

  
**WESTERN** RECORDER  
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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG FEATURED**—The SBC Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas, and the National Broadcasting Company are collaborating to produce a television special on this archaeological excavation in the Jordan Valley. Entitled "Zarethan," the program will be shown December 31 at 1:30 p.m. (EST) on NBC-affiliate stations throughout the United States. This archaeological site may prove to be the oldest city yet discovered. Their work continues to illumine the historical setting of the scriptures.





## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**FRANK W. LAWTON** of Carthage, Mississippi, has joined the staff of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee, as a field service consultant in boys' work. He will develop a program of missionary education for boys age 6-8 in Southern Baptist churches. Lawton leaves the First Baptist Church of Carthage, where he was minister of education and music.

**JOHN JENKINS**, pastor of the Pellville, Kentucky, Baptist Church, recently led Barnett's Creek Baptist Church in Ohio County in a successful revival. Four persons made decisions for baptism. Stewart Hines is pastor of the Barnett's Creek congregation.

**JERRY PRIVETTE**, a student in religious education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, has been called as the first minister of education and youth in the history of Bardstown Baptist Church. Kit Yeaste is the pastor at Bardstown.

**THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT** has ruled that the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center at Little Rock can operate independently of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Without dissent the high court upheld a previous court ruling that a resolution of the state convention transferring control of the medical center to a non-profit organization was valid.

**THE MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**, Baptist Association, after three hours of debate, defeated a recommendation that would have allowed its hospital—the Montgomery Baptist Hospital—to accept federal funds. The association voted to exclude grants from federal, state or any other political subdivision from the hospital's sources of finance.

**THE ADMINISTRATION** at Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Texas, has set rigid regulations for Baylor's social and service clubs in an attempt to curb physical "hazing." The stricter rules followed a thorough investigation into the death of a Baylor sophomore, who collapsed while being initiated into one of the clubs on campus.

**R. G. LEE** of Memphis, Tennessee, well-known Baptist leader and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the 1967 Gurney Evangelism Lectures at New Orleans Seminary during December.

**MRS. PERRY CROUCH**, wife of the general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, died November 22 in Asheville after a two-year bout with cancer. She was 57.

**FORMER PRESIDENT** Dwight D. Eisenhower has tentatively accepted an invitation to be principal speaker at dedication ceremonies for a new science center of Hardin-Simmons University, a Baptist school in Abilene, Texas. The program is set for late April or May of next year.

**RICHARD M. STEVENSON**, former



Stevenson

pastor of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia, has been elected the new executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Effective January 1, he will succeed Lucius M. Polhill.

**MRS. JUDITH TARTER**, organist at Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, was presented in recital by Kentucky Southern College of Louisville on December 2. She played the new Allen three-manual custom electronic organ in the sanctuary of Lyndon Baptist Church.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** of Ministers' Life and Casualty Union insurance company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has elected Merrill D. Moore of Nashville as its board chairman. Moore is executive secretary of the SBC stewardship commission at Nashville.

**ENROLMENTS** at six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries increased substantially this fall, with all but one of the six schools reporting an increase in the number of "regular" students enrolled. Net enrolment was 4,376, an increase of 239 students over last year's registration figure.

**THE KENTUCKY SOUTHERN** College Chorale, a 35-voice touring group, and the College Chorus, a 55-voice choir made up of students and other musicians in the Louisville community, will present a program of Christmas music December 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Alumni Chapel at Southern Seminary. The program will be under the direction of Farnold Stephens, associate professor of music at the school.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH** of Louisville recently held a special "Service of Honor" for three members of its fellowship. Named pastor-emeritus of the church was Will Manion, who served the Bethlehem congregation as pastor for 10 years. Deacons Elmer Vance and Forest Duncan were named "deacons emeritus" of the congregation. Ernie Barker is pastor at Bethlehem.

**PASTOR CARL W. HUNTER** of Fifth Street Baptist Church, Key West, Florida, has expressed appreciation for Cecil Hayes, from the First Baptist Church in Corbin, and for Ernie Chinn, from the First Baptist Church in Hartford, for their assistance in the Gold Coast Laymen's Crusade. The pastor reports the men were very effective in soul-winning visitation and in personal testimonies. The revival was blessed with several professions of faith and more than 100 rededications.

**NORTH AMERICAN** Baptist women in assembly at Washington, D. C., have elected a Canadian, Mrs. I. Judson Levy of Nova Scotia, to head their continental union for the next five years. She is the wife of the dean of the chapel at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

**EVANGELIST LLOYD BARDOWELL** of Anchorage, Kentucky, was with the First Baptist Church of Highland Heights, Kentucky, in a recent revival. Eighteen persons made professions of faith. Charles Minch is pastor of the Highland Heights congregation.

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## The Dual Responsibility of College Trustees

by BEN C. FISCHER

There is a general agreement that the primary responsibility of a trustee of a Baptist college or university is to carry out the purposes for which the institution he serves was founded. Therefore, it follows that the first responsibility of the trustee is to have a clear understanding of the stated purpose of the institution which he serves.

The trustee of a Baptist college ought to have at least the following concerns:

1. That the college he serves will reflect, without apology, its Christian purpose in higher education.
2. That quality education should be a reality, and not just a catalogue term—since the center of concern must always be the student.
3. That there be at all times an effort on the part of the college to improve communication and to open new avenues of understanding between the college and the denomination.
4. That the college in its admission policy reflect appropriate concern for Baptist students.
5. That the college be concerned especially with the problems of meeting the vocational needs of the church, and that the college be equally concerned with sending back into the local church and

community laymen with a vital interest in a Christian witness.

6. That the student be given a world view and impressed with the missionary and evangelistic responsibility of the denomination.

7. That both the administrative officers and teachers thoroughly understand and work within the framework of the stated purposes and goals of the college and those of the denomination. (These goals ought to be not only stated, but put in writing.)

The trustee not only has a responsibility to the denomination in the general areas mentioned above, but he also has an equally important responsibility to the college. Among the more important responsibilities and concerns of the trustee of a Baptist college should be the following:

1. That the denomination will always seek to provide conscientious, capable, and committed trustees.
2. That the denomination will give the most complete financial support of which it is capable.
3. That the denomination will allow the college to be a college and recognize the academic norms for accreditation.
4. That the college will be encour-

aged by the denomination to fulfill its ethical commitments in teaching. The Christian faith is not honored by sub-standard teaching or sub-standard educational aims and objectives.

5. That the denomination will not bring pressure to bear to admit unqualified students.

6. That the denomination will give its unqualified support to its duly-elected trustees in maintaining academic freedom, and that the denomination will protect the administration, the faculty, and the students from pressure groups, either social, political, or religious.

7. That the denomination will seek to understand the distinction between the role of the college and the role of the church, even though they both have the same ultimate objectives.

There should be no conflict between the interest of the denomination and the interest of one of its colleges. However, a clear understanding on the part of the trustee of his responsibility to both the denomination and to the college is the only way he can faithfully discharge his duties to each.

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## Should the Pastor Ever Re-marry Divorced Persons?

by T. B. MASTON,  
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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

The pastor should maintain a wholesome pastoral relationship to divorced men and women, in his congregation and in the community.

The question arises whether or not a pastor should perform the wedding ceremony for the divorced.

Some pastors insist that a minister is simply acting as an agent of the state when he performs a marriage ceremony. Hence, they will perform the ceremony for anyone who comes to them with a marriage license.

This does not seem to me to be a defensible Christian position. A pastor is not merely an agent of the state when he performs a marriage ceremony; he is also and primarily a minister of God.

Other pastors go to the opposite extreme: They will not perform the marriage ceremony for anyone who has been divorced. Some do not believe the scriptures justify marriage after divorce.

Others contend that this is the most practical position for them. They say that they cannot in good conscience perform the ceremony for all divorced and it is difficult, if not impossible, for them to discriminate wisely. They believe that

the best policy for them is not to perform the ceremony for any who have been divorced. They also suggest that this policy makes it unnecessary to explain why they will perform the ceremony for some who have been divorced and not for others.

A third position maintained by some pastors is that they will perform the ceremony only for those who have what is called the scriptural grounds for divorce: fornication or unchastity. Most of those who follow this policy base their position on a belief that Matthew 19:9 would permit remarriage for the so-called "innocent party" where adultery has been committed.

A fourth position rather widely practiced by pastors, is that every marriage involving a divorced person should be treated as an individual case. In other words, whether or not the pastor will perform the ceremony will depend on whether or not he is convinced that the couple has a good chance of establishing a stable Christian home.

Any pastor who follows this last policy must be willing to take the time for one or more conferences with the couple before agreeing to perform the ceremony. Without such conferences he can seldom if ever know whether or not he should

perform the ceremony. I am not an ordained minister and have never performed a marriage ceremony. For many years, however, I suggested in my classes and elsewhere that if I were a pastor I would not perform the ceremony for anyone who had been divorced.

In recent years, my position has changed considerably. I believe now that I would follow the last position outlined: make each case an individual case.

Several factors have contributed to this change. A major one has been the rather extensive counseling I have done through the years, including many people who have been divorced. Also, as I have matured in years, wisely or unwisely, I have become more sympathetic and less judgmental of people who have made tragic mistakes regarding marriage. Furthermore, I am less legalistic in my interpretation of the teachings of the scriptures concerning divorce and remarriage.

This is one of the many ethical questions faced by Christians on which the Bible gives no clear answer. Each one of us must struggle with the questions, weighing the factors and come to our own conclusions.



### Profile of the President

Everyone who knows Eldred Taylor expected that he would someday be called upon to lead Kentucky Baptists as convention president. No one would have guessed, however, that when he was elected, no one else would even be nominated. But so it went this year.

The new president is the finest fruit of the Kentucky Baptist vine. He is the personification of Kentucky Baptist life and heritage. A friendly personality, a good student, a forceful preacher, an effective pastor and administrator and an informed denominationalist, Eldred Taylor is one of the best all-round Baptist preachers Kentucky has ever produced. Both in denominational work and as a pastor, he has excelled.

A man of lesser stuff could have been discouraged when turned down for foreign mission service as was Eldred and his wife, Marjorie. But not Eldred. He was undaunted and proceeded to devote his ministry in Kentucky to missions and evangelism.

The 46-year-old president was born in McLean County in west Kentucky on a farm and moved early in life to adjoining Daviess County, where his father was a dairy farmer. He became a Christian at the age of nine, and at 12 stood up in an early morning service in response to a challenge to give his life to full-time Christian service. He dates his call to the ministry from this experience. His early church life was in the vital Third Baptist Church fellowship in Owensboro.

He had three years' college work at William Jewell in Missouri before returning to Richmond, Kentucky, to be pastor of Rosedale Church and to finish his college training at Eastern State University. He remained pastor at Rosedale while doing his seminary work at Southern in Louisville. Upon being turned down for foreign mission appointment, he was called in 1948 to be superintendent of missions in Daviess-McLean Association, his home area. His work was so outstanding that he was picked as secretary of missions and evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1951. Since 1958, he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church in Somerset.

Many good things have happened to Eldred, but none better than Marjorie, whom he married in 1943. She and Eldred lived close together as children, but really found each other as high school seniors. Marjorie recalls Eldred's coming to her house to play when only about eight years old. She says when she came out on the porch Eldred winked at her. She went back into the house to come out again, hoping he would wink at her again, but he didn't. Eldred won't admit he remembers this.



Marjorie also graduated from Eastern and from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School. She is a gifted writer and freely expresses herself. She can hold up her side of any debate as this editor can testify.

Marjorie has the help of two other ladies in the Taylor household as if she needs any help to handle Eldred. Jeannie is eighteen and a freshman at Georgetown College. Jackie is sixteen and a high school junior.

As a pastor, Taylor has practiced what he preached as secretary of missions for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The Cooperative Program gifts of the Somerset congregation have risen from \$20,000 in 1958, to \$45,000 in the recommended budget for next year.

One struggling mission of the First Baptist Church in 1958 now has a full-time pastor and a two-unit building costing \$70,000. In 1965, a six-acre site on Highway No. 27 south was purchased for over \$32,000 for another mission. It too has a full-time pastor and is already self-supporting. A building costing \$80,000 is under construction, and the First Baptist Church is underwriting the building loan. In the meantime the mother church constructed one of the finest educational facilities in the state.

Eldred and Marjorie visited Europe and Bible lands several years ago. Their trip was provided by a donor who is still unknown to them. They plan to lead a tour this summer to the Baptist Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland, and to Bible lands. His description of the tour plans makes it sound like an experience of a lifetime.

Taylor has an unusually high place in the hearts of his congregation. A visitor in a service can sense the love of the pastor for the people and the love of the people for the pastor. His people look for ways to help him and express appreciation for him.

An example is the resolutions passed by the congregation upon his election as convention president. Prepared without his knowledge, the resolutions assure Taylor of the congregation's prayer, wholehearted support and full cooperation. They also encourage their pastor to feel free to be absent from the church field when presidential duties require, and assurances are given of even more dedicated efforts on the part of the congregation to help the pastor meet all the needs of the congregation.

Eldred takes his preaching seriously, but does not take himself too seriously. He can laugh at himself and often does.

For example, he recalls a blunder made while preaching in his own revival a year or so ago. With

a sudden change in the outside temperature, someone raised a window during an evening service and the fans for the air conditioning system came on. Eldred, unaware the fans were on, thought the sound of the fans was surely a downpour of rain. In his sermon he referred to Noah and compared the flood with the rain falling outside. A second time in the message he referred to the hard rain falling outside, only to learn after the service not a drop had fallen.

A conversation between a couple was heard as they left the building. The husband said, "Why, the streets are dry. It must not have been raining." Replied his wife, "I don't care if the streets are dry. If Brother Taylor said it was raining, it was raining."

Taylor believes the role of the convention president is not simply to preside over the convention but also is to give positive leadership to the spirit and program of work we ought to be doing together. He does not regard the office as a position of authority, but one of service.

There is every reason to believe he is uniquely qualified to be this kind of convention president. He is his own man and is inflexible so far as compromise is concerned. He has a grasp of the Kentucky Baptist situation like few men. He is fair minded and open to helpful counsel. He often asks for advice and listens seriously to what others say.

Everything he has done he has undertaken with all his heart, and success has been the result. This is the way he will approach his new responsibilities.

### The Lord Is Good

Occasionally a man writes from his heart as well as from his head. This is one of those occasions because it is a special week in the life of the editor and his family. My father and mother observed their golden wedding anniversary on December 6. By the Lord's goodness they still live on the little farm in south Georgia where my happy boyhood days were spent.

There is really no way to value a Christian home and godly parents. I cannot conceive of life as I know it apart from what my parents gave me. My earliest memories have to do with Sunday School on Sunday afternoons, preaching services the second Sunday each month and preachers hunting and fishing with my daddy and staying in our three-room farm home.

I narrowly missed the experience of never knowing my father. I was born in 1918, the year of the great flu epidemic. My daddy was one of its victims and came to the very edge of death with double-pneumonia in the days of no miracle drugs. Only by the skill of dedicated doctors and the healing miracle of the Lord did he come through. A deep, ugly scar in his back remains where the doctors operated in order to release an unbelievable amount of fluid from both lungs. Part of the little farm had to be sold to pay the bills for the long hospital experience.

Educational opportunities in the early days of my parents were extremely limited, but my daddy made good use of what little he received. He taught a Sun-

day School class, served as Sunday School superintendent and as a deacon in our home church.

Two things have marked his life, honesty and hard work. A little fellow in size, he is as strong and tough as the scrub oaks he still cuts for the fireplace. His hours always have been from sunup to sundown, and he has turned every inch of soil on the farm a thousand or more times. Now past 72, he raised his own crop this year along with cows and hogs and plans to do the same next year.

If he knows more about anything than he does about farming, it's hunting and fishing. It's a saying around home that he can catch fish out of a tub of clear water where there are no fish. Deer, wild turkey, quail and ducks were more common at home when I was a child than store-bought bacon and hot dogs.

His ethics as a sportsman have become a treasured part of my life. For example, he taught me never to touch a fishing line that was left set by someone else. Many times I have seen him go past a set line with a big catfish pulling on it but would not touch it. He also is the only man I ever hunted with who believes only one hunter should shoot each single bird. He says if a quail gets away from one man, the bird deserves to live. This may be because for many years of his hunting experience he was a crack shot and not one in 20 ever got away. He can still get three on a covey rise, as he did the last time we hunted. And in walking the fields and woods, he can outlast his city-soft son.

My mother has always had one handicap; she is blind—that is to any faults of her only son. She saw to it that he was in Sunbeams and then in the Royal Ambassadors when the W.M.U. still had the boys. She was W.M.U. president for more than a quarter of a century and taught a class of young people in Sunday School for many years.

Hard work has been her life also. Long hours over a cook stove, a scrub board, canning, raising chickens and turkeys and often side by side with Daddy in the fields have taken their toll. She won't stop even now with poor health and diminished strength.

Mother and Daddy prayed to be left to live together for 50 years. Their prayers are answered. I have often prayed that because they lived sacrificially in order to give their son an opportunity, I might some day help them. So far my prayer is unanswered in that it is they who are still doing the helping, and I am receiving.

They gave whatever they had for the education of their son. They also helped in the education of their first grandson, who this year got his M.D. degree. They have been as generous in other directions, and consequently they have little of this world's possessions. Their bank account is small, their wardrobe is limited and their home is modest, though comfortable. Theirs is the true wealth of living to help others.

As the Psalmist said, "The Lord is good." He seems to be better to some than to others, and I am among those to whom He has been most generous.

## Seminary Study is "Family Affair" For Kentucky Pastor and Daughters

by BOB TERRY, NEWS DIRECTOR,  
SOUTHERN SEMINARY, LOUISVILLE

For years parents have been helping their children through school, but the tables have been turned this year for one trio of students at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

J. S. Bell and two of his daughters, Dorothy and Mary, have enrolled in the school of religious education as first-year students and, according to Bell, "Now the girls are helping me."

Bell is pastor of the Hindman Baptist Church in eastern Kentucky, and teaches Bible at nearby Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky. He holds the master of theology degree which he received from Southern Seminary in 1936.

"I had been thinking of going back to seminary for a long time before I finally decided to come," Bell recalled. "I had mentioned it to the president at Alice Lloyd and to my church."

The college agreed to give him a leave of absence to allow for study in areas that had been added since he was a student and to brush up on other studies.

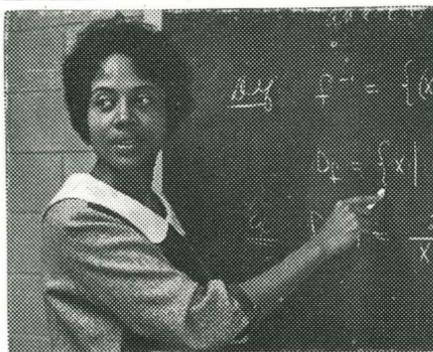
Bell said that his church had been enthusiastic about his return to seminary when the members realized he wanted to study in order to be a better minister.

"When I told the girls that I had definitely decided to return to Southern this fall, they were horrified," Bell said. "They were going to be new students and were not too anxious to have their father around, especially since I am probably the oldest student on campus."

Mary, a graduate of Memphis State University, added that they felt that their father was smarter than they, and that they didn't want to be in any of the same classes with him. "Can you imagine what it is like to be in the same class with your father when the professor asks you a question and you can't answer it?" she sighed.

"Dorothy and I worked out our schedules so we would not have classes with Dad," continued Mary. "Then he would decide to take one of the courses we scheduled, and we would have to start all over again."

"Finally we just had to give up and accept the fact that we would have classes together," Dorothy recalled, "and now we don't mind it at all. In fact, it is nice to have Dad around at times." (BP)



### Negro Prof. at Baylor

Taking integration calmly, the only Negro professor at Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., shares and says it's no different there than at a Negro school. "People are people," comments Mrs. (Dr.) Vivienne Malone Mayes, who teaches mathematics at Baylor.

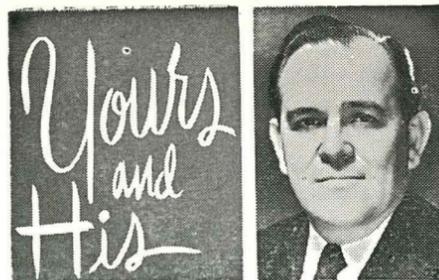
## Erwin Leading Tour to Berne, Switzerland

H. Curtis Erwin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, reports that his tour group to the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, next summer is already half-filled.

He is conducting a "student economy

tour" to Berne and central Europe, leaving July 18, 1968. The group will fly to Amsterdam and then tour Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, the Mediterranean Coast and France by bus. Then the group will fly to London and back to Amsterdam before returning home.

Erwin said the 22-day tour is \$599.00. Any interested young people should contact him at Greenville's First Baptist Church.



I know that this is a little late for another encouragement to give to our Thanksgiving Offering for the children in our three fine Baptist homes, but if you are like many of us, you may not have given yet—so do so, through your church, and God bless you for it.

### More for Cooperative Program

Nearly every week another church writes me to say that the members have decided to more adequately "Share Christ With the Whole World" through the Cooperative Program by sending greater gifts to this office for this purpose. We rejoice that God is moving in the hearts of our people to bear the Good News of His Son to all men.

J. Edwin Underwood, clerk of Sinkling Fork Baptist Church, Christian County Association, Hopkinsville, writes: "The . . . church met in regular business meeting on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday in September and . . . it was voted to increase the Cooperative Program percentage of undesignated offerings. . . ." A. J. Outland is the pastor.

Rev. Frank C. Chandler, pastor, Clopslint Baptist Church, Ages, Kentucky, Upper Cumberland Association, writes: "In our new budget we plan to give 10% to world missions through the Cooperative Program."

Corinth Baptist Church, McQuady, in a recent bulletin carried this shouting item at the top: "Now: 25% of Undesignated Offerings" for the Cooperative Program—George R. Bausum is the pastor.

James A. Hardin, pastor, Campbellsburg Baptist Church, Henry County Association, writes that his church is giving 30% of its income to world missions through the Cooperative Program. If we had many more such churches, we could afford a mighty mission thrust into the world.

How about your church?

### Lottie Moon Offering

The Lottie Moon Week of Prayer and Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is in full swing in many of the churches of Kentucky. The W.M.U. leadership have the sponsoring responsibility, but pastors and other church leaders support it strongly. Know more. Pray more. Give more this year for foreign missions.

Harold G. Sanders

## Stricker, Mrs. Allnatt Involved In Changes at Baptist Building

Two recent staff changes at the Baptist Building in Middletown have been announced by the state Baptist Executive Board.

Jesse C. Stricker, associate in the Sunday School department at the Baptist Building since 1965, has been named secretary of the stewardship promotion department, effective December 1.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Stricker earned the A.B. degree from Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, and the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary at Louisville. He has been pastor of several churches in Missouri and Kentucky and was serving the Memorial Baptist Church at Frankfort when named to the Baptist Building staff in 1965.

As secretary of the stewardship department, Stricker will promote stewardship methods and principles in Baptist churches and associations in the state and handle general publicity and

public relations work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Another staff change announced by the Executive Board is the addition of Mrs. Warren (Betty) Allnatt to the Sunday School department staff as superintendent of children's work.

Mrs. Allnatt, whose husband is pastor of Riverview Baptist Church near Cox's Creek, Kentucky, worked several years ago as a secretary at the Baptist Building. She earned a bachelor's degree in religious education from Piedmont College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

As children's work director, Mrs. Allnatt will be responsible for promoting Sunday School work pertaining to the cradle roll, nursery, beginner, primary and junior departments.



Stricker

## Hemispheric-wide Layman's Congress Set

Tentative program plans for a hemispheric-wide Baptist laymen's congress at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-21 have been announced by the chairman of the Crusade of the Americas layman's



### Bible Society Staffer

J. Edward Cunningham (right) of Lexington, former director of the mountain missions program of Kentucky Baptists who now works with the American Bible Society, is shown with two other ABS staff members who recently attended a meeting of the advisory council of that agency in New York City. Shown with Cunningham are Duncan Newcomer, student at Union Seminary in New York; and his mother, Mrs. Andrew B. Newcome, field secretary from Louisville.

committee, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

The Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress will feature morning and afternoon sessions at the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro, with city-wide evangelistic sessions each night.

The evening evangelistic meetings will meet at the 30,000-seat Maracanazinho auditorium.

Principal speakers for the evening sessions will be David Gomes, secretary of the Home Mission Board for the Brazilian Baptist Convention; Nilson Fanini, pastor of the Baptist church at Niteroi, Brazil, just across the bay from Rio de Janeiro; Samuel Libert, area coordinator for the Crusade of Americas for Southern Latin America; and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Each of the evening messages will be preceded by testimonies from laymen, and a religious concert by an outstanding vocal artist, said Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., and chairman of the committee sponsoring the conference.

Already enlisted as soloists for the congress are Irene Jordan of the Metropolitan Opera, J. Robert Bradley, director of church music for the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc.; and Russell Newport, president of Newport Stores in Springfield, Missouri.

About 750 Baptists from throughout North, Central and South America are expected to attend the congress. About 250 of the number would come from the United States. (BP)



### Library Addition

Librarian Leo T. Crismon of Southern Seminary, Louisville, receives from Dean Allen W. Graves of the school of religious education the bound volume of minutes from the American Association of Schools of Religious Education. The library is the permanent depository of the complete records of the organization, which Dean Graves was serving as president when it merged with the American Association of Theological Schools in 1965. Looking on are Paul Debusman (left), order librarian, and Bill Clemmons, doctoral student in religious education.

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# Kentucky Southern College Calls Off Proposed Merger

by GEORGE W. KNIGHT  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Trustees of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, have cancelled its proposed merger with the University of Louisville, following an enthusiastic student-led fund drive which netted the school more than \$1,300,000 in cash and pledges in less than a month.

Board Chairman L. Leroy Highbaugh, Jr., of Louisville, who contributed \$800,000 to the drive, said he thought this amount was adequate to keep the school operating as a separate institution for several more months.

"However, I can't say that we have the dollars and cents that will guarantee our separate existence forever," he emphasized. "If we sit back and think that everything is rosy without drumming up additional financial support, we'll be back in the same shape in several months."

Highbaugh was re-elected chairman of the board of the school during the same meeting when the merger was cancelled. He had resigned that position earlier in the month when his offer of \$800,000 to prevent the merger was defeated by a vote of 12 to 9.

His same proposal was accepted this time, however, by an 18 to 1 majority, with 3 trustees not voting. The original proposal to join with the University of Louisville was approved by the trustees in an 18 to 3 vote.

Kentucky Southern was in money trouble almost from the time it was opened as a Baptist school in 1960. These

problems prompted it to ask release from the Kentucky Baptist Convention in March of this year to seek federal aid and a broader base of support as a private, Christian school.

When adequate support failed to materialize, Kentucky Southern trustees requested the University of Louisville to take the college over. At a joint meeting of the trustee boards of the two schools on November 1, the merger was formally approved by both groups. Final transfer of property and other legal arrangements were to be completed by December 1.

During the intervening month, Kentucky Southern students made a last-minute stand for their institution. By writing thousands of letters and making hundreds of telephone calls to potential donors in the Louisville area and nationwide, they were able to secure pledges totaling more than \$1,300,000 for Kentucky Southern. Student leaders are now talking about continuing the drive indefinitely until sufficient amounts are pledged to pay off the college's full indebtedness of about \$4,500,000.

Dr. Philip Davidson, president of the University of Louisville, revealed in a letter to Kentucky Southern that the University was willing to forego the merger talks at the present time.

"We suggest that the admirable spirit of loyalty expressed by your faculty and students and the willingness of certain of your trustees financially to back the

continuance of Kentucky Southern be given full opportunity to express itself," Davidson said.

In addition to cancelling the merger agreement, Kentucky Southern trustees also adopted several measures designed to increase revenue and cut expenditures for the Christian college.

These included a raise in tuition from \$400 to \$600 per trimester, beginning next month; elimination of some courses in the curriculum, and the dropping of some part-time instructors now on the faculty. The members of the faculty have requested also that their salaries be frozen at their present levels until the financial crisis is past.

Meanwhile, the college faces the immediate problem of making satisfactory arrangements about the indebtedness of \$623,000 in short-term bank loans and \$250,000 in operating expenses.

Board Chairman Highbaugh said V. V. Cooke, Sr. of Louisville, another trustee, had agreed to pay one of the short-term notes totaling \$100,000; hopefully, the notes held by the other banks can be renewed. More than 98% of the creditors to whom the \$250,000 is owed have agreed to be paid on a 10%-per-month-for-10-months basis, Highbaugh said.

In addition to these immediate expenses, the school owes more than \$3,000,000 in mortgage payments for building construction. Highbaugh pointed out, however, that these notes were on a long-term basis and presented no immediate financial threat to the school.

## Progressive Baptists Join Americas Crusade

The Progressive National Baptist Convention meeting at Cincinnati recently voted to participate in the Crusade of the Americas, becoming the 38th nation-wide Baptist group in 28 countries to participate.

The action of the Progressive National Baptists brings to seven the number of nationwide Baptist bodies in the United States which have voted to participate in the 1969 evangelistic campaign covering North, Central and South America.

Numerous state-wide Baptist groups are also participating.

Other United States groups include the Baptist General Conference (Swedish), the Southern Baptist Convention, the North American General Conference (German), the General Association of General Baptists (Armenian), the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

There are 39 different Baptist bodies in the United States with a total membership of about 24,000,000. The seven Baptist groups participating in the Crusade of the Americas have a total membership of about 17,000,000.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention has 516,400 members.

The Indiana Baptist Convention (American Baptist) at its annual meeting at Muncie voted to participate in the Crusade of the Americas.

Earlier, the American Baptist Convention General Council had voted not to participate in the 1969 hemispheric-wide evangelistic effort on a nation-wide basis. (BP)

# State Conventions Confront Baptist Schools Dilemma

FROM BAPTIST PRESS RELEASES

The problem of adequate financing of Baptist schools and the attendant issue of federal aid captured the spotlight in at least a third of the 30 state conventions meeting recently across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Following are the highlights of some of the most significant of these convention meetings.

## SEVERANCE OF MARYLAND COLLEGE IS REFUSED

The Maryland convention, meeting at Baltimore, voted to recommend that the proposed Maryland Baptist College be dissolved "with the greatest expediency," rather than merely severing ties with the proposed school, as its trustees had suggested.

Property of the college in Walkersville would revert back to the Maryland Baptist Convention. A seven-member committee was authorized to study every possible use of the property or disposition of the assets and liabilities.

## VIRGINIA BAPTISTS OPEN DOOR FOR FEDERAL FUNDS

The Virginia convention voted at Alexandria to request the trustees of each of their eight schools to formulate their own policy concerning the use of federal funds.

The motion excluded the possibility of using federal grants, but it authorized the boards of trustees to examine all other types of federal funds available and set policies on whether to use them.

In the past, Virginia Baptists have flatly refused federal aid in any form for any of its institutions.

## TWO-YEAR FEDERAL AID STUDY REJECTED IN S. C.

After two years of study and two hours of debate, South Carolina Baptists rejected by a two-to-one margin federal grants for construction by its Baptist schools.

Flatly rejected was a two-year study made by a special federal aid study committee. Its recommendation was that

each college board of trustees be permitted to decide for itself what types of federal aid, including federal grants for building construction, to accept.

Opponents of the study argued that South Carolina Baptists can support their schools adequately without federal aid. They used as an example a special fund campaign to replace a \$611,898 federal grant Furman University had accepted and which the convention ordered it to return. Although the fund drive raised only half of the funds needed, the remainder was taken care of through the convention's annual budget allocations.

## PLANS FOR NEW SCHOOL DELAYED BY FLORIDIANS

The Florida convention voted to delay its plans for building a new Baptist college near West Palm Beach, and received a report of its two-year church-state study committee, referring its recommendations for more study.

The recommendations proposed that a goal of 20% of the Baptist school's operating costs be provided by the convention, and that allocations to the school be increased two per cent of the operating costs each year.

Plans for the proposed Baptist school at Palm Beach Gardens near West Palm Beach were delayed because of the possibility that Evangelist Billy Graham might build a school there.

## MISSISSIPPI "RECEIVES" REPORT ON SCHOOL WOES

Mississippi Baptists voted to receive—but not adopt—a detailed, two-year study of problems facing the convention's educational institutions.

The long range committee on Christian education presented its report and recommended that it be received, adopted and implemented by the convention's education commission in cooperation with the colleges.

A substitute motion was adopted, however, which provided that the report only be "received" and that the schools and education commission study and use the report "for whatever good they can get out of it."

The report frankly declared that "Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue their four colleges, even on the basis of present quality, unless they increase the present schedule of financial support."

## TAR HEELS OKAY AID FOR MARS HILL COLLEGE

Voting to appoint a 20-member committee to study the question of federal aid and other educational problems, the North Carolina convention also approved a specific project for Mars Hill College

which some interpreted as a step toward federal aid to North Carolina Baptist institutions.

Trustees of Mars Hill requested permission to enter into a \$40,000 contract with the University of Georgia in a project to be financed under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1965.

Under the program, ten professors at Mars Hill College would go to the University of Georgia to work on doctoral degrees, and ten University of Georgia faculty members would come to Mars Hill to teach in their place.

President Fred Bentley of Mars Hill said that the school would only serve as a reservoir for the funds rather than actually using them, and that any federal funds involved would go to the individual professors and not to the school.

## CALIFORNIA CONVENTION TO STUDY FEDERAL AID

A two-year study of the operation of California Baptist College at Riverside, which includes a recommendation that they investigate the possibility of accepting some type of federal aid, was adopted by the California convention.

Convention observers noted that the willingness to examine the federal aid question is a considerable shift in attitude among California Southern Baptists. Two years ago a motion to accept federal aid could not even get a courtesy second from the convention floor.

## ARKANSAS BAPTISTS ASK FOR STUDY OF SCHOOLS

The Arkansas convention voted to conduct a two-year study of the convention's higher education similar to the recent Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) on the SBC level.

The study would be designed to determine the purpose and objectives of the two Baptist schools in Arkansas with a view to determining what contributions these schools are making to the needs and objectives of the state convention.

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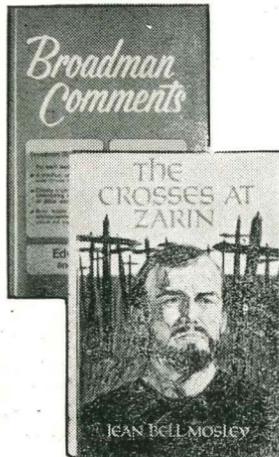
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## Grover Neikirk Cited By Pleasant Hill Church

The congregation of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Somerset, Kentucky, passed a resolution of respect and appreciation for Grover P. Neikirk, faithful member of the church who died during October. Neikirk taught the adult men's Sunday School class at the church for 40 years, was chairman of the building committee and served in a number of other positions.



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FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

### 10 YEARS AGO December 5, 1957

The 1958 Kentucky Baptist Evangelistic Conference was announced. It was to be held January 13-15, 1958, at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. Speakers for the occasion included Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; and H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville.

### 25 YEARS AGO December 3, 1942

E. F. Glenn, superintendent of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale, and O. M. Huey, superintendent of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, thanked Kentucky Baptists for the food and money contributed to the two children's homes during November. Several churches in the state had con-

tributed large amounts of food and clothing to the homes.

### 50 YEARS AGO December 6, 1917

Editor J. W. Porter announced that the *Western Recorder* was raising funds to send a missionary to the foreign mission field. The missionary eventually sent by these funds was to be known as the "T. T. Eaton Missionary" in honor of a famous past editor of the *Western Recorder*.

### 125 YEARS AGO December 1, 1842

George C. Sedwick, pastor of the Baptist church at Georgetown, reported that a Sunday School had just been established in that congregation. Most of the students at Georgetown College were attending the class, which was being taught by a professor at the college.

## 1967 is Busy Year for Reid Village Church

The year 1967 has been an active year in the life of Reid Village Baptist Church, Mr. Sterling.

During 1967, Reid Village has constituted into a church, built a new par-

sonage, established a youth choir and called a Georgetown College student as part-time music and youth minister.

The congregation was established as a new church on June 11 with 63 charter members. It had been meeting as a mission since April of 1960. Within a few weeks after becoming a new church, the congregation established a youth choir and dedicated a new parsonage for its pastor—Darrel Johnson.

Doug Anderson, a sophomore at Georgetown, is the church's first minister of music and youth.

Johnson, a 1966 graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville, was called as full-time pastor at Reid Village the first of the year. A native of Georgia, he formerly served the Bellfield Baptist Church near Henderson.



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## Strategic Sites Chosen for 500 New SBC Churches

Southern Baptist agencies are consolidating forces for a two-year push that may utilize up to \$25,000,000 to start new churches in 500 carefully-defined strategic locations.

Tagged "Project 500," the 1969 effort will involve virtually all denominational agencies and will draw lay volunteers and funds from strong "helper" churches to initiate the new work.

The project will concentrate on such strategic locations as capitals, port cities, transportation and business hubs, and educational centers in areas of the nation entered since 1940 by Southern Baptists. This means primarily the Northeast and parts of the West and Midwest.

More than \$2,000,000 in anticipated 1968 and 1969 Annie Armstrong offering receipts, plus specially-allocated funds in the Home Mission Board budgets, will be earmarked for the project.

About \$12,000,000 in anticipated church loan funds and money generated by the new congregations will add up eventually to an anticipated \$25,000,000.

The SBC Brotherhood Commission and the Woman's Missionary Union will major on the campaign, and Sunday School Board materials will be aimed at generating concern and support.

The Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps will be used to recruit both long-term and short-term lay volunteers to aid the fledgling "Project 500" congregations.

From 1964-66, the net gain in churches for the SBC was reported as 262, 409 and 152 annually, respectively. Aside from the mathematics of churches consolidating and closing, most of the increases can be accounted for as new churches (which normally sprout up where a handful of Baptist families exist).

"Project 500," however, will examine factors such as geography, political influence, communications and transportation, population patterns and strengths of existing Christian witness to determine the most strategic locations.

The Home Mission Board's program of establishing new churches and church-type missions already has selected about 300 of the "Project 500" locations that begins with local area missionaries.

A diverse pattern has developed, ranging from downtown locations to populous suburban communities. The

locations also are covering a range of economic and racial makeups.

Sponsoring churches will be enlisted near the "Project 500" locations to serve as coordinating agents between the local congregations and the associations, state conventions and Home Mission Board.

The sponsor churches also will provide counsel and guidance through their mission committees as well as resources such as manpower and finances.

"Helper" churches from more distant areas will enlist volunteers who will be willing to donate vacation time or more extended periods to go to the "Project 500" locations as Christian Service Corp workers.

Radio and television spot announcements, handbills, hymn festivals, public lectures, family life conferences, literary and language classes, letter and telephone campaigns, home fellowships and a variety of other community-type ministries will intensify the initial beginnings of the new congregations. (BP)

## African Crusade Nets 3,130 Decisions

A Crusade for Christ in South Africa led by 30 Southern Baptist ministers, most of them from Mississippi, has resulted in more than 3,130 decisions and a renewed emphasis on evangelism in the Baptist Union of South Africa.

While reports from some churches have not yet been received, at least 1,333 persons made public professions of faith,

and more than 1,800 persons "renewed their commitment to Christ or made some other decision," said South African leaders.

The 30 Southern Baptist ministers who participated as evangelists went "on their own" to the crusade after the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board evangelism division cancelled plans to participate when restrictions reportedly forbade white and Negro evangelists to travel together, and seemed to forbid preaching on race relations.

Bob Ramsey, pastor of First Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Mississippi, served as leader of the group of 30 evangelists. Two Southern Baptist missionaries from Rhodesia joined the group. Fifty-three churches in South Africa participated in the crusade.

As a direct result of the crusade, the Baptist Union of South Africa has voted to establish a department of evangelism with a renewed emphasis on evangelism within the Baptist Union (BP)

## Speaker Predicts Women Baptist Preachers

by AL MORGAN

BAPTIST PRESS STAFF WRITER

A prediction that Baptist women will become more active in proclaiming the gospel from pulpits across the nation was voiced by a leading Woman's Missionary Union speaker.

Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh, recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Woman's Missionary Union, told messengers attending the Texas women's

87th annual meeting at Lubbock, "Men are going to see women going everywhere to preach."

The Kansas City, Kansas, resident pointed out that "women are now seeing the need" of people around them and not only want to do something, but are doing something by relating their faith to others.

She added, "We live in a world of travail and women are recognizing problems. I often break into tears as I consider the problems of humanity."

She stressed that Christian women, as well as men, must exist, "by living, eating and demonstrating the word of God." She added also that women must go deeper into a knowledge of God and become "prayer-warriors in a terrific battle."

The keynote speaker told the women gathered in Lubbock's First Baptist Church that "some sow, others cultivate while still others reap."

She related the experiences of many Southern Baptist women who are now responding to an active ministry of witnessing. (BP)



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Through His prophet Malachi, God sent a message of reproof and warning to the disobedient priests and people. As long as the priests proved their trustworthiness in the performance of their duties, God richly blessed their efforts. With the passing of time, they grew lax in their labors for Him. The bad example of these priests, who were expected to be and to do right, had a very corrupting influence on the people. Even though they offended God by indulging in immorality and corruption, not all of the blame went to them because the people were responsible for their own wrongdoing. Like the priests, the people had shamefully broken their solemn agreements with both God and men.

**Malachi 1:6-9**

Three personal and reciprocal relationships are mentioned in these verses: son-father, servant-master, and citizen-governor. A son was expected to honor his father, and rightfully so. It is his duty to do so. God had been a father to them, but they had responded to His love with gratitude. A servant should show reverence to his master.

God's children should have a godly filial reverence for Him, which will show itself in a carefulness not to displease or offend Him. Honor due to God should be shown by trusting Him, loving Him, calling upon Him, and obeying Him, as well as by making use of what He has given for His glory. We must honor God in our hearts and lives, by our words and our actions, and with our substance.

The priests knew that it was their duty, as well as that of their people, to fear, reverence and honor God, but instead of doing that they despised and made contemptible His name. They did this by refusing to pay due regard to His authority, by their failure to worship Him, and by neglecting to present their offerings and sacrifices as becometh men in their position; and then they tried to act as if they were entirely guiltless because of their failure to comply with the teachings of the law with reference to these matters.

They had such little true respect and reverence for God that they thought just anything was good enough for Him. They would not have thought of showing such an attitude toward their governor as to present cast-off animals to him, but they manifested their callousness toward God by offering such sacrifices to Him.

**Malachi 2:10**

Upon their return from captivity, the Israelites dealt treacherously with each other by perverting justice and having respect to persons, both of which were

forbidden in the law. After exposing the corrupt practices of the priests, who were the responsible leaders in the moral and spiritual life of the people, and rebuking them, Malachi turned to the people and pointed out and denounced the sins of which they were guilty. He especially rebuked them for dismissing their wives with thoughtless gestures of disdain, deserting their children, and marrying foreign women who were the daughters of idolatrous people, which was contrary to the explicit teachings of Moses. Such conduct was despicable and abominable.

**Malachi 2:13-16**

Even though they profaned the covenant with God by breaking their marriage contracts and by marrying heathen women who were not in covenant relationship with Him, they continued to bring their offerings to the altar. They were blind not only to their own sin, but also to the judgment which God pronounced upon those who were living in such wickedness. God refused to condone the putting away of their lawful wives of long standing and their marrying heathen women. He clearly expressed His disapproval of public demonstrations of contrition with no reality behind such pretensions.

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### MARY: PATTERN FOR OUR WORSHIP

**Luke 1:46-55**

Upon being informed by the angel, Gabriel, that God had chosen her as the medium of bringing the Saviour into the world, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who resided in the hill country of Judea. When Mary arrived, Elizabeth greeted her as "the mother of my

Lord." In response to Elizabeth's words of greeting and congratulation, Mary broke forth in the words of this inspired song of joy, adoration and praise, usually called "the Magnificat," which gives us a marvelous insight into her wonderful character.

#### I. The Character of Mary's Song

1. It was worshipful.

Praise was the keynote of her song. Having been stirred to the depths of her soul by the awareness that she was God's chosen vessel for the coming into the world of the Redeemer, Mary was moved to magnify the greatness, goodness and graciousness of God in making her the channel of blessing to the whole world.

2. It was confessional.

Instead of being filled with pride because she had been favored so highly, Mary expressed her deep gratitude to God for the grace and goodness which He had bestowed upon her, and praised

Him for what He had done for her (verses 46 and 48).

3. It was prophetic.

Mary realized that the great promise which God had made to Abraham, which embraced all the nations, was to be fulfilled through her. She knew the birth of the Saviour would be a fulfillment of many of the Old Testament prophecies. Those prophecies and promises had been made long before her day, but the One making them had not forgotten, nor would He ever forget them. Looking into the future, Mary treated those promises as if they were fulfilled already, and praised Him for His blessings.

#### II. The Content of Mary's Song

1. Praise for salvation.

Mary praised and thanked God for

salvation, both for herself and for others. She needed a Saviour just as every child of the human race does. She was fully conscious of her need in this regard. She said, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." She so thoroughly magnified the Lord, and thereby repudiated any idea of any worship of herself, that it is astounding that any group would ever deify her. "There is ONE mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

2. Praise for the divine character.

Mary praised God for His almighty power, His absolute holiness and His abundant mercy. His abundant mercy was not confined to Mary, but it is "on all them that fear him from generation to generation."

3. Praise for what the Saviour would accomplish.

It was a certainty, according to Mary,

that the Saviour would be merciful and patient, but it was also evident that He would scatter the rebellious and the proud. She gave the assurance that He would exalt those who would turn from their sins and exercise faith in Him. He would also send away empty those who might arrogate importance to themselves because of the things which they had received, all of which had come down from His own bountiful hand.

4. Praise for the divine faithfulness.

God's faithfulness is shown in many ways; especially in the manner by which He keeps all of His glorious promises to us. His faithfulness is a sufficient reason for our loving Him, praising Him and obeying Him.

A careful analysis of Mary's song indicates the fact that she was an earnest, diligent and believing student of the Old Testament scriptures.

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Tommy Wright



### "Inconsistency" Is The Word

Dear Editor:

I must say "Thank God" for a spokesman who will publish his convictions as you did in the November 2 issue of the *Western Recorder* in the article, "Experts Can Be Wrong."

Judging from the place the first report received and the position of the second report, it is very easy to see where the *Courier-Journal* stands on the issues.

This government report, costing the tax payers a million dollars and covering five years, is so obviously in favor of the liquor interest that one wonders if it was a report that they had paid for, just for advertising purposes. In fact, it is hard not to believe that these so called "experts" were their paid servants.

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consistent can we be?", and point out that we pass laws that require a warning on cigarette packages because of the apparent health hazards, but spend a million dollars for a recommendation to teach people how to drink a known poison.

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# KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

## Sunday School

### Jesse Stricker Becomes Secretary Of Stewardship Department

Roy E. Boatwright

Jesse Stricker, who has served as associate in the Sunday School department for the past 2½ years, has resigned to accept the position as secretary of the stewardship department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce his resignation. Jesse has served very effectively in the Sunday School department. His knowledge of Sunday School work, his congenial personality and his devotion to the Lord are some characteristics which have won admiration and respect of Kentucky Baptists. We will miss his service in the Sunday School department. We are pleased that the Executive Board has elected him to this important position of secretary of the stewardship department. We predict that he will serve just as effectively in his new responsibility as in the Sunday School field.

Mr. and Mrs. Stricker are the parents of three children, Beth Lynn, Barry Arthur and Pamela Ruth.

Jesse is a great Christian gentleman. It is a joy to commend him to Kentucky Baptists.

### Department Welcomes New Children's Worker

It is with joy that we announce to Kentucky Baptists that Mrs. Warren Allnatt has accepted the position of superintendent of children's work with the Sunday School department.

Mrs. Allnatt is no stranger to Kentucky Baptist program of work. She served as office secretary in several departments of the Kentucky Baptist Building. Her husband is a graduate of Southern Seminary and is pastor of the River View Baptist Church, Nelson Association.

She is well qualified and holds a college degree in religious education. She has served in various capacities both in her church and association.

Mr. and Mrs. Allnatt are parents of two lovely daughters, Betty Dawn and Dale Annette.

We welcome Mrs. Allnatt and promise Kentucky Baptist children's workers the services of an efficient, dedicated Christian.

## Church Administration

### Church Constitution And By-Laws

by G. R. Pendergraph

One individual living alone in the world could plan and conduct his activities as he pleased. He would be limited only by God's natural environment. If a second person were to appear, life would become more complex. This complexity would continue in direct proportion to the number of people.

This is true even in a Christian fellowship such as a church. Just as it is necessary to have laws to govern our relationship in secular life, it is also necessary for a Christian body to have "guide lines" so that a true Christian spirit can be maintained among the fellowship.

These "guide lines" are referred to as a "constitution and by-laws." Such an instrument would be of immeasurable benefit for both pastor and people. It would serve the church even as a compass serves the pioneer—enables it to reach its destination without going around in circles or becoming confused.

The Church Administration department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has sample copies of church constitution and by-laws; we will be happy to send a sample to you on request. You can make changes as you see fit to suit your congregation. The advantages are:

1. Furnishes members a written statement of their church organization, fundamental guidelines, and theological beliefs.
2. Aids in preserving democracy and harmony since predetermined guidelines have already been established by members.
3. Provides orderly procedures for guiding the transaction of church business.
4. Serves as basis for solving problems before problems arise.

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## W.M.U.

### More Missionaries

Since we listed in this column the names of missionaries and Margaret Fund students who are now in Kentucky, our attention has been called to the omission of the name of one retired missionary and one Margaret Fund student.

The retired missionary is Dr. Robert L. Bausum (China-Taiwan) whose address is P.O. Box 163, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456. Mrs. Bausum died about a year ago.

The Margaret Fund student is Ben Burgher, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky. Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmon Burgher, Jr., who are home missionaries, serving among the Czechoslovakians in Masaryctown, Florida.

We are grateful for the services of these fine Kentuckians.

## Evangelism

### State Evangelistic Conference

JANUARY 15, 16 AND 17

by Thomas H. Shelton

The Monday afternoon and evening speaker at our state Evangelistic Conference in the First Baptist Church of



Paschall

Owensboro will be H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and president of the SBC. Paschall is not a stranger to Kentucky Baptists. In fact, he is one. We are looking forward to his messages on

"Prayer," "The God of Redemption," and "The Motive of Our Ministry."

On Tuesday of the Conference, there will be two periods of conferences. Among the subjects for discussion will be: "Cooperative Evangelism," led by Harold Lindsey; "Planning and Giving an Evangelistic Invitation," "What to Preach in Revivals" led by Roy Fish; "Steering Committee Members for the 1969 Revivals," led by Thomas H. Shelton; "Using Radio and TV in Evangelism," led by a member of the Radio and TV Commission, and "New Member Orientation," led by Forrest H. Watkins and James Whaley.

## Church Music

### Annual Report Shows Extensive Musical Participation

by Eugene F. Quinn

Kentucky Baptists have been extensively involved in musical projects assisting them in growth and service for Christ, as revealed by the annual report of the church music department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The 96 associational music projects reported an attendance of 7,846 in a cumulative total of 808 churches represented and 114 associations represented one or more times in the 96 projects.

The 17 regional music festivals reported an enrollment of 5,389 people

from 92 churches in 44 associations.

The seven types of statewide projects included a total of 16 specific projects with an attendance of 3,875 persons from 238 churches from 185 associations represented one or more times in the projects.

From the 83 associations listed among Kentucky Baptists in 1966-67, 68 of these associations were represented in some type of music project in the Kentucky Baptist music ministry.

At least one type of musical contribution was made to 13 different churches on a local basis, 52 different associations in some type of associational project, 31 different associations in a regional project, and 47 different associations in some type of statewide project.

The results of participation in these projects to such an extensive degree are

better trained musicians, more inspiring music leaders, a more effective witness to Christ through gospel music, and many more fruitful outcomes.

## Training Union

### Enlargement What?

The new concepts of Training Union work and the needs in our churches to train church members, new and old, and church leaders present unprecedented enlargement opportunities. So, how do we do it?

Materials have now been prepared to aid churches and associations in planning and conducting various kinds of enlargement projects. These materials are available from the Training Union department upon request.

## Distribution of Receipts from Kentucky Churches, 1966-1967

| CONVENTION CAUSES   |                |                | KENTUCKY CAUSES                |               |               |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|   |                |                | Coop. Program                  | Designated    | Total         |                |
| American Seminary   | 4,200.00       | 4,200.00       | Christian Education in Ky.     | \$ 925,638.00 | \$ 776,891.82 | \$1,702,529.82 |
| Annuity Board   | 11,725.00      | 11,780.33      | School and Colleges            |               |               |                |
| Brotherhood Commission  | 12,530.00      | 12,530.00      | Student Cen. Loan Res.         |               | 90,000.00     | 90,000.00      |
| Christian Life Commission   | 4,655.00       | 4,655.00       | Children's Homes               | 100,000.00    | 312,074.44    | 412,074.44     |
| Convention Operating Budget   | 9,450.00       | 9,450.00       | State Missions                 | 569,488.00    | 205,726.63    | 775,214.63     |
| Education Commission  | 4,445.00       | 4,445.00       | Church Buildings               | 5,000.00      | 25,076.64     | 30,076.64      |
| Foreign Missions  | 553,735.00     | 480,178.67     | Hospitals in Kentucky          | 80,030.00     | 34,206.94     | 114,206.94     |
| Historical Commission   | 4,200.00       | 4,200.00       | Charmore Ky. Baptist Assembly  | 75,000.00     | 22,095.03     | 97,095.03      |
| Home Missions   | 231,700.00     | 173,111.81     | Education Special              |               | 516.23        | 516.23         |
| Public Affairs Commission   | 17,640.00      | 17,640.00      | W.M.U. of Kentucky             | 75,500.00     |               | 75,500.00      |
| Radio and Television Commission   | 55,720.00      | 23.02          | B.S.U. Center, Louisville, Ky. |               | 4,094.54      | 4,094.54       |
| Six Seminaries  | 218,960.00     | 42.31          | Western Recorder               | 41,883.00     | 14.10         | 41,902.10      |
| Southern Baptist Foundation   | 2,975.00       | 2,975.00       | General Items                  | 231,504.00    | 974.69        | 232,478.69     |
| Southern Baptist Hospital   | 1,715.00       | 1,715.00       | Pioneer Work in West Virginia  | 2,400.00      |               | 2,400.00       |
| Stewardship Commission  | 3,850.00       | 3,850.00       | Security Plans                 | 185,000.00    | 2,452.61      | 187,452.61     |
|   |                |                | Payment on Building Loans      | 66,038.00     |               | 66,038.00      |
| TOTAL Distributable Co-operative Program and Designations   | \$3,500,000.00 | \$2,178,569.53 | Contingencies                  | 5,044.00      |               | 5,044.00       |
| Miscellaneous: This item includes such receipts as may of necessity be handled through our records more than once |                | 520,396.04     | American Bible Society         |               | 1,990.28      | 1,990.28       |
|   |                | 520,396.04     | Temperance League              |               | 1,120.00      | 1,120.00       |
|   | \$3,500,000.00 | \$2,698,965.57 | Capitol Heights Church         |               | 500.00        | 500.00         |
|   |                |                | Miscellaneous Receipts         |               | 47,423.68     | 47,423.68      |

## NON-ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES

|                                    | Coop. Program | CEA | Other  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----|--------|
| Calvary Baptist, Columbus, Ohio    |               |     | 30.47  |
| Calvary Baptist Ch., Richmond      |               |     | 115.00 |
| Chimney Rock                       |               |     | 25.00  |
| Dover Baptist, Mt. Hebron          |               |     | 169.00 |
| East Apple                         |               |     | 18.60  |
| Fair Lane Baptist, Alexandria      | 241.67        |     |        |
| First Southern, Reading, Ohio      |               |     | 304.00 |
| Fourteenth Church                  | 41.10         |     |        |
| Hill Station Missionary            |               |     | 61.00  |
| Independent Hensley, Bowling Green |               |     | 20.00  |
| Mt. Pisgah, Flemingburg, Ky.       |               |     | 124.60 |
| Mt. Pleasant                       |               |     | 300.00 |
| Mt. Zion, Pekin, Ind.              |               |     | 16.50  |
| New Hope Baptist, Benton           |               |     | 100.00 |
| Old Fashioned Grace Amherst        |               |     | 71.60  |
| Pleasant Ridge, Ohio               |               |     | 115.00 |
| Powder Mills Baptist, Magnolia     |               |     | 301.49 |
| Siloam South Shore, Ky.            |               |     | 175.05 |
| Summershade Baptist                |               |     | 31.00  |
| Zoar, Bardwell, Ky.                |               |     | 33.08  |

## RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CHURCHES

|                            |          |           |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Brotherhood Department     | 20.70    | 2,809.32  |
| Church Music Department    |          | 345.83    |
| Direct Missions Department |          | 4,195.61  |
| Evangelism Department      |          | 182.81    |
| Ky. Baptist Foundation     | 4,538.03 | 17,948.06 |
| Stewardship Department     |          | 65.74     |
| Student Union Department   |          | 68.03     |
| Sunday School Department   |          | 136.62    |
| Training Union Department  |          | 21.06     |
| Annuity Board              |          | 3,793.92  |

## Miscellaneous Receipts

|                                   |           |                |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Annuity Board—Regional Promotion  |           | 8,415.09       |
| Home Mission Board                |           | 48,229.33      |
| Sunday School Board               | 706.14    | 42,852.58      |
| YWA—Campbellsville                |           | 16.45          |
| YWA—Eastern                       |           | 34.00          |
| YWA—Georgetown                    |           | 425.79         |
| YWA—Ky Baptist Hospital           |           | 125.00         |
| YWA—Murray                        |           | 12.20          |
| WMU—Southern Seminary             |           | 764.04         |
| Aetna Ins. Withholdings, etc      |           | 10,731.11      |
| Allocations—Christian Education   | 55,394.14 | 56,102.69      |
| Baptist Area Revivals             | 239.27    | 214.44         |
| Income—Investments                |           | 12,286.98      |
| Income—Rental                     |           | 2,845.00       |
| Individuals—Various               | 1,637.59  | 6,347.15       |
| Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable | 445.00    | 20,655.22      |
| Miscellaneous Receipts            |           | 359,325.50     |
| Proceeds—Bethel College Assets    |           | 90,000.00      |
| Proceeds—Loan                     |           | 450,000.00     |
| WMU Items                         |           | 71,742.53      |
| B.S.U. Capital Improvements       |           | 27,040.87      |
| Campbellsville College            |           | 3,540.00       |
| Clear Creek Baptist School        |           | 16.94          |
| Cumberland College                |           | 2,865.30       |
| Georgetown College                |           | 4,250.00       |
| Estate of Edgar Clark             | 3,390.47  |                |
| Estate of Lizzie Davis            |           | 82.87          |
| Estate of T. Harris               |           | 1,142.02       |
| Estate of J. L. Hendricks         |           | 92.40          |
| Estate of P. Lumpkin              |           | 1,201.60       |
| Estate of Ellis W. Roeder         |           | 534.80         |
| Estate of J. H. Tanner            |           | 22.32          |
| Estate of S. L. Witherspoon       | 108.00    | 993.01         |
|                                   |           | \$ 66,317.11   |
|                                   |           | \$ 445.00      |
|                                   |           | \$1,254,440.62 |

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