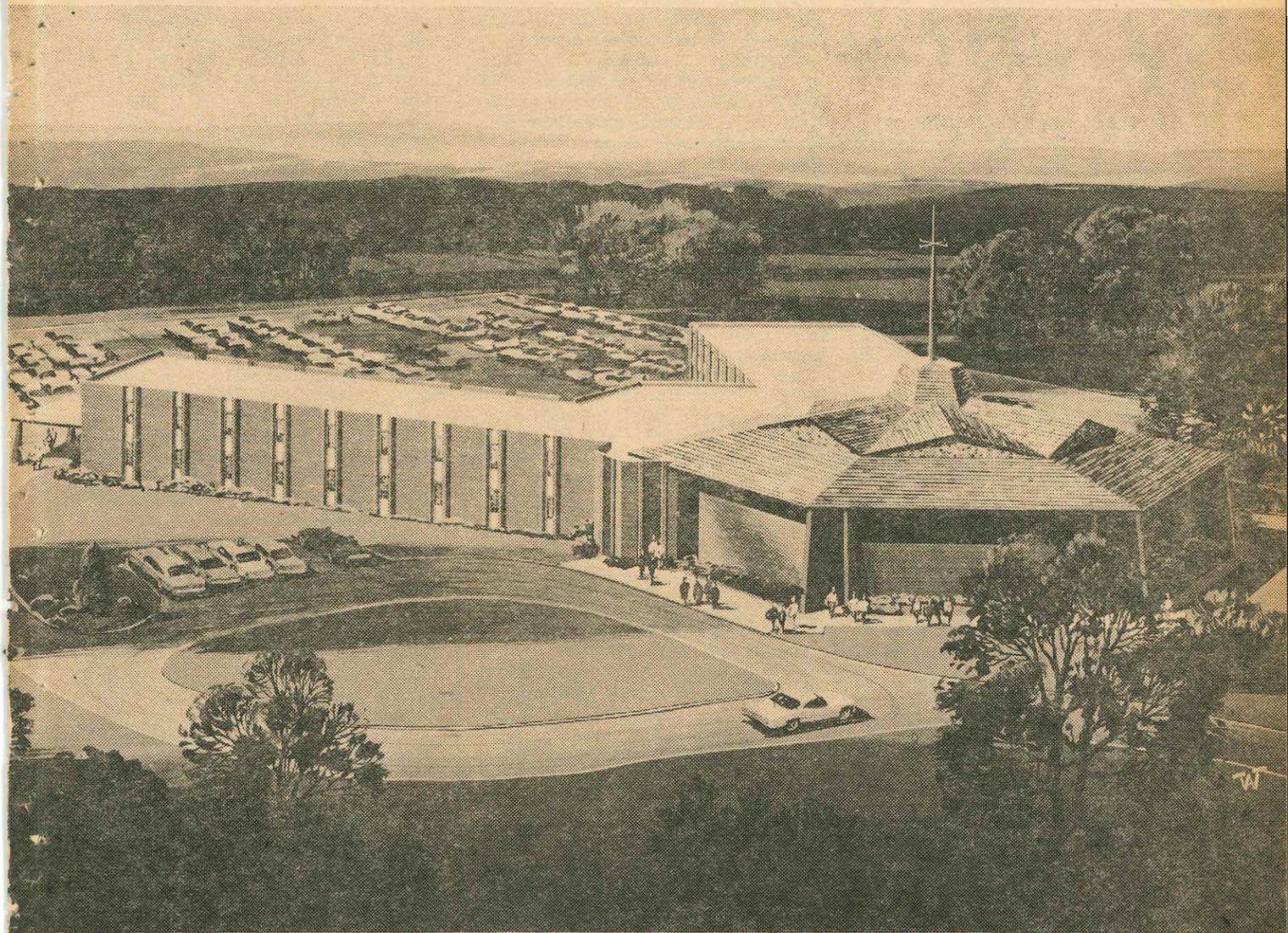




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**LONE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH**, Paducah, Kentucky, has voted to accept architectural plans and to proceed with a building program estimated at a cost of \$973,948. The Lone Oak Church building was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, January 30. (See Page 8 for story.)



## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**TURNER RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH,** Falmouth, dedicated a new educational unit on July 17. Several pastors in the Crittenden Association assisted in the service.

Cost of the new building was \$29,000 and it will provide space for 175 people. Speaker for the dedication services was John Wall, pastor of the Dry Ridge Baptist Church.

Pastor Tim Herring of the Turner Ridge Church reported that gifts for this building have been received from over the state of Kentucky. The church has expressed their appreciation for the help in their ministry.

**HARROD'S CREEK CHURCH** of Brownsboro dedicated a new \$35,000 sanctuary in June. Homecoming was held in conjunction with the dedication. More than 400 people attended and approximately \$500 was donated to the building fund.

Four former pastors shared in the program. Chaplain J. D. Bruns was dedication speaker. Dan Griffin is pastor of the 169-year-old church. The 150-year-old auditorium stands near the new one.

**HAROLD R. COOK** has accepted a call as minister of education at Chapel Park Church, Louisville, where R. Harold Mincey is pastor. A bachelor graduate of the University of Tennessee, he has

pursued two and a half years of additional study at Southeastern Baptist Seminary. He served the Hill Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.; the Latonia Church, Covington, Ky.; and the Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow, Ky., before going to Chapel Park August 15. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have three children—Karen, 10; Kenneth, 8; and Kimberly, 5.

**MELBER CHURCH** has just completed a Vacation Bible School and revival, in which 100 were enrolled in the VBS with an average attendance of 85. There was one profession of faith during the school. A total of ten decisions were made during the summer revival, including seven additions by baptism, one by letter and two public rededications. Charles Nelson, pastor of Cuba Church, was the evangelist, and Don Parker, Trinity Church of Paducah, led the song services. Philip Yancy is pastor of the Melber Church.

**DR. WILLIAM RAMSEY**, chairman of the music department of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, Ky., has been appointed director of vocal music at Utah State University, Logan, Utah, according to Dr. Max F. Dalby, head of the music department at USU. Dr. Ramsey will assume his new responsibilities at the fall quarter this year.

**MRS. DOROTHY BENNETT DAVIS**, 31, wife of Jimmie L. Davis, died at Owingsville July 9. She was church organist and pianist for many years. Funeral services were conducted by J. Edward Cunningham and George C. Frey at the Owingsville Baptist Church. A graduate of Owingsville High School, she attended Georgetown College, and was graduated from Akron and Cincinnati Conservatories of Music. In 1945 she was honored by being awarded first place in the national piano contest, and has been given many local and state recognitions. She is survived by her husband, already mentioned; one son, Glenn Rodney Davis; her mother, Mrs. Leona Sapp Bennett; and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Wallace Sapp, Lexington. Her father was the late Pastor Dewey Bennett, formerly at the South Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington.

**JAMES E. KERRICK**, minister of music at Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., has accepted a call to the Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Ala., to be both minister of music and youth director. Kerrick, formerly of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, is a graduate of Georgetown College, attended Southern Baptist Seminary, and has been working on a musical degree at the University of Kentucky while serving Rosemont church. Mrs. Kerrick is the former Mary Ellen Guenther, of Highland Heights, Ky.

**POPLAR GROVE CHURCH**, Lynn Camp Association, ordained Robert Lee and J. W. Norvell as deacons in July. Pastor C. R. Brock, Lynn Camp Church, questioned the men; retired missionary S. R. Helton delivered the message; Calvin Hibbard, Poplar Grove Church, served as moderator; and the pastors and deacons from the churches in Lynn Camp Association shared in the service.

**MEXICO BAPTIST CHURCH'S** building is nearing completion. The new \$60,000 structure will be completed and in use by the time of the fall revival October 16. Dr. A. M. Vollmer, former secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, will be the evangelist. A. J. Smith is the pastor, with Dick Martin, chairman of the building committee, and R. F. Brown, Jr., chairman of the building finance committee.

## A Dead God or A Failing Church?

by Robert J. Potts, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas

The "New Radical Theologians" are not the only ones proclaiming the "Death of God." They are only joining their voices to those of many others, and the chorus is swelling.

The contemporary play, "Waiting for Godot," pictures two disheveled men waiting for the coming of Godot (if one adds an "n" he has God not). They talk about his coming, wonder when he will arrive, expect his presence, anticipate his timely arrival to bring an end to their insignificance. But Godot never appears. That, a contemporary culture says, is the way it is with God. The supernatural God active in the world of men is longed for, expected, anticipated, but He never arrives. God is not; He is dead. Perhaps He lived in ancient times. Man believed in Him and lived like it. Today they do not. So, if God ever lived, He died—sometime in the last 100 years.

Atheism is not new. Atheism we have had with us always, but "Christian atheism," this is a new breed. From whence springs such a hybrid step-child?

One might begin by listing a myriad of "isms." Consider first the product of Renaissance thought, Humanism—the view that man is the highest value and the center of all. Humanism's roots sink deep into the Biblical concept of the value of the human being. Not recognizing its dependence upon Christianity, Humanism has drifted farther and farther from its spiritual sources, becoming increasingly sterile with time.

Next is Scientism. In the last 100 years, science has produced so many wonders that contemporary man is overwhelmed and stunned. He is so impressed that anything that sounds scientific or makes its pronouncements in the name of science is considered to be true. Such homage desires to apply the scientific method of knowledge gaining (a method designed for physical and natural studies) to every other discipline including theology, the study of God. One will never find God through the scientific method, for it automatically excludes spiritual explanations. Faith, love and God do not fit neatly into test tubes.

Blend Humanism and Scientism together and one finds a new creation labeled Secularism. Secularism is easily the dominant philosophy of our day. It means "this-ageism," "this-is-all-there-is-ism," "there-ain't-no-more-ism." To start with this premise is not likely to lead one to any evidence that God is active and working in the world. Yet, one could cook this new blend of "isms" as long as desired and never arrive at

the "Death of God" theology. One ingredient is still missing. That is the failure of the church. Add to this brew the failure of the church in two vital areas and the metamorphosis sets in. The hybrid is born.

The church is failing with the University, failing to deal adequately with the questions that are raised there by both the professors and the students. The questions they ask are difficult and disturbing questions. The church has tried to ignore them thinking that they will go away. The questions don't, but the questioners do. Sometimes the church has answered them, "Shame, shame on you for asking such question and for thinking such things." But honest questions that arise out of life as they see it cannot be ignored. Such questions cannot be suppressed; they seek answers, and such seekings deserve an honest facing. Therefore, the church drastically needs men of scholastic standing who can wade into this void to do battle with anyone on any intellectual level. Baptists have a distinctive message, whether or not they use the same words as former generations of Baptists, deserve our support rather than our distrust and our brickbats.

In addition Baptists must better prepare their young people for college. Sending them off to college armed with

nothing but the average Sunday school knowledge of the Christian faith is like sending them out to battle a dragon with nothing but a paper shield. It gets consumed in the flames. The Sunday school knowledge of the Bible when compared with a college knowledge of science comes out second best. It appears childish and naive compared to this new intellectual and sophisticated knowledge. If our young people leave their churches, it isn't really God they are leaving, but their childish ideas of God. How much better to have many of these questions anticipated and dealt with in a Christian context.

But, the second area of the church's failure is even more devastating. Too long we have had marbles in our mouths when we have talked about human need. Too long we have been content to live in peaceful co-existence with evils that are abominations in the sight of God. Too long we have played the "spiritual manana game" with obvious evils about which we could do a great deal.

The Humanist with whom we share a common interest in man though with a different motivation has said, "We need you Christians no longer. You are in our way. We will do this without you." So the Peace Corps and the other humanitarian projects are full of secularists who aren't at all interested in doing anything in the name of God or to His glory. Christian people active in these projects to meet human need will not be the obvious hand of the church in the world, but they may well

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## Weekday School Succeeds in Covington

by Russell Bennett

Pastor, Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.

The Weekday School of Religion movement came to Covington just nine years after its 1913 birth in Gary, Indiana. Early in 1922 the Covington Ministerial Association met to discuss the possibility of such a program for Covington. The idea caught on and in March representatives from twenty churches met to continue the discussion. These discussions resulted in the formation of the Community Council of Religious Education which occurred in June of 1922 at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Securing the funds to support such a project and a qualified teacher took some little time and the first classes were offered in February of the following year, but only to fourth graders. Two hundred and fifty-two pupils enrolled on February 23, 1923, and 177 of them completed the course on May 28.

The first class was considered a success and so with the help of the first teacher—Miss Esther Lamb—a full-

fledged program was launched in the fall of 1923 with classes for third, fourth and fifth grade children.

In 1929 steps were made to expand the program and classes were offered for sixth graders. The program survived the worst of the depression but in 1933-34 the classes for third graders were discontinued because of lack of funds.

As early as 1939 some of the communities surrounding Covington became interested in the Weekday program and schools began to open up in the outlying areas. Park Hills was first with the opening of their school in February of 1939. Ludlow was next in line with classes beginning there in 1942. Classes were started in Bromley in 1944, in Crescent Springs in 1948 and in Erlanger in 1956.

Today the Community Council of Religious Education is an important aspect of the Covington community. The Week-

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### The Happy Baptist Story in Ohio

The story of Southern Baptists in Ohio in the last fifteen years is one of the brightest chapters in modern Baptist history. Born in 1954 as a child of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Ohio Southern Baptist Convention has made Kentucky Baptists proud parents and now challenges us with a youthful vigor and enthusiasm which is inspiring to behold.

My first visit with Southern Baptists in Ohio was about 1951 when I represented Georgetown College at the annual session of the old White Water Baptist Association which then was affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Less than 20 churches with fewer than 4,000 members made up this only association of Southern Baptists in Ohio.

My last visit with Buckeye Southern Baptists was week before last with 150 Ohio pastors at the annual Pastor's Conference Retreat at Seneca Lake.

The State Convention Executive Board met on the first day of the retreat and approved a Cooperative Program goal of over \$1 million for next year. More than 400 pastors now serve over 63,000 Southern Baptists in Ohio.

This record would make it sound like things were ready made for Southern Baptist success in Ohio. This is far from the truth. Progress in Ohio for Southern Baptists was not automatic. It was a struggle inch by inch and convert by convert. While Baptists in Kentucky have enjoyed strength and status since the first settlers crossed the mountains, Ohio is as different as if it were a thousand miles away instead of just across the river. Southern Baptists began with an image in Ohio no better than that of the first century Christians in the Roman empire. They were regarded as ignorant, emotional, religious fanatics from remote and uncivilized areas.

Three days with Ohio Southern Baptist pastors and denominational leaders helped me to understand the phenomenal growth of Southern Baptists amid less than ideal conditions. It's a story of unusual blessings of the Lord along with human zeal and commitment.

Most of the first Southern Baptist pastors and denominational workers in Ohio came from Kentucky just as most members of the first churches were Kentuckians who had migrated to Ohio. The mother church of the Convention was Westwood in Dayton where Kentuckian John Kurtz was pastor. This Georgetown College graduate developed the first really strong Southern Baptist church in Ohio and

was a prime mover in getting the Convention organized.

The Ohio Southern Baptist boom really began with the going of Ray Roberts from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Danville, Kentucky to become first the missionary for the old White Water Association, and then, upon its organization, the Executive Secretary of the state convention. Ray went to Ohio with the same sense of mission which sent Paul from Troas to Macedonia. By now he has surrounded himself with a staff which ranks with that of any state in the Southern Baptist Convention. The spirit of this man, big physically and spiritually, has permeated and characterizes all of the Southern Baptist work in Ohio.

Ray has also been instrumental in bringing pastors to Ohio Southern Baptist churches which have the finest training along with an unshakeable sense of mission. A wholesome balance of pastors from many parts of the country and from several Southern Baptist seminaries is found in Ohio. Southwestern Seminary graduates in unusual numbers have come to Ohio and have done well. There are now several graduates from Midwestern Seminary in Ohio, one of the brightest young pastors and leaders attended Southeastern Seminary and Lynn Davis, the outstanding editor of the state paper, is a New Orleans Seminary graduate. Of course Southern Seminary has provided many of the pastors and most of the denominational workers for Ohio Southern Baptists. Youth, vigor, training, ability and commitment characterize the Ohio pastors and this has rubbed off on the laymen making them faithful and responsive.

In addition to able and dedicated pastoral and denominational leadership and responsive laymen, there is that indefinable thing called spirit or *esprit de corps* which one senses when he's among Ohio Southern Baptists. There's no sign of status seeking among the pastors. A thorough-going democratic spirit, appreciation for and confidence in denominational leaders and genuine love and fellowship among the brethren are all easily felt.

Seneca Lake in Southeastern Ohio is the beautiful assembly grounds for Ohio Southern Baptists. Comfortable accommodations for 200 are now provided and expansion is on the way. For three days we sang, prayed, studied Amos, thrilled to the inimitable preaching of the beloved C. Roy Angell, played together and just enjoyed each other in the Lord. It was a happy and memorable experience.

### A Sign of the Times

One of the most significant Baptist stories of the year has come from Arkansas. It has to do with the request of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock to be released from ties with Arkansas Baptists in order to accept federal funds. This is the first Baptist institution related to a Baptist convention to make such a request and can surely be taken as a sign of the times.

The hospital board of trustees pointed out its loss of income from participation in Medicare as the reason for having to turn to public funds. Whether or not their case based on Medicare participation is as strong as they make it sound, the hospital trustees have arrived at the conclusion that Baptist connection is more of a liability than an asset and have plainly said so. For such honesty and forthrightness there can be but admiration.

The trustees could have asked for permission to accept federal grants while still related to Arkansas Baptists but they did not. They recognized this would violate the conscience of many Baptists in Arkansas and they chose to ask for an open and friendly severing of traditional ties.

The operating committee of the Arkansas Executive Board agreed with the trustees and is recommending that the hospital become a private institution ad-

ministered by a self-perpetuating board of trustees. The willingness on the part of this group to recommend freedom from the denomination for the hospital is also praiseworthy. Sentimentality and institutional pride could have led to a decision to sacrifice principle and take government money to do Baptist witnessing or to hold to principle and to deprive the hospital of income it thinks is necessary to maintain a first class healing institution.

There are no signs that such a move by Baptist hospitals in Kentucky is anywhere near. Our hospital administrators and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital Commission have never indicated any desire to lean upon the federal government for funds. They have operated high quality hospitals with a minimum of financial help from Kentucky Baptists and none from the government. May it ever be this way!

But when and if a Baptist institution feels it can come nearer performing its intended ministry in the world without than with denominational ownership, support and control, let it say so. And with the rapidly growing involvement of federal, state and local government in health, education and welfare, more and more Baptist institutions may come to this place. If so, let us honestly consider all the facts and then make a decision based upon reason and not upon sentimentality or institutional pride.

### BAPTIST FORUM



#### An Inconsistency Pointed Out

Dear Editor:

Your editorial "A Convention with Undertones" (July 7) is provocative and helpful. However, it appears to be marked by an inconsistency. On the one hand, the recent special Kentucky Baptist Convention is criticized for "exercising control of our schools from the convention floor" rather than relying upon decisions of the boards of trustees. On the other hand, the editorial warns of "a spirit of deep dissatisfaction bordering on anger" concerning the "absence of a long-range plan for all Kentucky Baptist higher education" together with the prediction that future conventions will give "radical treatment" to the proposals of the colleges and of the Christian education committee. The latter warning would seem to be an indication that more convention planning and control are due. Have not Baptist conventions generally made decisions concerning the establishment and the closing of Baptist institutions? Does not the present crisis in Baptist higher education involve the same kind of problem?

Are not many of our present Baptist structures the result of Baptist efforts to meet a crisis in the past? Is the Baptist Education Study Task sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention not an indication that Baptist state conventions have been unable to solve the present crisis in Baptist higher education?

Perhaps the *Western Recorder* should establish a new column to report what individual Baptist churches in Kentucky are doing to increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program. To fail to make such increases is to make the recent meeting at Walnut Street Church nothing less than a denominational fiasco. Louisville, Ky. James Leo Garrett

#### Views on Two Matters

Dear Editor:

I want to express my views on two things that have been in my heart for some time. First, I attended the special Baptist Convention in Louisville and want to commend Dr. David Nelson, our President, on the outstanding job he performed as our leader and presiding

officer and the Baptist messengers in attendance for rejecting federal aid.

I have been a member of the Owensboro Board of Education for 26 years and can say from experience that local control is being shifted into the hands of the federal government and I predict in the next 15 years all schools will be under federal control. This will be disastrous.

Also I want to say a word in behalf of having the Youth Night separated from the State Convention. I agree with our leaders that it should be a meeting apart from the Convention, and if we continue to have outstanding Christian programs, we need not worry about it being a success.

How about letting the Youth have a one-day Convention with their own officers, etc. After all, not too far in the future, they will be our Baptist leaders. I would be willing to volunteer some time to this project.

Owensboro, Ky. J. V. Vittitow

#### In Favor of Convention Youth Rally

Dear Editor:

Since several others have put in their opinion about the survey concerning the Youth Rallies, I'd like to report in as a minority of one that was surveyed.

At a time when Kentucky Baptists need to listen to the strong lay leadership of our churches; and at a time when Kentucky Baptists need to respect, en-

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"Christian" Inoculations Win Nicaraguan Friends

by C. E. Bryant

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP)—Pistola de la paz, the "gun of peace" that a volunteer team of Christian-oriented North American doctors and volunteers brought to this Central American republic, is winning friends by the tens of thousands here.

A total of 102,937 persons marched by improvised clinics during the first two weeks of the team's stay, offering their arms for immunization against smallpox, tuberculosis, and leprosy. More than 45,000 children under ten years of age have received oral vaccine for polio.

An expected 180,000 persons will be given a total of about 400,000 immunizations before the project ends.

The peace gun, so named by its developer Dr. Robert A. Hingson, is a jet injector that emits vaccine with such force that it penetrates the skin without use of a hypodermic needle. Each of the 30 guns is capable of inoculating 400 persons an hour.

Forty-one persons, 13 of them from First Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, volunteered a month's time and paid either all or most of their own expenses to bring the guns to Nicaragua.

The group includes seven doctors, seven nurses, four dentists, four medical students, and other technicians. Many are Southern Baptists, including a team from Baylor University Medical Center, a Baptist institution in Dallas, Tex.

The team of volunteers in Nicaragua is interfaith and interracial. Major financial assistance for provision of medicine and equipment also has crossed traditional lines, with contributions coming from Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish organizations in Cleveland, the UNICEF of United Nations, the Pan American Health Organization, the Baptist World Alliance, and others.

Its international nature was pointed out by Dr. Hingson. "The Brother's Brother Foundation was born in a medical mission survey sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance in 1958," he said.

"Here in Nicaragua we are using polio vaccine from Canada, smallpox vaccine from Brazil, a combination shot against leprosy and tuberculosis from Japan, and guns and personnel from the United States.

Five people from Baylor University Medical Center are on the team.

Two other Southern Baptists are on the team. They are Dr. Harry C. Helm, who practices general medicine and surgery at Columbia, Tenn., and his son,

Clay, an engineering student at Tennessee Technological University.

Dr. Helm, who is active in the First Baptist Church at Columbia, heard Dr. Hingson speak about his jet gun at a brotherhood rally in Nashville several months ago. "I told him after the meeting that I was volunteering to go with him on his next trip," Dr. Helm recalls. "Then when I found that Clay could go too, I phoned Dr. Hingson and told him the two of us were asking for the toughest assignments on the project."

Dr. Helm sees projects such as this one in Nicaragua as a challenge to every Christian doctor, and he feels that laymen generally might well volunteer their time to apply their special skills to mission work in remote areas.

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Atlanta Court Upholds Stadium Liquor Sales

ATLANTA (BP)—Mixed drinks may go up for sale in the Atlanta Stadium despite the protests of a Methodist layman and a Baptist journalist, if the ruling of a county judge is not appealed by the plaintiffs.

County Superior Court Judge Jesse M. Wood upheld the constitutionality of mixed drink sales and the operation of a private club in the Atlanta Stadium.

Judge Wood tossed out an earlier court ruling by Judge Durwood T. Pye prohibiting the sale of mixed drinks and the operation of a private club at the stadium.

The plaintiffs, Jack U. Harwell and L. R. Schwall of Atlanta, did not immediately announce whether they would appeal the ruling.

Harwell is associate editor of The Christian Index, weekly newspaper of the Georgia Baptist Convention, and Schwall is a Methodist trucking executive.

Judge Wood also ruled that the stadium's owners have the power to lease or sell stadium property for "private" use, that current city zoning ordinances do not restrict liquor sales or a private club at the stadium, and that the Fulton County Juvenile Court building adjacent to the stadium is not legally considered to be a school.

Plaintiffs had contended that the operation of "a public school program in the court building" made the property there a school ground. By Georgia law, liquor sales are not allowed within 200 yards of a school ground.

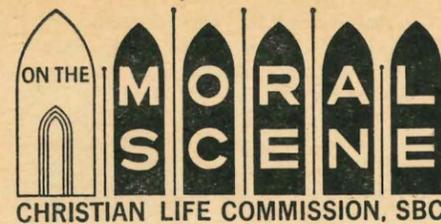
If the plaintiffs do not appeal the case with the 15-day period, mixed drinks will probably go up for sale in Atlanta Stadium.

Alabama Baptists Draft Plans, Approve Budget

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)—Plans for a seven-year advance program to conclude in 1973 with a 150th anniversary celebration were adopted here by the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama.

The board, meeting for a mid-summer session here, also gave initial approval for a 1967 record budget of \$4,490,000, and authorized an around-the-world mission tour for the state Baptist executive secretary.

Program theme adopted by the board for the seven-year advance program is "Reaching Forward for Christ."



... Americans are bilked for an estimated \$1 billion a year for "falsely promoted, worthless, or dangerous products, half of it for unnecessary or falsely represented vitamin products and so-called health foods"—Quoted from *Your Money and Your Life*, a pamphlet available from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for 15¢ per copy.

... Poor people pay more for food, according to a government agency report. The Bureau of Labor Statistics related this fact to the scarcity of supermarkets in poor neighborhoods and the tendency of poor people to buy smaller sizes, thus paying higher unit prices.

... The one-year license renewal of Station WLBT, the Lamar Life Broadcasting Company television outlet in Jackson, Mississippi, must be decided in a public hearing before an FCC examiner, according to a decision in the D.C. Court of Appeals. At issue in the decision will be whether or not WLBT has allowed enough time for conflicting views on public issues, whether it has offered air time to the large segment of Negro citizens, whether it has fairly presented the issue of racial discrimination, and whether the license renewal would be in the public interest.

... Convicted drunken drivers in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be interviewed by the Utah Alcohol Foundation. If a continuing alcohol problem is found, the offender will have 30 days in which to initiate a treatment program as an alternative to being jailed. The Salt Lake City Police Department is cooperating with the courts in this program.

... The war on poverty is being waged "with just about the same number of people on our staff as the Air Force needs to keep one single squadron of B-52's in the air."—Sargent Shriver.

... Every one of 92 men who developed lung cancer during a long-term study were smokers. Known as the Philadelphia Pulmonary Neoplasm Research Project, the study was begun December 4, 1951. The 92 victims were among 6,137 men who reported fairly regularly for chest X-rays during an eight-to-ten year period. The report significantly revealed that of the 806 non-smokers in the group, none got lung cancer.

Southern Baptists Radio and TV Programs in Kentucky

THE ANSWER — TV PROGRAM

WAVE	Louisville, Ky.	Sunday, 8:30 A.M.
WPSD	Paducah, Ky.	Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

THE BAPTIST HOUR

WKDZ	Cadiz, Ky.	Sunday
WAIN	Columbia, Ky.	Sunday, 7:00 A.M.
WIEL	Elizabethtown, Ky.	Sunday, 5:10 P.M.
WFUL	Fulton, Ky.	Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
WKAY	Glasgow, Ky.	Sunday, 7:30 A.M.
WKYF	Greenville, Ky.	Sunday, 3:00 P.M.
WHLN	Harlan, Ky.	Sunday, 6:45 A.M.
WHBN	Harrodsburg, Ky.	Sunday, 12:30 P.M.
WIRV	Irvine, Ky.	Saturday, 11:30 A.M.
WLBK	Lebanon, Ky.	Sunday, 1:00 P.M.
WMTL	Leitchfield, Ky.	
WPHN	Liberty, Ky.	Sunday, 3:00 P.M.
WINN	Louisville, Ky.	Sunday, 9:30 P.M.
WFMW	Madisonville, Ky.	Sunday, 2:00 P.M.
WTTL	Madisonville, Ky.	Sunday, 10:00 A.M.
WWXL	Manchester, Ky.	Sunday, 1:00 P.M.
WFLW	Monticello, Ky.	Sunday, 8:30 A.M.
WMOR	Morehead, Ky.	Sunday, 2:00 P.M.
WMSK	Morganfield, Ky.	Sunday, 1:20 P.M.
WPDE	Paris, Ky.	Sunday, 3:00 P.M.
WPKE	Pikeville, Ky.	Sunday, 8:35 A.M.
WRUS	Russellville, Ky.	Sunday, 12:15 P.M.
WCND	Shelbyville, Ky.	

MASTER CONTROL

WLJC	Beattyville, Ky.	Saturday, 5:30 P.M.
WCBL	Benton, Ky.	Tuesday, 8:00 A.M.
WIEL	Elizabethtown, Ky.	Saturday, 9:30 P.M.
WSTL	Eminence, Ky.	Sunday
WSAC	Fort Knox, Ky.	Sunday, 10:25 A.M.
WFUL	Fulton, Ky.	Sunday, 4:05 P.M.
WHLN	Harlan, Ky.	Saturday, 3:30 P.M.
WLOC	Munfordville, Ky.	
WOMI	Owensboro, Ky.	Saturday, 8:15 P.M.
WPDE	Paris, Ky.	Sunday, 3:30 P.M.
WEKY	Richmond, Ky.	Sunday, 10:00 A.M.
WRUS	Russellville, Ky.	
WKKS	Vanceburg, Ky.	

PATTERNS

WCBL	Benton, Ky.	
WCDS	Glasgow, Ky.	
WKOA	Hopkinsville, Ky.	
WMTL	Leitchfield, Ky.	
WMSK	Morganfield, Ky.	
WPDE	Paris, Ky.	
WLSI	Pikeville, Ky.	
WSFC	Somerset, Ky.	

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

WAIN	Columbia, Ky.	Sunday, 9:00 A.M.
WAXU	Georgetown, Ky.	
WTTL	Madisonville, Ky.	Sunday, 9:30 A.M.
WJPD	Paris, Ky.	Sunday, 2:45 P.M.
WPKE	Pikeville, Ky.	Saturday, 6:45 P.M.
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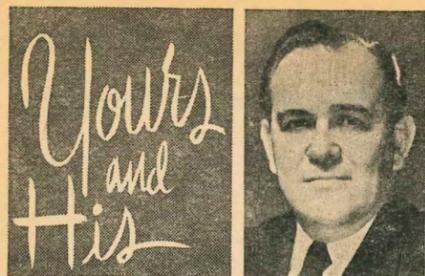
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Verlin C. Kruschwitz, the pastor tells me that the church, to celebrate its 185th anniversary this year, sent an extra love-gift of \$2,000 to the Foreign Mission Board. Also, when the Special Convention approved an extra \$300,000 allocation for Christian Education, this church had already increased its current budget by \$200 per month for the Cooperative Program!

### Send Mission Gifts Now

This is the kind of "yes" we need when we vote great things for God! If all our churches do likewise, and increase their **new budgets** by 5% of the total, we will not fail our Colleges and Student Centers!

This is the time to send (1) all your annual pledges to the Cooperative Program through August; and (2) to send any extra love-missions-gifts for the Cooperative Program.

### Will We Reach Budget?

Our state Convention Budget year closes August 31. We are more behind than any year in five; but I am confident you will rise to meet the challenge of our annual goal of \$3.15-million plus \$100,000 for Capital Needs!

### Send August Gifts Before 31st

So, check with your treasurer! Are you behind? Also, get all your August pledge for the Cooperative Program and mail it **not later than August 31**. Let's do our part, and more if possible. Let's exceed our goal and carry out all our missionary commitments in Kentucky and around the world in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who "became poor" that we might "become rich."

*Harold G. Sanders*

## Kentucky Baptists

### Lone Oak Proceeds With Building Program

On Sunday, July 3, the Lone Oak Baptist Church of Paducah voted to accept plans of an architect and to proceed with a building program estimated at a cost of \$973,948. A 12-acre site has been purchased and construction is scheduled to begin during August and completion is anticipated in approximately eighteen months.

The new facilities will include a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1,360 and educational space for 900. The sanctuary and educational unit will be separated by a vestibule two stories high and sixteen feet wide. Unique in design, the sanctuary will be in the shape of a true hexagon. Included in the educational building will be an administrative office suite, music suite, church parlor, provisions for a day kindergarten and fellowship hall. All facilities will be completely air conditioned.

The Lone Oak congregation met on the new tract of land Sunday night, July 31 for dedication of the new property. Isaac B. McDonald reports that approximately 400 persons attended the dedication service.

### District Associations Elect Officers

Reports from the annual meetings of the District Associations indicate the 1966 attendance was about the average for the past several years. These meetings which began in July will continue until 82 of the associations in Kentucky conduct their business in annual meetings.

One of the earliest associational meetings every year is Simpson County which this year met at Providence Baptist Church near Franklin. The group decided on a change in meeting date for 1967 and have set their meeting for the first week in September. Providence pastor, Richard L. Lankford, was elected moderator.

Bracken Baptists met August 2 and 3 and elected August C. Peters, pastor at Carlisle Baptist Church, as moderator for a third term.

Bracken Baptists passed a resolution commending the Kentucky State Police and County officials for their efforts in combatting the liquor traffic in the associational area.

Tate's Creek Baptists in the Richmond area also met August 2 and 3. The new Moderator is Kale Conner. The association welcomed Linden Street Baptist and Clarksville Baptist Churches as new members of the association. The group also expressed deepest appreciation and love to Morris Calico of Berea who has served as clerk of Tate's Creek

Association for 23 years.

Charles R. Hawley was elected for a second term as moderator by Liberty Baptists meeting August 3-4 at Glasgow and Shady Grove.

Monroe Baptists of the Tompkinsville area met on August 4-5 at Fountain Run at Gamaliel. Billy Compton is the new moderator succeeding Nobel Cottrell.

### Clyde Gordon Enters Evangelism



Clyde Gordon

Clyde Gordon, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Scottsville, Kentucky for the past three years has resigned to enter the ministry of full time evangelism. Gordon has been much in demand as an evangelist and has led revivals and Bible conferences in many states.

A native of Mississippi, Mr. Gordon is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Before coming to Scottsville he served churches in Louisiana and Mississippi. Upon leaving the Scottsville Church he became interim pastor for the Auburn Baptist Church, Auburn, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon's family includes three married sons, two of whom are ministers. They are Richard Gordon, a Mississippi pastor; Paul Gordon, a student at Western University and pastor of White Stone Quarry Baptist Church, Bowling Green; and David Gordon, a Bowling Green business man. A fourth son, Marvin Gordon, was a Mississippi pastor until his death two years ago.

The Gordons will make their home in Bowling Green and may be addressed at 1514 Shawnee Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

### Calvin Zongker Resigns

by J. Chester Durham

It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of Rev. Calvin Zongker as Baptist Student Work Director at the University of Kentucky. Mr. Zongker has accepted a similar position at Georgia Tech, in Atlanta, Georgia.



For eleven years Mr. Zongker has given strong leadership to the Baptist Student work program at the University of Kentucky. Thousands of Kentucky Baptists' finest young people have grown spiritually through this man's ministry. Mr. Zongker has proven to be a diligent worker, excellent counselor, good organizer, splendid preacher, and superior interpreter of the Christian Gospel.

For eleven years this man has stood, alone, as a Kentucky Baptist witness and a representative of Christ, to more than 3,000 Baptist Students (each year). His ministry will be missed.

We wish for Bro. Zongker, his wife Rose, and daughter Sherri Beth, the greatest of success on their new field of service.

### Foreign Missionaries Are on the Move

Southern Baptist missionaries serving in foreign countries who have Kentucky connections are on the move, according to recent news releases from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. Some of the missionaries are returning to their post of duty after spending furloughs in the States while others are on the way home for regular furlough and further training for future responsibilities.

Miss Mabel Summers, missionary to Lebanon, arrived in the States about August 1 for a regular furlough. While home she may be addressed at Route No. 3, Box 113, Bardstown, Kentucky. She has been serving as a missionary since 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Oliver, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, are also scheduled to arrive in the States August 1. Mr. Oliver is a native of Tampa, Florida; Mrs. Oliver is the former Susan Pyles, a native of Louisville. Their address is 5111 Suwanee Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33603.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Leftwich, serving in Nigeria, are moving from Aba to Oshogbo in Nigeria. When they were

appointed missionaries in 1964, Mr. Leftwich was pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Elliston, Kentucky. Their new address will be Newton Memorial School, Box 16, Oshogbo, Nigeria, West Africa.

The new address for Dr. and Mrs. Hal B. Boone, Southern Baptist missionaries in East Africa, will be Box 1296, Jinja, Uganda, East Africa. Mrs. Boone is the former Patricia Held, who was born and reared in Owensboro, Kentucky. The Boones returned to East Africa in late July following a furlough in the states.

Mr. and Mrs. Reiji Hoshizaki, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, are now in the States for furlough and will be at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky, 40206. Reiji is a graduate of Georgetown College.

Another Southern Baptist missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Mercer, is spending a furlough at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Mercers are missionaries to Japan. He is a native of Central City, Kentucky and was pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Morman, Kentucky when appointed in 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kent Faris, Southern Baptist missionary appointees, left the States July 29 for Brazil. Their address will be Caixa Postal 758, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil where they will spend a year in Portuguese language study. Mr. Faris grew up in Bellevue, Kentucky.

### Dr. Wayne Oates Writes on Alcoholism

The most recent book written by Dr. Wayne E. Oates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is entitled, "Alcohol — In and Out of the Church."

The new book was released August 1, by Broadman Press.

Dr. Oates presents a different view of the treatment of alcoholism from that popularly held by many churches. He proposes a middle path between the total abstainers "devil-in-a-bottle" attitude and the permissive view of alcoholism as disease. He says that both churchmen and the alcoholic have responsibilities in meeting the problem of alcoholism.

Dr. Oates says that many Protestants have moved against alcohol and alcoholism; but we need to add to our zeal knowledge and insight. The author discusses the things he feels Christians need to know and to do in order to understand the problem of alcohol and alcoholism.

This is the eleventh book written by Dr. Oates.

## Kentucky Baptists

### T. C. Smith to Teach At Furman

Dr. T. C. Smith, former New Testament teacher at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been named as professor of Religion at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Smith was a New Testament professor at Berkley Baptist Divinity School, Berkley, California when he accepted the Furman invitation.

He is a native of Louisiana, a graduate of Louisiana College and holds both the Master and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southern Seminary. He also has an earned doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and has additional graduate work at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The new Furman professor is also a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mooresville, North Carolina, and holds the rank of Commander in the United States Naval Reserves.

### Rodney Travis Ordained By Mexico Baptist Church

MEXICO, Ky.—The Mexico Baptist Church called an ordination council for the purpose of ordaining Rodney Travis to the Gospel ministry on July 14. All ordained ministers and deacons in the Ohio River Association were invited to sit on the council.

Robby Litton, pastor of Clear Creek Church in Ohio River Association, was elected moderator, and W. O. Winstead, a deacon of Mexico Church, the Council clerk.

Robert Bozarth, pastor, Hyland Church, Henderson, and a former pastor of Rodney, did the interrogating; A. J. Smith, pastor, Mexico, preached the sermon; R. F. Brown, Jr., deacon of Mexico, offered the ordination prayer; and Deacon Collin Shadowen presented the candidate with a set of books from the Mexico Church. Cecil Highfill, chairman of the deacons, presented the candidate to the ordination council.

Young Travis is a graduate of Crittenden County High School. He has attended Bethel College, Hopkinsville, and at present is a senior at Georgetown College. He has been called to be pastor of Crooked Creek Church. Rodney is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskall Travis, of Caldwell Springs community. His father is a deacon. He is married to Sue Tabor, of Marion, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tabor, and she also is a senior in Georgetown College.

**WEEKDAY SCHOOL SUCCEEDS IN COVINGTON**

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day program is executed by a board of directors consisting of 25 members. There are four permanent board positions (Presidents of the Northern Kentucky Protestant Association and the Council of United Church Women, a representative of Baker Hunt Foundation, and the Superintendent of the Covington Public Schools) and one third of the remainder is elected annually from laymen and clergymen in the community. Board members may be elected for three years.

During the 1965-66 school term the Weekday program employed the services of a principal, four full-time teachers and one part-time teacher. These six people met 112 classes in 19 different teaching centers, and had a weekly enrollment of 2,869 pupils. About 98% of the fourth, fifth and sixth grade children in the city schools attend Weekday classes.

The original purpose of this program was to supplement the religious instruction of the church and home. But through the years it was discovered that this was the only such instruction for many children. Today only about 50% of those who attend Weekday classes are in any way involved in church schools or services of worship. Therefore the purpose today is a two-fold one—in addition to supplementing the teaching done by the churches, it is reaching many who are outside the church. If the Weekday School program had a "mission" as such it would be to teach God's word to all His children. The following true story is an excellent illustration of that "mission".

In a certain public school a few years ago when the children were getting ready to attend the Weekday School of Religion classes for the first time, a fourth grader came to her teacher and said, "I don't know if I want to go to Bible School or not!" To the teacher's inquiry as to why the little girl replied: "I don't know how to act, for in all my life I've never been inside of a church." Upon the encouragement of her teacher she went that first day and her parents granted permission for her to continue. Afterwards she called the church where the Weekday School of Religion classes met her church, for this was the only church she knew.

**Two Members of Mexico Church Die In Crittenden**

MARION, Ky.—Mexico Baptist Church has lost two dedicated and faithful members during the past six months. In April Brother Emmett Fletcher, 45, a cancer victim, was called to be with his

Lord. He was a member of the church's building committee.

On July 5 W. O. Wicker went home to be with the Lord. Mr. Wicker was chairman of the deacons for many years, and was one of the four living charter members of the church. He was past eighty-nine years of age, and had been in declining health for about two years.

Brother Wicker had served the Ohio River Baptist Association as a moderator, and in many other offices throughout the years.

Both of these servants of the Lord will be severely missed by their church in its work for the Lord.—A. J. Smith, pastor, Mexico Baptist Church.

**David T. Rogers, Student, Dies the Short-Time Victim of Leukemia**

The few members of the Southern Baptist Seminary family—both faculty and students who are in Louisville during the current summer months—were saddened by the untimely death of David Tyson Rogers, 25, a student from Knoxville, Tenn., who died of Leukemia at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on Sunday, August 7, 1966.

Here in the Louisville area he had found places of service to supplement his seminary studies, such as being pastor of the Buckner Baptist Church, Buckner, Ky., and as recreational supervisor of Ormsby Village, Lyndon, Ky. This latter work he had to resign a month ago on account of ill health.

He was graduated in 1963 from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., before coming to the Seminary, and it was while there that he was honored by being accorded a listing in "Who's who in American Colleges and Universities." In Tennessee he was pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Clinton, and the Elk Mills Baptist Mission, in Butler.

His funeral was conducted by Dr. W. Peyton Thurman, dean of students, and Dr. Dale Moody, professor of Christian Theology, both of the Seminary faculty, at the Ratterman Funeral Home on Lexington Road, August 8, and then the body was taken to Knoxville where a second service was conducted at the Rose Funeral Home on August 10. Interment was in his native Knoxville.

He leaves his wife, Sadie Collins Rogers; a daughter, Gina Lynne, five weeks old, both residing in Fuller Hall, on the Seminary campus; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David N. Rogers; one brother, Gary L. Rogers; and four grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Beal, all of Knoxville.

**Sherman Long Accepts Warfield Baptist Church**

Sherman Long has resigned the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church, Hawesville, Ky., to accept the care



Sherman Long

of the Warfield Church, in Warfield, Ky., in Enterprise Association. A native of Kentucky, he attended Campbellsville College and Kentucky Wesleyan College. Brother Long has served as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Owensboro before going to Central Baptist Church. Warfield Church at present has two missions: one at Steptown, West Virginia, and the other at Pilgrim on Wolf Creek.

**Chapel Park Calls Educational Director**

Howard R. Cook has accepted the call as minister of education of the Chapel Park Baptist Church in Louisville.

Mr. Cook earned the B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee and has completed 2½ years of study at Southeastern Baptist Seminary. He has served the Hill Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, the Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, and the Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow, Kentucky. He will begin his work at Chapel Park about August 15.

His family includes his wife, Betty Jo and three children, Karen, age 10, Kenneth, 8, and Kimberly, 5.

**In The World Of Religion**

... The Official Catholic Directory for 1966 shows that Catholics in the fifty states, including all families of the defense forces both at home and abroad; and the diplomatic and other services abroad, now number 46,246,175, an increase of 605,556 over last year; and a ten-year increase of 12,672,158.

... A recent survey of religious beliefs by the Catholic Digest shows that more Americans are attending church now than fourteen years ago. A similar poll in 1952 showed that nonattendance at church then was 18 percent for Catholics, 32 percent for Protestants, and 56 percent for Jews. Today, 13 percent of Catholics, 33 percent of Protestants, and 39 percent of Jews do not go to church. Church attendance was found to increase with income.

—from The Survey Bulletin

**PERSPECTIVE**

by Robert J. Hastings

**"THE WIND AND THE SAILS"**

Jesus taught us to open our prayers with "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). There is another well-known prayer that helps to define "Thy will be done." Some say it was written by Reinhold Niebuhr. Others attribute it to a Fourteenth Century prayer manual: "O God, give us serenity to accept the things we cannot change; courage to change the things that should be changed; and the wisdom to know the difference."

Let's illustrate this with the wind and a sailboat. The wind can not be changed, but the sails can. A sailboat can go either with or against the wind, depending on the trim of the sails. A sailor needs serenity to accept a North wind when he might prefer a South wind. He also needs courage and skill to trim his sails so as to head straight into the storm if that is where duty lies.

Each morning we embark on the sea of life. Not in a sailboat, mind you. But the principle is the same. We have the wind, which we must accept. We have the sails, which we can trim. To seek God's will is to ask for serenity to accept the wind, courage to trim the sails, and wisdom to know the difference between the two.

**A DEAD GOD OR A FAILING CHURCH**

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be the left hand of God and one of His more effective instruments.

To say this is not to detract from the Christian insight that sin is man's major problem. But, it does recognize that the strongest motivation for the love of man is God's love flowing through His people. Our Christian posture should not

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make us less interested in these other problems of human need but should send us out into these areas with greater enthusiasm. It is not a choice between a "Gospel of Salvation of Sinners" and a "Social Gospel." It is the proper balance of Jesus' dictum to love God and to love neighbor. It is time for our churches to quit failing in the second half of the Christian commandment. A more effective Christian life and witness and compassion is the church's best answer to the "Death of God" fad.

Some men, when they are confronted with the "Death of God" movement, are able to get mad and flail away at it. Others of us cannot. In the face of their charges we feel guilty, for we know that these radical theologians are not pointing fingers at a Godot-like God who never comes, but at Christians who fail to let Him come through them.

**NBC-TV To Film Show On Baptist Seminary**

FORT WORTH (BP)—The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has announced plans to video-tape a documentary film on the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, for television use by the National

Broadcasting Company later this year.

Paul M. Stevens, director of the commission, will be in Switzerland this summer with the NBC-TV camera crew to interview John D. W. Watts, president of the unique theological center for Baptists of the world located near Zurich, Switzerland.

The film, said Stevens, will show the contrast and similarities between two international agencies in the Zurich area: the seminary, and Interpol, the renowned international police organization where knowledge from law enforcement agencies throughout the world is pooled in an intensive effort against organized crime.

The seminary, which has brought together students and professors from 29 nations, pools their skill in teaching a message which is "the world's most historically effective deterrent against evil," Stevens said.

Ruschlikon, located just outside Zurich, is sometimes referred to as "the Baptist center of Europe." Geographically, it is near the heart of the continent.

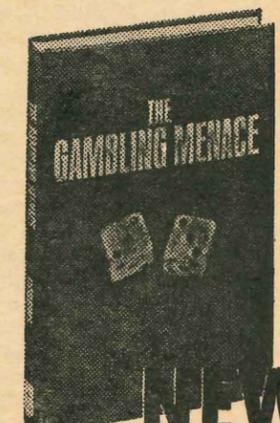
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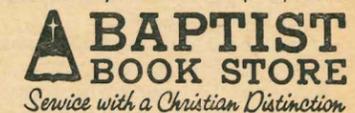
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Baptist Forum

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courage, and strengthen our young people, I think the Youth Rallies are good and helpful. The timing of bringing our young people to the Kentucky Baptist Convention could serve to teach them our glorious heritage and our significant freedom. I would be one to plead that we do not "throw out the baby with the bath water."

At a time when Catholics are pulling their laymen to the front and emphasizing the importance of their youth, does it sound reasonable for us to claim to believe in and practice the Priesthood of Believers; to glorify the profession of Preachers; and to cause our Convention to be built around them instead of sharing with our laymen and our Youth? These possibilities should cause us all to think.

Louisville, Ky. Ercil L. Barker

Agrees With Dr. Nelson's Ruling

Dear Editor:

I have just read Mr. Bennett's letter to the editor in the *Western Recorder* in which he charges that the President of the Convention was dictatorial in ruling a messenger out of order (Mr. Bennett being the messenger) when he moved the previous question.

It may be true that in a strict interpretation of the Rules of Order that this may have been improper. However, Mr. Bennett knew the permissive spirit of Dr. Nelson in allowing unlimited debate of the issue before the convention. Mr. Bennett may have been in order according to the book of Rules of Order, but he was out of tune with the wishes of the convention. Some of us who were there also knew what the Rules of Order said, but we didn't challenge the ruling of the chair because we were in agreement with the ruling. We favored unlimited debate which was the ruling of the day and this is not dictatorial.

Owensboro, Ky. T. A. Prickett

Guest Editorial:

Worldly Criticism

We are living in a sort of an objector's age. A lot of things are being denounced. It breeds an atmosphere that sometimes assumes that everything ought to be denounced.

Al Capp's Lil Abner strip frequently takes off on the demonstration pitch. He seems to be especially allergic to student demonstrations, and the one placard that he repeats again and again is one saying, "Students Wildly Indignant About Nearly Everything." Well students are not the only people demonstrating and objecting. Nearly every-

body is. It is an atmosphere of the times, not all bad, not all good.

In such an age of action and protest, the church comes in for its share of the same. People from outside the church who understand almost nothing of the real purpose and internal atmosphere of the church and who have no interest in theological or religious truth of an abstract nature, are prone to think that in an age of action that the church needs to be in action—action that they can see, action espousing the things they want to espouse. They are shouting at the church, "March!" It's a "go-go" world. Sometimes the church needs to be "go-going;" sometimes it needs to ignore these march orders.

The church must always be right. She must emphasize the right. Sometimes she must march in the right. Sometimes she must simply articulate it, keeping a little more dignified position while inspiring others to march. Of course, she must always march for justice.

The point of these lines is this: Whether or not it is time to march or time for action, whether or not it is a time of success or failure, the church is something else inside itself that the world cannot be expected to understand. She is a fellowship that comes together to breathe the holy breath of God (the word in scripture and breath are the same in both Old and New Testaments). When assembled to sing praises, to pray and meditate together upon God, there is the seeking together of that moment in which the body of Christ achieves corporate worship and His holy breath is our breath. We sit together as it were with tired hearts in an oxygen

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tent for an invigoration which Jesus referred to when He said to His disciples (who marvelled that He was not hungry), "I have meat to eat that you know not of." (John 4:32).

Don't let us fear worldly criticism. We need to have a certain sensitivity toward it and in so far as it indicates the will of God respond to it. On the other hand, we need also to have a degree of insensitivity to world criticism. Our task is not to please the world, but to persuade it—it is God whom we must please. Much of the criticism of the world is to be ignored while the fellowship continues to seek the atmosphere which is His spirit breath and continually feeds upon that of which we cannot expect the world to know until we are somehow able to lead it to know Him.

Franklin Owen, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Lexington, Kentucky

H. Cornell Goerner Honored by Liberia

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has been made a knight in Liberia's Humane Order of African Redemption. The honor was conferred July 28 by Liberian President William V. S. Tubman.

The decoration came as a surprise in the midst of another honor to the mission secretary: the dedication of the H. Cornell Goerner Dining Hall at Ricks Institute, Baptist school near Monrovia, Liberia.

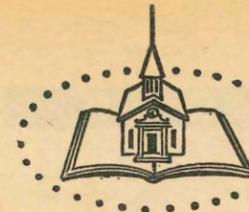
Speaking at the dedication, Dr. Tubman expressed appreciation for what Baptists of Liberia are doing in the cause of Christian education and for Dr. Goerner's service in the uplift and redemption of the people of Africa.

Then, announcing the honor being given by his Government, he handed Dr. Goerner a citation of achievements and placed around his shoulders the insignia of the order: a broad red-white-and-blue ribbon bearing the Liberian coat of arms and a large medallion depicting the early settlers, with chains of slavery broken, kneeling at the foot of the cross and looking up to God in gratitude for their land of liberty.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Goerner called this the highest honor he has ever received.

O-o-oops!

Dr. Robert Mill, Georgetown College president, is forty-nine years old, and not fifty-nine, as indicated in last week's editorial. Our apologies for the slip of one digit.—Editor.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



HONESTY IN ALL THINGS

(This Lesson for August 28, 1966)

The Ten Commandments, which constitute a condensed summary of man's moral obligations to God and to men, came directly from God through Moses to the children of Israel, and through the Scriptures to us.

Exodus 20:15.

The eighth commandment, which has to do with the sanctity of property, is basic to human life. In giving this commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," God prohibits one of the most common and widespread sins. This commandment against stealing implies that man has the right of private ownership. God has given him that right. Man would not have any right to possess that which he has made, earned, or saved except for the fact that God has given it to him.

To steal is to take or to withhold from mothers that which rightfully belongs to them. The meaning of this commandment is sometimes limited to the stealing of money, but it goes far beyond that. It also involves man's relationship and conduct with reference to God and men. God has a perfect right to our homage, obedience, and service, but all too frequently these things are withheld from Him. The treatment of the Lord's Day by many is an example of the way in which many act as thieves. Men often defraud God of time and money and life which rightfully belong to Him. It is bad to steal from men, but it is worse to steal from God.

"Thou shalt not steal" is a prohibition of every kind of theft. It is a command against stealing in every form. This vice may be practiced in various ways, such as robbery, which is taking property by force or violence; theft, which is the taking of another's possessions without his knowledge or consent; fraudulent practices, among which are loafing on one's job, "borrowing" money from the cash register, using short weights and measures, deceptive advertising, the adulteration of goods, the concealment of defects, the misrepresentation of quality, taking advantage of others through extortionate interest, exorbitant rent, extravagant prices for commodities, refusing fair wages, and so forth. Any dishonest appropriation of what does not belong to one is steal-

ing, call it what you will. For believers to withhold tithes and offerings from God is stealing just as truly as it is stealing for one to commit robbery, theft, burglary, or to misappropriate funds.

Amos 8:4-5.

Amos, God's fearless prophet, recognized the fact that the violation of the eighth commandment was one of the most prevalent sins in Israel in his day. Without hesitation he turned the fire of righteous indignation against those outwardly respectable and professedly religious, but selfish and greedy profiteers, and the self-indulgent and dishonest schemers and hypocrites, and denounced them because of their injustice and wrong treatment of others. He emphasized the great truth that outwardly perfunctory religion is not sufficient. Any pretense of religion which is accomplished by unkind, unfair, and dishonest dealings with others makes a complete mockery of one's faith. In their desire for greater riches, many of the rich in Israel actually and indignantly begrudged the new moon and the sabbath, because it was necessary to suspend business transactions on those days, thus depriving them of the privilege of exploiting, oppressing, and robbing others.

Amos told the people that God would not ignore the evil works of the impenitent. He warned them that a day of judgment was awaiting all those who deceived the people for their own personal gain; also that God's woe would rest upon them. Both individuals and nations will receive their just deserts from God. Amos taught that God wants people to love Him supremely and to love others dearly.

As Christ was preaching to the multitude, and to His disciples particularly, He warned them to "beware of the scribes." The hypocritical actions of the scribes, who were the meticulous interpreters of the law, were extremely offensive to Christ, Who never condoned a mockery of religion in anybody. Sham and pretense are repulsive to all honest people. The scribes wore long robes and occupied the front seats in the synagogue in order to attract attention to themselves, and with the hope of leaving the impression on others that they were very pious. They thought

that the longer their robes the more pious they were; consequently, they deserved greater honor. Of course, Christ knew that it was their practice to take mortgages on the humble homes of widows, charge them an exorbitant rate of interest, and then foreclose in the event of a default on one payment on the property. To be sure, when those rascals taught the Word of God on the next Sabbath after defrauding helpless widows, their hearers could not have any confidence in them or in their religion.

Titus 2:7-10.

Paul admonished Titus to be faithful in the proclamation of sound doctrine to all his listeners, even though many of them had been subjected to false teachings, and had been living in an environment of gross dishonesty, immorality, and debauchery. These words were written to stress what Titus should be to those who were under his instruction, but they are applicable to all Christians. As Titus was, each child of God should be a pattern for others. A pattern suggests something exemplary that deserves to be looked upon as worthy of imitation.

Every minister is to be an example for the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made him the overseer. If he is to influence others as he should, he must practice what he preaches. His teaching must be confirmed by his example. He must be a pattern of good works for both the saved and the unsaved to see. This is vital to his success and usefulness in the ministry.

Men and women, both old and young, must present to the view of all the undeniable teaching of a consistent Christian life. Our Lord calls upon all of us to refrain from wrong conduct. He exhorts us to live honest, chaste, and clean lives. He challenges us to see to it that our speech is sound and stimulating. He wants our teaching to be without corruption or compromise.

One cannot be too careful about his life and his teaching. When one's life is exemplary, and his teaching is true, sincere, and reverent, his opposers are disarmed. One, who calls himself a Christian, should live in such an exemplary manner that he will be able to silence his enemies by the soundness of the doctrines which he teaches and the consistency of the life which he lives. Every Christian should be a worthy example for those who observe his life.

# KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK



## Church Music

### Many Churches Observe Music Expansion Week

by E. F. Quinn

Music Expansion Week, August 21-28, gives many of our churches a chance to place a special emphasis upon music in their church. During this week, leaders may be enlisted and trained for leading the music in various choirs and organizations within the church. The number of choirs may be enlarged as well as the enrolment of the present choirs through an enlistment campaign. Music materials are ordered for events to come later in the year, and even may be introduced to the choirs during this week in preparation for events as far away as Christmas.

The following books are recommended for conducting a music school during this special week: for Young People and Adults — *Know Your Hymns, II*, or *Christian Hymnody*.

For Intermediates — *Sing from Your Hearts*, or *Hymns We Sing*.

For Juniors — *Music in Bible Times*, or *Makers of Music*.

For Primaries — *Singing Praises*.

For Beginners — *Sounds that Sing*.

A special pamphlet entitled "Music Expansion Week" is available at the state Music Department for the assistance of church leaders, free upon request. Other pamphlets which might help in planning for Music Expansion Week includes the "Church Music Ministry Calendar of Activities".

"Music Expansion Week" might be also the time to begin preparing for observing "A Day of Singing and Praise" designated for the second Sunday in September.

## New Compositions Are Available

August 1 was the release date for new collections of music now available in the Baptist Book Stores.

For the organ, arrangements of the 1966-67 Hymns of the Month are available in "Hymn Tune Preludes for the Organ, No. 2."

For the piano, "Hymn Tune Preludes for the Piano, No. 2" also contains arrangements of the Hymns of the Month for 1966-67.

For choirs, "Songs of Salvation, No. 3" contain more choral songs designed

for evangelistic emphases, like the first two collections of the same title.

Two new cantatas are also available after August 1. "Hast Thou Not Heard?" is an easy cantata designed for use during the Southern Baptist Convention's emphasis on education during the coming year. The other cantata, "With Joyful Praise," is for Thanksgiving or general praise for Junior choirs. Both cantatas are authored by David H. Williams of Arizona.

## Youth Night Choir Music Selected

Directors of youth choirs already pre-registered for Youth Night on November 18 at Bowling Green have selected the music which the choirs will prepare to sing on that night. The selections are as follows:

The Battle Hymn of the Republic  
Stand Up for Jesus (Geibel tune)  
Lead On, O King Eternal  
How Great Thou Art  
Word of God, Across the Ages  
Are Ye Able?  
Soldiers of Christ, Arise

The selections are listed in the order of their popularity according to the return on the questionnaire sent to the youth choir directors.

Youth choirs throughout the state are invited to notify state music secretary E. F. Quinn of their plans to participate in the youth night for 1966.

Time is in favor of the young people this year. They will not need to arrive at the arena at Bowling Green until 6:00 p.m. (CST). They will need to eat before arriving at the arena for the rehearsal and service to follow. The fact that Bowling Green is on Central Standard Time is an additional advantage to choirs coming from a great distance.

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## Training Union

### Study New Concept Books This Summer

by Eldon Boone

Leadership with Juniors and Intermediates and members of Adult and Young People's unions will want to study the new Training Union concept books prior to the new church year. Two possible ways of doing this are suggested here.

One is by the Home Study Method. This involves reading the book and answering the questions for each chapter. It can be done any where and any time. For those who desire them, our department has prepared Home Study Sheets for each of the books listing the questions for the chapters. They are free upon request.

Many groups, however, will want to use these books as a part of their Backyard Study this summer. Adults and Young People especially can benefit through using this method of study, as their books are written for the entire union to study. Junior and Intermediate Leaders may wish to join with workers from other churches to provide a study group on their books. In most cases provisions will need to be made for classes for Junior and Intermediate boys and girls. All of the above will enjoy a backyard type of study. Nursery, Beginner and Primary children will probably learn best in their departments at the church.

A backyard study can run all of one week or on the same night(s) of consecutive weeks. Plan for a minimum of 7½ clock hours of study plus some fellowship and refreshment time.

Regardless of the method used, be prepared for the fall program by studying the new books this summer.

## FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Kentucky Baptists' first Family Life Conference will be held August 22-26 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Participants will choose from nine work groups the one area of interest in which they will spend their time studying in this conference. Nine pastors from across the state will be serving as resource Work Group Leaders.

Dr. Joe W. Burton, Secretary, Family Life Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Dr. Roger Crook from the Department of Religion, Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, will be serving as Theme Consultants for the conference. Mr. Dennis Lyle, Minister of Education, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, will be serving as a special resource person in the area of the aging, recreation, and educational program of a Baptist church.

The conference is open to all who are interested. Because many families will want to attend, special morning classes will be provided for Nursery through Intermediate ages. Young People will join Adults in the work groups.

Reservations may be made directly with Mr. Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003. The regular Cedarmore rates will apply.

## Sunday School

### What Is The Church Growth Plan

Jesse C. Stricker

The Church Growth Plan is a comprehensive design for assisting a church to increase its membership. It has been developed out of a conviction that churches want a carefully devised plan for reaching the multitudes of lost people with the gospel. "Growth" as used in this plan means numerical increase. The use of the Sunday school for a church's numerical increase is the heart of the Church Growth Plan. This plan is in keeping with the task of a church's Sunday school program, "to lead in reaching all prospects for the church."

Although the Sunday school, "leads in reaching all prospects for the church" it cannot accomplish this task alone. It must have cooperation and support if it carries out any of its tasks successfully. The Sunday school is supported in this growth plan by the other church program organizations, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Music Ministry and Training Union.

When a prospect is enrolled in Sunday school, taught the Bible regularly and encouraged to attend the preaching services, he is likely to accept Christ and unite with the church. Once a member of the church, he becomes a prospect for the other organizations of the church who will seek him as a member. In addition to the Sunday school in fulfilling its task "to lead all members to learn daily," will encourage each church member to participate in the other program organizations where his learning opportunities can increase.

In keeping with their task assignment, the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood will relate directly to the Sunday school in outreach. As these two organizations program their mission actions they participate in the church's outreach. They perform their mission tasks for groups of persons in situations where circumstances make it difficult for these persons to attend the church reaching toward them.

The other program organizations take the place of leadership when their distinctive tasks call them into action. When they lead in their tasks the Sunday school will support them fully in these roles.

When all tasks of the church program are programmed, "Church Growth" will take on a fuller meaning. **In this sense church growth will mean not only numerical increase, but growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

## Annuity Department

### Merits of the Southern Baptist Protection Plan

A. W. Walker, Secretary

1. It is the best protection per dollar that can be procured.
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7. It pays the member's children, or

estate, a lump sum cash benefit if he dies leaving no widow surviving.

8. The earlier one joins, the larger his benefits.

9. IT IS SUGGESTED that the church provide the plan cost-free to the pastor by paying 10% dues, and the state convention matches with 5% of the salary basis.

10. It will work in any church.

## The Protection Plan and Insurance Are Complementary

(a) It provides a basic floor of protection on which the member can build his total insurance program, and the Protection Plan leaves him financially able to do so.

(b) It enables the insurance counselor to use the Protection Plan as a foundation for a well rounded program to provide the member with maximum economic security.

(c) It is praised and recommended by those who know it best:

"I consider this program vitally essential for all pastors and denominational workers who need financial security against the hazards of dying too soon or living too long. Commercial life insurance should be supplemental to, and never a replacement of this plan."

Mr. Ned King,  
President of Mercantile  
Securities Life Insurance  
Company of Dallas, Tex.

## Plate Glass Windows at Baptist Book Store Completely Wrecked

The Baptist Book Store, 317 Guthrie Street, Louisville, had a shattering experience about 3:00 a.m., on the morning of July 29—and it was shattering!

In connection with three men being chased in an automobile by the police, during which the speed of the cars was said to have surpassed 100 miles an hour, and causing several accidents enroute, the pursued car knocked down a post and a parking meter, and plunged into the east side three-panel frame window, injuring themselves and completely demolishing the window and its aluminum framework.

The glass panes were fifteen feet high, and each of the three had a width of seven feet, making the overall frame more than twenty-one feet wide.

Damage was also done to the books, the stack shelves and tables, and other interior objects in their path.

Miss Blanche Mays, manager, and her entire working force have spent much of their time since the accident trying to re-establish order where only chaos existed on the morning of the calamity.

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## Baptist Leaders Hit At Prayer Amendment

WASHINGTON (BP)—Baptists played a prominent role in opposition to the proposed "Dirksen Prayer Amendment" during hearings here conducted by the Senate Judiciary Sub-committee on Constitutional Amendments.

In addition to testimony by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs urging that the First Amendment is adequate to protect the free exercise of religion, four other Baptists expressed their views at the hearings. Three of them opposed the amendment and the fourth was not clear in his testimony.

The four were W. Perry Crouch, executive secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention; Dallas West, executive secretary of the Indiana Baptist Convention (American Baptist); Robert S. Alley, associate professor of religion at the University of Richmond, Va.; and Robert Bennett, who said he was minister of the Carmody Hills Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Crouch, who was scheduled to testify at the hearing but was hindered by a conflict in his schedule, submitted a written statement opposing the Dirksen Amendment.

He was joined in the statement by E. W. Price, president of the General Board of the North Carolina Convention, and by Adrian Newton, chairman of the North Carolina Baptist Committee on Public Affairs.

The North Carolina spokesmen said, "The court (i.e., Supreme Court) has declared that government agencies should not impose, regulate, or organize religious exercise in schools. With this decision, our Baptist people are in full agreement."

They pointed out that there was "little or no interest or concern" for the Dirksen Amendment among North Carolina Baptists.

Opposing any alteration of the Constitution's protection of religion, the North Carolina group said, "We strongly believe that we have all of the guarantee we need in the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights."

Dallas West, an American Baptist executive, was scheduled to testify, but was prevented from traveling to Washington by the airline strike. He wrote a letter to Sen. Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), chairman of the committee conducting the hearings, expressing opposition to the Dirksen Amendment.

Alley appeared in his capacity as a private citizen at the request of the religious liberty committee of Virginia Baptists. He opposed the Dirksen

Amendment because, he said, it would in effect establish some form of religion and that it would limit the protection now existing in the Constitution.

The Virginia professor said that "the proposed amendment would drastically affect future Supreme Court decisions based upon the First Amendment."

He further opposed the proposal because of the widely varying concepts of prayer among the religious groups in the nation. The effort of school officials to provide for prayer would inevitably violate the conscience of many people, he said.

Alley's opposition was further based on the view that the Dirksen Amendment would open the doors to coercion in religion and that the practices authorized would have little effect in inculcating moral values in children.

Bennett, who identified himself as minister of the Carmody Hills Baptist Church, Washington and as an employee of the department of missions of the National Council Churches working in the student interracial ministry, asked the Congress to "consider those who have not encountered God and give them the opportunity to find him."

His testimony was contradictory to that offered by spokesmen for the National Council of Churches itself. These officials expressed views similar to that of other Baptists in opposition to the Dirksen Amendment.

### Prayer Amendment Has Little Chance to Pass

by W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)—Now that the hearings on the proposed "Dirksen Prayer Amendment" to the Constitution have concluded, what are the prospects for its passage by the Congress?

Barring unexpected developments, the prospects for this amendment are that it will not pass.

Here are the reasons: In the first place the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments that conducted the hearings has not made up its mind what to recommend to the Senate. Indications are that it will not recommend the Dirksen Amendment, but that it may try to present a resolution to the Senate to "express the mind of the Congress" as to what the Supreme Court decisions on prayer and Bible reading in schools actually said.

In the next place a constitutional

amendment must pass by a two-thirds majority. It is exceedingly doubtful that this many votes can be secured.

Senator Dirksen is reportedly still committed to forcing the issue to a vote on the floor of the Senate, regardless of what the Judiciary Committee does. This is expected to come in the very near future.

A staff member of the Judiciary Committee told Baptist Press that if Dirksen forced the issue to the floor of the Senate before the committee has time to make its recommendations, "this will end the matter." In other words, there would be no further recommendation by the committee.

In the unexpected event that the Senate approved the Dirksen amendment, it would have to go to the House of Representatives where it would be assigned to the House Judiciary Committee of which Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) is chairman. He is unalterably opposed to any such amendment.

This would call for more House hearings and delay in making a report to the House. By this time Congress would have adjourned, and the legislative process would have to start all over again, both in the Senate and the House when the new Congress convenes next January.

The sum of it all is that there is very little prospect that the Congress will recommend a constitutional prayer amendment this year.

### Two Texas Baptists Named to Peace Corps

Washington (BP)—Two Texas Baptists will be going to Panama and to India as officials in the Peace Corps, according to the Peace Corps office here.

Weston Ware of Dallas, associate secretary of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will become deputy representative for the Peace Corps in Panama.

Ken Saunier, of Austin, Tex., Baptist Student Union director at the University of Texas, will become central regional director for the Peace Corps in India.

Ware will be located in Panama City. As the number-two man in Panama he will serve in an administrative and supervisory capacity, overseeing the Peace Corps program for the entire country. He will work closely with the national leadership to set up new programs and projects.

In India, Saunier will serve in Bhopal, capital city of the interior state of Madhya Pradesh.