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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD'S 75th anniversary will be celebrated in Nashville May 20. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, and Dr. John H. Parrott, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roswell, N. M. and Board President, examine a copy of "The Story of the Sunday School Board," commemorating the 75th anniversary.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

HODGENVILLE'S First Baptist Church entered the remodeled sanctuary on May 15. Dr. Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of the Executive Board of the KBC, was speaker. H. E. Coker is pastor.

WHITE'S RUN Baptist Church of the same association has recently added carpeting, hymnals and a new piano to their church equipment. Purchased in memory of various deceased members were an organ, a pulpit, and a Lord's Supper table. Karen R. Joines is pastor.

ALLEN F. HARROD, son of J. T. Harrod, Shelbyville, will receive the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary May 20. Mrs. Harrod is the former Joyce Nelson of Louisa and they have three children. Harrod is a 1961 graduate of Cumberland College.

"**SPEAK OUT '66**" is the theme of an opinion survey in which Southern Baptists are invited to participate while attending the Southern Baptist Convention, May 24-27 in Detroit. A feature of the Sunday School Board's booth in the exhibit area, visitors will punch IBM cards to record their opinions in a number of areas, such as activities of Convention agencies, higher education and tenure of pastors.

CABY E. BYRNE, Jr., presently director of Baptist student work at Mississippi State University, Starksville, will begin his ministry this summer with cadets at West Point. All service academies have Southern Baptist representatives to work full-time with cadets and faculty.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM gifts to SBC causes totaled \$92,071 for the month of April. This was an increase of nearly 11 per cent over April, 1965.

FARMDALE BAPTIST, Louisville, held "Mrs. Ted Luffman Day" April 17 to commemorate the completion of 27 uninterrupted years of service by Mrs. Luffman as general Sunday School secretary. In that 27 years, Mrs. Luffman saw the enrolment rise from 200 to 700.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Mayfield, approved a recommendation from the deacons to have a special offering to assist in the purchase of a lot for the Yurigaoka Baptist Church in metropolitan Tokyo. John Huffman is pastor of the church.

HIGH POINT Church in Graves County Baptist Association has already given \$500 for the project and other churches have indicated plans for special offerings.

BILLY GRAHAM begins June 1 what he expects to be his biggest evangelistic campaign ever—The Billy Graham Greater London Crusade. Graham hopes the crusade will reach more than a million inhabitants of the British Isles. Services will be held in the Earls Court Arena, June 1 through July 1, and at Wembley Stadium, July 2.

THE MOUNTAIN YOUTH Conference held on the campus of Cumberland College April 14-16 was attended by 150 young people. Dr. Gray Allison on the Home Mission Board was the speaker. Conference leaders included Kearney Campbell, Jerry Hayner, Glenn O'Bryan,

Mary Peo, Dan Yeary and Paul Maddox. J. Edward Cunningham serves as director of the annual conference which is scheduled for April 13-15 in 1967.

THE CARL WRIGHTS have moved to 2015 Crestwood Drive, Owensboro from Lawrenceburg where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church there. Wright resigned recently because of ill health. He feels unable to maintain a full-time pastorate but will be available for interim work and pulpit supply along with evangelistic work.

GRADY C. COTHEN, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. He begins his presidential duties July 1. Cothen will succeed James Ralph Scales, now dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Evans T. Moseley, vice-president of the school and former pastor of the Harrodsburg (Ky.) Baptist Church, has been acting president. Cothen was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., before going to California.

A **GEORGIA** pastor has been named "Mountain Minister of the Year" by Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. E. Stanley Morris, 56, pastor of the New Armuchee (Ga.) Baptist Church, was honored at the Pineville school on April 27.

THE ANNUITY BOARD of the SBC has resumed publication of *The Years Ahead* after a 30-month absence from the Baptist scene. John D. Bloskas, editor, said the demand for details of Annuity Board programs made it necessary to resume publication.

MONTGOMERY (Ala.) Baptist Association sponsored crusade resulted in 661 persons added to the church in the area, according to Frank Hixon, superintendent of missions. Professions of faith totaled 442 and there were 239 additions by letter.

MERCER UNIVERSITY trustees have approved an application of their Southern College of Pharmacy to the Public Health Service for a \$666,000 grant to erect a new building. The school of pharmacy is located in Atlanta and the building is expected to cost \$1.2 million.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS:

A Pastor Speaks About Special Offerings

by L. H. Coleman, Pastor
Immanuel Baptist Church
Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 71601

Special offerings soon will wreck the regular budget offerings of our churches unless something is done and done immediately. Last year the average pastor had approximately thirty requests for special offerings. Practically all of them were for worthy projects. Where is one to draw the line? Who sets the policy concerning special offerings? What is the solution?

Real wisdom is needed in making decisions in this area. Pressure is often exerted because special offerings usually represent a special interest of a segment of the congregation. Unless remedial steps are taken the regular budget inevitably will suffer. The average person will withhold part of his budget contribution if too many special offerings are taken. There is a point beyond which the average church member will not pass in his giving.

The church council seems to be the most logical group to recommend a policy, which would be acted upon by a vote of the church. The council, working closely with the pastor, will protect the budget by deciding between the better and the best in special offerings.

Perhaps no two churches would agree on the list of offerings to be included or omitted. However, common consent would have it that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is now the main special offering in the

vast majority of the churches. Doubtless this offering will continue as the leading special offering for various reasons.

Since 1925 the Cooperative Program has been the main channel of giving to missionary, educational, and benevolent causes for Southern Baptists. The plan has worked successfully through the years. The idea of a unified fund for all denominational causes, state and Convention-wide, is unchallenged as to workability and feasibility. No one yet has improved on the plan.

The time is overdue for an alarm to be sounded. **First**, we need to make sure that the percentages given to the various agencies are in keeping with the thinking of the majority of Southern Baptists. More individuals perhaps should be given a voice in vital denominational decisions. Constant reevaluation of program and need should be our watchword.

Second, if special offerings continue to go unbridled, the churches' budget receipts and the denomination's Cooperative Program receipts will suffer and someday be in real danger.

Third, a policy would be spelled out regarding these offerings. Not only should the local church put its policy in writing but our Convention would do well to make a special study of the problem.

Unless we give special attention to this matter speedily, then special offerings will spell doom to those causes dear to the hearts of Southern Baptists.

NATIONALLY:

Church-State Problems Loom In Education Act

WASHINGTON (BP)—Civil liberties and church-related agencies challenged the church-state practices in the administration of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 at hearings before House and Senate committees here.

The education act is up for legislative review, amendment and extension at this session of Congress. The Johnson administration is asking for a four-year extension, but several groups are asking for only one or two-year extension while the church-state wrinkles are being ironed out.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs did not testify before either the House or Senate hearings, but instead submitted written surveys and analyses for the study of Congressional staffs.

During the entire course of the hearings very little, if any, opposition to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was heard. All of the attention was

focused on amendments and on enlarging the Aid for the Educational Development of the nation's children.

The education act is based on the "child benefit theory," that is, public aid to children may meet Constitutional tests while aid to parochial schools may not.

It is because the Office of Education in administering the act has not carefully regarded the limitations imposed by the "child benefit theory" that the church-state problems have arisen, according to those who have expressed their objections.

Among those who have balked at the administrative regulations affecting church schools have been the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the National Council of Churches, the American Jewish Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Americans United.

The main burden of the testimony of these groups is that Congress should insist that the Office of Education admin-

Marine Says Mother's Prayers Change A Man

by Cpl. Stanley R. Tiner

DA NANG, Viet Nam (BP)—Folks back home at the little Baptist church in Pacolet, S. C., probably can't remember when Mrs. Thompson's boy, Grady, has walked through the doors of the church.

It wasn't that Grady was a bad boy—he just quit going to church and that was that. Goodness knows Mrs. Thompson asked him enough times to go, but the tall, gangly kid always seemed just too busy to work it into his schedule.

Sunday was the day all the big cars came into nearby Spartanburg, S. C., and Grady couldn't miss talking about cars, not with the Fords, Chevies, and Plymouths around. He always said that maybe one of these Sundays he would go to Church.

But he didn't, and Mrs. Thompson quit pleading with him. After all, he was the man of the family now that his father had passed on. She didn't quit praying for her boy, though.

Then, Grady joined the Marine Corps. He went to church at Parris Island because all the other guys did, but when he was transferred to Norfolk, Va., he backslid again. Sunday was such a good day to go to the beach, or catch up on sleep, and anyway, he had a lot of brass to shine on his dress blue uniform.

Grady traded his brass and dress uniform for combat greens in June 1965 and caught a ship to Viet Nam.

As an infantry Marine he has seen a lot of bloodshed since then. He has lived through big battles such as Starlite, Double Eagle and some others.

Men standing next to him have been killed, but Grady hasn't been scratched.

He thinks maybe his mother's prayers have something to do with that.

He goes to church every chance he gets now. Grady has knelt on battlefields in Tam Ky and Qui Nhon, and on ships in the South China Sea before assault landings.

He goes home in early July. He looks forward to seeing his mother and all his friends in Pacolet, and wants to go to the little Baptist church there, too.

ister the act in strict compliance with the legislative intent expressed when the bill was enacted into law.

Roman Catholic authorities representing the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC) and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Vermont expressed appreciation for the education act. They plead for further programs of cooperation between the public and private schools.

Msgr. James C. Donohue, director of the department of education for the

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One Hindrance to Baptist Fund Drives

A current problem among Baptists is the lack of enthusiasm for denominational fund raising campaigns. This was illustrated in the less than sensational results of our Kentucky Baptist Christian Education Advance Campaign. Considering the dire needs now and in days ahead for funds, such a problem becomes acute.

Why can't we find enthusiasm in Baptist financial campaigns? The reasons are many. The overflowing one is the natural inclination to hold to what we have and resist much pressure to share our possessions. Another reason many Baptists don't respond enthusiastically to special fund drives is their belief in and practice of giving regularly and systematically through the Cooperative Program. For years they have been told that a tithe faithfully given through their churches would care for all our needs and they believe this.

There's one reason for the lack of enthusiasm in fund raising which almost everybody recognizes but is not popular to mention. To bring it to the surface and look at it frankly should be helpful. It has to do with an attitude of some involved in the fund raising efforts toward others affected by the funds raised. The problem is the inequity of salaries received by those working for Baptists.

Most of the leg work in successful money raising is done by pastors and laymen in local churches. Many of these pastors receive barely subsistence pay. It is a struggle to keep their heads above the water financially. Their homes are modest, their automobiles are of the less expensive type and everything else about them reflect their limited income.

The churches they serve likewise exist mostly on a modest scale. Sometimes their facilities are old or otherwise inadequate. They never even thought in terms of deluxe standards.

On the other hand, it appears to some of these pastors and church people that the institutions and personnel which will benefit from the financial campaigns are already fairly well off. Some of these impressions are based on untrue reports, but stories of deluxe programs and high salaries of denominational executives are always easy to believe. After allowance for exaggerations which are to be expected, it is true that a wide gap exists among those who live from church related salaries. Some Baptist executives receive a salary which is triple that of most pastors who are expected to do the leg work in financial campaigns. It takes an unusually big man and an unselfish heart to generate much enthusiasm to beat the

bushes to pay such salaries and provide facilities so superior to those they use.

To be sure there are considerations to be remembered. There's a vast difference in the preparation and ability of those serving Baptists. Not just anybody can teach mathematics in a college or administer an institution involving hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and scores of employees. Should not men of long training and special skills be compensated accordingly?

This brings to mind the two ideas about how to compensate those in church and denominational work. One idea is that one is to be paid according to his ability and performance. By this standard a \$15,000 or \$20,000 salary for some Baptist executives is not out of place.

The other view is that everyone employed in church and denominational work should regard it as a ministry to which he is called without regard to the pay scale. He should not expect the same level of pay he would receive in the competitive business world for the same services. If he does expect such pay, he should get out of the Lord's work and look for the highest offer in the business world.

There is no doubt there is a morale problem related to the difference in pay of those working for Baptists. There is too much difference between the salaries of some who work in high places for Baptists and others who work hard but not in such high places. Furthermore, the problem is compounded in that it is usually the fellows with low salaries who are expected to beat the money drums for projects where higher salaried people work.

This may be a problem inherent in our Baptist system and nothing much can be done about it. It could be helpful, however, if there were more communication and understanding between higher salaried denominational executives and lower paid pastors. The truth is there should not be such a difference in pay. A few with high salaries could do with less and many with low pay should have more.

The above contrast between high salaried denominational executives and low paid pastors could be misleading. It's not always denominational workers who receive the highest pay. Pastors of leading Southern Baptist churches are generally better paid than denominational executives. But the principle is the same and the inequity of pay is a morale problem. We should take this into consideration in planning fund raising campaigns.

Long Live the Governing Body

The modern youth rebellion or the new morality taken separately is serious enough. When put together they make for a situation which tries the souls of the morality minded. A case in point is the recent report from Hobart College in Geneva, New York where the governing body of this Episcopal school refused to accept students' demands to allow women and liquor in dormitory rooms. More than half of the 1,000 student body boycotted classes in protest.

Such behavior from students in any college, to say nothing of a church-related school, a few years ago would have been unthinkable. Today such reports are common.

The tragedy is that supposedly responsible elders have in some instances given in to these dangerous and irresponsible demands of a part of today's youth. In some cases school officials with a determination to hold the line of morality and decency have given up and gotten out. In other instances school authorities have been unbending in their convictions and have saved the day for these institutions and the students who are wise enough to believe their peers.

Will the modern youth rebellion in morality affect our Baptist colleges? We can be sure it will. Youth matriculating in Baptist schools are not immuned to the new thinking. It would be unrealistic to think they would be.

Students in Baptist colleges will ultimately raise

the same questions and demand the same freedoms which are sought in other American colleges. How will our Baptist school administrators and teachers react? There is no doubt of their reaction. They will hold the line and require the Biblical standards of conduct. They will not succeed in every instance in getting students to live up to these standards, but they will not relax them nor tolerate those who flout them.

There could be no justification for Baptist schools if we surrendered the standards of Christ in whose name we educate. When the majority opinion determines our standards of right and wrong we have denied a basic characteristic of Christianity; namely, the Lordship of Jesus Christ. What should it profit us if we gain the whole world of secular education and lose the soul of Christian morality?

This might constitute one of the strongest arguments for maintaining and supporting our Baptist colleges. The day might be in sight when schools subject to the rule of the public majority, permit liquor and girls in the dormitory rooms of men. God forbid that day but, if it comes, what parents concerned for Christian character for their children could send their youth to such schools?

Long live those like the governing body of Hobart College who hold the line no matter how many students walk out. Better all walk out and close the doors of the college than open the gates of license and moral degeneration.



KEEPING TRUE TO OUR TRUST

Dear Editor:

This communication is addressed to all ministers—the young, the old; the trained and the untrained; the tired and the retired.

It is a clarion call to all who have been called and commissioned to preach the Gospel, and have been anointed with the Holy Spirit for this high and holy task.

Never in the history of the world has there been a time when the Gospel needed to be preached in its purity and power than today.

It would seem that Satan and all his emissaries are on the job day and night with a vengeance, venting their spleen and spewing their venom, on our highways, on our streets, and in some of our schools, and yes, in some churches even.

Paul, the old man of God, looked into the future and saw this time would come in the latter or last days, and wrote to Timothy, a young preacher just starting out on his ministerial career, and warned

him to look for these things, and to combat the same by reproof, rebuke and exhortation.

If our present day conditions are not worse than they were in Timothy's day, they certainly are not better.
Horse Cave, Ky. Ben G. Lively

GOD AND HISTORY

Dear Editor:

The statement that, "God is dead," is pure bunk. At no period in modern times has God's life, presence and power been more evident or the marvels of his great creations been more obvious. One person's recent effort through book publication to obtain his fellowman's concurrence in the declaration that, "God is dead," is by no means the first such effort.

History abounds with man's futile efforts to bring about "The Great Creator's," permanent interment. This is true though the statement may bring forth a challenging of the meaning as well as the accuracy of what is called "History."

The statement that "History is bunk," was ascribed to Henry Ford in 1915. The trial of Mr. Ford's law suit against the Chicago Tribune on July 15th, 1919 disclosed that generally Mr. Ford considered history, "tradition."

History is not bunk, nor is history tradition. Tradition is but one of the many sources of history, yet it is an uncertain, imperfect, unreliable and often a corrupted source. Tradition is an important contributor to history, but each tradition contribution tendered must be most carefully scrutinized before being accepted as history. Otherwise falsehood and errors become accepted as historical fact, and overspread the practices and beliefs of man, thereby impairing his judgment and frequently endangering his welfare.

Truly recorded truths, deeds and actions are history. Accurately recorded happenings, acts and facts of the past and present are recorded history.

When the wide field of history is considered it brings forth the conclusion that there is but little recorded history, that is, real, genuine history. Man's activities in terms of years date forward or backward from the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Then too, a considerable portion of what is presently accepted as being history is merely conjecture.

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CEA Interest Grows

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Every day Kentucky Baptists are growing in their appreciation of the CEA campaign which has been in gear for the past two years. Baptists know that Baptist colleges, schools, student centers on non-Baptist campuses, and missionary education through the RA and GA Camps at Cedars are top priority for a denomination which wants a future.

New individual and church CEA gifts and pledges through 1969 are coming into the office each week.

Each month approximately 30,000 come from the payments on pledges and new gifts for CEA. Most of them are "across the board," that is, for the full CEA program, undesignated, to be distributed according to the formula to all schools, BSU's and Camps. Some come designated for a particular agency or institution. Both are fine.

Thank you, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Ken-

Dehoney Refutes Charge Of Baptist Anti-Semitism

JACKSON, Tenn. (BP)—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wayne Dehoney, issued a statement here taking issue with the conclusions by two sociologists who charged in a new book that 24 per cent of Southern Baptists are anti-semitic.

Dehoney criticized conclusions drawn from a survey conducted by Charles Y. Glock and Rodney Stark, both of the University of California, co-authors of a book entitled *Christian Beliefs and Anti-Semitism*.

In a "religious bigotry index" compiled by the authors from questionnaire answers, Glock and Stark concluded that Southern Baptists were "almost unanimous" in their attitude that Jews are in need of conversion.

Said Dehoney: "Glock and Stark's logic has slipped and their reasoning is twisted."

"Bigotry and defamation such as anti-Semitism are deplorable," he stated, "But to label religious conviction about the Christian doctrine of salvation as race prejudice is the worst kind of defamation."

"Christians do believe that all Jews who reject as the Messiah are therefore lost from God's redeeming love—as are all men of all races who have not responded to God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

"This is not racism," Dehoney said. "This is the Christian doctrine of personal salvation.

Glock and Stark said that 80 per cent

Southern Baptists

tucky Baptist for your interest and support.

Relation Between Camps and Colleges

Some people have not fully realized the reason why colleges, student centers and RA-GA Camps were in the same CEA program. That, too, is changing. Not only do we need the capital funds for buildings and equipment, but also there is a vital, causal relationship between the two.

Missionary education for our fine boys and girls is vastly important to the "mission" of the church and denomination.

In the RA-GA Camps, the boys and girls from 9 to 17 are learning the gospel, the missionary work of our denomination, and are seeing the NEED for vast new numbers of God-called pastors, missionaries, teachers, doctors, nurses, education-music-youth directors, journalists, agronomists—the varied and vast missionary program.

They will hear God's call! Then they will need Baptist Colleges and Student Centers to train, inspire, and further involve them in the Christian mission. Yes, they are related. And so, is CEA.

of Southern Baptists in the survey agreed with a statement that the Jews can never be forgiven until they accept Christ.

Survey findings were based on answers to lengthy questionnaires from 2,326 Protestants in 97 congregations, and 525 Catholics in 21 parishes of the San Francisco Bay area. These results were checked against a national sampling of 1,976 interviews with church members and found to be generally accurate, the authors said.

Guy Resigns As SBC Hospital Executive

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The board of directors for Southern Baptist Hospitals meeting here voted unanimously to accept the resignation of T. Sloane Guy, Jr., as executive secretary-treasurer, effective June 1.

Joe H. Tuten, president of the board of directors, stated that the resignation came "as a result of the convention agency's organizational structure having built-in problems of administration growing out of multiple lines of authority and responsibility."

Guy, has served as executive secretary-treasurer of agency for the past seven years. The agency includes operation of two hospitals, Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. Each has its own administrator.

The board of directors voted to refer to a study committee the task of developing and recommending an effective organizational structure which may

make the two hospitals more "responsive to the purposes of the convention and to the needs and conditions of the communities which they serve."

In accepting Guy's resignation, the hospital board requested him to represent the hospitals in making an annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Detroit, May 24-27.

The board also approved the recommendation of its executive committee that Guy's salary be continued for one year beyond June 1.

Florida Baptist Church Admits Negro Members

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—Two Negro ladies who presented themselves for membership at the Tangelo Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., on Easter Sunday, have been accepted as members by unanimous vote of the church.

The church's pastor, R. L. Jones, said it was the first time a Southern Baptist church in his area of the state had admitted Negro members, "and as far as I know, a first for the state.

There was no opposition; not even any discussion during the church's regular business session during which time the church traditionally acts on all membership requests.

"This is not to say all has been easy," said the pastor, "but we have come a long way and we feel most of our trouble is behind us."

Jones said, that during the past year, the church had lost two or three families because the church had enrolled several Negro children in Sunday School.

In June of 1965, when a new Air Force outfit moved into Orlando, several Negro families moved into the community, but there was no real trouble in the community, said Jones.

"Several deacons and I visited these families just like we did any other newcomers," the pastor added. "Within a month or two, several (Negro) children enrolled in the Sunday School, we only lost two or three families as a result of this."

Jones said that the two new Negro members, Mrs. Carrie Seale and Mrs. Doris Toomer, had been attending the church for three months.

"They joined our church because our folks have shown a Christian attitude," he said. "It was a joy to see folks who a year ago were hard-core segregationists to go forward and welcome these people."

Mrs. Seale was accepted by transfer of membership from a National Baptist church in Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Toomer was received "by baptism from a Methodist church," reported Jones.

Plans Made for Best National Conference

NASHVILLE (BP)—Plans for a nation-wide study conference as part of the two-year Baptist Education Study Task (EST) have been approved by the BEST steering committee.

The National Study Conference, an invitational-type meeting for a cross-section of Baptists interested in education, will be held here June 13-16.

About 350 Baptist college administrators, faculty members, students, Baptist pastors, and laymen representing a wide cross-section of the denomination are expected to attend.

Most of the sessions will be devoted to 22 small study groups of about 15 persons each. The small groups will seek to come to grips with the complex problems currently facing Christian higher education.

Topics for the study groups include: Financing Christian Higher Education, College-Denominational Relationships, Academic Freedom and Responsibility, Religious Scope, Academic Scope, the Christian College Teacher, and Preface to a Philosophy.

Four major speakers will address plenary sessions of the conference in addition to the small group study.

Felix C. Robb, president of George Peabody College in Nashville and president-elect of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will deliver the opening major address.

Other major addresses will be brought by Manning Patillo of the Danforth Foundation in St. Louis; and Sharvey Umbeck, president of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.

Summary, closing address will be delivered by Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools, composed of the presidents and deans of Baptist educational institutions, will meet in Nashville during the National Study Conference in a joint session with the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The National Study Conference is a follow-up to 24 different regional seminars conducted throughout the nation as part of the two-year BEST program.

Baptist Board To Begin Training Center in Fall

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced plans to begin operation in October of a Church Program Training Center to provide advance, depth study for organization workers in Baptist churches.

The board will remodel the fourth floor of its Frost Building on Eighth



BEST NATIONAL STUDY CONFERENCE PLANNED: Members of the steering committee for the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST), leave the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville after approving plans for the first BEST National Study Conference in Nashville, June 13-16. Continuing their discussions on the conference are (left to right) Raburn L. Brantley of Nashville, general chairman of BEST; R. Orin Cornett, vice president of Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C., and former director of the Division of Higher Education for the U. S. Office of Education; Bruce Heilman, administrative vice president of George Peabody College, Nashville; Albert McClellan of Nashville, chairman of the BEST steering committee; and John A. Fincher, dean of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and chairman of the SBC Education Commission. (BP Photo)

Avenue North to provide facilities for the new program.

Already, 37 seminars and workshops have been planned for 1966-67 to begin the program, according to W. L. Howse, director of the board's education division, and James H. Daniel, coordinator for the new Church Program Training Center.

The board may conduct as many as 70 such seminars and workshops during 1967-68, but plans are still indefinite, said Daniel.

As many as 1,200 persons are expected to study under the program during its first year, predicted Daniel.

He said the board's education division would seek to offer "first rate training—the best possible—for the innovators in Baptist churches who want to be on

the cutting edge of church education."

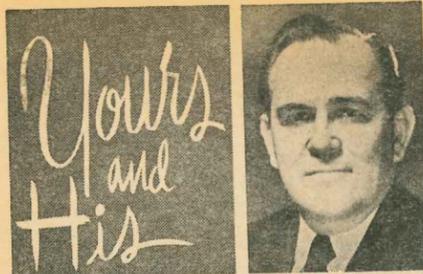
He said that the training center was not an attempt to compete with Baptist seminaries in any way, but to supplement their teaching effort by providing short-term "tutorial-type study for those with special interests."

Faculty and lecturers for the training program will come mostly from the Baptist Sunday School Board staff, but outside help will be brought in from time to time, said Daniel.

Three types of study will be offered—seminars, workshops, and guided study on an individual basis.

The seminars would provide about five days of lectures and orientation for as many as 40 persons.

Workshops would be similar work.



"The Great Absurdity"

By the unfriendly, the Great Commission has been called "The Great Absurdity." But think how absurd it must have sounded when given to some half-consecrated disciples of Jesus in the first century! Think what such half-hearted followers must have thought when Jesus entrusted this great stewardship to his disciples—to preach the gospel to all people everywhere!

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman adds: "Just how absurd that command seemed may be imagined by recalling how absurd it seemed at the beginning of the 19th century to the money-seeking East India Co., rebelling at the going of missionaries into India. They said: 'The sending out of missionaries into our Eastern possessions (is) the maddest, most extravagant, most costly, most indefensible project which has ever been suggested by a moonstruck fanatic. It strikes against all reason and sound policy, it brings the peace and safety of our possessions into peril.'

Note that those big business men were not concerned about 'peace and safety' of the world, but of 'our own possessions!' But the tragic fact of history is that so many church members across the centuries have believed that the missionary movement was indeed a 5th wheel to the Christian chariot.

I remember the first experience that a young minister had with his self-centered official board in a little New England church. No sooner had the minister announced that 'Next Sunday I will preach a missionary sermon and take the annual missionary offering,' than a big, well-to-do lumberman rose to his feet and said: 'I guess our new minister doesn't know us very well as yet. I suppose we might as well tell him at the beginning that we do not believe very much in missions. There are plenty of heathen right around here. We do not like to see our money leave this town.'

No wonder the greatest missionary of the Church said something about the preaching of the Cross being foolishness to them that perish, and added, 'But to us who are being saved it is the power of God unto salvation'.

Sherrwood Eddy Said

"No Christian can rightly say that he does not believe in missions, for that would imply that he does not believe in his own religion. Christians should

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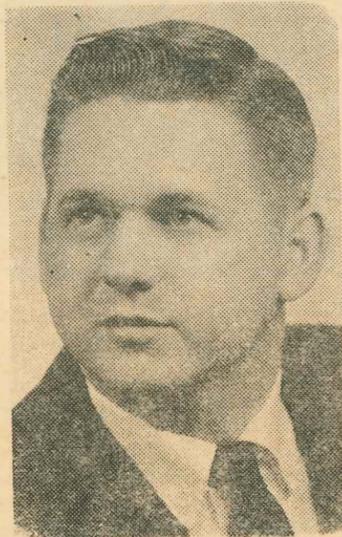
Poole Church Calls New Pastor

The Missionary Baptist Church, Poole, Kentucky, in Green Valley Baptist Association has called as its new pastor, Louis S. Thiele.

Thiele was born in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan and grew up in Ramsey, Illinois. Mrs. Thiele is the former Betty Hoffman of Ramsey, Illinois. The Thieles have two children, a daughter, Jeanie age 12 and a son, Johnny age 9. The Thiele family are now living in the parsonage near the Poole church.

Thiele attended Southern Illinois University, LeTourneau College in Texas, Milliken University of Illinois, Brooks Bible Institute, St. Louis, Missouri and Greenville College of Illinois.

He served as a pioneer missionary in Wray, Colorado and also as superintendent of missions of the Salem South Baptist Association in Illinois. Prior to coming to Poole he served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Antioch, Ill.



Thiele

look upon the whole non-Christian world as the 'prodigal son' of humanity and believe that it is the duty of true Christians to call this prodigal humanity home to God and to share with them their treasure—the gift of the Father's love."

Our Lord Said

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel—and lo, I am with you always."

"This gospel of the kingdom must be preached among all nations—and then shall the end come."

We Say

It is ours to reason why; it is not ours to make reply; it is but ours to do and die."

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Malcolm G. Lunceford Accepts Frankfort Pastorate

The pastor of the Guthrie Baptist Church for the past three and one-half years has accepted the call to be pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort.



Lunceford

at Southside Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

Mrs. Lunceford is the former Martha Powell, also a graduate of Mercer University. The three Lunceford children are Kathy, 10; Mona, 7; and Gordon, 4. Lunceford will assume his work at Frankfort June 1. He succeeds Al Gisler, now pastor of the Greensburg Baptist Church.

Great Harvest at Oneida

by W. K. Wood

A few years ago we were in a meeting in Oneida. Dr. Lynn Claybrook was pastor of the church and Dr. David C. Sparks was president of the Institute. There were many professions of faith in that meeting.

The same spiritual fellowship was manifested in our meeting April 3-10 with Pastor Calvin Fields and President David Jackson.

Oneida Institute was founded by James A. Burns in 1899 for the purpose of building moral character through Christian education. The growth has been outstanding and its influence has reached across the years.

There are six buildings on the campus. Plans call for more to be built to meet the needs of the growing student body. There are now 197 students representing four foreign countries and ten states but most of them come from the mountains of Kentucky.

Working closely together, the church and the institute have become a mighty evangelistic force. In the meeting scores were revived. Some, without any special appeal, surrendered to preach and others committed their lives for mission work.

The influence of the meeting reached into other communities. We had three services daily and four on Sunday. There were 45 professions and additions. The people "sowed" in tears and reaped in joy. To God be the Glory!

Oneida Church and Institute deserves the prayers and financial support of God's people.

WESTERN RECORDER

Erasing the "Ugly American" Image

Seldom does a Roman Catholic boy play for a Baptist College before a Jewish crowd.

When Georgetown College was invited by the Israeli government to take part in their National Independence Day activities such an event transpired.

Mick Kennedy, who prepped at Covington Holy Cross, along with seven of his teammates and two coaches left New York April 23 for a two-week tour of Israel as guests of that government. For Coach Bob Davis the trip climaxes the most successful season ever for a Georgetown College team. By losing only two contests in 27 starts, the Tigers topped their 1960-61 record of 27-9.

Davis, vice-president of the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics, and secretary of the committee that selects Olympic players, let it be known he would welcome a trip. His contact with Haskell Cohen, liaison man for Sports for Israel, came through a coaches clinic where both were program personalities. Sporting a winning record, a high scoring offense (93.5 per game), balanced scoring (all five starters in double figures), and a coach with a history of producing winners (270-116 in 14 years), Georgetown College became Cohen's choice.

In Tel Aviv (a city where Georgetown College has four graduates serving as Southern Baptist missionaries) the Tigers played an Israeli National Team, dropping a 63-61 squeaker before a crowd of 50,000. Following this encounter they were to have played in a student tournament with teams competing from several other countries, including some from behind the Iron Curtain.

Games are played under international rules which are "quite different from ours," Davis said.

There are not free throws on most fouls and only two time outs per half. "It is run-run-run," according to one team member.

For the individual team members, the college and for Baptists in general this is a rare and unique opportunity to erase from the minds of many who do not know us, the "Ugly American" image.

Jackson County Church Breaks Ground for Building

Kerby Knob Baptist Church in Jackson County broke ground for a building addition which will house the Sunday School.

The new addition will be the first to the one-room church building constructed in 1887. Attached to the rear of

May 19, 1966



BOARDING their plane for Israel and a 10-game basketball tour are members of the Georgetown College team. Front (left to right: Alvin Tuttle, Hazel Green; Dwaine Bruce, Dayton, Ohio; Mick Kennedy, Covington; Willie Day, Paris. In glasses—Tom Tripman, Dayton, Ohio; Coach Bob Davis. Back: Assistant Coach Larry Phillips; David Lee, Frankfort; Gary Vories, Newport; Larry Kerr, Gibsonburg, Ohio. For three boys this was their first flight. Said one, "I don't know about this. The highest I have ever been is up a cherry tree."

the present building, the addition will have two levels and provide space for heating equipment.

Sharing in the ground-breaking services were all members and friends present. The pastor, Jim C. Henry, and the oldest members of the congregation broke ground first but all present also turned shovels of dirt.

The church had accumulated a building fund of \$3,750. Since October, 1964, full-time services have been held. Prior to that, the church had worship services once each month.

Ivy Miller Dies at Sonora

Funeral services were conducted for Ivy H. Miller, age 68, at Sonora Baptist Church, April 17, 1966. Mr. Miller was a deacon and Sunday School teacher for over forty years. During the last few weeks of his illness, his Sunday School Class came to his home where he taught the lessons. He served as church moderator many years, was on Severns Valley Baptist Association Executive Board and was trustee of Severns Valley Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Manion Miller; two sons, B. H. of Pleasure Ridge, Jimmie Lee of Valley Station; three daughters, Mrs. William Cruse, Mrs. Ronald Ramsey, both of Sonora, Mrs. Ken Miller of Lexington; one brother, Ollie of Sonora.

Central, Corbin Honors Member for 75-year Service

Mrs. R. Y. Chappelle was honored by the Central Baptist Church, Corbin, on May 8 for 75 years of service as a Sunday School teacher. She will be 93 years old July 20.



Mrs. Chappelle taught Beginner, Primary, and Junior age children for 30 years prior to becoming a charter member of the Central Baptist Church in 1921. She has since taught the same class for 45 years and just recently retired from active teaching.

During the 75 years, she prepared and taught 3,900 lessons. She has tried to maintain contact with each of her class members, even when she had 65 junior boys enrolled and visited them on horseback. She recently reported 24 contacts in one week, using her telephone.

She indicates her two greatest joys were those in her class becoming Christians and seeing new people join the class.

She has been active in other organizations of the church, believes strongly in Bible study and wishes she could do more for the Lord and her church.

Five Baptist Schools Get Public Loans, Grants

WASHINGTON (BP) — Five Baptist schools are among 38 church-related colleges and universities receiving grants and loans under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, according to an announcement from the U. S. Office of Education.

The Higher Education Facilities Act provides grants and loans for construction of undergraduate academic facilities. The 38 church schools received a total of \$5,442,352 in grants and \$10,519,000 in loans.

Of the totals, the Baptist schools received \$1,137,311 in grants, and \$1,560,000 in loans.

Furman University, Greenville, S. C., received a \$503,000 loan for construction of a science building addition. The loan is a supplement to a \$1,267,000 loan received in February by the school for the science building project. Gordon W. Blackwell is president of the school.

Earlier Furman University had been approved for a federal grant of \$611,898. However, the South Carolina Baptist Convention instructed the school to return the grant and pledged a campaign to raise the amount from special gifts. Loans from the federal government were not disapproved by the South Carolina Convention.

Stetson University received a \$602,000 loan for construction of an instructional and administrative building at its Gulf-

port, Fla., campus. In February of this year Stetson trustees voted to accept a \$501,926 federal grant to reduce the amount of an earlier loan of \$1.2 million for construction of a science building.

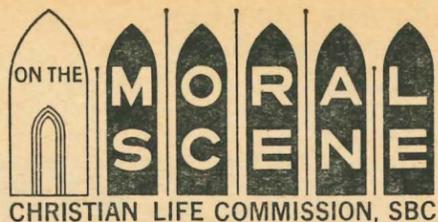
The State Board of Missions for the Florida Baptist State Convention asked Stetson to delay action on the grant until after November. A special committee studying the church-state implications of Baptist schools' accepting federal funds will make its report to the Florida Convention in November.

Stetson, a Baptist school, is governed by a private, self-perpetuating board of trustees, three-fourths of whom are Baptists. It is not under control of the Florida Baptist State Convention. J. Ollie Edmunds is president of Stetson.

The other Baptist schools receiving grants and loans under the Higher Education Facilities Act are Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.; Salem College, Clarksburg, W. Va.; and Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C.

Salem College, a Seventh Day Baptist School, received a \$760,419 grant for a science building and a \$295,000 loan for a multipurpose complex.

Linfield College, an American Baptist school, received a grant of \$376,892 for construction of a science building. Mount Olive Junior College, Free Well Baptist, received a \$160,000 loan for an instructional and administrative building.



... President Johnson's National Automation Commission, in a recent 210-page report, recommended consideration of a negative income tax" (another expression for a minimum allowance) to bring every US family above the poverty level. The report suggests making the federal government the "employer of last resort." The report noted that "less than one-third of the fifteen million children living in poverty benefit from public assistance."

... According to highway safety expert Dr. Frederick J. Gaudet, (interviewed in January 30, 1966 issue of *This Week*) 105,000 people died of accidents in 1964, the latest recorded year. Another 10,200,000 were disabled. For Americans between the ages of 1 and 37, accidents are the leading cause of death. In all age groups combined, accidents rank fourth after heart disease, cancer, and strokes.

... "one of the worst conspiracies ever foisted upon the American people" is what Senator Russell Long of Louisiana said about a world-wide cartel to fix the prices of certain antibiotics commonly called "wonder drugs." According to Long, price-fixing in the drug market has caused consumers to pay "grossly inflated and unconscionably high prices" for these products.

... The Center for Special Problems is the name of a unique outpatient medical clinic operated by the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The clinic will offer help for alcoholics, drug addicts, prostitutes, homosexuals, and others with special problems. In addition to treatments, the Center will also operate a broad research effort in order to evaluate the efficacy of such treatments.

... Since the "Food For Peace" law in 1954, food products amounting to \$12 billion have been shipped abroad. India receives 20,000 tons of US wheat a day, providing what some observers believe to be the only barrier against large-scale famine and open rebellion. Skyrocketing population continues to offset every gain in world food production. Five years from now there will be more than three hundred million more mouths to feed in the world. Without some dramatic acceptance of population control, turmoil is inevitable. Communism thrives on such turmoil.

Layman Says Prayers Assure Him of God

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — An Atlanta businessman told Louisiana laymen at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here that he knows God is not dead "because he answers my prayers."

Tom McCord, a construction company owner and a pilot, made the statement in an address at the New Orleans Seminary Christian Life Institute.

McCord added that in the work of the church as well as in the business world, "success is not measured by efforts but by results."

"I believe we are about to write a new chapter in the history of the church," McCord told the assembled laymen, "and it will come as a result of the witness of laymen—a fact which gives unlimited possibilities to the church. The laymen are to put action into the theology which our seminaries teach."

They participated in the theological studies and discussions, led by New Orleans seminary professors, and heard addresses by McCord, O. R. Carter, a New Orleans geologist, Henry Zahn, a construction supervisor for the Gulf Oil Corporation, and denominational leaders. Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and George Schroeder, Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Secretary were among those who spoke at the New Orleans meeting.

Indiana Baptist Board Hires Worker With Boys

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)—The Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana voted to employ a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to work with the Royal Ambassador program for boys on a state-wide level.

The new worker is Steven Combs, who will work full time during the summer months and part time the remainder of the year.

Combs' salary and expenses will be shared jointly by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and the state convention here.

A native of Virginia, Combs' father was an Army chaplain. He is a graduate of the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., and is in his first year at Southern Seminary.

The board also heard a report on negotiation for purchase of property for a state Baptist encampment, and authorized a study on when to hold its quarterly meetings.

The encampment committee reported that the present owner of property near Turkey Run State Park had balked at three points the committee considered



FIRST MIDWESTERN M.R.E. GRADUATES—The first graduates of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., to receive the master of religious education degree examine a graduation hood with their professors. They are: (left to right) Harold Renfrow, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil; William R. Rethford of St. Louis, Mo.; Professor Clifford Ingle; Professor Philip H. Briggs; Ronald Bayless of Kansas City, Mo.; and Donald Cotter of Kansas City, Kan. Not pictured is William Carlin of St. Louis. (BP Photo)

necessary. The board asked the committee to look elsewhere if the problems could not be solved.

In other action, the board approved creation of a five-member committee to gather history information of the state convention and to publish it in book form to coincide with the tenth anniversary of the convention in 1968.

Problems Loom

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NCWC, testified at the Senate hearing. "If I were to point to the single most important and far-reaching achievement of the act to date, it would be the rapport developing between public and private school educators," he said.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act has been in force for too short a period for all of the objecting groups adequately to document their contentions. However, the Baptist Joint Committee, the National Council of Churches and the American Civil Liberties Union are conducting various types of surveys across the country to discover the facts.

Due to the absence of documentation and due to the continued possibility of change in the administrative regulations, most of the objecting groups have contended for only a one-year extension of the act instead of four years. They fear

that if the regulations as they now stand are continued for four years, it will then be too late to effect adequate changes.

Specifically the points of difficulty are: (1) the manner in which textbooks and teaching aids are made available to pupils and teachers in parochial schools; (2) building up the library resources for institutions instead of providing aids to pupils; (3) and the types and manner of providing special services to needy pupils in private schools.

Spokesmen for the Office of Education have contended that the act cannot be administered in accordance with the wishes of those who want strict adherence to the understandings reached during the legislative process while the act was in the making.

The leaders for closer adherence to the legislative intent of the act are beginning to say that if the act cannot be administered along clean church-state lines they have no choice but to inform their constituencies of this fact and to lead opposition to a continuation of the provisions that affect church-state relations.

Now that the hearings have closed, there will be a period of 'closed door' consultations with Congress and with administration leaders. The objectionable features may or may not be ironed out during this period of internal debate.

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Baptist Forum

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The hand of Providence may be concealed in the happenings and details of

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

—Jesus quoting Isaiah (Luke 4:18-19)



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human affairs, but it often becomes of the generalities of history. Sometimes the more distant the study of the event the clearer will be the revelation. To neglect the study of history is to be imprudent. The existent state of human affairs is but the consequence of mankind's past actions.

Lo, God, the Great Creator and Supreme Power exists and man must acknowledge it. Louisville, Ky. Guy C. Shearer

Claude Rhea In Erlanger Concert

Claude Rhea, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, Houston Baptist College, will be featured in a concert of sacred music at Erlanger Baptist Church on May 20 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Rhea was formerly a member of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary faculty and a teacher of Bailey Anderson, Erlanger Baptist music minister.

The public is invited to the concert, according to the Erlanger Baptist pastor, Keith La Gesse.

S.B.C. Radio-TV News Coverage

Again this year in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Detroit May 24-27, news filmclips will be produced for television stations. But this year something new has been added—tapes of convention news for radio stations.

The Radio and Television Commission will write the script, supervise the production and distribution. The two minute clips will be shot by Commercial Film Photography, a division of United Press International on May 25.

Prints will be air mailed to television stations. They should be available for showing in all parts of the country on the late afternoon and late evening newscasts Thursday, May 26.

For the first time this year four-minute news summaries are being made available. Daily news roundups will be gathered by the SBC Press Room written for radio, voiced by Radio and Television Commission staff with direct

quotes from the convention floor to add variety. After the tapes are prepared they will be phoned directly to the radio stations.

Kentucky stations participating in this coverage are as follows: Louisville, WHAS, WFIA, WAVE; Lexington, WLEX-TV, WBLG; Paducah, WPAD-TV; Bowling Green, WKCT-Radio; Owensboro, WOMI-Radio; Ashland, WCMI-Radio.

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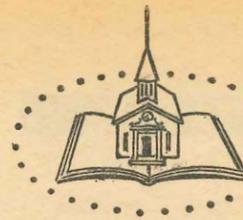
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



THE FALL OF SAMARIA

(This Lesson for May 30, 1966)

II Kings 17:9-18

Second Kings 17:6 contains the record of the fall of Samaria. Today's lesson reveals why the Northern Kingdom fell. Following the death of Jeroboam II, Israel, having already turned to idolatry, even though she had outwardly continued to give lip service to the worship of Jehovah, plunged into lawlessness and abhorrent violence. Neither an individual nor a nation can reasonably expect to remain strong and victorious, or be blessed of God, if He is ignored or disobeyed. Disregarding God's will inevitably brings judgment. In spite of His extraordinary patience, the hour finally arrived when God's wrath against sin could not be restrained or Israel's punishment deferred. The fall of the nation was the inevitable result of what the Israelites had been doing.

Instead of being deeply grateful to God for His intervention in their behalf and His bringing them out of the bondage of Egypt, they ungratefully turned away from Him into the paths of disobedience. Not only did they disobey God's commandments, but they also adopted the statutes of the pagan nations and of their own wicked kings as their guide. Not only did the kings indulge in disgraceful wickedness, but their people were set on evil also. In direct opposition to the divine prohibition, they manufactured and erected idols and burned incense to the heathen deities. Their idolatry was not due to ignorance, but to their perverseness. The heinousness of their sin was all the greater because they knew better. They were aware of God's hatred of the terrible sin of idolatry, but they persisted in it, notwithstanding. Thus they did exactly the same thing as those who lacked all knowledge of the true God. And it was ruinous, as is ever the case. Nobody can turn away from God and worship idols without paying the penalty for it. In fact, the worship of an idol is one of the most grievous and provoking sins which people can commit against the true and living God.

While the people thought that many of their sins were secret, all of them were fully known to God, and were abominable in His sight. Nobody has ever deceived God about anything. Neither has anything ever been hidden

from His view. Under-cover techniques were used in leading the people astray. But their duplicity was evidenced by the fact that they publicly professed to be the Lord's people, but in reality they were following the pagans in their religious pursuits.

The unfaithfulness of the people stands out in marked contrast to the faithfulness of God. In order to help the people, God sent some of the noblest and best prophets who ever lived and wrought to plead with them to turn from their wicked ways, and to warn them of the severe punishment that was awaiting them, unless they repented of their sins and became reconciled to Him, but they refused to heed their numerous and urgent appeals. In defiance of God they plunged deeper and deeper into wickedness. Their conduct in this regard caused God to compare them with an obstinate and self-willed animal that stiffened his neck against all persuasion on the part of the driver. Whether God used a seer who saw visions or a prophet who spoke or wrote the message of God, each and every one of them warned of judgment and called for obedience, but most of their pleading was in vain.

After repeated and numerous attempts to get Israelites to turn from their sins had failed, it became necessary for God to send judgment upon them. Because they were determined to have their own way, rather than to turn from their wicked ways, no other course was open to Him. By their own willful sins they automatically removed themselves from God's favor, just as people do today. His anger, long increasing, finally reached a climax, and He delivered them into the hands of a heathen king and they were taken away into cruel bondage. It was the sins of the people that caused them to be carried into captivity to Assyria. The punishment was severe, but certainly not any more than was deserved, because of their terrible sins.

This lesson sets forth some truths that we ought to remember. The rejection of God's message is always perilous. Ruin is inevitable for all who reject God's

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grace and mercy. Disobedience to God is never profitable to anybody. He will not ignore the wickedness of those who profess to know and to love Him. Even though judgment of sin does not always fall swiftly, due to the patience, love, and mercy of God, it is inevitable. God's people, therefore, need to humble themselves, to pray, to seek His face, and to turn from their wicked ways. Never did they need to do these things more than today. If they will do so, He will hear their prayers, forgive their sins, and heal their land. (II Chronicles 7:14).

Retired Pastors Sought For Pioneer Service

ATLANTA (BP)—A Baptist missions leader here is asking retired ministers to give a year of their time for mission service in pioneer states.

M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta says there are immediate needs in more than nine states for the experience that retired men would bring.

Belew, program secretary for the pioneer missions department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board says that these men provide a resource that is not available from any other source.

Southern Baptists classify as "pioneer" those states where they do not have organized state Baptist conventions, or where the state convention has less than 25,000 members.

Belew lists the states where retired men are needed immediately as Hawaii, Utah, Idaho, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, and some New England states.

Other states which will need retired men for their young congregations are Alaska, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, Nevada, Nebraska, New Jersey and Delaware.

"The Annuity Board of the SBC has agreed to permit a year's service in these states without relinquishing their Annuity payments," Belew said.

The Annuity Board asks that the churches be less than a year old and that within six months they join the retirement program.

Belew indicates assistance may be given to help locate the ministers on the mission fields, as well as adequate provision of expenses during the year.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Special Ministries

Deaf Conference to Feature Dr. Orin Cornett

by Bill Goble

The speaker for the Baptist Deaf Conference June 10-12, 1966 at Cedarmore will be Dr. Orin Cornett. Dr. Cornett, a



Cornett

Before going to Gallaudet, in 1965, Dr. Cornett worked with the U. S. Office of Education, in Washington.

Other conference leaders include Robert Kilgore, who will be leading the Bible study, and Bill Tipton, a deaf boy, serving as a summer missionary in Kentucky this summer.

Anyone, hearing or deaf is invited to attend the conference; it will be conducted in sign language and English.

For additional information contact Bill Goble, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

Brotherhood

Missions In Action

by Forrest Sawyer

The morning mail on April 25 brought the following letter:

Dear Forrest,

In Brotherhood work we are always talking about involving men in Foreign Missions. It has even been suggested that we seek an opportunity for secular employment overseas and make it a missionary undertaking. For many years I have wondered whether I was doing all I could do to serve my Lord and Saviour and I have been much concerned about Foreign Missions. After many sleepless nights, much prayer, and a great deal of conversation with a most considerate wife, I have accepted employment with a construction firm in Southeast Asia for an eighteen-month tour of duty. My family will remain in Ashland.

I will be doing property accounting and I hope that I will have what it takes to tell those who have never heard the

good news of salvation through Jesus Christ during my off-duty hours. I realize that I am not a trained foreign missionary, but I also realize that my Lord will supply my needs.

Friday, April 29, I will arrive in San Francisco and the next day they will process me for my assignment. I don't know just when I will be leaving California. When I get situated I will write to you and perhaps I can give you some worthwhile information.

Thank you very much for your good wishes.

Sincerely,
John Arnold

Mr. Arnold was Brotherhood President for Greenup Association. He was one of 59 Kentucky Baptists to participate in the West Coast Crusade in 1964. The least Kentucky Baptist men can do is pray for this "Crusader" who is putting feet to his prayers. "God bless you, John, and your family."

Church Music

Register Now for Junior Music Camp

JUNE 13-17
by Eugene Quinn

Juniors who can attend the Junior Music Camp at Cedarmore June 13-17 should register now. The registration fee of \$1.00 should be sent for each person who is registering, including the counsellors 18 years of age and older, to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky.

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Sunday School

"An Effectual Door"—I Cor. 16:9

by Roy Boatwright

Paul referred to an "effectual door"—Phillips translation—"a great opportunity" when he wrote his first Corinthian letter.



Boatwright

Many churches consider the Vacation Bible School a great opportunity to minister to children. A letter revealing the open door of service could go to every church in Kentucky. Such a letter would present the accomplishments of the past with prophetic statements of the future.

It is our happy privilege to announce to our readers that 20,000 more children were enrolled in Vacation Bible School in Kentucky last year over the previous year. The enrolment reached 184,134. Of this number 19,537 children were not enrolled in Sunday school and 39,241 parents were not members of any Sunday school. Approximately 60,000 people who were not enrolled in Sunday school received some impression of the Lord and His work through the V.B.S.

The children and faculty gave as mission offerings \$32,693.00. Of that amount \$26,397 went through the Cooperative Program.

There were 2,299 boys and girls who professed faith in Christ during the schools. The average number of conversions in a five-day school was 1.61 while in a ten-day school 4.22. It is commendable that so many boys and girls confessed faith in Christ during the Vacation Bible Schools, however, approximately 12,000 unsaved Juniors and Intermediates were in our Vacation Bible Schools.

Our enrolment goal for 1966, suggested by associational leadership is 200,000. The number of schools 1,721.

All the churches working together can easily attain the goals. No one today needs argue the virtue of a V.B.S. We conclude, therefore, that if a five-day school is of value, a ten-day school is more than twice the value. We hope that every school will be ten days in length with three hours per day.

As soon as your school is over, please mail two copies of the report to the Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown.

Annuity Department

Let's Cooperate

by A. W. Walker

On last April 17, Cooperative Program Sunday was observed in most churches. This article was originally written to



Walker

come out before that time, but because of lack of space in the *Western Recorder* it is only now being published, and has been somewhat revised. Actually, in view of our present needs for our schools the Cooperative Program funds are more needed now than ever. If each church takes the trouble through its leadership to inform itself of these needs, it will want to do its best toward raising the percentage of its gifts for the Cooperative Program in next year's budget, and some churches without regular budgets may want to make contributions to the Cooperative Program by means of Vacation Bible School offerings et cetera.

The Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists includes every phase of work. Some may not realize that a percentage of this money goes to pay the State Convention portion of the retirement program for church and convention employees. This is good. For it is not fair to those who receive salaries from the churches and convention agencies not to have some provision made for their retirement. A fine deacon in the church

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where I have my membership recently told me that one of the reasons why so many young people are so reluctant to go into full time Christian service is because of our failure to provide for them at least in some measure of the things they can receive in secular work. The Cooperative Program with its many wonderful objects has rightly included the retirement program.

Let us all give through our Cooperative Program in our churches in 1966.

Woman's Missionary Union

YWA Conference, Cedarmore—July 15-17

by Sydney Portis

YWA's from all over Kentucky will want to come to Cedarmore July 15-17 for YWA Conference.



Potter

Mr. Jerry Potter, director of Southern Baptist mission work for the deaf in North Carolina, will be the home missionary for the weekend conference. Mr. Potter flies his own plane, is a ham radio operator, and has a regularly-scheduled television

worship service in sign language. Rev. and Mrs. William Clemmons, will be our foreign missionaries. They are missionaries in Italy, assisting Italian Baptists with religious education. They have two children, Jane and Billy, who will also be at the conference.



Clemmons



Mrs. Clemmons

Conferences for officers and chairmen of YWA and for YWA leadership will be offered. There will be Bible Study, prayer retreat, promotional features, a banquet, recreation, worship services, interest groups and many other wonderful experiences awaiting the YWA who attends the Cedarmore YWA Conference.

For further information check the July quarter of *Kentucky Notes* sent to all YWA leadership, or write: YWA Director, Kentucky Baptist Bldg., Middletown, Ky.

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The Baptist Student Union And World Missions

by J. Chester Durham

"I came to this conference a little frightened at what lies ahead, and now I'm scared to death." Robert Donald Mantooth gazed over the sea of enthusiastic faces that had turned in his direction as he rose to speak.

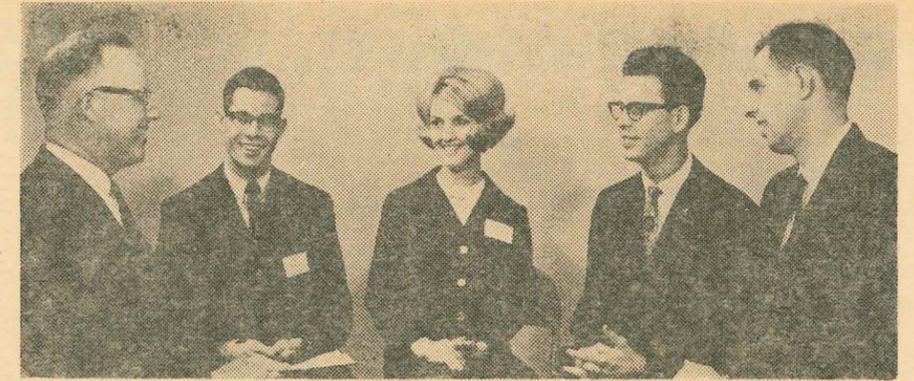
The scene was a two-day conference (April 1-2) at the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. Its purpose was to orient 83 Baptist college students, plus one student director, who had been chosen by Baptist Student Unions in 16 states to assist career missionaries this summer in 25 countries. The program is carried on in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mantooth, a student at Cumberland College, Williamsburg Ky., is headed for Israel where he will be doing Bible school, recreation, and youth work in Nazareth. Although his tone sounded anything but fearful, his point was well taken. He had a type of fear that was shared by all present—summer missionaries and Foreign Mission Board representatives alike.

Even though awed by the myriad of do's and don'ts of life on the mission fields and the long-range effect that their simplest actions might have on the images of both missionaries and the United States, the students reflected maturity and sincerity as they asked questions.

For the past 19 summers the Kentucky Baptist Student Union has been sending students to the foreign mission field. This summer Kentucky B.S.U. is sending five students to the foreign mission field.

Johnnie Cross, an attractive blonde from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, going to Japan, has no plans for career church work. She views the summer mission program as one which will broaden her world outlook, strengthen her concern for people, and help her in her day-to-day Christian life. Miss Cross is a junior at U.K. She has served in many leadership capacities and has been elected as one of the outstanding women on the U.K. campus. During June Miss Cross will work with Japanese college students. She will live



DR. WINSTON CRAWLEY (left), secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and James Y. Greene (right), missionary to Korea, brief three college students, Don Clifton Henry, Johnnie Cross, and James R. McKinney, on overseas mission work. The students will serve in Japan this summer as representatives of the Baptist Student Unions of their states. Don attends Texas Technological College, Lubbock; Johnnie, the University of Kentucky, Lexington; and James, Furman University, Greenville, S. C. They attended an orientation conference in Memphis, Tenn.

with them and participate in their activities. During July she will be involved in Vacation Bible Schools, "work camps" program, and youth caravans.

Stephen Gail McKibben, a junior from Georgetown College, is being sent to Germany. He is a music major. Mr. McKibben will serve as the musician on a revival team that will hold a series of revivals beginning on Sunday and ending on Wednesday and vice versa.

Wanda Jean Carpenter is a junior at Western State College. She has been active in B.S.U. and church life. Wanda has a double major in Spanish and sociology.

Kitty Deborah Ray, a sophomore at Murray State College, is a history and sociology major. She has served in many areas of B.S.U. and church leadership.

Miss Carpenter and Miss Ray are to serve in Jamaica. They will work with teams of Jamaican young people and will spend most of the summer doing Vacation Bible School work.

Mr. Louis Cobbs, Associate Secretary in the Foreign Mission Board's missionary personnel division, says that the in-

crease in candidates for career missionary appointment is a side effect of the program. "About one-third of the present journeymen (Southern Baptist young people serving two-year assignments overseas) and a good percentage of career missionaries have served in the summer program," he said.

In addition to students serving in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board, the Kentucky Baptist Student Union has appointed two young men to serve on a work team in Panama. These young men are Robert Snider, a physics and math major student at Murray, and Jerry Tracy, a pre-med student at Berea College. They will aid in the erection of a church building in Bocas, Panama. The building will be approximately 30' x 70' and the church is the Beautiful Zion Baptist Church.

A youth revival team composed of four students will serve in the eastern section of Kentucky. This work is in cooperation with the Direct Missions Department of Kentucky.

Dozens of Kentucky college students will serve as summer missionaries under the Home Mission program.



Don Mantooth
Israel



Robert Snider
Panama



Wanda Carpenter
Jamaica



Stephen McKibben
Germany



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