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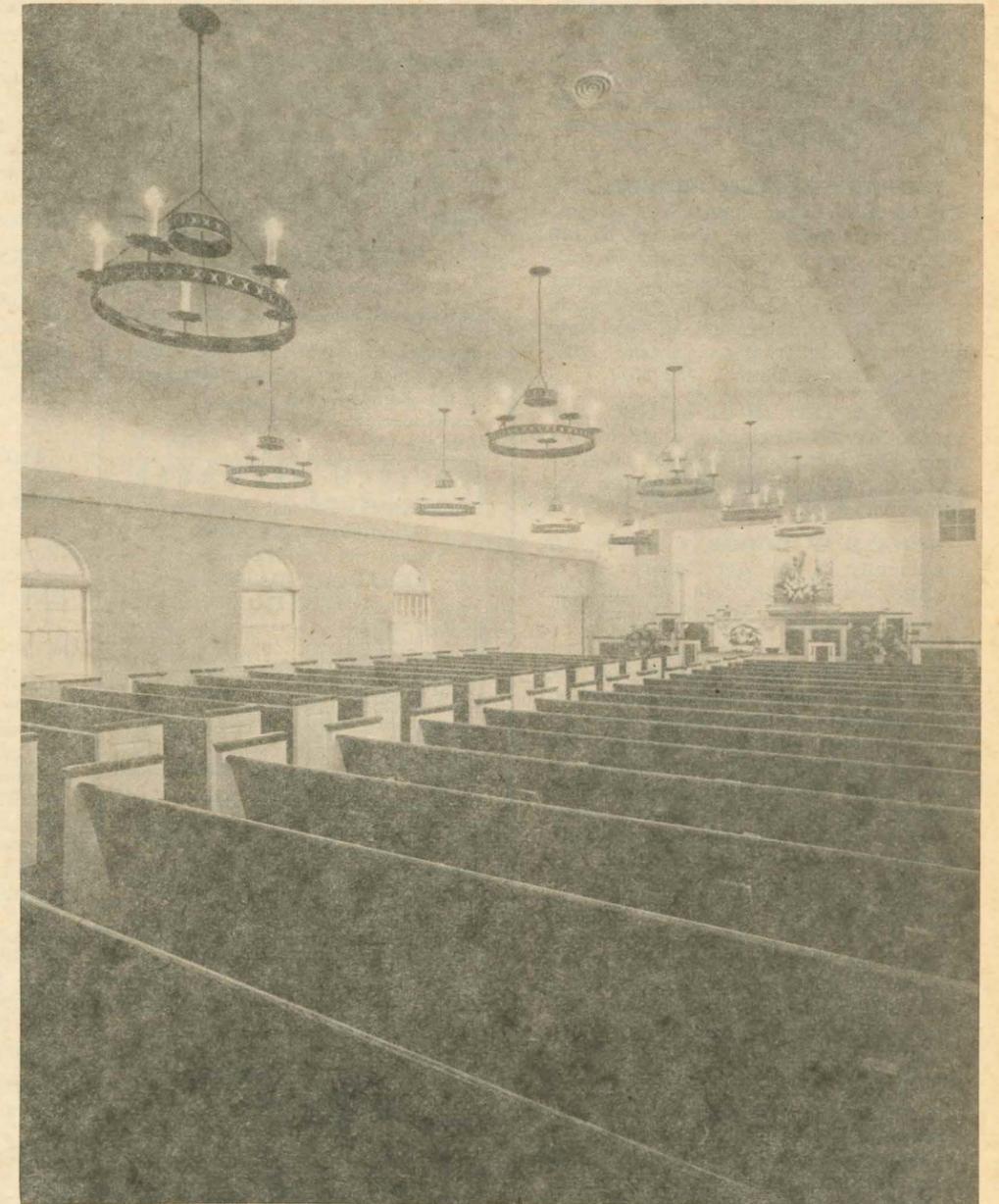
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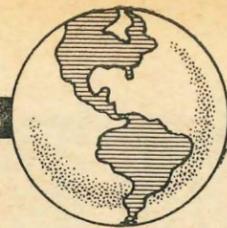
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**KENTUCKY BAPTIST
NEWS**

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CLOVERLEAF BAPTIST CHURCH dedicated their new sanctuary in April. Rufus Moore is the pastor. The church is located on Manslick Road in Louisville, Kentucky.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Yosemite, has added 22 persons to their membership since last July. Twelve of these additions have been by baptism and 10 by letter. Herschel Luttrell is the pastor. He and Mrs. Luttrell are graduates of Clear Creek Baptist School. Luttrell is now attending Campbellsville College.

STANLEY AND PATRICIA CRABB, Southern Baptist missionaries who had been on furlough in the States, sailed for Italy, April 14. Both are natives of Kentucky, he of Louisville and she, the former Patricia Maddux, of Hopkinsville.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2319 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, is now taking registrations for the 1964-65 fall season. There is a capacity for 45 children, ages 4 and 5 years old, and bus transportation is available for certain areas. Persons interested in this state approved kindergarten should call Bethany Baptist Church, 452-2681.

THE BAPTIST HOUR on NBC television, May 31, beginning at 12 o'clock noon, will feature an unusual program in color, "Walk Beside Me" which was filmed in Israel.

DONALD W. DODGE, a member of the faculty of the Art Department of Georgetown College, died on April 29 of a heart attack. Mr. Dodge was 30 years of age.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the California Southern Baptist Convention has announced it opposes "any and all of the current attempts to amend the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States." The Board also adopted resolutions opposing "any form of aid to church-related educational and welfare institutions" and pleading "for Christian attitudes and actions in the current civil rights struggle in our nation."

DR. E. D. HEAD, president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1942 to 1953, died in San Angelo, Texas, on April 13 after a long illness. Funeral services were held at Truett Auditorium on the seminary campus.

A CHURCH SECRETARIAL staff conference will be held at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly July 9-15 under the direction of the Sunday School Board's church administration department.

THE POWER OF PUBLIC OPINION will be turned on, literally and figuratively, at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Atlantic City, N.J., May 19-24. Martin B. Bradley, secretary of the Sunday School Board's research and statistics department, says that a "colorful and exciting" Electromatic Opinionnaire will be in operation at the Board's exhibit in Convention Hall.

PROVISIONS are being made for care of children, nursery through primary ages, at the 1964 SBC meeting. Nursery children will be cared for at the Ambassador Hotel, and Beginner and Primary children will be cared for at Convention Hall. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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JAMES H. WHALEY, Training Union secretary for KBC, spent two weeks in Alaska on a tour of leadership conferences. He saw the damage done by the earthquakes and experienced a few minor quakes while there. He was most impressed with the relatively small number of deaths in view of the widespread damage.

JIM HIGHLAND, for the past three years, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Liberty, Ky., has accepted the call of the Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Highland is a native of Lexington and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. His wife is the former Drucilla Burnside of Danville. They have one daughter, Margaret Rhea.

MRS. M. H. HIGHLAND, member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Covington, has been a Christian 73 years and had read the Bible "from cover to cover 45 times." She has been a reader of the *Western Recorder* 45 years. She recently celebrated her 63rd wedding anniversary.

THE RADIO AND TV COMMISSION of the SBC has established a new award for outstanding contributions in the field of communications, and has named Robert W. Sarnoff of the National Broadcasting Company as the first recipient. Sarnoff will address the SBC meeting in Atlantic City and the presentation will be made at that time.

DUKE K. McCALL, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, has been honored for his civic and religious leadership by two separate awards presented in Louisville. McCall was cited for his "distinction as an educator, clergyman and statesman of human affairs, whose wisdom and leadership have made of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary a center of learning and brotherly goodwill."

GRADUATION exercises are scheduled for some 109 students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 15. They will be held in Leavell Chapel on the campus.

THE CAMPBELLAIRES, college glee club at Campbellsville College, will present a "City Concert" at the Alumni Chapel on May 14 at 8 p.m. They have just returned from a five-state tour. Dee Wayne White, head of the music department, is director.

MAY MEETING:

Board Opposes Becker Amendment to Constitution

The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, meeting in its semi-annual session at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, approved a resolution opposing the so-called "Becker Amendment" which would amend the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The resolution charged "the Becker proposals would weaken or completely undo the provisions of the First Amendment" and reaffirmed "that the First Amendment in its present form is superior to any present proposals for changes . . ."

The resolution was offered by C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*. Prior to the introduction of the resolution, Harold Sanders, executive secretary-treasurer for the Convention, read a memorandum concerning the Becker Amendment to the Executive Board from Edwin F. Perry. Perry is pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, and chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The Public Affairs Committee had not been able to meet but several members of the committee were present in the Executive Board session. Daley is a member of the committee.

After considerable discussion, the resolution was approved with about six dissenting votes. The text of the resolution as it was approved is:

RESOLUTION

The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in session on May 4, at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, expresses its sentiments on the Becker amendment (H. J. Resolution 693) with the following resolutions: Whereas: The First Amendment to the United States Constitution was made an indispensable part of the Bill of Rights by America's founding fathers who were determined that government and religion be forever kept separate,

Whereas: The First Amendment has proven throughout American history to be a precious safeguard of separation of church and state,

Whereas: No Supreme Court ruling has forbidden voluntary prayer and Bible reading in public schools but has ruled as unconstitutional only prescribed and required Bible reading and prayer in public schools

Whereas: True religion is always voluntary and a matter for churches, homes and individuals instead of a matter of civil government and

Whereas: The Becker proposals would weaken or completely undo the provisions of the First Amendment.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we express vigorous opposition to the Becker proposals and to any and all other such proposals,

That we reaffirm our belief that the First Amendment in its present form is superior to any present proposals for changes,

That we call upon Congress and especially the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives to oppose the Becker proposals and any similar suggestions,

That we urge Kentucky Baptists to express in writing or otherwise their views on this matter to their respective congressmen,

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee (Emanuel Celler, Chairman) and to each congressman and senator from Kentucky.

And that the Executive Secretary represent the Executive Board in communicating this action to the secular and denominational press.

IN OTHER ACTION, the Executive Board ratified the poll vote (taken by

mail between sessions) for:

►The election of Michael Speers as an associate in the Training Union Department.

►Amending the Bethel College charter so that final settlement of property or liabilities shall be the responsibility of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

►The election of Dyer D. Edwards as an associate in the Brotherhood Department.

►Approval of the Administration Committee's authorization of a \$1 million loan for construction of student housing. The 25-year loan will be amortized with income from rental of rooms.

►Approved the decision of the trustees of Bethel College to close the school on May 31. Final close will be about July 31 at the end of the fiscal year.

►Interpretation of authority for Christian Education Committee to employ a CEA Secretary.

The Board heard a personal statement from Dr. P. Harris Anderson, president of Bethel College. He expressed his regrets at the closing of the school but acknowledged that it was inevitable. The Board gave him a standing vote of appreciation for his ministry at Bethel.

The Ohio River Baptist Association offered a resolution, requesting the Board to not follow through with origi-

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PRAYER AMENDMENT:

Witnesses Clash Over Required Religion in America

by Nona Saturday

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Roman Catholic Bishop, a national lottery advocate, and a states rights pro-segregationist have lined up together in support of a constitutional "prayer amendment." On the other side, Baptist, Presbyterian and Jewish representatives maintained that the public school should not be the "governmental arm of the church."

In the second week of hearings before the House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee, witnesses testified both for and against proposed constitutional amendments to overturn the U. S. Supreme Court's rulings against required prayer and Bible reading in the public schools.

The committee also heard Rep. Frank Becker (R., N.Y.) chief sponsor of an amendment, protest the "lengthy" hearings. He said most of the members already "have an opinion." When he thinks the matter has been in committee "too long," Becker said he will again press the discharge petition to take it directly to the House floor. Attempts to stampede the committee into

Georgia Endorses First Amendment

ATLANTA (BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention's public affairs committee reaffirmed "confidence in the First Amendment" and by implication rejected efforts in Congress for any change.

The committee's statement said:

"Along with other Americans, Georgia Baptists are concerned with the preservation and enrichment of the religious heritage of our nation. Efforts to destroy the moral and spiritual foundations upon which American society has developed must be resisted, but resistance must be in harmony with the heritage which is being defended.

"The Georgia Baptist Convention's committee on public affairs reaffirms the right of all people to religious liberty, and confidence in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States as a safeguard to religious freedom. Any effort to breach the historic wall separating church and state is to be resisted as a dangerous threat to the perpetuation of religious freedom for all Americans."

action have come from members of Congress and from public witnesses.

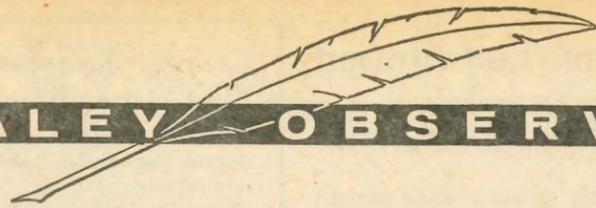
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, auxiliary bishop of New York; Rep. Paul A. Fino (R., N.Y.); and Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, were among those opposing the Supreme Court decision and favoring an amendment.

Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Leo Pfeffer, a New York Attorney, and others opposed any attempt to amend the constitution to change the meaning of the first amendment.

"Baptists have long opposed any compulsion to conformity in religious belief or in the practice of religion," Tuller stated. He said the Baptist viewpoint influenced the writing of the Bill of Rights and resulted in the first amendment.

Tuller testified for the National Council of Churches and the American Baptist Convention. He included in his testimony a resolution adopted by the

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Understanding The Becker Amendment

The resolution passed by the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board in opposition to the Becker proposals in Congress was wise but is subject to misunderstanding. This misunderstanding is understandable in light of the conflicting opinions on the matter now being expressed by clergymen and politicians in Washington hearings and all over America.

The resolution passed by the Board says the Becker proposals could destroy the First Amendment. Some members of the Executive Board rightly asked how this was so. In brief this is the reason.

The Becker amendment would make prescribed and required Bible reading and prayer in public schools constitutional. This is exactly what the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional last year on the grounds of the "no establishment" clause of the First Amendment.

Furthermore, the Supreme Court would be headed off from any future ruling on this new Bible reading and prayer provision because another provision of the Becker amendment says that such practices (Bible reading and prayer) are not to be regarded as "establishment" of religion. In short, the Becker Amendment would re-establish the possibility of required Bible reading and prayer in public schools and make them untouchable by any interpretation of the First Amendment by the Supreme Court. And so the Becker proposal would destroy the First Amendment as now interpreted by the Supreme Court.

There are several reasons that make it difficult to be against the Becker proposals and be understood. One of these is that in agreeing with the present Supreme Court interpretation of the First Amendment, we are on the side of atheists and other enemies of religion in America whose contentions led to the Supreme Court rulings on Bible reading and prayer in public schools. It must be remembered, however, that we have entirely different reasons from those of the atheists. They want American society riddled entirely of religion; we want the government to stay out of religion so that churches and individuals can practice and propagate religion in American society according to their own conscience. No Christian relishes being on the same side with an atheist, but it is better to be on the right side with the wrong persons than on the wrong side with the right persons.

Further misunderstanding results from the Becker proposals which guarantee Bible reading and prayer in public schools. Those who oppose these proposals are accused by some who favor them as being against

Bible reading and prayer. Some clergymen favoring the Becker proposals have gone this far and even further. They have even accused their fellow preachers of being Communistic and atheistic. This is the familiar smear tactic used to delude the public and destroy those who honestly express their convictions.

Some congressmen also apparently feel their concern for the religious life of America can be expressed in approving the Becker proposals. This position fits some congressmen naturally because of their anti-Supreme Court sentiment and their right-wing political views. For others it is a heartfelt conviction and as such must be respected. For still others their position is determined by expressions from voters, especially in this election year. This is why those with convictions should write their congressmen.

Those who oppose tampering with the First Amendment, however, are as much concerned for the religious life of America as those who favor a new amendment. The two groups disagree as how best to preserve and promote religion in American life. Those favoring the present interpretation of the First Amendment believe it will be better if the state keeps hands off when it comes to any form of prescribed or required religious exercises. On the other hand, those wanting a new amendment making required religious exercises in public schools constitutional want the state as an ally and co-sponsor of religion in American life.

The time may come when a further guarantee for religious freedom in America is needed, but that time is not yet. From the founding of the nation, the First Amendment has been sufficient to guarantee religious freedom and prohibit religious establishment. Nor should we forget that religion has fared well under the First Amendment during all these years. In some colonial periods less than 10 out of every 100 Americans were church members. Today more than 60 of every 100 Americans are at least church members. Let us pray for more understanding in this matter, but in the meantime, let us not be turned aside from efforts to save the First Amendment because of misunderstanding or false charges.

Challenge of the Mountains

Pastors Equal to the Problems

God's answer for most problems is a person. The predicament of the Appalachian area can be helped some by programs all the way from Washington to Frankfort, but the permanent solution lies in dedicated people who are ready to give themselves for the

solution of the problem. This is especially true in the matter of meeting great spiritual needs of the mountain people.

Baptists have not been without some concern and efforts in this direction. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board undertook a ministry in the Kentucky mountains years ago. It is very significant to note that four of the present leaders of the Home Mission Board came to the Board after work in the Kentucky mountains. These are Lewis W. Martin, L. O. Griffith, A. B. Cash and Wendell Belew. The Kentucky mountain work once undertaken jointly by the Home Mission Board and the Kentucky Baptist Convention is now entirely in the hands of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, though some financial help still comes from the Mission Board. A. B. Colvin, Kentucky Baptist missions secretary is in charge and Associate Secretary Edward Cunningham, once a highly successful mountain pastor whose heart is still in the mountains, gives special attention to the work in eastern Kentucky.

Kentucky Baptist churches and missions in the mountains today have some of the ablest pastoral leadership to be found anywhere. A great majority of the pastors assisted in salary by the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board is college and seminary graduates. Others are Clear Creek School graduates and these generally show as much or more knowledge of the denominational program than seminary graduates.

Not all pastors who go to the mountains make special sacrifices. Some have salaries and homes that match or surpass those in the plain country, and most mountain preachers seem to enjoy as much as or more love and esteem by their members than preachers in other sections of the state. Generally speaking, however, the mountain preachers serve for less pay, work longer for acceptance and harder for fewer results. He also sends his children to schools that generally are hard put to do the highest quality work. His family is a long distance from the best medical facilities and has to travel a long way for cultural events that only more prosperous areas can afford. The mountain preacher has many rewards for his service, but there is little doubt that his sacrifices are great.

Only the dedicated preacher stays in the mountains. He has to be made out of the stuff required for foreign missionaries. In fact, there are many places in the mountains harder to serve than foreign mission fields and the pay and security are even less. Those who go for adventure or thrill are a disappointment to themselves and those they serve. They generally pack up and leave faster than they unpacked. But these are few, and we can be proud of and thankful for the pastors and their families who stay by the stuff in Baptist churches and missions in eastern Kentucky. They, along with the laymen and laywomen who will be referred to next week, constitute the best hope for a new day spiritually in the mountains.

BAPTIST FORUM



Protection of All

Dear Editor:

Is a whole ocean of dogma equal even to a drop of the milk of the word—or one sup from the cup of Thomas Jefferson?

Is it as likely that we could achieve a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations, even with a whole raft of Schema, as we can with Jefferson's draft of the word of God?

Where the preamble declares, that coercion is a departure from the plan of the holy author of our religion an amendment was proposed by inserting the words "Jesus Christ", so that it should read: "a departure from the plan of Jesus Christ, the holy author of our religion"; the insertion was rejected by a great majority, in proof that they meant to comprehend, within the mantle of its protection, the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and Mohammedan, the Hindu and Infidel of every denomination". . . .

It is the historical destiny of America to bring into concrete expression on both the mental and physical planes, the Spiritual Idea of Individual Freedom which belongs to man as the image and likeness of God.

Louisville, Ky.

Charles K. Brown

The Baptist Name

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago there appeared an article in the *Adult Baptist Training Union Quarterly* stating that the name Baptist is a nickname. In the *Western Recorder* on April the second, Dr. Greene said, "John the Baptist was given that name because he baptized." Let it be known to all the world that John the Baptist was not called a Baptist because he baptized. One might as well say that President Johnson is a nickname and that he is president because he performs the office of president. He was given the name president and sworn

into office, before he did any acts as president.

John the Baptist was not called a Baptist because he was baptized. He baptized because he was a Baptist. The name Baptist is of divine origin. He was "The Baptist" because of the work he was given to do. God gave him this name before he ever began preaching and baptizing. (John 1:6; Matthew 3:1).

The name Baptist stands for a baptized disciple. John was sent to baptize those who were saved. (John 4:1; Matthew 3:8) This is the New Testament order. "Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John." This was his order when he gave to Baptists the great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). The work that John the Baptist started must be continued until the end of time.

The name Baptist marked John as a most interesting and peculiar man. So it is today. It is a worthy and honorable badge to all who bear it. This name distinguishes us from all other sects. God has seen fit to bless all who wear this name. To degrade this name, and compromise the doctrines it stands for, means a dying and wanting people.

If we want the decline in baptisms to stop, let us preach and practice like John the Baptist.

Ashland, Ky.

W. K. Wood



AMONG THE LATEST appointees of the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC are these Kentuckians, left to right, Kenneth and June Hayes, William and Betty McElrath and Norman and Martha Lytle. They were appointed in April.

Kentuckians Appointed By Foreign Mission Board

In 1953 and 1959 Rev. and Mrs. Norman F. Lytle spent 15 months in Israel, where they helped in the children's home and school at the Baptist Center near Petah Tiqva, studied Hebrew, and toured with an Old Testament study group. Before leaving Israel they resolved to go back as missionaries.

That resolution is about to be realized. Mr. and Mrs. Lytle—now of Reynolds Station, Ky., where he is pastor of Zion Baptist Church—were appointed missionaries to Israel during the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

The 15 missionaries appointed with the Lytles include three other Kentuckians, Rev. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Hayes and Rev. William N. McElrath. Mr. Hayes, native of Louisville, is now associate pastor of Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. He and Mrs. Hayes, the former June Snider, of Louisville (she was born in Anderson County), will serve in Japan. Mr. McElrath, native of Murray, expects to serve at the Baptist publishing house in Bandung, Java, Indonesia. He and his wife now live in Nashville, Tenn., where he has been editor of Junior Sunday school lesson courses for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for nearly five years.

Mrs. Lytle, the former Martha Yocum, is another Louisvillian. Mr. Lytle is a native of Akron, Ohio. They became interested in Israel through a former missionary who was president of Georgetown College, where they were students. Married soon after their college graduation, they taught school in Butler, Ky., one semester to earn passage money for the trip.

Upon their return to the States Mr. Lytle entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he graduated last May. He recently took a course in linguistics at Kentucky Southern College, Louisville.

During college days he did mission work in Alaska one summer, sponsored

by the Kentucky Baptist Student Union. Another summer he assisted with Southern Baptist home mission work in Topeka, Kan., while supporting himself in secular employment.

In addition to his present pastoral work in Reynolds Station, he has been a substitute teacher in the Ohio County schools since last September.

Mrs. Lytle was a BSU summer missionary among Spanish-speaking people in Fort Worth, Tex., one year. While her husband studied in Southern Seminary she did secretarial work for Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lytle have a four-year-old daughter, Beth, and an eight-month-old son, John Edwin.

Like Mr. and Mrs. Lytle, Mr. Hayes is going to a country with which he is already acquainted. He says he "saw firsthand the spiritual needs of a people who do not know Christ" while stationed in Japan with the U. S. Army in 1947. Both he and his wife have been considering foreign mission service since their teen years.

A graduate of Georgetown and Southern Seminary, Mr. Hayes formerly was pastor of Sadieville Church and Blanket Creek and Richland Churches, Falmouth; minister of music and education at Erlanger Church; and teacher in the Sadieville high school. After leaving Kentucky in 1956 he pastored an Ohio church for five years before going to Atlanta.

Mrs. Hayes studied in several colleges, including Georgetown. Her experiences include serving as secretary and organizer at Erlanger Church and teaching in an Erlanger high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have two children, Danny, four and a half, and Ruth Ann, two and a half.

Mr. McElrath is a graduate of Murray State College and Southern Seminary. In Kentucky he pastored Jordan Church, Eagle Station; served as minister of music at Hazelwood Church, Louisville,

mission worker for Fairdale Church, Louisville, music and youth director at First Church, Jeffersontown, and teaching fellow in religious education and missions at Southern Seminary; worked in Royal Ambassador camps; and taught in a Louisville junior high school.

He is author of three books for children, *Great Passages of the Bible*, *Butch Discovers America*, and *Jamie Ireland, Freedom's Pioneer* (to be released in October).

Defining his missionary commitment, he says: "I feel called first to be a Christian, next to write for God's glory, next to serve overseas. Literature is vitally important in evangelizing today's world."

He is married to the former Elizabeth (Betty) Hendricks, of Greensboro, N.C. A graduate of Greensboro College and Carver School of Missions and Social Work (now merged with Southern Seminary), Louisville, she has done music, religious education, and publication work.

Mr. and Mrs. McElrath have one child, Timothy, two years old.

The April appointees bring the Foreign Mission Board's overseas staff to 1,820 (including 27 missionary associates).

Annuity Board Okays New Life Benefits

DALLAS (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board here have approved benefits to be offered in a new life insurance plan to be inaugurated not later than January 1, 1965.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, said the life benefits plan will provide low-cost group term protection against death in active service, disability or age retirement.

The life benefit plan will be open to any Baptist minister, church, or denominational employee.

Life benefits will range from \$10,000 to \$30,000, with maximum coverage to age 45. After age 45, benefits are scaled progressively downward to retirement.

Upon retirement the member may have \$1,000 in paid-up benefits, but not more than an amount equal to his total contributions paid in his behalf, provided he has participated continuously in the plan from his initial entry and for at least 10 years, Reed said.

The plan also calls for double benefits to be paid in case of accidental death before retirement. Under another clause, if a participant becomes disabled, his coverage will continue without cost to him.

Reed said the plan would cost between \$40 and \$120 a year, depending on the participant's annual salary. Dues are one per cent of the salary. (Min-

imum salary is \$4,000 per year; maximum is \$12,000. Persons making less than \$4,000 a year may participate on the \$4,000 minimum.)

In calculating the salary basis, income which may be counted includes cash salary, housing or allowance, utilities allowance, car expense, retirement dues that the church pays, and miscellaneous income from church.

The new life benefits plan is the first in a series of life and health plans offered by the Annuity Board. Future plans will include health benefits such as hospitalization and major medical coverage, Reed said.

The group life and health benefits program is under the direction of Baynard F. Fox, formerly the annuity secretary in Kentucky and Tennessee.

K. O. White Declines SBC Presidency Renomination

HOUSTON (BP)—K. Owen White, current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced here he would decline any efforts to place his name on the ballot for re-election as president of the 10 million-member denomination.

White, who described the presidency as a job "so demanding" that he is not sure any man should try to carry the responsibility for more than one year, gave reasons of health for his decision.

The 62-year-old pastor of Houston's First Baptist Church had been forced to cancel all engagements during the month of December when he was hospitalized for observation and rest.

White said his doctor firmly told him that the illness was a warning to slow down, and he was forced to cancel a trip to Russia and do little but rest for a long period.

The announcement throws the field wide-open for electing a successor to theologically conservative pastor as president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination during Convention sessions May 19-22 in Atlantic City.

No names have yet been mentioned as possible presidential candidates. Most Baptists had expected White to be re-nominated.

In a statement to the Baptist Press, White said:

"It has been a high privilege to serve as president of the Southern Baptist Convention this year. Recently several pastors have suggested that they would like to re-nominate me for another term.

"After very prayerful and thorough consideration, I feel that for reasons of health and also in the best interests of our beloved First Baptist Church of Houston, it is imperative that I decline the nomination.

"I would call upon Southern Baptists to pray for divine guidance in the choice

of my successor," the statement said.

He also told the Baptist Press that the work of the convention was so tremendous and the job of the presidency so demanding that he simply could not continue another year as its president.

The decision had been in the making for more than a month, he said, and it was not made until after much prayer, counsel with friends, and thoughtful self-examination, he said.

His announcement is almost certain to make election of a new convention president a major issue at the Southern Baptist Convention during sessions May 19-22 in Atlantic City, N. J.

White was elected president of the convention during sessions last year in Kansas City after carrying the banner for theological conservatives in a controversy over symbolic interpretation of the Bible.

Foreign Board Spends 92.55 Percent Abroad

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board spent a total of \$20,561,653.72 during 1963, reports Treasurer Everett L. Deane. Of this amount, \$19,029,167.56,

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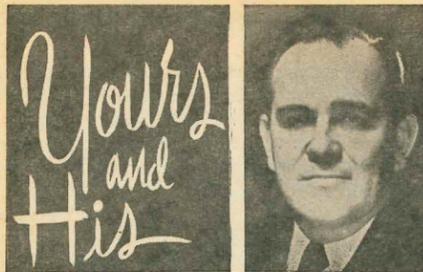
I am Stella Dye, and I live at Magnolia, Kentucky where I am a member of the Baptist Church.

Recently I was a patient in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville, and here you see me checking out and saying goodbye to the nurses and Chaplain Hilburn.

When you are ill or injured a Christian hospital means a lot. Prayer, concern, and love mean just as much as medication and other medical care.

I am glad we have three Baptist hospitals in Kentucky, made possible in part through the Cooperative Program. I understand that June 21 is Cooperative Program Sunday in Kentucky. I hope you will observe this special day in your church and tell all your members about the Cooperative Program—not only in providing hospitals, but all the wonderful educational and mission work it does too.

Observe **COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**
Sunday June 21



Education Revival

I wish you could have been with us for a revival of concern for CEA. It was in a restaurant April 30. Gathered were members of the Christian Education Committee, college and school presidents, CEA Executive Committee—and Joe Dick Estes, our new CEA secretary. We had come to review the CEA campaign (one-third the way), and pray and plan for the completion of our Baptist Youth—in schools, student centers, and RA-GA missionary education camps.

The Holy Spirit was upon Ted C. Gilbert, chairman. V. V. Cooke, our great co-chairman of CEA, back from Florida's sunshine came back full of dedication and hope, challenging us by saying that he will "work from here on out . . ." to assure the needed money. We must not become a second-rate denomination. Joseph E. Stopher, co-chairman with him, who has worked with great zeal and success in the CEA campaign told of the joy he had received from working among the churches for this great cause, and called the CEA campaign thus far, \$3-million pledged, a very encouraging success-start. Joe Dick Estes, dynamic preacher-missionary-educator, poured out his heart in appeal for Christian Education as the first need of Baptists today. Like Luther Rice 150 years ago, he has returned from mission fields to lead us in raising money for our schools. It was my privilege to sum it up and call for an old-fashioned season of prayer—some on our knees, all in deep commitment, some in tears, all determined to "cry aloud" to Kentucky Baptists to make at least the added \$6-million investment in Kentucky Baptist youth. We will never be the same again. Won't you do the same? If you have not pledged to CEA, if your church has not gotten into it yet, pray and plan with your pastor and fellow members. "O Lord, revive us again!"

We are deeply grateful to the firm of Ward, Dreshman and Rinehart for the fine work they did in launching his campaign—and fellow-Baptist Cecil Cook, Jr., in particular, the director. Now, let's build onto the \$3-million foundation!

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

Kentucky Baptists

Martin Gliem Accepts Macedonia, Mt. Vernon

PINEVILLE—Martin Gliem, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, a Bible institute for adults, has been called as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church at Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

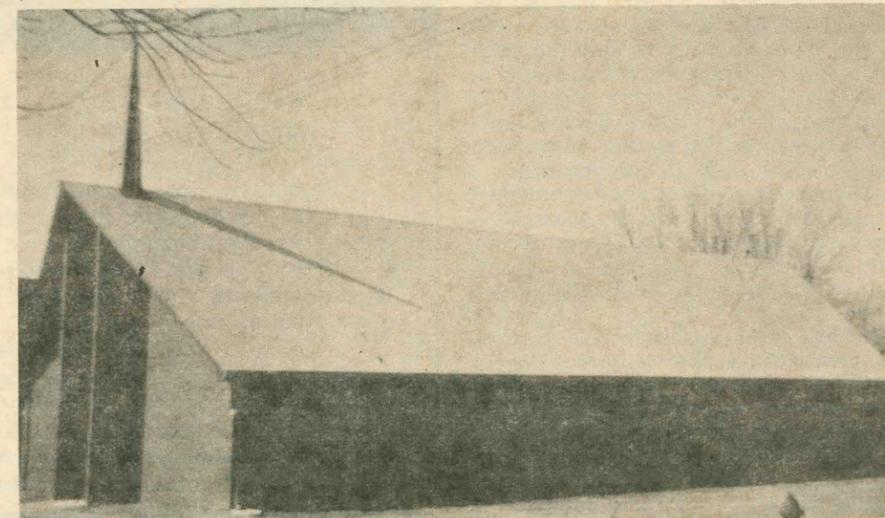
Mr. Gliem, who was formerly employed at Sears and Roebuck in Wooster, Ohio, is now a salesman for electrical appliances at Montgomery Ward in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Gliem, formerly members of Westwood Baptist Church at Wooster, are now living on the Clear Creek School campus with their three children, 8-year-old Rex, 6-year-old Janet and 4-year-old Bryan.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital Student Choir On Tour

The Kentucky Baptist Hospital Baptist Student Union Choir will be going on their spring tour this week end, May 15, 16 and 17. The group is composed of thirty-six student nurses with Mr. William Hornbuckle as their conductor. Mr. Hornbuckle is minister of music at Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary school of church music, and the director of the BSU choir. The students represent six states, six denominations, and many churches.

Friday night, May 15, the choir will sing at First Baptist Church in Salyersville, Kentucky. Saturday the group will travel to Elliston, Kentucky, to sing that evening at Vine Run Baptist Church.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Barlow, Kentucky, occupied this new building on April 26, with dedication services held that day. The building is 42 x 100 feet, has a capacity of 300 and cost \$79,000. This is the second auditorium for the church. The first one was built in 1907. Wayne C. Newby is the pastor.

Sunday morning the choir will return to Louisville to sing at the 11:00 a.m. service at Eighteenth Street Baptist Church. That evening they will sing a Vesper Concert at 5:00 p.m. at Vine Street Baptist Church.

Information about nursing and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing will be provided for interested prospective students as part of the concert program.

Leslie Huff, Jr., Assumes Pastorate Of Walnut Street, Owensboro

Leslie M. Huff, Jr., formerly pastor of the Beth Haven Baptist Church, Louisville, has accepted the call of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro. He comes to Owensboro from Lewisburg, Tenn., where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church there.



L. M. Huff, Jr.

A native of Texas, he is a graduate of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Huff married the former Peggy Earles of Leitchfield, Kentucky. They have two children, Wayne, 7, and Robbie, 6. While in Tennessee, he served as pastor advisor for the Brotherhood Department of the state convention and served as a trustee of Belmont College, Nashville.

Temple Hill Baptist, Monroe Association, Buys Pastorium

The Temple Hill Baptist Church, Monroe Association, purchased a \$12,000 pastorium and in the first six months of ownership had about half of the cost paid.

In reviewing the year's progress, the church noted that there were 32 additions, 25 of these by baptism. There have been two people who surrendered their lives for Christian vocations. The highest Sunday school attendance was 161 and record offering was \$384.52.

Billy C. Compton is pastor of the church. He writes, "No people in all of Kentucky could have been nicer to a pastor and his family than Temple Hill has been to me, my wife and five children."

Cedarmore Lodge To Be Named For W. C. Boone

The Cedarmore Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, recommended to the Executive Board in its session May 4, that the new lodge under construction at this time at Cedarmore be known as Boone Lodge.

The December meeting of the Executive Board will be held at Cedarmore and the Lodge will be officially dedicated at that time. Dr. Boone is invited to bring the principal message at the services of dedication.

The lodge will be completed by August 1 and will be used during the summer and fall activities of Kentucky Baptists.

First Baptist, Stearns, Ordains James N. Worley

On April 19, the First Baptist Church of Stearns, Kentucky, ordained James N. Worley to the ministry. The charge to the candidate was delivered by William Goodan, Whitley City. Lee Mason is the pastor of the Stearns Church.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Worley of Stearns, Worley is a student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He is pastor of the Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction.

More Revival Reports

(Last issue, we gave a digest of revival reports received in our offices. These reports came in after last week's article was written.)

Stithon Baptist Church, Radcliff, had 32 decisions registered during their revival with 11 of these professions of faith. Albert Gisler, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, was evangelist. Robert Webster, minister of music

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ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Library Officers were recently recognized and presented copies of the Bible Story Books by Mr. Keith Mee of the Church Library Department of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board. These workers had won third place-rating in the convention-wide library emphasis conducted last December. The effort was an attempt to register 10,000 libraries for the Twentieth Anniversary observance of the Church Library Department. The goal was achieved through the help of associational workers like these. From left to right, above, they are: Mrs. H. J. Hagler of the Immanuel Baptist Church, associational program librarian; Mrs. L. H. Tipton of the East Hickman Baptist Church, associational associate librarian; Mrs. George N. Smith of the Gano Avenue Baptist Church, associational librarian; J. Oliver Drew of the South Elkhorn Baptist Church, associational library secretary; and Mr. Mee. The special recognition service was held at the South Elkhorn Baptist Church during a morning worship service.

for the church, directed the singing. Gene Waggoner is the pastor.

John Wood, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Paducah, was the evangelist for a revival at Central Baptist Church, Lexington, where Homer Carter is pastor. There were 22 additions, with 16 professions of faith. Many of those who made profession of faith were young fathers. John Trueblood, First Baptist Church, Versailles, led the singing.

Carlisle Baptist Church, Carlisle, Kentucky, had the services of Samuel Gash, pastor of First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Arkansas, as evangelist. There were 19 professions of faith, two additions by letter and one young man surrendered to the call to the ministry. Gash is a native of Kentucky. A graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, he was pastor in Kentucky before going to Arkansas.

H. C. Hedgespeth, pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist Church, Danville, reports a revival in the church which resulted in 50 additions to the church by baptism, 11 by letter and a total of 135 decisions made during the revival. There have been 78 additions during the past

eight weeks. Evangelist was Clifton W. Brannon of Longview, Texas. Joe Tarry, minister of music at the Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, was the song leader. H. C. Hedgespeth has been pastor at Gethsemane for the last eight years.

Sand Run Baptist Church, Hebron, Ky., experienced a revival about which the pastor, E. T. Wright states, "This was one of the best in recent years." Evangelist was Roy Johnson. There were 16 professions of faith, three by letter and 58 rededications.

W. C. Boone, former executive secretary for Kentucky Baptists, was in a revival at Hartford with Pastor Wesley Hanson. The minister of music at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Johan Yang, led the singing. There were 15 additions, 12 of these by baptism.

New Liberty Baptist Church, New Liberty, Ky., had nine professions of faith during their revival. There were five additions by letter also. William Tucker, pastor of the Oak Hill Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, was the evangelist. Pastor George R. Cartwright reports that the church was prepared for revival when the meeting began.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Stewardship

Churches To Salute Cooperative Program On Sunday, June 21

by Robert J. Hastings

The third Sunday in June is coming to be one of the outstanding days of the year on the Kentucky Baptist calendar. This is the Sunday many churches use to inform their members of the worldwide ministry of the Cooperative Program.

In every church, there are some members who have never even heard of the Cooperative Program. Too, some have only a vague idea of what it is all about. They know it has something to do with missions, but that is about all. Perhaps only a small percentage in any one church really understand the Cooperative Program.

This year, new and colorful materials are available to help church leaders plan Cooperative Program Sunday. "The Cooperative Program Speaks Volumes" is the theme. Already, pastors, ministers of education, S.S. superintendents, and T.U. directors have received sample packets of material.

Enclosed in each packet is an order blank for securing all the free materials each church needs. Have you mailed yours? If not, do so today. Send to Stewardship Department, Baptist Building, Middletown. If you missed getting a sample packet, you may have one by writing to the same address.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Universities May 11-13 - May 14-16

by Forrest Sawyer

A University? Well, yes, sorta. It works this way.

The "added responsibilities" which will attend Baptist Brotherhood work, for several years to come, as a result of the "Programming" kick Southern Baptist leaders are embarked on calls for a very studious application and understanding of the tasks of the Brotherhood. The Universities will be Kentucky's second, and first state-wide, effort to understand and relay the Added Responsibilities.

Do not mistake this effort as a "methods" conference. There will be "methods", but they will be dialogue. Methods will be "presented". You will "participate".

There will be an "encampment" atmosphere. There will be the embodiment of a "retreat" spirit.

Subject matter? Come and see. Faculty? Come see and hear.

The first University will start with supper at 6:00 P.M., Monday, May 11. It will close Wednesday morning, May 13, following a prayer breakfast.

The second University will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14. It will close Saturday A.M., May 16, at the conclusion of the prayer breakfast.

The same "course", same "faculty" . . . the same program, is the "menu". They are scheduled as they are for the convenience of men whose working hours vary.

Reservations should be made directly. Mr. Marvin Byrdwell, Manager, Cedar-more Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, who informs us that rates Monday supper through Wednesday breakfast, or Thursday supper through Saturday breakfast would be: \$9.70 Cottage Rate (more than 2 to a room) or \$10.70 Motel Rate (2 to a room).

Brotherhood officers and men interested in a spiritual rejuvenation will profit by taking advantage of one of these opportunities.

The ideal would be for every local Brotherhood to have a representative present.

Sunday School

Green Valley Associational Sunday School First To Reach Standard This Year

by Roy E. Boatwright

We are happy to announce that Green Valley Association has reached the Standard of Excellence. The Standard



Clarence Penn

of Excellence has been revised this year and Green Valley is the first to make application under the new standard. The new standard provides an excellent program of work for all associational Sunday school organizations. We offer congratulations to Rev. Clarence Perin, associational Sunday school superintendent; Rev. Thomas Francis, superintendent of missions; Mr. Guy Ray, former associational Sunday school superintendent; and the core of asso-

ciational officers for the excellent work that is being done in Green Valley.

We are looking forward to other standard associations within the next few weeks.

Church Music

Nine Kentuckians To Teach At Ridgecrest Music Conference

by Eugene F. Quinn

The faculty roster for the Music Conference at Ridgecrest June 27-July 1 includes nine Kentuckians.

From our church music ministries come Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ham of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kyle of Third Baptist Church of Owensboro.

From Southern Seminary School of Church Music the Ridgecrest Music Faculty will include James W. Good, J. Phillip Landgrave, Hugh T. McElrath and Jay W. Wilkey.

The ninth faculty member from Kentucky is the State Music Secretary, E. F. Quinn.

Congratulations to the other faculty members for their opportunity of service to Southern Baptist in this way.

Lexington Musician Writes Feature In "The Church Musician"

Mrs. Sue Arnold Dorsett at Calvary Baptist Church of Lexington is writing a regular monthly feature in *The Church Musician* for 1964. Entitled "A Worship Program", her feature provides devotional material based on the Hymn of the Month. This feature is a devotional program which can be used in an assembly of the Sunday School or Training Union, as well as a basis for a song service in a regular church worship service.

Kentuckians are proud of Mrs. Dorsett's contribution.

Special Ministries

Another Forgotten People

by Bill Goble

"Church could no longer be a family affair after the birth of our daughter," expressed the father of a retarded child. A pastor claimed, "We do not have the problem of mental retardation in our church." After talking with many such parents and pastors, I believe that these statements reflect the feelings of many Kentuckians. Few of Kentucky's 91,000 retarded attend church; of our 2,201 Kentucky Baptist churches, only one

offers a Sunday school class for retarded children.

Does the church have a ministry to the retarded individual and his family? Yes. Experience now proves that the retarded can learn. They can be helped. They are people who respond to the love of Christian friends and to the love of God. Individual churches can minister to the retarded.

Parents need help too. Retardation is a lifelong handicap, resolved only by death. Therefore, the pastor's greatest counseling ministry may be with the parent who needs periodically to talk out his potentially overwhelming burden of sorrow and grief. Not one of the parents interviewed by a clinic chaplain had discussed with a minister their unresolved questions: "Why did it happen to my child? Is this God's will?", nor did they discuss their feelings of guilt, isolation, failure, and personal inadequacy. These parents stand in need of the church's understanding love and acceptance. Can we permit these our neighbors to feel that the church does not understand or care? In their loneliness and isolation, parents of the retarded may never seek the church; the church will have to seek these isolated families if they are to know God's ministry of salvation and compassion.

The conference on mental retardation June 6, 1964, at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is designed to help you and your church understand the problem of retardation and fulfill the Christian responsibility that falls to both.

Baptist Student Union

Revival Comes To Cumberland

by James R. Bergman

An inspiring evangelistic note was recently sounded in the little town of Cumberland, Kentucky. Nestled deep in the Eastern Kentucky Mountains, only ten miles from Virginia, Cumberland is the home of one of the new University of Kentucky Extension campuses. The town itself claims about 4,000 inhabitants and most of the 200 students attending the community college live within a fifty mile radius of the campus and are daily commuters.

In an attempt to reach the campus students and the young people of the community four Southern Seminary students traveled almost six hours through this mountainous region to reach the community. The evangelistic emphasis was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. At the invitation of the pastor, Ed French, and the city officials, the seminary students promoted the weekend Youth Rally through a program both at the county school and the community college. Dorsey and Tommy Deaton, brothers from Memphis, Tennessee, and active in their Mississippi College Baptist Student Union, staged a

MAY MEETING:

Board Approves Bethel College Closing

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nal plans to not hold in escrow any balance left after the liquidation of Bethel Assets, the allocation for Bethel in the Cooperative Program and the CEA. The Ohio River Association contended that such funds should be held with a view toward establishing another Baptist college somewhere in Western Kentucky. The resolution was "received as information."

Recommendations from the Administrative Committee that were approved were:

►Change of date for the December

forty-five minute comedy act at the local elementary and secondary schools that won the hearts of every student. At the college, in a voluntary chapel session, the formal program included a short, comic dialogue between the Deaton boys. Then Pam Deaton, Tommy's wife, gave a simple testimony about how Jesus Christ had changed her life. The moments that followed this stirring personal message were most meaningful. Many of the students remained after the program to ask questions, and a few students remarked how the Spirit of God warmed their hearts.

Every student in the community was invited to attend an informal hamburger fry at the First Baptist Church on Friday evening. Almost 200 young people were present for the gathering. During the "supper", a film entitled *Play For Keeps* was presented to the audience. This dynamic film introduced several outstanding Christian athletes performing in their respective sports followed by a personal message concerning their relationship to Christ. That professional athletes such as Alvin Dark, Felipe Alou, Bill Wade and Bobby Richardson had spoken of their faith in a personal God, was not only surprising to the viewers of the film but left an impact on the audience.

Following the film the group adjourned to the church auditorium. Terry Mobley, University of Kentucky basketball player, presented his testimony. After the special music Tommy Deaton brought the closing message. When he gave the invitation, 39 young people made public decisions. Henry Ramser, who came to assist those students who made decisions, was overwhelmed by the response. (Henry was BSU President at the University of Georgia). He had met earlier in the afternoon with six local students who were to assist him with the "follow-up". But the numbers who inquired far exceeded those who were available for counseling. The majority of the students who registered decisions came on profession of faith. The simplicity with which the entire program was presented and the quiet

meeting of the Executive Board to avoid conflict with "M" Night Activities.

►Resolution concerning the resignation of Baynard F. Fox, annuity secretary for Kentucky and Tennessee, who has resigned to accept a new position with the Annuity Board in Dallas. The resolution commended him for his contribution to Kentucky Baptists.

►That the Board would employ a full-time representative of the Annuity Board for Kentucky. This would be a

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response of those who attended left little doubt as to witness of the Holy Spirit in this meeting.

The State Department of Student Work is making some projections for a long term follow-up program. Bible study groups and discussion programs will be available for students who made decisions. The discussions will also provide for further evangelistic outreach. The Department of Student Work also plans to visit other campuses with the same evangelistic emphasis.

When all the day's activities had faded into a pleasant memory, the seminary team had come to one vital conclusion: Namely, that the church on or off the campus, must penetrate the world. It must become "displaced". It must never expect the world to beat a path to its own door without first moving it into that world shattering the walls men have erected between themselves with the love of God.

Woman's Missionary Union

Third Jubilee Advance - 1964

by Mrs. C. P. Gunther

Six years ago we voted to accept the Third Jubilee Goals as suggested by our convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union.

At that time 1964 seemed to be a date in the far distant future. Now we look back on these years as six short and busy ones which can be summed up into a paragraph called "The Story of the Three J's".

At the beginning of the Jubilee Advance the goals seemed to be jammed, jumbled and jangled. Then they jolted, jostled and jiggled us to jibe, join and jump to work. There was no time to joke, jeer or jest so we just jumped to the joy and jingle of the jubilee and we've been jotting, jigging and juggling figures ever since.

However, the results of our efforts cannot be told by figures and reports

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alone for the challenge of the past six years has given us a zeal to accomplish tasks which have brought far reaching results.

Now we want to give praise to God for the great things he has done during this period of time. Then, too, we want to express appreciation to each of you for your every effort to help make this a glorious—victorious occasion.

May you never let the spirit of these years die and may you be challenged to put forth renewed efforts to give liberty and light to the world so that God can continue to do great things through you during the post jubilee years.

Our praise, appreciation and challenge can be well expressed in the same

phraseology which Abraham Lincoln used in his Gettysburg Address.

Seven score and ten years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent the first national organization of Baptists conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men need the gospel of Christ.

Now we are engaged in a great jubilee proving that organization so conceived and so dedicated will long endure.

We have met on a great battlefield of the war against sin.

We have come to praise God for Christ who gave his life that we might live and also for others who gave their lives that the word of God might live.

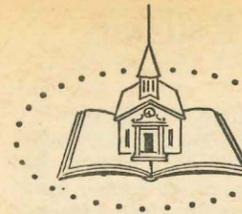
We have come to dedicate our every effort to accomplish the purpose of the Third Jubilee Advance namely—to work cooperatively, witness effectively and to celebrate worthily.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. However, in a larger sense we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow those attempts to give liberty and light to a world lost in sin.

Each Baptist woman living or dead who struggled in her local church to carry out with zeal the great commission has consecrated every attempted goal far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note nor long remember what we say here but it can never forget what great things God has done through every woman's stewardship of time, prayers, gifts and service.

It is for us rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished task remaining before us—that through praise to our Lord for jubilee goals attained we take increased devotion to that cause for which so many have given a full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that the efforts to bring about great achievements in the Jubilee Year shall not have been in vain—that this nation under God shall have new birth and freedom and that the gospel of the people, by the people and for the people of the whole world shall be "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life".



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



The Christian's Responsibility to Government (This Lesson for Sunday, May 24, 1964)

In addition to his obligations to God, a Christian has some very definite civic responsibilities, inasmuch as "the powers that be are ordained of God." This twofold obligation was enunciated by Christ in the words: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). It is rightfully expected that Christian faith will result in righteous living and good citizenship. Lack of submission to civil authority, disobedience to the laws of one's country and evasion of the payment of taxes are unbecoming of Christians. Those who enjoy the protection and benefits of a government are obligated to support it.

I. Subjection To Power. Romans 13:1-7.

Human government is ordained of God and functions by His providence. God instituted government for the specific purpose of maintaining order in human relationships. God has ordained government for the protection of its citizens, for the punishment of evil doers and for the administration of justice. Defiance of governmental authority is a violation of the law and a mark of disobedience of God. He commands His children to be subject to the higher powers because they are ordained of God. Submission to one's government involves a growing concern for the improvement of it, the correction of social wrongs and the building of a better society.

A Christian should abide by the laws of his city, county, state and nation and be submissive to said governmental agency unless it should require him to disobey God and to do wrong. The limitation of the Christian's responsibility to be subject to the earthly powers begins only when such subjection contravenes the plain teachings of the Word of God. A Christian must obey God always in preference to obeying man. One must obey the law not simply to escape the consequences of wrongdoing, but for the sake of his own conscience which tells him to do right. Moreover, he owes it to his fellowmen, over whom he has influence, to be a law-abiding citizen. It is impossible to disobey God without incurring His displeasure and receiving the due reward for doing so; just as certainly as rebellion against the government and violation of the law cannot go

unpunished.

It is incumbent upon the Christian that he pay taxes. This has been ordained by our Creator for the support of the state. As an evidence of the fact that the payment of taxes is in line with the will of our Lord, one only needs to read such passages as Matthew 17:24-27. The payment of taxes is both an acknowledgement of subjection to the government and the discharge of an obligation to pay for numerous services rendered. While we live in the heavens spiritually, we are not to evade our earthly responsibilities. Christians should be better citizens than those who do not claim to be followers of Christ. It is their duty to meet their obligations to all others.

II. Suffering Persecution. I Peter 4:12-16

Our Lord suffered while He was here among men. He warned those who remained faithful in their devotion to Him that "In the world ye shall have tribulation." Through His Word God has warned Christians, who are faithful in their obedience to Him, that they may expect opposition and persecution from the world. Fellowship with Christ inevitably results in the endurance of hardship or in being subjected to suffering.

Many of the early Christians lived in constant danger. They faced troubles of all kinds—the loss of property, the loss of liberty and, frequently, even the loss of life. Perhaps some of them murmured because they were suffering more persecution by far than when they were unbelievers. Under these circumstances they needed comfort and encouragement in their distresses, and this Peter tried to give them. Evidently they were on the eve of some kind of fiery trial, and Peter was writing to prepare them for the ordeal. The purpose of the fiery trials, to which they were subjected, was to prove that the grace of God was sufficient to hold them steadfast through times of persecution. Peter sought to enable them to meet these trying experiences with faith, fortitude and fearlessness.

These verses contain two timely admonitions for all the children of God.

1. Do not be surprised at trials.
We are prone to expect smooth sailing in the Christian life, whereas we should regard trials as normal in devout living. The natural inclination is

to think it strange when suffering comes our way. Many are shocked greatly when they are afflicted. Peter taught that it is not strange that God should allow His children to pass through sore trials, while they are in this world which is opposed to God and to all that comes from Him. Trials are not unusual for a Christian; neither are they a mark of disfavor with God. Rather, they are a natural result of the Christian experience and way of life. Conformity to God's will is not a guarantee of exemption from all suffering, for even His Son suffered, and remember that He pleased the Father in everything.

2. Do not be disheartened by trials.
A note of rejoicing is sounded here because God has a blessing in store for those Christians who suffer for Christ's sake. Why is such suffering permitted? While there is no merit in suffering as such, God often uses it as a smelting furnace in which to test the character of His children, and to reveal their strength or the lack of it. Fiery trials come to us to test our sincerity, patience and trust in God and His promises. Through suffering the reality of our faith is made evident, and we are enabled to prove to the unbelieving world that God is able to deliver those who put their trust in Him.

Peter warned us to distinguish between the suffering that comes from the hand of God and that which we bring upon ourselves. Many would have us to believe that they are suffering for Christ's sake, when in reality they are but receiving the just recompense for their own evil deeds. It is easy to make martyrs of ourselves and ascribe to God what is strictly our own fault. Let us beware of that! If we step outside the will of God for us, we must suffer for it because sin inevitably brings suffering. There is no virtue in suffering because of sin in our lives; rather, it is a reproach.

A Christian should not do something which would justify others in making him suffer. It is a shame for a Christian to do wrong and bring suffering upon himself. We should not run from suffering, if it comes to us unsought and because we have been pleasing Christ; neither should we invite suffering by placing ourselves in situations which concern us not. If, as busybodies, we pry into the affairs of others, we need not expect the Lord to deliver us from the consequences thereof or to honor us in the sufferings that result therefrom.

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Witnesses Clash Over Required Religion

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American Baptist Convention in 1963 stating that "religion should not be a matter of compulsion and that prayers and religious practices should not be prescribed by law or by a teacher or public school official."

Blake held that a state prescribed form of religion would either be a "ritual that is meaningless" or a form of "indoctrination."

"The kind of indoctrination we fear . . . is a blending of religiosity by the state that in effect becomes a state religion and establishment."

Arguments supporting "prayer amendment" were emotionally pitched and set on the false charge that the court ruled that a school child cannot pray or read the Bible. They favor "permitting" or "allowing" prayer and the Bible in the public schools.

Pfeffer, a recognized constitutional lawyer, attacked such arguments as being "fiction" or "fallacies." He said that nothing in the decisions could be interpreted as "forbidding" the children to pray or read the Bible in public schools.

Bishop Sheen claimed to speak only for himself as an American citizen. He said the court decisions were founded upon the "myth of separation of church and state." He said he knew of no protestant church or Catholic church which wants the "establishment of church and state in the United States."

"Since there is no one in the United States that wants the establishment of church and state," Sheen continued, "it seems as if the decision of the Supreme Court has been attacking a myth and not an established fact."

Sheen struck at the Supreme Court as going "outside its competency" in ruling in the matter of prayer.

Rep. Fino also struck at the court decisions. He said he would favor any measure that would "make it clear that prayer may be offered in the classroom." He said the purpose is to "assure a more lasting union under God."

Fino has consistently proposed a national lottery for the United States as being a source of additional revenue and a means of "satisfying the natural urge" of the people to gamble.

Alabama's Gov. Wallace alleged that the right to "permti" children to pray at the beginning of the school day was "nullified" by the Supreme Court.

"This decision," he said, "is a part of the deliberate design to subordinate the American people, their faith, their customs and their religious traditions to a Godless state." Some members of malignant form," the governor charged.

He accused the court of "legal and juridical gymnastics" and said many of its decisions "give aid and comfort to

agitators, to anarchists, to atheists."

Bishop Sheen said he did not favor any particular amendment and that one might not be necessary if proper emphasis were given to the first amendment. He suggested that a satisfactory prayer to all would be, "In God we trust."

Pfeffer said there has been "too ready" a tendency to "equate opposition to these amendments with opposition to religion or opposition to the Bible or to prayer."

He cited six points of argument as being "fiction" and not facts in the matter, these "fictions" are, he said:

(1) Opposition to public school prayer and Bible reading is a recent occurrence, when in fact it is ancient and widespread;

(2) It makes no difference which version of the Bible or what form of prayer is used, when in fact no controversy in history has caused more persecution, oppression and bloodshed;

(3) Because a child is "excused" from participation there can be no valid objection to the practice, when in fact this is "the delusion of voluntariness";

(4) That only "atheists and secularists" oppose an amendment; when many religious groups are opposed;

(5) That the court has forbidden the "mention of God," or the Bible or religion in public schools, when in fact it said that government may not "promote or establish" religious exercises;

(6) The court has forbidden children to pray or to read the Bible in public schools, when in fact it said the state may not require it.

Hitting the argument that the school is the only place some children are exposed to religious ideas or the Bible, Tuller said, "that is the responsibility of the church and the church should not depend on the state to do the church's work."

FMB SPENDS 92% OVERSEAS (Continued from Page 7)

or 92.55 percent, was used overseas for missionary support, capital expenditures, and current operations.

Of the remainder, \$1,014,237.23, or 4.93 percent of the total expenditures, was used for administrative and general purposes (including headquarters salaries, traveling expenses, stationery, postage, insurance, office equipment, cost of Board meetings, annual audit, legal expenses) and \$518,248.93, or 2.52 percent of the total, was used for mission education at home through publicity, publications, audio-visual education, literature, deputation work of missionaries, recruitment materials, and other means.

MAY MEETING:

Record Budget Approved, CEA Advanced

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joint project between the Annuity Board and Kentucky Baptists, each bearing half of the budget for that department.

►That the pastorium allowance in the Ministers Retirement plan be increased from 15% to 20% of cash salary, effective May 1, 1964. This benefits pastors whose salary is below the \$4,000 mark.

►That all agencies, institutions or committees anticipating any new programs or services be requested to consult with the Program Committee of the Executive Board for thorough study and recommendation to the Board or Convention. This motion brought discussion. Some defended it and others thought it unnecessary because of previous Convention action which basically requires the same thing, though set in a context of financial language rather than programming. One Board member, C. Carman Sharp, Louisville, felt the recommendation usurped the role of the directors and trustees of the various agencies and institutions. The recommendation was approved after the discussion.

►That the Convention borrow from the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company of Louisville a sum not to exceed \$850,000 with interest at 4½ per annum, said loan being payable in equal installments over a ten-year period; and that a first mortgage be executed on the Cedarmore property for the loan. The amount needed for construction and present debt is \$832,000. The action stipulated that no more than \$832,000 would be borrowed without the approval of the Board in regular or called session. Any increase in the debt could not be approved by polling the Board.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Advance Committee reported that approximately \$3 million of the goal of \$9,056,000 had been reached. Dr. Joseph Richard Estes, presently on the faculty of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, was introduced as the new CEA Secretary. (See May 7 issue of the *Western Recorder* for picture and story of his election.)

The Board took note of the retirement of Dr. A. M. Vollmer on September 1, 1964. Vollmer has been secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for the past 19 years. The Foundation was started in 1946 and he was the first and only secretary. On recommendation of the directors of the Foundation, James C. Austin, presently with the Stewardship Commission of the SBC in Nashville, was elected as Dr. Vollmer's successor. He will officially assume his duties on September 1 at the same salary that Dr. Vollmer now receives. Austin has served as assistant to the

president at Southern Seminary. He is a graduate of Southern and served churches as pastor before his present position.

A RECORD BUDGET was approved for 1964-65. The gross amount of the budget is determined by the Convention and the details of the budget are worked out by the Executive Board. In November, 1963, in its annual session in Lexington, the Convention approved a budget for September 1, 1964, to August 31, 1965, in the amount of \$3,260,000. Of this amount, 64.4% will be used for Kentucky Baptist causes. In dollars this means \$1,068,000 will go to the Southern Baptist Convention causes. The largest increase in the budget was for schools and colleges in Kentucky, increasing from \$570,000 to \$625,775. To meet the budget, \$3 million is expected in Cooperative Program gifts from the churches. In his report, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Harold Sanders reported that the Convention was well on its way in meeting the current budget.

NORRIS HITE, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business reported that Billy Graham would be the principal speaker at the Youth Night Service during the Convention in Louisville in November, 1964. Also, times for miscellaneous business will come at the close of each afternoon session in order to give adequate time to discussion of any matter that the group desires to discuss.

Indiana Begins Fund For Camp Property

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—The state missions offering taken among Southern Baptists in Indiana in September will begin a fund with which to buy property for camping and a future assembly site.

The executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana voted here to strive for \$8,000 in the annual state missions offering. It would be divided equally between the camping fund and the mission rental fund.

The mission rental fund aids churches in starting new missions.

Executive Secretary E. Harmon Moore told the board that statewide Cooperative Program income for the first three months of the year exceeded by \$235 the \$40,625 needed to meet the quarterly budget. After the first three months a year ago, receipts were lagging \$3,000 behind budget requirements.

He told the board the Indiana Baptist, which he edits, has increased its frequency of publication. It now comes out twice a month instead of monthly.

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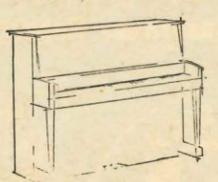
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