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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH in Laurel River Association ordained J. W. Ruppe and Walter Morris as deacons in May.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD of the SBC will hold to a six percent interest rate on church loans, despite a rapid rise in the commercial dollar market. "After careful review, we foresee no changes in the current six percent rate for the remainder of 1966," the church loans committee reported to the executive committee of the board in its regular June Meeting. The board's church loans division currently is administering loans to about 1,000 churches, with a total investment of about \$20 million.

VERNER BARNETT has resigned as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Cumberland to become pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Evansville, Indiana. Barnett is a native of Indiana but has spent the last 20 years of his ministry in Kentucky.

DEACONS WERE ordained by the East Hickman Baptist Church, Lexington, in May. Those ordained were Robert Ballard, Newton Botkin, Howard Rupard and C. Allen Saunders. Pastor Finley Ray questioned the men and his father, L. C. Ray, retired Louisville minister, brought the message of ordination. Pastors and deacons from other churches in the Lexington area shared in the service.

DR. CATHERINE WALKER, Southern Baptist missionary, is returning to Indonesia following furlough in the States. She teaches in the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia, Semarang. Born in Rome, Ga., she lived in Danville, Ky., and Charlotte, N. C., while growing up.

JAMES S. DUKE, JR., has been called as pastor of the Vine Hill Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, effective in June. He came from Illinois and will be a student at Southern Seminary.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST Church, Bremen, honored their pastor and wife, Edward and Nancy Bolton, with a reception. In honor of his graduation from Southern Seminary, the Boltons were given silver and more than 100 people attended the Sunday evening occasion.

THE FORTIETH Annual Student Conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist

Assembly had a registration of 1,100 persons. Theme of the June 9-15 assembly was "Transformed by Renewing the Mind." Forums, dialogues, worship services and speakers emphasized the importance of relating the Christian faith to learning and the total experience on campus.

HAROLD AND CLARA MATTHEWS, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, are scheduled to arrive in the States July 3 for furlough. They may be addressed, c/o Ira Matthews, Falls of the Rough, Ky. Both are natives of Kentucky. Harold is from Ohio County and Mrs. Matthews is the former Clara Lee of Sadiesville.

TWO PROFESSORS at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, are scheduled to be on the program for a music leadership conference June 30-July 5 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Assembly.

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They are Dr. John N. Sims, associate professor of church music, and Kenneth L. Chafin, Billy Graham associate professor of evangelism.

PASTOR AND MRS. WESLEY HANSON, Hartford, will leave July 14 from New York City for a 21-day tour of the Holy Land. The tour numbering about 15 will return to Washington, D. C., from London on August 4.

ROY AND PATRICIA FOWLER, missionaries to North Brazil, have moved to Salvador, Bahia, to Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, where he will be executive secretary of the Baptist state convention. Their new address is Caixa Postal, 262, Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. Mrs. Fowler is the former Patricia Ross of McCracken County, Kentucky.

MICHAEL AND CATHERINE WILSON, missionaries to Taiwan, arrived in the States in June for furlough. They may be addressed at R. 1, Box 11, Hanover, Ind. Mrs. Wilson is the former Catherine Spillman of Trimble County.

DR. AND MRS. W. JAMES MOORHEAD, missionaries to the Philippines, and their three daughters are now on furlough. Dr. Moorhead is the son of the Hugh Moorheads, Blacksburg, South Carolina. Mrs. Moorhead is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Earl A. Northern, Trenton. Before going to the Philippines, the Moorheads lived in Glencoe, Ky., where he was pastor of the Glencoe Baptist Church for five years. While on furlough they may be addressed at 1016 Pineview Drive, Raleigh, N. C. 27609.

MRS. PAUL FEICHTER, mother of Rosa Feichter of the Kentucky WMU, died June 19 and was buried June 21 at London, Ky.

DR. E. KEEVIL JUDY, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Henderson, was the evangelist recently in a revival at the Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro. Pastor Archie W. Allison reports 14 professions of faith, four additions by letter and four rededications. Charles Douglas directed the music.

IMMANUEL Baptist Church, Lexington, honored the William B. Williams in a reception June 12. Williams has just come to the Immanuel Church as minister of music. He held a similar position with the First Baptist Church, Paducah, for six and one-half years. H. B. Kuhnle is pastor at Immanuel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

College Problems Aired in Education Study

NASHVILLE (BP)—The need for a clear statement of purposes and objectives for Baptist colleges and universities was repeatedly suggested here as a major solution to solving problems facing higher education.

Twenty-two study groups meeting here during the Baptist Education Study Task first national conference on Baptist higher education offered the suggestions for solving problems facing Baptist colleges and universities.

Without exception, every one of the eight reports summarizing the solutions proposed by the study groups cited the need for a clear statement of objectives, purposes and philosophy of Baptist higher education.

The most controversial solution proposed, accepting government aid for Baptist schools, was probably the most talked-about issue. Two of the sections discussing the problems of financing Baptist schools agreed in their reports that the decision of whether to accept federal grants and loans should be left up to the boards of trustees for each of the 54 Baptist colleges and universities.

The 300 Baptist leaders attending the plenary sessions, however, did not at anytime vote on the federal aid question. Reports from the 22 study groups were presented to the entire conference summarizing consensus opinions expressed in the sectional meetings, but the reports were not adopted by the entire conference.

One conference participant counted more than 85 problems and 125 alternative solutions to those problems in the reports delivered from the 22 study groups and eight sections.

The small groups of about 15 persons each met for two days in an effort to define and list the problems facing Baptist schools, to determine the causes of the problems, to outline the requirements solutions would have to meet, and to come up with optional and alternative solutions to the problems.

The 22 small study groups were divided into eight sections: two on financing, and one each in philosophy, academic scope, religious scope, the Christian college teacher, college-denominational relationships, and academic freedom and responsibility.

Both sections on financing Baptist schools said that the final decision on the federal aid question should be decided by the boards of trustees for each school.

If the conventions follow the suggestion and free the schools' trustees to decide, some observers feel that many, but not necessarily all, of the schools would probably accept either federal

loans or grants for building construction.

There was not general agreement, however, among all of the 300 conference participants that this should be done. There was much debate, pro and con, but the two sections on financing generally agreed that the decision should be left to the trustees.

The section on college-denominational relationships cited as a major problem, the question of who is to control the college and how that control is to be exercised.

As a solution to the problem, the four groups in the section proposed that a statement be developed affirming "ownership and control of Baptist colleges by the denomination through its legally constituted trustees."

The two groups in the section on religious scope declared that Baptists should continue to maintain their denominational colleges, and that greatly increased financial support is needed.

In a solution proposed to the question of denominational affiliation of faculty members, the groups on religious scope said that most of the faculty members should be Baptists, but other evangelicals should have a right to employment.

A group in the Christian college teacher section said that one solution to the problem of securing well-qualified teachers is to adjust the financial budget and income to pay adequate salaries.

MEDICAL MISSIONS:

'Why Should I Go?' This is the Question

by Raymond Lawrence

Why would anyone leave a lucrative medical practice and a position on the staff of a university to go where many Americans would consider the dropping-off place of the world—a hospital in Africa? This is the question which Dr. Truman Mays has been asked many times in recent weeks as he and his family plan to leave soon for Lagos, Nigeria, where he will serve as a missionary surgeon.

Speaking Sunday morning in the Central Baptist Church of Corbin, he said, "almost as a defense I would like to present my reasons for making the decisions that I have."

He indicated that the answer came in two different lines of thinking, the need to understand man and to see the true nature of Jesus Christ himself.

"We must take a realistic approach to man himself. At one time around the turn of the century it was felt that man would gradually improve and build a utopia. Two world wars have changed

The report from the section on academic scope said that studies at Baptist schools should seek to include all knowledge and to liberate the minds of men, with no question omitted.

On academic freedom and responsibility, the report from that section called for development of a statement clearly defining what is meant by academic freedom and responsibility. The section also said a set procedure should be established at each school to handle disputed instances.

No final solutions, however, were reached. The study conducted by the national conference will be summarized in a lengthy and detailed report by an 18-member findings committee in August.

The committee's report will be the basis for discussion by as many as 10,000 Southern Baptists at meetings in 200 selected churches, at many of the Baptist schools, at 50 or so pastors' conferences, and at 24 regional Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) seminars scheduled January through March of 1967.

A second national study conference will be held in Nashville in June of 1967 to determine final proposals, and the 18-member findings committee will again summarize the solutions suggested.

Even then, the solutions will not be binding upon any of the 73 Baptist schools, or the 17 Baptist state conventions which own them. The study will provide background material to help the conventions and schools as they make the final decisions.

this idea. Each of us have the capability of performing the same atrocities committed in the prison camps of World War II," he said.

He indicated that "to find the answer, we must go to the right place. In my own experience, if I read the Bible to find out something about myself, I have never been led astray. History, the Bible, and the study of medicine all tell us something of the nature of man. Man is basically missing the mark for which he was created."

The second part of Mays' answer concerned the nature of Christ. "Unless you stop and consider Jesus Christ, the many causes, and flags that we bear are useless. Was Jesus just a man? Was he a spirit-power who performed miracles? He is the most unique person in history," Mays stated. Concerning the furor of the "God is dead" idea, Mays indicated that some ideas about God should die—that of seeing God as a

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A Christian Gentleman Retires

The turning of the clock's hands and the calendar's leaves invariably brings separations that are sad. This is the experience of the *Western Recorder* family as Mr. Robert L. Pogue retires on July 1.

The youthful look and boundless energy of Bob Pogue make it hard to believe he passed his 65th birthday earlier this year. His retirement is not mandatory but he has wisely decided to slacken his pace. Some physical difficulties in the past two or three years have not slowed him but their nature is such as to make it dangerous if he doesn't curtail his strenuous activities.

It is hoped that following the time he must step aside completely to meet the requirements for retirement benefits, he will spend limited time promoting circulation of the *Western Recorder* in churches and associations. In the meantime, he will be supplying pulpits, leading in revivals and doing other lay work among Kentucky Baptist churches. He is an extremely able and popular speaker and the results of the revivals he conducts are among the best reported. The last several years have seen the greatest response to his lay preaching.

It would be difficult to express the personal benefits this editor has received from Bob Pogue. He was a wise, experienced and successful staff member when I came to the *Western Recorder* as a young, inexperienced and frightened editor. His kindness, confidence, helpfulness and encouragement were invaluable in the early days of our relationship and have continued to be so to this day.

The success of Bob Pogue with the *Western Recorder* during the last 22 years is nothing short of amazing. The year he came as business manager the total annual income of the *Western Recorder* was less than \$59,000. Last year it was over \$298,000. Job printing done in the *Western Recorder* print shop has increased from \$19,000 to \$173,000 in these 22 years. Subscription income was \$23,000 in 1943-44; last year it was \$86,000. Circulation then was 23,000; today it is 65,000. Every bit of equipment with the exception of two pieces in the print shop has been replaced with newer and more modern equipment during Mr. Pogue's administration. Today the value of the shop is \$155,000 and Mr. Pogue retires with no indebtedness on the *Western Recorder*.

Mr. Pogue has served under three editors: John D. Freeman, R. T. Skinner and C. R. Daley. He has also seen three executive secretary administrations: J. W. Black, W. C. Boone and Harold G. Sanders.

Nor has his work with the *Western Recorder* been the extent of his services to the Lord. He is a fourteen carat churchman having been a Walnut Street Baptist church deacon for 30 years and a Sunday School teacher for 36 years. His leadership qualities are fully recognized by fellow churchmen who put him on the pulpit committee when Dr. W. R. Pettigrew was called and also have put him on the present pulpit committee.

To those who are closest to him, Bob Pogue is held in highest esteem not as a successful *Western Recorder* business manager nor even a master churchman, but as the very epitome of a Christian gentleman. When his acquaintances think of an example of what the Lord can do with a man who is completely committed, their thoughts turn immediately to Bob Pogue.

He will not be off the Kentucky Baptist scene in any sense. He will have a little more time to spend with his lovely and helpful mate, Mabel, and to take his grandchildren fishing. In this sense his retirement is a happy thought though a distinct loss to the *Western Recorder*. As his colleagues, our prayer is that we will do as well and come to the place he has with as much gracefulness and sense of accomplishment.

An Honest Look at Education Problems

"We came with the answers and left with the questions." This observation from Editor John J. Hurt from Georgia came close to describing the First National Education Conference for Southern Baptists in Nashville, June 13-17. This was likely the most open and free discussion of Southern Baptist higher education ever conducted.

Every question and viewpoint about Baptist colleges were expressed and probably a few never expressed before were injected into the four day head to head and heart to heart discussions. It is not certain any minds were changed but many were opened and this is always good.

From the outset it was evident that the conference was a serious matter for those attending. About 350 were invited and almost 300 showed up. This is a remarkable response and indicates the intense concern of many for Southern Baptist higher education problems. The largest representation came from the 54 Southern Baptist colleges. The conference was balanced with about 50 representative pastors and laymen from all over the Southern Baptist Convention and with denominational workers from the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention, its agencies and institutions.

Those who had been expecting far reaching decisions and recommendations from this meeting waited in vain. There was no intention to reach such conclusions at this meeting. The Baptist Education Study Task covers two years. One year of preparation preceded this conference which was intended to bring to the surface the hard questions we face and provoke widespread discussion of these questions and problems for another year. The second conference next June hopefully will come up with some suggested guidelines.

While no final conclusions were reached from this conference, some things became clearer to the participants. One of these is that Southern Baptist higher education is now in a crisis unparalleled in our history. Our schools must find additional financial help immediately from some source or they will become second rate colleges or even go out of business.

This explains why college finances were the foremost concern and interest of most participants though the whole spectrum of higher education came under scrutiny. And the biggest question about college finances is the use of public funds which are now available for Baptist colleges. Every viewpoint from the outright acceptance of government grants to the total rejection of any involvement with the government of Baptist schools and all points in between these extremes were expressed.

While no vote was taken in the conference, it was clear that most of those actually connected with our schools favor the use of public funds one way or another. There were powerful voices, however, on the other side.

While college finances were the overriding concern at the conference, other problems almost as serious, if not more serious, were brought to the surface. One of these is the lack of a clear understanding of the exact purpose and objectives of Baptist colleges in the minds of many Baptists and even by the colleges

themselves. There was lively discussion over whether or not Baptists ought to continue in higher education efforts.

It was universally agreed and deplored that our colleges and their sponsoring state conventions have failed to communicate effectively with each other. In too many instances the denomination is suspicious and distrustful of their schools while the schools fear and resent what they consider to be too much denominational control.

Who actually controls the schools was a recurring topic of discussion. The schools have to meet certain standards of accreditation associations and these accrediting agencies frown on control which comes from beyond the administration and trustees of a college. The denomination, on the other hand, feels that it owns the schools and should have much to say about what goes on. This problem is compounded because the vast majority of Baptists has never been to college and knows little about the problem of higher education while college officials must be greatly concerned about quality education and requirements for producing it.

This first convention-wide effort to pinpoint our higher education problems was highly successful in doing just this. It has served its purpose. It is now up to all who are concerned for this important part of our Baptist witness to give a year to hard study and fair consideration of these problems in preparation for trying to find guidelines next June.

Credit for one of the sincerest, most penetrating and hardest working conferences ever held by Southern Baptists goes to Dr. Rabun Brantley of the Southern Baptist Education Commission and his able staff and to Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee Program Analyst, Dr. Albert McClellan, probably the keenest and most analytical mind in Baptist denominational work today. BEST stands to help us. It's a pity we didn't get around to this study 10 or 15 years earlier.

BAPTIST FORUM



Who Selected the "Leaders"?

Dear Editor:

The report of the recent meeting of the Executive Board on May 2-3 as carried on page eight of the issue of May 12 raises some interesting questions. I refer particularly to the excerpts of the report of the Chairman on Order of Business for the Convention concerning certain conclusions with respect to the Youth Rallies which have been held the past four years as the closing session of the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Observation number one: "The present

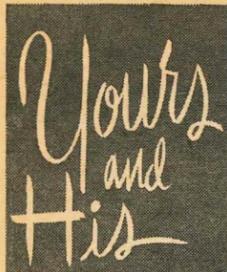
arrangement of having the youth night on the closing session is unsatisfactory. Several **leaders** (Emphasis mine) in the state were consulted for an opinion and there was agreement on this point." Now whom were the **leaders** selected? Who did the selecting? (The opinion of the Executive Board which represents a fair cross-section of the state was not sought.) Did these **leaders** have a better time for such a rally that would bring together as many young people?

Observation number two: "The purpose of the Youth Night is not clear." It is difficult for me to believe that any

who have sympathetically attended these youth nights do not know the purpose of these youth rallies. Even I, as just one of the "run of the mill" see clearly the purpose, and some major results of these youth meetings. They have brought our youth together from all parts of the state as nothing else ever has. They have centered the attention of our youth upon our Baptist Colleges as nothing else ever has. They have resulted in bringing together the largest number of our Baptist people in all of Kentucky Baptist history. They have made our young people feel that they are a vital part of Kentucky Baptists.

Observation number three: "Doubt was expressed as to the effectiveness of using such program personalities as nationally known athletes and beauty queens, as has been done." Has the

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needs and likes of this age-group, is planned. Better make your reservation now—more about this program soon!

Harold G. Sanders

Arthur E. Christmas Accepts Owensboro Church

A June graduate of Southern Seminary has become the pastor of the Panther Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro.

He is Arthur E. Christmas, a native of Louisville and former member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Christmas served as pastor of the Orville Baptist Church in Henry County while a student at Southern Seminary.

He was ordained by Walnut Street Baptist Church while the late W. R. Pettigrew was pastor.

Russell County Church Holds Youth Week

Friendship Baptist Church in the Fonthill Community near Russell Springs held a youth week recently with local young people serving the various church capacities for two Sundays.

A youth-team from Campbellsville College came on the last week-end of the youth emphasis. Team members from Campbellsville were: James Coffee, Louisville; Roberta McCoy, Billy Jones and Bettina Basham, all of Cloverport.

Pastor Bill Pack commends the young people of the church and the youth team from the college for the splendid way they carried on the week's activities. He was called to Cincinnati because of critical illness of his mother and was unable to be in many of the services.

Pack writes, "I'm proud of these youth . . . they did a good job."

North View, Lexington Calls Gardner Burden

Gardner Burden will begin his work as pastor of the North View Baptist Church, Lexington, on July 3.

He is presently pastor of Black Oak

Baptist Church, Gary, Indiana, where he has served for the past five years.

Prior to that time he was pastor of the Gracey Avenue Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. Earlier pastorates were held in Kentucky also.

O. W. Yates, retired pastor of the Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, has been interim pastor at North View for the past six months.

L. H. Tipton, Retired Baptist Minister, Dies

Letcher H. Tipton, 67, a retired Baptist minister and native of Madison County, died May 24 of a heart attack at his home at Nicholasville, Route 3. Funeral services were at the East Hickman Baptist Church in Elkhorn Association, where he served as pastor just before his retirement. He was buried at Union City in the family cemetery. He was a native of Union City.

He served the following churches: Swallowfield, Sadieville, Beaver in Harrison County, Providence, Unity in Ashland, Second Baptist in Ashland and East Hickman, Lexington.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Harper Tipton, Nicholasville; one daughter, Lois Canfield, Louisville; two sons, Rev. Charles Tipton, Jeffersonville, Ind.; and Rev. Shirley Thomas Tipton, Kenya, East Africa. Shirley was scheduled to come home for furlough in August and was able to fly home for the funeral. His family will join him later.

Brother Tipton was a member of the East Hickman Church at the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted by the present pastor there, Finley Ray, and W. K. Wood, a friend of Tipton's for many years.

16 Kentucky Students On Ridgecrest Staff

RIDGECREST—More than 400 college students from around the nation make up the 1966 staff at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly and 16 Kentuckians are among them.

The Kentucky Staffers are: Nancy Abernathy, Louisville; Jane Champion, Bondville; John L. Clements, Lexington; Ralph Colville, Mount Sterling; Shirley Ann Dunn, Franklin; Larry Enser, Louisville; Billy Al Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown; Karly Lacy, Madisonville; Elaine Meacham, LaGrange; Mary Ann McGehee, Lewisburg; Mark Riggins, Franklin; Jim Roberts, Danville; Judy Saalwaechter, Owensboro; Larry A. Sturgeon, Cave City; Jessica Turner, Crestwood; and Mildred Thompson, Louisville.

These staffers and the others serving with them, will participate in the 17-week-long conferences which will take

place during the Ridgecrest summer season. These conferences annually draw thousands of Baptists to the Blue Ridge mountains for weeks of inspiration and discussion on various areas of Baptist work.

Ridgecrest is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Grady L. Randolph Returns to Kentucky

The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Illinois, has resigned to accept the position of Program Coordinator for the Elkhorn Baptist Association, Lexington.

He is Grady L. Randolph, former Louisville pastor and graduate of Southern Seminary.

Randolph will begin his new work about July 1. His major responsibility in the new position will be developing a city missions program in accordance with the SBC program of urban and metropolitan missions.

A graduate of Peabody College, Nashville, Randolph served Nashville churches prior to coming to Louisville. He went to Harrisburg in April, 1963.

George A. Price, Jr. Joins Western Recorder Staff

Mr. George A. Price, Jr., has been elected business and circulation manager of the *Western Recorder*. He succeeds



Price

Robert L. Pogue who retires July 1, after more than 22 years service with the Kentucky Baptist paper.

Price is a native of Missouri and came to the *Western Recorder* from the pastorate of the Patee Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and was pastor of the Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Versailles, during his college days.

Price was associate pastor of the Georgetown Baptist Church in 1951-52 and later filled out one term as the business manager of Georgetown College. He was pastor of the Berean Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, for nine years.

He and Mrs. Price were married in 1941 and have three children: Susan, 16, Mark, 13, and Rebecca, 5.

At the *Western Recorder*, Price will give much of his attention to the circulation of the paper. He plans to visit churches, associations and various Bap-

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Alice Shepard Carver -- A Tribute

by Saxon R. (Mrs. G. A.) Carver

The little daughter born into the home of Colonel and Mrs. Samuel George Shepard in 1874, in Gladeville, Tennessee, asserted her distinct individuality at an early age. Young Alice played the organ and sang, was quick to admire a new friend, cared deeply about reading, and adored her father. A dedicated young minister of the community was a guest in the Shepard home, for preaching, and within a few years, while Alice was teaching voice and "expression" at Bethel College, asked her to be his wife.

This brought Dr. and Mrs. William Owen Carver to Louisville, where he served on the faculty of Southern Baptist Seminary for over half a century. Into their home came Ruth, a child of rare brilliance in whom the mother revealed, William, James, George, Dorothy and Alice. After Ruth's death in 1941, heaven seemed a richer place to Mrs. Carver, earth a lesser one.

When the daily burdens of life beset her, and illness prevailed, Mrs. Carver remained in her room for lengthy periods. Here she composed letters to worldwide friends, and began to express her moods with poetic images. She believed that "a poet is one who lives on the bridge between the world's contradictions and the soul's imperishable dreams and sets both to music." Two volumes, "At Ridgecrest" and "Enthusiasms", testify to her joys and sorrows and reflect her wit.

On days when no one saw her, she worked long hours in her garden, making it a showplace of beauty in each season, and finding there release from tensions of unbearable strain. Her sweetheart roses pleased Dr. Carver most, and often graced his lapel. Slips of these roses went to other faculty wives' gardens, as well as monuments of bulbs.

She had astonishing will power. From weeks in bed she would pack a bag for Ridgecrest, enjoy the Baptist adulation that came with later years, then on return would return to bed and her crossword puzzles.

Certain friends delighted her. There was Cassie, of schoolgirl days, who called her "Princess" until she died. Miss Alma Samuels lived happily in the Carver home, companion and almost sister, for thirteen years. Perhaps of

tist groups in the interest of the circulation of the paper.

When he reported for work on June 13, Price said, "I'm glad to be in Kentucky and look forward to getting out in the state and meeting pastors and members of the churches."

her own age-group, Mrs. A. T. Robertson, her beloved "Ella", was closest in long association. In recent years the Seminary wives, led by Mrs. Duke McCall, gave faithful attention and an annual treat on March 31. After the 1966 occasion, even in her difficulty with speech, she said, "I had one everlasting birthday party."

Alice Carver was not like other people. Her rare gifts made great demands, of herself and of her family and friends. Prizing excellence, she expected it. Valuing accuracy, she insisted on it. Relishing the light turn of phrase, she chose to be with those who spoke pun-gently. A Bible student and wife of a distinguished theologian, she had stringent and powerful religious ideas. Until physical problems became insurmountable, she was regular in attendance at Walnut Street Baptist Church, a faithful member, and her "Circle" was a vital part in the pattern of her life.

The twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren brought new dimensions to her interest and love. Not one will forget her, for she is not forgettable.

One of her poems was named "Roads". It concludes

More than all these I love a road—
The road that takes me home
With open doors to meet me,
A loved one glad to greet me—
Dear God, may I keep this road,
please—

Alice Shepard Carver was ever one to break the bonds that bound her. And now her spirit is free, free to follow that chosen road.

Alton McEachern Accepts St. Matthews, Louisville

The pastor of the Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia, has accepted the call to be pastor of the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. He is Alton McEachern, a native of Georgia and a graduate of Mercer University and Southern Seminary, where he earned the master of theology degree. Mrs. McEachern is a native of Georgia and they have four children.

McEachern was pastor of the South Park Baptist Chapel in Louisville while a student at the Seminary. He has been pastor of the Westmoreland Baptist Church since 1960. In the six years there, the church has grown in membership, offerings have increased considerably, an educational building of three floors has been built, a new pastorium

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Youth Conference Now 2

The third annual Youth Conference at Cedarmore will be two this year—that is, two weeks—one for "Young People" (ages 17-24) July 4-8, and one for "Intermediate" or high school youth (ages 13-16) August 1-6.

Attendance has been capacity, but program-wise, the age spread of 13 to 24 made it difficult to provide the most meaningful experiences for all ages. The two conferences will eliminate this hurdle and should be most enabling and inspiring to all ages of the specific week.

Reservations should be made at once, writing or phoning Cedarmore Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Ky., phone 502-747-8911.

Youth Week—Which Way Forward?

Right around the calendar corner is YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEEK, July 4-8, at Cedarmore.

Kentucky Baptist young people will share the spotlight in this conference. Also Paul Anderson, "The World's Strongest Man" will be featured.

Rollin S. Burhans, President, and Mr. Bill Parsons, professor, Kentucky Southern College will be speakers. President Burhans subject will be "FOCUS" at each morning session.

Outstanding leaders of young people, including BSU leaders—J. Chester Durham, Daniel Yeary, and Joe Smith; state leaders with a major interest in young people—Harold G. Sanders, Roy E. Boatwright, Jesse R. Sticker, Clarence Penn, Mrs. Lyman Austin, Miss Sydney Portis, Mrs. George Ferguson, Mike Speer, A. B. Colvin, R. G. Puckett, and Forrest R. Sawyer; pastors with youth programs—Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., R. Travis Otey, Glenn A. Iglehart; and ministers of music—Wm. Arnold Epley, Jack Jones, Tony Whitfield, Bill Roper, Gene Soulsby . . . and more! Better phone in that reservation now! Boone Lodge. Jesse R. Stricker is coordinator. Recreation?—Well Tom Henry is back!

Intermediate Week August 1-6

Eugene F. Quinn, State Music Secretary, is coordinator for Intermediate Week August Week August 1-6, likewise sponsored by the Five Departments of our Convention—Music, B.S.U., Brotherhood, W.M.U., Sunday School, Training Union—for high school youth (ages 13-16 plus).

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June 27 Convention?

This column is being written just before Kentucky Baptists meet in Special Convention to hear a report of their Executive Board on how to provide for capital needs of their six Schools and Student Centers on non-Baptist Campuses. Therefore, we cannot second-guess what the outcome will be for this column.

However, several things are sure: (1) Christian higher education by Baptists is an absolute necessity today—more than ever before except in the early days of our national history when the only colleges were Church-sponsored.

Baptists will support Baptist schools if they know that these Baptist schools will provide distinctively Christian colleges with quality education, to in turn provide both ministerial and lay leadership for our churches and denomination tomorrow.

In this day of rising secularism, felt in every aspect of modern culture—home, school, business and industry, and even in the churches—the increasing need for quality higher Christian education can hardly be over-estimated.

Unique Ministry

As President Duke K. McCall said so forcefully on June 16 in Nashville for the closing address of the first annual BEST conference—Baptist Education Study Task—as long as the message of the New Testament church is unique, then that long will be the purpose of the Baptist college. Any argument against the unique nature and presence of a Baptist College is an argument which will mean the end of the Baptist College. Baptists will support—whatever the costs—Baptist schools when they are convinced that they are a necessary part of the church's mission in the world. That Baptist colleges are—no more could be done, less is unthinkable.

We Can Support Them

We face constantly rising costs of higher education. We face increasing competition through state-enriched state schools. We face higher standards for accreditation—a necessity for our schools—CAN WE SUPPORT THEM?

I say, yes, we CAN. 644,444 Kentucky Baptists, with an annual TITHE OF \$20-25 millions—could support all our churches, the Cooperative Program and our colleges with the tithe alone. We are wealthy—our fellowship includes thousands who could make large con-

tributions running into the millions annually.

I think Kentucky Baptists will support them, because of or in spite of the outcome June 27.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Franklin First Adds A New Staff Member

Pastor Randall Green of the First Baptist Church, Franklin, has announced the addition of William G. Crawford to the staff of the church.



Crawford

War II. He received the B.S. degree with honors from Texas Wesleyan College and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary. He was given the John P. Price Memorial Award there.

Previous places of service include several Kentucky churches and one in Texas.

Mrs. Crawford is also a graduate of Texas Wesleyan. They have one daughter who is married and lives in Georgetown.

the staff of the church. Crawford will be assistant to the pastor and minister of music. He began his work there on June 26.

A native of Newport, Crawford surrendered to a Christian vocation while serving in Hawaii in 1945 during World

St. Matthews Pastor

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was completed and additional property in the neighborhood has been acquired for parking and future expansion.

He has been a leader of Southern Baptist work in West Virginia and has served as an officer of the Pastor's Conference in Ohio, the state convention with which the church is affiliated. He is presently a member of the SBC Foundation.

McEachern will assume his duties at St. Matthews on August 1.

A Twentieth Century Caleb by the Editor

Active and still determined to preach at 87 years of age, 64 years in the Baptist ministry and 50 years in one pastorate—this is the unbelievable record of Thomas Jefferson Barksdale of Louisville, Kentucky. The beloved pastor of Calvary Baptist Church will say farewell to his flock at a church reception on June 30 before his retirement officially begins the



Barksdale

next day, July 1.

He was ordained in his home state of Mississippi on June 29, 1902, thus

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making his retirement within two days of the 64th anniversary of his ordination.

He began his pastoral ministry in small churches in Mississippi. During the years 1902-1907, he served as pastor of nine different Mississippi congregations. The salary from these churches ranged from \$100 to \$400 a year.

In July, 1909, he came to Kentucky and began concurrent pastorates at Younger's Creek, near Elizabethtown, and at West Point Baptist Church, West Point. He received \$300 a year from each of these churches. One year later he returned to Mississippi to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Natchez for 2 1/2 years. In 1913 he moved to First Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi for a 3 1/2-year ministry and in 1916 began his 50-year pastorate at Calvary Baptist in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Barksdale obviously is a pastor

who loves his people and is greatly loved by them. This explains the long and deep attachment of this pastor and his people. That one pastor could be held in such high esteem for fifty years is a remarkable tribute to him and to his people. The relationship is so close that some observers feel the Calvary people upon losing their pastor will be like children who have lost their father.

The love and dedication of his people are reflected in the strength of Calvary today. The community where Calvary is located was once one of the most desirable residential sections of Louisville. Now it has been caught up in the shifting population in the city and is an entirely new community with the usual innercity problems of race and culture. Under the same conditions some Louisville churches have moved to suburban areas, others have died or become ex-

tremely weak. Calvary has been holding on without severe losses due to the love and dedication to such a leader as Dr. Barksdale.

The retiring Calvary pastor has always been high in the esteem of his fellow preachers. Typical of their feelings is the estimate of Dr. Lewis Ray, another retired Louisville pastor and the main speaker chosen for the service honoring Dr. Barksdale. Dr. Ray, who has been closely associated with Dr. Barksdale since 1923, says there is no man in his knowledge with such universal respect from his fellow preachers. Dr. Ray recalls that in every instance Dr. Barksdale could be counted on to take his stand on any issue but with such a spirit of respect and love as to be admired by all including those who disagreed with him.

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TWENTY-SEVEN KENTUCKIANS—the largest group from any state—were graduated this month at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (First row, L. to R.) John Phillip Landgrave, originally of Florence, received the doctor of church music degree. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky State University and holds two previous degrees from Southern Seminary, where he now serves as assistant professor of church music. Landgrave's doctoral dissertation was an original oratorio composition for mixed chorus and soloists, called "Redemption." Bill L. Roper of Hopkinsville was granted the master of church music degree. He has been minister of music at three Kentucky churches, Hopkinsville First, Guthrie and Lyndon. Donald Lee Searles, a graduate of Georgetown College and former resident of Paducah and Harrodsburg, received the graduate specialist in religious education degree. Eighteen Kentucky students were given the bachelor of divinity degree, signifying a minimum of three years post-college studies at the seminary. Those who received the B.D. were: Edward Randolph Bolton of Bremen; Paul R. Campbell of Newport; Arthur Ewing Christmas of Louisville; George William Craddock of Horse Cave; Richard Arlen DeBell of Bardstow; Donald Keith Dixon of Ashland; Wiley B. Faw of Waynesburg; Milton Edward Ford of Louisville; Ray L. Magruder of Louisville; John G. Mitchell of Cadiz; Charles Jeffrey Mitchiner of Louisville; William Earl Pike of Bloomfield; Wilson Smith, Jr., of Irvine; James Edwin Spaulding of Sonora; Douglas Truett Strader of Graham; Norman Keith Wallace of Paducah; and Charles M. Woodward of Lexington; (not pictured) Marshall Wayne Hayden of Leitchfield. Four received the master of religious education degree, having successfully completed two years of seminary education. They are: Lawrence Roney Cook of Central City; Melvin Lee Doughy of Mayfield; Jerry Vernon Douglas of Paducah; and Sidney Ray Myers of Shepherdsville. Robert William Stewart of Covington was awarded the bachelor of church music degree. Andrew J. Hensley of Belfry received the diploma in theology, a non-language degree equivalent in all other respects to the bachelor of divinity, a three-year course of study. In all, 182 students from 26 states and five foreign nations were graduated at the June commencement of the seminary's 107th year.

Baptist Pastor, Catholic Priest, Perform Wedding

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—A Southern Baptist pastor and a Catholic priest participated together in a wedding ceremony here considered to be the first of its kind in the nation.

The Baptist minister is William Jackson, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Hebbardsville, Ky., since 1962.

Jackson helped to marry his sister, Joyce, to 24-year-old James M. Larkin during ceremonies at the St. Michael Catholic Church in Memphis. The bride says she will remain a Baptist and her husband will remain Catholic.

Father James Miller, assistant pastor of the St. Michael Church, led in the exchange of the vows; Jackson delivered an exhortation and led in the closing benediction.

The Catholic priest said the ceremony might possibly be the first of its kind in the United States.

Jackson called it "a breakthrough" in Baptist-Catholic relationships, saying that both he and the Catholic priests at the church came to a greater understanding of their denominations as a result.

Jackson added that he spent an entire day prior to the wedding in dialogue with the Catholic priests of the church.

"I found a real openness in talking with them," he said. "I think this must have been the first time they've had a chance to sit down with a Baptist min-

ister and honestly and frankly ask questions."

He added that Father Miller was very generous with the time allowed him during the ceremony. "There were almost no restrictions given me, except that he had to exchange the vows," said Jackson. "And this is something I would want to do at any wedding performed in my church."

Jackson said he was permitted to preach a sermon, to lead in prayer, or do just about anything he liked. His message extolled love as described in I Corinthians 13 as the basis for marriage.

Jackson also read both the Gospel lesson and the epistle lesson as found in the Episcopal Book of Prayer, and led the closing benediction following a vocal solo.

He explained that his sister had wanted him to perform her wedding ceremony ever since he had been ordained.

Two days after the Vatican decree liberalizing restrictions in Protestant-Catholic marriage ceremonies, Joyce went to the Catholic priest and asked what her brother could do at the wedding.

Father Miller later said he almost fell out of his chair when she requested that a Southern Baptist minister be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

Jackson recently earned the master

of theology degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is also a graduate of Union University, (Baptist) Jackson, Tenn.

He attended Christian Brothers High School, a Roman Catholic school in Memphis, and graduated in 1956.

Laymen Form Foundation For Conservative Theology

HOUSTON (BP)—A group of Texas and Gulf Coast area businessmen have established an "Evangelical Education Foundation" to support conservative theological education as opposed to "liberal theology now being taught in the United States."

At a recent meeting here, the businessmen set a goal of \$500,000 for students who accept their definition of conservative theology, and placed the funds with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

"Trends toward a wider acceptance of liberal theology, broad teaching that the Bible is less than the holy and inspired Word of God, and a desire to help educate pastors and teachers with conservative theological conviction are basic reasons for establishing the foundation," said Paul Pressler, a Houston attorney and foundation chairman of trustees.

Six trustees and approximately 40 advisory board members met several times during the spring and early summer to organize the foundation and establish its purpose "as an expression of concern for conservative as opposed to liberal theology."

Carroll Karkalits, a Houston chemical engineer and the foundation's secretary said: "Since Christianity is primarily a lay movement, it seems appropriate for laymen to express their concern over the Christian faith being weakened by liberalism, humanism, and rationalism at this time."

Karkalits said that New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary was selected to receive the foundations funds "because of its identity with conservative theology and academic excellence."

The trustees added that the Articles of Religious Faith signed by New Orleans seminary faculty members fulfilled their definition of a "conservative theological position."

H. Leo Eddleman, president of the New Orleans seminary, spoke at the group's meeting here.

Karkalits explained that foundation funds may also be secured for other educational institutions at a later date.

The scholarships provided will go to students who (1) accept the groups' definition of conservative theology, (2) have financial needs, and (3) are studying for graduate or professional theological degrees.

World Alliance Official Cuban Baptists Welcome

LONDON (BP)—C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, observed following a recent visit to Cuba that although Baptist churches there have faced serious problems since the 1959 revolution, Cuban Baptists have met them with "real courage and faith."

Goulding illustrated their courage and faith with the scriptural question: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Goulding flew recently from London to Havana to carry to the 17,888 Cuban Baptists the greetings of the world's other 27 million Baptists. He was on the island eight days, visiting Baptist centers at both Havana and Santiago and talking with government officials.

He preached twice. A congregation of more than 800 heard him in the First Baptist Church of Havana, and among the worshippers were the British Ambassador, J. H. A. Watson and Mrs. Watson; the Swiss Ambassador, Emil Stadelhofer; the Dutch Charge de Affaires; the Dean of the Anglican Cathedral; and Canon Pawley of Ely Cathedral, England.

The attendance of these visitors served, Goulding said, "to remind Cuban Baptists in a tangible way of the interest in their life and work of many beyond their own shores."

His other speaking engagement was at the First Baptist Church in Santiago de Cuba, in the eastern part of the island. This service on a week night was attended by 200, including the British consul and his wife.

Goulding said he did not visit any of the 41 pastors and theological students reported by the news agencies to be held in prisons or the national labor camp.

He did observe from his visits to the churches and in conversations with lay leaders that the churches are severely handicapped by the absence of pastors.

Except for the absence of the pastors and possibly other key leaders, the churches are allowed to continue their usual services.

The large First Baptist Church in Havana is marked by an illuminated sign announcing the hour of services and offering a welcome in both Spanish and English. This building originally was a theatre but was converted to church use several years ago. A lay preacher filled the Havana pulpit on Sunday morning with Goulding speaking at night.

Goulding said that the Cuban Baptists received him with extraordinary warmth.

"I have rarely felt the value of Christian greetings, embodying as they do the promise of thought and prayer, so much as I did in Cuba," he said.

"Fellowship becomes a precious thing when it can be known so rarely. I realized again the importance of the work of the Baptist World Alliance as a 'bringing together agency' for Baptists through out the world, especially for those who by geography or political circumstances are feeling alone and sometimes forgotten."

Why Should I Go?

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grandfatherly figure who would cater to our every whim, the idea of God as 'the man upstairs'. God is Creator and has all power and all authority. God, the divine Creator, dwelt among us in flesh," he said.

In his conclusions Mays stated, "Man cannot, with his technology, build his utopia. The power to send missiles out and to send surveyors to the moon is insignificant in comparison to the power of God to create the world and to change lives."

Mays concluded, "Our Christian faith has power incomprehensible. It is greater than the feeling of any race against another. The hatred that sends one man to bear arms against another will pass in the light of this power. This will place us in the proper perspective—in our relationship to ourselves, to others, and to Christ."

Dr. Mays, his wife, Wanda, and their four children will be leaving soon for Nigeria. He is on the staff of the School of Surgery at the University of Louisville and has a small private practice. He is a native of Corbin, Wanda is from West Virginia.

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chairman of the committee or any of his leader consultants heard any of their young people complain about the use of these personalities? I saw a junior boy have the privilege of sitting by the side of Bobby Richardson last year, and he will remember the thrill of it to his dying day, and doubtless the stature of Kentucky Baptists took on a new significance in the mind of this lad that will last as long as he lives. Who is it that has not made a choice of some program personality that did not measure up to expectations? But we do not discard the entire program just because of it. It is my firm opinion that we will cut the outreach of our Convention right in half when we discontinue these youth rallies in connection with our annual meeting. I just do not believe the report of the Committee on Order of Business speaks the mind of the great host of our Baptist people. Didn't the Executive Board vote unanimously in its meeting on May 3 to hold such a youth rally as the closing session of the Convention at Freedom Hall in 1967, a joint meeting, if you please, with the Negro Baptist youth of our state?

Personally, I speak as one who has been right in the middle of our Kentucky Baptist program for the last forty years. I do not have words to justly commend Dr. Sanders for his knowledge of what appeals to youth, and how he sets out to secure the type of program that will bring together such huge throngs as we have seen in the past four years. It is my earnest prayer that they will grow even larger, if we can find a place to meet.

Louisville, Ky. Lewis C. Ray

Seeking Federal Aid Is Unethical

Dear Editor:

In the discussions regarding Federal aid for denominational institutions, there is one point which it seems has been largely overlooked. This is, that the Government is not giving or lending money—or rather, let us say Values—which it already possesses. On the contrary, it is only adding to the already astronomical public debt—which is a frightful mortgage on the earning power of our grandchildren. God forbid that Baptists, of all people, should take part in such an unethical procedure!

As of now, it seems to be beyond hope that any national administration or Congress in the foreseeable future is going

to have the courage to begin reducing the Federal debt. Instead, we are rapidly descending into the maelstrom of socialism, with the Government attempting to regulate more and more of the affairs of its citizens; and people who should exercise their own initiative in solving their problems, labor patiently, and depend on sumulative earnings to advance the public welfare—these same citizens are bartering their birthright of freedom for immediate financial assistance from ambitious politicians in positions of power.

As for us, shall we "get it while getting is good"—or shall we maintain a courageous and determined witness for truth and worthy Christian ethics? Greenville, S. C. Hoyt E. Porter

A Lesson From History

Dear Editor:

I read the article by John Claypool "Changing Frontiers In American Life." I want to say this is the best thing I have read so far on Christian Education. I am a graduate of Campbellsville Jr. College and Georgetown College and love both schools but feel that the only real hope for Baptists in keeping their principles straight is to turn most of

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their schools over to private organizations. I do believe we need a few good denomination schools which specialize in certain kinds of training.

I spent half of my ministry, so far, in Kentucky and expect to return some day. I now have a son attending Georgetown and am grateful for what he is getting. I feel certain that Mr. Claypool is exactly right and hope others will listen.

If you check the minutes of the Kentucky Convention meeting at Princeton, Kentucky in the early forties you will find that Dr. Robert Humphreys made a similar recommendation nearly 25 years ago which was rejected at that time. I was one that voted against it. However I now believe Dr. Humphreys was correct while the majority was too near sighted to understand what he saw.

I fear that if Baptists again refuse to face the facts we will live to regret it. Toledo, Ohio George R. Gaddie

Twentieth Century Caleb

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A few weeks ago Dr. Barksdale lost one of the great strengths of his life. His companion since 1916, Margaret Elizabeth, died on April 24, 1966. They had walked fifty years side by side. He now lives with a daughter at 2905 Lexington Road in Louisville.

The Kentucky office of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board has had a keen interest in Dr. Barksdale. He joined the old retirement plan in 1940 at the age of 61. He could have retired four years later at the age of 65 with full prior service credit. Instead, he continued on in the plan changing over to the Southern Baptist Protection Plan when it became available.

What will this revered 87 year old preacher do now that he is retiring? In filling out an application for ministers retirement, he assured Kentucky Annuity Secretary, A. W. Walker, that he was in no sense retiring from the ministry though he would no longer be a pastor. He asked Secretary Walker to let him know of any preaching supply needs that he could fill.

To whom shall this man be likened? He sounds for all the world like Caleb, the stout hearted servant of God in Joshua's day. Following the conquest of the Promised Land when the children of Israel were gathered for the division of the land, Caleb at 85 years of age asked for the hard task of taking the mountain country. Dr. Barksdale's attitude toward his task could be fittingly described with Caleb's words. "I am this day four score and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: As my strength was then, even so is my strength now. . ." (Joshua 14:10, 11)



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



SUPREME LOYALTY TO GOD

(This Lesson for July 10, 1966)

Each of the passages in today's lesson sets forth the truth that God, Who created man in His own image and for His glory, is certainly entitled to the first place in the life of every man. By nature man is religious. He worships somebody or something. Therefore, he ought to worship the true and living God, and Him alone.

Exodus 20:3

In order that He might have the undivided loyalty of all, God said: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This commandment is the very foundation of all true religion. God is the only One Whom we are to worship. Even Christ our Saviour acknowledged that His first loyalty was to God the Father. We, too, are to give our supreme loyalty and allegiance to Him alone. God must come first in our lives. We must not allow anything or anybody else to have first place in our lives. We must give Him our trust, adoration, reverence, worship, loyalty, love, and service. Let us put God first in our thoughts, desires, motives, affections, and actions. Such conduct on our part will result in honor to Him, inspiration and encouragement to others, and blessing to ourselves. Under no circumstances are we ever justified in attempting to share with another the devotion which is due to God alone.

I Kings 18:17-21

Ahab, under the influence of wicked Jezebel, gave up the adoration of Jehovah in favor of the worship of Baal. Through her attempt to force the Israelites to follow Ahab's example, many of the prophets lost their lives, but through the intervention of Obadiah a few escaped.

At this juncture, when the moral and spiritual conditions were at their lowest ebb, God directed Elijah the prophet to confront the king with the validity of the first commandment. When the prophet bravely presented himself before the king, guilty Ahab dared to assume the side of right and charged the prophet with evil. He greeted him with the question, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Thus the hard and impenitent king sought to transfer to another the blame for the judgment which God had sent upon his dominion.

There was trouble in Israel, but, ap-

parently, it did not occur to Ahab to trace it to the widespread idolatry. He simply blamed the servant of God for the distress which prevailed. With great boldness and bluntness, Elijah courageously and sternly said: "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou has followed Baalim." It is ever the duty of God's servants to teach men that they must turn from their idols and worship and serve God. Those who by their sins provoke God's wrath are the real troublemakers, and not those who warn them of the dangers to which their wickedness exposes them.

Elijah challenged the king to summon all Israel, including four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and four hundred prophets of the groves unto Mount Carmel. The king did not dare to reject the challenge or to injure the challenger. Even though he did not know the purpose of this momentous convocation that Elijah sought, but hoping that some benefit or relief would result therefrom, Ahab called them together.

Apparently the people had been trying to play safe by worshiping both God and Baal. With a genuine longing to arouse in them a conviction of the fearful sinfulness and utter folly of their attempt, Elijah brought them the straightforward challenge, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." A choice between the true God and the helpless Baal was not optional, but obligatory. A definite and immediate decision was necessary. The people had to make up their minds, but realizing the reasonableness of what Elijah had said, they did not reply. Conscience-stricken and self-condemned, they stood before Elijah in silence.

Matthew 4:8-10

Having failed in his two previous attempts to get Christ to yield to his temptation, Satan came out boldly in his true colors and sought to get Him to render to him that worship which be-

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longs to God alone. He offered Him supreme earthly power and glory without the expense of suffering and death. He tempted Him to forsake the way of the cross and to gain the control of the world by disobedience to God. Again, our Lord resisted temptation by quoting the Word of God. He said: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." In absolute dependence on God, accompanied by genuine faith in God, and reinforced by absolute obedience to God our Lord triumphed over Satan. Following His example, we can be triumphant also.

Mark 12:28-30

A learned and observant scribe boldly asked Christ the pointed question, "Which is the first commandment of all?" In other words, "What is the first commandment in importance of spiritual value?" "What is my first duty?" It is easy to understand this inquiry when we remember that the scribes delighted to dispute about which of the 613 commandments recognized by them was the greatest. Of these precepts 248 were positive commands and 365 were prohibitions. Naturally some of them were more important than others, therefore, the most important should have preference.

Christ promptly quoted Deuteronomy 6:4-5. These same truths need emphasis today because multitudes regard the worship and service of God as optional. They think that if they are not interested in religious matters, it is strictly their own affair, and if they do not care to recognize, love, and obey God, it is quite all right. No matter how honest or industrious or successful a person may be, if he does not love God supremely, he is certainly disobedient to this divine command.

Our obligation to God is based upon the fact that He is our Creator, our Preserver, and our Redeemer. Verses 29 and 30 state, "The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." "With all thy heart" means without divided affection. "With all thy soul" means with the entire personality—intellect, feeling, and will. "With all thy mind" means an intelligent love rather than a fanatical devotion. "With all thy strength" means with every energy one possesses.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Sunday School

"World's Strongest Man" Featured At Youth Conference—Cedarmore

July 4-8, 1966

by Jesse C. Stricker

Paul Anderson, the undisputed "World's Strongest Man," was born in Toccoa, Georgia, October 17, 1932. After graduating from high school he attended Furman University, on one of many football scholarship offers. It was there that Paul became interested in weightlifting and decided to join them. To their amazement, he was able to lift more weight than anyone in the history of the college, and after a few weeks of training, was breaking world records, that had stood for over 30 years.

Throughout his career, Paul has had one great goal, to help unfortunate young people develop into good citizens. After much thought and investigation, he found the best way to serve these future citizens was to establish a foster home for teenagers, because they were being neglected by most other organizations. Many of these valuable future leaders were being sent to penal institutions, from lack of other facilities.

Today the Paul Anderson Youth Home, Inc., is a reality and is located in Vidalia, Georgia. Paul and his wife, Glenda, operate the Home, endeavoring to develop good citizens through Spiritual Guidance, Education, and Physical Fitness.

Paul continues to train with weights along with his many appearances in churches as a certified lay preacher, with youth groups, civic clubs, conventions, and television.

Brotherhood

Robert L. Naylor Scheduled to Speak

by Forrest Sawyer

The Pastors/Deacons Retreat scheduled for Boone Lodge-Cedarmore, July 18, 19, 20 and July 21, 22, 23, will have two outstanding preachers appearing on the program.

Section I (beginning with supper) Monday, the 18th, and closing at noon on Wednesday, the 20th) will feature Dr. Robert Naylor, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Sem-



Robert L. Naylor

nary, Ft. Worth, Texas, where he has been president since September 1, 1958.

Dr. Naylor is a native of Oklahoma. He and Mrs. Naylor have three children, Robert, Richard and Rebecca Ann.

Prior to becoming president of Southwestern Seminary, Dr. Naylor attended East Central State Teachers' College, Oklahoma (B.A.—1928), Th.M., Southwestern Seminary, 1932, and in 1941, Ouachita College conferred upon Mr. Naylor the D.D. degree.

Pastoral services were rendered in Nashville, Malvern and Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Enid, Oklahoma, First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., and the Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth where he was pastor at the time he went to the seminary presidency.

Dr. Naylor has written for Sunday School and Training Union periodicals, was a contributor to the book *The Doctrine of Evangelism* and the author of *The Baptist Deacon* published in 1955.

His travels, his mission interests, his denominational and civic affiliations across the years provide Dr. Naylor with a delightful background of qualifications as our "preacher" for the first section of the Pastors/Deacons Retreat.

Dr. G. Allen West, whose picture and biography have already appeared in a column of the *Western Recorder* will be the "preacher" for Section II, which begins on Thursday night, July 21, and closes at noon on Saturday, the 23rd.

Direct Missions

Lee Speaker At Conference

by G. R. Pendergraph

Page Lee, an associate instructor in the Department of Ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a



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candidate for the Th.D. degree, will be one of the speakers at the Pastors and Laymans Conferences at Jonathan Creek, July 11-13 and at Campbellsville College, July 14-15. Brother Lee will be speaking on the general subject, "The Church Facing the Problems of a Changing Community." Specific topics will be: "Our Changing Communities and the Church's Task", "The Church Facing the Problem of Sex and Marriage", "The Church Facing the Problem of the Older Person", "The Church Facing the Problem of Vocations", and "The Church Facing the Problem of Race." The public is invited.

Stewardship

Registration Opens for Communications and Public Relations Conference

by Mike Speer

Enrolment is now open for those desiring to attend the conference on Communications and Public Relations at Cedarmore next August 22-24. The conference will begin at 2:00 Monday afternoon and conclude with the noon meal on Wednesday.



Speer

This is a wonderful opportunity for those who wish to add new sparkle and zip to their paper, letters, or creative writing. Subjects to be considered will include "Planning A Publicity Campaign for Special Events", "Planning A Church or Associational Newspaper," "The Use of Radio and TV", "Writing for State and Denominational Publications", "The Use of the Telephone in

Public Relations", and many others.

The conference is especially designed for pastors, ministers of education and music, secretaries, other staff members, publicity or public relations committees, and others interested in public relations or creative writing.

The cost of the entire conference including registration, insurance, room and meals, and conference materials is as follows: 4 persons to a room (two double beds) \$14.00; 3 persons to a room (3 single beds) \$16.; 2 persons to a room \$18.00; 1 person to a room \$20.00. Send \$1.00 registration fee to Mr. Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky.

Church Music

Regional Music Festivals Of 1966 Reach Over 6,000

by E. F. Quinn

The music festivals for 1966 in the eight regions reached a total of 6,024 persons. The choral events involved 31 church choirs, 39 youth choirs, 54 junior choirs, 20 primary choirs, and 2 beginner choirs. The hymn-playing events had 89 participants; and vocal and instrumental ensembles and soloists totaled 116 participants.

The singers and players represented 81 churches in 38 associations throughout Kentucky. A special word of appreciation for the success of these festivals is due the eight regional festival directors scattered throughout Kentucky.

The locations and dates for the 1967 regional festivals have already been set and are available at the Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky.

Annuity Department

Life Begins At 40 Most of Elderly Report Finding Life Enjoyable

by Robert Peterson

When many people hear the word "aged" their mind conjures up a depressing picture of tottering elders living on meager pensions in ramshackle housing.

But things are hardly so bad. Modern elders, for the most part, enjoy comfortable levels of physical and financial health, and are rapidly creating a bright new image for the senior citizenry.

Sometime ago a questionnaire was sent by the Retirement Research and Welfare Association to one million older Americans. Responses showed that 89 percent of these elders considered themselves in reasonably good health; that living arrangements were satisfactory to 84 percent; and that nearly two-thirds had incomes exceeding \$2,000 a year.

THE SURVEY was conducted among members of the two giant organizations,

the National Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons.

"The findings suggest that the nation's aged today are immeasurably better off than their predecessors," says Dorothy M. Crippen, executive vice president of these two organizations.

"As people learn to plan ahead for retirement, and as more facilities are provided to serve the interests of elder citizens, age is destined to acquire a happier, more favorable image for people everywhere."

Our Kentucky Annuity Department, as a part of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is in position to help our church and denominational employees plan for a happy retirement by participating in one or more of our fine retirement plans. Contact us if we can be of any service in this connection.

Foundation

Why You Want A Will

by James Austin

May I share with you some exceptionally fine copy on the need for a will prepared by the Baptist Foundation of Alabama.

Why You Want A Will

1. To be sure the Lord's work, including endowment for colleges, receives a part of your estate.
2. To dispose of your possessions to those whom you wish, in the proportions that you choose.
3. To provide for your loved ones in the best possible way.
4. To let all interested know your wishes.
5. To make it easier for the objects of your bounty to obtain and use what you left.
6. To avoid contests, questions, irritations.
7. To give an indication of aspects of your affairs that may be unknown to anybody else. (The very act of working up a will is how a lot of people find loose ends that need to be tied up.)

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Please Send Zip To Us

Grocer Named Arkansas Baptist Father of Year

LITTLE ROCK, Ark (BP)—"He always wants to do what is right and his love for God guides him in all his ways."

This is how the daughter of the Arkansas Baptist father of the year described her father, Ralph A. Holt of North Little Rock.

Holt, a grocer and former school teacher, was selected for the award by a committee of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

A member of the Baring Cross Baptist Church near Little Rock for 24 years, Holt has served the church as Sunday School superintendent, Training Union director, Sunday School teacher, and chairman of deacons. Currently he is director of the church's teacher training department.

A native of Bingen, Ark., the 63-year-old Holt was the eighth in a family of 11 children. He and his wife, married in 1925, have two daughters—Rebecca, a recent graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Ruth, (Mrs. Raymond A. Lowery) of North Little Rock. Their son, Ralph A. Jr., lost his life at sea in 1957 while serving with the U. S. Navy.

8. To influence a court to appoint somebody you want as guardian of any minor children.
9. To ease the task of whoever is going to take care of the minor children.
10. To provide "just in case arrangements for the most unusual things that could happen in the lives of your kin and your in-laws.

Don'ts for Will Makers

1. Don't try to write a will yourself. Get a lawyer.
2. Don't change a will by scratching out, writing over or adding in any way unless you do it under legal supervision.
3. Don't sign more than one copy.
4. Don't mention specific sums. Use percentages.
5. Don't pick an executor for sentimental reasons. Choose someone with business sense, or choose a trust company.
6. Don't let your will get out of date. It may be ruled invalid.
7. Don't fail to re-examine your will when you move to another part of the country. Laws vary from state to state.
8. Don't hesitate to ask your lawyer the price of a will, just as you would ask a doctor the cost of treatment.
9. Don't delay writing your will. Tomorrow may be too late!

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PERSPECTIVE

by
Robert J. Hastings

Attack

"It doesn't matter how much you have, so long as you fight with what you have. It doesn't matter where you fight, so long as you fight. Because where you fight, the enemy has to fight too, and even though it splits your force, it must split his force also. So fight, on whatever the scale, whenever and wherever you can. There is only one way to win the victories. Attack! Attack! Attack!"

This was the philosophy of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who headed the brilliant Pacific campaign during World War II. Compare him with the finicky farmer who lost a summer's crop because he spent so much time adjusting the harness on his mules!

This is snatching the ball and running with it. This is aggressive action. This is seizing the initiative. This is taking the bull by the horns.

The opposite is to stew and simmer, fret and fume, wait and worry, pause and ponder, weep and wait, dilly and dally.

There's room in life for speculation, planning, strategy, theorizing. But the drawing board can be a stumbling block. The "pert" chart can be a defense mechanism for those too timid to grapple with realities.

This is no suggestion we start running in all directions at once, with absolutely no purpose or goals. It is saying that some dialogues and brainstorming are bed-fellows of daydreams and sand castles. Victories are won on battlefields, not sand piles.

As one secularist said of today's churches, "You talk too much."

Churches To Receive Order Forms Early

NASHVILLE—The Sunday School Board's church literature order form for October-December is being mailed earlier than usual so that churches may become familiar with the titles of 17 new publications appearing on the form.

Churches are asked to return the form by August 1, a week ahead of the usual date. By returning forms early, churches will be assured of receiving the new literature on time.

The new items include eleven publications in the Life and Work Curriculum, two in the Christian Training Curriculum, three new music publications and one special study unit for workers with mentally retarded children.

Supplementary items now appear on a separate order card, rather than on the regular order form. The supplementary order card for October-December, which is being mailed with the order form, lists three new items.

For church literature order forms, supplementary order cards or information about the Sunday School Board's church literature, write: Church Literature Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

... Hugh Hefner's Playboy empire now grosses \$48 million a year, according to Calvin Thompson in his article "Mr. Playboy of the Western World," *Saturday Evening Post*, April 23, 1966 issue. The Playboy Clubs grossed \$19 million and sales for the magazine reached \$28.5 million. The magazine sales still skyrocket, as indicated by March circulation figures of 3,700,000.

... "In the last year on record, 1959, 5 of the 19 richest people in the country, all with incomes over \$5 million a year, paid no income tax at all. Moreover, the figures show that the income-tax system in this country as it really works, is not progressive at all. On the average, the richer you are, the less you pay in income taxes as a proportion of your income, after about \$100,000 a year."—Stewart Alsop, *Saturday Evening Post*, May 7, 1966 issue.

Michigan Board Votes Studies on Future Plans

DETROIT (BP)—The Executive Board for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan authorized two committee studies comparing present programs to future needs of the state Baptist convention work.

Two special five-member committees were appointed to make (1) a personnel study of present work loads and future needs, and (2) a financial study of future expansion programs and new projects.

Both committees were asked to bring recommendations to the next meeting of the board, according to Fred D. Hubbs, executive secretary of the convention and newly-elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

... A recent survey revealed that high school teen-agers spend up to thirty hours a week viewing television—and they get only around two hours of physical exercise.

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	Operating Budget	Capital Needs Budget	Total	Per Cent
Foreign Mission Board	\$11,790,300	\$11,780,300	48.68%
Home Mission Board	4,024,200	906,250	4,930,450	20.37
Annuity Board	250,000	.....	250,000	1.03
Six Seminaries	3,833,000	825,250	4,658,250	19.25
Southern Baptist Foundation	61,800	.....	61,800	.26
Southern Baptist Hospital ..	36,000	.....	36,000	.15
American Seminary Com.....	90,600	.....	90,600	.37
Brotherhood Commission	226,100	40,000	266,100	1.10
Christian Life Commission..	100,000	.....	100,000	.41
Education Commission	94,000	.....	94,000	.39
Historical Commission	90,500	.....	90,500	.37
Radio-TV Commission	977,000	208,000	1,185,000	4.90
Stewardship Commission	83,000	.....	83,000	.34
Public Affairs Committee....	104,000	270,000	374,000	1.55
Convention Operating Budget	200,000	.....	200,000	.83
	\$21,950,500	\$2,249,500	\$24,200,000	100.00%