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MIDDLETOWN BAPTIST CHAPEL, Middletown, Rhode Island, will soon be constituted into the second Baptist church in the state. A. R. Major has recently been called as pastor. He leaves the Victoria Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. All Southern Baptists who know of any Baptists moving into the Rhode Island area to contact either Middletown Baptist Church or Green Meadows Baptist Church, 87 Devilsfoot Road, North Kingston, Rhode Island.

MRS. BURNEY M. JARETT passed away at the Methodist Evangelical Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky, at the age of 84. She was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, but for many years resided in Louisville. A member of Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, for more than 60 years, she was faithful in the life of her church in all organizations. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Thomas L. Dearmond, Louisville; six sons, Ben, Orville, David, Irvin, Wilbert and Robert Jarett. There are 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

RUSSELLVILLE, First Baptist Church, has employed an architect for remodeling of their sanctuary. Martin Williams is chairman of the committee for the project. W. Terrill Hall of Nashville, Tennessee, was employed as the architect. John A. Wood is pastor of the church.

KENTUCKY is represented on the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this summer by 17 young people. Ridgecrest employes 420 college young people from 100 colleges across the United States and several foreign countries. The summer assembly, located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

DECISION, a magazine published by the Billy Graham Association, asserts editorially in its September issue that for several years the shortage of ministers in some of the major Protestant denominations has been alternately emphasized by denominational bodies and soft-pedaled by various church leaders. The editorial warns against crash programs to attract men into the ministry.

BUCKNER FANNING, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, is much improved since his automobile wreck mentioned several weeks ago. He has been taken out of the intensive care section of Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and moved to a private room there. He is walking about some now, but is still suffering from compound fracture of the shoulder and ten to fifteen broken ribs. He will be in hospital or recovering at home for two to three months. He did not have a skull fracture or brain concussion as they had feared at first.

KEIFER-BORDERS WEDDING—The engagement of Miss Nola Helen Kiefer and Mr. Robert Morrison Borders has been made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilms Kiefer. The wedding ceremony will be conducted at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church Chapel, Louisville, on August 30. Mr. Borders is a son of Pastor James Borders of the North Forty-second Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and Mrs. Borders. Miss Kiefer is a graduate of the University of Louisville, where she was conferred membership in the Woodcock Society, which is indicative of top scholarship rating. Mr. Borders is expecting to be a summer school graduate of the same institution this month.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Central City, Kentucky, observed the second anniversary of their pastor, W. R. Cook. The church bulletin expressed appreciation for his ministry and leadership.

EUGENE W. BAKER of Memphis, Tennessee, has been named news director and associate editor of the alumni magazine for Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He is a graduate of Baylor University with bachelor and master of arts degrees. He will be a part-time theology student at Southwestern Seminary. (BP).

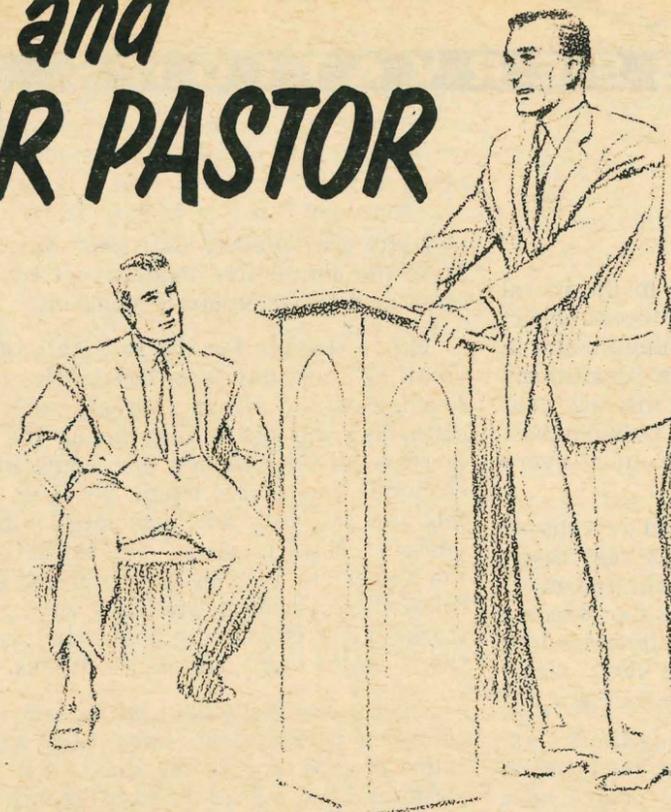
JOHN E. BOGGESS, a native of Greenville, has been called as minister of music and director of youth activities for the Hyland Baptist Church, Henderson. Boggess is a graduate of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, and will continue his training at Evansville College in Evansville, Indiana, in September.

KENTUCKY CONVENTION PRESIDENT E. Keevil Judy, pastor, First Baptist Church, Henderson, was the commencement speaker at Cumberland College's summer school graduation on August 17. The graduating class numbered 166.

EAST FRANKFORT Baptist Church observed its first annual homecoming services on August 11. East Frankfort began with 87 members a year ago and now has a membership of 129. Kentucky Sunday School Secretary Roy E. Boatwright and Western Recorder Editor C. R. Daley were speakers in the afternoon service. Elmer N. Lee is the East Frankfort pastor.

SIDNEY M. MADDOX, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Hopkinsville, conducted Sunday morning services at Kentucky Farm Bureau's three-day camp for young people held in July at Hardinsburg. Farm Bureau Executive Secretary John W. Koon reports that Mr. Maddox conducted a very inspirational and prayerful service for the young people.

YOU and YOUR PASTOR



by KENNETH PEPPER

Have you ever thought of the demands that are made on your pastor? Everyone wants him to be a little different from what he is. We want him to be a glamour boy, a handshake artist, a scholar, and an orator. Of course, he must write his own script and make more calls than a super salesman. He must be a counselor and confidant as well. Being an able pastor is no easy task.

Someone has suggested that he must have an automatic gearshift to change his emotions to the many expected behaviors. With a responsibility to God, he must be a man of prayer and must know the Bible and how to interpret its many pages. He must be committed to the cause of righteousness in spite of every discouragement from public opinion. His personal life must reflect deep responsibility to his people.

In the words of the Scripture he must be, "blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well in his own

Kenneth Pepper is chaplain of Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas.

when you allow him to be himself can he become the unique person that God ordained him to be.

Respond to Him

Respond to your pastor. He cannot fill his place in the community if he is ignored. A great actor once said, "Throw rotten eggs and cabbages, but don't ignore me!" There's no emptiness like being ignored. Let your preacher know how you are responding to his message and to his program. You can help him preach by the way you respond. As you listen, you encourage him to give more of himself.

Every preacher gets off on a pet subject occasionally. It is the responsibility of the members to respond in such a way as to bring him back to the central themes. Sometimes the pastor's enthusiasm needs to be brought close to the realities that the layman faces everyday in the business world. An intelligent, complimentary response to your pastor's sermon may provoke hours of extra preparation and do much to help him grow. Our pastors will grow and mature as we respond to them.

Support Him

Your pastor needs your support. Some churches have tried to save money by putting their pastor on a marginal income. This only serves to cripple his time and energy. If we pay our pastors adequate salaries, they can be free to give the work their full concern. Support your pastor by using him in his specialty. He has been trained as a preacher and as a pastor. Don't let him lose his time as a secretary, administrator, church buyer, and general canvasser of the community for every drive which comes along. One church used its pastor for general maintenance, as plumber and carpenter. Many pastors have to make an appearance at so many of the group meetings of the church that they do not have time for their evening evangelistic calls.

Love Him

No pastor can work or grow unless we love him. The basic ingredient of all human relationships is love. The strength for growth is love. Your pastor has weaknesses and infirmities. Your love, your encouragement, your faithfulness to him, will cause the best in him to respond. A conscientious pastor has no easy task. If the local church is to be the source of influence of Christ, we must join hands with our pastors for the success of its work. Although the pastor is our leader, he can go no further than we will allow him. Our apathetic response may dull his enthusiasm and reflect on the work of our Lord. Accept him, respond to him, support him, and love him.



Who Is to Blame?

Of grave concern to those interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of our state is the recent report from the State Health Department on illegitimacy in Kentucky. According to the record the illegitimacy rate has risen over sixty per cent in the ten year period, 1951 to 1961. In 1961 in our state 3,849 children were born out of wedlock which was 53 out of every 1,000 babies born in Kentucky.

When it is considered that the official records do not include all illegitimate children and that many marriages are consummated only to give legitimacy to children, the moral conditions of our day become alarming. Think of the adverse circumstances under which these children begin life and the awful effect upon their unwed parents, especially the mothers.

How is such a marked increase in illegitimacy explained? Have the young people of our day gone to the dogs? Are they worse than young people of a decade ago?

Everybody may not agree, but to this observer the answer is no. The primary blame is not to be put upon the youth but upon the adults of this generation. When everything is considered, it is a wonder our youth are not more degenerate than they are.

Consider the emphasis put on sex in our American culture. Rather than let it occupy the important place in life which it is intended to fill, sex has been seized upon and exploited for every selfish purpose. Apparently the day is upon us when those who have something to sell know not how to sell it without using sex. It is said the average home has the television set on 42 hours a week. Our children are thus constantly exposed to sex as it is used to sell everything from deodorant to automobiles.

America has become a sex saturated society, and we are reaping what we have sown. American youth are the victims of our folly and sin in this respect.

Consider also the change in dating practices in modern times. Daughters that once were not permitted to date until 16 years of age or older are often turned loose at 13 or 14 nowadays. In 1957 from the schools in one big city in the United States, 1,200 unwed girls 15 years old or younger were sent home expecting babies.

Steady dating among teenagers is another serious consideration in accounting for rising illegitimacy. Too often this is encouraged by parents. When a boy

and girl are together day after day and night after night the cumulative tendency of courtship practices often lead to dangerous dimensions.

Other reasons for the sad state of morals among youth of our day are constantly being given by sociologists and others studying such problems. One disturbing thought is that during the same period of increase in illegitimacy our educational, social and economic levels have risen. We have usually thought that low morality was associated with illiteracy and poverty. Now it seems the better our schools and the higher our income the worse we are. We used to think these alarming statistics were made across the tracks but it is amazing how many are now made on the so-called right side of the tracks.

Even more disturbing is the fact that our Baptist churches in Kentucky have been successful, as we count success, during the same time illegitimacy has risen, and too many of those listed in one set of statistics are listed in the other. Far too many Baptist boys and girls have become victims of sex, suds and sin. Have we been satisfied to bring them to church membership without teaching them the meaning of a new and separate life in Christ?

Is there not a need in our churches to help the young people cope with sex problems and temptations? Where should they be taught these things; in a sex education class in high school where the atmosphere often is unfit and the teacher without Christian conviction or in the education program of the church where reverence and seriousness make for a more wholesome atmosphere? Why then do many Baptists raise their eyebrows when such youth programs are suggested for the young people of their church?

Our task is to take the gospel and the teachings of Jesus into every area of life. Sex is one area where the teachings of Christ are sadly needed in our day. Until we apply these teachings to the problem the statistics will grow worse and worse. Instead of condemning our youth, let us as adults, confess our sins for giving them an environment which is mainly responsible for what they are, and let us set ourselves to changing this environment.

Welcome News

No more welcome news could come than the announcement that Mr. V. V. Cooke, Sr., and Mr. Joseph E. Stopher are teaming up to lead Kentucky Baptists

in the Christian Education Advance Campaign. Both men are unusually qualified in ability and dedication. Each has excelled in his chosen vocation and has faithfully served his own church and denomination.

Mr. Cooke's willingness to accept a place of leadership is as courageous as it is welcome. Friends and family members have been reluctant to encourage him to take on this task. Their concern is justified since he has suffered heart attacks and has been restricted to limited activities. But Mr. Cooke felt so deeply the imperative need of this effort that he had to consider it. He decided the Lord wanted him to do what he could and so he agreed. This is always the way he has approached the Lord's work.

Even a glance at his contributions to the life of Kentucky Baptists and Kentucky Baptist institutions over the years would indicate why Mr. Cooke is the universal choice for leadership in this most daring venture of Kentucky Baptists. The long record of his services and contributions need not be recounted here. Suffice it to say, as a highly successful business man who began as a struggling lad in rural Kentucky, he has the correct image to lead all of us. As a common

man in the best sense of the word, he moves with equal ease in all circles of God's people.

The other team member, Mr. Joseph Stopher, has the youth and physical vigor to lift much of the load from Mr. Cooke's shoulders. An unusually able attorney, Stopher has always shared his talents generously with his church and denomination. His contributions as a member of the Kentucky Baptist Child Care Board, as the attorney for the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board and as a Southern Seminary trustee are outstanding.

Stopher has had unusual advantages in coming to understand and appreciate the best of Kentucky Baptist heritage and mission. He is married to a daughter of the late beloved Kentucky Baptist pastor and leader, Dr. E. F. Estes. He enjoyed the blessings of the fellowship and influence of Dr. Estes for many years.

CEA is probably the greatest undertaking of Kentucky Baptists in this generation. Such a big undertaking takes leadership of the same size. This is why all Kentucky Baptists who are committed to this venture to undergird our Kentucky Baptist schools have reason to be encouraged and inspired by the choice of this team for CEA leadership.

BAPTIST FORUM

An Estimate of King

Dear Editor:

Referring to the unsigned letter regarding Dr. Martin Luther King, and your reply supporting Dr. King.

The duties of a minister of Jesus Christ include the teaching of his people to obey the laws of God and man, and to show respect for the duly constituted authorities.

The state of Alabama, so I understand, has a law prohibiting demonstrations, the assembling of crowds on the streets, etc. This law was intended to curb the actions of the K.K.K., but it applies to everybody. King went to Birmingham, arbitrarily took some eleven hundred more children out of school, taught them the Communist art of rioting, disobedience of law and disrespect for the constituted authorities. King may not be a member of the Communist party, but his conduct has been that of a Communist and certainly not that of a Christian minister.

Not long ago a group of Christian ministers from Russia visited our country and among them were Russian secret police posing as ministers. I may not be a highly educated person, but I have enough common sense and enough Christianity in my soul to know that a college education, a doctor's degree and a title do not make a minister of Jesus

Christ. It's what is inside a person and the way he conducts himself that counts, and in my opinion Martin Luther King conducted himself like a Communist and not like a Christian minister. He isn't fit to address a group of young people.

Lyndon, Ky.

L. W. Reigel

(Editor's Reply)

Your letter is printed because I believe you have the right to your opinion. I am not so sure you are right with some of your facts. If you are correct about Russian secret police being among Christian ministers from Russia, I hope Mr. J. Edgar Hoover was also informed.

"Slight Heart Attack" Hits Courts Redford

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—Courts Redford, of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has had what his doctor called "a slight heart attack."

The announcement was made by G. Frank Garrison, assistant executive secretary of the mission agency, who said, "His condition is not thought to be serious."

"Dr. Redford experienced some physical discomfort during his recent stay at Glorieta," Garrison said. "A cardiogram in Atlanta revealed the heart attack."

His physician has ordered complete



FRONT COVER—Mr. Joseph Stopher, Louisville attorney and Baptist Layman, has been elected to serve as co-chairman of the Christian Education Advance Campaign for Kentucky Baptists. Working jointly with him will be Mr. V. V. Cooke, Sr., whose picture appeared on our cover last week.—Photo by Fabian Backrack.

rest, and he has forbidden him any company. He is at the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.



K. B. C.

Vernon Talley Begins Work At Clover Bottom, Elkhorn Association

Vernon L. Talley is well into his work as pastor of the Clover Bottom Baptist Church in Elkhorn Association. In May he moved to the church from the Woods Station Baptist Church, just south of Oxford, Ohio.

Born at Upton, Kentucky, he is married to the former Evelyn Kinkade of Sonora, Ky. They have two sons, Randall and Wayne.

Talley is a graduate of Campbellville College and attended Southern Seminary. While a student at the seminary, he was pastor near Elizabethtown and Battletown, Kentucky.

Pleasant Hill Church, Pulaski Association, Ordains John Wilson

Bro. John Wilson, R. 1, Somerset, was ordained to preach the gospel on Sunday, August 4. He was ordained by the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church which is his home church. He was recently called to be pastor of the Bronston Baptist Church, Bronston. He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.



John Wilson

Those serving on the Ordaining Council were as follows: moderator and preacher of the ordination sermon, Bro. Davis H. King, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church; interrogator, Bro. Virthel

Taylor, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Somerset; charges to the candidate and church, Bro. Clarence Wells, of La Follette, Tenn.; ordination prayer, Brother W. P. Wilson, father of the candidate; and presentator of the Bible, Bro. Lloyd Williamson, pastor of the Flat Lick Baptist Church, Valley Oak, Kentucky.

Bro. Wilson is married to the former Margaret Aereus of Detroit, Mich. They have two children, Richard, 11; and Janet, 10.

Oakdale Baptist Church, Louisville, Ordains Deacons

William Edward Montgomery and James W. Madden were ordained as deacons at the Oakdale Baptist Church, Louisville. Ordination took place on Sunday night, July 21. Oakdale pastor, Roy Miller, served as interrogator and Herman Blakeman served as moderator. Scripture was read by David Aidings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Baileytown, Tennessee. Ordination prayer was led by Jim Stansbury with the charge to the church and deacons brought by the pastor. Ordination message was delivered by Tom Malone of the Franklin Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Bob Brown Completes Five Years At Trinity Baptist, Lexington

Bob W. Brown, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Lexington, completed his fifth year at the church on August 1. The church has grown to a membership of 1,100 with over 1,200 additions in the five years. The church relocated and

erected a new building in 1960. A new parsonage has also been built in the five years. The church has a Sunday School Department for Mentally Retarded Children, had a Department for the Deaf for two years, has voted to accept people of all races, and has for 5 years developed and used a unique program of receiving and instructing new members. Pastor and Mrs. Brown and their two children live at 1671 Strader Drive in Lexington.

Don Downing Accepts Ottawa Baptist, Brodhead

After almost seven years as pastor of Fleming Baptist Church, Don Downing has moved near Brodhead where he is pastor of Ottawa Baptist Church. Under Downing's leadership, the Fleming church made progress in many ways. One of the visible results is a home for the pastor purchased while he was there.

A native of Logan County, he graduated from Clear Creek Baptist School in 1956. Mrs. Downing is the former Ada Walters of Pineville.

R. Gene Livingood Accepts Grants Lick Pastorate

R. Gene Livingood, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Shelbiana, Kentucky, for three and one-half years, has accepted a call to the Grants Lick Baptist Church, (Campbell County), Grants Lick, Kentucky. Livingood, a native of Grant County, attended Georgetown College.

Livingood is married to the former Miss Kay Combs and has three sons: Richie 7, Ronnie 5, Robbie 10 months.

"Eternal Results"

by Miss Anna Starkey, teacher
Clear Creek Baptist School

Twenty-three teenagers and five adult leaders from Highview Baptist Church near Louisville spent the week of July 21-28 at Magoffin Baptist Institute in Breathitt County. While visiting at M.B.I. over the weekend, I was very much impressed with their work and I want to share it with you.

Each morning one group conducted a Vacation Bible School for the children of the Mountain Valley community, while another group went to Cow Creek in Magoffin County for a Bible school. Every evening the people from the community and those from Louisville shared in a service of worship and evangelism in the school building.



DR. H. C. CHILES, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky, was honored August 1 at the Woman's Clubhouse on the fifteenth anniversary as the pastor of the church. Pictured, left to right, above are Robert Humphreys, Dr. Chiles, Mrs. Chiles and Mrs. Robert Humphreys.

H. C. Chiles Observes Fifteenth Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Chiles were honored August 1 at a dinner given by all the deacons which have served during the time Dr. Chiles has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murray.

The dinner commemorated the fifteenth anniversary of Dr. Chiles' coming to Murray as pastor of the church.

It was a surprise affair. During the course of the evening, Dr. Chiles was presented a stereo-phonograph. Present for the occasion was Dr. and Mrs. Chiles' daughter and her husband, the Robert Humphreys of Hodgenville.

Dr. Chiles is the past moderator of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has served on the Executive Board of the state convention. He writes the Sunday School lesson for weekly publication in the *Western Recorder*. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A native of Falmouth, Kentucky, he was educated at Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He holds honorary doctor of divinity degrees from Union College, Jackson, Tenn., and Georgetown College.

Saturday night they had "fun night" in the gym, putting on skits with costume from our former costume closet. Then Ella Dean and South Wilson (of Mountain Valley) played and sang, then the whole group played basketball or just sat around and talked. The M.B.I. youngsters seemed to be having such a good time. I'll admit I was glad I could sit and enjoy watching them and no longer had to be a chaperone.

Sunday morning I went with the group to Cow Creek for Sunday School and a short service with one of the laymen from Louisville bringing a very good message. Two of the girls who live on Cow Creek had swept the bare floor and arranged the homemade benches and scarred and battered desks

facing the old heating stove. On the homemade desk was a bouquet of phlox in a pint jar. Ronnie Montgomery of Louisville had taught them a beautiful anthem and they really didn't need a piano or organ. As I watched the faces of the young people, I agreed with one of the adults that they show real evidence of spiritual growth.

It was evident that they loved the young people of Louisville and both groups had been blessed during their week together. Pastor Denzil Probus of the Highview Church and the other four adults from Louisville have made a real contribution to the young people from their own church as well as those who live in the mountains. Only eternity can tell the results.

150 Years!

On August 2nd (my birthday), the Union Baptist Association met in special session at the old Indian Creek Baptist Church to celebrate its 150th Anniversary as a missionary Baptist Association in Kentucky. I was privileged to be with them for the regular one day Annual Meeting on August 1st, but was unable to enjoy the special celebration! The August 1st meeting was wonderful—more than 300 registered, the spirit was good, the Moderator presided with grace and dignity, and the reports were encouraging. AND—the ladies did not forget to have demon-possessed eggs on the groaning tables for me! Congratulations, Union Baptist Association! May you begin another 150 years determined to be more world-missions-minded than ever before. C. Harold Ewing, Baptist attorney from Falmouth, was re-elected moderator.

150 Years In North America

Yes, and at the same meeting we launched the beginning of Jubilee Year for North American Baptists in 1964! In 1814, organized Baptist work for all Baptists in our land began in Philadelphia at the Triennial Convention. For the past five years we have been in the BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE program. Each year we have had a special emphasis for advance—education and training, evangelism, stewardship, extension churches, and 1963 was "World Missions Year". We are in the last days of this program in which we hoped and prayed that every church in Kentucky would give something to world missions through a gift to the Cooperative Program sent to my office in Middletown. Will we?

Now, we enter the Jubilee Year 1964. What is the emphasis? ALL PHASES—each church to set a goal for advance in each phase of the Jubilee program; AND, emphasize Baptist heritage!

We will launch this program at the Kentucky Baptist Convention November 13-15 and with North American Baptists celebrate in Atlantic City May 18-24, 1964. MORE LATER.

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders



LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH, Fulton County Association, recently ordained five deacons for a total of twelve serving the church. Those ordained were James C. Hammond, Tommy Hammond, Ralph Ferrell, Husell Polsgrove and Raymond Harrison. In the picture above, Mrs. Naul Hammond is shown with her two sons who were ordained in the service.

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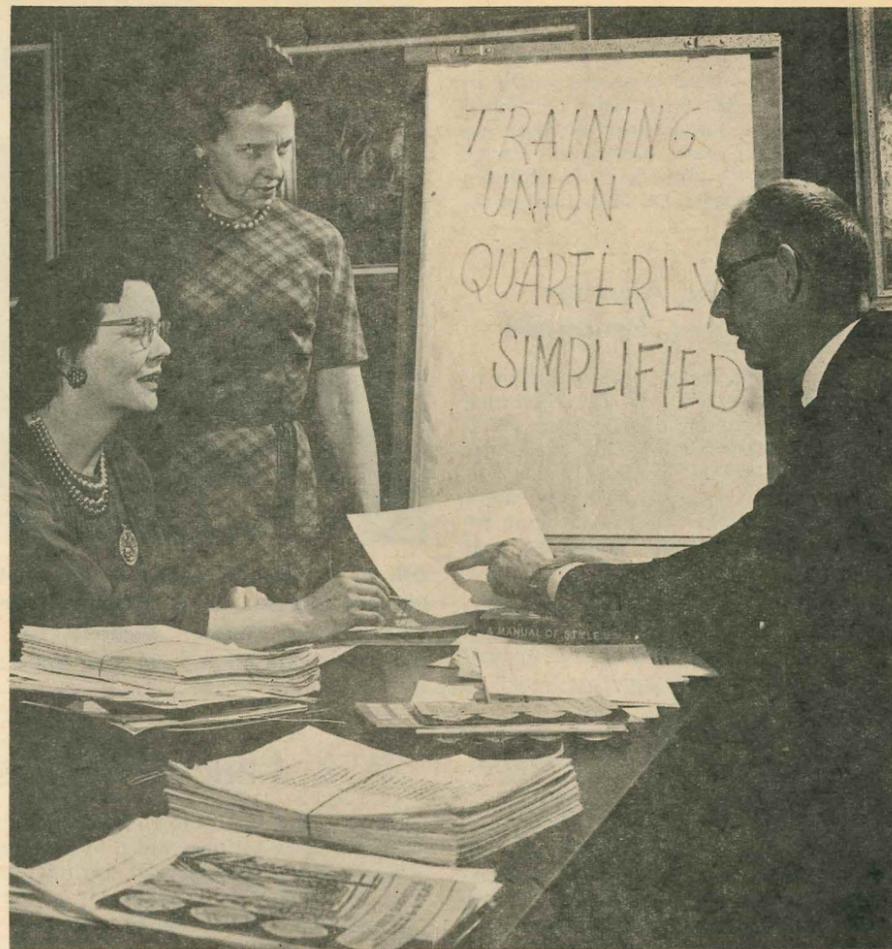
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PICTURED ABOVE is Mrs. D. M. Aldridge of Pineville in conference with Dr. LeRoy Ford, editor of adult publications, and Mrs. Louise Ellerker, associate, of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. Aldridge, wife of the president of Clear Creek Baptist School, was chosen to be the writer or "adapter" for a new type of literature. The new "Training Union Quarterly Simplified" which can be ordered by August 12, is written with a vocabulary of less than 1,000 words. It is designed for new readers, the deaf and other adults who prefer simplified reading matter. The 1,000-word vocabulary used in the quarterly is taken from the book, "Toward World Literacy" by Frank C. and Robert S. Laubach, literacy specialists. Many Baptist leaders have been asking for simplified Training Union quarterlies. This simplified quarterly for adults will meet a need in many of our churches. The materials used are the same as those in the "Training Union Adults." Mrs. Aldridge has recently served a four-year term as vice president and member of the executive board of Kentucky W.M.U. She now holds the office of Youth Director in Southeast Region W.M.U.

HOME BOARD:

Bond Sales By Mission Board Total \$1,196,000

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—The sale of church bonds by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention totaled \$1,196,000 for the last 12 months.

The announcement was made by G. Frank Garrison of Atlanta, director of the Division of Church Loans, to the mid-year meeting of the mission agency here.

Sale of the bonds was stimulated by the establishment last year of the Guarantee Trust Fund of \$250,000. This fund was set aside to secure or guarantee to the purchaser of the full payment of church bonds sold by the board.

The bonds sold by the board have been purchased from churches, and are re-sold to investors guaranteed by the trust fund.

Garrison also reported the corpus of available loan funds of the mission agency now totals \$11,840,881.44. In the past 12 months \$8,889,610 in loans were made by the division to 339 churches.

'64 CONVENTION:

Ample Rooms Assured For Atlantic City

Nashville (BP)—Reservations for the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Jubilee celebration to follow it are being accepted in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

John H. Williams, convention arrangements manager for the S.B.C. executive committee here, said notices with names of hotels and motels, a map of Atlantic City and essential information are being sent to Baptist state papers for publication.

The information, along with a fill-in form to clip out and mail, also will appear in September in the magazine, Baptist Program, which goes to S.B.C. pastors and denominational workers.

The Convention is dated May 19-22. The 150th birthday of Baptist work will be marked with meetings involving seven Baptist groups May 22-24.

The S.B.C. housing bureau, 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City, N. J., is clearing all reservations. With over 11,000 motel and hotel rooms in the city, used to big conventions, there should be ample room for Southern Baptists and Baptists of other conventions who come there.

An attendance at the celebration of 40,000 to 50,000 Baptists is hoped for.

This will be Southern Baptists' first visit to Atlantic City, famous for its boardwalk and for the Miss America Beauty Pageant. The Convention Hall, where meetings will be held, is the site of this pageant and also will be used later in 1964 for a nation-wide political convention.

RIBICOFF:

Says Misunderstanding On Church School Aid

Washington (BP)—Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.) in a speech before the United States Senate said that there are serious misunderstandings about the religious controversy in education.

He said that in the controversy over Federal funds for parochial schools the most serious misunderstanding concerns the position of the administration.

"It is widely believed that the administration opposes, on constitutional grounds, all aid to church-related schools. This is simply not true," he said.

Ribicoff referred to the legal memorandum on the constitutionality of public funds to parochial schools, prepared by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1961. This, he said, set forth the administration's views on the question.

"At no point does the memorandum say that all forms of aid to church-related schools are unconstitutional," he said, but it "specifically outlines some forms of aid which it says are constitutional."

The misunderstandings of the administration's position, Ribicoff said, developed from failure to keep in mind what the President said about this subject in press conferences shortly after he took office.

In his press conferences, President Kennedy expressed the view that across-the-board grants and loans to church-related schools is unconstitutional. Such opposition, the senator said, should not be interpreted as opposition to all forms of aid. The President "specifically opened the door to loans or grants which are not given on an

across-the-board basis," he stated.

In his remarks to the Senate, Ribicoff said that the distinction between across-the-board aid and all other forms of aid has been largely ignored. Across-the-board aid would clearly support the religious aspects of the schools, he stated.

"But aid that is limited to certain specified uses or aid that is extended generally, but with certain specified exceptions, stands on an entirely different footing," he said.

To further emphasize his point, the senator pointed to views expressed by Francis Keppel, U. C. Commissioner of Education, on a "meet the press" program. He said Keppel agreed with the view "that it would be desirable, in addition to aiding public education,

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK



Training Union

Margaret Sapp Leaves Training Union Department

by James H. Whaley

Miss Margaret Sapp, who has been with the Kentucky Baptist Convention for almost five years, will soon be leaving the Baptist Building, and Kentucky.



Miss Margaret Sapp

She was secretary in the Tracts and Visual Aids Department for approximately a year. The following year she was Office Secretary for Dr. W. C. Boone, former executive secretary-treasurer. She has since been serving as office secretary in the Training Union Department.

Miss Sapp leaves to assume new responsibilities in Atlanta, Georgia, after her marriage on August 31 to Mr. James Burt Davis. Mr. Davis is a native of Quinton, Alabama, a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be a graduate student at Emory University in Atlanta. Miss Sapp plans to continue her work with Southern Baptists as a secretary at the Home Mission Board.

We will miss Margaret, but at the same time we are happy about her reason for leaving and wish her the best in her new role.

Church Music

Harlan, Severns Valley Receive Congratulations

by Eugene F. Quinn

Congratulations have been received from the Church Music Department at Nashville over the signatures of Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary, and Dr. Loren R. Williams, director of Field Promotion. Dr. Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, received congratulations for his church's achievement of the Standard of Excellence for the first three months of 1963. William K. Medlock, their minister of music who recently resigned to go to a church in Florida, led the church to attain this distinction.

Harlan Baptist Church's pastor, Norris Hite, and minister of music, Ronald Sholar, have been congratulated for attaining not only the Standard of Excellence for the first six months of 1963, but for achieving the Advanced Standard Recognition For a Baptist Church Music Ministry, which is the highest recognition of attainment.

Kentucky Baptists wish to congratulate these two fine churches in this advance development of their music ministries. These attainments indicate that these churches have an extremely well balanced and deep music program for their constituency.

Stewardship

Unique Gift For Cooperative Program

by Robert J. Hastings

Within a few hours now, the books will close on the 1962-63 Cooperative Program budget year. This year has been one of new records. If every church will send all monies available by August 25, we should reach our Cooperative Program goal for the second straight year.

One of the most unique contributions for missions through the Cooperative Program this past year was made by Mr. D. B. Johnson of the First Baptist Church, London. He made a Cooperative Program gift of \$100 through his church in memory of his sister, Miss Lucretia Johnson, who passed away a few months ago.

Mr. Johnson is Sunday school superintendent "emeritus" at First Church, London, and has been active not only in his own church but in associational Sunday school work in Laurel River.

Most contributions through the Cooperative Program come from church budgets, but occasionally someone makes a specific gift, as in the case of Brother Johnson. Also, more and more Baptists are including the Cooperative Program in their wills. By leaving a bequest with the income earmarked for the Cooperative Program, one can have a continuing interest in world missions long after his death. A. M. Vollmer, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Middletown, will be glad to furnish full details to those interested.

Sunday School

Church Building Conferences Planned

by Francis R. Tallant

Church Building conferences will be conducted in two areas of our state in October. One conference will be at First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky, on October 22. The second conference will be at First Baptist Church, London, Kentucky, on October 24.

These conferences will consist of a morning and afternoon session followed by personal conferences for those who desire them. Problems and needs in a church building program will be discussed. All churches in these areas, building or planning to, and others interested are invited to attend. Please mark these dates now.

The Church Architecture Department, Nashville and the State Sunday School Department, Middletown, are working together in promoting these meetings.

Additional copies of the 1963-64 Sunday School Program Guidebook are available to churches upon request. Let us know the number you need.

Baptist Student Union

Summer Missionary Writes From Ibadan, Nigeria

by J. Chester Durham

Brenda Southard, our BSU Summer Missionary, writes from Ibadan, Nigeria!

This week while I've been in Ibadan I have been able to lie in bed at night and hear the drums in the distance—a reminder that this is truly Africa. Parts of the city are as modern as any city at home. There are two twenty-story buildings. There is one department store I've shopped in that's more modern than any we have in Bowling Green! And yet, on the other hand, there are the sights, sounds and smears most of you associate with Africa. Conditions in some parts of this city are so crowded families must take turns sleeping at night. People are not starving in Nigeria, but most are suffering from malnutrition and other diseases, simply because they are not educated to the extent of knowing what to do with the food they grow.

We have been having wonderful re-

sponse to the Bible School. We do not call them Vacation Bible Schools here because the school children do not have a summer vacation as we do—they go all year long, with many short vacations. So our Bible schools are held from 4:00 to 6:00 in the afternoon.

The first week we were in Ara, on Friday, our last day, there were 684 adults and children there. During the week we had 92 professions of faith! While we were in Ara I was asked to speak to a completely Moslem school. The acting headmaster is Baptist and this is how I got the invitation.

There were 82 pupils. I presented the

plan of salvation using a flannel board. I have found that the flannel board is a very effective way to present a message. After I finished, the interpreter asked if there were any who would like to accept Christ. Twenty-five stood. The pastor and deacons of the Baptist Church were going to talk to each who stood individually. This is a very hard decision for a Moslem to make. Many have told me that if they make a public profession of faith their parents will no longer pay their school fees, and an education is one of the most important things to a Nigerian. Please pray for these students.

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- "My neighbor — I'll take her with me Monday . . .!"

Hello, Again!

We "handed" the material for Week of Prayer for State Missions to your W.M.U. President several weeks ago — we now come to you, the W.M.S. member!

Kentucky is a beautiful state — yours and mine! Let's know what is being done in the Name of Christ throughout this state. You can — if you STUDY intelligently and PRAY fervently and GIVE generously — AND — see your neighbor as part of His plan for bringing a world to Christ.

Here are a few thoughts:

1. Order TODAY the State Mission envelopes for the offering—from the WMU Office, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky. Order plenty for church wide usage.
2. Our anniversary goal of 15% increase may be helpfully presented to the youth organizations and others, for example: "You gave 50 cents last year. A 15% increase is 8 cents, at least, more this year, etc., etc. . . ." (May there be more figuring of such done on the DOLLARS level!)
3. Wednesday night—Prayer Meeting Hour—let the men of the church be enlisted for the presentation. The women will prayerfully back the men in this endeavor. (Order early the new film-strip on Cedarmore from Dr. Sanders' office.)
4. THE PLAYS THE THING! Assign each day's part well in advance, and let drama say what too long we have heard read!

Kentucky has many "firsts" to its credit (note some of these as listed in back of the Week of Prayer booklet). With God's help and with your preparation and ingenuity, let's do our part to make Kentucky first in knowing of Him and His purpose for each life.

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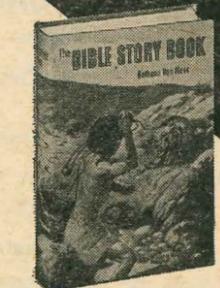
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MISUNDERSTANDING

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to extend Federal financial assistance to private education at all levels, using such means as are generally agreed to be constitutional."

In a speech to the Senate earlier this year Ribicoff demanded an end of the religious controversy in education. He offered six proposals for aid to private schools as a "means of resolving the controversy within the constitutional limitations." His proposals are: (1) Income tax deductions for college and private school expenses, (2) Public financing of a shared time program, (3) Assistance for special purposes, as classroom construction and teaching of math, science, and foreign language, (4) Teacher training programs, (5) Auxiliary services such as school lunches, health services and bus transportation, and (6) Higher education.

He said there has been some mis-

understanding about his proposals. "Let me make it very clear," he said, "that I have no intention of supporting any proposal that exceeds constitutional limitations."

Another point of misunderstanding, he pointed out, is on the present extent of aid to both public and private education. There is aid to education both public and private, he said. He called for "widespread public debate," based on facts, to clear up the misunderstandings.

Ribicoff made no comment on the Supreme Court's opinion set forth in the *Everson vs. Board of Education* case:

"No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion."

L. L. Spurlin Dies

L. L. Spurlin, one of the best known and loved Baptist preachers in Kentucky, died on August 9 at his farm home in Christian County. Spurlin was 83 years old and had been in the Baptist ministry for 61 years. He estimated that he had baptized more than 4,000 persons while serving churches in Christian, Trigg, and Caldwell counties.

J. T. Spurlin, a former Kentucky and Alaska pastor and now a pastor in Nashville, Tennessee, is one of the sons of the deceased minister. The funeral was held at the Second Baptist Church in Hopkinsville on August 12.

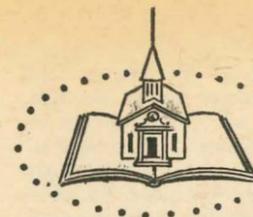
Georgia Youth Wins RA Speakers' Contest

WASHINGTON (BP)—Johnny Baxter Mostiler, a husky 16-year-old junior at Griffin High School, won the RA Speakers' Contest Sunday, August 11, in competition with winners from 13 other states.

The victory won for Mostiler a \$100 United States Savings Bond, an opportunity to make his address before fellow Royal Ambassadors at the opening session of the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress August 13, and a possible audience with President John F. Kennedy.

Winner of the Southern Baptist Convention-wide speakers' competition was to see the President August 12, but the appointment was cancelled when the President's son died. A White House spokesman said the president and young Mostiler may meet later in the week.

Larry W. Swift of Owensboro was the Kentucky participant.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

SURRENDER AT PENIEL

Genesis 32:22-32

From Bethel, the place of his unforgettable vision, Jacob proceeded to the home of his uncle Laban, and fell in love with her at first sight. This meeting was the beginning of a romance which terminated only with the untimely death of Rachel on their journey to Hebron. Jacob readily agreed to serve Laban for seven years for the hand of Rachel in marriage. When Jacob fulfilled his part of the contract, Laban deceived him by giving him Leah instead. Thus the man who had deceived his father and defrauded his brother was in due time deceived and defrauded by his uncle. After reaping what he had sown, Jacob accepted the offer of Laban to give Rachel to him on the condition that he would serve him for seven additional years.

With the passing of the years Jacob and his wives had their children and he prospered and became wealthy. Eventually the oppressive tactics of Laban became intolerable, and God used that unjust treatment to create in the heart of Jacob the desire to return to his home and his kindred. In due time he escaped with his family and his animals. On his homeward journey Jacob heard the frightening news that Esau was bringing four hundred men and coming to meet him. Terrified at the thought that Esau's wrath had never abated, he quickly divided the people who were with him into two groups, each in charge of half of his livestock, in the hope that at least one of the bands would eventually reach Canaan and at least something be saved. He arranged for a series of generous gifts to be presented to Esau in an attempt to cool his anger and effect a reconciliation with him.

I. Jacob's Struggle. Genesis 32:22-25.

Upon his arrival at the Jabbok, a tributary of the Jordan River near Bethel, Jacob saw to it that his family got across, and then he tarried behind in solitude, perhaps to think things through and to ask God to bless his efforts to appease Esau, and to enable him to arrive at his destination without injury from or loss to his brother whom he had wronged.

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It was so important that Jacob came to realize his personal weakness and his utter dependence upon God. It would have been tragic had he been able to accomplish his purpose through his own clever schemes and manipulations.

Jacob wanted the assurance of the presence, power, protection and blessing of God, but he still insisted on doing as he pleased and having his own way. So many Christians are like Jacob in that they want all of the blessings of God, but do not want to yield their lives to His control and use.

II. Jacob's Surrender. Genesis 32:26-29.

Taking the initiative, as is His custom, God commissioned one of His messengers to take hold of Jacob for the purpose of subduing him and proving to him that he was his own worst enemy. God had him to wrestle with Jacob in order to break down his opposition to Him and to bring him into subjection to His will. Proud Jacob resisted every effort of the wrestler to humble and subdue him. They wrestled until the faint streaks of dawn. So strong and tenacious was Jacob's opposition that nothing short of a special manifestation of divine power could break him down. God could have done this earlier in the struggle, but He did not because He preferred Jacob's surrender. When He could not obtain Jacob's surrender willingly, it became necessary for God to deal with him in severity, and by an assertion of divine power to bring him to an end of himself.

As a final stroke of subdual the wrestler pressed against the socket of Jacob's thigh and threw it out of joint. Then the resister became a clinger, for he was utterly powerless. Thus he was brought to the place finally where he recognized and yielded to the divine sovereignty. When the victorious wrestler asked for a release in order that he might leave, Jacob held him tightly in his arms and said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Sensing his physical helplessness, and realizing that the one with whom he had been wrestling was a divine person, Jacob prayed for help and refused to release his grasp until he received a blessing from this visitor. He needed and wanted the power of God in his life. Because of the way

in which God dealt with Jacob, he discovered that the hour of his physical prostration was the hour of his spiritual triumph.

Following Jacob's declaration that he would not let the divine wrestler go until he had blessed him, his opponent inquired, "What is thy name?" His reply was, "Jacob." The response thereto was: "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

III. Jacob's State. Genesis 32:30-32.

A great spiritual transformation came over Jacob as a result of that wrestling match. Hitherto he had been dominated by the carnal, but henceforth his life was to be divinely ruled. If only he had learned his lesson sooner and had had that remarkable and transforming experience from a schemer into a prince, he would have been spared so much trouble and anxiety.

Withered now was the selfish pride that had gripped him for so long. Blooming now was the new disposition which God had given him and the gracious princeliness which He had conferred upon him. He was so different that he never forgot that experience.

We cannot receive the fulness of the blessing of God as long as we are knowingly unsundered in any area of our lives. When we, like Jacob, stop resisting God's will and begin yielding ourselves fully to it, a new day will dawn in our lives. Commitment to Him of that which He requests causes the miracle of spiritual empowerment to take place.

In gratitude to God for the blessing which Jacob received there, he made a memorial of his experience. In deepest reverence Jacob gave a new name to the place of his unforgettable encounter with God, He called it "Peniel," because there he had received a vision of God and obtained the blessing of God. How fortunate he was in that henceforth he was not to be known as a trickster or supplanter, but as a prince of God! Leaving behind his former manner of life, this prince of God had great power with both God and men.

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The deep, rich baritone voice of a Russian Baptist singing, "How Great Thou Art," with a congregation of voices in English, Arabic, and other languages joining in the chorus, helped make the dedication of the newly acquired building of Ras Beirut Baptist Church, Beirut, Lebanon, a "moving experience," reports Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The service of dedication, held Sunday morning, July 21, was attended by many delegates to the Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut (July 15-21). The auditorium was filled to overflowing. Rev. Joseph Costa, young pastor of the church and president of the Lebanese Baptist Convention, presided, and Southern Baptist Missionary James K. Ragland, assistant pastor, interpreted Arabic portions of the service into English. Several delegates to the Youth Conference,

including three from Russia, brought greetings from their countries.

Rev. William A. Lawson, young Negro minister from Houston, Tex., spoke on "My Wish for This Church." Special musical numbers were rendered by a quartet of young men from Sweden and a mixed quartet from Texas. Dr. Peter Trutza, native of Romania, now professor at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill., read the Scripture passage and led the prayer of dedication. Dr. Goerner preached the dedication sermon, using part of the eighth chapter of 1 Kings, including King Solomon's prayer of dedication of the first temple in Jerusalem.

Labib Zacca, a prosperous businessman and chairman of an iron and steel manufacturing company in Lebanon, was recognized for making possible the purchase of the valuable property by the Ras Beirut Church. Mr. Zacca is not a Baptist, but his brother, Philip, is

a member of another Baptist church in Beirut.

With deep emotion, Mr. Zacca told how for some strange reason he had been unwilling to sell the property to other groups who wished to purchase it, thus holding it until the small Baptist congregation was able to make the purchase, with the assistance of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. Zacca has granted the congregation a period of several years in which to pay the balance, the loan bearing no interest for the first three years.

"I did not understand why these things happened until this morning," he said. "Now I know God was using me as an instrument in his hands to work out what he wanted done with this building. I feel unworthy to be used by the holy God in this manner, but I am grateful that he was willing to use me."

The building is a one-story villa which once served as the residence of a

wealthy businessman from Germany. The property was impounded during World War II and Mr. Zacca had to make a special trip to Germany in order to secure the right of purchase from the former owner. The large living room combines with the adjoining dining room for a preaching hall. There is adequate space for a graded Sunday school and also an apartment for the pastor and his family.

Situated in the heart of the crowded Ras Beirut district of Beirut, it is one of the few one-story buildings in an area of soaring apartments and business houses of 10 and 12 stories. Dr. Goerner says it is estimated that this property will be adequate for the needs of the Ras Beirut congregation for the next 10 years, after which it may be necessary to remove the present structure and erect a modern building.

Ras Beirut is one of five Baptist churches in the city of Beirut. It was organized with 23 members in March, 1959.

Alaska Convention Elects W. H. Hansen

Anchorage (BP)—A young Fairbanks, Alaska, minister, William H. Hansen, 34, has been elected the second executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

Hansen has been pastor of Hamilton Acres Baptist Church, Fairbanks, for the past year. He has already assumed his duties at the State Baptist Building here.

Southern Baptists of the state, numbering 7,200 in 44 churches and missions extending from Ketchikan in the southeast to Kotzebue in the northwest, have been without an executive head since the departure of L. A. Watson.

Watson superintended the development of Baptist work in Alaska from 1955 to 1963.

The new secretary came to Alaska from Oklahoma. Before accepting the Fairbanks church he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Valdez, Alaska, and Riverview Baptist Mission, Norman, Okla. He has been a vice-president of the Alaska Baptist Convention for two years.

Hansen took his pre-seminary education at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., and at University of Oklahoma, Norman. He graduated in 1951 from Concordia Seminary (Lutheran) St. Louis, with the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

He then attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, doing graduate work in Old Testament and Semitic studies.

During part of this time he served as a teaching fellow in the department of Biblical Introduction. In 1961 he received the Doctor of Theology degree from Southwestern Seminary.

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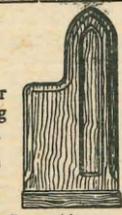
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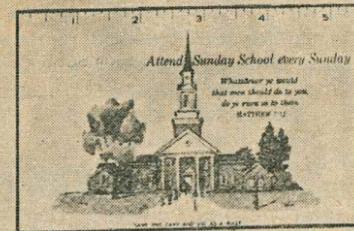
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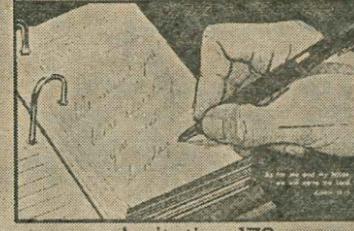
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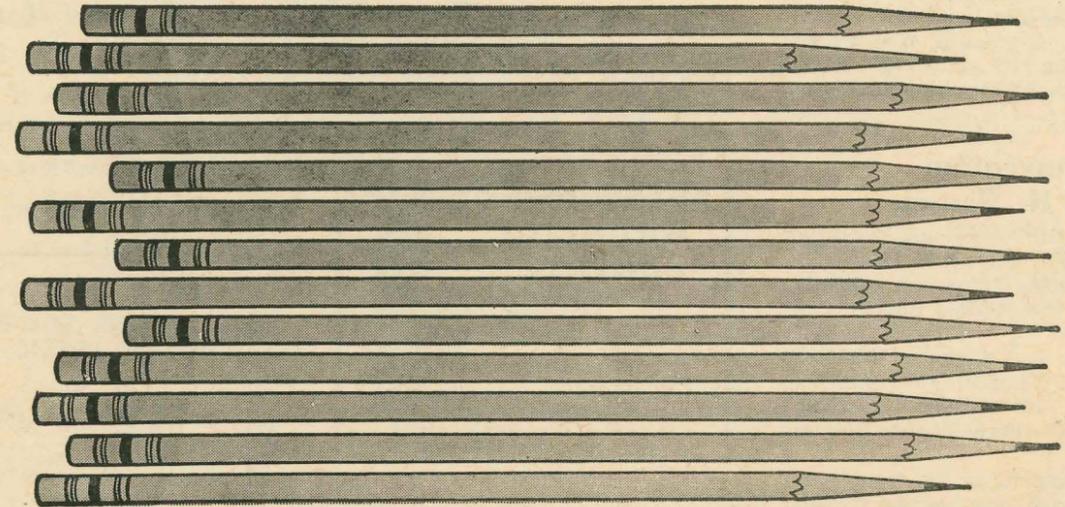
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