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The cornerstone for the new Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville was put into place during the meeting of the S.B.C. Executive Committee. Ceremony participants, from left, were Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, S.B.C. president; Porter Routh, Nashville, Executive Committee executive secretary; and John H. Haldeman, Miami, chairman of the Executive Committee. Still under construction, the new building will be entered early next year, perhaps in time for the February meeting of the Executive Committee. The scripture inscribed is 1 Cor. 3:11. (BP) Photo.





H. O. Niceley Revisits Kentucky

H. O. Niceley, long a pastor in Kentucky, was at Owensboro and attended the Kentucky Baptist Convention after an absence of ten years.

Leatherwood Calls Hampton

The Leatherwood Baptist Church has called Robert Hampton as pastor. He will assume his new duties on or about December 15.

Owensboro Pastor in Carrollton Revival

Pastor T. L. McSwain, of Third Church, Owensboro, was with Pastor Troy L. Morrison a few weeks ago at the First Church, Carrollton, in a revival which resulted in 120 decisions.

Armistead Returns to Illinois

Robert Armistead, pastor of the Whitaker's Grove Baptist Church, Logan County, has resigned to become the pastor of the Beaucoup Baptist Church, Pinckneyville, Illinois.

Rocky Hill Loses a Trustee

Edward R. Paxton, age 65, passed away on July 29, 1962, at Bowling Green, Kentucky. The funeral was conducted in the Rocky Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Naomi Pardue Paxton, five sisters, and one brother. Brother Paxton was a member of the Baptist Church for more than forty years.

Three Deacons Ordained at Stithton

Stithton Church at Radcliff ordained Guy Berry, Leonard Gibson and Dr. Marion Logsdon as deacon on Sunday afternoon, November 25. Buell T. Wells, superintendent of missions in Severns Valley Association, was moderator.

Workers for Military Academies

Southern Baptists entered a new phase of ministering to the nation's five military academies with the appointment of workers for two and the announcement they possibly will appoint others early next year.

Campbellsville Layman Dies

Cyrus Skaggs, for 18 years member of Campbellsville Church, died November 6 at his residence. Converted at the age of 12 years in a revival conducted by the late Pastor W. W. Horner.

which he has been a member in many ways. For the last eight years he has been general secretary of the Campbellsville Sunday School. He was a soul-winning visitor for his church.

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The Meaning of The Ascension

By Eric C. Rust

The ascension of our Lord is rarely a subject for preaching these days, and yet it is a very important aspect of the mighty act of God in Incarnation.

The New Testament witnesses are unanimous in affirming the heavenly ascension of our Lord at the right hand of the Father. The human testimony in both the Gospels and Acts preserves the memory of the passage of the glorified and risen Lord from the historical mode of existence to the eternal mode.

I. The Lordship Over History

Our Lord is seated at the right hand of power. He has ascended on high, leading captivity captive and giving gifts to men (Eph. 1:18; cf. Ps. 68:18).

our world, evil may seem in the ascendant, but Christ is Lord. That Lordship may be hidden, but he is moving on his triumphant way in judgment and in mercy. To him every knee in the end must bow, and the whole created order must acknowledge his kingly power.

You may remember how in Ibsen's play, "Emperor and Galilean," the apostate Roman Emperor Julian, having tried to destroy the Church and eliminate Christ from his world, cries out in desperation: "Thou canst not comprehend it, thou who hast never been under the power of the God-man."

Christ is in his world because he is above his world. He is seated at the

right hand of power, the focal point from whence the world is sustained and by which its course is determined. The destiny of all men is in his hand. He won this right on Calvary's hill. Secular history is subject to his judgment.

Shakespeare is dust, and will not come To question from his Avon tomb, And Socrates and Shelley keep An attic and Italian sleep.

They see not. But, O Christians, who Throng Holborn and Fifth Avenue, May you not meet, in spite of death, A traveller from Nazareth?

II. The Universality of the Atoning Sacrifice

The ascension was the entrance into glory. The atoning sacrifice had been offered once for all, and Christ had taken his finished work back to the heavenly session. We celebrate the finished work of Christ! We need no reenactment of his sacrifice upon some Roman Catholic altar to bring us near to God.

But the ascension means too, that this atoning sacrifice has been lifted into its eternal dimension. It has been lifted above time, and thus becomes available to all times, to men of every age and (Continued on Page 14)



Mrs. Marie Kelly, Owensboro, assists a messenger in registration at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, while host Pastor T. L. McSwain (rear), and Albert Gisler, Frankfort, watch.

Dr. Eric C. Rust is professor of Christian Philosophy at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. This is the last of a series of four articles.



**The December Board Meeting**

The Executive Board meeting of December 4, was one of the most satisfying meetings of this group this editor remembers attending. It was characterized by free discussion and unhurried consideration.

Unlike most meetings of the Executive Board, the agenda was relatively light. This was most fortunate for it allowed time for full discussion of the one major item for consideration. This item was the Cedarmore Assembly and the plans for major improvements there.

Cedarmore and the imperative need for its expansion have been under board consideration for nearly two years. When the board has discussed it in the past, no concrete plans and methods of implementation have been presented by the Cedarmore Committee. The board showed reluctance to go ahead in the dark.

This time it was different. Extensive studies and surveys had been made and realistic cost estimates arrived at. Competent professional assistance had been sought and secured from architects and engineers. Specific recommendations were handed to the board. A very fine and effective presentation of these recommendations was made by Committee Chairman John W. Kruschwitz.

The array of questions put to the committee concerning their recommendation was handled most ably and honestly. Garnett B. Morton, the Executive Board's business manager, had facts and figures at his finger tips, and gave the Cedarmore Committee a magnificent assist.

The cost of nearly \$700,000 for the first phase of Cedarmore development sounded high. It is high, but it is better to face the facts now than later. Such improvements as planned at Cedarmore will cost. Even at this, the plans are not for luxuriant but only adequate and acceptable facilities.

The plans for programming at Cedarmore which would result in enough income to pay the indebtedness are honest. To be sure there is no guarantee that Cedarmore will pay for itself, and few will be surprised, if for some time at least, Cedarmore will not have to be subsidized substantially from the state budget. This is not a shot in the dark. Other state groups with no more resources than Kentucky Baptists have found the development of their assemblies to be highly successful and rewarding.

Cedarmore Assembly stands to do more for Kentucky Baptist fellowship than any one project we could support. It will be a place where Baptists from all over Kentucky can come to join heads, hearts and hands in our world mission responsibility. It will afford for us that necessary change of pace in the hurried existence of our world and even in our churches. In the woods and water, the land and sky, the hills and valleys of Cedarmore, God has piled up

enough beauty and grandeur to make it easy for anyone to hear and obey Him.

To this observer, the December board meeting had only one big disappointment. Laymen were conspicuously absent again. They were absent because they had not been elected by their associations to help in denominational planning.

There are five standing committees of the Executive Board. The total membership of these committees is 59. Only two of these 59 are laymen. The Administrative Committee, the most influential of the board, does not have even one layman. Neither does the Program Committee or the Denominational Cooperation Committee. The Missions Committee and the Finance Committee have one layman each. Of the 141 Executive Board members, only 15 are laymen. One more is a laywoman. She is Mrs. J. S. Woodward, our state W.M.U. president, who is an ex officio member of the Executive Board.

**When Thanksgiving Is Easy**

The sun just appearing over the eastern horizon was a brilliant blinding ball of red fire. It made the heavy frost on the lush green clover glisten like snow. This was the morning—the one anticipated for 364 days. The very thought of it had put a lilt in life and a quickness in the step for many days.

It was the annual trek for quail with Jim Goin and James Caudill in Simpson County. As we rode toward where these friends had saved some birds for a city visitor, things could hardly have been better. A dawn breakfast of old ham, eggs, biscuit, red-eye gravy and sorghum molasses was under our belts. Two-year-old boiled ham sandwiches, home made cake and other delectables were packed in a lunch and two frisky but steady setters were in the back of the pickup.

One of the setters pinned down the first covey in the corner of the thicket. A glance at my watch, as we walked up behind the dogs, showed that it was almost the very minute I usually sit down at the editor's desk. Up they came, amid the bushes, and all thoughts of the editor's desk were gone. Only two fell but we were sure the others had settled in honeysuckles on the other end of the thicket.

We learned again what all hunters know but keep forgetting—quail are magicians, and do a disappearing act. Only three stopped in the honeysuckles, and only the other quail know where they eventually landed. The first one in the honeysuckles flushed and started by James. He fell to the ground in order to give his visiting friend the shot. Then, too, he is a little sneaky and likes to laugh at a fellow when he misses an open shot. He didn't get to laugh on that

one, or on the next one which came up under my feet. I should have stopped while ahead. The third one took off out of the top of a tree and stayed behind the tree like sensible quail do.

The next covey tested our sportsmanship. The dog found them far from us, and by the time we arrived, the birds began to run away on the ground making a tempting target. They finally came up in several spots having become separated and flew to the east, the west, the north and the south. Four of them went into our coats, and we went on our way without bothering the singles.

The third covey wouldn't wait for us. They flew away before we got in reach of them and again separated into several directions. Here's where the editor was humbled. The dogs found two singles on a fence row. One never made it far, but the other came out on my side and I emptied the gun without cutting a feather. Here, Jim said with a twinkle in his voice, "You hit him, didn't you, preacher?"

Shortly before twelve o'clock we paused for refreshment, and what a pause! Stretched out in the warm sunshine on a carpet of grass, we ate and talked of things hunters talk about. Cuba and bomb shelters seemed far away, and I thought how much more fortunate to be me than to be John F. Kennedy.

By mid-afternoon the early morning zest was gone. My feet felt like they had been dipped in cement, and

my legs like they had not been lubricated in 30,000 miles. We stopped early and the warm house of Jim and Katie was never more welcome.

Then came the close of a perfect day. Two more families joined us for the feast fixed by Katie. On one end of the table was a platter with all the golden brown quail the law allows one man to possess. On the other end, was a platter of ham saved two years for the occasion. In between were all the trimmings. An hour or so later overstuffed and drowsy men swapped hunting stories while the ladies took their turn at the table.

Never has an early bed felt so good. Between soft warm blankets, sleep and rest soothed the soul and restored the body. It was the day after Thanksgiving, and how easy to be thankful! To think that God has given us all of this and heaven, too. Indeed heaven begins on earth with friends and fields, wild creatures and open spaces, a personal Saviour and Christian fellowship.

On Sunday it was another heavenly experience with worship at Providence Church where sincere saints of God gather every Sunday. These are saints with enough faults to be humble and enough humility to want to grow in grace. These are the hope of the world and the joy of an editor once blessed with a country pastorate, and still blessed with bird-hunting friends.

**BAPTIST FORUM**



**Certainty Amid Uncertainty**

Dear Editor:

The *Western Recorder* has been in my home for more than eighty years and now I read it with much interest.

I was much interested in your article of last week regarding Ralph Elliott's book on Genesis.

From a theological point of view I know nothing, but from reading, the preaching I hear and the discussions I hear—I am wondering if our Southern Baptist seminaries are really turning out Baptists. Maybe they should just drop the name Baptist and just be seminaries.

From a poor layman's point of view it matters little who wrote Genesis. The Truth is always right and every one has a right to their own belief of it.

My Bible says, "In the beginning was God," and again in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word (Truth) and the Word was with God and the Word was God." It matters not if it was a trillion years ago "In the beginning God," and God inspired the writing of Genesis.

The same God who was then is now and will be until the end of time.

Two things I know. One is that "Out beyond the great unknown God sits upon His throne, and from the recesses of His chambers He is watching above His own." The second one is, "I know in whom I believe and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Are we going far afield from "The faith once for all delivered to the Saints"? I wonder.

Yours in Christian love,  
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Lexington, Ky.

**Can Monuments Glorify God?**

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reference to an article on page six of the November issue of *Western Recorder*.

Isn't it rather tragic that the Brotherhood Commission at its annual meeting voted to "waste" \$5,000 to erect a monu-

ment to Luther Rice? Doesn't the Scriptures teach in Matthew 5:16 that we are to see a person's good works and "glorify your Father which is in Heaven"? How can a monument of stone bring glory to God? Where would Luther Rice have spent the \$5,000 if he had had it? Would not it be far more profitable and bring far more glory to God to invest this large sum of God's money in the work in which Luther Rice invested his life? When will we ever learn that all praise belongs to God!

Somerset, Ky. Glenn Singleton

**Let's Move On**

Dear Editor:

Please permit me to extend my thanks to Dr. R. E. Humphreys for his clear and convincing article in the November 22 issue of the *Western Recorder*, concerning the dismissal of Professor Ralph Elliott by the Midwestern Seminary trustees. Under the prevailing circumstances this action was forced upon them. It never happens that the tail wags the dog.

Now that this matter has been disposed of, let's get on with the important business at hand which is winning the lost to Christ. Let's not waste precious time and talent fighting among ourselves when there are so many all about us who have no hope and are in danger of eternal banishment.

Pineville, Ky. John A. McCord

# The 1962 Kentucky Baptist Student Union Convention Meets at Calvary, Lexington

Reported by Jack Hillhouse and Photographed by Ed Boden, Jr.

The keynote address of the annual State Baptist Student Convention, held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington, November 16-18, was delivered by a St. Louis-born Negro, William A. Lawson, B.S.U. director at Houston's Texas Southern University and a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Chicago. Mr. Lawson saw the assembled Kentuckians as representing "the tragedy of the twentieth century."

"The tragedy of the twentieth century is in this room," Mr. Lawson told the students. The tragedy of our affluent society is doing the approved thing, the harmless act, the respectable deed. Our tragedy is in knowing to do the right, but merely doing the orthodox. Com-

In other talks during the convention Chafin remarked that we emphasize the beginning of our faith. Some churches are like hospitals with only maternity wards. Salvation is a three-fold experience: "I was saved, I am being saved, I shall be saved." He also stressed that the church's task is to carry out the Great Commission and all its implications. As Christians we have no other choice.

Other conference personalities included Nathan Porter of the Home Mission Board, who said the purpose of our redemption is "to be like Jesus and to make him known." He indicated that he felt the most strategic mission field

today is the college campus.

Kentucky Baptists' Executive Secretary Harold G. Sanders reported on the planned improvements to come through the \$12,000,000 Capital Fund campaign.

During the convention five student summer missionaries were chosen. This is always a time of high tension as the several candidates wait tensely to learn if they have been selected for appointment. Chosen this year were the following students: David Book of the University of Kentucky will spend next summer as a student missionary to Indonesia; Ande Clark of Georgetown College will go to Pakistan; Miss Brenda Southard of Western State College will go to Nigeria; and Tom Woodson of Campbellsville College and George Holmes of the University of Louisville will provide a witness helping at Work Camps.

Dr. Robert A. Hingson, internationally known professor and chairman of the Department of Anesthesia at Western Reserve University and affiliated hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio, spoke at the Saturday night session.

He began by describing "Operation Brother's Brother II." The first "Operation Brother's Brother" was a 1958 tour, sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, for American medical personnel, led by Hingson. Five doctors and nine technicians visited 32 nations and immunized 90,000 persons against cholera, typhoid, and polio.

The second trip was to Liberia to



## Secretary Sanders Honored by Alma Mater

Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, has honored Kentucky Baptist Executive Secretary Harold G. Sanders with a Life Service Award. The presentation was made on Friday, November 30, in connection with the homecoming of this Missouri Baptist Junior College.

Southwest Baptist College presents three of these awards, each year to alumni. Only one is offered to ministers and Dr. Sanders was chosen for the award this year.



UPPER LEFT—Tommy Wilson, B.S.U. President, U. of K.; William A. Lawson, convention speaker; and Mrs. Carole Sue Willett, secretary in Student Department. LOWER RIGHT—Convention Personalities: J. Chester Durham, State secretary of Student Work; Nathan Porter, Home Mission Board; Pitts Hughes, Tennessee Student Department; Kenneth Chafin, Southwestern Seminary; Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention; and Ira Prosser, Lexington.

wage war on smallpox. And the doctor spoke of another life-saving trip to be made next year.

Dr. Hingson said a Christian has two duties. The first is to love God. The second is to love his neighbor.

Then he pulled out his gun.

But it is known as a "peace gun" and is his own invention. It is really a hydraulic-spring, micro-jet, high velocity inoculator which rapidly injects immunizing serum into the arm painlessly. One man inoculated 3,000 persons in only three hours.

Henry Q. Taylor, Dr. Hingson's co-worker from Liberia, and a team of associates using the "peace gun" have brought smallpox under control in Liberia. This makes his country the first African nation to be freed from smallpox. Hingson, Taylor and their colleagues had inoculated persons going to a football game in the capital city, they had immunized people coming out of church, they had dropped into primitive villages by plane or walked by snake-infested trails to save lives. In some villages the first wheel ever seen by the inhabitants was on the helicopter bringing the peace gun and staff.

Finally, Hingson asked for Christians—teachers, students, medical people, anyone—to take up a peace gun and dedicate one year of their life, and their expenses for that year, to joining in the next crusade against disease—for the doctor is now planning another mission to carry drugs and Bibles to destitute lands.

So impressed were the students at the conclusion of Dr. Hingson and Mr. Taylor's presentation, that they voluntarily gave enough money to send a \$385 peace gun to Africa.

## Annuity Board Warns Waiver Deadline Near

DALLAS, Tex.—December 31, 1962, is the deadline for Baptist ministers to enter the Southern Baptist Protection Plan without suffering any penalty.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, said, in order for the minister to take advantage of the delayed participation waiver, his application and first month's dues payment for pastor and church must be in the Annuity Board's offices by December 31.

The delayed participation clause in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan was waived early this year to give all ministers who had waited past the year's grace allowed another chance to get complete coverage. Any minister, 25 or older and pastor of a church more than a year, who waits past December 31 to join the Protection Plan, will have his widow and disability benefits reduced by the length of time he delayed joining, Reed said.



placency is our tragedy. Christian love has an option. The Christian must decide what he will love, but he does not have an option about whether he should love.

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke of the challenges facing Christians in America today. He mentioned that we send missionaries to Hong Kong with much publicity, but our Home Mission Board has difficulty in finding someone to be a missionary to San Francisco's Chinatown.

Jack Hillhouse, Southern Seminary student, and Ed Boden, Jr., Georgetown College new director, covered the 1962 Baptist Student Union Convention on special assignment.



UPPER LEFT—Summer Student Mission Appointees Were: Ande Clark, Georgetown College, to Pakistan; David Book, U. of K., to Indonesia; Brenda Southard, Western State College, to Nigeria; Tom Woodson, Campbellsville College, and George Holmes, U. of L., Work Camps. LOWER RIGHT—The "Peace Gun" is demonstrated: Henry Q. Taylor, director of Health Services for Liberia; Dr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of Baptist World Alliance; and Dr. Robert A. Hingson, professor Anesthesia, Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

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## Major Improvements Approved for Cedarmore

The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention gave approval on December 4, for the construction of a 50-room lodge and the installation of modern water and sewage facilities at Cedarmore Assembly Grounds, near Bagdad. These modern facilities will cost an estimated \$689,240 and will be the first phase of a long range building program for Cedarmore. The new facilities are planned for use in 1964.

Approval of the project by the Executive Board members came upon the recommendation of the Cedarmore Committee which has spent more than a year in studies and preliminary planning. John W. Kruschwitz, Cedarmore Committee chairman, presented the recommendation, with the help of an architect and an engineer who explained the plans.

The lodge will be a 50-room, motel-type construction with kitchen and dining room facilities. It will be air conditioned and heated for year-round use and will have conference rooms to accommodate 200. The rooms will be spacious with two double beds so as to provide for family groups.

Estimated cost of the lodge is \$440,000. The kitchen and dining facilities will be large enough to accommodate another 50 rooms scheduled for construction later.

The water system planned is designed to care for all anticipated additions to Cedarmore. The present water system is woefully inadequate according to the Cedarmore Committee. The water system will cost an estimated \$144,310 and will use water from Dragon Lake.

Sewage disposal facilities are necessary, according to the committee, to meet the state health standards. The sewage plant planned will care for only the facilities now planned but can be added to later. The engineering estimate for the sewage facilities is \$94,930.

Construction of the proposed developments at Cedarmore is to be financed by a bank loan totaling \$689,240. Plans call for the loan to be amortized with income from the lodge and other facilities at Cedarmore. The Cedarmore Committee reported that year-round activities already programmed for Cedarmore for 1964 and on, should produce enough income to meet payments on the loan.

New Officers for the Executive Board are E. Keevil Judy, chairman; T. L. McSwain, first vice chairman; Dr. David McClure, second vice chairman; Norris Hite, secretary; and A. L. Meacham, associate secretary. A constitution provision, going into effect this year, makes the president and the vice-presidents of the Kentucky Baptist Convention also the presiding officers of the Executive Board.

Attendance at the board meeting was

among the best in several years. Lunch was served the board members and Baptist building staff members at Spring Meadows Children's Home.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for May 14, 1963.

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The directors felt that this was a long-time need and would be a major service to the denomination. The 1963 Kentucky Baptist Convention budget includes a \$1,000 increase for the *Western Recorder* for promotion of the convention work. The directors voted to use this \$1,000 to apply on the cost of sending the paper to every Kentucky Baptist pastor.

It is hoped that churches now including their pastors in the budget subscription lists will continue to do so, but all pastors whose subscriptions are not paid for by their churches, or otherwise, will receive the paper. Plans call for polling all the pastors in Kentucky to determine which ones should be added to this complimentary list.

## Kentucky to Join SBC Teletype Service

Kentucky Baptists will join the Southern Baptist Convention teletype network for one year on an experimental basis. The service provides daily contact with most other Baptist state offices and many Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions. It has been in operation for about two years, but Kentucky has never participated.

The cost for the service will be borne jointly by the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board and the *Western Recorder*. The estimated cost is about \$80.00 monthly for each group. News releases from over the Southern Baptist Convention will reach the *Western Recorder* two or three days earlier and will provide for more current news coverage in each issue.

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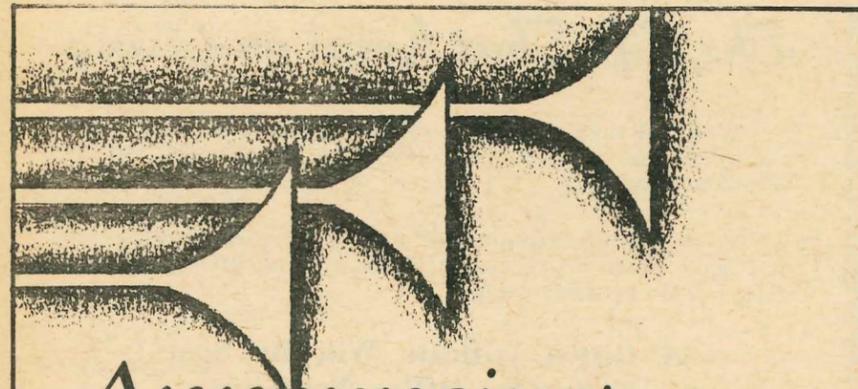
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Place	Date	Time
Campbellsville, college chapel (youth emphasis)	Saturday, January 19	7:30- 9:15
Georgetown, college chapel (youth emphasis)	Sunday, January 20	2:30- 4:15
Lexington, Porter Memorial	Monday, January 21	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Williamsburg Cumberland College chapel Harlan Baptist Church	Tuesday, January 22	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
	Wednesday, January 23	10:00-12:00 1:15- 3:30
Ashland, 1st Baptist	Thursday, January 24	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Ft. Thomas, 1st Baptist	Friday, January 25	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Hopkinsville, 1st Baptist (Lay emphasis)	Sunday, January 27	2:30- 4:15
Paducah, Immanuel	Monday, January 28	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Owensboro, 1st Baptist	Tuesday, January 29	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Bowling Green, 1st Baptist	Wednesday, January 30	10:00-12:00 1:15- 3:30
Seminary chapel, Louisville	Thursday, January 31	10:05-10:35
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	Thursday, January 31	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Louisville, Beechmont	Friday, February 1	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45

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Dr. Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary, and team, including Evangelist Don Brandeis, will launch 1963 World Missions Year in these conferences.

## Woman's Missionary Union

### Are You Afraid To Pray?

By Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

In these days of uncertainty and tremendous world need dedicated Christian young people are needed as never before to take the gospel to all the world. The following testimonial from one of our fine, faithful, active W.M.U. members appeared on the front page of the bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, shortly before her son and his family sailed for Hong Kong:

"At the close of a W.M.S. program on 'The Work of our Young People,' held in our church—The First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky—the program chairman asked me to lead in the closing prayer. She requested that I pray that God would call more young people into mission work from our community.

"I prayed as earnestly as I knew how for this cause. It was not until a few months had passed and our only son came home to tell us that the Lord had laid it on his heart to go as a foreign missionary that I fully realized what I had really prayed for. That night as he talked, the very words of my prayer which I had offered at that program came clearly to mind. I had prayed 'O Lord, help us as parents to be submissive to Thy call even if it means those in whose veins flows our very life's blood.' At the time I was praying, I was thinking of my three precious grandchildren—pushing it far into the future, but God answered my prayer by calling our only son, father of these children I had in mind, to go as a medical missionary.

"It is hard for me to express the feeling I had that night, for I had such mixed emotions; however, I can truly say today 'I thank God for answering my prayer,' as my son goes to help those who are less fortunate with his hands, our hearts will go with him daily—a part of us will be on the mission fields working for our Lord and Saviour. I read in my Bible that there was a lad with five loaves and two fishes that God used to feed the multitude. No doubt that lad hesitated to give up his lunch which his mother had prepared for him to satisfy his own hunger and pleasure, but in so doing he must have had great happiness in seeing it help so many. So now I, too, say, 'Here, Lord, are my five loaves; my son, his wife and their three children. I've been preparing to use them for my own pleasure and hap-

piness in old age, but take them, Lord, bless them and use them to help the multitude who are in need.'

"What is to come we do not know, but we know what has been was good; some good to hide; some good to show, but best of all to bear. . . . Now we will look to the golden afterglow."—Written by Mrs. H. L. Sinclair, mother of Dr. Hobson Sinclair, missionary dentist in Hong Kong.

Are you afraid to pray?

## Training Union

### New Church Recreation Material Available

By James Whaley

Listed below are new tracts published by the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. These are available upon request from the Training Union Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

- "Banquets"
- "Building for Church Recreation"
- "Church Camps and Retreats"
- "Church Recreation Committee"
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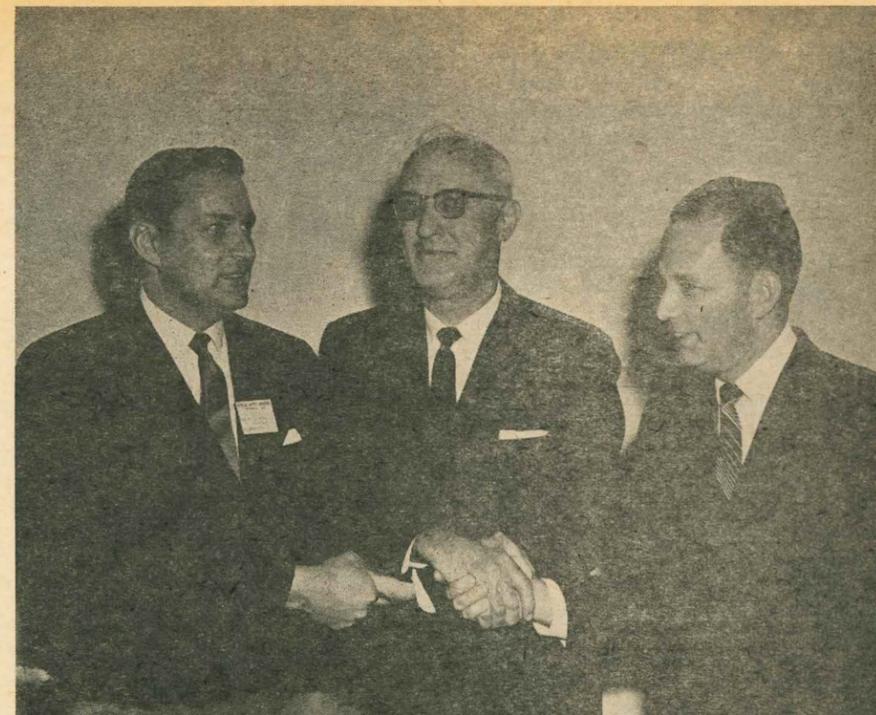
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OFFICERS OF THE KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION.—E. Keevil Judy (middle), pastor of the First Baptist Church of Henderson, president; T. S. McSwain (left), pastor of the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, first vice president; and Dr. G. David McClure (right), physician and surgeon, Louisville, second vice president, all elected at the 1962 session at the Third Baptist Church of Owensboro.



OFFICERS OF THE KENTUCKY BAPTIST MINISTERS' MEETING.—Dudley Pomeroy (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newport, president; and J. Frank Young (left), pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, vice president. Also, David A. Friedley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, was elected secretary.

### Fourth Installment on Buena Vista Brotherhood

By Forrest R. Sawyer

Now comes the fourth installment of the outline of the work of the Brotherhood of the Buena Vista Baptist Church of Owensboro, as reported by Tandy Chissom, its secretary:

(Continued from Last Week)

That just about brings us back where we started, but before we go, let us take a peek into the future with a September review of Brotherhood Activities and Achievements (I'll see if I missed anything then). Projected for next year, but still on the planning board are (1) Promote attendance at the State Brotherhood Convention, (2) Foster attendance of boys at the National Youth Congress, Washington, D.C., August 13-15, 1963, (3) Have pastor teach Brotherhood Guidebook for those who have not had it, (4) Special emphasis on personal soul winning in the year 1962-63. That's enough for me, although I know there will be still more . . . a lot more.

So much for the words of what we did, when, and how. Let us adjourn to the records for a statistical summary of results. These are the results of which we have record: Professions of faith, 3; talks with unsaved men, 100; tracts and New Testaments distributed, 535; visits to sick and shut-ins, 372; visited a mission field, 1; men who are known to have tithed, 24; services conducted in other churches and missions, 7; additions to church, 6; visits made, 725; man-hours work given to church, 652; R.A. achievements earned, 13; participated in mission studies, 19; devotions in institutions or at work, 10; men enrolled at organization meeting in May, 1961, 21; men transferred to other churches, 4; present Brotherhood membership in August, 1962, 43; programs planned and presented, 16; and average attendance at Brotherhood meetings, 17.

#### Royal Ambassador Highlights

In addition to the regular Royal Ambassador program as laid out in the various manuals, our Royal Ambassadors have accomplished activities listed below:

Crusader Chapter—Conducted a survey of an adjacent section of our city and county, finding no churches, a private club, golf course, approximately 500 homes occupied or planned, estimated 1,200 persons, a high percentage of whom did not attend church regularly anywhere. The Chapter's recommendation was that a mission be established to be known as the Stony Creek Baptist Mission, later to become the Stony Creek Baptist Church. Their recommendation carried a recommended location which would permit growth and development in two directions, with each area potential as great as the area surveyed.

Pioneer Chapter—Developed a basketball team that played the entire Royal Ambassador season without a loss in scheduled competition.

Ambassadors—We are sorry, but we have not been able to secure enough boys for the 15-17 phase of Royal Ambassador work to date.

Men undergirding the church: Sunday School—All superintendents and associates of young people and adults are Brotherhood men. Baptist Training Union—Brotherhood men hold places of leadership in each department, juniors through adults.

Brotherhood men played a leading part in the establishment of a plan for gifts to Cooperative Program to be made on a percentage basis and paid each week, with the result that our gifts would reflect a 2% increase in the budget given to the Cooperative Program and the leading out in having 2% of associational gifts from our church set aside for retirement of associational building bonds.

Other activities, actions, or services rendered: Two men from our Brotherhood answered the call to Christian service in the field of religious education. One of these is already attending the Southern Seminary. The other plans to enter a local college this fall.

One man, the state Brotherhood president for 1961, is now on the nominating committee. One member, serving on associational board of directors for the building of the associational building, also assisted in the sale of

*Yours and His*



### Special Offerings

"We must give more for foreign missions!" Yes, this was the heart of an impassioned resolution from a fine layman in Henry County to the Kentucky and Southern Baptist Conventions. He is right. We must give more to carry the Gospel of our blessed Lord to all men everywhere—but how?

The Cooperative Program is the year-round lifeline to all mission causes of Baptists, but the lion's share of the southwide portion goes to foreign missions. Is it enough? A thousand times, no! It should be increased vastly—and how? Our Kentucky churches give about 9% of their income to world missions through the Cooperative Pro-

grams—to finance the previously mentioned building. One member is serving as associational Christian witness leader. Two men attended associational Royal Ambassador Counselor's training. Two-thirds of our officers and leaders attended the associational Brotherhood planning meeting. Three of our members served as discussion leaders in an associational Brotherhood clinic in the Ohio County Association.

With the fields white unto the harvest, it appears that we have done so little.

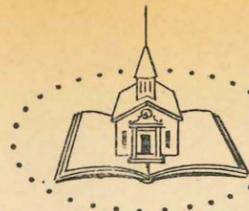
gram—this is the average, for 460 did not give last year at all. But, suppose each church gave 35½% of its income for world missions through the Cooperative Program in Kentucky—the same percent Kentucky Baptists give to southwide causes? Then, we would have about 400% more for all causes—and millions more for foreign missions. We would not need the Thanksgiving offering, March Home Missions Offering, February 17 Christian Education offering, May hospital charity offering—or any "special"—for special offerings are taken, basically, to make up for our sins of stewardship through the Cooperative Program. We must continue the dual system until we begin to trust God and each other enough to (1) bring the whole tithe to the church, and (2) the church gives 50% of it to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

But now, this very day, there is a wonderful opportunity to give more directly to foreign missions through the Annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for work abroad. We fully, heartily commend that every man, woman and child make some offering now. The goal in the South is \$10,700.00—the goal in Kentucky is \$349,352.09. Let's give it!

This is one way, vital and direct, we can give more to foreign mission while Baptists are growing in co-operative witnessing.

Yours and His,

*Harold G. Sanders*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

### GOD WITH US

Consistent with the purpose for which the Gospel according to John was written, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31), it opens with a positive declaration of the deity of our Saviour.

These remarkable verses contain some rich and important truths about Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah of the Jews and the Saviour of sinners, which are not revealed elsewhere.

#### I. Christ is the Logos. John 1:1-3.

"Logos" is the Greek term which has been translated "Word." Revelation 19:13, which reads, "And his name is called the Word of God," tells us that one of the names of our Lord Jesus Christ is "The Word." Therefore, it is not surprising that his Gospel opens with the statement "In the beginning was the Word." Here we are taught that Christ is co-eternal with God the Father. There was never a time when He did not exist. The statement, "The Word was with God," reveals His separate and distinct personality, even though an inseparable union existed between the Father and Him. "The Word was God" is a very clear declaration of the deity of Christ. This sweeping declaration of His essential deity is confirmed throughout the New Testament. Any lower estimate of Him is certainly insufficient and untrue. In his emphasis upon the equality of Christ with God the Father, John declared the eternity, the existence and the deity of Christ.

It is apparent to those who believe the Bible that God is the creator of all things. This being true, it follows that if our Lord Jesus Christ is the creator of all things, then He is God. This is the force of the declaration, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." Of all things that exist in the material universe there is nothing that came into existence apart from Him. This same truth, that Christ was the creator and not a mere creature, is reiterated with Pauline clarity in Colossians 1:16-17.

#### II. Christ is the Light. John 1:4-10.

Christ is the source of all life and every living being is dependent upon Him for the sustenance of life. He, Who is the source of all life, is also the light. Moreover, He is the source of all light. In the incarnation Christ was the

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light blazing in the darkness, but men would not receive the illumination which He brought. To realize that it was a dark world into which Christ was born, one needs only to be reminded of the cruelties and brutalities to which so many were subjected at the hands of those who did not know and love God. Through all the intervening centuries Christ has kept on shining in the midst of the darkness, ignorance and hostility of the sinful world, but happily the darkness has never been able to overcome or extinguish the light. He has kept on shining regardless of whether or not men have received and utilized the light provided by Him.

#### III. Christ is the Lord. John 1:11-18.

Christ "came unto his own, and his own received him not." This verb "came" denotes a definite act—the incarnation. "Unto his own," neuter plural, refers to His own possessions or things which He created. "And his own received him not." "His own," masculine plural, means His own people, He came to be their Redeemer and Saviour, but they rejected Him. Christ came to His own land, but Israel, as a nation, refused to receive Him. How tragic!

While Christ was rejected by the masses of the people, there were individuals who received Him and became the children of God. The expression, "But as many as received him," indicates that a small, but noble and courageous, minority received Christ. Then, the glad tidings follows that as many individuals as did receive Christ were given the right, the privilege and the ability to become the children of God. To all who receive Christ, He imparts the ability to become what they are not—children of God. In Christ we place our faith and to us He gives the power to become the children of God. Then we enjoy all the rights and privileges pertaining to that position. The only way for any to become children of God is by a definite and personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour. To accept Christ is to be saved, to become a child of God, to enjoy the divine favor and to spend eternity in heaven.

All who are the children of God are such by the communication of His life to them. It is only by supernatural power that people enter God's family. Salvation is not earned, but it is received as a gift. As an empty cup re-

ceives from the flowing fountain, so we receive Christ into our empty hearts and lives. Being children of God means having God as our Father, Christ as our Saviour, the Holy Spirit as our Guide and Comforter, the saved as our brethren and the angels as our friends. As God's children we have the inestimable privilege of direct access into the Father's presence, of feasting on the bounties from His table, of enjoying the protective shelter from the storms that rage about us, of having fellowship with His children, and of the comfort of His glorious companionship. Now, that we have been born into the family of God, our love should become more ardent, our reverence more genuine and our obedience more wholehearted.

Even though Christ came and revealed the grace, love and mercy of God, and men have heard the glorious gospel message, still there are many who reject the Saviour and will remain lost forever. What a tragedy and a pity!

Verse thirteen corrects three erroneous ideas that are still prevalent, namely, that regeneration comes by heredity—"not by blood," through self-effort—"nor of the will of the flesh," or through the efforts of organized society—"nor of the will of man." Regeneration, or the impartation of the divine nature to a human being, takes place upon the acceptance of Christ as personal Saviour.

"The Word became flesh" when Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem. In human flesh He lived in Nazareth and elsewhere among men. In His face many saw the glory of God revealed. He exemplified and demonstrated grace and truth. The fact that God came to earth and lived in the flesh and died for men is not something which humanity deserved or earned, but it was an expression of His love. Christ is the embodiment of the truth also. He is still full of grace for those who do not deserve anything, and of truth for those who as yet are in ignorance. His life was a manifestation of the glory of God.

John the Baptist had borne faithful witness to the eternal Christ, Who had existed long before the incarnation, yea, Who had shared the glory of the Father before the creation of the universe.

In the last three verses John, the writer of this gospel, states that all believers have drawn from the inexhaustible supply of divine wisdom, power and love through the Christ.

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The Y.W.A.'s of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, conducted a study of the foreign mission book, "Fragrant Harbor," in the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Sinclair, parents of Southern Baptist Missionary, Dr. Hobson Sinclair. The H. L. Sinclairs sailed in October for Hong Kong to visit their son, Dr. Hobson Sinclair, his wife, June Garrott Sinclair, and their three children. Mrs. Lee T. Garrott, mother of Mrs. Hobson Sinclair, taught the mission book while dressed in a beautiful outfit which had been given her by daughter. The Y.W.A.'s were served a Chinese dinner by Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Garrott. Mrs. Harold Lee also assisted with the meal which was sponsored by the Ruth Swan Circle of the Annie Armstrong Woman's Missionary Society. Shown in the picture (left to right): Front row—Deana Holstrom, Martha Beville, Charlotte Pierson, Nancy Hill; second row—Mrs. Harold Lee, Mrs. H. L. Sinclair, Mrs. Lee T. Garrott, Mrs. C. A. Ray; back row (standing)—Jeanette Moore, Sue Herndon, Joy Dumas, Cheryl Moore, Suanne Smith, and Elizabeth Summers. (See also Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson's column on p. 10.)

#### THE MEANING OF THE ASCENSION (Continued from Page 3)

clime. This is what we mean when we affirm that our Lord took his glorified humanity to the right hand of the Father. It was the God-man who ascended in all the glory and triumph of his sacrificial life. Henceforth he stands in heaven, the great and perfect High Priest who is himself also the sacrifice. The historical event of the Cross in time is also an event in eternity, in the heart of God. Evermore, before the Father, stands One on the palms of whose hands we, like Jerusalem, have been graven (Isa. 49:16). Hence, the author of Hebrews declares it possible for all men to draw near to divine presence in Christ the great High Priest, who has taken his sacrifice with him to the heavenly places (Heb. 4:14-16 and other passages). The Apostle Paul sees the Christ at the right hand of God, making intercession for us (Rom. 8:34). With all our imperfection and sin, he covers us with his sacrifice and eternally reconciles us

to God. The mystery is, of course, that this is God acting, God in man bringing us back home and making it possible for us to approach his holy presence.

We have spoken already of the contemporaneity of the ascended Lord. One aspect of this is that the Gospel of the Atoning Sacrifice is a reality for all men. Everytime the Gospel is preached in word or in the Lord's Supper, the sacrifice of Christ becomes contemporaneous with our lives and his grace becomes effective in our hearts. This is the meaning of the Holy Spirit, for it is he who takes the things of Christ and makes them plain to us. The work of Christ is effective in the hearts of all men because the historical sacrifice has been lifted into the heavenlies and made available through the Spirit. In the Spirit, the Ascended Lord confronts all men and reigns in their hearts.

#### III. The Inclusiveness of the New Humanity

We have seen in a previous article that our Lord's humanity was an inclusive humanity. In his love he draws

all men into himself and makes of them new men, a new creation. They, by faith, may die with him and be raised to his newness of life. Already, though in the flesh, they may participate in the life of the Age-to-Come, share in his glorified and redeemed humanity. He is the Second Adam, and it is as Second Adam that he has ascended to the heavenly mode of existence. So we too are quickened together with Christ. We are raised with him and made to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:5, 6). We, who have been raised with him, are to seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Col. 1:1-3). Our lives are hid with Christ in God.

Hence, the New Testament can describe the Christian as living, at the same time, in two environments, in two modes of existence. He is in the flesh, but he is also in the Spirit. He has the life of this world, but he also has eternal life. He is in Colossae, but he is also in Christ. This is the mystery of the Christian life, and it is also the mystery of the Church. The new humanity of the Lord moves down in the Spirit into human history and draws men into itself. We are embraced within Christ and become his body, his hands and feet. From his heavenly session he moves out into historical existence. From our earthly life, we move into that other dimension and share in the new humanity that Christ makes possible.

In the days of the Early Church, a Christian was brought before Pliny, the persecutor and Governor of Bithynia. Said Pliny: "I will take away your treasure." The Christian replied: "You cannot, for my treasure is in heaven." "All right," said Pliny, "I will take away your friends and you will not have one left." "You cannot," answered the Christian, "for I have a friend, Jesus, from whom you cannot separate me." Cried Pliny: "I will take away your life. I will kill you." "You cannot," came the answer, "for my life is hid with Christ in God."

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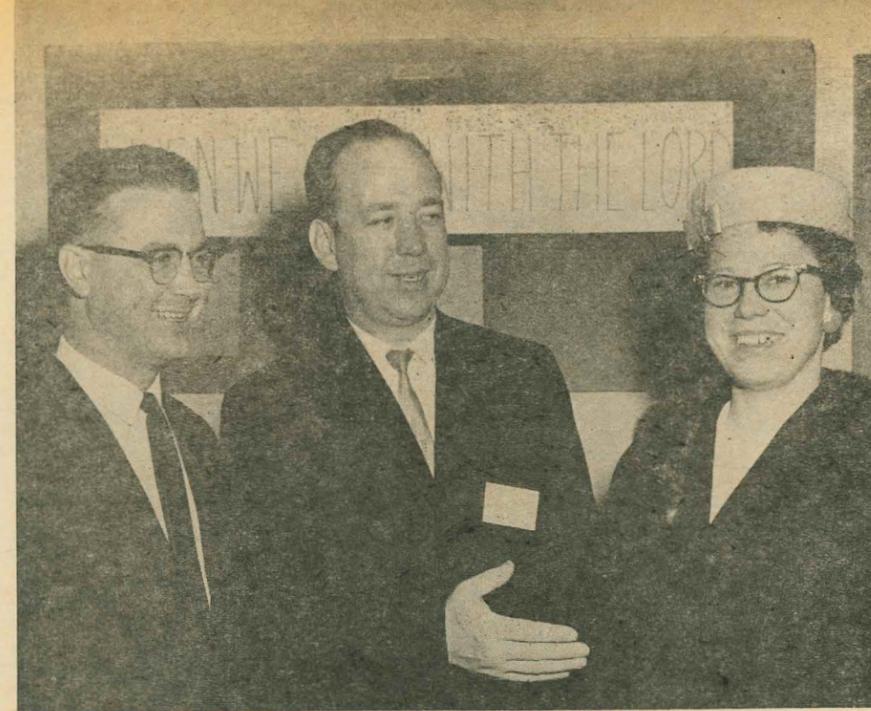
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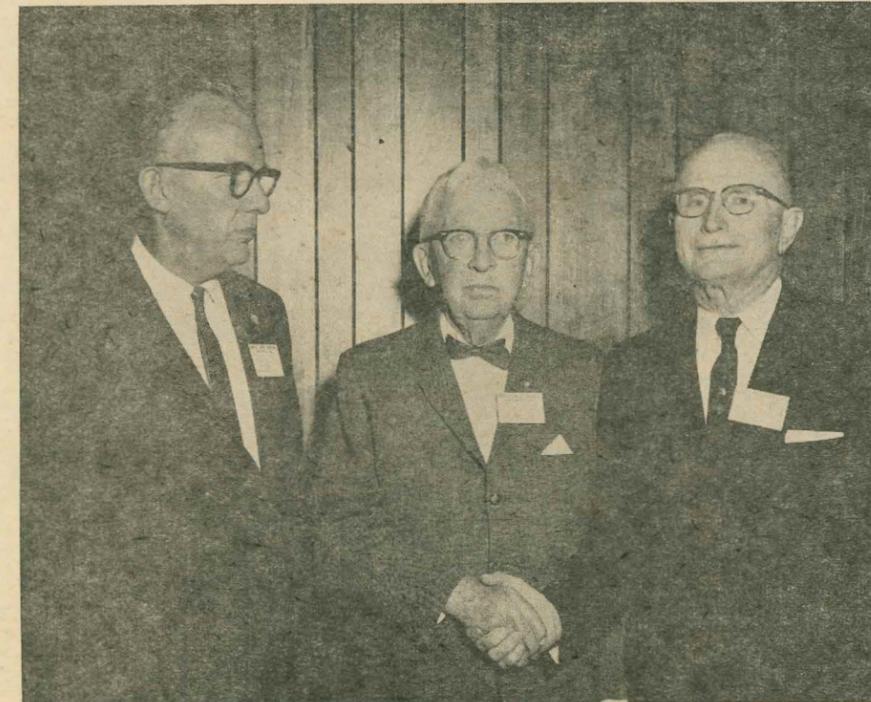
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OFFICERS OF THE KENTUCKY BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.—Bill Ray (left), minister of education, First Baptist Church, Somerset, president; Bill Taylor (middle), minister of education at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, vice president; and Miss Ella Fay Hayes (right), educational secretary of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, secretary-treasurer. Also Dr. Sabin P. Landry, a professor in the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, not shown in the picture, was elected faculty advisor.



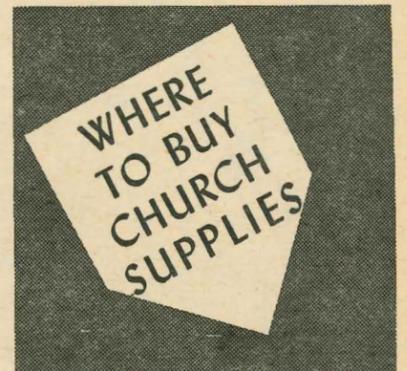
George E. Hays, Jr. (left), gave a breakfast for Georgetown College Alumni during the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Owensboro as a birthday party for his father, George E. Hays, Sr. (center). This was his ninety-first birthday. O. W. Yates (right) was a mission pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, back about 1915, and the Senior Mr. Hays used to sign his \$10.00 check each week.

## Twin Lakes Association Formed in Grayson County

The Twin Lakes Baptist Association was constituted on November 19, at the First Baptist Church, Leitchfield. The new association is comprised of churches formerly affiliated with the Goshen Association. The new association will be affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Twin Lakes associational officers are: Russell Bozarth, Caneyville, moderator; William Cook, Clarkson, assistant moderator.

Guest speaker for the first meeting of the association was Leon Larimore, pastor, Third Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville. Larimore emphasized in his address the need for telling the "Old Story," in such a manner as to challenge modern American living. After an afternoon and night session, the meeting was adjourned until next year.



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