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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

ANCIL SCULL, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, has been named first "missionary in residence" at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. Scull will conduct seminars on what Southern Baptists are currently doing in foreign missions during the remainder of his furlough.

JOHN P. GRIGGS, a former pastor of Casky Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, and Mrs. Griggs began a furlough December 10. They may be addressed at Box 446, Jefferson City, Tennessee. Mrs. Griggs is the former Florence Sanders of Blue Diamond, Kentucky. They presently are serving as missionaries to Rhodesia.

JOE JENKINS, age 90, was recently presented a gift by Beech Grove Baptist Church, Jinks, Kentucky, in commemoration of his long years of service to the church. He is the oldest member of the congregation. The presentation was made by Henry King, Beech Grove pastor.

A NEW MUSIC IN MISSIONS COURSE has been approved for the school of church music of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. It will provide "techniques for and approaches to the use of music in foreign missions."

700 PERSONS made professions of faith in Christ during a recent Baptist-sponsored evangelistic crusade in Venezuela. Included among those making decisions were a practitioner of witchcraft and a member of the U. S. Peace Corps serving in Venezuela.

FORMER KENTUCKY PASTOR Jesse N. Phillips, who became known as the "apostle to the roughnecks" during the boom days of the Texas oil fields, died recently at Henderson, Texas. Funeral services were held December 4 at Henderson. A former associational missionary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, he served in the Baptist ministry for 50 years prior to his retirement in 1959.

R. EUGENE OWENS, associate professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Mrs. Owens were employed recently by the Foreign Mission Board to serve at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland. They were employed for a five-year term of service under the missionary associate program.

RETIRED KENTUCKY PASTOR **W. K. WOOD** of Ashland conducted revivals recently at Van Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, and First Baptist Church, Raceland, Kentucky.

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THE SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY, BAPTIST CHURCH invites the public to see a re-enactment of the first Christmas in the Bethlehem stable at 301 East Main Street in Springfield. The live nativity scene will be presented December 22 and 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A CHURCH STAFF is the title of a new book published by Broadman Press at Nashville. It was written by Leonard E. Wedel, director of the Sunday School Board's office of personnel.

DR. JACK AMIS, a member of Second Baptist Church at Hopkinsville, was presented the 1966 Kiwanis Club outstanding layman award for the city of Hopkinsville. He teaches the adult Bible class at Second Baptist Church.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE (Baptist), Buies Creek, North Carolina, was recently granted accreditation as a senior college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Campbell became a four-year school about three years ago.

DEACON AND MRS. SID SPURR of Plum Creek Baptist Church near Taylorsville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 27. They live on Route 4, Taylorsville.

A GIFT of \$50,000 has been left to Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, from the estate of the late Mrs. A. Van Howeling of Plainview, Texas. The gift will be added to the seminary's endowment fund.

Discovering the Meaning of Christmas

by LARRY MADDOX

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ANYWAY? A bright-eyed child may reply, "Christmas is a tree, toys, and tinsel." A hurried, harried housewife may answer, "Christmas is baking, buying and bankruptcy." A boisterous, bilious, business man might state, "Christmas is bright lights, bargain counters, and bustling crowds." For many Christmas has become a time of "Jingle Bells," jagged nerves, and jangling cash registers.

Secularization Dominant

Shallow conceptions and secularized celebrations dominate the Christmas scene. In the midst of this situation most Christians are forced to ask, "How can I discover the deep meaning of Christmas?" The secret of discovering the deep meaning of Christmas lies in giving and receiving.

We discover the deep meaning of Christmas by giving. Giving is central in Christmas.

God so loved that He gave His Son . . .

Mary gave herself . . .

The Shepherds gave the good news . . .

The wise men gave Him gifts . . .

Instead of exchanging a lot of gifts and gadgets which have little use, wouldn't it be more Christlike for us to give food and clothes to someone in need. Instead of worrying about what we should or should not pay for a gift for a friend, why not make a donation to a children's home in his name? You could send him a card saying that he has shared in some Christian Christmas giving with you.

How about giving up a grudge or a grievance or an imagined hurt this Christmas? In Czechoslovakia the people celebrate Christmas by visiting their friends and foes and forgiving any misunderstanding which might have arisen during the year; Christmas to them means the ending of old quarrels and the beginning of the new year among new friends. God must love that!

Christmas is Sacrifice

Perhaps you can gather up some of the things you don't use any more and give them to one of those organizations that mend and restore them and send them to folks who are in need. While you are at it, how about a real sacrifice this Christmas! Like choosing one of your most prized possessions and giving it to someone to express your love? God gave His most precious possession, His own Son!

We also discover the deep meaning of Christmas by receiving. Receiving is

even more important than giving at Christmas. We can never know the real meaning of Christmas until we receive the Christ of Christmas. He was not received that first Christmas. The apostle John wrote, "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (John 1:11). The little town of Bethlehem did not receive Him. The holiday spirit filled the narrow streets to be sure, but it was because of the decree of Caesar, not the gift of God.

The innkeeper in the city of David did not receive Him. His house was full of important people with gold in their purses, so there was no room for the carpenter of Nazareth and his weary bride. King Herod did not receive Him. His fearful reign could not tolerate the possibility of even a child who might prove a rival for his throne. The religious leaders of the time did not receive Him. They longed for a Messiah who would come in kingly glory with the scepter of David in his hand, but they were too possessed with rites and ceremonies, with prestige and position,

A CHRISTMAS SERMON by Larry Maddox, pastor of Reidland Baptist Church, 5559 Benton Road, Paducah, Kentucky.

to be concerned about the birth of a child.

Only a few simple shepherds watching their flocks on the Judean hills, and wise men who dared to follow their star of hope in the faith that it would bring them to the new-born king, were ready to receive Him that first Christmas.

Nineteen centuries have gone—19 centuries of Christmas—and we must frankly ask, "Are we any more ready to receive God's Son today?" We welcome indeed the yuletide season with its glitter and glow, its lights and laughter. We are ready for Santa and sleigh bells, for candles and carols, for presents and pageantry. We may even be ready for a child in a manger. But are we ready to receive the Son of God—the Lord of Life?

In his play, *The Winged Victory*, Maxwell Anderson tells of a Mayla princess who married a sea captain, embraced his religion, and returned to Massachusetts with him. Having been rejected and continually rebuffed by her husband's family and friends, she determined to take her own life by poison.

While awaiting for death to come, she uttered a prayer to the pagan gods of her native land. "God of the children, god of the lesser children of the earth, the black, the unclean, the vengeful, you are mine now as when I was a child. He came too soon, this Christ of Peace. *Men are not ready yet.*" Is this to be the verdict of History?

More for Missiles Than Missions

He came to be the Prince of Peace. Yet, we spend more on one missile than we do on all mission enterprises. An uneasy quiet reigns over the world with its "balance of terror." The enmity among men reflects an enmity toward God, and the shortage of psychiatrists testifies to the lack of inner, personal peace.

He came to bring justice. Yet, murderers of Negroes in Mississippi are not only free but "honorable" men, and a "Christian" church locks all its doors but one where a "hospitality" committee stands guard to keep out those of other races.

He came to instill compassion. Yet, we in this country are notoriously obese in a world where 10,000 per day die of malnutrition or starvation.

He came to show men how to live in love. Yet, we live in the blindness of hatred and prejudice which have set the world aflame with bitterness and fear.

Jesus seems strangely out of place in the 20th century. There is little room for Him here. Somehow He who rejected a crown for a cross does not seem to fit into our frantic struggle for status and security. A world obsessed by money and power does not listen to a gentle voice that says, "If you want to save your life, you must lose it."

Receive Christ Now

"He came unto His own and His own received Him not . . . but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God." Now is the time to receive Christ and all that He means to us and our world. Now is the moment to come and adore Him, not only as a babe in a manger but as the Lord of our lives. Now we must bring to Him not gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but hearts filled with love and a life dedicated to His service.

"O holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend to us we pray:

Cast out our sin and enter in,

Be born in us today!"

Giving and receiving, these are the keys to discovering the deep meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Is:

The air of excitement, the spirit of expectancy;
 The happiness of school holidays, the thrill of going home;
 Pink-cheeked youth singing Christmas carols to shut-ins;
 Candlelight services with manger music and Luke's account;
 The glowing fire in the family fireplace;
 The twinkling lights upon the Christmas tree;
 Stockings hanging beside cheerful hearth;
 Softly falling snow upon blade and glade;
 Winter's winds and December's clouds;
 A bright moon high in a cold sky;
 A million stars to remember the angels' song;
 The memory of loving parents and childhood days;
 The thought of friends in far away places;
 The aroma of roast bird, mince meat pie, laughter and gaiety around the family table;
 The empty chair, a loved one in Vietnam;
 Prayer for peace, tears for the dead;
 Weary travelers trying to reach home;
 Grandparents longingly looking for grandchildren;
 Pushing shoppers and waiting lines;
 Impatient clerks and dread of Christmas bills;
 Curling smoke from a cottage chimney;
 Children with new toys on Christmas morn;
 The thrill of a sled on a snowy hill,
 Snowballs flying and a snow man on the lawn;
 Children up and bright at first dawn;
 Custard and fruit cake, a forgotten diet;
 Way past midnight before there's quiet;
 The memory of a child in Bethlehem,
 Swaddling clothes and a manger bed;
 Mary's love and Joseph's wonder;
 Shepherds' discovery and wise men's visit;
 A gentle savior, a maddening mob;
 A thorny crown, a cross on a hill;
 Three days in the grave, Easter morn;
 Resurrection joy, renewed disciples;
 A living Lord, Prince of Peace forever.
 This is really Christmas.

Christmas Should Not Be:

Pushing and shoving in department store aisles;
 The crude commercialism that dishonors the Savior;
 Holiday office parties where anything goes;
 Drinking and cavorting in the style of heathens;

Indulging children to the point of disgrace;
 Sending cards and presents without giving the heart;
 Making bills that will require months to pay;
 Driving under the influence of even a little;
 Enjoying a warm house without concern for those in the cold;
 Gorging on rich food while others go hungry;
 Thinking it is more blessed to receive than give;
 Remembering everyone except Him who started it all.
 This is really not Christmas.

Priority for January

It doesn't sound right but it's really so. There are more good things available to Baptists and Baptist churches than time and energy can be found to enjoy. The rich variety of church events, emphases and activities with Baptist endorsement has been compared with a cafeteria line. Choice and control have to be exercised less one's tray overflows and indigestion results. Not too many Baptist church members, it might be said, have trouble declining as they pass down this line.

Since there is the problem of making a choice if we can't accept everything offered, care should be taken in determining a priority list. Some things are more worth while than others, though all may be good.

Here's a suggestion for the top of the priority list in January. It is the depth Bible study recommended for Baptists every year. More and more church members are finding this to be one of the most rewarding of all church activities.

Why shouldn't it be? The Bible has always been the heart of Baptist thought and activity. This more than any other thing is responsible for what success has been experienced by Baptists.

The first week of each year is the time recommended for church-wide Bible study. Many churches find another week in January or February more suitable. Some churches use five straight week nights, some use Sunday along with three or four more week nights. Some do it over a couple of months at the mid-week services and some conduct an intensive study over a week-end. However it is done, it should be done.

Next year's study is especially fitting. The prophecy of Amos speaks as pointedly to our day as it did to Israel in the Eighth Century, B.C.

The study guide has been written by Dr. Kyle

Yates, Jr., of the Golden Gate Seminary faculty. It is well done and will make Amos alive for those who use it.

Who knows what 1967 holds for us as Americans,

as Baptists or as individuals? One thing is certain. We will be better prepared for any eventuality by beginning the year with God and the study of His Word.

BAPTIST FORUM



Disappointed With Bowling Green Action

Dear Editor:

As a Baptist I was very disappointed at the action taken in the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Bowling Green, Kentucky, in respect to our Baptist schools accepting federal help, by Kentucky Baptists passing the buck to the school trustees.

How hypocritical can we get! When we attempt to pass our responsibility to the trustees we do not relieve ourselves of any responsibility. The fact that we do have the authority to maintain separation of church and state, places full responsibility on Kentucky Baptists whether we do anything about it or not. Pilate attempted to pass the responsibility for what happened to Jesus to the mob. Did this make Pilate any less guilty? I say no!

Have we for a price of federal help decided to turn our backs on Baptist principal and doctrine? God forbid!

I agree with the First Baptist Church of Thompkinsville, Kentucky. As my church, First Baptist Church of Pikeville, Kentucky, has not taken similar action, effective January 1, 1967 I am placing my tithes and offerings in a separate savings account until the mistake made at Bowling Green, Kentucky, has been corrected, or until my church has taken the proper action. Otherwise, I will have to find some other church in which to place my tithe and offerings.
 Zebulon, Ky. Charlie Johnson

Messenger Felt Trapped

Dear Editor:

I was a messenger to our Kentucky Baptist Convention in Bowling Green, and I must say that when the vote was taken to reaffirm our confidence in the trustees of our Kentucky Baptist institutions I felt trapped. There was no way out, and I had a guilty conscience about voting either way or even about not voting. This same opinion was expressed to me by other messengers in questions such as "what else could we do?"

The problem was that two things were

included in a "package deal" and to vote in the affirmative was to vote in favor of something I did not favor, namely, our trustees seeking government loans if they deemed it necessary, and to vote in the negative was to vote against something which I definitely was not against, that is, a vote of confidence in our trustees.

Dr. Mills' presentation was precise, clear and brilliant. The body of the motion was that we reaffirm our confidence in the trustees of our Kentucky Baptist institutions. I feel that I can safely say that every messenger present would vote heartily in favor of that.

However, the explanation of that motion included the understanding that, if the motion passed, the trustees, if they considered it advisable, would be given permission to seek government loans. To this part of the explanation of the motion our messengers were not in approval as repeatedly expressed prior to the convention. To this writer, to include these two things in a "package deal" borders on the unethical.

The idea is this. You include in a "package deal," as a minor part of the issue, something that is not likely to meet approval in order that it will "pass" along with the major part of the issue which will, almost without question, pass. This seems to me to be a very human scheme. It is a method often used by industry and labor unions in an attempt to "put something over" on the other. Does it matter how we get something done as long as we get it done? To me it definitely does.

In addition to this it seemed to me that the messengers did not have time to decide on a way out. The process seemed to me to be close to "railroading" and the kind of thing that we often brand as "politics." (This was no fault of Dr. Nelson.)

In my opinion, the matter of seeking government loans, a major issue before us, should be kept separate from the motion that was made and dealt with on its own merits. If our Kentucky Baptist Convention votes disapproval of seeking government loans, our trustees should be willing to operate within that framework. Our convention could adopt this limitation as its policy and still trust

its trustees.

Let me conclude by saying that I love our denomination and seek to be loyal to it as it attempts to carry out the task our Lord has given us as we understand it. I think it is great; let us seek to make it greater. Therefore, this criticism is not to be taken as destructive, but it is hoped that it can be constructive and that it will be received in a spirit of love in which it is given.

In love to our Lord and in dedication to the task He has given us, let us be ethical in our dealings with our fellow man.

Virgie, Ky.

Howard E. Pryor

Opposes Convention Action

Dear Editor:

The congregation of First Baptist Church, Cold Spring, Kentucky, believes that the historic American principle of separation of church and state has been seriously compromised by the recent action of the 1966 Kentucky Baptist Convention in permitting our Baptist institutions to accept federal aid through government loans.

The church feels it cannot adhere to the principle of separation of church and state while at the same time be a party to violating it.

The church wishes to publicly disassociate itself from the convention decision. Therefore, the church in business session December 7, 1966, unanimously adopted this resolution:

"Whereas the principle of separation of church and state is a cherished belief of Baptists in general and of the First Baptist Church, Cold Spring, Kentucky, in particular, and

Whereas the resolution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention of 1966 giving the trustees of Kentucky Baptist institutions the authority to borrow federally-subsidized loans is, in the opinion of the church, a violation of that sacred principle,

Be it resolved that the congregation of First Baptist Church, Cold Spring, wishes to publicly oppose the above action taken by the Kentucky Baptist Convention;

And be it further resolved that the congregation of the First Baptist Church cannot in good conscience continue to support in any way any Baptist institution accepting any form of federal aid."

Richard Stiltner, Pastor
 Jack Schrader, Clerk
 Cold Spring, Ky.

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Tiller Says ABC Work in Crusade May be Possible on State Level

The president of the American Baptist Convention, Carl W. Tiller, suggested at Grants Pass, Oregon, the possibility of American Baptist cooperation in the Crusade of the Americas on a state-wide basis in 1969.

Tiller, a layman member of a dually-aligned Baptist church in the Washington, D. C. area, told the Oregon Baptist Convention that it may be feasible for some state conventions affiliated with the ABC to participate in the vast 1969 evangelistic crusade, even though the ABC General Council recently rejected participation on a national basis.

Tiller urged American Baptists on a state level to draw closer to other Baptists, and to seek joint efforts with other Baptists at other times and in other

contacts, rather than limiting joint efforts to the 1969 evangelistic campaign.

"American Baptists need to abandon the isolationist attitude which has afflicted so many of us with regard to our Baptist brethren," he said.

Earlier at an "evangelism talk-back" session, Tiller reminded the convention of the importance of seeking specific decisions in evangelism.

While agreeing with the importance of trying new methods, he pointed out the need for making certain that visitations do not remain on the basis of ripening friendships alone, but that at some point those who are unchurched be specifically invited "to receive the Lord Jesus as Saviour." (BP)

Congolese Christians Continue Their Witness, In Spite of Rebel Warfare and Destruction

Congolese Christians who have taken refuge in a neighboring country during rebel warfare in their homeland are continuing to win converts, a Norwegian Baptist missionary reports after a visit among them.

Before missionaries of the Baptist Union of Norway had to flee their mission station in Uele district over a year ago, Paul Hansen was superintendent of the Norwegian mission.

In March he returned to the Congo to learn how much damage to mission property had been inflicted during the Congolese rebellion of two years ago and the fighting which has continued since that time. Hansen found the main mission station in Buta partially destroyed, and what remained was overgrown with vegetation.

Some Christians who had been hiding

out in the forest eventually returned to help him clear the vegetation away and begin restoration efforts. However, Kataganese soldiers returned, and Hansen escaped at the last minute with bullets flying.

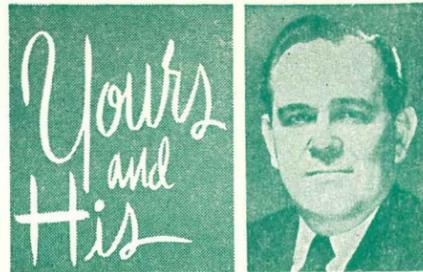
The Norwegian missionary then crossed the boundary into an adjoining nation. There he found refugees, about one-tenth of whom were from the area served by Norwegian mission work. He secured relief clothing and food from Norway and began distributing it to them.

He discovered that one refugee pastor had 27 candidates awaiting baptism, showing that even under these hardships the Congolese Christians are still witnessing for Christ.

Hansen told them the missionaries from Norway would try to return as soon as possible. On his return to Norway, he began directing a fund-raising drive for \$560.00 needed to rebuild the damaged missionary property in the Congo.

Former Baptist PR Man Cited

Lloyd Wright, former public relations director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was presented a "distinguished service award" by the United States Information Agency for his work as director of press and publications for U.S.I.A. (BP)



Birthday of Jesus

Open the Bible with your family to read of the birthday of Jesus Christ—Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-21, then back to Matthew 2:1-20. Tell the story simply as Matthew and Luke did.

His mother, Mary, engaged to Joseph but before they had come together as husband and wife, found herself with child by the Holy Spirit. Here the Bible states clearly that the birth of Jesus was unique. Begotten by the Holy Spirit, he was born of a virgin girl. This is the only logical explanation of His birth. It was a biological miracle. No one else has been born without a human father.

Born From Above

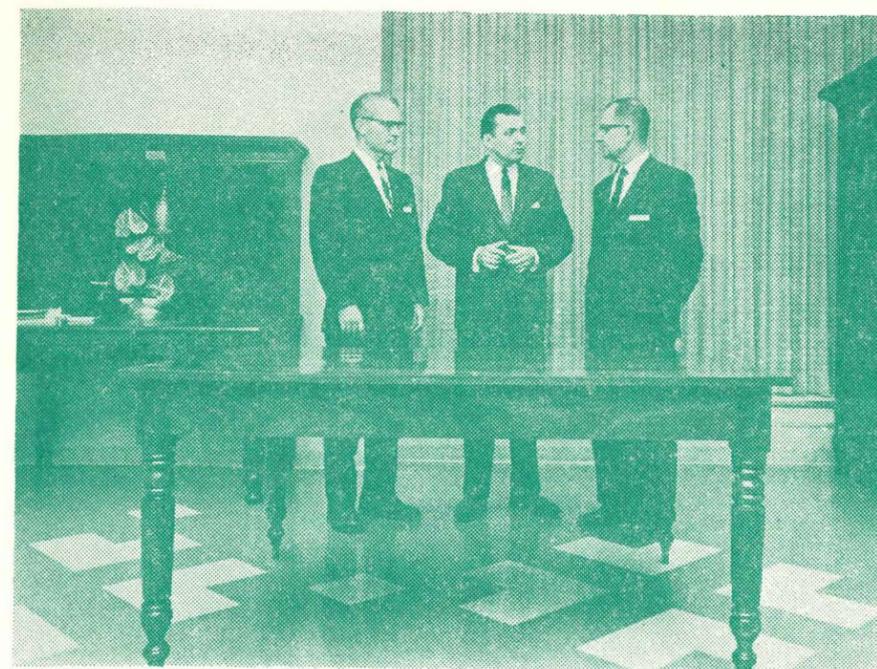
When Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be "born again" or "born from above," he was telling him that man was born in sin, that he was not born of the Holy Spirit as a new-born baby. He was telling him that every man is born according to natural laws, that he is born of sinful parents, and that he inherits their plight in experience. That he must, too, be "born from above," born of the Holy Spirit—in the spiritual, not the biological, sense. As Ralph A. Herring has written:

"The nature to which he falls heir is self-centered and biased towards that which works unhappiness for him and for others.

"The perfect remedy, of course, is that he be born again. But to be born again requires a new kind of human life, different in quality from that which was his parents' and theirs to transmit. There must be a fresh beginning for the race biologically if man is to retain his identity as a human being.

"The help a man needs, therefore, must enter the life stream of the human race from a point prior to the source of the contamination by sin. That is what happened in the incarnation when the Word became flesh (John 1:14). The virgin birth is God's answer to man's most deeply rooted problem. No salvation, other than that achieved by the eternal Son of God who became man, rests upon a really sound biological footing."

"Born this day, a Saviour!" Call his name Jesus.



A TOUCH OF HISTORY—This 120-year-old table brought a historical touch to the recent annual meeting of the SBC Home Mission Board in Atlanta. T. B. Stringfellow, Jr., pastor of Siloam Baptist Church of Marion, Alabama (center), presented a replica of the first conference table used by the mission agency when it met in 1845 in the Siloam church. Accepting the gift are Board President Edgar M. Aryendall (left) of Birmingham and Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge.

Graduate Student in Church History Searches For Missing Minutes of Home Mission Board

A. Ronald Tonks, graduate student in church history at Southern Seminary, Louisville, is searching for several volumes of missing minutes of the SBC Home Mission Board.

Tonks, who is writing his Th.D. thesis on a history of the Home Board, believes there is a possibility that the minutes may be located in Kentucky. This State had several direct contacts with the agency during its early history.

Missing are the minutes from 1845, when the Board was organized, until 1874, when the agency assumed its present name. Between these two dates, the Board was known variously as Domestic Mission Board (1845-55), Domestic and Indian Mission Board (1855-73), and Domestic and Indian Mission and Sunday School Board (1873-74).

"Indian Mission Board" was carried in the Southern Baptist agency's name for several years because of its merger in 1855 with the old Indian Mission Association of Louisville, which was directed in its early years by Isaac McCoy.

A Kentuckian, M. T. Sumner, served as corresponding secretary of the agency from 1862-75. Immediately following the Civil War, he preached in Baptist churches throughout Kentucky, attempt-

ing to raise funds for the impoverished Home Board. Tonks suggested that Sumner may have sent the missing minutes to Kentucky, a neutral state, in order to prevent their destruction by the Union Army when it invaded the cities of the South.

Any Kentuckians who have clues as to the possible location of these minutes should write A. Ronald Tonks at J-10 Seminary Village, Louisville, Ky. 40207.

Northern Kentucky Baptist Home Elects Directors

The Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky located in Newport has elected officers and directors for 1967. R. C. McNay has been elected president of the executive committee, and E. C. Perkins, Fort Thomas, has been chosen vice president.

Treasurer for the new year is Roy Sayers, Covington, and secretary is Charles Tharp of Ft. Thomas.

Leo Drake has been superintendent of the home for the past eight years, with Mrs. Drake serving as director of nursing. Covington Pastor, P. E. Taylor, is the personnel director, and Dr. V. W. Pierce, Ft. Thomas, is medical chairman.

Charter Flight Planned For Convention

A special Kentucky charter flight is being planned for the Southern Baptist Convention May 29-June 2 at Miami Beach, Florida. The flight is being arranged by Jack Sanford, pastor, First Baptist Church, Florence, and will make use of a United Airlines D.C. 6-B.

The flight will leave Greater Cincinnati Airport on Monday morning, May 29, stop at Louisville Standiford Field and arrive at Miami International Airport early Monday afternoon. The round trip cost of the flight is \$110.

Sanford also reports that a block of rooms has been reserved in the Sovereign Hotel for members of the flight who desire to use these accommodations. The Sovereign is an ocean front hotel, and shuttle bus service to the convention center loads at the front door of the hotel.

Those interested in making reservations or receiving further information should use the address: Convention Plane, c/o Jack Sanford, 38 Wallace Avenue, Florence, Kentucky 41042, or information can be obtained by telephoning Florence, Kentucky, 283-0371, area code 606.

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Leader of Pearl Harbor Attack Now Witnesses to Power of the Gospel

A former Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor stood on the platform at Honolulu with Evangelist Billy Graham on the 25th anniversary of the bombing as "Brothers in Christ."

Commander Mitsuo Fuchida, now a Presbyterian evangelist, drew applause from the large gathering at the International Christian Leadership Breakfast when he declared:

"When I came to Hawaii 25 years ago, I was your enemy. Now I am your brother in Christ."

Graham, enroute to Vietnam to spend Christmas with American troops there, said that Fuchida's life is a testimony of the power of God to change human lives.

Fuchida told the crowd of his conversion as a result of reading the scriptures, and that he believes God spared his life so he might now be able "to witness to

the Lord's grace and forgiveness."

At least six times during combat, he faced almost certain death, but somehow he always managed to escape. Of the 70 officers who led the attack on Pearl Harbor, Fuchida is the only one still living.

Captain Fuchida was commander of the lead high-level bomber in the Pearl Harbor attack, and it was he who fired the signal flare at 7:49 on December 7, 1941, that started the attack and brought Japan into World War II.

On that day, Graham was attending services as a student pastor while studying at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. He learned of the attack immediately after the church service.

Graham and Fuchida were introduced at the breakfast by Dan Liu, Honolulu's chief of police and president of the International Christian Leadership group. Liu is a Baptist deacon. (BP)



The Incomparable One

More than 1900 years ago, there was a Man born who lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He possessed neither wealth nor influence.

In infancy, He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the waves as if they were pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He used no medicines and yet He healed the multitudes.

He never wrote a book, yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no Leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, persuaded more rebels to stack arms and surrender without a shot fired.

Every seventh day the wheels of commerce cease their turning, and multitudes wend their way to worshiping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread 1,900 years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, He still lives.

Herod could not destroy Him and the grave could not hold Him.

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Southern Seminary Choirs to Sing On ABC Radio Christmas Program

Southern Baptist Seminary's Male Chorale and Seminary Choir will present on Christmas day a half-hour program of Christmas music on the ABC national-wide radio network. Broadcast time is 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Broadcast times may vary, however, and listeners should check with their ABC stations to determine the exact time when the program will be heard.

WHAS Radio of Louisville will carry the program about one day earlier—at 10:30 p.m. on Christmas eve, December 24.

Dean Forrest H. Heeren of the seminary's school of church music said that the invitation for the two choral groups

to appear on the network's annual Christmas series came as something of a surprise. "We are pleased and grateful for the opportunity of representing 11,000,000 Southern Baptists on this nationwide broadcast," he added.

Music school professor John N. Sims directs the Male Chorale, and the Seminary Choir is under the direction of Professor Jay W. Wilkey.

Both choirs are composed of students from all three schools of the Seminary—church music, religious education and theology.

The Christmas broadcast will also have a worldwide audience. After its airing in the United States, it will be broadcast to overseas servicemen by the Armed Forces Network, and by the Voice of America, sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency.

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KINGSTON CRUSADE MEMBERS—The ten Kentucky Baptists who conducted the recent evangelistic crusade at Kingston, Jamaica, are (front row, left to right) Tommy Taylor, Campbellville; Don Randolph, Louisville; evangelist Lloyd Bardowell of Louisville; Bill Sanders of Fern Creek; Carl Kuhl, Louisville; (second row) Lou Walters, Louisville; Curtis Warf, Sturgis; Mel Taylor, Scottsville; (third row) A. L. Meacham, LaGrange, and Leon Boyd, Louisville.

Ten Kentuckians Lead Evangelistic Crusade for Kingston, Jamaica, Area

Four hundred persons in Kingston, Jamaica, made professions of faith in Christ during a recent evangelistic crusade conducted there by a Kentucky Baptist team of ministers and laymen. An additional 400 decisions included commitments for personal witnessing and rededications.

During the first week of the crusade, the ten men preached in local churches of the Kingston area. The second and final week featured daily services at

a huge Kingston arena, with evangelist Lloyd Bardowell serving as preacher and layman Karl Kuhl of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, leading the crusade singing.

The group described the Jamaican Christians as a warm and responsive group who cooperated in an excellent spirit with the crusade. They requested that a Kentucky Baptist group return in the future for another crusade, and a tentative date of February, 1968, has been set.

Florida Executive Secretary Announces 1967 Retirement

John McGuire, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention for nearly 22 years, announced his plans to retire in one year, effective no later than December 31, 1967.

He became executive secretary of the Florida convention on January 15, 1945, when it had only 184,150 members, as compared to more than 580,000 today. Today it has 1,400 churches, compared to 826 when McGuire became executive secretary.

Kentuckians leading the crusade were evangelist Lloyd Bardowell of Louisville; Leon Boyd, director of special ministries for the Long Run Association; Karl Kuhl of Louisville; A. L. Meacham, pastor of DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange; Don Randolph, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville; Bill Sanders, pastor, Fern Creek Baptist Church.

Mel Taylor, Scottsville; Tommy Taylor, Campbellville; Lou Walters, pastor of Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, and Curtis Warf, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sturgis.

New State Convention To be Formed in Midwest

Target date for establishing a new Baptist regional convention comprising four states of the midwest was moved up to November 7-9, 1967, by action of the Executive Board of the Colorado Baptist General Convention meeting at Denver.

Earlier plans had called for beginning the new convention on January 1, 1970. It would include Southern Baptists in Wyoming, Montana, and North and South Dakota. (BP)

Filming Begins On Wallace Movie

On December 12 producer Gregory Walcott and a film crew left San Francisco for Hong Kong, where they will begin filming a motion picture about the life and ministry of Bill Wallace.

The route which they followed is the same route taken by Wallace in 1935, when he went to China to serve as a medical missionary for the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1951 he died in a Communist prison cell as a result of his effective life and witness for Christ among the Chinese people.

Douglas Green, production designer for nine years at Universal Studios in Hollywood, has taken a leave of absence and will serve as co-producer of the film. He also will direct his own screen plan, adapted from the biography, *Bill Wallace of China*, by Jesse C. Fletcher.

Walcott, a Baptist layman, will play the title role. His Logos Corporation hopes to have the film ready for worldwide release by early summer.

"It has taken 16 years for the secular world to hear this story," Walcott said, "but at last the story shall be told. I am asking Baptists everywhere to lift us up before the Lord in prayer. We want God to lead in each decision so that Christ will truly be glorified in the wonderful life of Bill Wallace."

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F. M. B. Names Data Processing Manager; Appoints Missionaries; Hears Area Reports

The S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board in its December meeting elected William K. Dawson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, manager of its information processing systems; appointed 24 missionaries and employed two missionary associates, and transferred a missionary couple to Ethiopia, bringing to 64 the number of countries to which the Board has personnel assigned.

Dawson, a native of Texas, is now chief of the equipment and management technique section of Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City. He will assume his duties at Board headquarters January 1.

Having used data processing on a limited scale for several years, the Board has plans for its extension throughout its organization.

The Board has added 207 persons to its overseas staff during 1966. This total includes 131 new career missionaries (appointed in expectation of life-time service), five reappointed missionaries, 20 missionary associates (employed for one term, varying in length according to the country where they work, 48 missionary journeymen (young college graduates employed for two years), one special project nurse, and a special project doctor and his wife.

The Board appropriated \$780,000 for the maintenance of its work around the world, including two allocations for relief: \$2,000 for victims of the floods which devastated northern Italy in No-

vember and \$7,500 for work being done at a new Baptist social welfare center in Hong Kong.

The Board has allocated \$114,000 for relief this year. Going to 13 countries, it has aided victims of flood, famine, earthquake, hurricanes, and political crises, and part of it has been designated simply to alleviate "recurring needs" among refugees and the poor.

Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, reported that \$10,000 sent to Brazil last summer for flood relief in the Recife area has helped 43 churches and at least 282 families.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner gave a visual presentation on leadership training in Africa. There are currently 2,500 churches and preaching stations related to Southern Baptist mission work in Africa, he said, and less than half a dozen of these have missionary pastors. The rest are ministered to by about 1,200 African pastors.

Missionaries engaged in direct evangelism provide theological training at an elementary level, devoting much of their time and effort to teaching, counseling, and guiding African pastors. However, the heart of the training process centers in eight theological schools.

John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, reported on a seven-week trip from which he returned in November. Among the 14 countries he visited was Spain, where a proposed new constitution will affect the status of Baptists. "For several years Spain has had a large amount of religious freedom in practice," Hughey explained. "Now the practice will be undergirded by legislation."

Frank K. Means, who spent most of November in Latin America, left again after the Board meeting for Mexico City to attend a meeting of the directory council of the Crusade of the Americas in December.



MR. AND MRS. BOBBY COMPTON began a week of orientation at the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond by singing Christmas carols.

Bardstown Couple Appointed Missionaries

Pastor and Mrs. Bobby D. Compton of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Bardstown, were appointed missionaries to Colombia December 8 by the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Compton plans to teach in the International Baptist Seminary at Cali. Now a Th.D. student in church history at Southern Seminary, Louisville, he expects to receive the degree next June. He received the B.D. degree at Southern in 1961.

The couple began seeking appointment about a year ago. He told the Foreign Mission Board that friendship with international students and missionaries at the seminary played a large part in his decision to serve overseas.

He is a native of Haywood County, North Carolina. Mrs. Compton, the former Peggy Lowe, is a native of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Both are graduates of Furman University at Greenville.

Before beginning his present pastorate in 1964, he was pastor of Bardstown Junction Baptist Church and two churches in South Carolina. He also has served as fellow and student assistant in the church history department at Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Compton is a school teacher. The couple have two children, Lynn, almost 6, and David, 1.

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Group Withdraws from Tattnall Square Church to Form New Congregation in Macon

A new church will be formally organized at Macon, Georgia, January 8, 1967, with a nucleus of former members of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church which has split in a dispute over integration of its worship services.

Douglas Johnson, former assistant pastor of Tattnall Square church and one of three staff members ousted in the dispute, has been acting as preacher for the group. It has been meeting as a "fellowship" since September 25, the date the Tattnall Square congregation fired its staff.

Ousted along with Johnson were pastor Thomas J. Holmes, now vice-president for public relations at Mercer University at Macon, and organist Jack Jones, music instructor and organist at Mercer.

Jones now serves as organist for the fellowship group. It is expected that the new church will call Johnson as pastor and Jones as organist after it is constituted.

The new fellowship group has been meeting "with an open-door policy," and

several Negroes have been present.

Johnson said about 75 people have been holding a full schedule of services since September 25, and that about 90% are former Tattnall Square members. About 12 to 15 Mercer University students also have been attending.

Worship services are being held in the chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Macon, and educational meetings are being held at the religious activities center on the Mercer campus.

Johnson said the fellowship group has not yet chosen a name or located a permanent meeting place. "Our people are now participating in an intensive study of our future role as a church," he added.

"With an open door membership policy, a keen desire to meet the special needs of students, and a creative outreach to many housing projects in the area around Mercer University, we feel our group can outline and fulfill a distinctive role in Christian usefulness," Johnson continued. "There is a strong, prayerful hope for a new and effective ministry." (BP)

No Recorder Next Week

In keeping with the policy of omitting two *Western Recorder* issues each year, no paper will be published during the week of December 29. Your next issue will be dated January 5. It will contain the Sunday School lesson for Sunday, January 15.

—THE EDITOR

McLeod Named Librarian At Southeastern Seminary

H. Eugene McLeod, a former full professor with a Ph.D. degree who is now a theology student at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, has been elected librarian and assistant professor of bibliography at the seminary.

McLeod was a full professor at Ohio State University before entering Southeastern in 1964. He was the only student on campus with an earned doctorate who already had been a professor at a major university.

He will succeed E. C. Osburn, who will retire at the end of July after almost 16 years as Southeastern's librarian. (BP)

STATE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

January 9, 10, 11

THE THEME FOR MONDAY EVENING:

"Evangelism in the Home"

PROGRAM

6:45 Song ServiceGene Bartlett
 "Fellowship through Confession"
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Truett-McConnell College Accredited

Truett-McConnell Junior College, a Baptist school at Cleveland, Georgia, was granted full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during its annual meeting at Miami Beach, Florida.

Truett-McConnell is one of six colleges operated by the Georgia Baptist Convention. All six now have full accreditation from the Southern Association.

The accrediting was announced during the closing session of the accrediting group.

Warner Earle Fusselle, Truett-McConnell's president for two years, said that four new buildings have been erected in the past two years and several professors with doctoral degrees have been elected.

There are 515 students enrolled at the Baptist school for this fall term. (BP)



UNITED TO BUILD—Members of the "builders' corps" at Valley View Baptist Church, Valley Station, Kentucky, prepare to break ground for a new church sanctuary which should be completed by next August at a cost of \$165,000. The men are (left to right) Ken George, chairman of the building committee; Charles Fosberg, chairman of the deacons; James Jones, pastor; Clay Powell, chairman of the steering committee; Bill Vincent, chairman of the trustees, and Theodore Mix, chairman of the building fund committee.

Another Name Change Suggestion

Dear Editor:

There has been much discussion in the *Western Recorder* about changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. May I offer a suggestion? Why not drop "Southern" and be "Baptist," a much less confusing title?

Another suggestion, why don't American and Southern Baptists get together and drop the titles which seem to localize their operations?

When we go to foreign fields, we are trying to tell the people of Christ, so why not concentrate on that and not confuse them with two different types of Baptists?

I also want to register a protest against trying to unite the Negro conventions with the white. Their church and their conventions are the chief joys of their lives, so why not let them alone and let them develop their own leaders?

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BAPTIST FORUM



Sees Loss of Baptist Distinctives

Dear Editor:

When I felt the call of God to preach His unsearchable riches I was at a loss to know from what pulpit I would preach. I knew what I believed, but not what the church taught.

I decided, as I was led of the Lord, to study comparatively the faith and practice of each denomination. I had been a Baptist all of my life and raised in a Baptist family, but yet did not know Baptist doctrine. I wanted to know. I then asked my church to recommend me to the seminary.

Among other things in the ensuing years, I learned that Baptists had five basic distinctives, of which no other denomination had all five. Some had one, some had two, some had three, some had four; but none had all.

The recent decision of the Kentucky state Convention to accept government grants and loans has reduced to three, these distinctives, in my opinion. I re-

fer to the autonomy of the church, and separation of church and state.

I for one would rather shut the doors to our schools than to compromise these principles. We have prided ourselves on the fact that we use Scriptural means of financing the Lord's work. We have not resorted to indiscreet methods of raising funds, such as bingo, raffles and the like.

If the Lord's work cannot be financed Scripturally, it is not of the Lord, and is not worthy of our support. In this regard I believe I speak for the majority of Baptists who contend for sane and prudent practices of survival.

In my estimation, nothing pleases Satan so much as to see God's people make unwise decisions. This, I am afraid, will cause dissension in the ranks of Kentucky Baptists.

My position is to advise my church to withdraw any and all support from the schools if they do not annul and make void this decision.

Louisville, Ky. Foster Rose



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



TIME FOR PREPARATION

(This Lesson for January 1, 1967)

It is appropriate to begin the year with a study of the scriptures pertaining to the beginning of the ministry of our Lord.

I. The Baptism of Jesus Christ (Luke 3:21-22)

One day the Lord Jesus quietly and deliberately approached John the Baptist at the Jordan River and requested baptism at his hands. Recognizing superiority and deity in the earnest applicant, John shrank from the holy task, and expressed his reluctance to baptize Him. In response thereto, Christ said: "Suffer it to be now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." It was right and appropriate to show how all righteousness would be fulfilled, namely, by letting His baptism be a figurative portrayal of His death, burial, and resurrection. Christ insisted on being baptized by John the Baptist in order to show in figure, at the beginning of His public ministry what He would do, in fact, at the close of that ministry.

1. The Son's Action

As Christ sank beneath the baptismal waters, He prefigured the death which He was to die upon the cross, when all the billows of God's wrath against sin should roll over Him, and as He arose from beneath the water He symbolized His resurrection from the dead.

2. The Spirit's Anointing

As Christ was coming out of the baptismal waters the heavens were rent asunder and the Spirit came upon Him in a dove-like form, symbolizing peacefulness, meekness, gentleness, tenderness, and love, those qualities which were to characterize His ministry among men. Thus, on the very eve of His earthly ministry, our Lord received special endowment for the accomplishment of His mission on earth. The Holy Spirit will endue us with sufficient strength to perform the tasks which the Lord assigns us.

3. The Sovereign's Approval

When John the Baptist raised the Saviour from the watery grave, God the Father spoke His approval of what had just taken place, saying, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." On every occasion Christ did that which pleased the Father.

II. The Temptations of Jesus Christ. (Luke 5:1-13)

From the waters of baptism our Lord was led immediately by the Spirit into the fires of temptation. The Spirit impelled Him with great energy to go into a more remote, desolate, and forlorn part of the wilderness and there contend with Satan. In that horrible solitude, without the sympathy of friends or any possibility of human assistance, Christ was subjected to wearing assaults from Satan for 40 days and 40 nights.

1. The Tempter

The tempter was none other than Satan. Temptation, or solicitation to do wrong, never comes from God. It always comes directly or indirectly from Satan. The devil repeatedly did his utmost to entice the Lord Jesus to sin. At the very beginning of His public ministry, Satan sought to get our Lord to distrust God and to turn aside from the glorious mission on which He had come to this earth. He was determined to get Him to sin if at all possible, but all of his efforts in that direction were unavailing.

Temptation is the common lot of God's children. The strongest and the weakest of them are subjected to temptation. While we cannot escape it, we rejoice that we can resist and overcome temptation, through the power which the Lord imparts to us. As Martin Luther said, "We cannot keep the birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from building nests in our hair."

2. The Tests

In the first case, Satan tempted Christ to prove that He was the Son of God by working a miracle to satisfy His hunger, which was due to His fast of 40 days and nights. Had Christ yielded to the solicitation and turned stones into bread He would have separated Himself from His brethren, for they were not able to work miracles to satisfy their hunger or to meet their various and numerous needs. To satisfy hunger is certainly legitimate, but Satan asked Christ to do it in the wrong way by making use of His newly announced Sonship. Instead of arguing with the devil, which in itself would have been an error, Christ merely answered him

from God's Word, saying, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4).

In the second case, according to the order in which Luke lists the temptations, Satan came out boldly in his true colors and sought to get Christ to render to him that worship which rightfully belongs to God alone. What an impudent proposal! He offered Him supreme earthly power and glory without the expense of suffering and death, on the condition that He worship him. He tempted our Lord to forsake the way of the cross and to gain the control of the world through one momentary act of disobedience to God. Again, our Lord resisted Satan's temptation and rejected his suggestion by using the Word of God. He said, "Get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Luke 4:8).

In the third case, Satan tried to get our Lord to put God's keeping power to the test by jumping from one of the wings of the temple in Jerusalem, and expecting the Father to protect Him from any injury. In the event that God did protect Him, Satan implied that Christ would then receive the acclaim of the people as their Messiah. Wrestling it from its proper setting, Satan quoted scripture in support of his suggestion that the Lord Jesus presume on the grace of God by casting Himself from the temple into the midst of the people. From Christ's refusal to do what the devil asked Him to do, namely, use His divine power as a public spectacle, we learn that it is right to trust God, but that it is wrong to make presumptuous experiments in order to discover how far God can be trusted.

III. The Triumph

Three times Satan sharply assailed the Master. Malignantly he determined to bring Christ into subjection to his own wicked will, if at all possible. However, he made a miserable failure. He was unable to stand before the incisive power of God's word, so he fled.

In His wonderful victories over Satan, our Lord's method involved the three-fold principle of all triumph over Satan—namely, absolute dependence on God, accompanied by absolute faith in God, and reinforced by absolute obedience to God.



KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Church Music

Your Opportunity To "Talk Back"

by Eugene F. Quinn

Denominational leaders are providing church music directors with their best opportunity ever to make suggestions and requests for materials and services that will help them with their graded choir and other music ministry in the church most effectively.

Denominational leaders have recently prepared for this purpose a booklet entitled "Talk Back." It will soon be in the mail to every church music director in the state. This "Talk Back" booklet is designed to suggest many ways in which church music directors can inform state and convention leaders of their suggestions and desires for assistance in their church music program. The plan is for the music director to fill out his booklet and drop it in the mail immediately.

Denominational leaders will then compile the suggestions and requests received in order to formulate materials and services most useful and helpful as requested by the church leaders.

Here is your opportunity to "talk back" to your denominational leaders. Don't miss this opportunity!

Kentucky Youth Choirs Invited to Ridgecrest

Two of the three youth choirs which are invited annually to make a special contribution as guests of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Ridgecrest Music Conference will come from Ken-

tucky Baptist churches this year.

Paul Bobbitt of the church music department at Nashville has extended an invitation to the youth choirs of the First Baptist Church of Murray and Latonia Baptist Church of Covington to collaborate in a special contribution to the services at the music conference.

Since these two choirs are directed by brothers, Rudolph and Voris Howard, Mr. Bobbitt has asked them to combine their choirs in special preparation and contribution to the inspiration of the music week.

Kentucky Music Ministers Chorus Organizes

Kentucky Baptist Music Ministers Chorus, active as a group singing in the State Convention for the past three years, has launched plans to rehearse regularly each month in order to make a greater contribution to the Kingdom. Prof. W. Wayne Johnson of Georgetown College has been invited to direct the chorus.

Their first monthly rehearsal will be held at Lexington at 2:00 p.m. on January 9. The chorus has been invited to sing on the Tuesday morning session of the Evangelistic Conference at Lexington on January 10.

All of the full-time ministers of music and education are especially invited to participate in the chorus. Music faculty members of colleges and the Seminary are also welcome to participate. Other persons interested in singing with the group should contact Mr. Johnson concerning the possibility of joining.

Training Union

Frustration or Indoctrination?

by James Whaley

"Rooted and built up in him (Christ), and established in the faith. . ." (Colossians 2:7)

". . . Tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine. . ." (Ephesians 4:15)

Mr. Average Baptist Church Member can be described by one or the other of the above statements. Leaders in every church would agree that their church aim is to achieve that spiritual maturity described in the initial statement. Yet, some churches do not provide the training needed to lead their members to spiritual maturity.

The church that does not have a Training Union is leaving its members to be frustrated, "tossed to and fro." For nowhere else in the program of a Baptist church is there a systematic approach to the study of Bible doctrine.

To be sure, church members are instructed in Bible truth in a Sunday School class or in program materials of other church program organizations. And, certainly, they receive considerable Bible knowledge from the pastor's preaching program. However, the knowledge gained from these experiences may be fragmented and may relate to a specific doctrine or belief only incidentally.

But in Training Union, church members are provided an "in depth" study of particular doctrines. These opportunities recur periodically, with emphasis upon various beliefs of the Christian faith. Members of unions delve into these doctrinal studies and spend considerable time in discussing them. Thus, they arrive at a doctrinal position satisfactory to themselves.

The church that does not have a Training Union can secure assistance in starting a program of training for its members. Church leaders are encouraged to contact the Training Union director for the association. Additional help may be secured by writing James Whaley, Training Union Department, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40043.

Foundation

Year-End Giving

by James C. Austin

A short time remains for donors to make additional deductible donations in 1966 or to pay pledges. Pledges must be paid to be deductible.

December 31, 1966, is the deadline date for payment contributions that can be deducted on a 1966 tax return. A check delivered on or before December 31, 1966, is treated as a payment in 1966, even though the charitable donee does not cash it until a date in January, 1967.

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or its agent. If donor delivers the properly endorsed certificates to his own bank or broker for transfer to the charity, the gift is complete on the date the transfer is actually recorded on the corporation's books.

Generally, donors who expect lower income in 1967 should pay pledges and contributions in 1966. A deduction in the year of higher income will provide a higher tax reduction than one in a year of lower income.

The five-year carry over for donations in excess of the statutory ceiling on a donor's adjusted gross income is available only for gifts to charities that qualify for this additional 10% deduction. The Kentucky Baptist Foundation qualifies in this regard.

Brotherhood

NEW STATE BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS



Four of the six State Brotherhood officers elected at Owensboro are pictured above. One of the officers, Mr. Bill McQuary, Brandenburg, the recording secretary, was the photographer, which explains the absence of his picture. The other absent one, Mr. William Tribble, Middlesboro, Bell County attorney, had last minute responsibilities which kept him from attending.

Pictured, from left to right are Hubert Line, state Royal Ambassador leader; J. B. Crawley, president, Baptist young men; Charles E. Chatham, state Brotherhood director, and P. A. Stevens, assistant state Brotherhood director.

Mr. Stevens is a member of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, and is asso-

ciated with Fire Prevention of Louisville, Inc.

Dr. Chatham, a dentist, resides in Shelbyville, where he is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Crawley, Campbellsville, is owner and operator of radio and television interests.

Mr. Line, Munfordville, is a builder, contractor and no stranger to R.A. work throughout the state.

The State President of Baptist Men is Mr. Tribble.

With these men and the 21 district Brotherhood directors, "missionary education and missions involvement for men, young men and boys" should receive an unprecedented impetus in our Kentucky Baptist churches.

Woman's Missionary Union

Life and Work Studies

by Mrs. George R. Ferguson

During January - February - March churches using the Life and Work Curriculum will find their curriculum organized around these themes:

Sunday School—The Story of Redemption

Training Union—These Shared the Faith Key Concepts in the Redemption Story

Marks of a New Testament Church Developing Skills in Learning

Music—Music in the Bible

Brotherhood—Man Participating in God's Missionary Purpose

Woman's Missionary Union—The Christian's Response to Christ's Commission

The WMS study in January will help members develop a wider understanding of Christ's commission and review responses to the commission. The study theme is "The Commission and Missionary Expansion."

In February the study is on "The Commission and Contemporary United States": a study of the Home Mission Board's program of evangelism.

In March societies will observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering. The theme is "As You Go."

The circle studies for January-February-March are related to the theme "Fulfilling the Commission in Home Missions."

January—Fulfilling the Commission Through Literacy Work in Alaska

February—Home Mission Work in Baptist Centers

March—The Commission and the Commissioned

The studies in YWA for January-February-March are developed around the theme "Ways of Witnessing on Mission Fields."

The Bible study in January is on the meaning of the Great Commission. The study topics are:

January—By All Means (types of work on foreign mission fields)

February—Literacy Missions in Alaska

Special Needs Ministries, USA (good will centers, mission centers, weekday ministries)

March—Need Now (specific, urgent Needs)

In March YWA's will also observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions using the theme "As You Go."

Christmas Greetings

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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In deep appreciation for the splendid cooperation from the leadership of the churches in Kentucky, the Sunday School Department extends CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Recent Developments Seen in Guam, Hong Kong, Italy, and United States

Recent developments in foreign missions among Southern Baptists include a new thrust for music ministries in Hong Kong, a new Baptist mission on the island of Guam, a meeting for persons interested in medical missions at Dallas, Texas, and the appropriation of relief funds for Baptists who suffered from the recent floods in Italy.

HONG KONG—The new thrust in music ministries for Hong Kong includes the development of a church music department at the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, the publication of music by the Baptist Press in Hong Kong, and the promotion of music in the Baptist associations of the area. The developments are being directed by SEC missionary L. G. McKinney, Jr.

GUAM—A new Baptist mission was started in Tamauning, near Agana, Guam, during October. The third Southern Baptist preaching point on the island, it is sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church of Agana. Pastor Harry A. Goble baptized three persons from the mission in the Philippine sea in mid-November.

Student Work

Appreciation Expressed

by Chester Durham

Words are inadequate to express the appreciation that Mrs. Durham and I have for the Executive Board Testimonial Dinner held for us at Cedarmore on December 1.

Twenty-five years in student work in one state does sound like a long time. However, in reality, it seems that I have just started my work.

The messages of the evening were overly generous in their praise; the silver plaque recognizing my 25 years in student work is a thing of beauty; the book of nearly two hundred letters is something to be treasured.

To make the evening complete I must say that we were overwhelmed when the Executive Board and department heads made substantial contributions for a vacation and rest.

As we look toward the future, it is with new zeal and determination to serve more effectively. It is also with a deep appreciation for Kentucky Baptists that we continue serving in this great state. P

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A committee is working on buildings at present.

DALLAS, TEXAS—More than 11 students and practitioners of medicine, dentistry, nursing, medical technology, pharmacy and physical therapy considered the opportunities and challenges of medical missions at a conference at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment near Dallas this month.

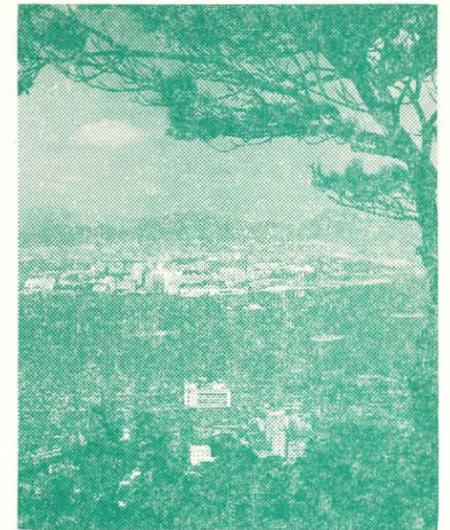
The conference, sponsored by Baptist student unions of the Dallas area, was the second of four medical missions conferences to be held this winter under the direction of Miss Edna Frances Dawkins. She is head of the medical division of the Foreign Mission Board's personnel department.

Other similar conferences are scheduled in March and April of 1967. One will be held at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, and the other will be held at Little Rock, Arkansas.

ITALY—The Foreign Mission Board in its December meeting appropriated \$2,000 to help the victims of the floods that devastated northern Italy in November. In Florence, city hardest hit by the disaster, eight Baptist families lost all or most of their possessions, and others suffered less severe losses. Water rose about seven feet in the ground-floor auditorium of the Baptist church there, doing damage estimated at \$48,000.

Baptists in Grosseto, on the west coast between Rome and Leghorn, also suffered heavy property damage. One Southern Baptist missionary reported to European Baptist Press Service that many Baptist families in Grosseto, along with their fellow townsmen, lost all they possessed of commercial value, including stock in stores and cattle on farms.

So far, no flood damage has been reported from the Baptist churches around Venice, but continuing rains have caused concern for that area.



HONG KONG HARBOR—This striking photograph of Hong Kong Harbor shows the cities of Hong Kong and Kowloon, where Southern Baptists presently have missionaries stationed.

Training Union

Young People to Make Choice On Subject Matter

by James Whaley

During the coming quarter the young people participating in Training Union will have the choice of a number of subjects. There will be materials in the Young People's Quarterly and in the **Young People's Group Training Guide** for 18 Sundays. It is suggested that one Sunday be used by the union to select how they will spend the other 12. This means material equivalent to six Sunday evenings must be discarded.

Procedure for selecting materials to be studied is found in the **Young People's Group Training Guide**. This is an article entitled "Unit Selection Plan." The choice the young people have varies according to the curriculum being studied. These choices are:

Christian Training Curriculum

Accepting the Responsibilities of Discipleship

The Place of Hymns in Church Life
Pressures on the Campus (This unit is found in the *Group Training Guide*)

Life and Work Curriculum

Learning from Men who Told the Story

How to Pray

Our Response to the Lordship of Christ (This unit is found in the *Group Training Guide*.)

Each young person should have a copy of the *Personal Training Guide*. In addition to this the union should have four or five copies of the *Group Training Guide*. Both of these are listed on the Baptist Sunday School Board order form.

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