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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

DAVIS HEDRICK, a student at Campbellsville College, has been called as minister of music at the Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliffe, Kentucky. The pastor at Mill Creek is Ferrill Gardner.

MAXWELL AND BETTY SLEDD, missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, are now living in Gilbertsville, Ky. He is a native of Gilbertsville; she is the former Betty Sanders of Detroit, Mich.

OWEN COOPER of Yazoo City, Mississippi, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation, and a member of the Executive Committee of the SBC, will represent his denomination on the Columbia "Church of the Air" Sunday, September 20. Cooper's message is entitled "The Layman and His Witness." (Check your local radio log for this C.B.S. program.)

R. ALTON REED, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, will represent the Annuity Board at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, meeting November 11-13, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

CHESTER AND FLORENCE YOUNG, missionaries on furlough from Hawaii, have moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he will study for the doctor of philosophy degree in history at Vanderbilt University. He is a native of Adair County, Kentucky.

CLARENCE W. CRANFORD of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., discusses funerals in an article in the October issue of *Home Life*. *Home Life* is a publication of the Sunday School Board.

A NEW TWO-PAGE section on general administration will become a regular feature of *Church Recreation* magazine. It will begin with the first quarter of the 1965 issue.

OREN AND MARTHA ROBISON, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, have moved to California to study languages in the University of California at Los Angeles. Mrs. Robison is the former Martha Boaz of Murray, Kentucky.

KENNETH R. CONNELLY, a member of the Ten Mile Baptist Church, Napoleon, Ky., for 61 years, died July 23. He served as deacon for 41 years. He was chairman of the deacons, Sunday school superintendent and assistant Sunday school superintendent of the Ten Mile Association. He served as president

of the associational Sunday school organization from 1941 to 1954. He was 76 at the time of his death. The pastor, J. W. Rogers, conducted the funeral.

F. EUGENE AND REVA MILBY have completed language study and have been assigned to Gwelo as area missionary and manager of the Baptist Book Store. Their address will continue to be the same: Box 831, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

BOONE'S CREEK Associational camp had 457 persons attending the six camps scheduled there this summer. There were 78 professions of faith and 61 rededications during the services.

BEECH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Boone's Creek Association, has called Travis V. Godbee as pastor. He is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

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THOMAS J. FARRIS, pastor of the Lower Bend Mission of the First Baptist Church of Irvine, Kentucky, died August 15. He was associational clerk in Boone's Creek Association.

JOSEPH HERBERT COTHEN, 71, retired Baptist minister living in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, accidentally shot himself to death August 27. He was the father of three Baptist ministers, one of them Grady C. Cothen of Fresno, California, where he serves as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

BAPTISTS from all Europe and some other continents participated in dedication serves for the John Smyth Memorial Baptist Church in Amsterdam, Holland. Main speaker for the occasion was Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia.

BROADMAN FILMS will release two 15-minute color films in September. They are "The Payoff" and "Iron Hands." Both films will be available at Baptist book stores and Baptist Film Center, Louisville.

PASTORS and ministers of education will gather in Nashville, October 12-16 for a long-range planning seminar sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church administration department. The participants will investigate plans and procedures to guide a church in planning five to ten years ahead. For registration information, write: Church Administration Seminar Registrar, 127 Ninth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

MRS. CORA D. JOHNSON, 94, has completed the Sunday School Board's entire Church Study Course by correspondence. A resident of Buckner Trew Baptist Home, she began her study at the age of 88 while a member of the Coggin Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas. A Sunday school teacher for 78 years, Mrs. Johnson was a public school teacher for 30 years.

"LOOKING FORWARD TO COLLEGE," an undated, project-method unit, is being prepared by the Sunday School Board's Training Union department, and will be ready for use in February 1965. The problem questions in this unit are designed to help Baptist youth 13-18 years old answer pertinent questions about college.

IN THE DENOMINATION:

No Time For Sergeants

by Bob W. Brown

In their effort to move "like a mighty army" and possess the land in the Name of Christ, Baptists face a peculiar difficulty in conquest. We have a Commander in Chief but no strata of authority between the Commander and the men. Every soldier in the army is a volunteer, there is no ranking officer of authority. There is no class system of influence. There is no exclusive officers club" for the disposition of the Lord's business. We have no time for sergeants.

This is keeping with the best of Baptist tradition. Advocates for religious liberty before the U.S. Constitution was adopted, Baptists resisted favoritism and establishment of religion. Our Baptist forefathers contended for separation of church and state and happily saw this freedom guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. In the body politic Baptist have refused to bow their knee to government control. A love for freedom has characterized Baptist churches. The congregational system of church government has remained a Baptist distinctive in spite of other changes in Baptist life. No bishop, or board or pastor has ever been given the authority of church government in local churches. Our people have jealously guarded their freedom in their churches. They have not condoned a chain of command, insisting that every member has equal rights and responsibilities. They have made no place for sergeants.

This sense of equality is the basis of our denominational enterprise. Here again we acknowledge the rights of the individual church and her messengers. The cooperative efforts of our churches in a multi-million-dollar missionary structure is one of the religious phenomena of our time. Voluntarism again is a key word.

It is in this area of denominational work however that a structure begins to appear. Organization in such an effort is not only inevitable but absolutely essential. In planning and implementing the varied activities of a local association or a state Baptist Convention, or The Southern Baptist Convention we must delegate authority to a chosen few. These men and women become in fact the commissioned officer of the churches.

The massive institutionalism of our work has within its being the seeds of authoritarianism. While a local church can be purely democratic, subjecting every policy to the eyes of the congreg-

[Bob Brown is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington.]

gation, the larger denominational structure must become more centralized. It is inconceivable that all of the questions before a college curriculum committee, or a hospital admissions committee, or foreign mission personnel committee, or a child care adoption committee could, or should, be submitted to all the people for discussion. This would not only be impractical, it would be wrong.

The people elected or selected for these positions of leadership are always responsible to those that thrust the responsibility on them. The electorate in turn has the responsibility of confidence and trust in those they elect.

This brings us to a serious Baptist problem. We are creating a kind of clerical control that is damaging to our witness, discouraging to our laymen, and inconsistent with our doctrine. Our preachers are becoming the ruling class in our "classless" society. They are the officers in our "peoples" army.

If it is necessary, and it is, that we vest authority and power in the hands of a few we must make this few representative of the many. The temptation to establish a clerical system has been too much for us. We have yielded.

Several illustrations immediately come to mind. The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board—the Convention Ad interim—last year had 141

IN THE NATION:

Jesus' Model Prayer

by John R. Sampey, Jr.

The model prayer of Jesus, as recorded in the Sermon on the Mount, gives little support to the psychiatric approach which is so evident in the public prayers heard today in churches, and at civic and patriotic gatherings. The seven simple petitions of the Lord's prayer are limited to the most basic physical and spiritual needs. The first three of these petitions deal with the Kingdom of God: (1) Hallowed be thy name; (2) Thy Kingdom come; (3) Thy will be done. How many of our prayers begin with concern for Kingdom causes, and how many dedicate almost one-half (43%) of their total content to this supreme objective?

Our prayers are so burdened with personal requests that we need to check further in the proportion of Jesus' model prayer which is concerned with Kingdom interests. The number of words which our Lord used in each of the seven petitions depends upon the

members, 15 of them were laymen. This year we elected 45 new members, 9 of them were laymen. The Standing Committees of the Convention had 44 members, 1 layman. The Committees to report to the Convention had 39 members, 1 layman. Our institutions have increasingly added laymen to their Boards until some of them now have at least 50% lay membership.

The laymen should not be elected to positions just because they are laymen, nor should cleric be chosen just because they are clerics. Some consideration of talent, training, and dedication must be made.

If Baptists are to resist a ranking system of "non-coms" and "the brass" we must include the overlooked lay people in our strategy and structure.

The pastors, so well aware of the layman's influence and leadership in the local church, must enlist him in the denominational operation. Churches should carefully choose messengers to the district association meetings. In this basic unit of Baptist cooperation lay participation can be encouraged and utilized. Every church in every association should have her quota of messengers present and voting at all sessions.

The church should carefully choose delegates to the state convention. These delegates should be chosen well ahead of the Convention. Information should be made available to them so they will be prepared for the Convention business. If necessary the local church should pay the expenses of ALL messengers to the State Convention. This is also true for

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Bible translation we use. If we follow the Revised Standard Version, we discover an amazing verification of the conclusion that 43% of our petitions should be directed toward Kingdom causes. Omitting the opening salutation, "Our Father who art in heaven", and counting only the words devoted to the three petitions which are concerned with Kingdom matters, we find that they take up 18 words, while the four petitions addressed to our personal needs consume 25 words. By simple calculation we discover that 43% of the Lord's prayer is directed toward Kingdom interests, which is an amazing confirmation of the proportion based upon the number of petitions.

If the Master really meant this prayer to be a model for his disciples to follow, are not our prayers, both public and private in this twentieth century in need of revision in both the number of petitions and the volume of the same we devote to Kingdom causes?



Selling Farm Land Seems Wise

The decision of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care to sell most of the farm land now owned by the Glen Dale Children's Home will come as a surprise to many Kentucky Baptists. It will not meet with unanimous approval from all who are interested and have contributed to our child care ministry.

The decision, however, seems to be justified and wise. It has come after long and careful consideration by some of the ablest and wisest businessmen among Kentucky Baptists.

The Kentucky Baptist Child Care Board has 20 members elected by the convention. Fourteen of these are laymen and laywomen. Many of these are highly successful in their own fields and would hardly agree to a decision which was not good business.

Unfortunately no board member is from Hardin County where Glen Dale is located. This is in no way intentional and should be corrected when the next board members are elected. Those who live closest to Glen Dale will be the most reluctant to see the fertile, lush acres leave Baptist hands.

There are two main reasons for a children's home to be in the farming business. One is to provide training for youth in the home. The other is for financial profits. In the case of farming operations at Glen Dale, both of these reasons seem to be disappearing.

A large farm is no longer needed for the training of children in Baptist children's homes. Concepts of child care training have changed in the last few years. Instead of keeping children until they are grown as once was the policy, most children now stay shorter periods in the home and are placed in foster homes under careful supervision.

And even the children large enough to do farm work who live at Glen Dale don't have much opportunity to do it these days. School hours are long and extra-curricular activities are many. A boy for example who plays basketball has to stay every day after school until supper time. The same goes for band members and others. Even children of families living on farms these days hardly have any time for farm work. We may argue whether this is right or wrong, but it is true.

A little surprising to those who earn their living on a farm is the report that farming operations have not been very successful economically at Glen Dale. The land is among the best in the area. But institutions always have difficulty operating a farm as efficiently and profitably as an individual who owns it and lives from its profits. Somehow a farm manager

paid to operate a farm doesn't usually show as much profit as one who has to show a profit to live.

A farm these days doesn't show profit without the most careful management. The high cost of labor, farm machinery, prices and other expenses can easily add up to more than the income.

Glen Dale gave up tobacco raising several years ago upon grounds of conscience and thus cut off a big source of farm income. The tobacco allotment for the farm was saved by letting it out to other farmers.

In light of the declining need of farm land for youth training and the difficulty of showing farming profits, the decision to get out of large scale farming at Glen Dale seemed appropriate. Stewardship responsibilities require that we get the best return from whatever is entrusted to us.

The most harm that could result would be the rise and spread of false rumors concerning the board's decision to sell the Glen Dale farm land. It is clearly understood that the money realized from the sale will not go into a general fund to be spent but will become endowment funds. The endowment income will be used at Glen Dale as would be the profits from farming. In this way the original intention of the donors will be realized.

Another certainty is that there is no thought of moving the Glen Dale home or merging with any other home. All three Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes are full now and Superintendent Ford Deusner says the thought of moving Glen Dale has never been considered. The decision to get out of farming as a business was made to strengthen rather than weaken Glen Dale.

Another Giant Has Fallen

One by one the tall men of Baptist yesteryears in Kentucky are passing on. The latest to realize his eternal reward is Dr. Charles W. Elsey of Shelbyville.

The influence of Dr. Elsey upon Shelbyville, Shelby County and Kentucky Baptists in general will be felt as long as time. Most of his 55 years in the ministry were in Shelbyville's First Baptist Church and for thousands he was the only pastor they ever knew until his retirement a few years ago. This unusual man had only 3 pastorates in 55 years.

He remained remarkably alert and active after his retirement. He attended many denominational meetings far and near and had returned from prayer meeting in his own church shortly before he died suddenly.

His advice and counsel were sought and followed by many until his last day on earth. Blest with a

great sense of humor, Dr. Elsey as a presiding officer often relieved the tension with a good story. As general associational moderator in tempestuous days, he was always a calm and steady hand at the helm.

The pages of Kentucky Baptist history in the 1930's and 40's are covered with the activities and contributions of men like Charlie Elsey, George Ragland and E. F. Estes. These were days before rotation of board members and committeemen and such capable men

had Herculean roles in Kentucky Baptist life. The evidence of their ability and success is seen in the present strength of Kentucky Baptists.

Truly there were giants in those days and Charlie Elsey was among the tallest of them. He has passed from life on earth to join the fellowship of the glorified. His going serves to remind us remaining that broad shoulders, big hearts and dedicated minds will be needed if we leave as rich and noble a heritage.

BAPTIST FORUM



Southern Baptist Shotgun

Several days ago, in a worship service, a report was given, by those who attended, concerning the recent laymen's Crusade to California.

As the report progressed, it became increasingly apparent that these men, and others like them, had "scattered" their testimonies in a sizable area of that ponderous state.

It occurred to me that this "hit and run" attack seems to be the latest method of some Southern Baptists for following the great Commission. Though it is not clear at this time, it seems to be generally conceded that the "religious rifle" will be aimed at other areas in the future. If so, a pattern will no doubt evolve and a new conception of modern day evangelism will begin to grow.

What is the purpose of this program? To be sure, following the teaching of our Lord is involved and the leaders of this latest movement would surely defend it as an attempt to reach people for Christ. But what of the results? Can this awkward type of witnessing produce the type of strong convert who will identify himself with the church and be a genuine witness?

It appears that the massive "on-slaught" is becoming more and more the favorite weapon of some groups. Can this be construed to mean that a stepped-up effort providing impressive statistics for the purpose of combating the decreasing baptisms that continue to be reported year after year, is being made? Should this be true, we will fail to accomplish anything of lasting value.

There can be no doubt that there are many areas in our country that need a spiritual "shot in the arm". What then is the answer? Our "Baptist Shotgun"?

No! It appears that our Convention has an organization that should cope with this problem. The Home Mission Board. This is the logical outlet for this endeavor. A well organized and well endowed effort could be made annually in various places throughout this country. Why not use a youth movement for 1,

2, or 3 months? We Baptists have pride in organization so this should be easy to do. Our laymen desire to be utilized and they could also fit into this program. Records, by which all progress, both material and spiritual, is measured, could be kept and maintained to gain some real knowledge of a factual nature. The Home Mission Board is equipped to fill, follow progress and survey this important venture. A fired up brotherhood attack cannot meet the lasting needs that seem to be apparent.

It would seem that we are earnestly seeking to do something constructive, but let us oil the "shotgun" before we ruin the barrel.
Louisville, Ky. Edward Clark

Evils of Tobacco

In reference to Mr. Wright's letter as published in September 3, 1964 issue of the *Western Recorder*, where he states that Congressman John Watts is out of line in his proposal to label tobacco products a health hazard. I assume Mr. Wright you are a Christian since your reply was to the *Western Recorder*. Now may I ask, on what authority do you make your statement? As Christians we should not utter a comment without a "thus saith the Lord."

Have we come to the place in Christianity, in our Baptist life, when we label sin as to its degree? The tobacco industry, regardless of how profitable it may be to an individual, state, or nation, is evil. It has been proven beyond a doubt tobacco is injurious to health. How red our faces should be! Years ago, preaching against this evil could be heard from the pulpit. Have we become so sophisticated in our way of life we cannot (or else refuse to) recognize sin?

It is a shame before God when our Baptist churches are known by the cigarette butts outside the door. Untrue—comes the reply! I invite you to the pioneer areas of the west, northwest, and especially the northeast to witness, and then hear the reply of unsaved people. . . . "Well, I came to your church

once and the Sunday School teacher shook my hand and blew smoke in my face at the same time . . . so I'm just as good as he is!"

May we recall the words of Jesus, Matthew 18:7 or the words of Paul, Romans 14:13 and of course I Corinthians 6:19, 20.

Norwich, Connecticut George E. Head

Where Is My Church Field?

Not long ago I was helping a fellow pastor in a revival meeting, in a fine country church, and there were unsaved people down the road we were traveling on, but he said we could not go to see them. When I asked why, he replied, "Oh, but they are on the neighboring church field and they would not understand if we went to see them."

We Baptists have preached for so long that Baptists ought to join the closest church to them that we have almost made a fetish out of it. I believe rather we ought to start saying to people they ought to join and serve the Lord where they think they can serve best, period!

Where does a church field begin and end? In the horse and buggy days when transportation was slow and when churches were further apart than they are now, there was reason for some kind of demarcation into church fields. Now, in the days of fast automobile transportation, and freeways, I wonder if this concept of church fields is not "horse and buggy" in its thinking.

Not only so, but ever more serious, in the fastgrowing urbanization we find ourselves in, with the rapid growth of population, there are many reasons why we ought to do some serious rethinking and even reteaching our people concerning this matter of where they ought to belong to church.

Tupelo, Miss. Dr. Samuel Shepard

What About Old Folks?

On the back cover of August 13 issue of the *Western Recorder* in large letters "C.E.A. Can Kentucky Baptists Be Proud of This Record?"

I for one am not proud of it but so very, very thankful. In August 20 issue on the back cover is "C.E.A. Investment In Our Youth". Proud seems so egotistical.

I am thankful Kentucky Baptists had that amount to give. Are we striving

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Peace Corps Officer Lists Negro Wishes

RIDGECREST (BP)—A government official, himself a Negro, told a Southern Baptist conference here what American Negroes want now is to "take our places in American life on the basis of personal merit like every other Tom, Dick and Harry."

The speaker, Samuel Proctor of Washington, is an associate director of the Peace Corps.

He told the Christian Life Conference on the theme, "Christianity and Race Relations," that Negroes in the United States have gone through four stages of development in the last century.

The first he described as a period of "dis-integration." This occurred immediately after slaves were freed.

Proctor said the second phase was imitation. In this period, Negroes copied both good and bad from the white man.

Litigation marked stage three. The legal basis for segregation ended during this time, according to the Peace Corps officer.

The fourth stage, encountered now, is that of "re-integration," he told the 500 conferees.

"We are asking," said Proctor, "that the sins of the past be washed away in a sea of forgetfulness; that the Negro world across the tracks be dissolved. . ."

The conference was sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the second of two on the race issue this year sponsored at Southern Baptist summer assemblies. The first was held at Glorieta, N. M., earlier but Proctor was not a speaker there.

Retiring Official Praises Rutledge

ATLANTA (BP)—The retiring executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention predicts "the greatest era of home missions" under the leadership of his successor.

Courts Redford of Atlanta made the statement in formally presenting Arthur B. Rutledge to the administrative staff of the mission agency.

Rutledge, presently director of the missions division, was elected to succeed Redford, who retires at the end of this year.

"America is in desperate need of the ministries which the Home Mission Board can provide," Redford said. "We have in Rutledge a leader that will lead us to victory."

Redford said there was satisfaction in knowing "the responsibilities are passed on to one who is consecrated and well prepared for the work."

He said in the five and a half years Rutledge has been with the board "he has found his way into the hearts of the members of the administrative and secretarial staff."

"Where he walks, assurance and good will walk beside him. His sincerity is so genuine one feels at home with him in any situation. His faithfulness to his Lord and to his fellow Christians seems to challenge each to give his best in cooperative efforts.

"As a friend of God, and a friend of man, he stands forthright as a Christian leader in our midst."

Redford paid tribute to Rutledge's ability to work with and to inspire others.

"His many contacts with other boards and agencies contribute to his very unique ability to analyze and evaluate the problems and the opportunities which will face him day by day," he said.

"Only one who has traveled the highway of denominational life with his fellow Christians can choose the best route with confidence and assurance."

Life Benefit Plan Tops Goal; Goes Into Effect On October 1

Dallas, Tex.—The new Life Benefit Plan now being offered by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board will go into effect on October 1.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, announced the effective date after the goal of 3,000 approved applications had been reached. More than 5,444 applications have been received as of August 31.

In Kentucky, more than 224 persons have applied for the group term plan that provides protection against death in active service, disability or age retirement, Reed said.

"We are very pleased with the response in the short time we have offered this Plan", Reed said. The Plan was introduced some three months ago.

The Life Benefit Plan provides protection from \$10,000 to \$30,000 for an applicant through age 45. At age 46, protection scales down progressively to age 65 where it remains at a set figure until retirement. The Plan also calls for paid up benefits; double benefits for accidental death and waiver of dues in case of disability, Reed said.

Cost for this protection is one per cent of the applicant's salary with a \$4,000 a year minimum and \$12,000, maximum. Salary basis is the total salary including cash, housing, utility, car, retirement plan and other allowances the applicant may receive, Reed said.

Reed also pointed out the Life Benefit Plan replaces the limited and temporary

added death benefit given as a bonus to members under 40 years of age in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan.

By contrast, Reed said, the Life Benefit Plan is open to any church or denominational employee who receives a salary from a Southern Baptist source.

The Life Benefit Plan is the first in a series of life and health plans. Health plans including hospitalization, surgical and major medical are in the early stages of study and should be ready for announcement in January, 1965, Reed said.

August SBC Gifts Nearly \$2 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—The 28 cooperating state Baptist conventions sent nearly \$2 million in August to support work of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, SBC Treasurer Porter Routh announced here.

Included was \$1,670,819 through the Cooperative Program, the non-designated financial system to provide operating and capital needs to various agencies according to the SBC budget voted each year. The remaining \$242,274 was in designated funds, funds sent on the agencies their donors specified in giving the money.

So far this year, the SBC has received \$28.9 million. Of this \$13,743,067 came via the Cooperative Program. The other \$15,163,150 during those eight months came as designations.

Cooperative Program gifts January through August are running 8.14 per cent ahead of the same span a year ago. Designations are 5.55 per cent greater over the same two-thirds of a year.

Of the \$28.9 million to the SBC, \$18.7 million has been disbursed to the Foreign Mission Board. Another \$5.8 million has been for the Home Mission Board. Next largest sum—\$573,183—has been for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

New Orleans Seminary Gains Lee Library

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has given his 5,000-volume library to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

President H. Leo Eddleman said, "The Dr. Robert G. Lee collection is a valuable contribution to theological education and will be a permanent memorial to this generation's dean of pulpiteers."

The library will be received by the seminary in three segments. The first will be books read and studied by Lee during his 54 years in the ministry. A

special room in the seminary library will house the collection.

The Lee acquisition comes at a time when the library is in an expansion program. To double existing facilities, a \$600,000 addition to the present library building is planned. A fund-raising campaign for the new wing is in its final stages, according to seminary officials.

As pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, from 1921 to 1924, Lee became closely associated with the institution, then operated as Baptist Bible Institute. Lee, who was a trustee, explained he was both pastor and close friend of Byron Hoover DeMent, first president of the school.

Lee's library consists mainly of theological books. Some works were published in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Books of law comprise a major section of the pastor's library, since Lee has a doctorate in international law from Chicago Law School.

"I have faith that New Orleans Seminary will never depart from the faith once for all delivered to the saints," said Lee in making the donation.

"And I want my books to render service to all students who study at the seminary, that they may have some measure of the profit and pleasure my books—my great friends—were to me."

Engaged in the preaching ministry since 1910, Lee was for 33 years pastor of Bellevue Church, presently the second largest in membership of 33,500 churches in the SBC. During that pastorate, he served three consecutive years as president of the Convention. A writer as well as a reader, Lee is author of 33 books.

Yes, "I Slept There"! Did You?

NASHVILLE—Did you get to Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly this summer? If you did not, those who did feel that you missed something.

That "something" includes spending the night in Pritchell Hall, the new ad-
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Human Freedom Biblically Based

WASHINGTON (BP)—Freedom of choice is basic in the biblical concepts of freedom, according to a group of Baptist seminary professors. They said an "established" religion is no religion at all in the biblical sense.

Nine professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, discussed the biblical concepts of freedom in a study paper on "Biblical Concepts Relevant for the Free Exercise of Religion Today."

The paper was prepared for the annual religious liberty conference, here, October 7-9, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. C. Emmanuel Carlson is executive director of the public affairs committee.

The study paper dealt with:

1. Elements of freedom which inhere in the biblical understanding of the creation, the role, and the fall of man;
2. Freedom concepts which inhere in the Biblical revelation as law;
3. Freedom insights reflected in the prophetic tradition;
4. Christ and freedom;
5. Concepts of freedom which inhere in the doctrine of the Holy Spirit;
6. The church and freedom;
7. Relationship of eschatology to freedom of the person or of the church; and
8. Elements of a genuine religious experience.

Man was created as a responsible and responding being, the professors said. They pointed out man's misuse of his freedom as it affects his neighbor is subject to human law: "Since the state is ordained of God, man's freedom does not exempt him from obedience to human laws."

They said man's freedom increases or decreases "according to the measure of his love for God and for others." True freedom exists in a community of love, a society of sharing and sacrifice, they stated.

The seminary teachers said in the concept of "agape-love" the Christian has a

primary consideration for the other person. "Agape-love" brings respect for human rights, they said.

The group said the concept of freedom within the New Testament church was extended to include the demand for religious and political freedom. "Thus, the spirit of liberty . . . poured out of the churches into the larger community life, demanding freedom, local autonomy, separation of church and state, the rejection of coercion and persecution of minority groups."

Stressing the free response of man to God, the professors attacked attempts to legislate this response: "Any state or earthly power which seeks to legislate man's relationship to God denies there-with the spiritual nature of that relationship . . . that it derives from the interaction of God's spirit and the human spirit."

They said it is through this free response, not through a "predetermined" group, that God works to accomplish his goal.

"It is clear that an established religion, or a 'culture religion,' or a family religion, is no religion at all in the biblical sense," the professors stated. They said such religion fails by "substituting the deterministic and external factors of race, culture, or nation for the dynamic concept of free response to the call of God."

The Southern Seminary professors writing the study paper were: James Leo Garrett, professor of Christian theology; David L. Mueller, assistant professor of Christian theology; Page H. Kelley, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation; Nolan P. Howington, associate professor of Christian ethics.

Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology; Henlee Barnett, professor of Christian ethics; Glenn Hinson, assistant professor of church history; Wayne E. Ward, associate professor of Christian theology, and Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion.



The Colorado Baptist General Convention occupies a new office building at 5400 S. Syracuse, Denver. Dedication will take place during the 1964 convention session October 27-29. President Harold K. Graves of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., will speak then. (BP) Photo



Foundation of Foreign Missions

Baker James Cauthen, beloved leader of the Foreign Mission Board, great missionary statesman of Southern Baptists, has this significant word to us: "The Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is unique in church history as the foundation of foreign missions. Through the years Southern Baptist churches have done together what they could never have done separately."

"The Cooperative Program is the solid financial base on which foreign missions advance is projected, overseas budgets are planned, and additional missionaries are appointed."

"The Cooperative Program is the foundation of foreign missions."
Past, Present, Future

In a recent tract he points out the fact that the Cooperative Program has been, is now, and in the future will be the foundation for foreign missions. In 1948 we gave \$2-million plus. Each year it has increased about \$½-million to more than \$9-million. In 1964-65, it should reach the \$10-million mark.

He continues, "The time has come for Southern Baptists to fix their eyes upon a new horizon in world Missions. **The Foreign Mission Board, after long and careful consideration, has issued a call for 5,000 missionaries to be placed across the world at the earliest possible time.**" Now we have 1,884—we must advance! It will take other millions of God's money entrusted to Baptists. But how best do it?

Starts In Your Heart

Missions begins in the warm, obedient heart of a Baptist. If he loves God, does His will in giving the tithe (10%) and offerings through his church, he is the foundation of his church. Then, if he teaches missions, it will be reflected in the percent which his church gives through the Cooperative Program for world missions.

Churches Missionary

As the individual is faithful, so must each church share more of the Lord's tithes with the lost and dying world—through monthly gifts to the Cooperative Program—sent through the Kentucky Baptist Convention. How about you? Your church? \$3-million is our annual goal.

Yours and His,
HAROLD G. SANDERS

Kentucky Baptists

"Old Kentucky Home" of Chicago Millionaire Changed Into Ideal Assembly by Kentucky Baptists

by Marse Grant

(This article appeared in the Biblical Recorder)

BAGDAD, Ky.—Three days with some wonderful Kentucky Baptists at Cedarmore Assembly near here were among the most pleasant we have experienced in a long time. The occasion was the first annual Conference on Public Relations, Promotion and Creative Writing, sponsored jointly by the convention's Department of Stewardship and Promotion and *The Western Recorder*, the Kentucky state paper. Bob Hastings and Chauncey Daley, respectively, head these agencies. They were gracious and thoughtful hosts. It was our pleasure to speak twice and lead six individual conferences on the subject, "Writing for Your Baptist State Paper."

Without a doubt, Kentucky Baptists have the finest and most modern assembly building in the entire Southern Baptist Convention in Boone Lodge, their recently-completed facility on the edge of Dragon Lake. The 50-room hotel (or is it a motel?) should certainly attract adults to the assembly, a job that all state assemblies find hard to accomplish. Children and young people will come at the drop of enough cash from their parents, but Dad and Mom are not famous for overcrowding assemblies in any state. Completely winterized, Boone Lodge is scheduling conferences for the year 'round. We predict that its popularity will grow rapidly.

Cedarmore is the former "Old Kentucky Home" of a Chicago millionaire, O. L. Moore, founder of the firm which sells Moore's Business Forms. Even during the depression days of the 1930's, he spent more than \$300,000 on his beloved Cedarmore, getting much of the labor for as little as 20¢ and 25¢ an hour. This sounds small today but when no jobs of any kind were available, it came in good. Fifteen years ago the Long Run Association in the Louisville area bought the 650-acre site for a mere \$50,000 and eventually deeded it to the Kentucky Convention. Until Boone Lodge was built, it was a great deal like other state assemblies with buildings scattered over a wide area. The new lodge is named for W. C. Boone, long-time state secretary for Kentucky who retired a few years ago.

Taking a little informal readership survey, we asked conference participants what they liked best about their state paper—and what they liked least. It was no surprise to us that Chauncey Daley's editorials rated No. 1 in the popularity poll. Week in and week out, Dr. Daley has one of the best editorial pages in the Southern Baptist Convention. For example, his recent editorial on Baptist

silence on the racial issue was the best thing we have read on this subject in a Southern Baptist paper. Ranking low in readership interest among conferees were departmental news columns. This has been true of surveys taken in other states and that's one reason the *Biblical Recorder* does not carry these columns. Instead, we prefer to handle the material as news stories. This plan has advantages, both for the departments and for the state paper.

Edgar Tandy, Jr., Accepts East Bernstadt Pastorate

The former pastor of Russell Heights Baptist Church is now the pastor of the East Bernstadt Baptist Church.

Tandy's resignation was effective at Russell Heights on June 30. He was welcomed to his new field of work with a social given by the young married peoples class on July 5.

The Russell Heights Church was a mission of the Columbia Baptist Church. Organized as a church in 1962, the mission was one of the 30,000 Movement. Membership is now over 200.

Tandy is a graduate of Clear Creek Bible School and Campbellsville College. He graduated from Campbellsville College in May, 1964.

The Russell Heights Church has sent a note of appreciation for the Tandys to the *Western Recorder*.

Glen Dale Farm Land To Be Sold

by C. Ford Deusner

Superintendent, Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care

"We are going to cease trying to farm on a large-scale, commercial basis at Glen Dale, and concentrate our attention and energies on child care," was the announcement made by W. Ray Moss, president of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, following a meeting of its Executive Committee at Middletown on August 31. "Most of the farm land will be sold, but at least 75 acres will be retained to provide space for any possible expansion of the Home's facilities, and for a large vegetable garden."

Glen Dale is the Baptist children's home located at Glendale, Kentucky. It presently has property holdings of 588 acres, in one of the best farming sections of Hardin County.

The Executive Committee's division of the land for sale, and the decision to hold 75 acres, were in implementation of an action taken by the Board of Child Care in its regular quarterly meeting on

July 14 "to make an orderly liquidation of the farm, including all equipment and stock, and excluding the sale of such acreage which would be needed for a permanent campus." The recommendation that this be done was brought to the Board by its Farm and Executive Committees after months of study and evaluation of several alternative courses of action.

The following reasons were given by President Moss for the Board's decision: (1) the increasing difficulty of operating the farm as a financially profitable enterprise; for the past ten years the Home has not realized from its farm as much as a 2½% return annually on its investment; (2) the increasing difficulty of finding acceptable farm employees at a price the Home can afford to pay; (3) the scarcity of older boys to help on the farm due to the shorter length of time the average child now lives in the Home; (4) the involvement of the children from daylight to dark in a modern school program; (5) thus the farm no longer accomplishes the purposes originally intended for it.

On September 3, there was held at Glen Dale a disposal sale of the dairy herd and equipment. The sale netted over \$19,000.00. Sale of the farm equipment, remaining livestock, and the land is set for November 18 and 19.

The Board of Child Care has ordered that all funds received from the sale of land, livestock, and equipment at Glen Dale be deposited in a separate account until a decision can be made by the Board as to their final disposition in permanent endowment for the institution.

Charlie Marlowe, Lawrenceburg, Dies

Charlie F. Marlowe died suddenly at his home in Lawrenceburg on August 26 at the age of 73. He was a native of Anderson County and a member of the Sand Spring Baptist Church.

Marlowe operated a grocery in Lawrenceburg in his earlier life. For the past eight years he had been a salesman for a wholesale grocery company and prior to this was with the Altshelter Company of Louisville for twenty-five years.

Mr. Marlowe joined the Sand Spring Baptist Church in 1912. He has served the church as deacon, Sunday school teacher, Training Union Director, and choir member. For twenty-nine years



C. F. Marlowe

he was director of Anderson Baptist Association Training Union and also served as secretary-treasurer as well as president of the Kentucky Baptist Central Regional Training Union. He was known far and wide for his efficient and faithful work in the Baptist Training Union.

Mr. Marlowe is survived by his wife, Mary Hanks Marlowe, whom he married in December, 1913; one daughter, Mrs. Oscar Cammack, Lawrenceburg; and one son, Charles F. Marlowe, Jr., of Frankfort.

Funeral services were conducted at the Sand Spring Baptist Church and burial was in the church cemetery. The services were conducted by pastor Louis Twyman with assistance from former pastors M. D. Morton and John Kruschwitz.

West Broadway, Louisville, Plans Homecoming Sept. 20

The 55th Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming at the West Broadway Baptist Church will be held September 20.

Pastor L. E. Sanders has announced that Dr. John D. Freeman, fourth pastor of the church, will be the speaker. Freeman became pastor of the church about 50 years ago. He was editor of

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the *Western Recorder* during the early 1940's. He now lives in Tennessee.

All friends and former members of the church are invited to attend the services on September 20.

Wheelwright First Baptist Celebrates 10th Anniversary

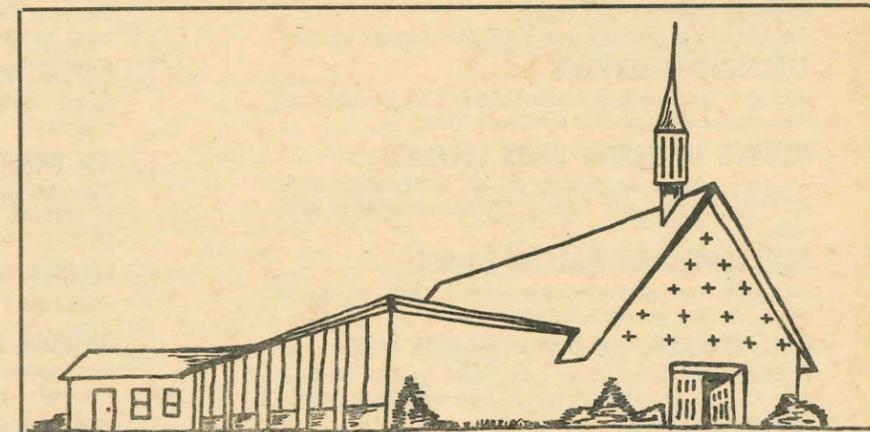
September 6 was the day the First Baptist Church, Wheelwright, observed their tenth anniversary. The church was constituted February 7, 1954, with 14 charter members. Seven of these charter members were present for the meeting. The church now has 104 resident members and 45 non-resident members.

In the ten years, Wheelwright First has sponsored a mission that is now constituted into a church. As a part of the celebration, the church dedicated the new building of their Jack's Creek Mission on September 5 with W. D. Jagers as speaker.

Perrin H. Cook, former pastor now living in Mobile, Alabama, was the speaker for the Sunday services.

James E. Casey, Jr., is the present pastor.

The building has been redecorated inside and outside in recent months.



Above: One of the members of the Maple Grove Church drew this sketch of the proposed building. The building is now under construction.



Maple Grove Baptist Church, Louisville, broke ground for a new auditorium, estimated to cost \$66,000.00, on July 26. The new structure is the second of a four unit plan. With a seating capacity of 450, the auditorium was designed by Lloyd R. Lotz, Sr., architect. In the picture are Mary Ruth Patterson, one of the youngest members of the church; Hubert Meredith, one of the charter members; Charles Shields, pastor; and Ron Harrington, Minister of Music.



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The success of your church in reaching people in 1965 will depend on sufficient supplies for your workers. Check this list and make sure that these items are available when the needs arise.

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Along with our standard church membership records, we have a new file folder, **MEMBER'S RECORD OF TRAINING AND SERVICE**—for a complete record on each member.

An attendance record and instruction certificate for new church members will be available in January.

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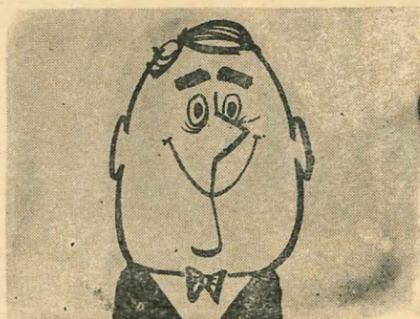
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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Special Ministries

Conference For The Deaf

by Bill Goble

Glen Prock, from Washington, D.C., will be the main speaker at the conference for the deaf at Cedarmore, September 18-20, 1964. Prock, whose daughter is deaf, is with the Home Mission Board as missionary to the deaf in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia areas.

In the morning Mr. Prock will be leading a discussion for the deaf on "You and Your Church." In the afternoon, he will be leading a conference for pastors concerning the role of a pastor who has a ministry to the deaf in his church. He will also be leading the conference for interpreters, "The Role of an Interpreter".

Although the conference is designed primarily for the deaf, anyone who is interested in the Kentucky Baptist program for the deaf is invited. A special invitation is extended to any pastor who is interested in this ministry for his church. If you are not able to attend all the conference, it is strongly urged that you attend the Saturday session which begins at 8:45 a.m.

Anyone wanting to attend should send \$2.00 reservation to: Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky.

Training Union

The Training Union Reaches Out

by James Whaley

FOR NEW MEMBERS

Reach out during the next two months for new members. Plan to increase your Training Union enrollment by at least 15% by the first Sunday in November.

Reach out for new members by systematically studying the church roll and Sunday School Roll. Prospect lists for each department and each union will consist of names of people not now enrolled in Training Union.

Reach out for new members by giving each department and union a goal for new members, and call for a report every two weeks during the next two weeks during the next two months.

Reach out for new members by advertising throughout your church by posters, etc., the units of work being studied in Training Union during Sep-

tember and October. Emphasize **CONTENT.**

For Absentees

Reach out for absentees by finding out each Sunday night during September and October the names of all absentees. At the close of the union each Sunday ask for the secretary to call out these names.

Reach out for absentees by assigning these names to different people in the union. They are to contact in some way these absentees. Every absentee should be contacted every week.

Reach out for absentees by keeping in touch with absentees who have a legitimate reason for being absent. For example, a family away on a two-weeks vacation. Find out where they are, write them letting them know you miss them and that you are looking forward to having them back in the union.

Steps 3 and 4 "For Trained Leadership" and "For Planned Work" will be given in this column for next week.

Woman's Missionary Union

Timely Tips

by Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

We regret to announce that the new *Year Books* will not reach our office from Birmingham until about October 1. Many officer's report cards have already reached us and annual packages without year books are being mailed. The materials in these packages will help in leadership conferences until the year books are ready. Watch the mail for these packages. Be sure your new officers have been reported to our offices as these packages and all other materials are mailed to those on the new mailing list which is made up each fall as officer's report cards come in.

Out-going officers should pass on to new officers the copies of the July-August-September bulletins which are mailed from Birmingham and her copy of the *Kentucky Guide Book*. Free year books will be mailed to each new president in the church and in the association. Additional year books and Guide Books may be purchased from the Baptist Book Stores. Year Books may also be purchased from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham.

Annual report blanks were mailed in August to WMU presidents and to associational presidents in a special reporting bulletin. Mail reports immediately after September 30 to associational presi-

dents. Associational presidents report to regional presidents. Send applications for recognition on Aims for Advancement with annual reports to associational presidents.

Associational presidents will check carefully on Aims for Advancement for local organizations and also on Associational Aims for Advancement and promptly forward applications for recognition to regional presidents.

Reports are important. Every associational president will strive earnestly for 100% in reporting—securing, sharing and giving reports.

Report! Report!

Church Music

Junior Music Camps Report 24 Conversions

by Eugene F. Quinn

Junior Music Camps at Cedarmore and Brownsville reported 24 professions of faith.

At Cedarmore 13 juniors professed their faith in Christ as Saviour. Thirteen other dedications of lives to Christ were registered, including 3 who feel led toward mission fields.

At Brownsville in Camp Joy Junior Music Camp, 11 professions of faith were made.

Reservations for Church Music Conference at Dallas in 1965

President Gene Bartlett has notified us that a block of 100 rooms has been secured in the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel for our Church Music Conference Headquarters during our sessions on May 31-June 1 and the Southern Baptist Convention to follow.

When the Convention reservation time is announced in your state paper, each person will go through the proper channels of making reservations and simply mark on the reservation blank that they are to stay in the Church Music block in the Sheraton-Dallas.

Youth Choirs Register For Billy Graham Youth Night

Over half of the 100 youth choirs which are expected to enroll for singing in the 3,000-voice choir at the Billy Graham Youth Night on November 13 at Freedom Hall in Louisville, have already registered.

The plan is for all of the choirs to meet at Freedom Hall by 5:30 to begin rehearsal with Cliff Barrows and his

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accompanists. Every youth choir who will prepare the music selected by Mr. Barrows and soon to be announced should immediately notify E. F. Quinn of the number of seats they will need to have reserved for their choir. These seats will be reserved and assigned to them as was done at Lexington last year.

Register your youth choir NOW by dropping a postcard to Mr. Quinn with the above information on it.

Briefing Meeting Set For Associational Music Directors

A special Briefing Meeting is set for each region of Kentucky at locations and dates listed below. The Associational Music Director of each association will attend the Briefing Meeting for his region. Each association needs to be represented by a music leader or the Associational Missionary if the association does not have an Associational Music Director, before the time of the Briefing Meeting.

Leaders of the Briefing Meeting include Mr. C. A. Holcolm and Mr. Paul Bobbitt of Nashville, State Music Secretary E. F. Quinn, and the host Regional Music Director.

The Briefing Meetings are as follows:

Location	Date
Georgetown Baptist Ch.....	Sept. 15, 7:30
Campbellsville Baptist	Sept. 17, 7:30
Benton First Baptist	Sept. 18, 7:30
Pineville First Baptist.....	Sept. 19, 7:00
Owensboro Baptist Bldg.....	Sept. 21, 7:30
Louisville, Beechmont.....	Sept. 22, 7:30
Bowling Green, First.....	Sept. 24, 7:30
Paintsville First	Sept. 25, 7:30

Brotherhood

Attention Men!

by Forrest Sawyer

It's Brotherhood Convention time again!

The Annual meeting of Baptist men will be held this year at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, on October 1-2.



Grady Welch

The music, under the direction of Ira Prosser of Lexington, will, as is usual, be of the finest quality. One of the outstanding program features will be reports from several of the men who went from Kentucky to the western part of the United States for the West Coast Layman's Crusade. Hearts will surely be stirred while these reports are being made concerning the progress, decisions, etc., of the Crusade.

Certificates of Participation will be presented at the Convention to the men who were involved in the Crusade. You do not want to miss this outstanding part of the Convention program.

Two out-of-state Brotherhood Secretaries will be appearing on the program. These are Dr. W. J. Isbell, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama, and Grady Welch of Alexandria, Louisiana. Dr. Isbell is known by many men over our state, since he has appeared on many occasions to men in Kentucky. He will be speaking at different times on the subject "Across the Years I've Seen". Mr. Welch will be speaking on the subject "A Christian Witness". He will also be the Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Convention Banquet.

At the Banquet, special music will be presented. The Annual Message will be



W. J. Isbell, Jr.

brought by the "Convention Pastor" Nobel Cottrell of Tompkinsville. Advance ticket reservations can be made for the Banquet by contacting Bethlehem Baptist Church, 5708 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky.

For home accommodations (bed on Friday night, October 1, and breakfast on October 2, gratis) contact Mr. Sherman Taylor at the Bethlehem Church address.

(More on Convention in Next Week's Issue)

Stewardship

Russell Springs Doubles Offerings

by Robert Hastings

At the pastor-laymen conference in Campbellsville recently, I had lunch with Freddie Steelman of the First

Baptist Church in Russell Springs. He described the upsurge the church has experienced with his budget, and also invited me to spend a Sunday with him for a family-oriented stewardship emphasis.

On the first Sunday in August it was my privilege to be with pastor Steelman and his good people, and to see first hand the progress being made. For several years, the church had not received a public offering in the worship services. Last spring they began taking public offerings, and also began keeping a record of each individual's contributions. Offerings have just about doubled since then.

Starting in September, the church will operate on a weekly budget of \$361, with 20 percent earmarked for the Co-operative Program. Up to this time, they have been giving a flat \$900 a year. On the new percentage plan, Co-operative Program gifts will increase to around \$3,000 annually. In addition, the church reached and exceeded its CEA goal last spring.

By 1965, the church hopes to use the Forward Program to subscribe its budget, and also introduce the use of packaged envelopes for each member. A long range planning committee has invited the church architecture department to study their building and recommend a master building and remodeling program.

Brother Steelman lived in Tompkinsville during his high school years, where his father, Allen Steelman, was then pastor of the First Baptist Church. He came to Russell Springs last spring from the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Starkville, Mississippi.

BAPTIST FORUM

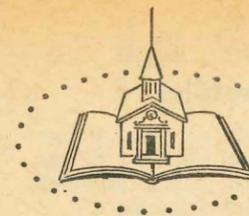
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to keep up with the Joneses by comparing what Kentucky gives to other states? Why don't you put in huge letters on the front cover, "Investment For Aged Baptists". Can Kentucky be proud or thankful for that investment? No, because the answer is nil. If you want to make a comparison, why not compare Kentucky's investment with other states' investment for aged Baptists and with other denominations that love and care for their aged.

It isn't because of poverty or they are destitute that many go to church homes. Many have money. It is because they are alone and haven't any relatives to take care of their needs.

The old folks of today are the ones that made all these fine churches, denominational schools and many other things possible for the youth of today. Then they are forgotten.

Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Eugenia S. Burke



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



"THE RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF THE LORD"

I Samuel 12:6-15

(This Lesson for Sunday, September 27, 1964)

In the series of studies on Early Hebrew History, which is concluded with this lesson, we have followed the course of the Israelites from the time when they were sojourners in Egypt until they were united in their own land under King Saul. From the time when they emerged from Egypt until Saul was enthroned as king, Moses and Samuel were the men whom God used most effectively as their leaders.

Shortly after Saul ascended the throne, a great throng assembled at Gilgal. This huge assembly marked an epoch in the history of the children of Israel. It ended the period of the judges. Inasmuch as Samuel was relinquishing his official duties as judge, it was an occasion which afforded him a splendid opportunity to review many of the things which God had done for the Israelites and to remind them of numerous evidences of His favor upon them. Samuel also reminded them of their great indebtedness to God for His goodness in choosing them and in blessing them in so many ways. Samuel's rehearsal of the wonderful works of God indicated that what God had done for them certainly merited proper evaluation and genuine appreciation.

After Samuel, who was the link between the judges and the kings, had presented Saul to the people, he reviewed his personal life and administration in their midst. He also reminded them of some of the great acts of God in their behalf during the history of their nation, pointing out to them how He had used various judges at different times to bring about their deliverance from the hands of their enemies. Having spent his days in the service of God and for the benefit of the Israelites, Samuel unhesitatingly affirmed the uprightness and circumspectness of his administration as judge. No longer the highest officer, but a subject who was accountable for any misdemeanor of which he was guilty, Samuel frankly asserted that he had been fair, impartial, just and generous throughout his tenure in office. In this memorable address Samuel challenged any member of his huge audience, who had any charge to make against him, to submit any evi-

dence that he had ever been guilty of theft, fraud, oppression or bribery in any form, in the presence of God and of Saul, the anointed king and supreme ruler of the nation. He called upon those assembled to attest the fact that in all his dealings with them he had never been guilty of either theft, fraud, corruption, oppression or bribery in any form.

With God as their witness, the entire assembly frankly and unhesitatingly acknowledged that Samuel had never misused or abused the high office of judge during the time that he had occupied it. Both God and Saul were witnesses to the fact that the people unanimously exonerated Samuel of doing any private or public wrong during his administration. When they asserted his innocence and integrity and cleared him of any imputation of maladministration, their acquittal of Samuel served as a suggestion to Saul that he should govern

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according to the example which the judge had set for him. Moreover, when Samuel's character was established in this fashion, it gave him a better opportunity to reprove the people for their sins with better grace and greater effectiveness. How we wish that we had more officers in our land today of the caliber of Samuel!

With great satisfaction and joy Samuel reminded the people of God's gracious deliverance of them from the thralldom of the Egyptians and His bringing them into the land of Canaan. Then he proceeded to remind them of their base ingratitude, unrighteous conduct and idolatrous practices which had deprived them of the blessings of God. He warned them, and us, that when people walk in the pathway of disobedience, it is certain that they must pay for it in one way or another, sooner or later.

In his review of their past experiences of disobedience, Samuel again called the attention of the children of Israel to the fact that they had persisted in their desire for a king until God had permitted them to have one, although it was not to their best interest to have him. Samuel also emphasized the fact that if Saul and his subjects rebelled against God that both the king and the people would feel the weight of the hand of the Lord upon them. The king and the people had a clear choice with reference to the course which they were going to pursue. They had the choice between the path of obedience and the way of disobedience to God. While God gives every person the prerogative of choice, He makes clear to those who have received the message that is contained in His Word that all who deliberately choose to disobey Him must take the consequences. We must never forget that disobedience to the commandments of God brings fearful consequences, for it is a certainty that God will not countenance evil in any form.

As children of God, let us walk with Him in the light of His Word and do His blessed will. By doing so, we shall be the recipients of His peace, joy and blessings in abundant and overflowing measure. As we fully yield ourselves to Him, He will use us in His service and enable us to be a blessing to those with whom we associate. Be loyal to God in all things and He will richly bless you and use you.

Criswell Survives Plane Landing "By Miracle"

DALLAS (BP)—The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, W. A. Criswell, emerged unscathed when the small plane in which he was riding crash landed in the Peruvian Amazon jungle, September 1.

Criswell, flying over the Amazon on a missionary tour of South America, said it was "an amazing miracle of God" that he and the pilot survived the crash. Neither was hurt.

The pastor of the nation's largest Southern Baptist congregation described the landing as his "most terrifying experience."

Criswell, speaking via short wave radio and long distance telephone to

KRLD radio newsman, described the experience as he and pilot Floyd Lyons were flying from the Ucayli to the Hualaga tributary of the Amazon in a small pontoon plane.

"The plane almost exploded," Criswell said. "Both engine blocks were cracked on the side, and the plane was making a terrible noise. We lost all power and began to sink immediately toward the jungle."

"It looked as though it was the end of the way for us."

The pilot noticed an Indian village and clearing, and then saw a small creek. Although the creek was filled with rocks and logs, the pilot chose to crash land there at the last split second, Criswell explained.

"The plane hit the creek, skidded over rocks and logs, and came to a halt on a sandbank."

The pilot later said there was a one in 1,000 chance for them to make it. It was, Criswell said, "one of the most miraculous providences that God has ever given me."

The prominent Baptist pastor was on an annual missions tour, observing the work of Southern Baptist foreign missions in South America. At the time he was observing the work of the Wycliff Bible translators.

New England Association To Hold Fellowship

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (BP)—Southern Baptists in New England have announced here they will hold a fellowship meeting, one of the steps necessary to forming a separate "state" convention. No date was set for the fellowship meeting.

Associational Missionary Elmer Sizemore of Cambridge, Mass., reported there are 12 Southern Baptist-affiliated churches in New England. He expects four or five more to be constituted by the end of the year.

Once considered as a possibility was a regional "state" convention covering the Northeast from Delaware through Maine. This was voted down earlier this year by representatives of churches in the states involved.

Instead, they voted to "proceed with deliberate haste" to form several conventions covering smaller areas of the Northeast. Two fellowship meetings were set by other associations of churches in the region—one to meet in western New York at Endicott, the other in the Pittsburgh area at Monroeville, Pa.

Churches in the 11 Northeastern states are presently cooperating with the Baptist Convention of Maryland if they are along the Atlantic coast, while those in western New York and western Pennsylvania are cooperating with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

1964 Attendance High At Both Assemblies

NASHVILLE—Both of the summer assemblies owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board registered excellent attendance this summer.

The newer Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly served 19,589 guests this year topping last years' previous record total by nearly 500.

Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly registered 30,692 guests during the regular conference season. This fell short of the record 1960 registration by nearly 700.

Among the weeks with highest registration at both assemblies were Southern Baptist youth conference, foreign missions conference, and Home Mission Board conference.

Stations Give Baptists \$3 Million In Air Time

FORT WORTH (BP)—Radio and television stations throughout the United States will give more than \$3 million worth of broadcast time to Southern Baptists this year, the denomination's Radio and Television Commission director here predicted.

Paul M. Stevens, commission director, said that 1,364 stations using Baptist-produced programs allot \$45,648 worth of broadcast time each week to the programs.

For the year, this will amount to 40,420 hours of free time valued at \$3,034,824, Stevens said.

The SBC Radio TV Commission director added that the \$3 million figure does not include about a million dollars worth of free time for nation-wide programs on three major networks, nor for programs produced by local churches.

In addition, Baptist-produced programs are carried in seven languages by 205 stations in countries outside the United States. No estimate of the broadcast time value for those stations is available, Stevens said.

Since October of 1963, the number of stations carrying Baptist programs has increased at the rate of 24 per month for a net gain of 269 stations for the 11-month period.

New Mexico Board Keeps Division Same

ALBUQUERQUE (BP)—The mission board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico expects churches in this state to provide \$585,000 next year through the Cooperative Program to support state and world missions and other activities conducted by Southern Baptists.

Division of the funds so received would be 27 per cent for the Southern Baptist Convention and 73 per cent to

stay in New Mexico, according to a budget drafted by the board to submit to the convention in November.

The Cooperative Program budget proposed for 1965 compares with the current budget of \$565,000 and the percentage formula has not been changed.

The total 1965 budget would be \$1,194,537, when allocations from two SBC boards for jointly sponsored educational and missionary work are counted.

The mission board approved publication of Lewis A. Myers' book, "History of New Mexico Baptists." Myers is a former editor of the state Baptist newspaper, the *Baptist New Mexican*, here.

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the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Many Pastors do not trust laymen. Some of this is justifiable for all of us have seen the chaos an ill informed or malicious layman can cause in a church business meeting. This kind of experience is the exception however. We not only can trust our lay people, but we must. It is not optional, but imperative.

Our pastors have no corner on intelligence, or spiritual insight, or interest. The lay people are interested in the work of the churches. When given responsibility most of them do their assigned church work with sincerity and dedication. They have fresh ideas and insight to bring to our deliberations. They have conviction and capabilities.

Too many of our denominational programs are being directed by men trained in the preaching of the word, who have left the word to serve tables. They bring nothing to this service except a clerical frame of reference. There are lay people among us whose vocation is serving the tables. By calling, inclination, and experience they are ready to do the job.

An indictment of preachers who are now serving as sergeants is not enough. The lay people in the army have not only allowed the emergence of a ruling group, but have actually encouraged it. By their indifference and default they have said in effect that they will not accept the risks of leadership.

Lay people who will debate in their local church for two hours over buying chairs for the Primary department, or raising the custodians salary, or painting the church steeple don't even attend a state convention where plans are made for world missions, caring for homeless children, and raising and spending fifteen million dollars.

Those who criticize the clerical leadership must be ready to become involved in the battle. The layman must arrange his secular schedule and make time for

the Lord's Business. He must accept the responsibility to get information and use it wisely.

Many things at this point are encouraging. CEA has already in its beginning enlisted lay people. Lay people came to the last day of the Kentucky Baptist Convention by the thousands. Occasionally during the Convention a layman spoke, or asked a question, or gave a report. For the second year a layman was elected vice president of the Convention.

At least 80% of the enrolled messengers at Lexington were preachers. The Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas next year will see the percentage even higher.

It is not too late for Baptists to use all of their people. We need not establish an elite rank of leadership. There is not only a place, but a desperate need, for the average layman in our denominational program. The lay leadership and participation we must have need not come exclusively from the professional and wealthy members of our Baptist family. We need the involvement of the average laymen.

Moving forward by the commission of our Lord, let us remember that Baptists are strongest and best when they move together, without stratas of influence, without structures of authority, without special groups. We have no time for sergeants.

Missionary Called By Atlanta Church

ATLANTA (BP)—James G. Stertz, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's fraternal representative to German Baptists and director of English-language work in that nation, is to serve temporarily as assistant pastor of Atlanta's Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church.

The Stertz family returned earlier in the year on emergency furlough because of illness of one of the children. They expect to return to Germany in about a year, resuming the work to which they were appointed in 1961.

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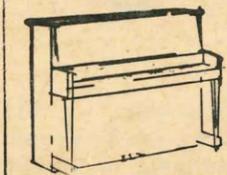
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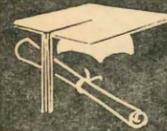
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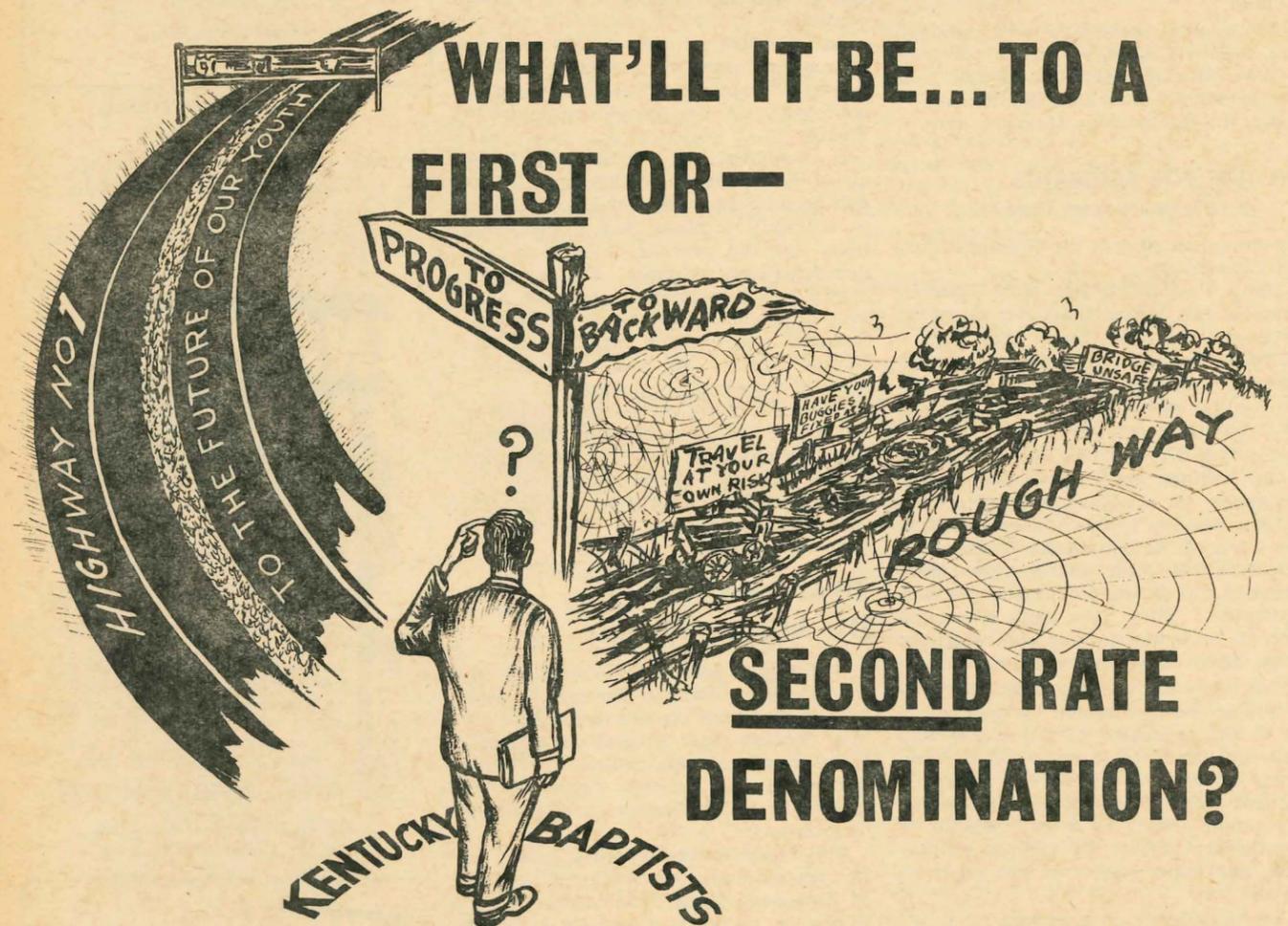
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