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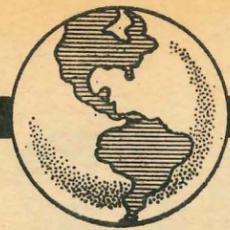
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SBC PRESIDENT FRANKLIN PASCHALL is a former Kentucky pastor, going to the First Baptist Church, Nashville, in 1956. He is a native of Hazel, Kentucky.



AN ARTICLE on page 6 of the May 26 issue of the *Western Recorder* had an incorrect headline and readers have been given the impression that Mrs. C. B. Coots, wife of retired pastor C. B. Coots, Ashland, had died. Mrs. Minnie Smith Coots, mother of C. B. Coots, died in March of this year. The article read correctly but the headline gave a false impression.

GERALD LORD has been called as assistant pastor of the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro. He will also serve as pastor of the Rolling Heights Mission sponsored by that church. At the mother church he will direct youth work and have visitation responsibilities. He is a graduate of Samford University (formerly Howard College) and Southern Seminary, class of 1966. Harold Wain-scott is the pastor at Third Church.

MRS. HAL RICHARDS, church secretary at First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, resigned after seven years service. She and her husband will soon move to Bardstown.

MISS MARY SAMPSON, Southern Baptist missionary, left for Taiwan in May, following furlough in the States. She may be addressed at Box 135, Tai-chung, Taiwan, Republic of China. A native of Louisville, she was appointed a missionary in 1945.

EUCLID STREET BAPTIST Church, Anaheim, California, extends a special invitation to Baptists on vacation to worship with them while in the area. The church is located one mile from Disneyland Amusement Park. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Bryan Crow is the pastor.

J. W. KING, pastor of the Vanceburg Baptist Church, has resigned to accept a pastorate in Greenville, S. C.

OLIVE HILL Baptist Church will dedicate their new educational building on June 26. The new pastor's home will also be dedicated that day. Jesse Hilton is pastor of the church.

S. E. SMOTHERMON, pastor of the Southern Heights Baptist Church, Russellville, has resigned to become pastor of the Caneyville Baptist Church. Smotherman is a native Kentuckian and has served as pastor in West Virginia as well as other Kentucky pastorates.

JAMES E. CASEY, JR., pastor of the Wheelwright Church, has served as evangelist in revivals at Heidelberg and Aflex. In the Heidelberg Church there were six rededications and five professions of faith. James F. Smith is pastor. Joseph Smith, pastor of the Aflex Church reports one profession of faith and one dedication.

SEVERN'S VALLEY BAPTIST Church, Elizabethtown, will celebrate the 185th anniversary of the church's organization on June 19. A goal of 1,085 in Sunday School has been set for the day. Pastor Verlin C. Kruschwitz will preach in the morning service and a pageant depicting the history of the church will be presented in the evening service. A special mission offering will be taken that day to defray the expenses of two girls in the church that will be doing mission work in Mexico this summer. The balance of the offering will

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be given to missions. A recent revival in the church resulted in 44 additions by baptism, six additions by letter and two other professions of faith. There were several dedications. All friends and former members of the church are invited to attend the services on June 19 and the church fellowship on June 27 on the Belle of Louisville.

DOUBLE SPRINGS Baptist Church, Waynesburg, has passed a resolution of appreciation for the late E. W. Reynolds. He served as Sunday School superintendent, church treasurer and chairman of the deacons. The resolution described him as a "faithful, capable and trustworthy member and servant. . . ."

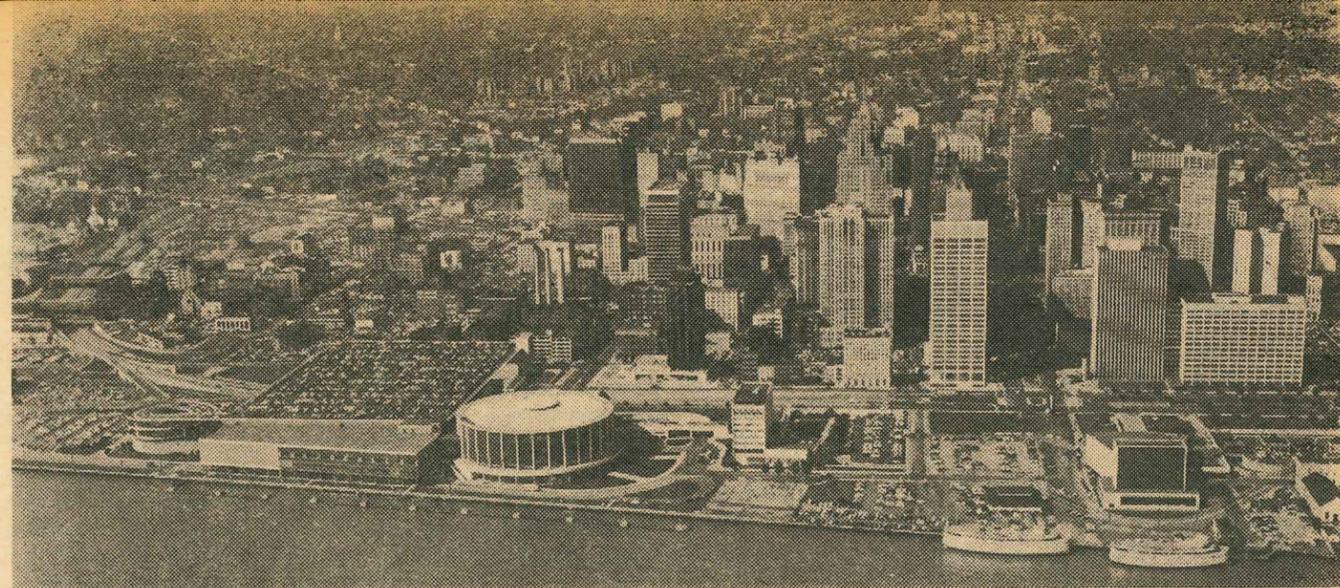
MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN, the former Kathryn Taurman, died at her home in Bloomfield, May 16. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Earl Pike. Interment was in River View Cemetery. She is survived by two daughters and one sister.

WALTER K. PRICE, pastor of the Woodlawn Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, has a display at Asbury Theological Seminary of his collection of paintings, engravings, portraits, busts and letters concerning John Wesley and other church leaders. Price has collected such items as a hobby for the past 20 years.

RUSH SLONE, pastor at Garrett, Ky., held a revival with the Lambert Baptist Church. Harve Johnson, pastor, reports good attendance and a spirit of revival.

CAVE SPRING CHURCH in Logan Association has called William Coleman as pastor. He will live in Franklin at present. The church is considering building a home for the pastor.

CRESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, Frankfort, held a spring youth revival. A youth team from Georgetown College worked with the youth of the church. Georgetown students included Rodney Travis as evangelist, Bud Smith as song leader, Diana Case as youth director and Rose Ann Stevens as pianist. Crestwood's regular organist, Paula Kinman was youth organist. Tom Kinman and Tommy Pierce served as pastor and director of revival planning, respectively. Mrs. Henry Downing, wife of the pastor and director of the youth committee reports a "wonderful experience" in the revival.



THE ROUND BUILDING, along the river, was the meeting place of the 109th session of the S.B.C. in Detroit.

THE 109th SESSION:

Southern Baptists Meet In Detroit For First Time In Their 121 Years

DALLAS to Detroit is a big difference and messengers to the 109th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention learned it quickly. Meeting in the "Motor City, U.S.A." for the first time, Southern Baptists found they were in a minority, prices were high and hotels were by no means what they expected or wanted.

The convention hotel was unable to fulfill reservations made months ago and nearly 100 people were forced to find rooms where they could. Some of us went through the tunnel under the river into Windsor, Ontario where we found Canadian accommodations acceptable, food prices reasonable and hospitality more to our liking.

The problem was aired in the Executive Committee of the SBC as well as in hotel lobbies and convention-hall corridors. It will be difficult, if not impossible to take the convention to a northern city again.

The local press carried the news of Southern Baptists' dissatisfaction and before the week was ended, the policemen were talking about how courteous and kind the Southern Baptists were, citizens were talking friendly with conventioners and the daily paper offered a subdued editorial apology.

It is unfortunate that all this happened because the very purpose of going to a northern city is to make an impact on the area and give evidence of the national scope of Southern Baptist life. Disgruntled travelers to the convention do not make the best public relations agents and it is debatable whether we helped or hindered the cause of Southern Baptists in Michigan.

Cobo Hall with its three tiers of red, gold and blue theater-type seats was by far the most impressive and comfortable meeting hall for the convention in recent years. It never was filled during the convention which not only points up its size but also reveals the smaller number of messengers that attended. Friday figures on registration revealed a total of 10,652. This is over 5,000 less than Dallas in 1965.

The convention opened on Tuesday night with a motion that appeared to be a "friendly suit" concerning messengers

By R. G. PUCKETT
Associate Editor

from the First Baptist Church, Russellville, Arkansas. That church has been removed from the local association and the Arkansas Baptist Convention because it receives other than Baptist immersion of a believer and invites other than Baptists to share in its observance of the Lord's Supper. President Wayne Dehoney ruled the matter out of order and the convention proceeded with the order of business and the opening night of worship without business sessions.

THE ANNUAL SERMON was preached by Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. He challenged Southern Baptists to move swiftly to repay the debt we owe in sharing Christ with the world. Having served in one of the younger state conventions for the past 14 years, Roberts demonstrated a genuine concern for the great population centers of the north and east where Southern Baptists

are now serving. He appealed to Southern Baptists to provide more funds to the Radio-Television Commission that they could present something more than "religious soap-operas" on free time.

PRESIDENT WAYNE DEHONEY said he knew God was not dead because he had seen His work around the world. The "traveling president" of Southern Baptists has preached in 30 states, 28 countries, touched every continent and traveled more than 300,000 miles while president of the convention for the past two years. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, but spent 211 days out of that city in the last calendar year.

Wednesday morning the convention settled down to business and heard the report of its Executive Committee. In addition to routine matters, the Committee brought its recommendations for some agency programs. Robert Alley of Richmond, Va., a professor at the University of Richmond, made a motion that two sections of the program statement for the Foreign Mission Board be returned to the committee for more study. He challenged the wisdom of letting the Foreign Mission Board promote the 78-year-old Lottie Moon Offering, contending that the offering siphoned off funds from the Cooperative Program, thereby short-changing other Baptist agencies and institutions which depend upon funds given through this financial program. After discussion and a statement by Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, the messengers approved

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A Quiet and Uneventful Convention

The 1966 Southern Baptist Convention was the most harmonious, the quietest and the least eventful in many years. To those who prefer conventions that do their business with minimum trouble, the Detroit meeting could be called a success. To those who expect lively discussion, stimulating presentations and high inspirational moments in a convention, this year's meeting was disappointingly dull.

With rare exceptions the program was weak and the messengers said they felt this way by deserting the sessions. Reports rebounded from empty seats and preachers' voices often echoed through an almost empty hall. The faithful hundreds stayed to hear while thousands took to the halls, the exhibition areas and elsewhere for fellowship and other activities more to their liking. For the first time in many years the meeting hall was never full and too often it was embarrassingly empty.

There were some high moments in the convention. The convention sermon by Ray Roberts moved the messengers as did the message of Franklin Paschall which he delivered only hours after his election as convention president. Governor Carl Sanders of Georgia had one of the finest addresses of the convention but only a relatively small number heard him on Friday afternoon.

The most inspiring session of the convention was the launching of the Crusade of the Americas on Friday night. A surprising number of Kentuckians remained for this high hour. A strong international and patriotic flavor lifted this service and the call to commitment for confrontation of every South, Central and North American with Christ in 1969 brought yielded hearts and misty eyes to those present.

The election of Dr. Franklin Paschall as convention president was the most interesting event of the convention and maybe was the most significant. His election reversed the disturbing trend of recent years which saw presidential aspirants ride the tide of popularity from performances in the Pastors' Conference into the presidency of the convention. The messengers this year would have no more of this.

Three factors, in this writer's opinion, contributed to the quietness of the 1966 convention. The first of these was the absence of any real issues. In fact, it was almost an issueless convention. The name change for the convention and the criticism of Bill Moyers as recipient of the Radio and Television Commission Communications Award, two matters of widespread

interest if not surpassing importance, never reached the convention floor.

In a sense this was an interim convention, a lull after the storms of recent conventions and before prospective tempests in coming years. The theological issue and criticism of Baptist seminaries dominated the 1962 meeting at San Francisco. The 1963 convention at Kansas City, probably the most important of this decade, was consumed with discussion and adoption of the Baptist Faith and Message. The Baptist Jubilee celebration with other North American Baptists at Atlantic City took care of 1964 and last year at Dallas the Convention turned the corner on the race question by adopting a relatively strong statement favoring desegregation.

A second factor in this year's subdued convention was the strong hand of President Wayne Dehoney. For the second year he presided flawlessly and when necessary he employed an iron hand. He ruled out of order two matters that would have been explosive. These were the questions of the seating of messengers from the First Baptist Church of Russellville, Arkansas, which openly practices alien immersion and open communion and the resolution aimed at Bill Moyers.

A final factor influencing the spirit of the 1966 convention was the absence of any mood on the part of the messengers for controversy. Applause accompanied the rulings of the president which sidetracked controversy and the announcement that the convention name change question would be put off for another year was cheered. The messengers appeared to be weary of distractions and to be anxious to do business smoothly this year.

From this convention we should have learned that more creative ways must be found to present the many denominational reports and something more stimulating than an oft heard Southern Baptist preacher must be used to climax the convention sessions. It was also again clear that the pre-convention meetings drain the messengers emotionally before the convention actually begins and therefore the W.M.U. Convention and Pastors' Conference should be scheduled after instead of before the convention.

The 1966 Convention offered little to remember in years ahead except for those who had to go to Canada to find a bed. The launching of the 1969 Crusade of the Americas could be the most significant event in Detroit but only if a sense of urgency is found which is not yet evident.

The kindest way to describe this year's meeting is that it was a quiet convention. A more accurate way to put it might be dullness in Detroit.

A Man With A Destiny

H. Franklin Paschall, the 27th president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was always destined to arrive at the top. The ability and excellence of this Kentuckian were apparent from his earliest days and it was no surprise when Southern Baptists turned to him in Detroit to be their new leader.

Frank was born May 12, 1922 in Hazel, a small town on the Kentucky-Tennessee border in extreme Southwestern Kentucky. Many of his early years were spent across the state line in Henry County, Tennessee. This is strong Baptist land with a doctrinal distinctiveness and so cherished Baptist traditions were an inseparable part of his heritage.

He was further molded by training in a Baptist college, Union University in Jackson, Tennessee and received the finishing touches of his theological education at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville where he earned the bachelor's and the doctor's degree.

The new president is a theological conservative in the finest sense of the word. His academic achievements and strong Biblical expository preaching give him the respect of many who are more liberal theologically. His adherence to the intelligent proclamation of traditional Baptist positions make him the champion of the grass roots Baptists. A man could hardly be more acceptable theologically to serve Southern Baptists.

Paschall was a successful pastor from the first day of his ordination in 1941 by the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Henry County, Tennessee. He was pastor at Hazel for the ten-year period (1941-1951) covering most of his college and seminary days. From this relatively unheard of church, but one which had grown strong under his ministry, he jumped to one of the leading Kentucky Baptist churches, First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. His Bowling Green success was no less phenomenal and after four years he was called to Nashville's First Baptist where he has been for the past ten years.

In the meantime his name as a pulpiteer spread far and wide and invitations for evangelism conferences have taken him to almost every state.

Churchman that he is, it is understandable Frank would meet his wife at church. Olga Bailey was a member of the Hazel congregation when Frank fell in love with her. They were married in 1944 and now have two daughters. Pam, at 20, will be a senior next year at Samford University in Birmingham and Sandra, 18, graduating from high school this year, plans to join her sister at the same Baptist college next year.

Olga says her husband is a night owl. He likes to study very late and to sleep late when he can. He likes the outdoors and was an avid quail hunter, had his own bird dogs and was a good marksman in the days of his Hazel pastorate. More lately he has found horseback riding to his liking.

Paschall sees some problem in meeting the modern demands of the convention presidency. The church

he serves is just entering an extensive building program and he is determined not to neglect his pastoral responsibilities while serving as president of the convention. He probably will not travel as extensively nor appear as universally as did the outgoing president, Wayne Dehoney.

One reason the new president is admired is that he has not exhibited denominational political ambitions. He was very reluctant to let his name be placed in nomination. He sincerely believed he could not win and agreed to be nominated only about midnight Monday before his election on Wednesday. He has always served ably when called upon but never has been a seeker for denominational position.

Kentucky Baptists are justly proud of Franklin Paschall and believe Southern Baptists did well to turn to him for leadership in such a time as this.

An Inspiring Example

In his President's Address, Wayne Dehoney told of many examples where God was at work in His world. He shared with the messengers impressions and blessings received when he attended the Brazilian Baptist Convention last January in Sao Paulo.

Brazilian Baptists had just finished a two-year evangelistic crusade which resulted in more than 100,000 professions of faith of which 60,000 have already been baptized into churches. Three hundred new churches were established and there are 3,500 new preaching stations and missions yet to be organized into churches.

The Brazilian Convention was climaxed by a giant meeting in Pacaembu Stadium. Forty thousand people gathered for four hours on a rainy Sunday afternoon to parade and sing and pray and listen. Dehoney preached at this rally. As the flags of the Americas paraded onto the giant athletic field, Dr. Rubens Lopes called for a Crusade of the Americas in 1969, when Baptists from Hudson Bay to Cape Horn would join hands in one great united effort to win the Americas.

Reminding Southern Baptists that there is a price to be paid, Dehoney told of the events that led to the launching of the Brazilian Crusade.

At Salvador three years ago in a meeting of missionaries and nationals, the crusade was proposed and its cost considered.

Mrs. Ben Oliver, wife of the president of the seminary in Rio, told how as a child she remembered an experience in the life of her family when they faced a great need. The daughter of missionaries, her father began a publishing house with an old printing press in a ramshackled building. Repairs were needed to save the press and building.

The family decided they must sell their furniture to save the press. "I shall never forget how I felt as every stick of furniture we had was hauled away and father brought in packing crates for us to eat on," she said. With tears streaming down her cheeks, Mrs. Oliver added, "I am willing again to sell our furniture, or make any other sacrifice necessary for Brazil to have a revival."

'Crusade Of Americas' Launched In Detroit

In the closing session of the annual meeting at Detroit, Southern Baptists launched a vast evangelistic campaign covering the entire hemisphere during 1969.

Called the "Crusade of Americas," Baptists in North, South and Central America are expected to join hands in one big evangelistic effort in 1969. Each Baptist body will conduct its own campaigns.

Principal speaker for the final session was Roberto Porras Maynes of Mexico City, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, and a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the SBC and also a vice president of the Alliance, responded to the call for Southern Baptists to participate.

EARLIER in the week, the SBC had approved a record budget of \$24.2 million for 1967. An increase of \$2.4 million over 1966, the budget includes

\$21,950,500 for the operating needs of 16 Southern Baptist agencies and organizations with the remaining \$2,249,500 allocated for capital needs. Biggest item in the budget is \$11,780,300 allocated to the Foreign Mission Board. The Home Mission Board gets \$4,024,000 and the six seminaries receive \$3,833,000.

In other actions the Convention:

- ▶ Elected Fred Hubbs, executive secretary for Michigan Southern Baptists, first vice-president of the convention.
- ▶ Elected Howard Aultman of Columbia, Miss., second vice-president.
- ▶ Re-elected recording secretary Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary for the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville; Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, registration secretary; and Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee at Nashville, treasurer.

Moyers Not Named

A motion taking a slap at White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers for dancing the Watusi was introduced and promptly ruled out of order Friday morning.

Applause broke out from the convention floor when Convention President Wayne Dehoney tossed aside the resolution, saying it was not germane to the business of this convention to consider such a matter.

The motion, introduced by Hugo T. Lindquist, an Oklahoma City, Okla., Baptist pastor, did not call Moyers by name and it did not mention the dancing issue as such. But its intent was clear.

Moyers was not present to receive the award from the Radio-Television Commission for distinguished service in communications. No mention was made of the award during the Commission report and presentation of other awards.

Record Assets, Liabilities

Southern Baptist Convention assets rose to a record \$356.2 million during

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- 1967—May 30-June 2, Miami Beach, Fla.
- 1968—June 11-14, New Orleans, La.
- 1969—May 20-23, Houston, Texas
- 1970—June 2-5, Denver, Colorado
- 1971—June 1-4, St. Louis, Mo.

1965, an increase of \$35.8 million over 1964. Total liabilities increased from \$9.9 million at the end of 1964 to \$12.4 million at the end of 1965. This is an increase of \$2.4 million, or 24.89 per cent.

Greatest assets for any single agency of the convention are those of its Annuity Board with \$147 million, an increase of \$17 million over 1964. Greatest liabilities are the Home Mission Board with \$5 million and the Southern Baptist hospitals at Jacksonville, Fla. and New Orleans, La., with \$3.9 million. The report to the convention pointed out that the assets of the Annuity Board are not "free assets" in that they must be returned to those participating in the protection and retirement plans offered by the Board.

Seminary Summary

God is not dead at theological seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, Millard J. Berquist president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., assured the messengers to the convention.

In his address on theological education following reports by the chief administrators of the six seminaries operated by the denomination, Berquist said, "God has never been more real, more revered, more needed or more consulted than today in the institutions."

Berquist said the denomination's 250 seminary leaders are actually grateful for the heavy responsibility to 10.7 million Baptists for training more than 5,000 "called" persons each year.

"There is today no time, no place, no excuse for anti-intellectualism in the Southern Baptist Convention or anywhere else. Such a position reflects the ignorance, prejudice and insecurity of the advocates," he said.

The seminaries reported improvements to their buildings, additions to the faculty and staff and most of them reported increased enrollments. Southwestern remains the largest seminary in the world with 1,181 students in the school of theology, 556 in the school of religious education and 146 in the school of church music. New Orleans Seminary has built new apartments for families with three or more children.

Christian Life Commission Draws Assignment

Southern Baptists in Detroit asked their Christian Life Commission to interpret Baptists views on motion pictures and to communicate with the movie industry. Recommended by the Executive Committee, the assignment came as a result of last year's convention vote to refer to the Executive Committee a proposal that Southern Baptists establish a "diplomatic unit" in Hollywood in an effort to yield a moral influence on the movie industry and to try to improve the image of religious groups through motion pictures.

The Christian Life Commission reported that "a new era of Southern Baptist acceptance of Christian social responsibility seems to have dawned during the past year."

Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Christian Life Commission made the statement in the annual written report to the convention. The commission, which deals with such social and moral issues as family problems, race relations, citizenship, international relations, and morality, did not bring any recommendations on these areas to the convention.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board reported 2,070 missionaries serving in 61 countries throughout the world at the end of 1965. A total of 213 new missionaries were appointed during 1965. Seven missionaries were reappointed. The board sent missionaries to several new countries during the year, including Austria and Libya.

The Home Mission Board reported near traumatic changes, which border on a revolution, dominated Baptist missions in the United States during 1965-66, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary. He cited the urbanization and industrialization of the nation, the population growth, the search for civil justice, and other social changes as affecting missions.

He said his agency was grouping its resources "for a creative approach to meet these changes, to discover the individual's, the church's, and the denomination's mission in a changing society."

Rutledge heads an agency which employs, in cooperation with state Baptist conventions, more than 2,500 personnel in all the United States, Panama, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

The Sunday School Board, celebrating its 75th anniversary, featured an address on the Board's history by Robert A. Baker of Fort Worth, Texas, during its report to the convention. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, also addressed the convention and emphasized the objective of the Board in supporting the

convention "in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by making available Bibles, lesson courses and materials, books, films and filmstrips, music and recordings, and church supplies by fostering education and service programs which will help the churches to establish, conduct, enlarge, and improve their ministries of Bible teaching and Christian training." Sullivan added that the "Sunday School Board seeks to accomplish its objective through 25 major programs. The net earnings from the six programs of publishing and the program of the Baptist Book Store operation are available for the 17 educational and service programs which will help the churches to establish, conduct, enlarge and improve their ministries of Bible teaching and Christian training."

Wallace Basset of Dallas was honored in a special ceremony during the convention for his record breaking tenure as a trustee and president of the SBC Annuity Board, one of the four boards of the denomination. Basset, who retired from the Board at this convention, was presented a plaque from the Board

for his 47 years of service as a trustee, 45 of those years as president.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board reported that more than \$3.73 million in benefits were paid to retired and disabled ministers and denominational employees or their widows in 1965, an increase of almost \$300,000 over 1964. More than 48,000 persons are participating in the plans offered by the Annuity Board. Last year 1,203 persons and 769 churches joined the basis retirement program while 12,634 persons joined the life and health plans.

The Education Commission reported record enrollments at 73 Baptist schools throughout the nation, and outlined progress in the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST), a two-year comprehensive study of the future of Christian higher education. Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer of the Education Commission reported 96,670 students in Baptist schools. This is an increase over the enrollment of 1964-65. Southern Baptists now operate 39 senior colleges, 15 junior colleges, seven academies, five Bible schools, six seminaries, and the American Baptist Theological Seminary, supported jointly with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.



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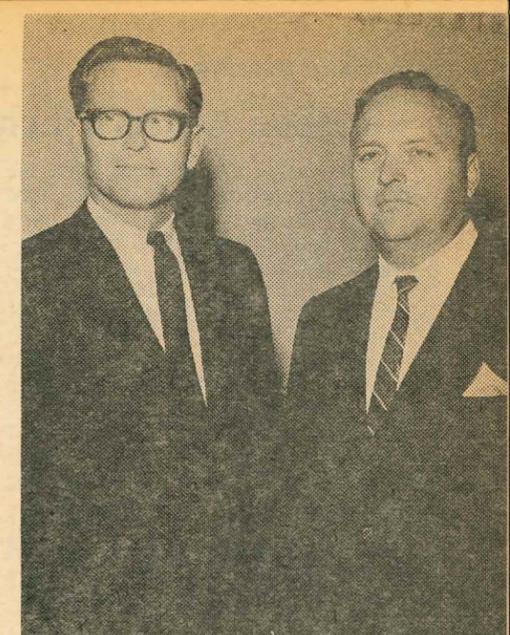
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RAY E. ROBERTS, former Kentucky pastor and now executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, preached the annual sermon.



THE SPIRIT OF DETROIT, a statue which holds the world in one hand and a man and woman in the other, is pointed out to visitors at the SBC by Fred Hubbs of Detroit, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Michigan. On the receiving end of the information are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tyner of Holly Hill, S. C., and their daughters Deborah, Meigan, and Charlene.

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OFFICERS OF THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE are C. A. Roberts (left), president; Gerald Martin, vice-president; and Warren Littleford, Secretary (not shown).

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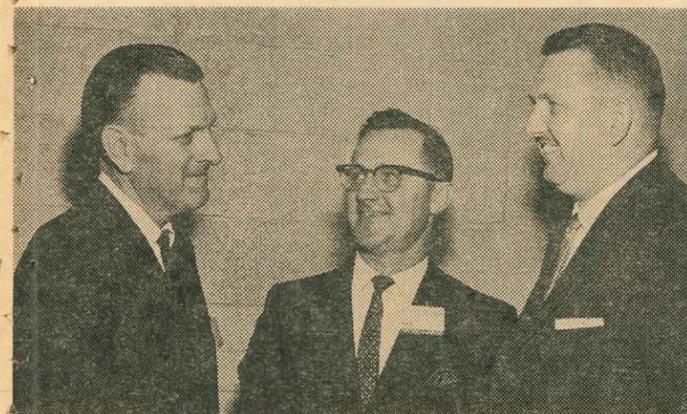
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICERS are (from left) President Joe Davis Heacock of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Vice-president (church staffs) Alva G. Parks, Montgomery; Vice-president (denomination) John D. Matthews, Denver; Vice-president (teaching) R. Fletcher Royal of Mill Valley, Calif.; and Secretary-treasurer Gracie Knowlton of Fort Worth, Texas.



MRS. W. R. PETTIGREW receives an award from Paul Stevens, director of the SBC Radio-Television Commission. The award was given in appreciation of the ministry of the late W. R. Pettigrew who served as speaker on the radio program "Master Control."



SUPERINTENDENTS OF MISSIONS OFFICERS are (from left) President D. E. Strahan, Okla.; Secretary John D. Gearing, Arkansas; and Treasurer Tom Francis, Ky. Vice-president Ray Dobbins was not present when the picture was taken. He is from Miami, Florida.



ANNUAL KENTUCKY ROW includes (from left, front row) Verlin Kruschwitz, John Kruschwitz, Clarence Floyd, Eldred Taylor, George Jones (now in S. C.) and Glenn O'Bryan. In the second row (left to right) Noble Cottrell, Wyman Copass, R. G. Puckett and Bill Ray. On the third row is Charles Devine. For many years a group of Kentuckians have gathered on the Convention front row.

Christian Concern Echoes Through Cobo Hall

The theme of Christian concern for fellowman echoed throughout Cobo Hall in Detroit in auxiliary meetings preliminary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

William H. Dyal, Jr., director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission at Nashville, Tenn., saw Christian concern as the answer to moral problems and other ethical issues facing the nation.

Dyal told the Baptist W.M.U. they had no right as Christians to avoid dirty situations just because they may get their hands soiled. "Become passionately concerned about the wholeness of others. The worth and dignity of man come alive for you in the persons of poor and rich alike, white and black, American and foreigner," he said.

FOUR Southern Baptist missionaries described the challenge of big cities as frontiers where lost time must be made up by late awakening Christianity.

"More people than ever before are dying without Christ than at any other time in history," Mrs. F. David Stull, a native Kentuckian and missionary to the Andes Mountains of Peru, said.

"Some 'religion' will move these people (of the cities)," she said. "Will it be the love of Christ?"

The series of four speeches dealing with metropolitan centers from four different sections of the world came at the second session of the Women's Missionary Union conference, one of four auxiliary meetings preceding the Southern Baptist Convention session Tuesday night.

Bringing into perspective the challenge on the home front, James Godsoe, language missionary in northern Illinois, told the 2,500 Baptist women that Christians too often appear to believe that race or language barriers so evident in big cities put people out of the reach of our church.

"Southern Baptist people, for all their other attainments, have not been a howling success in the matter of reaching races and language groups other than their own," he said.

"We have a long, long way to go if we are to correct this fault," he said. "The plain truth of it is, our prospect list has not been as big as our gospel."

WILLIAM O. HERN, missionary to Jerusalem, Jordan, explained another sort of barrier facing Christianity:

"There are restrictions on our freedom to propagate our faith," he said, "although we are free to worship. No religious census is allowed; distribution of literature is restricted; no preaching on the streets is allowed," he said of the Baptist work in Jordan.

In Paris there are seven French language Baptist churches and missions and other missions presenting the gospel in Roumanian, Spanish and English, said Jack D. Hancox, Southern Baptist missionary to France. There is also a program underway to bring the gospel to nearly 100,000 students in Paris, and radio broadcasts in Roumanian beamed into the Balkans from Monte Carlo are stimulating up to 700 letters each month, mostly from behind the iron curtain.

THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE heard Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., declare that the "God is dead" theology wasn't theology at all but "a frustrated humanism."

"Our age is plagued with pseudo-theologians who are in reality philosophers posing as theologians. . . Much that goes under the name of modern theology is philosophy which disregards the Bible altogether or else uses it merely as a springboard for a leap into agnosticism."

Hobbs, president of the SBC in 1962-63, predicted such a philosophy would die of its own absurdity.

Jimmy Allen of Dallas, Texas, secretary of the Christian Life Commission for the Texas convention, said the major challenge facing a minister today is to discover self-discipline or to succumb to the pressures of conformity. He said the big concern is that the rejection or acceptance of disciplines is not being confronted or shaped by the Christian message.

He called the present age a strange paradox.

On one hand it is "an age of abandonment reflected in the wild tempo of our music, our obsession with sex, and our mad pace in pursuit of pleasure . . . an age in which man seeks every available avenue to escape discipline."

On the other hand, Allen said, there is a tremendous dedication to discipline in certain areas such as athletics, social services, and in the business and professional world.

C. A. ROBERTS, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., asked the pastors if it is possible that ministers don't really believe the most important thing about Christian experience.

He told the pastors that if Christians honestly lived as if God were with them everywhere they went, they would be convicted by it.

A news commentator, ABC's Paul Harvey, took his turn opening night, declaring that if scientists were as unimagined as some clergymen, the world would still be in physical darkness.

"Preachers can learn something from our scientists and our salesmen when it ought to be the reverse," Harvey said.

"We have meticulously refined the intellect of our young people but have neglected their emotional development and thus have bred a generation of taller, healthier unguided missiles."

Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., told the pastors that the modern slogan is "I came, I saw, I conformed."

"Which is worse, the man who says God is dead, or the multitudes who go about as if he never lived?"

McClain said Southern Baptists just sat about and dozed and reacted during the racial situation.

"Jesus Christ demands that we do the acting, take the initiative," the Georgia pastor said.

A Florida pastor, Jess C. Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, branded the liberalists as "young cynics who never seem to realize that the chip on their shoulder and their head are one and the same."

"For years we have listened to liberal Protestants chide us with the demand 'Get relevant.' Now I want to stare right back into their faces and insist, 'Get reverent!'"

Pastors Elect C. A. Roberts Conference President

C. A. Roberts, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in its annual meeting at Detroit. Roberts is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and Baylor University. At Tallahassee he succeeded Harold G. Sanders, now the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Gerald Martin of Memphis, Tenn., the man Roberts defeated, was chosen vice president and Warren Littleford of Minneapolis, Minn., was elected secretary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS, meeting in another section of Cobo Hall, elected Joe Davis Heacock as their president. He's dean of the school of religious education at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. New vice presidents included Alvin Parks, educational director of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and John Matthews of Denver, state Sunday School secretary for Colorado Southern Baptists.

Miss Gracie Kowlton, professor of secretarial science at Southwestern Seminary, was re-elected secretary.

MRS. ROBERT FLING of Cleburne, Tex., was re-elected president of Woman's Missionary Union at the close of the annual two-day meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union at Cobo Hall. Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh of Kansas City, Kan., was chosen for another term as recording secretary. Miss Alma Hunt is the executive secretary.

THE CHURCH MUSICIANS elected three vice presidents for two-year terms. They are Robert Snead, Nashville, Tenn.; Jay Wilkey, Louisville; and Dwayne Barrett of Fresno, California.

James D. Woodward of Tulsa, Okla., has another year of his two-year term as president. He is a native of Kentucky and will become the head of the church music department of Oklahoma Baptist University in September.

SUPERINTENDENTS of associational missions elected D. E. Strahan of Ponca City, Okla., as president of their conference.

Other new officers include J. Ray Dobbins, formerly of Louisville, now of Miami, Fla., vice president; John D. Gearing of Blytheville, Ark., secretary; and Thomas H. Francis of Henderson, Kentucky.

Principal speaker for the meeting was Leonard L. Holloway, vice president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, who told the missionaries how to improve communications in a multifaceted ministry.

A panel discussion on communications through radio and television, editorial writing, and financial support followed Holloway's talk.

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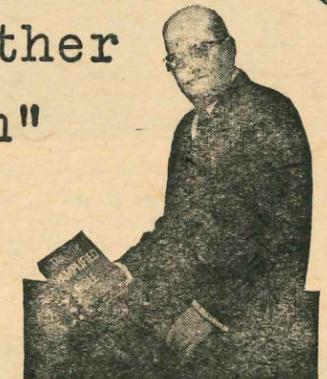
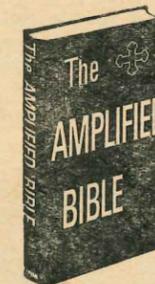
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HELPING LAUNCH THE CRUSADE OF AMERICAS at the Southern Baptist Convention were Herschel H. Hobbs, former convention president and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Wayne Dehoney, immediate past president of the convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, and Roberto Porras Maynes, executive secretary of the Mexican Baptist Convention, Mexico City, Mexico. The Crusade will involve North, Central, and South America in a gigantic effort in evangelism in 1969. Each Baptist group will determine its date.



CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE OFFICERS, elected during the Detroit meeting, are (from left) President James D. Woodward, Okla.; Vice-president (local church division) (Robert Snead, Nashville; Vice-president (denomination) Dwayne Barrett of California; Vice-president Kenneth Osbrink of Miami, Fla.; and (not pictured) Vice-president (education) Jay Wilkey of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.



OFFICERS OF THE WMU, which met in Detroit previous to the Southern Baptist Convention are (from left) Mrs. Robert Fling of Cleburne, Texas, president; Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh of Kansas City, Kansas, recording secretary; and Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, Alabama, executive secretary.

Detroit Convention

(Continued from Page 3)

the report as the Executive Committee had made it.

A NAME CHANGE for the convention was not presented. The Executive Committee asked for more time to study the matter. One of the major problems in changing the name is finding a more suitable name than we now have. Messenger response to the suggestion of delaying the matter indicated it was a wise decision.

Kentuckians Elected

Several Kentuckians were elected to serve on SBC committees and boards. The names given here are those who were elected in Detroit and the list does not include those now serving. In some cases, a person serving was re-elected: **Committee on Committees:** John Huffman and George Hays, Jr.

Committee on Resolutions: Franklin Owen, chairman, and Kenneth Chafin.

Tellers Committee: Verlin C. Kruschwitz. **Executive Committee:** Harold Purdy, Ted C. Gilbert and H. B. Kuhnle.

Foreign Mission Board: D. E. Meade.

Southern Seminary: Ira J. Porter, Gordon Ford, Joe Stopher.

Southwestern Seminary: Eugene Quinn.

New Orleans Seminary: Robert L. Hook.

Midwestern Seminary: Robert E. Humphreys.

Education Commission: Carl R. Fields.

Radio and Television Commission: George Munro.

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs: C. R. Daley.

North American Committee: Duke K. McCall and James M. Boswell.

FRANKLIN PASCHALL, native of Kentucky and former Kentucky pastor was elected president of the convention from a field of 11 nominations. In the second run-off ballot were Paschall, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., and Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

On the third run-off ballot, Paschall won over Cooper.

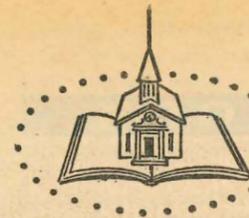
The convention goes to Miami Beach, Florida in 1967, a change from New Orleans because the auditorium in New Orleans is not expected to be completed. New Orleans will be the meeting place in 1968.

Convention hotels in Miami Beach will be the Seville and Sea Isle. The dates are May 30 through June 2.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



A COVENANT RENEWED

(This Lesson for Sunday, June 19, 1966)

Josiah, the sixteenth king of Judah, was the son of Amon and Jedidah, and was born in Jerusalem. He was not only one of the greatest kings Judah ever had, but he was also one of the noblest men in the Old Testament.

Josiah succeeded two very evil men. His grandfather, Manasseh, was a sinner of the vilest type. During Manasseh's reign Idolatry was rampant and the true worshippers of God were persecuted cruelly and unmercifully. It was said of him that "he filled Jerusalem with blood from one end to another." His son, Amon, succeeded him and found it easy to reintroduce the idolatries, vices, and oppressive deeds of Manasseh's earlier reign. During Amon's kingship the kingdom was debauched and almost destroyed. Fortunately, his reign lasted only two years. He was murdered by his servants in his own palace.

Josiah ascended the throne at the age of eight. From the outset he had various handicaps, among which were his extreme youth, the degeneracy of the times, and the fact that his father was one of the worst men who ever presided over the destinies of Judah. To be the son of a wicked father, beholding daily his bad example, is a serious handicap to any boy. Fortunately, and strange to say, Josiah did not follow in the steps of his father. Instead of wasting the days of his youth in the service of Satan, "he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."

From what source came the religious instruction and influences which made Josiah what he became we cannot say for a certainty. In all probability his mother was a godly woman, even though her husband was a pagan. One can visualize her battling constantly for the spiritual welfare of her son against all of the debasing tendencies of an immoral court and the influence of his idolatrous and wicked father. As a rule, a boy will follow in the ways of his father, but the grace of God touched this lad's heart and directed him in the right paths. Presumably Hilkiah, the priest, was a good influence in Josiah's life. To say the least, Josiah had some godly and wise advisers who loved God sufficiently and were courageous enough to help him lead the people back to God.

His career was not broken by spiritual lapses. God gave Josiah strength to serve Him in an uncongenial environment, and then crowned his efforts with success. Just here we should learn the folly of attempting to excuse ourselves from serving God because of the circumstances in which we are placed. Each is responsible to God for his own life and conduct, no matter how others may act or what they may do.

II Kings 22:8-13.

Knowing that permanent reforms could not be accomplished without laying a good spiritual foundation, and desirous that his people should worship God properly, Josiah, at the age of twenty-six, gave orders to Hilkiah, the high priest, for the house of the Lord to be repaired. In the process of clearing away the rubbish from the temple, a work which was long overdue, workmen found an old scroll which had been lost and buried in the debris for a long time. This scroll was the Book of the Law in the Holy Scriptures. It had been lost for so long that its message was forgotten in large measure. We do not know how long these scriptures had been lost, but their loss had been disastrous to the people. While they were covered in the rubbish of the temple, sin had blasted the foundation from under their nation. Nobody can afford to neglect or leave unread the Word of God.

When the king's servant, Shaphan, went to inquire as to how the work of cleaning and repairing the house of the Lord was progressing, Hilkiah announced to him, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." Apparently Shaphan did not think this discovery was anything about which to get excited. Nevertheless, when Shaphan had read the Book of the Law, he took it to Josiah and read it to him, and it caused the latter to search his heart. The book convinced Josiah that his people had not only been doing things which they ought not to have done, but they had failed to do many things which they should have done. He realized how far his people had departed from the revealed will of God. He became aware of the heinousness of their sin. He was shocked terribly by the words which pronounced curses upon them (Deuteronomy 28:15). He knew that his nation was in line for these curses. Distressed

over their sinfulness, and their inevitable punishment, Josiah resolved that he would search for a prophet to ascertain how the seemingly inevitable punishment might be averted.

They found Huldah the prophetess and asked her if these threatenings would be fulfilled, and, if so, could they change their ways and avert this disaster. She assured the king that, although the penalties had been incurred and would be inflicted, he would pass from the scene of action before the days of punishment and sorrow arrived.

II Kings 23:1-3.

Thoroughly convinced that the scroll was truly God's Word to his people, and longing for a return to the Lord on their part, Josiah sent messengers throughout the land and summoned the prophets, the priests, and the populace to assemble in a great mass meeting. He wanted all to hear the message of the Book of the Law. To this vast assembly Josiah read, or caused to be read, "all the words of the book of the covenant," in order that the hearers might understand what the Lord required. Without any hesitation or question Josiah stood in a prominent place before his people, dedicated himself to God, humbly and solemnly renewed his vow to the Lord, pledged his loyalty to God, and promised to be faithful in his obedience to God's Word to the very limit of his ability.

Falling in line with the noble example of their king, by a rising vote the people solemnly declared their adherence to the covenant which he had made, and pledged themselves to worship, obey, and serve God. From this it is evident that God's Word exerted a purifying influence, not only in Josiah's personal life but also in the affairs of the nation. Josiah was a splendid example of what God can and will do with a life that is surrendered and obedient to Him.

It is important that we learn the great truths of God's Word, make the Bible our guidebook, and practice its precepts. God's blessed Book has not lost its power. It has not become out of date. It speaks to the needs of people in all days, including our own. It is the eternal Word, as fresh today as it was when it was first written. Time neither dulls nor rusts the Sword of the Spirit. Only as the Word of God becomes a part of us will our lives be fruitful, and be lived to the glory of God. If you have lost this Book through neglect or otherwise, find it, study it, believe it, obey it, and teach it to others.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Sunday School

Progress Report Church Study Course

Category 17, Sunday School Principles and Methods, October, 1965-April, 1966
by Clarence Penn, Associate

The Sunday School Department wishes to thank each person, church, and association for the part they have had in making this report:

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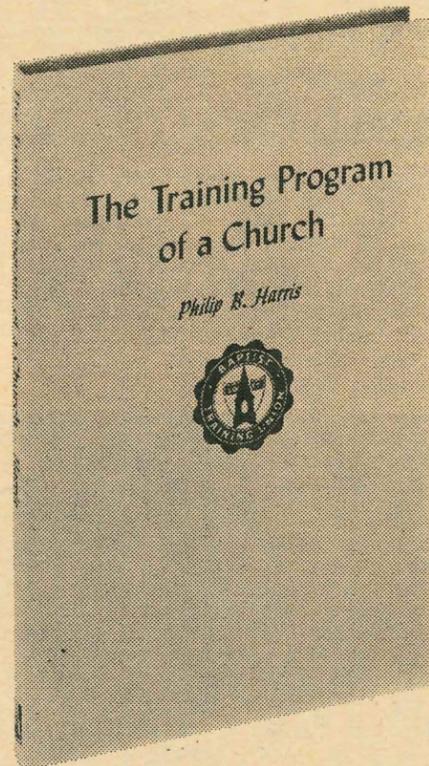
Eastern B.S.U. Busy

by J. Chester Durham

The Eastern State College Baptist Student Union has been rather active during recent weeks. Rev. Dwight Lyons, the B.S.U. Director, sends information that the Ann Hasseltine Young Women's Auxiliary observed a most impressive White Bible Presentation Ceremony in honor of eight brides-to-be. Mr. Lyons said that this was one of the most meaningful vesper programs of recent memory, and attendance was unusually good.

Annually the B.S.U. selects the "Outstanding Baptist Senior." This year Donald B. Keeton and H. Curtis Adams, Jr., tied for this recognition; consequently, both received the distinguished award.

Curtis Adams, Jr., and Joseph Greer (an active Negro student) have been accepted for study in September at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Four of the finest Baptist Student Union members have been honored by membership in the local chapter of Pi Tau Chi, the national honorary religious society. They are: Donald B. Keeton, Priscilla Roberts, Mary Jo Thornton and James Robert Porter.



Training Union

New Leadership Books Available

by Eldon Boone

Five new Training Union study course books will be available in the Baptist Book Stores, June 1. Written for General Officers, leaders of Juniors and Intermediates, and members and officers of Adult and Young People's unions, these books present the new concept of Training Union work in the church.

The Training Program of a Church, the book for General Officers, was written by Dr. Phillip B. Harris, Secretary of the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. The age group consultants for the Junior through Adult ages authored the book for their section. These books are:

- A Church Training Adults**, Robert S. Cook
- A Church Training Young People**, Carlton Carter
- A Church Training Intermediates**, Bob R. Taylor
- A Church Training Juniors**, Margaret Sharp

The Nursery, Beginner, and Primary leadership manuals are not new, but present the correct concept for these age groups.

Training Union Directors and leaders will each want a copy of the appropriate book for study, reference, and guidance in their work. Cost is 75 cents each. Many will want to plan special training sessions to bring their leaders and members up to date in these areas.



Special Convention

The Special Kentucky Baptist Convention to consider the critical capital needs of Christian Education is set for Monday, June 27, 1:00 P.M. (EST), in Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Messengers from all church should be named by the churches in accordance with the Constitution: "... no more than two messengers from each Baptist church having 100 members or less. One more messenger shall be allowed for each additional 200 members."

Two sessions will be held June 27—afternoon and night; and if additional time be needed, the Convention will continue on Tuesday.

Board Recommendations

Harold Wainscott, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, will bring the report of the Executive Board to this Convention. The full story is contained in the May 26th issue of the *Western Recorder*, starting on page 3.

While the Christian Education Committee's report to the Board was altered, the Board's recommendation would give the same annual additional \$300,000 in capital funds to retire loans made for the six (6) Baptist schools and the Student Centers.

Schools Make Loans

The basic difference is that the schools make the loans, rather than the Convention itself as recommended earlier by the Committee. The obligation of the Convention for loan payment is essentially the same.

Loans "As They Wish"

Another difference in the Board recommendation is that our schools may

make loans "as they wish," that is, as to source and interest rates.

This means that they may secure loans from private sources, or make loans from the government. The difference is between 3% (government) or 5 to 6% (private sources).

It does not mean that the schools would all seek government loans: two would not be eligible for such, and some schools may desire to make private loans at rates less than the 6% required for the \$3.5 million loan by the Convention. Plan now to attend.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Brotherhood

Deacons-Pastors Retreat

by Forrest Sawyer

Two men, who are pictured below, will appear on the Deacons/Pastors Retreat program, scheduled in two sections, the week of July 18-23.

The first section is scheduled for Monday (begins with supper) the 18th and closes with an early lunch on Wednesday, the 20th.

The second section is scheduled to begin with supper on Thursday, the 21st and close at noon on Saturday, the 23rd.



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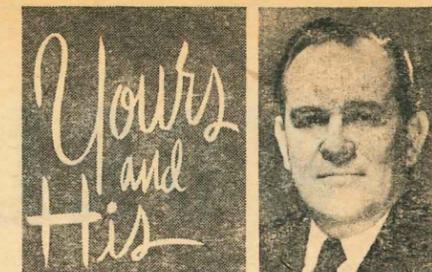
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Mission Study

Dr. Allen W. Graves, Dean of School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, will teach the Bible Missions hour each morning.

Foreign missionaries will be: J. Edward Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Claxon, and Mrs. Martha Baldrige.

Home missionaries will be: Charles Fanshaw, Mrs. Quentin Lockwood, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith.

Night World Missions Speakers will be **Arthur B. Rutledge**, Home Mission Board; **Harold G. Basden**, Foreign Mission Board; **Duke K. McCall**, Southern Seminary; **Harold G. Sanders**, state executive secretary; and **George L. Euting**, Brotherhood Commission.

The State Convention staff in the Direct Missions Department, Brotherhood Department, and state W.M.U., along with city, district and associational missionaries, will participate in this inspiring conference for mission-minded leaders in the churches.

Commuters At Night

Persons living in driving distance are invited to all sessions, especially at night in the Cooke Tabernacle. Choirs of several churches will sing, and churches of the associations surrounding Cedarmore will have special nights to attend.

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