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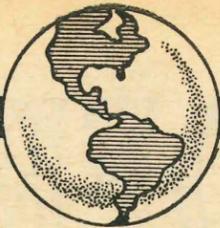
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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

Mr. and Mrs. **JOHN M. HARRIS** have announced the birth of a daughter, Ann Marie, on June 2, 1964. Mr. Harris is a graduate student at Southern Seminary and Mrs. Harris is the former Rachel Milligan who was well-known around the Baptist Building when for several years she was a staff worker for the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Bellevue, Nebraska, asks the readers of this paper to send any names of Southern Baptists in that area to Tommy R. Grozier, pastor. The church is located at 23rd and Hancock Streets, Box 307, Bellevue, Nebraska. The church was organized in 1958 and now has approximately 800 members. The church is adjacent to SAC Headquarters at Offutt AFB, just south of Omaha, Neb.

DR. GUNTER WAGNER, associate professor of New Testament at International Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon - Zurich, Switzerland, will teach a New Testament elective course during summer school at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

THE CHURCH PROGRAMMING CONFERENCE will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina July 16-22. A similar conference is to be held at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly June 25-July 1. The conferences are designed to give specific help in co-ordinating the tasks of the church educational organizations.

A. B. COLVIN, secretary of the direct missions department for Kentucky Baptists, was the evangelist for a revival in the Stony Point Baptist Church. Wilbert Taylor, pastor, reports the church was greatly strengthened and there were additions to the church.

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE, Williamsburg, enrolled 783 for the first summer session. The second summer session begins July 9 and ends on August 15.

"**FRONTIERS OF ADVANCE**" is the theme of the 1964 foreign mission graded series of five books which Convention Press will release in July. They will be available at the Baptist Book Stores.

THE FIRST Southern Baptist Conference for single adults and their leaders will be held Labor Day week end at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

TYRONE CLENNY, native of Covington, Ky., is the new pastor at Sandy Hook Baptist Church. A graduate of Campbellsville College, he has been teaching in Hardin County and serving as pastor of the Lucas Grove Baptist Church, Upton, for the past three years.

FREDERICK P. LOMAN, chaplain, Welborn Memorial Baptist Hospital, Evansville, Indiana, was awarded an honorary doctor's degree on June 5 by the Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana. Chaplain Loman supplies often in Baptist churches in Kentucky and is currently attending a peace conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

LAWRENCE E. BALDRIDGE became pastor of the Caney Baptist Chapel and the Dark Hollow Mission. The missions

are sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Mousie, Ky., and the Hindman Baptist Church, respectively. Baldrige is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College, University of Kentucky and Southern Seminary. He formerly served on the staff of Bethel Baptist Chapel, Louisville. His wife is the former Martha Lingerfelt.

BOB CURTIS, minister of music for First Baptist Church, Nicholasville, has resigned to become pastor of the Beaver Baptist Church, near Cynthiana, Ky. Earl Hohman is pastor at Nicholasville.

D. LEWIS WHITE became a consultant of the general Sunday school administration in the Sunday school department of the Sunday School Board on June 15. Since 1961, he had served as pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

JOHN J. NEWMAN, a Christian Jew and a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, was the Walnut Street evening worship speaker on June 7. Mr. Newman who lives at 601 Trinity Towers in Louisville expresses great interest in evangelistic work among Jews.

CHURCH SECRETARIES are invited to attend the fifth annual Institute for Church Secretaries at Southern Seminary from July 6-10. Purpose of the Institute is to give church secretaries practical information on how they may serve more efficiently in their church roles. Seminary professors and other qualified personnel will lead the conferences.

JOHN L. HILL, son of Dr. Eugene L. Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Mrs. Hill, has received a Fulbright-Hays grant for a year's study abroad. He left the states June 15 and expects to spend 3½ months in London and the remainder of the time in India.

MELVIN and SHIRLEY TORSTRICK, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Chile, have moved to 2294 Ralph Ave., Louisville 16, Ky., from New Orleans, Louisiana. Both are natives of Louisville; she is the former Shirley Lee.

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SHADES OF BROWNING:

Pippa Passes in the Springtime

by Jim Bergman

As I left the modern Mountain Parkway at the Salyersville exit, the road quickly shrank into a narrow two lane road, and all of a sudden I knew I was in the deep of mountain country. The Appalachian hills kept their watch on me like giants watching an insect. As the road snaked its way up the crevices and on to the ridges, nostalgia began plaguing me. For I am a mountain boy, and I had not forgotten the freshness of the spring saplings strutting their green adolescence before their elderly clan. Nor had my memory failed me as the "multi-verdance" unfolded before my view interrupted by the red and white splotches of dogwood and redbud. Winter had passed and the sounds and sights of the beautiful hills of Eastern Kentucky were jostling my heartstrings.

Deeper and deeper my automobile carried me into rugged but beautiful country. Here was a remnant of a sawmill, its huge toothless circular saw rusted by motionless age. There, in the distance, smoke was rising from a one-room cabin surrounded by steep mountain furrows.

I stopped to ask a farmer who was tenderly watering his tobacco bed the way to Alice Lloyd College. At first he stammered, for he had known the school in his day as Caney School. When his memory capitulated, the directions went something like: "You foller this road til you hit Beaver Creek. Turn up Beaver through Wayland til you run into Caney and go up Caney about eight mile. That there is the school." Bewildered by these homespun directions, I thanked my friend and was once again on my way.

The map had failed to indicate the little community of Pippa Passes, home of Alice Lloyd College, so from here on I was to trust my pioneer spirit and a handful of neighborly directors to get me there.

Royalton and Garrett were behind me, and as I turned into Wayland I recalled from high school days a little country town with a championship basketball team. Wayland, in its heyday, was a coal camp, and now and again I could see vestiges of what was once a thriving little community. A delapidated tipple hanging on a treeless hillside spoke of more prosperous days in this town. Fifty men were grouped around the commissary store. These jobless miners had plenty of time to talk and chew their tobacco, but they took time out from their conversation long enough to

James Bergman, former associate in the student department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is the newly elected dean of men at Georgetown College.

fix eyes on the stranger driving though their town. A few hundred yards down the road, some young boys were playing baseball on a grassless slag pile, the only flat ground in the vicinity.

As I left Beaver Creek and turned up Caney Creek, I stopped to ask a couple of young men pushing a cart filled with groceries if I were headed in the right direction. Assured that I was only "eight mile" from my destination I heaved a sigh of relief and wasted little time after a curt "thank you" getting to Alice Lloyd College.

Mrs. Alice Lloyd came to Pippa Passes in 1915 from her Boston home. A graduate of Wellesley College, she had come to the mountains to open an elementary school. At her death in 1962, she had seen her dream give birth to reality: A junior college with fully accredited standing as a monument to a dedicated pioneer of Eastern Kentucky higher education. This little junior college nestled in the Appalachian Mountains now enrolls some 200 boarding students, ninety percent of whom otherwise would never have educational opportunity.

J. Edward Cunningham and I had come there for the first formal Christian Emphasis week. We had been invited by

DEAR EDITOR:

What is the Southern Baptist Convention?

When our church was discussing the controversies of the Southern Baptist Convention at a recent Prayer Service, a missionary home on furlough made the following observation, "If the Christian Life Commission were to bring a report on divisive social issues that was unanimously acceptable to the Convention, I would feel that they were not doing their job." This organization is our study group, our research facility, that speaks to our minds and our consciences and seeks to guide us in the application of the gospel to social problems of our day. They are not a legislative committee. All they seek to do is to recommend statements they feel are sound and relevant interpretations of the gospel in social action.

The section of the report on race was amended and moderated by a close vote of the Convention. This meant that in 1964, a majority of the messengers assembled in Atlantic City for the annual convention chose to speak to the world in a softer voice. However, many of us left Atlantic City with the conviction that time is on the side of the Christian Life Commission. Within the foreseeable

Miss June Buchanan, patron of the college and Mr. William Hayes, director and administrative head of the institution. The college has just passed its requirements for accreditation. Library facilities, faculty credentials, administrative procedures, and student morale are extraordinarily formidable.

Two services were held each day in the little rustic chapel built on a hillside. (Mr. Commodore Sloane, a native of the community, is both architect and builder of most of the campus buildings.) Our approach was to present the claims of the Faith in the chapel programs.

In the morning half-hour service, a simple presentation was made to the student body. An hour service was arranged in the evening, which included a 20-minute speech followed by a question session by the students. The openness with which this meeting was programmed allowed the students to do some thinking about their faith and purpose in life. On Wednesday evening and Thursday morning students were given an opportunity for public commitment of their faith in Christ.

A most meaningful time was centered in the dormitory discussion groups. Students were given the freedom to ask questions they had been pondering. The consequence, a frank and purposeful dialogue.

Out of this meeting as the week progressed, a few students began asking for personal conferences. One student came to me saying he had sought to

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future, the majority vote will support a stronger statement. The pioneer areas, where race prejudice is moderate, are growing strong Southern Baptist churches. A younger generation is moving into leadership. We shall have conventions meeting in cities a long distance from the Deep South. Are our pastors preparing their people for this inevitable turning of the tide?

It was deeply disturbing to hear on the floor of the convention such prophecies as, "If this strong resolution on race is passed, our church will pull out of the Southern Baptist Convention!" Other dire prophecies were uttered, such as, "Our Cooperative Program will be wrecked." "Our churches will start designating their money." "I speak for my church when I tell you we are against this resolution."

I am convinced that we as pastors have failed to teach our people what the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention really mean. They view a Southern Baptist Convention in session like we view our United States Con-

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Post-Convention Discussion Continues

There is more post-Southern Baptist Convention discussion this year than most of us can remember. This is because of the controversial issues that produced a rather stormy Convention and the concern of many for the outcome of votes on certain issues.

This concern is reflected in current discussions in the Long Run Baptist Pastor's Conference in Louisville. A recent panel presentation on post-Convention developments led to a spirited discussion and a decision to devote another program to further discussions.

The discussion began with expressions of disappointment for Convention action against the North American Fellowship and the report and recommendations of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission on race relations. Particular resentment was expressed for what has been dubbed a "rump session" in Atlantic City. This refers to a meeting of some messengers from the Deep South, particularly Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, in which attempts were made to persuade the Christian Life Commission Secretary Foy Valentine to withdraw or to water down statements in the official statement of the Commission. Upon failure to accomplish this, a substitute statement of a milder tone was drafted and won approval of the messengers over the Commission's statement.

Much more concern was expressed for reported pressure and intimidation tactics used since the Convention against the Christian Life Commission staff members by certain influential pastors who serve on the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. The Executive Committee makes recommendations for budget allocations to Southern Baptist agencies including the Christian Life Commission. This led to expression of concern for the structure and operation of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee which allows such a practice to go on.

What is to be said on these matters? To begin with the discussion at the Pastor's Conference clearly reveals the need for more consideration of such matters. The program was stimulating and helpful. The tradition of free expression among Baptists makes it appropriate that those who believe we are going the wrong way should be heard.

Baptists who have convictions about current issues and believe we have responsibility to act accordingly should not be guilty of the sin of silence. To do so is to share responsibility for the statements of those who do speak out. Maybe there is a place now

for something of a "Manifesto of a Conscience" in which those all over the Southern Baptist Convention who want to do so can say they disagree with the "hard core" line as expressed in some majority votes of the Convention. This was said in the close votes at Atlantic City but not dramatically enough.

Surely the reports of intimidation tactics and badgering a fellow Baptist by those who have great power by virtue of key committee positions are disturbing. This sounds more like the reprehensible concept of powerful worldly politicians than the service which becomes one entrusted with high denominational position. It should be exposed and ended any time and any where it appears.

The discussion of the Louisville pastors also reveals need for more understanding and interest in the structure and operation of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. The survey studies of 1958 and 1959 have led us to invest more and more power in the hands of this Committee. Maybe this is what we want but maybe it is not. Surely there was need for clearer definition of the programs of our various Southern Baptist agencies and a closer check on what use was made of available funds. The result, however, is that more and more of what the agency boards were left to determine is now being determined by the Executive Committee. Of course this Committee only recommends but in the allocation of funds, the Committee recommendations are seldom questioned or even examined by the Convention messengers.

The encouraging thing is that we do retain the authority to change the recommendation of this or any other committee and also to revise the structure and manner of operation of all our committees. The other source of hope is in the integrity of the persons who wield great influence. Pure democracy by ten million Baptists is impossible to practice. Great influence and power must be delegated to trustworthy persons. Good and honest men can get the job done with most any system while unscrupulous men can hardly be controlled by the best of systems. Occasionally even a Baptist will use his position and influence wrongly, but God and fellow Baptists have a way of remedying the situation sooner or later.

The By-Laws Should Remove Fear

The proposed By-Laws of the North American Baptist Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance appear on page 9 of this issue. This fellowship proposal was rejected or at least delayed for a year by vote of the majority of the Southern Baptist messengers at Atlantic City last month. One of the main rea-

sons given by those reluctant to go along with the proposal was lack of knowledge of the By-Laws under which the organization would operate.

It's unfortunate that these By-Laws were not publicized before the Southern Baptist Convention meeting. One valuable article written by Southern Baptist Executive Secretary Porter Routh on the fellowship proposal was released from Nashville but was not seen by enough messengers before Atlantic City. The fault is not to be credited to anyone in particular. It's just another example of the difficulty of clear communication between denominational leadership and those who vote on recommendations. The Southern Baptist Executive Committee members who recommended the proposal viewed it as merely an implementation of the present Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist World Alliance. To many messengers, however, it had the appearance of the first step toward union with other denominational groups. The proposed By-Laws reveal the Executive Committee has the right interpretation and there is no reason for fear of union.

It is not a life or death matter that Southern Baptists participate in this fellowship. In fact, most Southern Baptists won't know the difference whether we do or don't. The organization becomes effective with or without Southern Baptists when five North American Baptist groups agree to join. But since Southern Baptists comprise about half of all Baptists on this continent, their participation would be meaningful to the organization.

More important than any value to be derived from actually belonging to this fellowship is what the negative vote at Atlantic City and any subsequent negative vote on the matter says to fellow Baptists. An obvious interpretation by other Baptists would be that Southern Baptists are not interested in any further expression of the Baptist World Alliance Fellowship in which we have participated for sixty years. It seems also to say that since now we know you better, we want less to do with you.

This is not the way the vast majority of Southern Baptists feels. For while we are not inclined at all toward any merger even with other Baptist groups which would result in the loss of our distinctives, we are always inclined toward cooperation and fellowship with fellow believers. For this reason when the matter of participation in the North American Baptist Fellowship comes up again, as it likely will next year, we will probably vote affirmatively and remove any image of undue Southern Baptist exclusiveness and

isolationism. An examination of the proposed By-Laws of this fellowship will help make us ready for action either way.

Dr. Redford Has Served Well

This week's cover picture is a tribute to Samuel Courts Redford who is retiring as Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He was assistant secretary from 1944 to 1954 when he was chosen to lead the work of the board. Redford was born in Missouri, reared in Oklahoma trained at Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Prior to his coming to the Home Mission Board he was college professor at his alma mater, president of Southwest Baptist College in Missouri and a denominational worker in the same state.

As leader of the Home Mission Board for the past ten years Redford has occupied one of the strategic places of Southern Baptist life. He has served during critical years of transition in which the board has greatly expanded this ministry in order to meet the needs of our rapidly changing times.

When Redford began his work with the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptists were confined to one geographical area of the United States. Now we are in every state and the Home Mission Board has had most to do with this thrust into new areas. The loan fund and the church bond buying program of the Home Mission Board have enabled many struggling congregations in pioneer areas to purchase a site and to start a church building. The board has also provided salary for trained pastors in many of these churches which were unable to support full-time pastors.

Redford has led the Home Mission Board to undertake many other ministries unheard of when he started. These include the student summer work, the tentmaker ministry, migrant missions, literacy missions and juvenile rehabilitation, to name but a few.

Leading a very vigorous life, Redford has been slowed down recently by a heart ailment. He is to be admired for stepping down rather than trying to continue this heavy load with less than full strength.

Experience teaches that the work goes on as men come and go. But as Dr. Courts Redford goes, he will not be soon forgotten and he carries with him the appreciation of grateful fellow Baptists. His concern and compassion for the whole world which were communicated in word and deed will provide inspiration for many Baptists for many years.

Baptist Forum

Agrees With Mr. Stone

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you for publishing the very fine article "Dust to Dust and Ashes to Ashes", by Mr. Dan Stone in the June 11 issue of the *Western Recorder*. There is perhaps one hope for us as Southern Baptists and that one

hope is repentance. If we do not heed the voices of our prophets and repent, then there is no alternative to Mr. Stone's dire moratorium. As the editor of the *Western Recorder* states rather matter of factly in the June 4 editorial on the 107th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, Southern Baptists are very much a part of the culture of the South. But where did Jesus ever tell us to be conformed to

our culture? Pastors say, when presented with the challenge of recognizing the rights of all men, regardless of their color, "Well, we can't go faster than our laymen." As Robert Raines points out in the very excellent book, *New Life in the Church*, this plea sounds harmless. But, in fact, it is a way of saying: "If the will of our people and the will of God are in conflict, we shall do the

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Yours and His



605 To Go!

Do you know that we have about 2,200 Baptist churches working together in the Kentucky Baptist Convention? Together, we do mission work in the mountains and valleys, city and countryside—in Kentucky only? Oh, no! What we do in your association and state, we do in the USA, and nearly 60 nations of the earth! We are actually serious about Jesus' command to "Go ye into all the world" to "preach the Gospel to every creature".

How do we do it? Through money, prayer and persons. That's right—we send missionaries, that costs money, and we pray daily for them!

What is this mission program called? The Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists.

Do all missionary Baptist churches in Kentucky help? All should, but not quite yet. More than 1,600 have sent in an offering since September 1 for the Cooperative Program—but 605 have not yet. But they will!

How in the World?

How can a church do more for world missions through the Cooperative Program? (1) Ask the church people to send more. (2) If you have a budget, put more in it for the Cooperative Program. (3) If you have a Vacation Bible School, take an offering for the Cooperative Program. (4) If you can, have Missions Sunday or Cooperative Program Sunday in your church, and take a special offering. (5) Tell the people about the mission needs—some individuals will give an offering and your church treasurer can send it to my office, Middletown.

Then, pray about it. God loves to answer prayers for the spread of the Gospel! Pray for young people in your home, your church, to hear God's call to the Mission Fields.

Coming to Dragon Lake?

Are you coming to Dragon Lake this summer? Dragon what? Yes, Dragon Lake, at Cedarmore, our State Baptist Assembly and RA-GA Camps site, near Bagdad, Ky. For leadership like you, too. Write Marvin Byrdwell, Bagdad, Kentucky.

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

Kentucky Baptists

James Bergman Moves To Georgetown College

James R. Bergman, associate in the Baptist Student Union Department of Kentucky, has been named Dean of Men at Georgetown College it was announced by President Robert L. Mills.



James Bergman

Bergman comes to Georgetown College with a wealth of experience in Baptist Student work in Kentucky and Georgia. Before coming to Kentucky's state Baptist office, he held Baptist Student Union directorates at Berea College and the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

A native of Irvine, Kentucky, he did his undergraduate work at Centre College, where he was awarded the A.B. degree in 1951. He majored in English at Centre.

The University of Kentucky conferred the Master's Degree on Mr. Bergman in 1957. He earned an additional graduate degree in theology from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1960.

He was Baptist Student Union president one year while studying at the University of Kentucky. He is a member of two honorary fraternities, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Delta Kappa. He was named to **Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges** while at Centre.

Mr. Bergman served a stint of four years in the United States Navy from 1951-1955 including 31 months of overseas duty.

He is married to the former Betty Swope. The Bergmans are the parents of a four year old daughter and two year old son.

Edward Stelzig Retires

Edward Stelzig, a *Western Recorder* printer and pressman, has retired after 44 years of service. He came to the paper in 1920, shortly after the *Western Recorder* was purchased by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A native of Louisville, Stelzig began his printing career at the age of 16 with the Old Kentucky Print Shop. He was highly respected by his fellow workers in the *Western Recorder* print shop being known as an expert in his trade. The pride he took in his job produced top quality work.

Stelzig is a quiet and kind person. He was always cooperative with fellow workers and was never irritated by the

many knotty details encountered in a print shop.

He was honored on his last day at work in a brief farewell gathering of the entire Baptist Building family. A gift was presented following an expression of appreciation for his long era of service by Editor C. R. Daley.



Edward Stelzig

After a summer of rest and catching up with chores around the house, Stelzig says he will find some part time employment. He feels he will find more satisfaction in working than in complete retirement.

He has lived alone at 4122 Ledyard Road since the death of Mrs. Stelzig last year. He has one daughter and four grandchildren. They also live in Louisville and frequent visits with them afford him much joy.

Mrs. Thurman Shares Dream With Church Library Department

When Mrs. Clarence Thurman, Southern Baptist missionary who has been residing in Louisville for the past year, sails July 1 for Malaysia, she will carry with her the hope of reaching people for Christ through good reading material.

On a recent visit to the Sunday School Board's church library department in Nashville, Mrs. Thurman shared her dream of establishing a library in Malacca, Malaysia, where she and Mr. Thurman will establish the first Baptist work.

In Malacca, a city of 75,000, there is little Christian witness of any kind and no free public library. Mrs. Thurman plans to establish a library in her home until other facilities become available.

To help Mrs. Thurman in her new work, the church library department presented her with three technical aids: "The Dewey Decimal Classification," "Sears List of Subject Headings," and "200 (Religion) Class."

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman were appointed to Malaya in 1959 by the Foreign Mission Board. At the time of their return to the states on furlough a year ago, Thurman was serving as pastor of First Baptist Church of Jalan Pantu at Telang Jaya, Malaysia.

In this city the Thurmans were engaged in English language evangelistic work among the Malaysian people. Mrs. Thurman had organized a church li-

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THE GEORGE SMITHS:

Family Roll Reads Like United Nations Roster

By Betty Ensminger

Some 50 years ago, when the George Smiths of Georgetown, Kentucky, were serving their first church in Virginia, Mrs. Smith heard about a young Hungarian girl who was trying to earn money to attend school.

Still rather new at being a preacher's wife, Mrs. Smith came up with what she thought was a bright idea. Young Margaret could save her money by spending a week or so in the homes of W.M.S. members in the church, without paying board.

There wasn't the rush of open arms and homes she expected, though. In fact, no one responded.

Disappointed, but determined to help, the Smiths asked Margaret to move in with them. She stayed all summer, working in the local bank and saving her money.

So began a ministry that continued for some 40 years, bringing much joy and happiness to the Smiths, and to all who shared, for a few months or a few years, in the atmosphere of their Christian home.

Although the Smiths have only one real son, their "unofficially adopted" family has grown so that they've lost count. They are scattered around the world—Tokyo, Brazil, Honolulu, Georgia, Virginia—to mention but a few places.

"I don't know how we did it," said Smith as he looks back over some of those lean years. "The Lord must have stretched every dollar in order for us to take care of so many."

Their son, George, now a bank manager in California, sent a young Japanese boy who became his friend while in the armed services in Tokyo. Word got around, and later others from Japan asked if they could stay in order to attend school. One was turned away.

"Some came to us sick to be nursed back to health," Smith said, "and others came to stay with us for a while, simply because the conditions in their own homes were unbearable."

Since his retirement, though, only two young people have stayed with them. "We are neither physically nor financially able to carry on this work now," said the 82-year-old Smith.

However, Mrs. Smith does continue to help by providing clothing needs for as many as she can, with the help of a friend who gives her a definite amount of money each month for her work.

"She tries to be a one person Salvation Army," said Smith.

Smith, one of eight children, knew

what it was to stretch dollars when he was growing up.

"Even though we were poor materially," he said, "the wealth of nature was ours along "Gunpowder Creek" in Kentucky where we grew up."

Smith never lost his love for the slow easy country life, and in 1930, when an attack of malaria forced him to give up his church in South Carolina, it was to this life he turned for recuperation.

He and Mrs. Smith moved to rural Verona, Kentucky, where they secured a five room frame house on 3 1/2 acres of worthless looking land. Their payments were \$10.66 a month, almost unthinkable by today's standards, but 20 years later when they moved, the home was completely paid for.

Together they turned the place into a thing of beauty that attracted visitors from miles around. And as they worked, raising their own fruit, vegetables and meat, the sun and relaxing atmosphere helped restore his health.

With his strength back, he took on the added responsibility of a nearby country church, carrying a full program of work until his retirement in 1948.

Smith still finds great joy and relaxation in the soil, raising flowers and even some of their own food.

Retirement has been busy and happy he said. He does supply preaching, holds revivals, and helps his wife in her work as library consultant for the Sunday School Board.

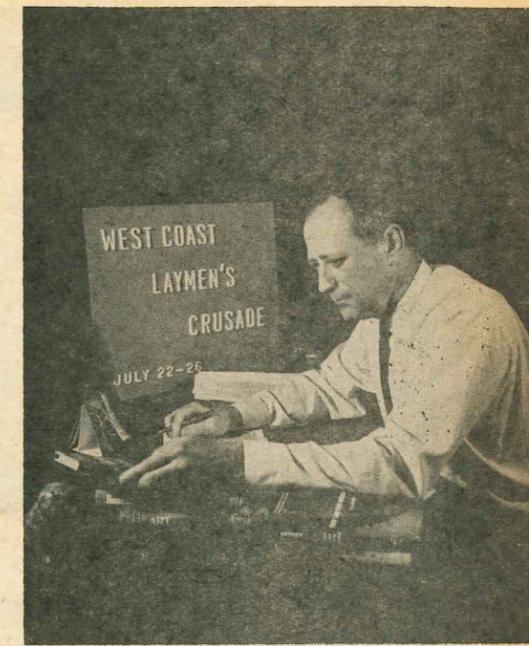
And the young people still come, seeking the wisdom and counsel of their many years in pastoral work.

So many young preachers come to them for help that their home looks like a "little seminary," says Smith. "But we love it," he said, "and we are so grateful for our many friends of all ages."

Smith, who receives a check each month from the Annuity Board, tries to impress upon these young preachers the importance of making financial preparation for this period of life. He tells them to live simply, within their income so that they can begin early laying away money for retirement.

"Time flies. Old age comes quickly," he tells them, "and it's just good, plain horse sense to save and be ready for it."

The Smiths are looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary this June. "We have served the Lord as a team," he said, "and I know our happy marriage is largely responsible for the things we've been able to do for our Lord."



OPERATION: LOST PERSON — Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention more than 1,000 laymen are preparing themselves for five days of intensive Christian witnessing during the West Coast Laymen's Crusade July 22-26. Already 49 Kentucky men have volunteered to participate at their own expense. The project to help needy Baptist churches in California, Oregon, and Washington is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board.

Rockcastle Baptist Assn. Sponsors Youth Crusade

The Rockcastle Baptist Association is sponsoring an association-wide youth crusade August 2-8. The endeavor is primarily aimed at winning young people who are not Christians. However, an emphasis will be placed on deepening the commitment of the Christian young people in the association.

Planned by a group of young people, the crusade will feature Edward Cunningham, Lexington, as evangelist and Eugene F. Quinn as director of music. Cunningham is an associate in the department of direct missions for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He resides in Lexington and most of his work is done in Eastern Kentucky.

Quinn is the secretary of the department of music for the KBC. He is a graduate of the School of Music, Southern Baptist Seminary. He holds one of the two doctor of church music degrees granted by the school.



"Christianity and Race Relations" will be the theme of the Christian Life Conferences at Ridgecrest next August 20-26. Among the speakers will be (top row) Will D. Campbell, Director, Committee of Southern Churchmen, Nashville; Dr. T. B. Maston, longtime professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Seminary; Dr. C. E. Autrey, Director, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board; (bottom row) Shervert H. Frazier, M.D., Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Baylor University College of Medicine; Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, Associate Director, Peace Corps; and W. R. Grigg, Secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation, North Carolina Baptist Convention. These conferences are designed to offer practical help to Christians who desire to relate themselves through the local church to the contemporary racial crisis.

Caudill Undergoes Five-hour Eye Operation

ATLANTA (BP)—Herbert Caudill of Havana, Cuba, underwent a five-hour operation here for a detached retina in his left eye.

The superintendent of missions in Cuba for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board returned, together with his wife, to the United States for the eye treatment.

"He withstood the surgery in good shape," said Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language missions department of the mission agency, "but the results will not be known for several weeks."

Corder said doctors assured him and the family of the good health of the right eye.

The Caudills moved into an apart-

ment at 1818 Ridgewood Dr. in Atlanta for their stay in the United States, expected to last from three to six months.

The Caudills expect to return to Cuba, and they presently have the permission of the Cuban government to do so.

Meeting the Caudills in Atlanta were two of their three children: a daughter, Mrs. George Pringle of Park View, N. M., and a son, Herbert Jr., a student at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Herbert Jr. will be staying with his parents in Atlanta for the summer and Mrs. Pringle is staying with her husband's parents in Marietta, Ga.

Their other daughter, Mrs. David Fite, is a missionary to Cuba, together with her husband, and remained in Havana.

Eastern States Led Atlantic City Totals

By the Baptist Press

North Carolina, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia—in that order—had the most messengers from churches to register at the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, N. J.

Each of these five states had more than 1,000 messengers and were the only states to pass the 1,000 figure, according to Joe W. Burton, Nashville, the Convention's registration secretary this year.

North Carolina had 1,631 messengers; Texas, 1,206; South Carolina, 1,154; Virginia, 1,129, and Georgia, 1,071. Total SBC registration was 13,136.

Others with more than 500 messengers included Tennessee, sixth with 969; Alabama, next with 769; Maryland, host state, with 631; Florida, 615, and Kentucky, 607.

States east of the Mississippi River provided 10,202 messengers. If Louisiana is included as an eastern state, the total rises to 10,605.

The messenger registration for other states is Alaska, 8; Arizona, 40; Arkansas, 248; California, 190; Colorado, 61; Hawaii, 8; District of Columbia, 159; Illinois, 226; Indiana, 81; Kansas, 89; Louisiana, 403; Michigan, 52; Mississippi, 472; Missouri, 474; New Mexico, 50; Ohio, 162; Oklahoma, 433; Oregon and Washington, 20, miscellaneous registration, 178.

The 1964 registration total is the second highest for the SBC. Only the 1960 Convention and the 1964 Convention have passed 13,000. Both were held in beach resorts along the Atlantic Ocean. The record registration at the 1960 meeting in Miami Beach was 13,612.

Holloway Joins New Orleans Seminary

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Leonard L. Holloway of Norman, Okla., will join the staff of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here August 1 as vice-president of development.

Holloway was for six years director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. More recently he has served as vice-president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and as president of a life insurance company based in Norman.

A native Oklahoman, Holloway earned the bachelor of arts degree at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and the master of arts in communications at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and is a former president of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

North American Baptist Fellowship of B.W. A.

Article I: Name.

The name of the organization shall be the North American Baptist Fellowship.

Article II: Purpose.

The purpose of the organization shall be:

- To continue the gains and values growing out of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program (1959-1964).
- To make possible opportunities for fellowship and the sharing of mutual concerns.
- To co-operate with all departments of the B.W.A.

It shall have no authority over any Baptist Church nor undertake any work for which the member bodies are responsible.

Article III: Membership.

The membership shall consist of those Baptist bodies of North America who hold membership in the B.W.A. and who co-operate in the purpose of the Fellowship.

Article IV: Organization.

A. The office of the Fellowship shall be the Washington office of the B.W.A.
 B. There shall be a General Committee of the Fellowship. It shall consist of—

- Three representatives named by each body plus one representative for every million members or major fraction thereof.
- One representative appointed by any department of the North American Baptist Fellowship.
- The President and the General Secretary of the B.W.A.
- Three North American members of the B.W.A. Executive Committee named by the General Secretary.
- The officers of the Fellowship.
- Departments may be established by the Fellowship as needs arise.
- The officers shall be—

Chairman and Vice Chairman to be elected by the General Committee annually from its members.

Secretary who shall be a secretary of the Baptist World Alliance designated by the General Secretary of the B.W.A.

Treasurer who shall be the Western Treasurer of the B.W.A.

Article V: Meetings.

The General Committee shall meet annually to carry out the above purposes.

The General Committee may arrange occasional continental fellowship meetings.

Article VI: Finances.

The work of the N.A.B.F. shall be financed within the framework of the

Baptist World Alliance budget by funds contributed by the North American member bodies, organizations and individuals.

Article VII: Amendments.

Amendments to the By-Laws of the N.A.B.F. shall be by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive of the B.W.A. upon recommendation of at least two-thirds of the members of the General Committee.

It is proposed that the North American Baptist Fellowship shall come into being upon the approval of these By-Laws by the Administrative and Executive Committees of the Baptist World Alliance, and when any five North American members of the Baptist World Alliance signify willingness to belong to the Fellowship.

Midwestern Seminary Receives Accreditation

FORT WORTH (BP)—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptists' newest seminary located in Kansas City, Mo., has received accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools meeting here. Olin T. Binkley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., was elected president of the organization.

All six Southern Baptist seminaries are now accredited by the association, which meets every two years. Midwestern Seminary had been an associate member of the association for the past two years.

The seminary was formed by the Chicago meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957 and was instructed to seek accreditation at the earliest possible time, which came at the meeting here. Other schools accredited were Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., and St. Paul's School of Theology, also in Kansas City.

Reelected to the executive committee of the association was Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Other Southern Baptists elected to commissions and committees include Allen W. Graves, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to the commission on accrediting; Wayne E. Oates, Southern Seminary, to the commission on Christian education; Denton R. Coker, Southeastern Seminary, to the commission on Christian education; and Samuel Southard, Southern Seminary, to the committee on clinical pastoral education.



NASHVILLE — SIGNING CONTRACTS at Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City for the commercial film production of the Broadman Press book "Bill Wallace of China" are (seated): Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, author of the book and secretary for missionary personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and Gregory Walcott, Hollywood television and motion picture actor who signed on behalf of his new film company, Logos Films. Looking on are: W. Alvis Strickland, manager of the Sunday School Board's wholesale sales department, and the Board's associate executive secretary-treasurer Dr. J. M. Crowe. Production of the film will begin early in 1965. Walcott will appear in the title role as the Southern Baptist missionary doctor who was martyred by Chinese communists. Published in June, 1963, the book is now in its seventh printing with a distribution of 32,000 copies.

The association was urged by its executive committee to consider its future ministry to the 91 member schools and 39 associate members. This would cover such areas as continuing education to graduates, association with the laity, effect of current social and cultural changes upon student recruitment, trends in methods and curricula, and relation with universities, colleges and professional schools.

Nash Resigns Church

ATLANTA (BP)—Stanton H. Nash, administrator for Atlanta's First Baptist Church for 13 months, has resigned to become executive director for the John Haggai Evangelistic Association.

Nash was executive secretary of the Hawaii Baptist Convention before coming to Atlanta.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Stewardship

Some Churches Will Receive Surplus Material

by Robert J. Hastings

Enough materials for Cooperative Program Sunday were printed for every church in Kentucky to have a share.



Robert Hastings

Large amounts of these materials were shipped to churches for their use last Sunday, June 21. However, it is hoped that other churches not observing June 21 will set a Sunday in July or August to observe Cooperative Program Day.

To aid the churches in observing another date, all materials left over from June 21 are being packaged for churches not placing orders. It is hoped that the churches will watch for these, and use them when they come.

Enclosed will be posters, bulletin inserts, Training Union playlets, brochures, etc. All are prepared under the theme, "The Cooperative Program Speaks Volumes."

Church Music

1964 Regional Festivals Attendance Reaches 5,468

by Eugene F. Quinn

Final reports of the many sections of festivals in the eight regions for 1964 totals an attendance of 5,468. The total attendance of church choirs was 941; of youth choirs was 1,057; of junior choirs was 1,454; of primary choirs was 562; and of beginners was 10; plus a total audience of 1,369.

Of the 194 choirs which participated in the festivals, 40 were church choirs; 49 were youth choirs; 74 were junior choirs; 30 primaries; and there was one beginner choir.

In other events than choral, there were 101 hymn players; 24 soloists; 29

song leaders, and 22 ensembles.

The total number of churches represented in the festivals was 90 from a total of 34 associations. These results reflect the dedicated work of the regional directors and all of the church music directors who encouraged their people to participate.

Four Music Theory Classes In State Music School July 27-31

Music theory classes will be taught by four ministers of music in the State Music Leadership School July 27-31. Don Bearfield of Elizabethtown and Gus Kalos of Louisville will teach sections of *You Can Read Music*, the text for Intermediates.

The other two theory classes will feature a new textbook for youth entitled *Mastering Music Reading*. Two sections using this textbook will be taught by Herman May of Russellville and Wayne Johnson of Georgetown.

Brotherhood

Men and Matters

by Forrest Sawyer

Mr. G. R. Pendergraph, from the Missions Department, in charge of Church Development, is anxious that pastors and laymen in unprecedented numbers attend the Pastor's and Layman's Conferences scheduled for Campbellsville College on July 9-10 and Jonathan Creek on July 13-15.

The meeting at Campbellsville will begin at 9:00 A.M. on July 9 and the one at Jonathan Creek will begin at 12:00 Noon on July 13.

Dr. H. K. Neely of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, is one of the featured speakers.

Kentucky men appearing on Mr. Pendergraph's program will include Dr. H. C. Chiles of First Church, Murray; Dr. Joe Dick Estes directing the second phase of the Christian Education Advance Program; Dr. A. B. Colvin, secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Department of Missions and Evangelism; Dr. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky, and president of Kentucky Baptist Convention; and Dr. Robert J. Hastings, secretary of the Stewardship Promotion Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

MR. ROBERT L. POGUE, business manager of the *Western Recorder*, was a featured speaker for the Annual Fish Fry conducted by the Brotherhood of Central Baptist Association.

This meeting, held at the First Baptist Church, Lebanon, found 82 men and boys present. The Associational Brotherhood president, M. T. Walker of First Church, Springfield, was the presiding officer.

Bro. E. V. Carrier of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church and four of his R.A.'s brought special music.

Mr. Walker reports that this meeting continues to be a highlight of the Brotherhood in the Association during the year.

Sunday School

Operation Home Study, '64

by Roy Boatwright

Operation Home Study is a good opportunity to give additional training to the teachers and officers in your Sunday school. An intensive program of home study conducted during the summer months provides better leadership for the Sunday schools. The suggested books are entitled:

- Living in the Faith* by Howard P. Colson
- Christian Marriage* by Martha Boone Leavell
- Is This My Life?* by Rudy Peoples Treadway
- My Family and I* by Bethann Van Ness

We recommend that you follow the suggested schedule which is found on the inside cover page of the *May, Sunday School Builder*.

Looking To the Future

There are many opportunities provided by your associational Sunday school leadership and your State Sunday School Department for the advancement of the cause of Christ through improved Sunday school methods and procedures. Listed below are some of the opportunities:

Cedarmore Sunday School Week, August 12-14, 1964. This should be an imperative. All teachers and officers would be benefited by the intensive Sunday school program. In a special way new teachers and officers need this help.

Action Night in September as planned by your association.

Preparation Week in your church September 21-25, 1964. The time to prepare for a great Sunday School Year.

Regional Sunday School Conventions:
 October 12—Henderson, First
 October 13—Russellville, First
 October 14—Bardstown Baptist

October 15—London, First
 October 16—Winchester, Central Baptist

Here again is a wonderful opportunity to help your Sunday school teachers and officers by encouraging them to attend these meetings. A superior faculty has been selected. We are fortunate to have some of the outstanding Sunday school people of the Southern Baptist Convention at these meetings.

Something New! A Sunday School Superintendent's and Pastor's Workshop at Cedarmore, November 6-7, 1964, Friday night and Saturday morning. Dr. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention will be the guest speaker.

NOW is the time to plan for these great Sunday school events this summer and fall.

Direct Missions

Conferences Scheduled For Campbellsville, Jonathan Creek

by G. R. Pendergraph

Dr. H. C. Chiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murray, is featured as the Bible teacher for the Pastor's and Layman's Conference to be held at Campbellsville, July 9 and 10, and at Jonathan Creek Assembly on Kentucky Lake, July 13, 14 and 15. These con-

ferences are sponsored by the Baptist State Mission Board under the direction of G. R. Pendergraph, director of Church Survey and Development Ministry. Other featured speakers will be Dr. H. K. Neely, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri; Dr. Chester Badgett, pastor of the Campbellsville Baptist Church; Dr. Joe Dick Estes, secretary, Christian Education Advance; A. B. Colvin, secretary, Missions and



H. C. Chiles

Evangelism; John Woods, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah; and others. The public is invited to attend these conferences which will begin at Campbellsville at 9:00 A.M. on July 9, and go through Friday afternoon, July 10. They will begin at Jonathan Creek at 1:30 P.M. on July 13, and go through Wednesday noon on July 15. Each individual will furnish his bedding, but "stall and fodder" will be provided. Reservation cards have been mailed to all pastors, so if you are interested in attending from your church, please contact your pastor and give him the number attending from your family that will be attending so that he can send us a composite figure of those coming from his church.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Campbellsville College or at Jonathan Creek Assembly.

Woman's Missionary Union

Attention: Sunbeam Band Leaders

by Miss Rosa Fiechter

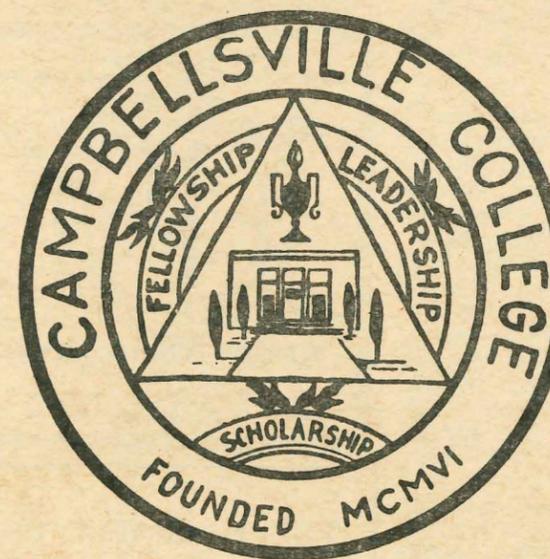
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2. Use your church bulletin board for publicity of this week.
3. Ask for space in your church paper or your bulletin to publicize this week.
4. Visit prospects for Sunbeam Band.
5. Plan a trip for the group to a good will center, a zoo, a community building or some other interesting spot in your town, relating the trip to missionary education.

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BAPTIST FORUM

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will of the people."

May God have mercy on us. On June 10 the culture of the old South, the culture Southern Baptists have been too much a part of, died with the historic vote on cloture. Southern Baptists will die with it unless we place ourselves in creative tension over against our culture and do the will of God.

Louisville, Ky. Robert E. Lively, Jr.

Disagrees With Dan Stone

Pastor M. Dan Stone falsely assumes that guidance from above is limited to those who want integration in his article, "Dust to Dust and Ashes to Ashes." The heaven sent spiritual awakenings of history came before we had so much worshipping at the temples of modernism, liberalism, and mongolism. The vast majority of those beating on the doors for entrance do so in the spirit of the world for political reasons rather than true spiritual reasons. The leftist wolf in sheep's clothing does not come because he has a new heart and a new spirit. Do they come in the Spirit of Christ or in the spirit of the world is the paramount question to be faced.

Louisville, Ky. Irene Sampey

Dear Editor:

The Southern Baptist Convention is dead and might as well be buried, because it can't tell the churches what to do concerning the race issue. Isn't that about the sum and substance of the article, "Dust to Dust and Ashes to Ashes" by M. Dan Stone?

It seems that the dear brother's "heat" over the race issue overshadows his position on "autonomy." But still his "Christ as the Head of the Church" doctrine cropped out. Just suppose the convention had approved the resolution or recommendation of the Christian Life Commission on the race issue, or capital punishment, or any other. Who would have returned to the Southern Baptist churches the next Sunday morning and reported that the big Southern Baptist Church has voted that everyone of us is to do the same thing on this issue or that? Now, you members of this church conform!

Did Brother Stone return to Paris, Kentucky, and so notify the First Baptist Church of that city? Well, we're just asking, and Brother Stone or any other brother can speak for himself.

Mayfield, Ky. O. C. Markham

MRS. THURMAN SHARES

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brary which contained 540 volumes at the time of her departure.

The Thurmans with their children Cheryl, 16, Douglas, 13, and Marsha, 9,

have been living at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during their furlough. After attending foreign missions conference at Ridgcrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly June 18-24, they will leave for the west coast where they will sail for Malaysia. Cheryl and Douglas will go to school in Singapore this fall.

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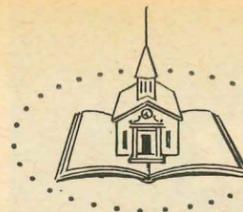
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



FROM SOJOURNERS TO SLAVES

(This Lesson for Sunday, July 5, 1964)

Jacob had twelve sons, of whom Joseph was his favorite. The more Jacob loved Joseph the more his elder brothers hated him. One day Jacob sent Joseph to inquire about the ten brothers who were away from home. When they saw Joseph in the distance, they conspired against him and decided that they would destroy him. They threw him into a pit, but later removed him and sold him to a caravan of Egyptian traders for twenty pieces of silver. These slave dealers carried him down to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's guard. But Joseph bravely endured his injuries, forgave his brothers, and refused to be discouraged.

Potiphar's wife became infatuated with Joseph, but he refused her amorous advances, whereupon she became his relentless enemy. Due to her false accusations against him, Joseph was imprisoned for the noblest deed of his life. Although he had been sold into slavery, had suffered because he would not sin, and had been forgotten by someone he had helped, Joseph did not grow despondent because God gave him the blessed assurance that He was with him. Instead of considering that he was there on account of the malice of others, Joseph understood that it was a pre-arrangement of the love of God. Joseph said, "God did send me before you to preserve life." "So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God."

God gave Joseph the ability to interpret Pharaoh's dream. When Pharaoh asked what should be done to avert the calamities of a long famine, Joseph quickly suggested a plan of conservation which revealed his remarkable statesmanship. Pharaoh was shrewd enough to realize that Joseph was the very man to carry out his suggested plan. He immediately exalted him to the position of Prime Minister of Egypt, which office was second only to his own. This is another illustration of the fact that God always honors those who honor Him.

During the years of famine Jacob sent his ten sons to Egypt to purchase supplies. Upon their arrival they bowed before Joseph whom they did not recognize, having concluded long before that he must have died. "Joseph knew his brethren, but they did not know

him." On a later visit for additional supplies of food Joseph revealed his identity, blessed his brethren and sent them home.

As a token of his appreciation of the services of Joseph, Pharaoh told him to extend an invitation to his father and his brothers to leave famine-stricken Canaan, move to Egypt and sojourn there, where the supply of food was ample. Joseph did so promptly, and even provided for them all of the supplies which they would need for the journey.

Genesis 47:1-6.

In response to Joseph's invitation, Jacob and his family migrated to Egypt. Joseph met them at the border and ushered them to Goshen, where the land was very fertile and the grass was excellent for grazing. Joseph had a right to do that because he was in control of national affairs. However, in a matter so closely related to him as the settlement of his father and his family, he recognized constituted authority and sought the approval of the Pharaoh. Anxious for them to remain in prosperous Goshen for the duration of the famine, Joseph tactfully informed Pharaoh that they were there already, whereupon he readily agreed to let them remain there.

Unashamed of his brethren, Joseph first informed Pharaoh of their coming and then took five of them into the court and presented them to him. They were accepted for Joseph's sake and because of his merit. In compliance with the instructions Joseph had given them, as to what they should say when Pharaoh asked them, "What is your occupation?", they replied, "Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers," even though their occupation was one that was loathed by the Egyptians. They emphasized the fact that they had come to his country as sojourners only, meaning that they intended to reside there only temporarily. Believing the way to obtain something is to ask for it, they requested Pharaoh to permit them to reside in Goshen. Because of his high regard for Joseph, and as an expression of appreciation for all that he had done for Egypt, Pharaoh assigned his family to Goshen which was a favorable place for their

flocks and herds. Had it not been for their relationship to Joseph, doubtless their request would have been denied.

Exodus 1:8-14.

Meanwhile, Joseph and his generation passed away. His superior in the government also passed away, and a new monarch came to the throne. The new official neither knew Joseph nor loved the Hebrews. He was filled with suspicion and fear because of their great numerical increase. He did not want an alien people within his country to outnumber his own people, and perhaps form an alliance with some enemy nation. His apprehensiveness illustrated how easy it is for the human imagination to conjure up difficulties which have no existence outside the mind. Moreover, the refusal of the Israelites to turn to Egyptian idolatry convinced him that they were retaining their national spirit, and under these conditions a revolution would be easy.

The monarch decided to suppress these people by subjecting them to the most rigorous tyranny. He concluded that oppressive labor would achieve his desired end. Cruel taskmasters were placed over the Israelites. The gang-oversers drove their slaves with lashes and subjected them to various types of inhuman and merciless treatment. By this oppression Pharaoh hoped to destroy the physical strength of the Israelites, to break their courageous spirit, to diminish their birth rate, and to make them so wretched that they would put their children to death rather than permit them to be subjected to such a hard life.

This servitude was a fulfillment of Genesis 15:13 wherein God had said to Abram, "Know of surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years."

But the scheme of the Pharaoh was not successful. When man meddles with God's affairs, He always takes a hand in the matter. God was displeased with the satanic effort to throttle His chosen people, so He intervened and thwarted Pharaoh's purpose. God did not have any intention of allowing the Egyptians to destroy His people, and thus break the covenant which He had made with Abraham. Never forget that it is always futile to work against God's plans and purposes.

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PIPPA PASSES IN SPRING

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find meaning in his life, but to no avail. His final conclusion was that he had been running from God. I remember the simple prayer he prayed just before our departure. With an earnest seeking and a penitent spirit he committed his life into the hands of Christ. A young lady came to me saying her life had been sham and pretense for too long. She wanted to make a clean breast of things and face the problems of her life squarely with God's help.

Somehow, in the experiences of the week I noticed a genuineness and a frankness about these students that I have not encountered recently. The sophistication which typifies so many of our collegians was absent. Was it naive? Maybe. Was it lack of experience? Maybe. Whatever caused such an attitude is probably unpredictable, but one thing is for sure—many of the students were eager to know how God could play a vital part in their lives.

Thursday morning's dew had not quite evaporated when I addressed the students for the last time. They bid me farewell, and I must admit there were mixed feelings about leaving. A group of boys on the physical education field waved good-bye, and once again I was heading back down the creek, down the hollows, to the rolling meadows and finally to the city and home. The pleasant memories of those four days at Alice Lloyd College gave me great cause to thank God for these moments with His children and with Him.

WHAT IS THE SBC

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gress, passing binding laws and policies. The annual convention in session is not composed of "delegates" but of "messengers." These members from our churches have not been delegated with any authority to speak for or bind their local churches to any action by the Convention. The actions of the Southern Baptist Convention in session simply mean, "We who are assembled in session this year believe this, and speak to the world that conviction." For churches to pull out of our organized mission work because a majority of messengers from all over the United States voted a resolution displeasing to them is unthinkable.

Each annual convention is a unit to itself. "Why does this have to come up every year?" people ask. Because next year the people cannot speak for last year, and, as long as these are burning issues in our day, each convention must speak for itself. If the Christian Life Commission does not speak, then the Resolutions Committee would have to wrestle with such resolutions. I would rather have our Commission, authorized and commissioned by our Convention and answerable to our Convention, to

deal with these matters, to bring them before the Convention than to have people at random to spring them on the convention floor.

We need to emphasize to our people that the Convention shouts to the world the conviction of the majority of the messengers in session at the time. It is the responsibility and privilege for each local church to exercise this same liberty.

James G. Harris, Pastor
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Alaska Convention President Killed

A telegram to Baptist Press offices in Nashville reports the death of Aubrey Short, 52, president of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

He was killed May 30 when the airplane he was flying, alone at the time, stalled while landing and crashed. The telegram, which came from convention offices in Anchorage, did not say where the crash occurred nor elaborate on the circumstances of the flight.

William H. Hansen, editor of the *Alaska Baptist Messenger*, who telegraphed the report, said Short would have a memorial service at Faith Baptist Church, Spenard, the church he served for two years as pastor. Burial would be later in Arkansas.

Short was a former secretary of evangelism for Louisiana Baptist Convention, leaving there in 1955. He was pastor, First Baptist Church, San Benito, Tex., before he went to Alaska five years ago.

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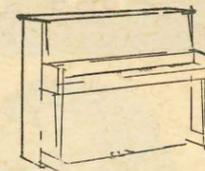
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