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THE WOMAN WHO PLAYED GOD — A domineering and possessive mother learns that her son is in love and plans to marry. Here, in the mistaken belief that love is the basis of her actions, too, the mother tries to keep her son at home through threats and cajoling. His Christian convictions and counsel with God see him through the crisis in this film from "The Answer" series, produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. Watch "The Woman Who Played God" this week in Kentucky on Sunday, March 1, over these stations: Lexington, WKYT, Channel 27, 9:00 A.M.; Louisville, WAVE, Channel 3, 8:30 A.M.; Paducah, WPSD-TV, Channel 6, 10:30 A.M.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JOHN R. CLAYPOOL, pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, has been elected president of the Louisville Baptist Pastors' Conference. This is a new organization of pastors from white and Negro churches. Joe P. Williams, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, was elected secretary.

NINTH AND O BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, has passed a resolution expressing appreciation for the 6½ years that Dr. Henry Beach served the church as pastor. Beach is now the assistant to the president of Kentucky Southern College.

MRS. D. M. ALDRIDGE, wife of the president of Clear Creek Baptist School, was the missionary speaker in associational meetings in Georgia, February 17-21. She traveled with Miss Alexine Gibson, Atlanta, speaking eight times in five cities. She spoke on literacy missions and the missionary work in the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

LAWRENCEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH dedicated a new library in January. Mrs. Lucille McCune is librarian for the church which is in Crittenden Association. Larry Burke is the pastor.

THE GLASGOW BAPTIST Church has authorized the architect to proceed with working drawings for the proposed sanctuary. The working plans are to be approved by the church by March 20. Construction will begin immediately after the church approves the plans. R. Trevis Otey is pastor.

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING of Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Texas, was completely destroyed by fire on February 9. All the vital school records were lost.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD of the Southern Baptist Convention has named Gene Edward Moffatt of Nashville, Tennessee, as its photographer-technician. Moffatt, 37, is a practicing photographer and minister with experience in visual aids, radio, and television. He has also served as an associate pastor in Texas, and has a pastor in Tennessee, Indiana and Virginia.

MISS RUBY KING, a junior at Georgetown College, made a strong plea for support of Baptist colleges in the state before an association group

meeting in Stearns. She made the appearance in behalf of the CEA Campaign of Kentucky Baptists.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, has voted to build new educational buildings. Work is expected to begin by May 1. The expansion program will double the educational space at Trinity.

LEROY PETERSON, professor of Bible at Clear Creek Baptist School, baptized two people whose ages totaled almost 164 years on February 9 at First Baptist Church, Burnside, where he is serving as interim pastor. Mrs. Sally Pitman will be 90 years old in March and Lige Coffee is 74 years old. Both are residents of the Bates Rest Home where the Burnside Church sponsored a mission.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH for the Blind is *STEWARDSHIP: Witnessing for Christ* by Virginia Ely, published by Fleming H. Revell Company. The book has been recorded by Christian Education for the Blind, Fort Worth, Texas. Blind persons who have tape recorders are invited to enlist for this and other library readings on tape.

AT THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL Prayer Breakfast in Washington, President Lyndon B. Johnson suggested that a memorial to God should be erected in Washington. "Such a memorial should not be built or sponsored by the government but should be a center of prayer open to all faiths," he said.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, passed resolutions concerning five members of their church. Those named are: Miss Louise Tucker, a charter member of the Highland Church and a missionary to China, who died November 3, 1963; Keith Grigsby, 27, who died on November 30, 1963 of muscular dystrophy; Brother Charles A. Maddry, former pastor of the Highland Church, who died on November 30, 1963; Mrs. Sarah J. Hadley, 90, who passed away on May 21, 1963; and Dr. Lamar Neblett, a physician and active member of the church. Each resolution pointed out the contribution of each one and the church expressed their appreciation for them.

MARGENA OGLESBY, Morganfield, Kentucky, reigned as Valentine sweetheart at Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Oglesby, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Oglesby of Lafayette, Ind., was crowned at a banquet sponsored by Belmont's BSU.

J. M. BOSWELL, president of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, announces that assistant professor of music George K. Melott received the doctor of philosophy degree in music from Iowa State University at the February commencement.

M. WENDELL BELEW, Atlanta, secretary of associational administration services and church extension department of the Home Mission Board's division of missions was the speaker at the missionary day services at Clear Creek Baptist School on February 25.

ATLANTIC CITY FOLLOW UP:

After the Baptist Jubilee, What Then?

by James O. Duncan

Much attention will be focused on Baptist cooperation in the next few months. The five-year program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance will come to a close with the Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City. Many are asking, What next? Have Baptists found a way to work together?

Those who would hope for any kind of merger among Baptists will no doubt leave the Atlantic City meeting quite disappointed. There is no serious discussion going on concerning merger. The Negro Baptists have in fact just organized another convention (Progressive Baptist Convention). American Baptists at their last convention set up talks with Disciples of Christ, the Church of the Brethren, and the Seventh Day Baptist Convention. In considering merger, American Baptists went to two other denominations for talks rather than other Baptist groups such as Southern Baptists or one of the Negro conventions.

The Southern Baptist Convention has not made plans to talk to any group about merging anything.

Our observation is that most Baptist groups have had very little to do with the "merging" that is supposed to be taking place within the Protestant community.

Where then do we stand as far as cooperation with one another is concerned?

The past five years have brought about a tremendous change. Especially has this been true with the American and Southern Baptist Conventions as well as three smaller Baptist Conventions, the Baptist General Conference and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. At least at the level of national leadership, Baptists have gotten to know one another. This is, of course, the place where friendship and fellowship need to take place first because it is here that decisions are made.

It has been interesting to watch the representatives from these several conventions work together, to see friendships develop and grow.

Many of the leaders in the Baptist Jubilee Advance never really knew one another until they faced one another across a table, in a meeting room or some such place where they are serving on a committee.

For the most part, these men and women found they had much in common. Of course, the road was not always smooth, but big men overcame

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small differences and Baptists hung together for five years of cooperation.

One of the proposals coming to the Atlantic City meeting is that Baptists form an organization to be known as the North American Baptist Fellowship.

The purpose of the new organization is to continue the gains and values growing out of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program; to make possible opportunities for fellowship and the sharing of mutual concern and to cooperate with all departments of the Baptist World Alliance. Like the Baptist World Alliance, the new fellowship shall have no authority over any Baptist church nor shall it undertake any work for which the member bodies are responsible. This means it can only be a fellowship organization.

The question has arisen in the mind of some as to whether this means another big meeting every few years to which Baptists of North America are supposed to attend.

Present plans call for the formation of what is called a General Committee to meet annually. The General Committee is composed mainly of repre-

NASHVILLE REPORTS:

Baptisms Decline For Second Consecutive Year

Addressing the combined meeting of state Baptist editors and executive secretaries, K. Owen White, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said that Southern Baptists are "leveling off statistically, cooling off spiritually and snowballing institutionally." The annual meeting of the two groups was held in Houston, Texas, where Dr. White is pastor of First Baptist Church.

Pointing out the rapid growth of Southern Baptists in the last 20 years, Dr. White offered as a solution to the present trend "a new emphasis on evangelism and missions." Pointedly, he asked the group, "How long has it been since you were in a genuine revival?"

Reporting for the Department of Research and Statistics of the convention, Baptist Press distributed at the Houston meeting the official statistics for the Southern Baptist Convention for 1963.

Despite gains in some areas of the convention life, a decline in baptisms was reported for the second consecutive year. The more than 33,000 churches of the SBC reported 355,325 baptisms in 1963, a decrease of 26,185 from 1962. It was this decrease that Dr. White mentioned in his message to the editors and secretaries.

In other areas, Southern Baptists continue to press toward the \$100 million mark in annual mission gifts and benev-

sentatives from member organizations. The General Committee is also given the power to plan continental fellowship meetings if it desires.

Most Baptists will be leery of many more meetings. American Baptists already are discussing the possibilities of holding their conventions only every other year. With the Baptist World Alliance holding a world congress every five years, also a youth conference about every five years and now perhaps a North American Fellowship every few years, Baptists need to give some real thought as to how many meetings will be necessary and helpful. If many more are planned, then one will begin to take away from the others.

What is the future of Baptist cooperation then if merger is out and perhaps there will be few meetings like the one in Atlantic City?

The proposed General Committee of the North American Baptist Fellowship can do much to promote fellowship and cooperation. Responsible representatives from the member conventions can review annually current problems of conflict and confusion. They can share with one another programs and goals. Each can be helped by studying one another's literature and materials for the years ahead.

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olences, according to the release of 1963 statistics from the research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Mission gifts through the churches totalled \$96,077,109, an increase of \$4,643,264 over the 1962 figure. Total gifts for all causes climbed to \$556,042,694 in 1963, a 2.8 per cent increase. On a per member basis, mission gifts were \$9.24 and total gifts were \$53.49.

Membership of churches affiliated with the convention again rose, although the rise was less than that for the preceding year. Membership was reported to 10,395,940, or 202,888 greater than in 1962.

Latest statistics of the Methodist Church placed that denomination's total membership at 10,234,986. There is a five month difference in reporting times of Methodists and Southern Baptists. Methodists reported their latest membership figure in September, 1963. Southern Baptists release their annual statistics in February for the preceding year.

The largest church reported was First Baptist, Dallas, Texas, with a membership of 13,142 and total gifts of \$1,459,921.

(For additional statistics, see page 7. For editorial comment, see pages 4 and 5.)



It's True What They Say About Texas

The answer to the question, "Is it true what they say about Texas?", is yes. This, even a Kentucky Baptist editor has to admit, when it comes to Houston.

Houston was the site for the 1964 meetings of the Southern Baptist state editors and state secretaries. Dr. E. S. James, Texas editor, served as host for the editors, and Dr. T. A. Patterson did the same for the secretaries.

Both of these men used good sense in their hospitality. They carefully avoided any display of Texas affluence and braggadocio, but provided for their guests in the most becoming and helpful manner.

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Houston joined in entertaining the visitors by providing a delicious buffet lunch one day. Tom Cole, a Kentuckian who heads up the chaplain training program of this hospital, put on a demonstration of the training program after lunch.

Houston, the South's largest city, has some very impressive sights. The Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel where the meetings were held was a memorable experience in itself. After riding the 1,000 miles from Louisville to Houston in a "compact compact" automobile as did Gene Puckett and I, the 28-story hotel built only several years ago seemed like a big world. It was also an ultra-modern world so far as the hotel room was concerned. The night stand resembled a control panel for a space ship. Along with lights for reading, it also had switches for remote control of the television set across the room, other lights in the room and the air-conditioning unit. It also included a radio, a clock, an indicator for outdoor temperature, a buzzer to serve as an alarm clock, a telephone, a light to indicate mail or other messages at the desk and a few other things I have forgotten.

Out of our 22 story window in close view only a block away was the Humble Oil Building, a 44 story architectural marvel of rare beauty. This building gives every appearance of being anything but *humble*. It dominates the skyline of Houston, though other buildings are close rivals. Truly Houston looks like the city oil built.

From our window in the distance could also be seen the domed stadium now under construction. Upon completion it will be an indoor, air-conditioned, 50,000 capacity stadium where major league baseball and football will be played. This almost defies the imagination, but it is there to see.

Among the great educational institutions in Houston are Rice Institute, the University of Houston and Baylor University Medical School. Baylor Medical School is in the center of the world-famous Houston Medical Center, one of the greatest clusters of hospitals and healing institutions in America.

The tour arranged by our host took us by all the sights and out as far as the new NASA Space Center. Here the American *astronauts* now live and here others will be trained. All interplanetary and space vehicles will be controlled from here. Land nearby which was worth little a few months ago now brings fabulously high prices.

The tour brought us back into town along the Houston deep sea ship channel. This channel makes the city the third largest port in America, though it is 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. It accommodates the largest ships afloat. Oil refineries and chemical plants line the miles of banks of the channel here.

Houston and its environs are the land of oil, rice, cattle and Baptists. Some Texans have all four on one farm. Some of the largest and most influential churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are in Houston. The First Baptist Church, which is downtown, has Convention President K. Owen White for pastor. He extended a gracious welcome to the editors and secretaries on the behalf of the city and its many thousands of Baptists.

It is encouraging to note how influential Baptists are in Houston and all of Texas for that matter. This influence is noted especially in the state paper, *The Baptist Standard*, and its strong editor, Dr. E. S. James. He is as tall as the San Jacinto monument, standing outside Houston near the spot where Texas won her independence from Mexico. Dr. James loves and defends freedom of religion as dearly and courageously as Sam Houston and his men loved and defended political freedom. This Texas editor will serve next year as president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

All the guides used to show Houston to the editors and secretaries were instructed not to brag on their city and state. In the end, however, they confessed they were morally obligated to tell the truth, and just to tell the truth about Texas always sounds like boasting.

All in all, it was one of the most delightful and profitable meetings of the editors in several years. The program was one of the very best thanks to the program committee and Dave Cheavens, head of the

Journalism Department of Baylor University. Dave added to his own contributions some of the ablest journalists of Texas. The editors go next February to Gulfport, Mississippi, to be the guests of Editor Joe Odle, former outstanding pastor in Kentucky.

Do Southern Baptists Have Power Of Self-Correction?

The 1963 Southern Baptist Convention statistics published in this issue (page 7) affords us another opportunity for self-analysis. The records of last year confirm our fears. The leveling off of the last several years continued last year. Even more disturbing are the actual declines in most significant areas.

The most serious statistic is the number of baptisms and other church additions in 1963. This has been our pride and joy in years gone by. In the past we have sympathized—sometime with not too many tears—with other denominations whose rate of growth declined. Now we are sick.

Southern Baptist churches had 26,185 fewer additions by baptism in 1963 than in 1962 and 1962 was not a great year. We also had 20,491 fewer additions by letter bringing the total fewer additions to 46,676.

Increased enrollment in church organizations like Sunday school, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood was very slight. Only in choirs was there an encouraging increase.

The one place we seem to be going ahead full steam is in value of church property. Most of this, however, still has to be paid for in monthly installments.

Total gifts showed only a slight increase. Mission gifts showed a greater increase. This increased mission giving, however, was mostly in special offerings, not through the Cooperative Program. This itself is cause for concern.

What is the explanation? Can Southern Baptists halt this leveling-off trend? Can we reverse it and again move on? If so, how?

The answers to these questions are not as easy and simple as an editorial like this might suggest. Some answers are obvious; others can be convincing with a little rationalization.

It is obvious that the larger we become the more difficult it becomes to maintain the rate of growth. A church of 50 can double its membership easier than a denomination of 10 million can do the same. The law of diminishing returns catches us. The easy ones are won, and the going gets rough. There are signs that about everyone who wants to join a church has done so.

It is true that the rising birth rate should provide more prospects. We reaped the harvest of the World War II baby crop several years ago, however, and the records set then are the ones hard to maintain now because the birth rate since World War II has not kept the same pace.

Then there's the matter of competition. Southern Baptists once made a strong appeal to all classes of people and especially the lower, social, educational and economic levels. Not so now. We are becoming the middle class, respectable churches while the Church of God, Nazarenes and others are ministering where we once majored. And middle class families don't have the high birth rates which the lower social, economic, educational class families have.

We could see ourselves more accurately if we took a historical perspective. Indeed, this could give us the key.

Arnold Toynbee, one of the world's great historians, has shown what has happened to the world civilizations and this same rise and fall can be seen in religious denominations. Of the great civilizations that have fallen, Toynbee says they had the power to reform and save themselves but failed to exercise that power.

Toynbee considers two great problems of present western civilization that must be solved if we survive are affluence and race. Wealth and prejudice must be handled properly if we remain strong, says this historian.

Does this say anything to Southern Baptists? Are our sicknesses the same as those of western culture? 1963 would seem to say so.

Southern Baptists are a people of means, but for what are we spending our money? Southern Baptist Convention Statistician Martin Bradley says, "The upward spiral of church building and remodeling began in recent years shows no sign of letting up."

The record bears this out. Our increase in value of church property last year was over 183 and one-half million dollars. Our increase in total giving was only a little over 15 million and our mission giving increased a little over 4 and one-half million. We will soon, if not already, have the biggest church buildings and smallest missionary hearts of any Baptists in history.

A start then for Southern Baptists would be to learn how to handle our money and how to love our fellowman.

Do we have the power of self-correction? The answer is no, so far as our human resources are concerned. The answer is yes if we use the spiritual resources available?

This means the answer for Southern Baptists is in the Word of God as pointed out in the recent editorial entitled, "Hope for Baptists" which appeared on this page. Until we get the message of God not only into the pulpits and Sunday school classrooms, but also into the hearts of Southern Baptists, we have no hope for self-correction.

A good place to begin would be in the Hebrew prophets. Nowhere else is there seen such a picture of outer prosperity and proper form, but inner decay and empty organization.

This is the Baptist Jubilee revival most needed!

Yours and His



Broken Record?

For the past several weeks this message has had but one theme: over and over again, it has been *Christian Education Advance, CEA, Baptist Colleges, BSU Centers, RA-GA Camps, CEA, CEA, \$9 Million . . .* and some of my friends wonder: "Has he got a broken record?" I will confess that I have a *main-track mind*—some might say, a "one track mind." I say, "main track mind"—for Christian Education is at the center of any growing work of our churches and of our Lord. The longer one lives, the less he has to live, and the more he seeks to find out what is most important, so that he can concentrate on the most essential things. That's why I'm so interested in Christian Education and our young people. They go together. We must give them the best in Christian training. They will give us the best in Christian leadership tomorrow—in the church, the college, the hospital, the shop, the missionary enterprises of the world! So, broken record or not, let's break all records in involving ourselves in strengthening our Baptist Schools—now! \$9 million is not much—if you and I do our part—45 months, or 15 quarters or 4 years. Starting now!

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHURCH

Each church in Kentucky has been given a suggested money-goal in the CEA campaign. It is based upon the number of members, your giving record, and missionary concern. It is fair. It is possible. It is great!

Many churches have accepted their goals, many have already raised their goals—or gone way over them; and a few are working hard as if they had accepted goals. Some are slow. It may be your church needs your own encouragement—lead, pray, assist your pastor. Get behind the CEA campaign in your church and put it over! Be sure you make a pledge—and send it in! Yes, *let's break a record*—and unite Kentucky Baptists for our youth and their schools and camps! Now!

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

Southern Baptists

Baylor Names Summers New Religion Chairman

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Ray Summers, director of graduate studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will join the Baylor University faculty July 1 as chairman of the department of religion.

Summers, who received his bachelor of arts degree at Baylor in 1933, has been professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary since 1959.

Prior to that he was professor and director of the School of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and later was director of graduate studies at Southwestern Seminary.

After finishing his undergraduate work at Baylor, Summers received the master and doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He also did graduate work at the Garrett Biblical institute in Evanston, Ill., at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and the University of Basel, Switzerland.

E. L. Dwyer, professor of religion, has been acting chairman of the department and will continue in his teaching capacity. McCall said the university is grateful to Dwyer for serving faithfully and ably in this interim capacity, and that he and the other members of the religion faculty had recommended Summers to the job.

Men Of Two Conventions Announce May Session

by the Baptist Press

A special fellowship and inspirational session for Baptist men the afternoon of May 22 has been added to the big Baptist celebration planned in Atlantic City, N. J.

The event in the grand ballroom of Convention Hall between 2 and 4:30 p.m. is expected to attract about 5,000 men, said George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting is sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission and by American Baptist Men, a division of the American Baptist Convention.

Theme of the fellowship will be "The Witnessing Role of Men in Christianity."

Highlights of the meeting include addresses by two laymen from the two Baptist conventions.

Also participating will be John A. Dawson of Chicago, president of the men's department of the Baptist World Alliance; Roy Collum, Jr., of Philadelphia, Miss., chairman of the SBC Brotherhood Commission; and Charles Smith of Springfield, Ill., president of American Baptist Men.

Among the men attending will be messengers from at least five other Baptist bodies—Baptist Federation of Canada; National Baptist Convention of America; National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; North American Baptist General Conference, and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

The Baptist celebration will last a week.

It opens on May 18 with the annual meetings of the National Council of American Baptist Women, Southern Baptists' Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and other features.

American Baptists and Southern Baptists then start their annual Conventions in separate sections of Convention Hall.

After the men's fellowship, all Baptists attending will gather in 40,000-seat Convention Hall for the three-day Baptist Third Jubilee Celebration, commemorating 150 years of organized Baptist work in North America.

Editors Warn Freedom Loss In Aid Programs

HOUSTON (BP)—The Southern Baptist Press Association warned in a resolution adopted here that government aid programs aimed at fighting the evils of poverty might create conditions just as harmful, especially in religious freedom losses.

The editors of state Baptist papers urged in a lengthy resolution that state and national governments administer public funds and programs through public agencies rather than through church-related institutions and agencies.

The resolution commended "men of good will everywhere for their efforts to eliminate the evils of poverty, ignorance and disease."

It also resolved "that in efforts to improve the lot of people in America and the world, due and proper attention be given to other important values and principles, especially religious freedom and separation of church and state, lest in correcting one evil, we create other conditions that will result in harm to the people, the government and the churches."

During sessions of the three-day meeting here, W. Barry Garrett, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., told the editors that the present administration is not as strong on church-state separation as the Kennedy administration for purely political reasons.

"Whereas President Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, needed the Protestant vote and was thus strongly in favor of church state separation, President Johnson, a

Protestant, needs Catholic votes," Garrett told the editors.

Most of the program for the editors meeting was devoted to a technical study of religious journalism departments for three universities in Texas were on the workshop-type program.

Elected president of the editors' association was host editor E. S. James, of the *Baptist Standard* in Dallas. James succeeds Reuben Alley, editor of the *Religious Herald* in Richmond, Va.

Jack Gritz, editor of the *Baptist Messenger* in Oklahoma, was elected vice president, and Gainer Bryan, editor of the *Maryland Baptist* in Baltimore, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

The editors voted to meet jointly with the state Executive Secretaries at Athens, Ga., February 14-16, 1966. Meeting site and dates for the 1965 session had previously been set in Edgewater Park, Miss., Feb. 15-17.

State Secretaries Elect Polhill As President

HOUSTON (BP)—Lucius H. Polhill, executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, was elected president of State Executive Secretaries Association, an organization of state Executive Secretaries Association, an organization of state Baptist administrative heads.

The secretaries, meeting at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel here, also elected Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as vice president, and re-elected Fred D. Hubbs, secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, as secretary.

Polhill succeeds Noel M. Taylor of the Illinois Baptist State Association as president of the group.

The annual three-day meeting is a fellowship gathering of state Baptist administrative officials in which they discuss mutual problems. Next year they will meet in Edgewater Park, Miss., and in 1966 at Athens, Ga.

Space Taken Fast In Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (BP)—The housing bureau here reports through January that 6,236 rooms have been assigned for May meetings—4,912 for the Southern Baptist Convention and 1,324 for the American Baptist Convention.

Speaking in terms of persons, 11,551 have been assigned rooms. This includes 9,234 Southern Baptists and 2,317 members of American Baptist churches.

The bureau said only three hotels along Boardwalk have rooms available; one of these is out of single rooms.

There is only one hotel off Boardwalk not completely filled, but a num-

ber of motels still have space available.

The housing bureau, through which requests for accommodations for the 1964 SBC session and the Baptist Jubilee Advance celebration to follow should be made, may be addressed at 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City.

Protestants Favor Only Limited Federal Aid

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)—Opposition to federal support of the educational programs of parochial schools was voted by the National Study Conference on Church and State in session here.

However, the conference approved "under some well-defined circumstances" government support of health and welfare programs of church-related agencies and schools.

Delegates from 24 Protestant and Orthodox communions in a 2,100-word report on "Separation and Interaction of Church and State" agreed on the following:

1. "A strong commitment to religious liberty as man's natural right and indispensable condition of a free society.
2. "Recognition that ours is a pluralistic and not simply a Protestant society,
3. "Acceptance and support of Supreme Court decisions insofar as they prohibit officially prescribed prayers and required devotional reading of the Bible in public schools,
4. "Recognition that the court's decision underscores the responsibility upon the family and the church for religious education,
5. "Opposition to any proposal such as the so-called Christian amendment which seeks to commit our government to official identification with a particular religious tradition,
6. "Rejection of over-simplified for-

mulations such as that which seeks to make religion exclusively a private matter or to make all public matters secular, and

7. "Awareness that the functions of church and state must be clearly defined as separate, yet relationships should be flexible enough to encompass the increasing areas of interaction."

The conference was called by the National Council of Churches and was directed by the department of religious liberty, Dean Kelley, secretary.

The opinions of the conference expressed on'y the views of the delegates present and do not necessarily represent those of the National Council nor of the denominations represented. Delegates were present from several denominations not affiliated with the Council, including the Southern Baptist Convention.

Thirteen Southern Baptists participated in the conference. Several Southern Baptists could not remain through the entire conference, but of those who stayed most voted against portions of the report that seemed to open doors to government support of church agencies of any kind.

The Southern Baptists present were: Jimmy R. Allen, Dallas; W. Richard Bates, LaMirada, Calif.; Jerry Dawson, Plainview, Tex.; W. Barry Garrett, Washington; Kenneth L. Hansen, Jacksonville, Fla.; Walker Knight, Atlanta; Albert McClellan, Nashville; Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock; Robert T. Miller, Waco, Tex.; R. Robert Otto, Macon, Ga.; Harold G. Sanders, Middletown, Ky.; James E. Wood, Waco; J. Terry Young, Fresno, Calif.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, served as a consultant.

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1963 SOUTHERN BAPTIST STATISTICS

	1963	1962	Numerical Change	% Change
Associations	1,172	1,162	10	.9
Churches	33,126	32,892	234	.7
Baptisms	355,325	381,510	-26,185	-6.9
Additions by letter	549,049	569,540	-20,491	-3.6
Total membership	10,395,940	10,193,052	202,888	2.0
S.S. enrolment	7,610,727	7,570,455	40,272	.5
V.B.S. enrolment	3,176,307	3,176,559	-252	-.01
T.U. enrolment	2,748,553	2,747,581	972	.03
W.M.U. enrolment	1,505,413	1,489,352	16,061	1.1
Brotherhood enrolment	389,995	385,897	4,098	1.1
R.A. enrolment	244,656	242,166	2,490	1.0
Music ministry enrol.....	859,608	791,477	68,131	8.6
Value church property..\$	2,751,429,716	2,567,836,860	183,592,856	7.1
Total gifts	\$ 556,042,694	540,811,457	15,231,237	2.8
Total mission gifts	\$ 96,077,109	91,433,845	4,643,264	5.1

Research and Statistics Department
Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention

Are Our Institutions Worthy of Our Support?

CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE

In 1948 Campbellsville College's Faculty numbered 19, its total enrollment 396; the endowment was \$17,168 and the value of the buildings and property was \$153,000. During this year John M. Carter became president of the college. The story of the following fifteen years is one of vision, faith and sacrifice on the part of the president, trustees, faculty, and college friends.

Today there are 41 faculty members; the enrollment is 859; the endowment \$75,000 and property value \$1,400,000. There are colleges whose growth has been far more spectacular due to fast-growing metropolitan locations and mushrooming campuses provided by either heavy tax support or large capital gifts from wealthy patrons. Campbellsville College has been without any of these advantages.

With these facts in hand the Campbellsville Board of Trustees went to the 1957 meeting of the General Association

of Baptists in Kentucky with a plan to expand the school to a four-year college. The facts were convincing and the need apparent. The authorization for the Board to proceed with their plans was granted.

A program was initiated to provide increased annual income, upgrade the faculty, build the curriculum, secure additional capital funds and meet full accreditation requirements. Accreditation as a four-year senior college was recently granted. This milestone has been reached.

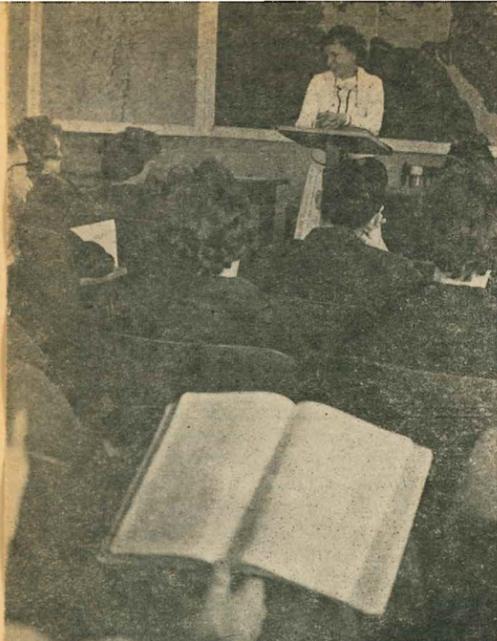
Dr. Doak Campbell made the following appraisal of Campbellsville College. "The present buildings vary in age from nearly sixty years to one year. The architectural style of the newer buildings differs radically from that of the older buildings. The older buildings are of the old type 'standard construction' and therefore are constant fire hazards. It is possible that most of the buildings of this type can be made to serve for several years, provided substantial remodeling is effected. The present campus is too small for the needs of a four-year institution."

New buildings in order of priority for construction during the next five years are:

Science Building	\$200,000
Student Center	150,000
Dormitory	250,000
Physical Education Building	190,000
Remodeling of Dormitories and Administration Building	75,000
General Maintenance Building..	20,000
Additional Real Estate	100,000

TOTAL

\$985,000
The allocation to Campbellsville College from the Christian Education Advance Campaign is \$970,052. This will provide the basic five-year needs for capital facilities.



Campbellsville College, founded in 1907, was organized by those who wanted a school where the Bible would be taught daily. From the day of its founding, its outstanding characteristic has been its Christian emphasis and Bible-centered curriculum.



Above: The "Student Industry Program" allows the granting of "workships" to over 100 students each year. Veneer-O-Craft Kits made by the students have proved to be an attractive item for Bible Schools, Camps, and other boys' and girls' craft programs.



Right: Lack of dormitories on the campus has made it impossible for any men students, except freshmen, to live in college-owned dormitories. Recently this hotel was purchased by the school. Income will amortize its cost and dormitory space is afforded a good number of men.

Are Our Institutions Worthy of Our Support?

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

The Williamsburg Institute, the name under which Cumberland College was founded, opened January 7, 1889, with two teachers and 199 students. There were twenty-one in the college department, forty-two in the normal department, eighty-two in the preparatory department, and fifty-four in the primary department. With this small beginning, through prayer, sacrifice and initiative, the school steadily increased its assets and the scope of its service.

Today, under the presidency of James M. Boswell, there are seventy-seven members of the faculty; the total number enrolled during 1962 was 2,041; endowment is \$914,347; and the property is valued at \$2,264,214.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA OF SERVICE

Originally the College had courses on the elementary, secondary, as well as the college levels. As the number of grade schools and high schools increased in the area, the need for Cumberland to offer this training decreased. In 1940 work on all but the college level was discontinued.

The curriculum, on the college level, was originally on the four-year basis, but the accreditation requirements caused the school to become a junior college in 1931. As a junior college Cumberland was recognized as one of the outstanding schools in the south.

The trustees, envisioning a larger field of service and questioning the future of Cumberland as a junior college, asked for permission from Kentucky Baptists at the 1957 General Association meeting in Harlan to return the college to its former status as a four-year institution. This permission was granted.

Cumberland College now faces one of the most challenging periods in its history: to meet the highest educational requirements for a four-year program by first providing adequate facilities.

Cumberland's allocation from the Christian Education Advance Campaign is \$1,314,264. With necessary financing, this will enable the college to provide three most urgently needed buildings. With her sister institutions Cumberland College looks to Kentucky Baptists in faith—and in the hope that the minimum goals of Christian Education Advance will be more than met.

Three wings of	
Men's Dormitory	\$ 720,000
Two wings of	
Science Building	410,000
Women's Dormitory	300,000

Total

Long Range

Student Center	\$ 290,000
Fine Arts Building	250,000
Physical Education Building....	500,000

Total

\$2,470,000



The gymnasium is 56 years old. It is completely outmoded for the modern college program of physical education. The erection of a new physical education plant cannot be postponed too long.

A Suggestion

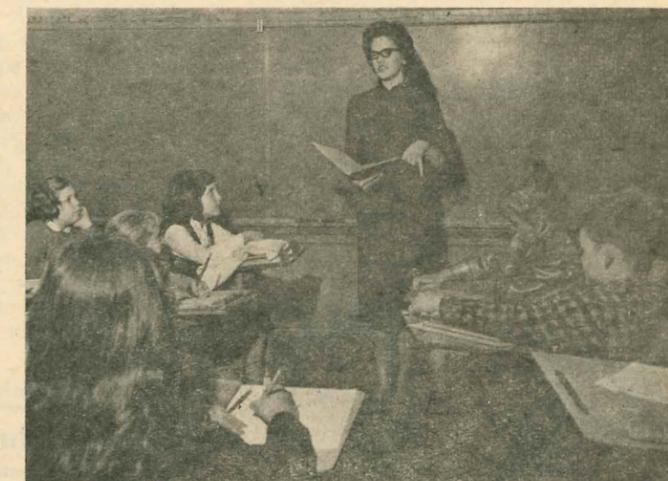
from

Co-chairman Joseph E. Stopher

"It appears very likely we shall each get a reduction in our income tax of 4%. This means we will each be retaining 4% more of our annual income than in prior years. Why not give this 4% to the Christian Education Advance for each of the next four years! We have been getting along without it. Why not put it to use now in Kingdom work?"



For the past four years it has been necessary to rent buildings in town to house men students. Such an arrangement has made proper supervision difficult and is not attractive to students. Housing is a pressing need for both women and men students at Cumberland.



The three four-year classes graduating since Cumberland became a four-year college (1961-'62-'63) graduated a total of 650 students. Of this number 563 prepared for the teaching field. What greater mission could there be for a Christian college than the training of Christian teachers, who in turn will be molding the young, pliable minds of future citizens of our country?

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Stewardship

Missouri Ideas May Help You

by Robert J. Hastings

(Note: This free offer is reprinted for the benefit of any who missed it last week).

Have you ever wished for some simple ideas for promoting stewardship in your church? Have you felt your church could not put on a budget campaign, or have the Forward Program?

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This booklet was produced by the Stewardship Commission in Nashville. It incorporates ideas developed in Missouri by stewardship secretary W. H. Allison. What works in Missouri MAY work in your church.

Spend four cents for a post card, and let us send you this helpful booklet.

Woman's Missionary Union

State Meeting Speakers

by Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

Dr. Floyd H. North, editor of *The Commission*, a monthly world journal published by the Foreign Mission Board will bring our annual meeting to an in-



Wendell Belew



Floyd North

spiriting climax Thursday noon with his important message on world missions.

Prior to his election as editor of *The Commission*, in June 1959, Dr. North was the Board's assistant secretary for promotion for two and a half years.

A native of Oklahoma, he was educated at Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. He also studied at University of Chicago, Vanderbilt University and George Peabody College for Teachers. He was awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree by Southern Baptist College in Arkansas in 1957. At the time of his election to the Board's staff he was pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. Previously he served as pastor, dean, professor and a BSU secretary.

M. Wendell Belew, a native Kentuckian who is well known and much beloved as a former director of our Mountain Mission Program and now Secretary of the Department of Associational Missions of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Missions, will speak on Wednesday night.

He attended the University of Kentucky, was graduated from Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. In addition to his work in the field of missions he served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky and as a high school chemistry teacher.

He is well known for his humor, his excellent speaking ability, his music, painting, and chalk-talk artistry.

NOTICE: Those desiring reservations in homes (rate \$2.00 per night, per person for bed and breakfast) write at once to Mrs. Wallace Thacker, 1722 Freeman Ave., Owensboro. Phone 683-1168. Come to the church and register before going to the home assigned. Plan for as many as possible to come in one car to ease parking facilities. If arriving by plane or bus be sure to notify the church so someone can meet you. The ladies of Owensboro are anxious to show you every kindness and courtesy.

Baptist Student Union

Blades of Bluegrass

by J. Chester Durham

January was a busy month in the Baptist Student Unions over Kentucky.

BEREA

Conducted discussions on "Men, Women and God." Made initial plans to establish Baptist Faculty Fellowship. Made preparation for "Faith and Learn-

ing" reading groups. Set up youth teams for West Side and Hays Fork Baptist Churches.

WESTERN

Conducted youth revival at Woodburn Baptist Church.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Executive Council had Winter Planning Retreat to complete details of calendar for rest of year.

The third in a series of special chapels on summer missions was held with the second third of the pledges due.

Freshman Council was elected and is working.

EASTERN

One week in vespers was devoted to a study of three different religious groups—Jewish, Catholic and Moslem.

Plans are being made for a mid-semester prayer retreat.

Dwight Lyons, B.S.U. director, was elected president of the Richmond Ministerial Association.

MURRAY

A BSU Youth Team conducted the Sunday evening service at Sinking Springs Baptist Church, January 19.

CENTRE

Conducted a study on communism.

U. K.

Mid-Winter Retreat was held at Cedarmore. Newly elected Executive and Freshman Councils were installed in a candlelight service. A CEA bulletin board is being used to keep the students aware of the campaign and their responsibility. An open house was held after the U.K. - Tennessee basketball game.

Brotherhood

Hiseville Baptist Church And Men's Day

by Forrest R. Sawyer

On January 26, Pastor Clarence E. Rose and the Hiseville Baptist Church observed Baptist Men's Day with Laymen in the church filling the choir, ushering, praying, and reading the Scripture.

Men taking part during the morning worship service were Terry Jones, R. M. Bunch, Sam Strader, Harold Pritchard, Maxie Newberry, Verlin Crawford, and Claud Jones. The pastor's sermon was entitled *WANTED—Three Men*. The evening sermon topic was *The Sin of Being Ordinary*.

One innovation for the observance of Baptist Men's Day was the presentation of boutonnieres to Mr. Henry Lee Edwards . . . the newest layman in the church . . . and to Mr. Claud Jones, the layman holding the most offices (deacon, church clerk, adult Sunday School superintendent, assistant teacher in Men's Bible Class, Brotherhood World Missions leader, and Revival Prospect chairman).

Mr. William Cox was the youngest layman present holding a major church office and Mr. E. B. Hatchett was the layman present with the longest membership record in the church. Mr. Hatchett's membership dates back to 1904.

Another type of observance of Baptist Men's Day was the experience of the men of the Smithfield Baptist Church in Henry County, where Bro. Larry Hardy is pastor.

Beginning on Wednesday evening, January 22, a series of lay-sponsored services were held each evening. The men of the local church filled the choir, led the singing, and did the speaking, with the exception of Sunday, the 26th, when a visiting speaker filled the pulpit, morning and evening.

The Smithfield Church is blessed with the lay leadership abilities of such men as Paul Allen, moderator for Henry County Baptist Association, Mr. Mason Smith, chairman of the deacons of the Smithfield Church, Bro. Forest Bramblett, president of Brotherhood of Smithfield Church, Song Leader Johnny McRoberts, and other stalwarts in the Lord's vineyard.

Sunday School

March 6, 1964 . . . Church Building Conference . . . Southern Seminary

by Francis R. Tallant

Sessions: 9:45 A.M. and 1:45 P.M. A program on various phases of church buildings will be presented. Such questions as, how to plan, how to finance and who is responsible for planning and designing, will be answered.

Display of Equipment: Building materials, equipment, etc., will be displayed. Representatives will be present to answer questions relative to equipment.

For: Survey and Building committees, pastors, educational directors, missionaries, architects and others interested in church buildings are invited.



Hardie C. Bass

Personal Conferences: Following the afternoon session there will be personal conferences. For appointments write to me, Francis R. Tallant, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

Personnel: The Southern Baptist Architecture Department, Nashville, Kentucky Sunday School Department and representatives from the Seminary will constitute the faculty.

Church Music

4 Music Festivals Convene

by Eugene F. Quinn

Half of the eight regions have their Regional Music Festivals for choirs, hymn players, soloists, song leaders and other musicians on the week-end of February 28-29. If you live near one of these festivals listed below you are cordially invited to hear the inspiring music of these young people and adults.

February 28, 7 p.m.

Louisville, Carlisle Avenue
Somerset, First
Bowling Green, Glen Dale
Owensboro, Hall Street

February 29

Shelbyville, First, 2 p.m.
Somerset, First, 10 a.m.
Franklin, First, 10 a.m.
Greenville, First, 2 p.m.

INFORMATION ABOUT RIDGECREST MUSIC CONFERENCE

If you need information about Ridgecrest Music Conference, new folders are available upon request from the Church Music Department.

HAVE YOU TRANSFERRED YOUR STUDY COURSE AWARDS?

The transfer of awards records from the old Sunday School, Training Union, and the Church Music Courses will be discontinued May 31, 1964. Therefore, all churches need to bring their awards records up to date before May 31 deadline.

Use forms 153 and 154 to request the transfer of awards. These are available



R. G. Shelton

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT CEA

Christian Education is all the higher education I have ever known. I am proud to be an alumnus of Campbellsville and Georgetown. Both schools have had tremendous influence in my life. . . .

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C.E.A. deserves the sacrificial support of Kentucky Baptists. History and experience prove that this is one of the best mission causes. May I urge you to pray and then give as God leads you?

R. G. Shelton

Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Eddyville

at the Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, in Middletown and at the Awards Office, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, in Nashville.

Lest you regret it, bring your study course records up to date before the deadline.

Training Union

The Kentucky Training Union Department Would Like For You to Meet . . .

by James H. Whaley, Sr.

Mike L. Speer joined our staff as an associate, February 1, 1964. We are very happy to have him, and would like for you to know more about him.

Mike was born in Desloge, Missouri, February 10, 1934. He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist Junior College, Bolivar, Missouri; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma; and the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Mike's experience extends over a wide area of service. He was minister of music in the First Baptist Church, McCloud, Okla.; minister of youth and recreation, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville; director of administration, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville; and interim minister of education, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. Just prior to joining our staff, Mike was minister of education, Ocean View Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mike and his wife, Mary Louise, have two daughters, Melinda Lou and Maria Lee, and are now living in Lyndon.

Kentucky Baptists

Herman May Commissioned To Music Ministry

The First Baptist Church, Russellville, commissioned Mr. Herman May to the Gospel Ministry of Music on Sunday, January 12.

Mr. May received his BA from Mississippi College and MCM from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Mississippi, Texas, and Virginia. Since coming to Kentucky, he has been serving as Southern Region music director.



Herman May

A reception was held for Mr. May and family following the evening service in recognition of Mr. May's first year as Minister of Music and Youth at the church. John Wood is the former pastor. He is now pastor at First Baptist, Paducah.

Ferrill Gardner Accepts Call of Mill Creek Baptist

The Mill Creek Baptist Church in Severns Valley Association has a new pastor. He is Ferrill Gardner, pastor for the past three years of the Aetna Grove Baptist Church, Green County.

Gardner is a native of LaRue County. He was ordained by the Oak Hill Baptist Church. A graduate of Campbells-

ville College, he has attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

While pastor at Aetna Grove Church, there were 42 additions to the church. During his ministry there, one man was ordained to the ministry and another announced his call to preach. The church had a standard Sunday school.

He has served as moderator of the Lynn Association of Baptists and also served as chairman of the missions committee of the association. He has served as pastor in Russell Creek and Liberty Associations in addition to Lynn.

Mrs. Gardner is the former Lou Rae Reed. The Gardners have three children. They will assume their duties at Mill Creek on March 1.

Morehead Host To Spring Student Meet

Dr. John Killinger and Mr. Bill Hornbuckle will participate on the program of the Baptist Student Union Spring Conference to be held on the campus at Morehead State College, March 6-8. Dr. Killinger, the new dean of Kentucky Southern College, will lead the Sunday morning worship to an expected five hundred student congregation. Before coming to Kentucky's newest Baptist college, Dr. Killinger completed his



John Killinger



Bill Hornbuckle

Doctor of Theology degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has taught English at Georgetown and was preaching professor at Princeton Seminary. He is the author of two books in the field of theology and contemporary literature.

Mr. Hornbuckle will lead the congregational singing. He is currently completing his Master of Sacred Music degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is Minister of Music at Eighteenth Street Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hornbuckle has led congregational singing and student choirs and is in demand among students.

A varied program is being planned for the Spring Conference week-end. Other personalities on the program include Jesse Hatfield, pastor of Beech-

land Baptist Church, Louisville; Mr. Jerry Stovall, of the National Football League, St. Louis Cardinals, and Mr. Tom Corts, Assistant to the President of Georgetown College. The Southern Baptist Seminary Male Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Jay Wilkey, will present a concert on Friday evening, March 6.

Lloyd Storment Assumes Bethany Pastorate, Louisville, March 1

H. Lloyd Storment, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, for the past seven years, will be installed as the new pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, on March 1. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, will preside at the installation service.

The Storments are natives of Mississippi and are graduates of the University of Mississippi. Receiving the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary in 1955, he later studied at Union Theological Seminary.

While pastor at Owensboro, Storment led the church to establish a mission which later became the Bellevue Baptist Church. The budget of Walnut Street was increased \$30,000 and the property has been extensively remodeled and enlarged.

Prior to serving in Owensboro, Storment was associate pastor in Frankfort at First Baptist Church. Later he was pastor in Tell City, Indiana.

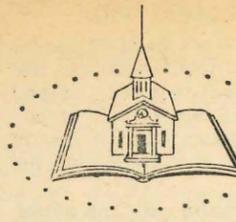
Mrs. Storment is the former Maxine Ivy of Belmont, Mississippi. They have two children: a daughter, Amanda; and a son, Harold.

Seminary Benefactor, Trustee Fatally Hurt

LOUISVILLE (BP)—George W. Norton III, senior member of the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, died in Jamaica February 14 of injuries received in an automobile accident there.

The 62-year-old president of a Louisville television and radio station was a member of the Norton family prominent in Southern Seminary life for many years. He had been a trustee since 1924 when he was appointed to succeed his father.

Father and son together served the seminary as trustees 79 years.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



THE MAN BORN BLIND

John 9:13-17, 24-25, 33-38

This human interest story of this animated, dramatic and fascinating incident possesses an irresistible charm. Both the words of the actors and their movements on the stage of action intrigue us.

I. The Case.

One autumn sabbath day, as Christ and His disciples were leaving the gate to the temple in Jerusalem, He saw a blind beggar whose eyes had rolled in irksome night since his birth. The world of light was foreign to this man. He had never looked into the face of his father or his mother. Unknown to him were the glory of the heavens, the majesty of the mountains, the sublimity of the seas, the beauty of the meadows and the waving of the trees. In fact, he had never seen anything. Daily he sat near the gate and begged for the wherewith to obtain the very necessities of life. While he was not permitted to solicit alms on the Sabbath, his very affliction was a plea for help.

II. The Conversation.

As Christ passed by He stopped and looked at the blind beggar with sympathetic eyes. His disciples stopped also, not to do anything for the man, but merely to philosophize about the cause of his blindness. In common with multitudes in that day, they believed that all afflictions were the direct result of sin. So, the disciples asked Christ, "Master, who did this sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Their question was also an illustration of the fact that men have an inordinate curiosity about those who are handicapped or afflicted. It was as if they had said, "Here is a specimen, let us examine it. How did it happen? Who was responsible?" Christ made it clear that his blindness was not the result of sin on the part of either member of the family. His blindness had been permitted in order "that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

III. The Cure.

Christ took ordinary clay, moistened it with saliva, smeared it over the eyes of the beggar and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." Christ wanted him to have faith before He gave him sight. As soon as the man did exactly as he had been commanded he received his sight. Thus Christ dem-

onstrated His ability to confer the power of vision where it had never existed. The man's cure was supernatural, immediate, complete and permanent.

IV. The Controversy.

The man hastened to inform his parents of his sight. He created quite a sensation among his neighbors. Astonished and amazed, they wondered if he were the same person. Following his positive identification of himself, they asked him, "How were thine eyes opened?" He told them exactly how it took place. When his neighbors took him to the Pharisees, they sought to confuse him, but he never deviated the least in his testimony. Unable to intimidate him, the Pharisees summoned his parents in the hope that they would admit that the whole affair was a hoax. They were very cautious about asserting that the Healer was Christ because they feared excommunication from the synagogue. They advised the Pharisees to interview their son about these matters, as he was quite capable of answering for himself.

The Pharisees again summoned the man who had received his sight for a thorough cross-examination. So great was their hatred of Christ that they were willing to go to any length to discredit Him. Frankly and fearlessly the man readily asserted that "Whereas I was blind, now I see." He had passed out of darkness into light and no one could ever disprove that. Therefore, their questions and threats failed to change his position.

V. The Consequences.

When the Pharisees failed in their desperate effort at intimidation, they reproached and mocked the man who had received his sight, and cast him out of the synagogue. No sooner had they scorned, ostracized and expelled him than the Saviour sought him out and talked with him. Christ asked him, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" The man answered, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" The Master revealed Himself to him saying, "It is he that talketh with thee." This was the most emphatic way in which Christ declared Himself, and the man was ready for the revelation. Instantly there came to the soul of that man that light which the Holy Spirit alone gives and he recognized Christ as God the Son Whom he could trust to save his

soul. The man believed on Christ as his Saviour and was saved. He promptly acknowledged Christ as his Saviour and worshipped Him as his Lord. Having discovered that it was much better to be outside the synagogue with Christ than on the inside without Him, it was his desire to please Him.

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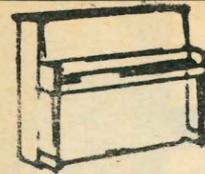
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PROTESTANTS — FEDERAL AID

(Continued from Page 7)

The conference took note of the changed relations between church and state in present-day America. The situation is different from what it was in the early days of the Republic, the conference said.

At that time, it continued, "the nation which adopted the first amendment at the same time considered itself both Christian and Protestant and saw no contradiction in passing laws which required Sunday observance, prayer and Bible reading in the public schools."

Now, however, the conference said, due to the "enrichment of immigration," the development of a "pluralistic" society, the growth of health and welfare services of the government and expanding church programs in the same areas, crucial questions have been raised "concerning both separation and interaction between church and state."

Among areas requiring further study, the conference pointed out, are:

1. "The role of the state in promoting programs affected with a religious interest,
2. "The ways in which the state exercises its responsibility to advance religious liberty,
3. "Whether and under what conditions the church may legitimately accept public monies in church-related programs in elementary, secondary, and higher education."

A section of the report approved by the conference, but which registered a recorded dissent of over 25 per cent of those voting, said "under some well-defined circumstances, government may legitimately support specific programs of church-affiliated health and welfare agencies."

Specifically, the limitations placed on these government-supported programs of church agencies were:

- A. "That government programs must not be aimed primarily at the support of religious institutions or objectives,
- B. "That any support of church-affiliated agencies must be an incidental part of a large program directed to appropriate public interests,
- C. "That the agency does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin, and
- D. "That reversionary clauses, limited to a fixed and reasonable period, be written into all contractual arrangements to insure that funds, buildings and equipment are not diverted from the purposes from which they were originally acquired."

The conference was divided into 12 study sections. Each section made a report to the conference as a whole, but the reports were only "received" and were not approved or disapproved. Divergent and conflicting views were sometimes expressed in the section reports.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Foreign Board Employs Special Project Nurses

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its February meeting, employed the first two nurses to come under a special short-term project calling for 10 experienced nurses to meet emergency needs in mission hospitals. Miss Ava Nell McWhorter, of Minden, La., will work in Baptist Hospital, Gaza, and Miss Dorothy Scott, of Dothan, Ala., in Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, Mbeya, Tanganyika. Each was employed for two years.

Miss McWhorter has taught nursing in the Shreveport branch of Northwestern State College of Louisiana for 12 years, and Miss Scott has taught fundamentals of nursing in Birmingham (Ala.) Baptist Hospital's School of Nursing for two years. Both have also had hospital nursing experience.

Their employment gives the Foreign Mission Board an overseas staff totaling 1,797 (1,770 missionaries, 25 missionary associates, and the two special project nurses).

Mission Churches Baptized 41,147

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Board that the overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work reported a total of 41,147 baptisms during 1963. This is 5,638 more than the year before.

"The number baptized represents only a portion of those won to Christ," Dr. Cauthen said. "Usually on mission fields those who make some manifestation of their faith in Christ exceed manifold those who come to baptism in a particular year. Many circumstances enter into one's moving on into church membership after making his initial demonstration of faith.

"We believe there will be an annual increase in baptisms on the mission fields in the years ahead. The work in mission lands is cumulative and, with the increase in the number of churches and Christian workers, the number of those who follow Christ in baptism increases."

Dr. Cauthen had just returned from Mexico where he participated in a conference for missionaries in the north field of Latin America. He will go to Chile February 25 for a similar conference for the south field.

Reporting on the meeting in Mexico, he said: "I was deeply impressed as the missionaries expressed their longings for greater advance in the days ahead. Their major recommendation is that every effort be made to bring a larger number of workers to the field. They emphasized the importance of this matter as being above anything else that could be done, with the exception of our joining them in prayer for greater

spiritual power in the ministry of the Word.

"It is urgent that we lay large plans for sustained advance in the appointment of missionaries. We recognize that these plans will call for larger resources, and we look hopefully to that which God has entrusted to them. The extent to which we can go in missionary advance is defined both by the amount of money available and by the number of people who have responded to God's call."

New Staff Members Welcomed

The Board welcomed three new members: Harold G. Basden, associate secretary for promotion, and Dr. R. Keith Parks and Rev. William W. Marshall, associate secretaries for missionary personnel.

In his response, Dr. Basden said: "There has never been a time in my conscious Christian experience when I did not possess a keen interest in the cause of missions. . . . Now in my work as director of the division of promotion I will be dedicating my life to keeping alive the love of Baptists for missions. Where love for missions has grown cold, that love must be revitalized. Where love for missions has been misdirected, that love must be reclaimed. . . ."

AFTER THE BAPTIST JUBILEE

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Boards, agencies and societies from the several conventions whose work and responsibilities are similar could easily plan joint projects that would be helpful for all.

The General Committee could well be the clearing house for a pool of writers, speakers, etc., that different conventions could call upon.

Real cooperation can take place if men of good will want it to. There are some, of course, that do not desire any cooperation. There are some Baptists in the South who haven't yet even learned that the Northern Baptist Convention changed its name several years ago and is now the American Baptist Convention. There are some Baptists in the North who feel that Nashville is a Baptist Vatican with all power and authority. Meanwhile, most Baptists, we believe, would like to keep channels of communication and cooperation open and active.

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Southern Prof. Transfers To Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have approved construction here of a \$275,000, two-story women's dormitory. It will be of brick construction and have housing and recreation facilities for 50 students.

Trustees also have authorized the construction of 12 duplex, brick apartments for married students at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

These buildings are a part of the long-range development program based on report by a special planning committee of the trustees.

In other action, Raymond Bryan Brown, associate professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was elected professor of New Testament. John I. Durham, visiting professor of Old Testament and acting academic dean, was elected assistant professor of Old Testament.

The board approved the retirement of Edward A. McDowell, Jr., professor of New Testament interpretation, and M. Ray McKay, professor of preaching. Both have been at the seminary since

1952. They will retire July 31.

Claude B. Bowen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., was elected president of the board.

Brown is a native of Louisiana and received his bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana State University in 1944. He holds the bachelor of divinity and master of sacred theology degrees from Yale Divinity School and the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary. He has served two pastorates in Virginia and was assistant professor of Bible and religion at the University of Richmond (Baptist) before going to Southern in 1960.

Sabbatical leave for the academic year 1964-65 was granted to John W. Eddins, Jr., J. Leo Green, Marc H. Lovelace and William C. Strickland.

SBC Agency Sponsors May Tour To Boston

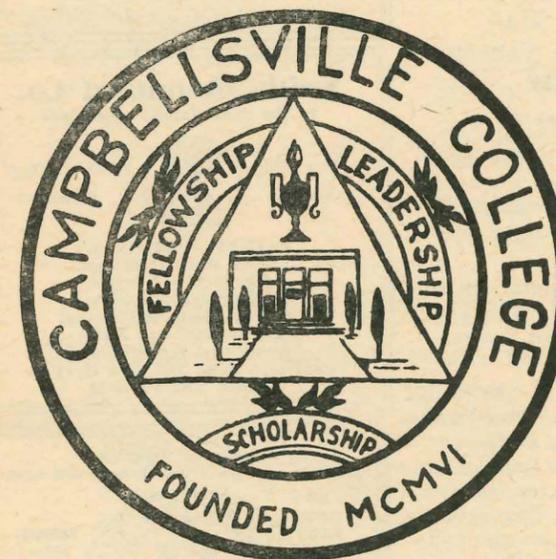
NASHVILLE (BP)—The SBC Historical Commission here has announced it will sponsor a Baptist historical tour into New England following the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City, N.J., in May.

Lynn E. May, Jr., of Nashville, research director for the commission and tour director, said the two-day tour will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, May 25-26. The Baptist Jubilee Celebration closes Sunday, May 24.

The tour, using a chartered Greyhound bus, will leave the Taft Hotel in New York City at 7 a.m. Monday and return to that hotel Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The tour is limited to 38 persons, seating capacity of the bus, May said.

The cost of the tour, \$39.95, includes hotel accommodations at the Taft on Sunday night, May 24; and at the Parker House in Boston on Monday night; round-trip transportation between New York and Boston, lunches on Monday and Tuesday, admission fees to selected historical sites.

May said the itinerary will include visits to the birthplace of Luther Rice, the home of Adoniram Judson, the church where Rice and Judson were ordained, the harbor from which Judson and his wife sailed as missionaries, the site at Lexington of the first battle of the Revolutionary War, the Freedom Trail in Boston, Paul Revere House, Plymouth Rock, Brown University, the First Baptist Church of Providence, R.I., and other places.



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