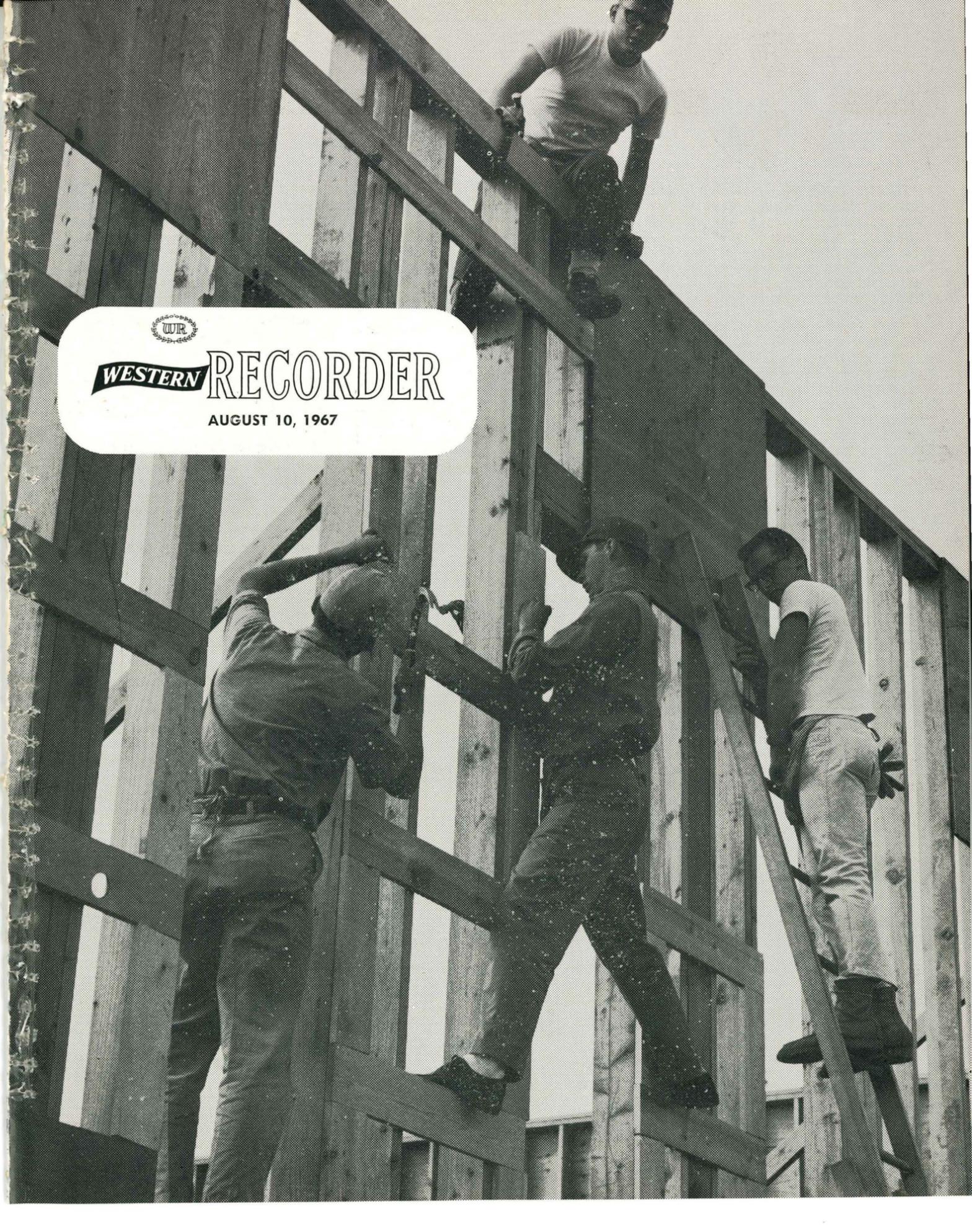




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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JIMMY P. CROWE, Training Union secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, will join the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention this month. A native of New Orleans, he will serve as general consultant in the Training Union administration unit of the Board.

THE JAMES ROBISON GREATER WICHITA CAMPAIGN in Kansas resulted in 627 professions of faith, with a total attendance of more than 45,000, Baptist leaders reported. A total of 1,041 decisions were reported in the evangelistic effort, which the executive secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists called "the greatest evangelistic effort in the history of Wichita Southern Baptists."

MARTHA GAY UECKERT, assistant public information director at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, has been named public information director for the university. She has been assistant director of promotion for the SBC Radio - Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana voted to recommend a half-million dollar budget for 1968 and approved the charter for the Baptist Foundation of Indiana during its quarterly meeting in Indianapolis. The board also approved the state convention's participation in the Crusade of the Americas and voted to purchase an additional 56 acres of land adjoining the present 280-acre convention encampment under development near Monrovia, Indiana.

THE ANNUAL SESSION of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will convene this year at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, August 22-24. The theme of the meeting is "When Tomorrow Becomes Today." President Robert Naylor of Southwestern Seminary will deliver the keynote address on "Theological Basis for Education in the Church."

J. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM, director of the mountain missions program of Kentucky Baptists, and his family recently visited Southern Baptist mission points in Panama. During their visit, Cunningham preached in several Panamanian Baptist churches.

A SERIES OF MEETINGS in eastern Kentucky communities is being planned by Morehead State University for the purpose of helping to orient church-going young people to campus life. The meetings will be community-wide, interdenominational gatherings held in cooperation with local ministerial groups. Tentative meetings have been planned for Maysville, Mt. Sterling and Flemingsburg.

KENNETH McNEAR, office supervisor of the Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. A native Texan, he will succeed Willard K. Weeks, who will retire October 31. Weeks has been manager of the assembly since 1950.



McNear

McNear will begin a period of orientation August 15 and assume full management on November 1.

WILLIAM E. ARNOLD, missionary to Ghana, planned to arrive in the States July 15 for furlough. Mrs. Arnold and the children returned several months ago because of a death in the family. Both former Louisvillians, the Arnolds were serving the Salem Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky, when they were appointed missionaries in 1956.

F. ROSS FIGART, JR., chairman of the board of directors of the Evangelism in Depth project for the Appalachian Region, is serving as pastor of Petrey Memorial Baptist Church in Hazard. He formerly served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Vanceburg, where James Watt is now the pastor.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. CONRAD, Owenton, Kentucky, deserve double congratulations on the birth of twin boys July 24. Reports are that Mrs. Conrad and the boys (John Stephen and Joseph Roberts) are doing fine. Mr. Conrad is pastor of First Baptist Church, Owenton.

SHANNON DUNCAN, now pastor of the Sharpsburg, Kentucky, Baptist Church, was ordained to the ministry July 21 at First Baptist Church in Newtown, Ohio. T. E. Williams, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, delivered the ordination sermon.

WILLOW BAPTIST CHURCH, Brooksville, Kentucky, dedicated their new church building August 6, beginning with morning worship. The dedication service was in the afternoon, followed by open house.

THE MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, reports a revival which resulted in 27 public decisions, including five professions of faith. Troy Morrison, pastor of Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville, was the evangelist. The pastor is Clay Powell.

HAROLD BERGEN, pastor of First English Baptist Church, Frostberg, Maryland, has joined the Sunday School Board as a Training Union department family ministry consultant.

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE at Williamsburg, Kentucky, has decided to continue for the second year a program designed to help pre-school age mountain children of Kentucky and Tennessee get a good start in school. The project is known as "Home Start." Cumberland students volunteer their time to tutor deprived children of the region, in order that they might begin school with equal opportunity for learning and advancement.

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The Fallacies of Universalism

by JEWELL BARRETT, PASTOR
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LEDBETTER, KENTUCKY

Universalism is the doctrine that all men will be saved. It advocates the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. It denies the existence of an eternal hell where the wicked are punished, rejecting the idea that men are lost from God in this world or the world to come. Even the belief concerning immortality is that of a shadowy existence of half-nothingness.

Traditionally, Baptists and other evangelicals have believed that only those who come to depend, in an act of faith, upon the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved; and that God is then the

Father of all who believe, and built upon that relationship, brotherhood has meaning. These beliefs come from the clear teachings of Scripture, which we are confident are reliable and eternal.

Is this doctrinal position being compromised, even unconsciously? Do we really believe, without apology, that all men are lost without Jesus Christ? Do we insist that our loved ones, though kind and dear, have no hope in this world, nor in the one to come as long as they do not love and trust Jesus? What of the socially-accepted, the intellectually-cultured, the normally-straight who are unyielding to God's revealed plan of life? Do we believe sincerely that they are cursed by their sin of rebellious unbelief?

Universalism ignores the Biblical

qualifications for salvation and creates its own. We who profess to believe the Bible find it easy to make exceptions for the highly respected, or the lovely and promising youth. It is difficult to think that the person who devotes his life for the good of his fellowman is in need of the only Saviour. Thus, we question the absoluteness of Jesus Christ, and find the rigid demands of the gospel of repentance and submission too difficult to apply to all men alike. This is the error of universalism.

There seems to be a fear of being branded as bigots, extreme fundamentalists and dogmatically-doctrinaire. We don't want to be associated with the narrow provincialism of the past. Indeed, there is a provincialism that should be repugnant to us: that all are lost except Catholics, or Church of Christ, or Missionary Baptists, but we cannot abandon the Biblical truth that "except you believe that I am he, you shall die in your sins", or "He that hath the Son hath life: but he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

We have a mandate from our Lord to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every person," but universalistic trends will destroy the heart of personal witnessing, church-centered evangelism and missionary action. There can be no higher motivation toward loving, respecting and serving all men than the motivation that comes from the foundational premise that all men are lost and Jesus Christ came, died and rose again that all might be saved through Him.

The Elements of the Lord's Supper

by WAYNE E. WARD

Absolutely ridiculous arguments have been heard over the elements to be used in the Lord's Supper. Some people maintain that the New Testament requires that real wine be used. As a matter of fact, the word **wine** is never used in connection with the Lord's Supper in the entire New Testament. Jesus probably did use a form of "home-made" wine which was a common table drink in his day. But the scriptures mention only the "cup" or the "fruit of the vine." Modern-day alcoholic beverages are run through a commercial process which turns the natural "fruit of the vine" into a deadly drug which is a poor representation of the redeeming blood of Christ!

The bread was almost certainly unleavened bread (Luke 22:1, 7, 19.) It was at the feast of "unleavened bread" that Jesus took the bread and blessed it. Some people who are so determined to have the real wine, which the Bible does not mention, will stumble right over the words about the unleavened bread!

Most serious in our changing of the form of the elements is that, for practical reasons, most churches have gotten away from the one loaf and the one cup. This unity of the cup and the loaf is made the very basis of the meaning of the Supper in Paul's interpretation (I Cor. 10:16-17). We have been very careful to keep the form of baptism because it portrays the meaning of Christ's burial (Romans 6:4); but we have given up the one cup and the one loaf which picture our oneness in the body of Christ.

In our large congregations and in this germ-conscious age, it may be virtually impossible to carry out this literal use

of the one cup and the one loaf. Some argue that the use of real wine in a single cup would reduce the danger of contagion because of its antiseptic qualities. Some try to preserve the symbolism of the one loaf by breaking a single loaf of bread in the presence of the congregation as the bread is offered to all.

Perhaps some of these problems can never be resolved in our large churches and in this complex modern society. But we should strive in every possible way to express by the physical elements we use the oneness of Christ's body and the unity of the whole history of redemption in the blood of Christ.

A City Church Goes to the Mountains

by LARRY BALDRIDGE,
PASTOR, CANEY BAPTIST CHURCH
PIPPA PASSES, KENTUCKY

Cooperation was the word when, recently, Bettie and Katharine Cardin, and Louis Gash brought 35 boxes of nicely packed gifts and collected clothing from the Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville to the Caney Baptist Church in Pippa Passes.

The ladies responsible for the work laid aside their feminine prerogatives, rolled up their shirt sleeves, and, like real men, loaded the boxes into the back of a truck owned by George Cardin. George, a brother of Katharine and Bettie, also provided the gasoline for the trip. He is a member of the Sonora Baptist Church.

The ladies then drove about 300 miles up the beautiful Mountain Parkway and over the curvy mountain roads into Knott County. There they were greeted by the pastor of Caney Baptist Church, Lawrence Baldrige, and wife Martha,

and daughter Ruth Ellen. Also on hand to help was David Overman, BSU summer missionary from Washington State University, plus the members of the newly-formed Caney Little League baseball team.

More than what they brought, we were again reminded by their presence of the Christian privilege of cooperation. Indeed, we had a real example of Christian cooperation. A BSU summer missionary, a little league ballteam, and three winsome Christian ladies were cooperating with us to help us better serve the people of Pippa Passes. In fact, a great city church, Ninth & O Baptist Church, was helping a small rural church in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, to reach out hands of service to the mountain people.

We are grateful for all who have cooperated with us in concrete Christian service. More Baptists throughout our state should try this practical kind of cooperative program.



Associations Face Government Aid Issue

Kentucky Baptists are headed for another show-down vote on government loans to Baptist institutions. All signs point to a reopening of the issue at this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention in November.

There are two reasons why this can be expected. One is the uncertainty of the present official stand of the convention. In the special convention in June of 1966, the messengers voted decisively against government loans for our Kentucky Baptist schools. In the regular 1966 convention in November of last year, there was an even more decisive vote to leave such matters as where to borrow money up to the trustees of our schools. And this decisive vote came after it was said that a favorable vote would be considered permission for trustees to seek government loans.

Those favoring government loans hailed this last action as a reversal of the earlier vote in June. Those against government loans claimed that the matter was brought up without due notice and was an indirect approach which did not nullify the June action.

There is a second reason to expect a reopening of this issue. By now Georgetown College has sought and received government loans for the construction of buildings. In the meantime, a group known as the Committee for the Preservation of Baptist Principles has been formed with the expressed purpose of getting the convention to reaffirm its opposition to government aid, including government loans, for Baptist institutions.

This editorial is called for because it appears the district associations, which are meeting from now through October, will be faced with deciding whether or not to express themselves on this matter. In the first annual associational meeting attended by the editor, a communication from the Committee for the Preservation of Baptist Principles was presented.

The communication informed the association what the Preservation Committee intended to present to the state convention in November, including the actual wording planned for presentation. With some reluctance and considerable opposition, the associational messengers approved a motion which was a part of the exact wording of the communication.

What is to be said on the matter? Several things should be remembered. An association is surely within its rights to speak on this or any other matter it feels divinely-led to speak on. And the Committee for the Preservation of Baptist Principles is surely free to communicate with any association. It should be re-

membered, however, that this committee is not a Kentucky Baptist Convention committee, but an independent committee formed of its own volition.

An association, then, has first to decide whether or not it desires to say anything on this subject. Such a matter must be presented by a messenger of the association, and the association has no obligation to present or consider any communication from outside.

If an association chooses to express itself, it must decide what it wants to say. The least effective way to say a thing is simply to adopt something somebody else has said. If an association doesn't have enough knowledge and originality to draw up its own statement, it is doubtful if it should say anything.

For this and other reasons, some time should be allowed for consideration and deliberation before adopting any statement. The resolutions committee, some other appropriate existing committee, or even a special committee of the association should have time to consider such a delicate and controversial matter. Other Baptist bodies have learned that matters brought up and not previously discussed are best finally-handled at a later period in the meeting. This is a rule for the Southern Baptist Convention meetings and has saved the convention from premature actions which sometimes proved embarrassing and often were rescinded.

Any statement from an association should be carefully and wisely worded, because careless language nullifies the effect of any statement. While the writer has not seen the statement being circulated by the Preservation Committee, it has the sound of wisdom in the use of such words as "request the trustees" rather than language that would direct, instruct or issue mandate to trustees. The statement from the Preservation Committee may not be as wise in apparently making no distinction between government loans and grants.

If an association desires to make a statement on the matter of government aid to Baptist institutions, maybe it ought to have a major place on the associational program with qualified speakers to present arguments for and against the use of government aid.

The findings of a two-year study of Baptist higher educational problems are about to be published. It will be far too lengthy for publication in the *Western Recorder*, but its highlights will be shared with our readers in time to help them deal with the issue if it is faced again in this year's convention.

Now is the Time . . .

The news from Kentucky Southern College lends some encouragement to its many friends who are interested in its present and future. President Burhans, in a press briefing August 2nd for the radio, television and newspaper media of the Louisville area, described the present predicament of the school and outlined the plans for the future of the institution.

The school, since separating from the Kentucky Baptist Convention in March, 1967, in a smooth and friendly fashion, has made significant progress in relieving its critical financial plight. However, the college still has a long way to go in finding funds to continue its quality educational program.

Here is something of the financial picture as of today. The school must find \$2,500,000 within two years in order to continue toward its goal. This amount would bring to the school the \$2,100,000 Mr. V. V. Cooke has assigned to the school when it raises the \$2,500,000.

The \$500,000 in cash received from the Kentucky Baptist Convention this summer went mostly for current bills and for one bank note. The college gets another \$350,000 from the convention over the next five years.

The school raised in June another \$500,000, which guaranteed summer operations. In a fund raising meeting scheduled for August 10, President Burhans hopes to raise \$250,000 to \$350,000 from friends of the school. The following Sunday, August 13, is Kentucky Southern Day in the area, when many churches will receive an offering for the school and when cornerstone-laying ceremonies along with open house will be conducted on the campus in the afternoon. President Burhans regards these two days as very significant in the life of the college.

The next big hurdle for the school comes the last of September when a team from the accrediting agency visits the campus in view of recommending the institution for full accreditation in December. President Burhans knows the school must show at that time the ability to construct an additional two buildings and a way to underwrite the operational deficit for the next two years. The president has no assurance, but feels that if he has \$1,350,000 to \$1,500,000 by the time

the team visits the campus and can show solid plans for raising the \$2,500,000 in two years, the school stands an excellent chance for full accreditation.

The importance of becoming accredited cannot be overemphasized. If the school fails to achieve accreditation, the faculty and students who have been unusually loyal throughout the crisis could be expected to look elsewhere.

The two additional required buildings are a library and a physical educational facility. The library calls for \$1,500,000, and the physical educational structure about \$500,000. Government grants and loans for these two buildings are being sought. Word on the grants is expected on September 7th of this year. If the grants are approved, the loans would likely come through shortly after January 1st of next year. The grants and loans applied for would provide 75%, and the college would have to find the other 25%.

In the meantime, the enrollment prospects look encouraging for the coming year. President Burhans expects the enrollment to be about the same or slightly above this year's approximately 800 full-time students. This is remarkable considering the fact that no assurance was given that the school would open this fall. The president feels there is now no doubt about the school remaining open next year.

The crisis has not affected the philosophy and the high standards of Kentucky Southern. Its academic program is one of the highest of any college in America, and President Burhans says they had rather go out of business than give up the quality education which has already become a trademark of Kentucky Southern.

One of the goals of the school since its release from Baptist control has been to gain a very broad base of support from many individuals, churches and businesses in the Louisville area. There is little doubt but that this can be done because of the unique education offered at Kentucky Southern and its importance in a community like Louisville. The problem is to buy time and meet the critical needs until such support can be secured. This is why this is the hour for all present friends to come to the support of Kentucky Southern. Unless the school can find generous friends now, it will need no friends in the years ahead.

Brown, Buchanan Stop Short

The article by Bob Brown and Henry Buchanan in the July 20 issue of the *Western Recorder* is a worthy attempt to improve the racial climate in Kentucky. However, I feel that it stopped far short.

While the suggestions made by the authors are helpful, there is much more that churches and individual Christians can do to seek and promote racial understanding. If the church is to have a hearing with the minority groups, it must shed its ecclesiastical garb and



religious jargon and get where people live. The Church must identify with the deprived person and listen to him.

It is not enough to have fellowship meetings while our Negro brother is forced to endure inferior education, sub-standard housing and chronic unemployment. These are concerns of the Christian Church just as are "praying, singing, and planning."

There are many things that the

Church can and must do. I will list just three: (1) challenge the myths regarding the Negro that are disturbingly present in our neighborhoods; (2) actively work for equal opportunities for Negroes in housing, education, employment, etc.; (3) support legislation which seeks to guarantee equal rights for all persons.

These are certainly not inconsistent with Christ's view of his ministry as that of "setting at liberty those that are oppressed" (Luke 4:18).

Bill Graham Louisville, Ky.
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Baptist Property in Detroit Not Damaged in Riots and Fires

Rioting and looting flared within three blocks of the offices for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, at Detroit, but the property and Baptist churches in Detroit escaped major damage during the rampage of shooting, looting, and destruction.

Four snipers, however, were captured by federal and state troops on property adjacent to the state convention building at 2619 Cass Avenue, said Michigan Baptist Executive Secretary, Fred D. Hubbs.

During the first three days of rioting, more than 30 persons were killed, more than 3,000 arrested, more than 1,500 businesses were looted, and more than 1,000 fires had been started, according to news reports.

Destruction "Unbelievable"

Hubbs said in an interview with the Baptist Press that the extent of the damage and destruction was unbelievable.

State Baptist workers, he said, were trying to help the thousands of homeless people who are wandering around on the street with no place to go.

"We plan to sleep some of the people who have lost their homes here (at the state convention building) tonight, and to try to feed them some way," Hubbs said.

The state Baptist leader said that the only damage to Baptist property has been vandalism at the new Baptist Center across the street from the state convention office. Copper pipes were ripped out of the Center, with damage estimated at \$5,000.

Cass Park Church Untouched

The Cass Park Baptist Church on 12th Street just South of Grand River was only slightly damaged—only a few windows and lights broken—even though it was within the area hardest hit by the riots.

"I've checked today as best I could," said Hubbs, "and the churches have seemingly escaped much property damage. The other denominations have not suffered much damage to their churches either."

State Baptist workers met with Negro ministers on the second day of the riots in an effort to set up housing, food stations, distribution of clothing, and aid to the victims of the riots.

Hubbs said that the Negro leadership could not explain why the riots occurred. "No one has stepped forth to voice a disgruntled word saying 'this is why

we have done it', so this is a mystery," Hubbs said.

It all started, he explained, when police raided a place called The Blind Pig that sells drinks after hours.

"There seems to be a pattern to it," he added. "These people seem to break in, loot the stores, haul and cart the merchandise off, and then the fires start. But the bulk of the people in the streets had nothing to do with initiating it, even though they participate in the looting after it gets started."

A Lawless "Mob"

Hubbs speculated that there seemed to be some kind of lawless mob that has perpetuated the rioting and organized for it. "They seem to jump from one place to another," he said.

Hubbs said that fear has shaken the entire city. "The snipers are on the expressways and on the roof tops, and you never know when you are going to be shot at from any direction when you are driving down the street."

The state Baptist leader urged Baptists throughout the nation to pray for the people of Detroit and other areas where rioting has broken out this summer. (BP)



Stagg In Recife, Brazil

Dr. Frank Stagg of Southern Seminary at Louisville, on his way to Europe and a year's sabbatical leave, stopped in Fortaleza, Recife and Caxambu, Brazil, to lead three one-week Bible conferences for Southern Baptist missionaries of the North Brazil Baptist Mission stationed in those cities. Here he talks with three Brazilian students and Southern Baptist missionary Mattie Lou Bible after a session at the conference in Recife.



Checking The News

Brazilian journalist Joezil dos Anjos Barros and Southern Baptist missionary Roberta Hampton check news coming over the teletype at a large daily newspaper in Recife, where Barros works. A Baptist layman, he has helped train Brazilian Baptists in journalism and has been influential in getting Baptists of Brazil in the news. Barros recently received a grant from the U. S. Agency for International Development to visit newspapers in this country, Canada and Mexico.

Seminary Professor's Daughter, Feared Dead in Fiery Air Crash, Arrives Safely with Unused Plane Ticket

by JIM FELLOWS
The News, FREDERICK, MD.

A \$3.00 youth fare card and a father's frantic prayer played a crucial role in the life of a 15-year-old Baptist girl from Louisville.

Margaret Kelley, who is the daughter of Dr. Page Kelley, associate professor of Old Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, still has her ticket for Piedmont Airlines Flight No. 22 from Asheville, North Carolina, to Washington, D. C.

The ill-fated flight ended in a fiery collision over the Blue Ridge foothills of Western North Carolina near Hendersonville.

Flying from Ridgecrest

After attending Training Union youth week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, Margaret was scheduled to fly to National Airport in Washington, where she would meet her father and then go by car to Hood College near Frederick, Maryland.

Her father and mother, and the rest of the family already were at Hood College for the Maryland Baptist Assembly.

Margaret decided to give up her reserved seat on Flight 22 and take a chance on using her new youth fare card which her father had recently purchased for her. The card gave her a considerable discount on the cost of plane fare to Washington, where she was to meet her father, but she would have to wait for a seat until there was an opening.

Reservation Not Cancelled

Margaret was lucky that morning. She managed to get a seat on a United Airlines flight to Washington. The young girl got a seat so quickly that she forgot to cancel her reservation on ill-fated Flight 22.

Kelley left Frederick that day after the noon proceedings of the assembly. He was driving along U. S. 70S, about halfway to Washington when the 2:00 p.m. news announced the mid-air collision, and that there were no survivors among the 82 persons in the two planes.

"I was so shaken at first I sort of just wandered," he said. "I got so lost that I didn't even get to the airport until about 4:30. I knew there could be no

mistake," he said. "I kept remembering that I had bought the ticket myself to assure her a quick trip here with no waiting."

"I really didn't know what to do," he continued. "I went to the Piedmont ticket window, just to check." There he was politely told that his daughter's reservation had not been cancelled, and that it appeared that she had been on the jet.

Several Calls Made

The receptionist made several calls, just in case, and Kelley was taken aside and offered refreshments.

Routine checks to several airlines brought no relief. Margaret had boarded under the "available space" plan and had not been registered in advance.

Another call from the receptionist paged Margaret over the airport's loud-speaker system, just in case.

Kelley said he remembers the next moment distinctly. "The Piedmont receptionist's phone rang. She answered it and dropped the phone."

"Dr. Kelley, your daughter wasn't on

the plane," she exclaimed.

At first he didn't know what the receptionist was saying. "I thought she meant that Margaret hadn't been on any other plane except the jet." She repeated her message, this time saying, "She wasn't on our plane."

Then Margaret, in another part of the terminal, answered the page and talked to her father over a phone.

"I didn't know what was wrong," explained Margaret. "I was worried because I hadn't cancelled my ticket. I felt sort of funny when Dad said that the plane I should have been on had crashed."

Soon a call was made to Mrs. Kelley at Hood College, explaining there "had been a plane crash, but that Margaret was all right."

Prepared for the Worst

"I wasn't sure until she walked in the door. I thought they had prepared me for the worst," said Mrs. Kelley.

Margaret's little sisters, Judy, 11, and Mary, 7, added that "Later Daddy remembered it was his birthday and he said 'What a birthday present!'" (BP)



An Unused Ticket That Saved a Life

Dr. Page Kelley of Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville and his daughter, Margaret, ponder the ticket which Margaret failed to use for Piedmont Airlines Flight No. 22. The plane crashed near Hendersonville, North Carolina, killing 82 persons.

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Top Churches

The basic support of Christian education in Kentucky—and on mission fields around the world—is through the Cooperative Program. Christian education is a major part of mission work everywhere Southern Baptists work in both the foreign and home mission fields—it is the same in Kentucky.

The "Top 100 Churches" in dollar-giving through the Cooperative Program provide about 49% of the goal for the Cooperative Program in Kentucky. They also compose a majority of the number of Baptist church members in the state—for in general, they are churches with the largest membership. This is said because many, many smaller churches give as much to mission per member as the larger churches—and this is the final test of giving.

However, I wish to call attention to the fact that eight (8) of the Top 100 churches have already given more dollars to the Cooperative Program in the first ten (10) months of this convention year than they did in the full 12 months last year. We salute, therefore, the following:

Rosemont Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, William B. Craig, pastor;

Beechmont Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, M. D. Morton, Pastor;

Buechel Park Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Victor L. Priebe, pastor;

Valley Station Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, William L. Kaufman, pastor;

First Church, Owenton, Owen County Association, James E. Conrad, pastor;

Columbia Church, Columbia, Russell Creek Association, A. H. Phillips, pastor;

Campbellsville Church, Campbellsville, Taylor County Association, J. Chester Badgett, pastor;

Paducah First Church, West Union Association, John A. Wood, pastor.

Ends August 31

The convention year ends August 31, and all gifts mailed before midnight will count in this year's totals toward the \$3,500,000 goal for the Cooperative Program. All of us are praying that all churches in the state will give more than they did last year—and that we will exceed this, our greatest goal, for world missions. In your next budget, plan to increase by 5% the percentage of your total offerings over this year. To God be the glory.

been entirely overlooked.

That there is a "dust cloud" no informed person can deny, but the tragedy is that very few have been able to identify the nature of the "cloud" and to detect the far reaching damage.

Have we as Baptists come this far without knowing that Baptist churches are not in authority? A Baptist church is not in authority, but under authority. Every Baptist church certainly has the Christian-given privilege of operating as a spiritual democracy, but it does not have the right to change the laws under which it is to function.

There has been far too much emphasis upon "church authority," and such over-emphasis on church authority had its origin in the church of Rome. Baptist churches do not have the authority to arbitrarily decide who shall be baptized and "added to the church" membership. Christ, who said, "All authority is given unto me both in heaven and in earth," has decided that for them, and under his supreme authority a Baptist church must follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in obeying Christ's laws by which the Great Commission is to be carried out.

"The unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" can only be kept by a church which has "one Lord, one faith and one baptism." We have called Him, "Lord, Lord," and have openly questioned and disobeyed His laws under an assumed and unwarrantable "authority."

So "the authority for scriptural baptism" does not lie in a Baptist church, but rests with Him who reserved all authority to Himself. We are to stand where the Head of the Church placed us, obeying His authoritative command in the Great Commission in the manner in which He told us to proceed. E. M. Skinner Providence, Kentucky

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Writers for Broadman Commentary Include Two Kentucky Baptists

The date of publication and writers for a multi-volume Bible commentary were announced to members of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board meeting in semi-annual session at Nashville.

Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the board and general editor of The Broadman Bible Commentary, said October 1, 1969, is the expected publication date of the first two of twelve volumes—one Old Testament and one New Testament.

Other volumes are scheduled for publication over the next four years. Seven volumes on Old Testament and five on New Testament books are planned.

Allen announced the writers who have been enlisted for the first two volumes. G. Henton Davies, principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, England, and Roy L. Honeycutt, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will do the work on Genesis and Exodus.

Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Henry E. Turlington, pastor of University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C., will do the work on Matthew and Mark.

Among the other writers with assignments is William E. Hull, associate pro-

fessor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

"It is expected that within a few months other distinguished scholars, including some from Europe, will be engaged for all major writing assignments for the commentary," Allen said.

The Broadman Bible Commentary, to be published by Broadman Press, will be directed toward a combined audience of ministers and serious lay students of the Bible.

The commentary will be marked by a strong emphasis on the redemptive message of the scriptures and the relevance of biblical teaching for the issues and problems of the present world. (BP)



New Parsonage At Loyall

First Baptist Church of Loyall, Kentucky, recently dedicated this parsonage, which is valued at \$40,000. However, the actual cost of constructing the building was considerably less because of the members' donation of material and labor. A. J. Hensley is pastor of the congregation.

First Church, Dallas, Celebrates 100 Years

by AL MORGAN

Anything resembling a modern worship service was purely coincidental.

Dressed in a frock-tailed coat and striped 'breeches' reminiscent of the 1860's, Pastor W. A. Criswell opened the year-long centennial program of the First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Criswell's sermon drew stout "amens" as he pointed out that "in the old days there wasn't a preacher that didn't believe and adhere to the Good Book.

"Today, except for some of us Fundamentalists, there isn't a preacher in this country that still believes in it (in its entirety). Our (Baptists) attitudes are still the same. If God said it, we believe it," Criswell declared.

Criswell added that old-time services "were filled with feeling. Today we find expression of our emotions and our feelings in melodramatic fear."

Louisville Pastor Arranges Tour to Youth Congress

A "Poor Boy's Special" tour for Baptist young people interested in attending the Baptist World Youth Congress at Berne, Switzerland, next July is being arranged by Lewis A. Drummond, pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.

Drummond said the special rate of \$449.00 would include round trip air fare on Swissair's DC-8 jet, meals and room for three days in Rome, three days in London, three days in Munich, and two days in Vienna. The tour, lasting 21 days, also features several guided tours of points of interest in Europe.

Any Baptist young person interested in the tour should write or call Drummond at the Ninth and O Church, 2921 Taylor Boulevard, Louisville.

An estimated 3,000 or more persons packed pews and sat in the aisles to hear Criswell preach his sermon on "Old Time Religion."

Most of the membership was appropriately dressed for the gala occasion which took on the atmosphere of an old time revival meeting. Although not used by Criswell, the old-fashioned "Preacher's Pitcher" was full, and one could easily have quivered for its safety during the preaching part of the service.

All was not "hell-fire and brimstone." The grand splendor of an era long past was evident as choir members took their places, the women barely able to step in their uniform black ankle-hugging skirts and white puffed blouses. Men, too, looked more like a barber shop quartet than choir members in their suspenders, bow ties and white shirts.

Lee Roy Till led special choir selections from the 1860's. Till is minister of music for the 14,000-member Southern Baptist church.

Anne Criswell, daughter of the pastor belted out a medley of gospel songs, including "Roll, Jordan Roll," and "Amazing Grace." She wore an eye-catching yellow, full-skirted costume.

The congregation readily responded to "I Feel Like Traveling On," and Texas Baptists and guests got a good sampling of what it used to be like in the "hand-clapping" and foot-stomping" days when people openly expressed their religion. (BP)

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Shawnee Baptist Church Celebrates Anniversary

Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, will celebrate its 45th anniversary with a homecoming August 26-27. The annual Brotherhood golf tournament will be held Saturday at Shawnee Golf Course. It will be followed by a picnic supper.

Former pastor Thomas Moore will be the speaker Sunday morning at 10:45. Other former pastors will be present, including their second pastor, E. L. Averitt. R. A. Kelly, the first pastor, is now deceased.

At noon there will be a dinner on the grounds and then the "church sing" with various departments in the church providing the program for the afternoon.

The present pastor, Donald Whitehouse, urges all present and former members to attend these homecoming exercises.

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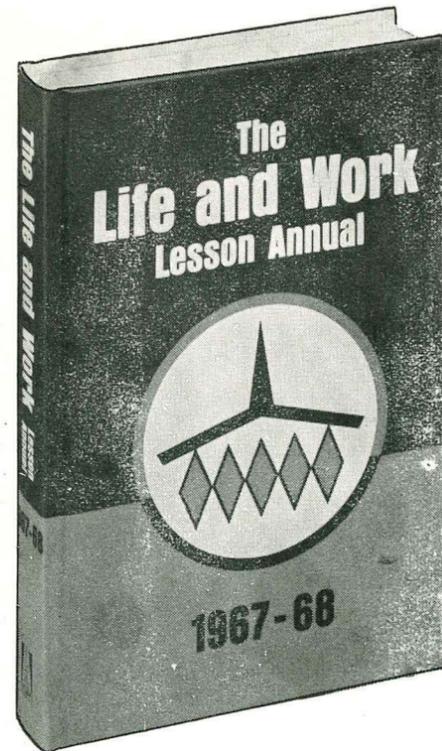
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1,181 Persons Make Public Decisions In Dayton Evangelistic Crusade

The Dayton "Encounter" Crusade, largest evangelistic effort ever held by Southern Baptists in Ohio, closed its central meeting at a local stadium with a total of 1,181 public decisions reported, including 522 conversions.

Total attendance at the week-long central crusade at Dayton's Welcome Stadium exceeded 52,000, said crusade officials. Crowds ranged from 6,000 to 10,000 each night.

Following the central crusade at Welcome Stadium, the evangelistic effort shifted into the second phase with services in 79 Southern Baptist churches in the Dayton area.

Criswell is Evangelist

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, preached an evangelistic message each night of the central crusade at Welcome Stadium. Lee Roy Till, minister of music for the Dallas church, directed the music for the crusade.

The services began each evening with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Before Criswell's sermon each night, outstanding personalities from the entertainment and sports worlds gave their testimonies, telling what being a Christian has meant to them.

A group of four teen-agers known as The Lively Ones from Dallas entertained in restaurants and shopping centers, and also gave their testimonies during the central crusade. Another group of about 80 young people called the Sherwood Singers from Sherwood Baptist Church, Odessa, Tex., also sang in the shopping centers.

While the thousands were attending the crusade meetings, an army of hundreds was witnessing in the Dayton area, said Ralph Neighbor, associate in the evangelism division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and crusade coordinator.

Each day, 600 Baptists in shifts of 200

were visiting, distributing literature, conducting recreation periods at city playgrounds, filling speaking engagements at civic clubs, or singing in a factory or shopping centers.

The services were broadcast over radio and television, and telephone numbers were broadcast periodically for those who were listening to call the crusade counselors. Six telephone lines were kept open.

Crusade officials reported that the calls ranged from requests for prayer, to joyful professions of faith. One person called long distance to shout, "I've been saved! I've been saved!" She had been watching on television.

Crusade Coordinator Neighbor estimated the cost of the crusade to be about \$30,000 less than the \$200,000 budget for the meeting.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is providing about \$100,000 in the crusade, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is providing \$25,000.

The crusade, in preparation for more than a year, is the second such evangelistic effort assisted by Texas Baptists, who developed the program, and the first such crusade ever held in the frontier areas of the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

Corbin Native Ordained By Central Baptist Church

Johnny Jervis, a native of Corbin, Kentucky, became an ordained Baptist minister Sunday evening, July 23 at the Central Baptist Church, Corbin.

Fred Roth, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Corbin, and professor at Cumberland College, brought the charge to the candidate. Ralph Hodge, also ordained by Central Baptist, brought the charge to the church.

Jervis entered the ministry a few months ago and has since preached in several churches in the Corbin area. He was ordained at the request of Hawk Creek Baptist Church, near London, where he is now pastor.

Central Baptist Church seems to be the "starting place" for several ministers. Joe Moody, pastor of Lynn Camp Baptist Church, and Earl Hopkins, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, have also been ordained by Central Baptist in the past few months.



Jervis

Monday-Holiday Idea Supported By Several U.S. Congressmen

A proposal to set five national holidays on Mondays, giving three-day weekends, is picking up support in Congress.

Seven members of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate have introduced bills to make the changes. Although the bills are not identical, the most comprehensive one that includes most of the provisions of the others was introduced by Sen. George A. Smathers (D., Fla.).

According to the Smathers bill the holidays and their dates would be:

- 1. Presidents' Day (replacing George Washington's birthday), the third Monday in February;
- 2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- 3. Independence Day, the first Monday in July;
- 4. Veterans Day, the last Monday in October;
- 5. Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Monday in November.

Congressmen who have introduced similar bills are: Robert McClory (R., Ill.), James Cleveland (R., N. H.), Louis C. Wyman (R., N. H.), Sam Gibbons (D., Fla.), Samuel S. Stratton (D., N. Y.), E. S. Johnny Walker (D., N. M.), and Richard Fulton (D., Tenn.).

The chief advocate of the Monday national holiday idea is the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Widespread support is claimed from a wide variety of business interests.

Two surveys report extensive popular support. In a national poll nearly 10,000 members of the U. S. Chamber

of Commerce responded with 85% approval, 14% opposed and 1 per cent no opinion.

This Week magazine asked its readers to return a ballot indicating their views. In the returns 180,061 balloted were in favor and 10,094 opposed, or a supporting vote of 95%.

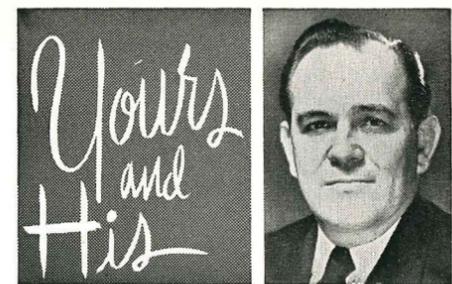
The chief argument in favor of Monday holidays is economic in nature. Businessmen seem to think that it would improve sales, especially in businesses that deal in travel, sports and related enterprises.

Then, too, many businessmen claim that it would reduce absenteeism that occurs when holidays come in the middle of the week. Many stores say they never recover from sales drops when holidays occur in the middle of the week, but that losses from Monday holidays can always be made up.

Some opposition has been expressed because of the fear that traffic accidents would climb if there were five "long weekends" in the year. But statistics from several sources indicate that the percentage of highway accidents on long weekends does not increase significantly. Some even claim that they are reduced because people are not in such a hurry.

Other opposition may be expressed by churchmen who fear what five long weekends a year will do to church attendance.

Since all the holidays involved are civic or national in nature, there seems to be no church-state issue raised by the proposals. (BP)



Hey, Youth!

The second Youth Week at beautiful Cedarmore is scheduled for August 21-25, and great things are planned for high school and other youth. A few reservations are still available, and you should get in on this. Call Cedarmore Assembly, (502) 747-8911, Bagdad; or write Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky, right now. A \$1.00 registration fee should be sent. Get a group going from your church now—use your phone.

Youth Leaders

You youth leaders—in Sunday School, Training Union, YWA and GA, RA and music—do a fast job of contacting some of your youth to attend the second Youth Conference at Cedarmore, August 21-25! Come with them. Send \$1.00 reservation fee for each. Phone Cedarmore if necessary.

Pastors, ministers of youth and education, pick out a few of your best youth and get them in now. A few more reservations are available, and the program is superb! Come with them. I will be there—and my daughter, Susan.

Youth Program Personalities

During Youth Week August 21-25 at Cedarmore, youth will be much on the program—for group discussions and dialogue will be featured. But, when Sydney Portis, state YWA Director chairs a staff committee to build a program, you can count on it being tops—and it is!

Dr. Bryant Hicks, professor of missions at Southern Seminary; Harry Hollis, leading discussion on "Christianity in Action—NOW", assisted by Paul Larsen and Fran Buehler (BSU Directors from Berea and Louisville); Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., pastor, First Church, Shelbyville, on "The Bible Speaks to me—TODAY"; Harold G. Sanders and members of the staff at the Baptist Building in Middletown, who will spar with you on your questions; Mrs. Don Chatham, Shelbyville, and instructor in piano at Kentucky Southern College, recording artist; Dr. Don Chatham, physician from Shelbyville, and summer youth missionaries giving first-hand testimonies; Cedarmore favorites Larry Haslam (sunrise service) and Tom Henry (Recreation); and much more! Register now for Youth Week, August 21-25.

Evangelism Retreat is Scheduled

"Evangelism-in-depth," a comprehensive, interdenominational approach to evangelism in eastern Kentucky, is getting off to a good start with a retreat for ministers and laymen of the area, scheduled August 28-30. The spiritual retreat will be held on the campus of Eastern State University at Richmond.

Kentucky Baptists leading in the retreat program include Eldred Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset; Ross Figart, pastor of Petrey Memorial Baptist Church, Hazard; and music director Ira Prosser, minister of music at Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington.

Several noted personalities from other church groups and denominations also will lead conferences and speak.

Ross Figart, chairman of the board of directors for the interdenominational

evangelistic effort, said reservations for the retreat should be made through the central office at Box 1015, Hazard, Kentucky. The cost is \$12.00 for room and board plus a \$2.00 registration fee.

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THE GOSPEL IN CONFLICT

After Paul began to conduct services in the building in which Tyrannus conducted his school, he remained in Ephesus for two years. He stayed that long because of the opportunities afforded him and the opposition which he encountered. His repeated and persistent efforts really counted. He and his loyal associates conducted evangelistic campaigns in various parts of the province, and "mightily grew the word of God and prevailed," and many turned to the living God.

Acts 19:23-28

One of the seven wonders of the world, the magnificent temple of Diana, the voluptuous goddess of fertility, was located in Ephesus. Shrewd men had developed and promoted a thriving business there by manufacturing and selling silver images of Diana and replicas of the temple to the local idolaters and to the sightseers who visited this famous place. So greatly did the sincerity, manner of life, preaching, teaching and witnessing of Paul and his associates affect the people that the sale of these silver shrines decreased tremendously. It soon became quite obvious to Demetrius and his fellow silver-smiths that idolatry was tottering before the power of the gospel.

For the protection and advancement of their business interests the silver-smiths had formed a guild or union. Their primary interest was financial and not religious. Because of the interference of the gospel with their profitable business, Demetrius, the leader of the union, promptly called a meeting of the craftsmen and reminded them of the substantial profits which they had been making, but that the market for their products was weakening materially. What a tribute to the effectiveness of Paul's preaching and to the power of the gospel which he and the others proclaimed!

However, it should be noted that the violent reaction which arose against the gospel was not because it endangered the honor of Diana, but primarily because it interfered with their profits. In his inflammatory address Demetrius remarked, "This our craft is in danger of being set at naught." Vested inter-

ests always seek to block the progress of the gospel of Christ when it interferes with the income derived from their business.

The speech of Demetrius accomplished the end which he desired. All of the people whose business appeared to be in jeopardy were stirred up and filled with wrath. Soon the general populace was thrown into confusion. The crowds became angry, but they could not have explained why they were. Paul's associates, Gaius and Aristarchus, were seized and dragged into the theater. The mob soon followed them there. Paul wanted to rush into the theater in defense of his colleagues, but his thoughtful and wise friends readily recognized the folly of such a course and refused to allow him to do so. A chief of high authority also advised Paul against committing such a rash act. Paul's desire spoke volumes for his courage, but both his courage and his zeal needed to be tempered with good judgment.

Acts 19:35-39

After a riot of two hours duration there came a lull, and the man for the hour appeared in the person of the town clerk. He proved himself to be a sane and sensible man by his clear thinking and his calm self-possession, and by his strong appeal to the mob to exercise common sense and fair play. He sought

to pacify the rioters by declaring that the dignity of the temple of Diana and of the city of Ephesus, as the keeper of that temple, were too well established and too widely known to be in any danger. He warned them that, if they continued in the course which they were pursuing, there was a strong possibility that they would be brought under the censure and condemnation of the Roman government for disturbing the peace.

Knowing that when one's cause is weak, he will frequently become more boisterous and violent in his efforts to defend it, the tactful, discreet and wise town clerk coupled cold calculation with common sense and challenged the distraught and unreasonable mob to pause and consider the legitimacy and folly of their intended violence. He urged them to make their complaints before the duly-constituted authorities. He finally convinced the crowds that taking the matter into the open court and allowing the case to be tried on its merits would be far better than for them to take the law into their own hands and settle the case in the streets.

This method of settling differences, as advocated by the town clerk and as practiced by civilized people, is far superior to the one used by yelling and ferocious rioters, whether in the case of the mob in Ephesus or of similar groups in our country today. Fortunately, the logic of the town clerk was unanswerable and the mob dispersed.

LIFE AND WORK

VARIETIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I Corinthians 12:4-18, 27-31

Among the numerous, varied and serious problems which Paul encountered in the church at Corinth was the one which had been created by the wrong tendency to be attracted and influenced by the externally impressive gifts, such as clever oratory and flashes of brilliance, and to despise the genuinely spiritual gifts which were imparted by the Holy Spirit. Naturally this caused factions within the church.

I. The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are never bestowed upon Christians by the Holy Spirit for the gratification and glory of their recipients and possessors, but always for the exaltation of Christ, the proclamation of His gospel, the salvation of the

lost, the exposition of the Word, the edification of the saved, the glory of God, and the extension of His kingdom.

II. The Diversity of Spiritual Gifts (I Corinthians 12:4-11)

For the doing of our Lord's work on earth the Holy Spirit imparts to every saved person one or more gifts. There are many gifts, but only one Giver—the Holy Spirit. These various gifts are distributed according to divine discretion; therefore, each Christian should occupy the sphere and perform the service which are in accordance with the divine plan.

No Christian is ever justified in being envious of the gift which another has received. The Holy Spirit is never partial to some and prejudiced against

others, but always does that which is right and best. In these verses nine spiritual gifts are mentioned: the word of wisdom (ability to speak wisely), the word of knowledge (insight), faith, the gift of healing, the working of miracles, prophecy (speaking for Christ), discerning of spirits, the utterance of overpowering emotion, and the interpretation of tongues. All of these the Holy Spirit bestows, administers and energizes, according to His own will rather than ours.

III. The Interrelationship of Spiritual Gifts (I Corinthians 12:12-18)

Here Paul uses the human body with its various members as an analogy to the church, and he deals with the relationship of each member to the other. In both the human body and the church, each member has its own particular function and the proper functioning of each is necessary to the best interests

of all the other members. All members are fashioned and set in their places according to His perfect will. Each is in the very best position in which it could be placed for the greatest service and usefulness to the whole. They are to perform their respective functions, for which they are fitted, for the good of the entire body, and without any friction between them. Since the different parts of the human body cooperate beautifully, it is certainly unwise and sinful for a member of the church to yield to conceit, pride, jealousy, envy, or covetousness. Members of the church should respect each other, love each other, and work with one another.

IV. The Responsibility for Spiritual Gifts (I Corinthians 12:27-31)

In these verses eight different responsibilities of church members are enumerated. All church members have a work to do and will be held responsible

for doing it. In the case of many church members at Corinth, there was a disposition to magnify their own gifts, talents and positions, and to minimize and depreciate those of their fellow-members. Such inconsiderateness and selfishness were very displeasing to the Lord, as well as entirely unjustifiable on the part of those who displayed these unworthy traits.

No one has any right to be jealous of another whose talents and opportunities are greater than his. Instead, each should be truly grateful for the ones which the Holy Spirit gives him, and use them to the fullest for the glory of God and the welfare of others. After all, every gift is from God and should be utilized in His service with genuine gratitude for the privilege of doing so. Each of us has the very gift which is needed for the performance of his particular duties.

Overseas Baptists Report Ministries, Erect Buildings

More Baptist Missionaries Requested for Vietnam

Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam have requested seven missionary couples, six missionary journeymen and four 1968 summer missionaries for general evangelism. This request was made at the annual meeting of the administrative organization of Baptist missionaries in Vietnam held in Saigon. The additional workers are needed to help achieve 1969 goals for 1,000 church members, 20 churches, 50 chapels and 60 missionaries located in 10 cities. They now have over 300 church members, three churches, 16 preaching points, and 27 missionaries in four cities.

Baptist Hospital Established In Fortaleza, Brazil

Brazilian Baptists dedicated the new Baptist Memorial Hospital in Fortaleza July 2. Opened with 30 beds, the hospital may later be expanded to 100 beds. The efforts of Burton de Wolfe Davis, Southern Baptist missionary in Forta-

leza, have been significant in making the hospital a reality. Although it is primarily a Brazilian Baptist undertaking, Southern Baptists contributed to construction costs.

Two New Buildings Erected For Seminary in Denmark

Danish Baptists decided recently to add two new buildings to their theological seminary at its present location at Tollose, a rural community 40 miles west of Copenhagen. This decision settled the recurring question of a Baptist Center being re-established in Copenhagen, with the seminary as a part of it. Property complications in Copenhagen, coupled with the westward relocation of the University of Copenhagen, apparently brought about the decision.

Missionaries In India Project New Ministries

The Telugu-language Baptist Church in Bangalore, India, with the help of missionary Ralph C. Bethea, is reaching out to almost every area of the community. Plans are being made for a church building to replace the rented house of worship and a Baptist hospital. Bethea, a medical doctor, has been holding mobile clinics which people of all faiths attend and hear the gospel. Mr. and Mrs. Bethea are experimenting with a program which will enable the people to help themselves produce eggs and garden products and make crocheted and lacework items for sale.

Missionaries to Spain Work Through Associations

Baptist missionaries in Spain are working primarily through associations. Six of the 12 Southern Baptist missionary couples assigned to Spain work with associations of churches. This trend was revealed at their annual meeting July 6-11, at which Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., was re-elected president of the group.

Yugoslav Baptists Construct New Seminary Building

Baptists in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, dedicated a four-story theological seminary building July 2. More than 800 persons crowded into the church auditorium, which is intended to accommodate 260. The small 100-member Novi Sad Baptist Church contributed over \$2,000 plus labor to the construction of these buildings. Other contributions were made by the Southern Baptist and American Baptist Foreign Mission agencies and German and British Baptists.

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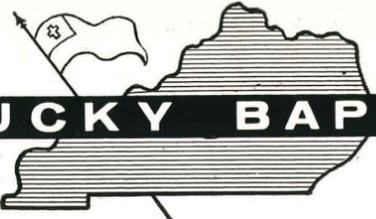
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Mrs. Thomas

The missionary speaker during W.M.U. Week at Cedarmore will be Mrs. Bill Clark Thomas, Kentucky missionary to Singapore.

Mrs. Thomas, the former Ruth Douglas, was born in Calloway County in Western Kentucky and grew up in Lone Oak. She was graduated from Murray State College (now University). She taught school in Jefferson and Warren Counties before her appointment.

Mrs. Thomas is married to Bill Clark Thomas of Cadiz, Kentucky. They have served in Singapore since 1963.

Mrs. Thomas will speak each morning.

Mrs. Fred Propst, of Atlanta, Georgia, will be the missionary speaker for the W.M.U. Week-end Conference.

Mrs. Propst, the former Louise Whitmire, has been a missionary of the Home Mission Board since 1950. She was director of the Good Will Center in East St. Louis, 1950-57, and since 1957 has been director of the Week-day Program of the Capitol Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta.

She is a graduate of University of Georgia and Carver School of Missions.

Training Union

Leading Churches In Study Course Awards

by Eldon Boone

Severns Valley Baptist Church of Severns Valley Association heads the list of study course awards earned in Kentucky through June of this church year. The top 25 churches are listed by association, church, and total number of awards earned in all 21 categories since October 1, 1967.

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Pulaski—First Baptist of Somerset	377
Muhlenberg—Central City Baptist	369
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Long Run—Walnut St. Baptist	299
Long Run—Beechmont Baptist	268
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West Union—Oaklawn Baptist	254
Long Run—Ralph Ave. Baptist	249
Elkhorn—First Baptist Nicholasville	216
Long Run—South Jefferson Baptist	179
Warren—First Baptist Bowling Green	178
Long Run—East Audubon Baptist	176
Little Bethel—First Baptist Madisonville	176
Pike—Pikeville Baptist	168
Elkhorn—Stamping Ground Baptist	164
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Franklin—First Baptist Frankfort	160
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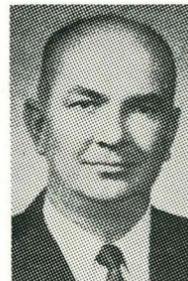
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The program will be based on the Church Growth Plan. Discovering Prospects . . . Cultivative Visitation . . . Enlargement . . . Implementation . . . Open Forum . . . Sunday School Program for '68 . . . Study of New Material and Methods of Promoting . . . Achievement Guides . . . Grouping Grading System . . . Inspirational Messages.

PERSONNEL:

Kenneth Dean and Chester Vaughn from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. The following state Sunday School secretaries:

Lawson Hatfield, Arkansas Baptist Convention, James Currin, Indiana Baptist Convention and Frank Voight, Virginia Baptist Convention. Personnel of Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Voight



Currin



Hatfield

Annuity

Why Churches Should Pay 10% of the Pastor's Salary Into A Retirement Program

by A. W. Walker

1. Because "The laborer is worthy of his hire," beyond the active pastoral years into retirement. He is worthy of retirement free from financial embarrassment.

2. You, as a layman, are assured a retirement income from Social Security and possibly from a pension plan where you work. Your employer pays a portion of the Social Security tax for you and also any other pension plan you may have. **A pastor must pay the total cost of Social Security if he enrolls as a minister.** This makes it advisable for the church to provide an adequate retirement program for the pastor.

3. **If your pastor should become disabled,** he will still need an income. Can your church afford to assume the responsibility of continuing his salary and paying the salary of a new pastor also? By participating in the Southern Baptist Protection Program, the church may be relieved in such situations; and the pastor will receive an annuity if he should become totally and presumed permanently disabled. In addition the plan will provide children's benefits for as many as four children under age 18. It will provide college benefits for children age 18 and above for the first four years immediately following high school.

4. **What will happen to your pastor's widow in event of his death?** Will the church be embarrassed? They need not be. By participating in our Southern Baptist Protection Program, the widow would have an income and the children would have benefits as outlined under point three (3) above.

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Church Music

Our Mandate to Minister

by Eugene F. Quinn

Part III

"Through Music in Institutions"

Could you fulfill Christ's "mandate to minister" by presenting a musical concert, sermon in song, service in song, or a dramatic presentation in any of the following institutions:

1) Jails and penitentiaries. Opportunities and audiences are usually available in local jails and penitentiaries to conduct regular song and sermon services or at least to sing informally to the prisoners and bear testimony toward their salvation.

(2) Homes for the aged. Frequent musical contributions should be made in homes for the aged in any community.

(3) Children's homes. Graded choirs are especially welcomed at children's homes for a concert or to lead a song service with the children and their workers.

(4) Hospitals. Have you overlooked the opportunities to sing the gospel in hospitals? Music may be broadcast or



played by recording over inter-communication systems. Some hospitals have closed-circuit televisions with receivers in each room for the patients to hear a service originating in their chapel or a broadcast from the church auditorium. Hospital workers and convalescent patients can attend chapel services. Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, prints and distributes tray cards notifying patients of their televised Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m. St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, broadcasts each Sunday morning service on FM radio.

Mental hospitals offer an opportunity for a church to minister by music through a variety of activities described as music therapy. Contact the institutional chaplain, music therapist, director of volunteer services, or recreation therapist, whichever name the official has, and plan the musical contribution which your church can make with them.

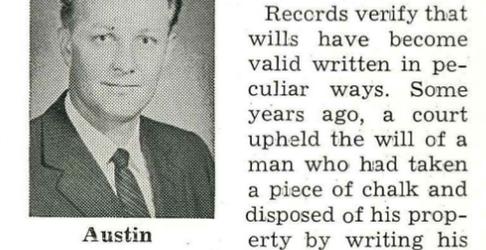
Next week: "Ministering In Community Life."

Foundation

Some Interesting Wills

by James C. Austin

Some interesting information concerning wills has turned up in the study made by Wade B. East, Superintendent of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe.



Austin

Records verify that wills have become valid written in peculiar ways. Some years ago, a court upheld the will of a man who had taken a piece of chalk and disposed of his property by writing his will on a barn door.

Another man wrote his will on an empty egg shell. \$50.00 was disposed of by a man writing his will on a piece of brown wrapping paper.

The oldest known will in legal form was unearthed in Egypt over 4,500 years ago. It was written on papyrus and witnessed by two scribes. The first will many recall is the one recorded in the Old Testament Book of Genesis, Chapter 25, concerning Abraham. It is not always the length of the will nor the amount of money involved that is important. For example, Calvin Coolidge used only 23 words in writing his will, while P. T. Barnum wrote an entire volume.

Statistics show that many people in the United States die without having a will. If a person wishes to remember Christian causes, a will must be made. A person can do more for his loved ones and more for our Lord through wise estate planning and will making.

It is always wise to consult an attorney with help in preparing a will. This will assure that the document is correctly drawn and executed so that one's wishes are followed in the disposition of his estate.

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Owensboro Boy Wins Top Honors In SBC Sword Drill Competition

by Merrill Davies

David Adkisson, age 13, Owensboro, Kentucky, received top honors in the Southern Baptist Convention intermediate Master Swordsman Drill at Ridgecrest July 8. David became the Kentucky representative after competing with over 60 intermediates in the Regional Kentucky Sword Drill and with approximately 40 in the state drill.

Adkisson, a ninth-grader at Southern Junior High School, is active in both school and church. He plays the flute and saxophone for the school band; at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro he is involved in Sunday School, Training Union and youth choir. Last year he participated in the State Junior Memory Work and Bible Drill.

David has recently made a decision to enter the ministry after further study.

Lloyd Senters Accepts Pastorate In Ohio

Lloyd Senters has resigned as pastor of the Fleming Baptist Church, Fleming, to accept the pastorate of the Aberdeen Baptist Church in Aberdeen, Ohio. Senters is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School in the class of 1959, and has been with the Kentucky mountain mission program since 1961.

His resignation was effective August 6. The Senters have four children: Lloyd, Jr., 17; Sue, 16; and two married daughters living in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Covington Pastor Named To Home Board Staff

F. Russell Bennett, Jr., pastor of Lantonia Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, has been named associate secretary in the department of metropolitan missions of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

A former high school teacher and debate coach, Bennett has served several other Kentucky Baptist churches. He earned bachelor of divinity, master of theology and doctor of religious education degrees from Southern Seminary at Louisville.

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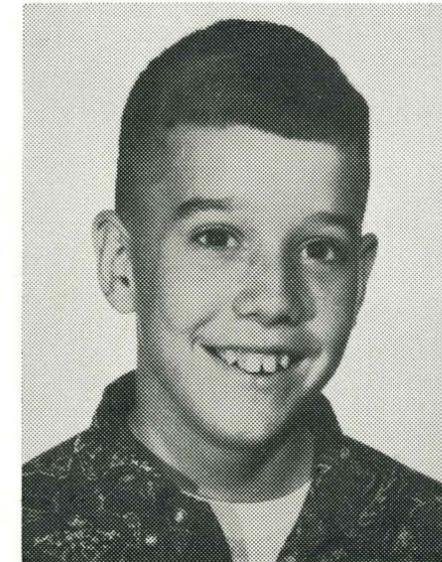
Speakers' Tournament

Damon Talley, Magnolia, Kentucky, was the winner of the Kentucky Young People's Speakers' Tournament this



Talley

year. This qualified him to participate in the speakers' tournament at Ridgecrest, where he spoke on the subject, "What is Success?" Damon, a graduate of Memorial High School, plans to enter the University of Kentucky this fall.



David Adkisson

The Cover

KENTUCKY BAPTIST STUDENTS Daryl Gruver (top) of Campbellsville College and Dwight Wallace (lower left) of Morehead State University assist two BSU summer missionaries from Tennessee in erecting a combination BSU center - educational building at University Baptist Church, College Alaska, where the University of Alaska is located. This Alaskan Work Camp is a joint venture of the student departments of the Kentucky and Tennessee Baptist conventions. Other Kentuckians in the Alaskan project are Miss Pat Towler of Elizabethtown Community College and Mike McGarvey of Paducah Junior College.

Youth Week at Cedarmore To Be Held August 21-25

Major conference speaker at the Youth Week at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly this year will be Dr. Bryant Hicks, professor of missions at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

A former missionary to the Philippines, Hicks will speak each day on the theme of this year's encampment—"Where the Action Is."

Purpose of the annual meeting is to lead young people to a deeper commitment to Christ through conferences, personal interviews and daily worship services.

Miss Sydney Portis, Kentucky YWA director who is serving as director of the Youth Week, said registrations for the conference would be accepted through August 21. Further information can be obtained from her office or from Marvin Byrdwell, manager of Cedarmore Assembly at Bagdad.

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