission, Cynthiana, was constituted into the **Victory Baptist Church** on January 21 in an afternoon service. Executive Secretary **Harold G. Sanders** assisted in the service.

The **Shiloh Baptist Church** was admitted to the **Christian County Association** in September.

The **Woodland Avenue Baptist Church** is a new church in Elkhorn Association being constituted on October 1. **Walter Price** is pastor.

West Broadway Baptist Church, Graves County, has been organized with 18 members coming out of the **Oak Grove Church**.

Two Kentuckians have prepared material for the February issue of *Ambassador Life*. **Ruby Tarrance, Bremen**, is the author of two stories, "Providing for Aunt Lettie" and "Takahisi Onuki". **Charles Chaney, Oak Grove**, is author of "A Macedonian Call in Mid-twentieth Century."

Lowell Wright, Fulton County Association coordinator, has resigned to accept the post of area missionary in northwest Indiana. He will be working with the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana and the Home Mission Board of the S.B.C. in organizing new missions and churches.

Dr. Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, was the guest speaker at special **Missionary Day** services February 7 at **Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville**.

Dr. W. E. Denham visiting professor of Bible at **Clear Creek Baptist School**, was in **Houston, Texas**, recently leading a Bible study at **River Oaks Baptist Church**. In his absence, **Dr. Fred T. Moffett, Frankfort**, taught the Bible classes at the **Clear Creek School**.

The Washington Scene

Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, visited 45 minutes with **President Kennedy** at the White House recently. Hobbs explained that the visit with the President was informal and personal. He thanked the President for the strong position on separation of church and state that he has maintained. The two men exchanged books. Hobbs gave Kennedy a copy of his latest book, "Christ in You," and Kennedy gave Hobbs a copy of his book, "To Turn The Tide."

The new speaker of the House of Representatives, **John W. McCormack** (D., Mass.) and four Protestant leaders exchanged views on legislative problems in a two-hour conference in his office. The group included **C. Emanuel Carlson**, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs;

Oswald C. J. Hoffman, director of public relations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; **Dean M. Kelley**, executive director of the Department of Religious Liberty, National Council of Churches; and **Carl F. Henry**, editor of *Christianity Today*.

Although the speaker repeated his position favoring a program of long-term, low-interest loans to private schools for the construction of facilities to teach non-sectarian subjects, he assured the group that he would not block education legislation for public schools that does not include such provisions. **McCormack** agreed with the Protestant leaders that the freedom of the churches must be preserved.

Senator Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.) declares that America's educational system must be improved and that separation of church and state must be maintained. The senator's remarks were made as he inserted in the *Congressional Record* a speech that he had made earlier to the American Affairs Forum at West Virginia State College in Institute, W. Va. Randolph also declared that Federal aid to higher education must be considered on a different constitutional basis than aid to elementary and secondary education.

Representative James J. Delaney (D., N.Y.), who helped kill public school legislation in the Congress last year because it did not include parochial schools, has introduced a new type of school bill in the House. Delaney would authorize for a two-year period an annual grant of \$20 per school child, whether he attends public or private school. In the case of children attending public school, the money would be paid to the local school board. In the case of parochial school children, the money would be paid to the parent or legal guardian. There is little likelihood that Delaney's bill will get very far in Congress because it does not have the backing of the Administration nor of the various educational groups of the country, and also faces hard core opposition from those who would maintain separation of church and state.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has called for a full debate on the church-state issues in bills now before Congress providing Federal aid to public and church colleges. Carlson in a statement sent to every member of Congress said that "a number of influential Congressional leaders are of the opinion that what is constitutional in higher education is also constitutional for secondary and elementary schools." Many of the proponents of government aid to all colleges say that federal help for higher

education should not be considered in the same constitutional category as elementary and secondary education.

Baptists Here and There

The **Progressive Care Center of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital** in **Winston-Salem** is featured in the February 13 issue of *LOOK* magazine.

West Virginia 30,000 report for 1961 shows two new churches were received under watchcare by associations, and nine new missions were begun during the year. To God be the Glory!

Now available without charge is the **Baptist Sunday School Board's** organizational brochure. The 36-page pictorial review includes a brief historical account, the Board's 19 programs and methods of implementing them, and other features of interest to Southern Baptists. These free requests are filled by writing: **Service Division Director's Office, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, N., Nashville 3, Tenn.**

Three personnel changes at the **Baptist Sunday School Board** have been announced. **Mrs. Lorell C. Burns**, Book Store Department exhibits supervisor, has been named manager of the **Baptist Book Store** in **Lubbock, Texas**. She will succeed **James T. Johns** who will be transferred to **Nashville** as salesman in the **Wholesale Sales Department**. **Lamar Maffett**, presently manuscript editor in the **Broadman Books Department**, will become editor of administration materials in **Training Union Department**.

Evan Allard Reiff, president of **Hardin-Simmons University** for the past 8½ years has resigned effective July 1, or earlier should a successor be chosen or other proper arrangements be made by the board of trustees. Reiff said he had no immediate plans for the future.

C. E. Copeland, 70, administrator of **Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis**, will retire March 1. He has been with the institution for 26 years, first as financial secretary and director of public relations, then as administrator.

Baptists in **Kansas City** have taken an active stand on enforcement of **Missouri's Sunday closing laws**. **Paul M. Lambert**, associational missionary in **Kansas City**, said the **Pastor's Conference** commended the state attorney general for enforcing so-called blue laws.

Five Japanese Baptist leaders called for a united Japanese and American prayer effort in preparation for a vast spiritual revival in Japan in 1963. The chairman of the evangelism department for the **Japan Baptist Convention** said he hoped Baptist churches in the **United States** could pick "prayer partner" churches in Japan and pray earnestly that they would see great results in the five-week crusade in Japan next year. Evangelist **Billy Graham** will participate in the crusade as a major speaker, but the crusade would primarily be a Japanese Baptist-led evangelistic effort.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Ky. Baptist Foundation To Receive the Balance Of Large Darnaby Estate

By A. M. Vollmer, Exec. Secy.-Treas.

Several years ago Miss Susie Darnaby, of Lexington, Ky., passed away, leaving a sizeable estate. Approximately two-thirds, or \$1,000,000.00 was to go to the Foreign Mission Board, with the income from the investment to pay the salaries of foreign missionaries; and one-third or \$50,000.00 was to go to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the income from the investment to provide the salaries of state missionaries.

Last year the Foundation received a first installment, or \$35,000.00 of the State Convention's share of the estate. Last week the balance, or approximately \$14,000.00, after some legal expenses were deducted, was received.

Many Baptists in Kentucky could do what Miss Darnaby did, thus honoring the Lord and saving large sums in estate and inheritance taxes.

Training Union

Group Learning Clinic . . . On Programming

By Bob Wayne

Miss Margaret Sharp, Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced the program procedure for the South-wide Training Union Group - Learning Clinic, February 12-16, at Bellevue Baptist Church.



Bob Wayne

In both morning and evening sessions each day, emphasis will be placed on one or two of the "Steps in Planning for Group Learning." Four sessions each day will comprise a "unit" of study. Two of these will be held in the morning, two in the evening. In each instance, a general session will be followed by age-group conferences.

Morning Schedule

The general session in the morning

will concern itself with the educational significance of "Step" being considered that day. This will be followed by age-group conferences in which curriculum materials will be analyzed to determine how and where that "Step" appears in them.

Evening Schedule

Evening activities will begin with a general session giving practical demonstrations of the "Step" or "Steps" being studied that day. For example, on Wednesday evening there will be demonstrations of methods that may be used in group learning situations. In the age group conferences that follow, plans will be made for a specific unit or units, probably those to be used in March.

Sessions will be held each afternoon (Tuesday thru Friday) from two-thirty to four o'clock. Each conference leader will present the same information each day. A person attending all four days will attend four different conferences and thus, study in four different areas.

These conferences are designed to meet the needs and interest of everyone. Children's workers will find several in their age group level:

- "Telling Stories to Children"
- "An Environment for Learning"
- "Using Art Materials with Primaries"
- "Music for Learning with Primaries and Beginners"
- "Using Nature Materials with Children"

Junior and Intermediate workers will be interested in "How to Plan With Juniors and Intermediates." They will also find help in such conferences as:

- "How to Use Role Playing"
- "How to Use Dramatic Methods"
- "How to Use Problem Solving"
- "How to Make and Use Suitable Learning Aids"

Other conferences are:

- "How to Apply Group Learning Principles to Church Activities"
- "How to Find and Use Supplementary Materials"
- "Principles for Effective Follow-Through and Interpretation of Curriculums"

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Woman's Missionary Union

Honor Associations

By Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

We extend heartiest congratulations to Little Bethel Association, Mrs. Labe Cole, president. This is the only Association in Kentucky which achieved Honor recognition on Associational Aims for Advancement for this past year. Awards to this and to the Honor W.M.U.'s in the churches will come from Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., later in the year.



Mrs. Ferguson

HONOR W.M.U.'s

We are very happy over an increase again this past year, in the number of Honor W.M.U.'s in the churches. An Honor W.M.U. consists of an Honor W.M.S., one or more Honor Y.W.A.'s, one or more Honor G.A.'s, one or more Honor Sunbeam Bands, with all other youth organizations in existence in October qualifying as Approved or Advanced. We extend heartiest congratulations to the following Honor W.M.U.'s, their presidents and their pastors: Edgewood, Hopkinsville, Mrs. L. H. Sorrells, president, Rev. L. H. Sorrells, pastor; Dry Ridge, Mrs. Fred H. Turpin, president, Rev. Kenneth Cole, pastor; Second, Madisonville, Mrs. Charles Lacy, president, Rev. W. T. Anderson, pastor; First, Jeffersonton, Mrs. Ivan Cowley, president, Rev. Edward Straney, pastor; First, Central City, Mrs. Herbert Whitmer, president, Rev. W. R. Cook, pastor; Mt. Pleasant, Owen County, Mrs. A. L. Walker, president, Rev. Charles Rice, pastor; First, Somerset, Mrs. Ray Correll, president, Rev. Eldred M. Taylor, pastor; High Street, Somerset, Mrs. Richard Simpson, president, Rev. R. A. Hill, pastor; First, Russell Springs, Mrs. Lacona Bernard, president, Rev. S. B. Rowe, pastor; Vine Grove, Severn's Valley Association, Mrs. W. H. McGinnis, president, Rev. W. H. McGinnis, pastor.

Honor Associations and Honor W.M.U.'s in the churches will be recognized at the State Meeting to be held at Crescent Hill Church, Louisville, April 10-12 Kentucky has a total of ten Honor W.M.U.'s this year as compared with

seven last year. Mt. Pleasant, Owen County, First, Somerset, High Street, Somerset have achieved this high recognition for three successive years; Second, Madisonville, Vine Grove and First, Central City for two successive years.



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Sunday School

Long Run to Have Adult Workshop

By Roy E. Boatwright

Long Run Association will have an Adult workshop on February 19-20, under the direction of Chester L. Igleheart, superintendent of promotion, Long Run, in cooperation with the Sunday School Department of Kentucky. The meeting will be held with the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. Lunch will be served by the church. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. and night sessions are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Outstanding Adult specialists will serve on the faculty: Dr. C. Winfield Rich, Dr. W. W. Adams, Dr. Robert Proctor, Mrs. John T. Sizemore, Dr. Ernest J. Loessner, Dr. D. Swan Harworth, Dr. Roy E. Boatwright, Rev. Francis R. Tallant, Mr. Eugene F. Quinn and A. B. Colvin. Mr. Dale Aldridge and Mr. William Walden will be presiding at some of the sessions.

Demonstrations on "Adult Class Officers on Sunday Morning" and "Monthly Business Meetings" will be given by Jim Nolen and Paul Miller.

All Adult department officers, Adult teachers, class officers, class members, pastors, and Sunday school superintendents should attend.

The Long Run Association extends an invitation to the adjacent associations to participate in this worthy program.

Stewardship Promotion

How One Church Helped To Solve Our Problems

By Robert J. Hastings

Letters continue to come, telling of churches which have revised their 1962 budgets so as to give more for world missions through the Cooperative Program. John T. Wallace writes:



R. J. Hastings

"Dear Mr. Sanders: For the past year our church has struggled under some very heavy burdens, while trying to overcome serious obstacles to our growth. We are still not clear of these and face the need of moving our location. We are, however, seeing a turn of the tide in spirit and finances. In gratitude to God and with a sense of obligation to His work, we are trying to climb back in our mission giving to where we have been in the past—and then go beyond that.

"Our church, therefore, in business session voted to increase our Cooperative Program giving in 1962 by \$520 beyond what we had originally planned. I am personally very happy to know you are leading our Kentucky Baptist work, and pray God's ever increasing blessings on you and your helpers."

John T. Wallace is pastor of the Felix Memorial Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky.

Church Music

Southeastern Festivals Meet At Pineville and Corbin

By Eugene F. Quinn

An Adult-Youth Festival will be held at the First Baptist Church of Pineville on Friday night, March 9, and a festival for children below 13 years of age will meet at the First Baptist Church of Corbin on Saturday afternoon, March 3, according to Regional Music Director, Ronald Sholar.



Ronald Sholar

Registration should be sent to Mr. Sholar at Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan, Kentucky, immediately. Please note the new dates; the formerly announced dates were in February.

Successful Mitchellsburg Revival

The Mitchellsburg Baptist Church in Boyle County has recently experienced an unusual revival in which 40 people accepted Christ by profession of faith and 12 united with the church by letter. Brother W. K. Wood, evangelist from Ashland, served as the evangelist and Silas Duggins, song leader of the Junction City Baptist Church, led the music for the revival. The pastor at Mitchellsburg is W. G. Crossfield.

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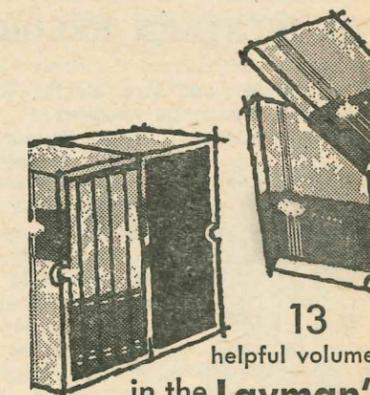
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WESTERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL TO OPEN NEW FOURTH FLOOR NEXT MONDAY AT PADUCAH

The new \$250,000 fourth-floor addition of the Western Baptist Hospital will be opened at Paducah, Kentucky, for patients on Monday, February 12. The new wing was dedicated on January 24. Dr. Harold G. Sanders was one of the speakers on that occasion.

This project was completed without any additional indebtedness to the hospital.

An open house to the public was conducted on January 28, at which time many interested persons took a tour throughout the facilities of the entire building, as well as the new portion.

The occasion of the opening of the new facilities was also used for the graduation exercises of the first class of the School of Practical Nursing, at which time thirteen of its seventeen enrollees were graduated and promoted to become members of their permanent hospital staff.

The new facilities will provide 31 additional beds, which, when added to

the original 119 beds, makes a present capacity of 150 beds, according to Ben Brewer, administrator of the hospital.

Above each bed a wall unit contains plug-ins for vacuum and oxygen, light for illumination, for reading, and a swing-out light for examination purposes. Also a small radio speaker and a hook for hanging blood plasma jars are there.

Unlike the regular hospital beds, the new beds can be lowered to ordinary bed height and their angles changed—all by electricity.

The new fourth floor facilities provide space for visitors for patients who may be critically ill.

The addition brings the total investment in Western Baptist Hospital up to \$1,957,315.28, according to Brewer, and more plans are in the offing for future expansion in the coming years. The administrator hopes that the next plans will include an expansion of the lobby, the pharmacy, the laundry, and a place for cleaning, storing, and purchasing.

THE WESTERN RECORDER LOSES A VALENTINE

The late Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacob Philipps of Louisville received a "valentine" on February 14, 1897. Rumor has it—and who are we to doubt it?—that said "valentine" was a beautiful baby, and was delivered promptly—right on time. On arrival, it is said he did not have a hair on his head. He was the only such "valentine" these parents had ever received on a February 14, so they signalized the day and the event by making "Valentine" his middle name. Thus it was that Clarence Valentine Philipps came into the big, wide world.

For the last nearly twenty years this same Clarence Valentine Philipps has been a pressman for the Western Recorder, and, since he is now about to become sixty-five years of age, he will reach retirement age on this approaching February 14, 1962. So, the Western Recorder is about to "lose" a Valentine.

In his early life Philipps attended the Louisville City Schools for his education. He went to work as an apprentice pressman at the Kentucky Lithograph Company in 1917. He joined the U. S. Navy in June, 1918, and served his country 19 months during World War I. When he was mustered out he re-

turned to the Kentucky Lithograph Company and worked there again until 1924. He next became a pressman for the Acme Printing Company, and remained there twenty-one years. In 1943 he came to the Western Recorder and has been here for 19½ years.

Of him, Robert L. Pogue, business manager of the Western Recorder says, "He was not only a faithful employee, but also a highly skilled craftsman, one of whom it could be said that he was 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.'"

Forty years ago in 1921 he and Miss Ruth Beam were married. They have two children: Mrs. Frank Evridge, now of Lexington, Ky.; and C. Marvin Philipps, a technician at WHAS-TV, Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Philipps have four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Philipps has been a member of the Clifton Baptist Church for thirty-nine years, and his wife for even longer. He was converted during the pastorate of the late Dr. E. Cecil Stevens, long the pastor at Clifton. He has served both as a Sunday school teacher and as a deacon.

Mr. Philipps will be greatly missed by his fellow-employees at the Western Recorder Print Shop and Office. They wish for him many years of usefulness in his church work and in whatever line of vocational and avocational work and recreation he may wish to pursue in his years of retirement.

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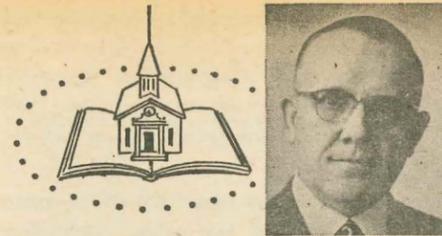
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Life is divine in its origin, mysterious in its nature and magnificent in its possibilities. The sacredness of human life is decreed by God. Various passages in His Word stress the importance of safeguarding life. Our attitude toward life is determined by our relationship to and attitude toward God. If we are right in our relationship with Him and are serving Him acceptably, we will not have any disposition to abuse life.

I. The Commandment. Exodus 20:13.

This commandment may be rendered more clearly, "Thou shalt not commit murder." Murder is wrong. It is not only a sin against one's fellow man, but it is also an affront to God. No man has any right to take that which he neither gave nor can restore. Because of the sanctity of human life God gave this commandment prohibiting personal hatred or revenge which issues in murder. The individual does not have any right to take personal vengeance upon an offender. Instead, in obedience to the Scriptures, man should regard life as a precious trust to be cultivated and used and not to be destroyed.

This commandment refers only to human beings, who have been made in the image of God. In it there is no application whatever to the killing of animals for food. In order to support their eat-no-meat program, there are those who go so far as to say that we have here a prohibition against the taking of all animal life. That their conclusion is unwarranted is clearly evident from the fact that God Himself told the people what animals they could eat (Lev. 11).

Accidental killings are not murders. The writer knows a Christian locomotive engineer who was unable to stop his train in time to avoid killing a tramp who was walking between the rails. But such a regrettable incident was not murder, for murder implies malice. Murder is the taking of human life on one's own initiative for revenge or some other evil motive.

Does the Bible forbid capital punishment? No. God's first decree for man's government was a specific pronouncement that for murder the penalty is death. "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man." Genesis 9:6. God Himself established capital punishment for the crime of murder,

and He has never revoked it. He purposed that murder should be punished by execution, and murder and execution are two entirely different acts. In Exodus 21 He laid down certain laws with reference to capital punishment. While our Saviour was here in the flesh criminals were being put to death, and we do not have any record that He ever raised His voice in protest. Various agitators have conducted extensive campaigns against the infliction of the death penalty upon those who, by maliciously taking the lives of others, have forfeited their right to live, but they have not been able to change God's Word on this subject.

II. The Comment. Matthew 5:21-26.

With passing reference to the commandment discussed under our first point, Christ proceeded to trace the sin of murder to its very root. In doing so, He made the person who thinks murderous thoughts or possesses murderous wrath as guilty as the one who commits a murderous deed. He thus cut right through the outward aspects of the matter and pointed out that an angry hatred in the heart is the root of all murder. Since murder is the result of anger, the Master warned all that to let anger have a place in the life is simply paving the way for murder. Christ warned that to keep from killing is obedience to the letter of the law, but to keep from hating is obedience to the spirit of the law. Anger not only causes one to harm others, but it has a very injurious effect upon one's own life. One cannot play with evil and not reap undesirable results.

Being angry means having a desire to do another a personal injury, which is the wrong attitude and for it one must give an account. Calling another "Raca," which is an expression of contempt implying that he has a mental deficiency, and is both useless and worthless, indicates a desire to injure his reputation. To say to another, "Thou fool," which is an expression of condemnation implying that he has a moral deficiency, indicates a desire to injure his character.

From the teaching of Christ, from observation, and from experience one learns that it is better to suffer injury or to accept an unreasonable settlement and to stay out of court than it is to go to law.

God loves each man whom He has created and He does not want him to be injured physically, mentally, morally, or spiritually.

III. The Comparison. Luke 12:4-7.

Our Lord called His disciples "my friends." He loved them dearly, took them into His intimate confidence, revealed to them what He had learned from His Father, and gave them the very best advice that was available from any source. Christ wanted them to be on their guard against the hypocritical Pharisees, but He admonished them not to be afraid of them, for the very worst they could do to them would be to put them to death. In that event they would be at home with the Lord in perfect bliss.

After challenging His disciples to be courageous, Christ urged them to maintain a filial fear toward God, like that which an obedient child would have lest he disobey his loving father and thereby grieve him.

Regardless of what may happen, Christians must never conclude that God has forgotten them. Christ emphasized the fact that sparrows were considered to be of very little value; they were sold at two for one farthing and five for two farthings. Yet, even those extremely cheap birds received their lives, food and protection from God, and nothing could injure one of them without His knowledge and permission. Inasmuch as His providential care reaches to these small creatures, He will certainly do far more for rational human beings, and especially for those who are His beloved children. There is no comparison between the worth of a sparrow and a person. If the hairs on the heads of our Lord's disciples were numbered and as highly regarded as sparrows, their persons and lives most assuredly were of much more value, and therefore would receive His perfect protective care.

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Baptist Beliefs -- Heaven

By Herschel H. Hobbs

The Greek word of heaven (*ouranos*) carried three meanings: the aerial heavens where clouds and birds are (Luke 4:25; 9:54); the starry heavens (Mark 13:25); and the highest heaven where God dwells (Matt. 5:34; Rev. 4:1). Bible teachings about heaven in this last sense are restrained. It exhausts language in describing its glory (I Cor. 2:9). Since the language is largely symbolic, the reality must be greater than the symbol.

Heaven is a place (John 14:2), but the Bible does not locate it. However, it is where God and Christ are, and that will be heaven enough. It is a place of glory. Gold and precious stones (Rev. 21:18ff.) suggest moral values; white robes (Rev. 6:11) imply purity; there will be leaves for healing (Rev. 22:2) and crowns for victory (Rev. 4:10). The "unclean" will not be there (Rev. 21:27).

Heaven will be relief (Rev. 21:4, 13). It is reward. Rewards will be in degree to the Christian's service on earth (Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-17). Some will be saved "as by fire" (I Cor. 3:14-15). The

soul will be saved, but the works will be burned. To all the saved is promised victory over Satan.

Heaven will also mean realization. The "white stone" (Rev. 2:17) probably means fullness of personality. It involves complete knowledge (I Cor. 13:8-10); ideal service (Rev. 22:3-4) and worship (Rev. 21:22); perfect fellowship with God (Heb. 12:22-23; Rev. 7:4-11); holiness of character (Rev. 3:5; 21:27); fullness of life (Matt. 25:46); and fellowship with Christ (John 14:3; Rev. 3:21).

Heaven will mean appreciation (Rev. 15:3). There Christ will receive praise and honor (Rev. 4:10-11; 5:9-12).

Heaven will mean endless growth (I Cor. 13:12; Eph. 3:18-19). With the hindrances of the flesh removed, we shall go on growing in grace and knowledge of Christ in an endless eternity.

Comparing Genesis 2:8-25 and Revelation 22:1-5, it appears that heaven will embody the restoration of the conditions of Eden.



Deacons and pastor of the Lockport Baptist Church, Henry County Association (left to right): William Maye, Melvin Beverly, Everett Robinson, chairman, Pastor B. C. McMurray, Albert Moore, Gene Carter, Edward McCardwell and W. C. Hearne.

Note Burning and Dedication at Lockport Church

The Lockport Baptist Church, Lockport, Ky., had a note-burning and dedi-

cation service at the Sunday morning worship service, January 14, for the

electric organ purchased three years ago, and the new Broadman Hymnals for choir and congregation. The church begins its new year completely debt-free—an unique record in the history of the church.

Also, for the first time in the history of the church, the pastor conducted a baptismal service at this time of the year. This service was held at the Pleasureville Baptist Church.

Another recent accomplishment of the Lockport Church is that 75 families are receiving the *Western Recorder*, the State Baptist paper, on the 20-10-10 plan.

Pastor McMurray says, "The spirit in which these accomplishments have been made is one of humility to God for His glory."

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Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

By Miss Ione Gray, Director of Press Relations, Richmond, Va.

**Gifts to Foreign Missions
Total \$17,935,615 in 1961**

Southern Baptists gave \$17,935,615 and 103 new missionaries for overseas work in 1961. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Foreign Mission Board in its January meeting. "We thank God for his gracious provisions and commit ourselves afresh to the great stewardship which is involved in this task," he said.

Examining world mission need ("the 1,548 foreign missionaries now under appointment to 47 countries are only a token") and reviewing progress in 1961, Dr. Cauthen hastened to say that the real standards of missionary service are unmeasurable: "the heroic qualities—steadfastness, faith, and courage—which kept bereaved missionaries (many lost parents and other loved ones by death in 1961) at their posts of service with heavy but dedicated hearts.

Calling attention to preparation being made for World Mission Year in 1963, Dr. Cauthen said the chief factor in missionary work is not the numerical gains recorded in a single year but the development of profound convictions and missionary imperatives that will carry the task forward on a sustained basis throughout the years to come.

He listed among immediate undertakings larger efforts in evangelism and church development. "We are repeatedly reminded by events in our day that the real measure of mission work abroad must be in terms of the development of churches," he said. "All other ministries must be related to this main objective.

"We also recognize the importance of giving encouragement to emerging national Baptist bodies. We are living in a day characterized by an upsurge of nationalism throughout the world. It is important that national Baptist bodies develop to their maximum both in initiative and resources."

Board Staff Attend Africa Conference

The report of Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, was airmailed from Oshogbo, Nigeria, during the first All-Africa Baptist Mission Conference, held December 29-January 6. The meeting, designed for fellowship, consultation, sharing of ideas, and discussion of common problems, was attended by 64 persons, among them 40 missionaries and 19 national Baptist leaders from nine countries.

Also attending the conference was Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the Board's medical consultant, who had just visited nine Baptist hospitals, a maternity and child

welfare center, a health and leprosy center, and a number of clinics in Africa. He returned to Richmond, Va., just in time to report some of his findings to the Board in its January meeting.

"It is really remarkable to see how much our missionary doctors, nurses, technicians, and administrators are doing, considering the small number that we have," he said. "Our medical mission institutions in Africa are offering some of the best and highest type of medical service available. We can stand before these countries and without any hesitation assure them that we have sent them our best.

"I have returned from this trip with the realization of how much is being done by so few for the extension of God's kingdom into the hearts of men and of the great obligation and responsibility we here have toward those living in loneliness, working under adverse conditions, and serving in a wonderful way."

Special Projects In Latin America

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, reported on a number of special projects to take place in his area in 1962. Among them are a tour by a Royal Ambassador promotional team from the States, made up of Edward Hurt, Jr., associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, Pastor Robert S. Scales, of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and William Jackson, R.A. secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; visits by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, President of Woman's Missionary Union, Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission, and Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; an evangelism workshop to be conducted in Brazil by Dr. Eual F. Lawson, an associate in the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism; and evangelistic crusades by the Billy Graham team.

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Jeff D. Ray Items Given Southwestern Library

FORT WORTH, Texas.—Two hundred pictures of Baptist leaders and more than 2,000 books from the library of the late Dr. Jeff D. Ray, professor of homiletics and pastoral duties here from 1908 to 1944, were presented to Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Jeff D. Ray family gave the books upon the recent death of Mrs. Ray.

"Miss Georgia," as Mrs. Ray was affectionately known, had already given a large portion of her husband's books, but had reserved some for her use. She used them in writing the weekly Sunday school lessons for the Ft. Worth *Star-Telegram* and teaching her class at Broadway church in the city.

The books are part of the "Jeff D. Ray Memorial" and will be identified by a special plaque giving Dr. Ray's name, subjects and years he taught here.

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Hollander Presents Embarrassing Question

By Virginia Harris Hendricks

MARKEN, Netherlands (BP) — A writer once pointed out that during the middle ages, while the people of France were building magnificent cathedrals, the people of Holland were building a country.

To reach the island of Marken, we drove our car along the top of the dike which now connects the village with the mainland. After parking outside the village, we entered another, older world.

The little wooden houses and tiny streets took us back 200 or 300 years to the time Marken fisherfolk knew only the sea and their own island. They still wear picturesque costumes of that age, and clop along the cobblestones in big, wooden shoes.

Today the tourist trade brings in more money than fish. Handiwork is on sale and some homes are open for tourist inspection. Toddlers pose for photographs (and candy) like veteran models. Over all is a spirit of gaiety and friendliness.

A Southern Baptist friend was in conversation with one colorful dame.

"It is a good thing you came today instead of on Sunday," the Hollander said.

"Why?" my friend asked.

"Because on Sunday you would find every business is closed. We are all Protestants in this village. Everyone goes to church on the Sabbath."

If my friend turned away wordless, it was because she was embarrassed. She was afraid the Dutch housewife might ask: "Is it not thus in 'Protestant' America?"

Oklahoma City, First Refuses Negro Member

By Leland Webb

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—First Baptist Church here has voted not to accept a 15-year-old Negro youth as a member.

The vote, by secret ballot, was 327 to 311, following a recommendation by deacons that membership be denied on basis of his motivation in seeking membership.

Batlloting concluded a Wednesday night service described as "a high spiritual hour." There was thorough discussion with both sides agreeing to accept the outcome as the decision of the whole church.

The boy presented himself for membership after a series of picketing incidents at several Oklahoma City churches of various denominations. One of the churches was First Baptist, where picketers had been invited in each time they appeared.

Twice in advance of the actual effort announcement was made Negroes would attempt to join some of the churches.

On December 3, the 15-year-old presented himself at First Baptist and a Negro couple tried to join Lincoln Terrace Christian Church. While a majority of the church voted to accept the boy into membership, a church by law requires the matter be referred to the fellowship committee if these is a negative vote.

Attempting to determine the youth's motive for seeking membership, the fellowship committee conferred with him at length. The committee also consulted with others considered instrumental in his seeking membership. The committee then recommended to the deacons and the deacons recommended to the church that membership be refused.

Lincoln Terrace Christian Church announced the decision of its board to deny membership to the Negro couple, on the same night First Baptist voted. However, each church acted without prior conference in the problem and without knowledge the other church was making a decision.

Both churches stated reason for refusal was on the basis of the insincerity and motivation of the Negroes involved.

An officer of First Baptist Church emphasized that motivation—not race—was the basis of the recommendation.

"In this decision, the members of First Baptist Church have demonstrated the working of Christian democracy in a New Testament church within an atmosphere of Christian love," declared Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor.

After the close vote, Hobbs commented, "I feel this indicates how the membership has searched its heart in this matter."

The congregation was then informed



James H. Currin

Pastor of Northside, Mayfield, Goes To Grace at Evansville

James H. Currin, for eight and one-half years pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky, has recently resigned to accept the pastorate of Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana.

During his pastorate at Northside the church has experienced unusual growth in becoming one of the city's largest congregations. This growth has been characterized by three major building programs. In 1954 a large education building was erected. At the same time the auditorium was greatly enlarged. A new educational building of 15,000 square feet is now near completion.

Among other distinctions Northside became the first advanced Standard Sunday School in Kentucky. The Grace Church of Evansville boasts the largest Southern Baptist Sunday School in the State.

Brother Currin has served twice on the Executive Board of Kentucky and is presently a member. He served two years as moderator of the Graves County Association. He served as Regional Training Union president and on most associational committees.

The Currins moved on January 18.

that the deacons had agreed informally that Sunday school and all other church activities remained open to the Negro youth as to all other persons. No objection was voiced.

In a statement to the congregation before the vote, Hobbs said the Bible by proof text does not teach racial segregation or desegregation.