

Elk Creek Baptist Church near Taylorsville



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

TWENTY PERSONS made professions of faith during a recent revival at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bowling Green. Full-time Evangelist Bob Norman served as evangelist for the special services. The Emmanuel pastor is Bill H. Price.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES are now in the process of preparing for the seventh White House conference on children and youth to be held in February of 1970. The purpose of the meeting is to review the progress of children and youth in American society over the past decade. The conference is the oldest continuing national meeting convened by the White House. The first was called by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1909, and it has been held every 10 years since.

SUMMER SESSION ENROLMENT at Campbellsville College has reached a high of 433 this year. This is 22 more students than enrolled in last year's summer school at the Baptist college.

MRS. OREN C. ROBISON, JR., a native of Murray, and Mr. Robison left Nigeria during June for furlough in the United States. They have been SBC missionaries to Nigeria since 1952.

CLARKS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH near Dry Ridge, Kentucky, has been without a pastor for several months and is searching for a new pastor at the present time. The church is on Dry Ridge, Route 1.

TIM FULLER, 13-year-old Southern Baptist MK (missionary kid) pianist, contributed his talents to a recent fund-raising concert for the benefit of Arab refugee children. The informal program was held in the home of a U. S. diplomat in Amman, Jordan.

THE WMU of Beech Grove Baptist Church near Owenton, Kentucky, has adopted a resolution of respect and appreciation for Sylvia Scott Clifton, member of that congregation and of the WMU, who died recently.

MR. AND MRS. GERALD McNEELY, native Kentuckians, have returned to Spain for their third five-year term as Southern Baptist missionaries. Their address is Avenida de la Victoria, 58, Barcelona 17, Spain.

GERALD E. BISHOP has left the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Milton, Kentucky, to become associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ludlow. The pastor at Ludlow is J. E. Howell.

GIOELE SETTEMBRINI will speak at the annual Henry County Baptist Associational meeting on August 7. The meeting will be at the Campbellsburg Baptist Church in Campbellsburg. Settembrini is a staff member of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Bowling Green is planning the observance of its 150th anniversary in October. Charles R. Bryant is chairman of the anniversary committee and has announced a reception for Saturday evening, October 5, followed by special services on October 6.

FRANK FERRELL CARNES, associate professor of English and philosophy at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, received the Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. A deacon at Williamsburg's First Baptist Church, he has the B.A. degree from Mississippi College, the M.A. from the University of Mississippi, and the B.D. from Vanderbilt.



Carnes

MERVAL DE SOUSA ROSA and his family will return to Brazil July 21 after studying for four years in Louisville. He received B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Southern Seminary in 1964 and 1965 and has been doing advanced study in psychology at the University of Louisville. He will teach pastoral care subjects at the Baptist Seminary in Recife, Brazil. Rosa expressed his gratitude to Baptists in Kentucky for their kindness and concern for his family during their four-year stay in Louisville.

CHARLES F. JONES began his tenth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pineville on Sunday, June 30.

ST. MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH of Louisville is making plans to build a new church sanctuary and renovate some of the existing buildings. The St. Matthews pastor is Alton H. McEachern.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH of Louisville has passed a resolution of respect and appreciation for Mrs. Harold E. Kloss, who died recently. She had been a member of that congregation since 1934, and was active in all phases of church life.

THE WMU of First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, has expressed appreciation for the ministry of Mrs. Carrie Thompson, an active member of that group, also a former WMU president of Nelson Association, church organist, and Sunday School teacher for 40 years, who died during May.

WALTER JAMES MOORHEAD, former Baptist pastor in Glencoe, Kentucky, has been appointed a translations consultant for the American Bible Society, with headquarters in New York City. Now a missionary to the Philippines, Moorhead will help produce translations for the Philippines and Micronesia. He has earned bachelor of divinity, master of theology, and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary at Louisville.

MICHAEL D. HALLEY, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Haven, Kentucky, was ordained to the ministry June 16 by Highlawn Baptist Church of St. Albans, West Virginia. He was examined by a council from the church he serves as pastor. A graduate of Marshall University in West Virginia, Halley is a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

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Building Bridges of Understanding in Race Relations

by EDWARD A. McDOWELL
PROFESSOR EMERITUS

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY
In the solution of the race problem it is essential that we shall build a bridge of understanding between the races. Great strides have been made in recent years in securing greater justice for the Negro. This has been accomplished through Supreme Court decisions and the passage of civil rights legislation.

But we know that prejudice against Negroes is still widespread and that a new bitterness has developed among many white people because of the new freedom Negroes have gained. Also it is a fact that there is little or no genuine understanding or Christian fellowship between our two groups. For these reasons we must build between the two groups a bridge of understanding.

The minister, white and Negro, is the key man in building this bridge. Why is this true? It is true because the race problem is essentially a religious and moral problem. Also it is true because ministers, white and Negro, in the South, still exercise great influence in their communities, whatever may be said to the contrary. Again, the minister is the key man in race relations and in building this bridge because he is a physician of souls.

Race prejudice is soul sickness and a whole community, and even a church, can be afflicted with this sickness. The minister is the physician who can pre-

scribe the remedy: the love our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to have for all men.

The white minister who begins work on this bridge will need courage, love, persistence and patience. He need not preach every other Sunday on the race question. He may better quietly teach his people the meaning of Christian love. Let him deal patiently with the immature and prejudiced members of his congregation, but he should demonstrate by precept and example to his congregation that he is on the side of justice for the Negro.

He should lead his church step by step to a policy of opening the doors of the church to worshippers of all races, and ultimately to a policy of receiving into membership people of all races. All of this will be a demonstration of sincerity when he goes to his Negro brother pastor and requests that he join him in helping build the bridge of understanding between the races.

For what it is worth I mention what we have tried to do in Atlanta toward building the bridge. We began a seminar in Bible study for ministers at the First Baptist Church. Negro ministers were invited to the seminar and a good number of them attended. It was a happy experience for us all. We centered our attention on study of the word of God and said little about the race question, although the question was not barred.

But we became conscious of the fact

that we were brothers in Christ engaged in the common objective of learning more about the Bible. After our study was over we sat down and ate lunch together in the dining room of the First Baptist Church. Each man paid for his own meal.

Out of this seminar grew a movement to bring together the Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Conference and the Negro Baptist Ministers' Union in monthly joint meetings. Now we meet once a month with the Negro brethren, and they meet once a month with us. Thus we have begun to build the bridge in Atlanta.

Other things may be done in building the bridge. White and Negro pastors may exchange pulpits. White groups may visit Negro churches and vice versa. Books on Negro history and biographies of famous Negroes may be added to church libraries. Groups may be organized in white churches to study conditions in Negro slums and ghettos and report back to their churches. Financial help may be extended to struggling Negro churches.

Let one thing be remembered without fail in the building of the bridge of understanding: the Negro is now our equal and fellow worker in building the bridge; the old era of paternalism is over; we must accept the fact that the Negro Christian is indeed our brother in Christ, and that all law-abiding Negroes are our fellow citizens in building a greater America.

Pride and Exclusivism: Sins in the Sanctuary

by T. B. MASTON
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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

It may sound sacreligious to speak of sins in the sanctuary. It should be remembered, however, that Jesus cleansed the Temple. It is possible that contemporary churches need to be cleansed. Sin can creep into the most sacred places.

Our church buildings have been dedicated to God and to his worship. How thoroughly are they being used to fulfill his purposes? The sanctuary stands in the community as a symbol of God's presence among the people. Do the people recognize it as such a symbol? Whether or not they do will be determined largely by the prevalence or absence of certain sins in the sanctuary.

One sin that has to be guarded against is a worldly pride in the building itself. Certainly a church should provide a worthy house for the Lord, but it has to watch or an unworthy pride will creep in.

This pride frequently expresses itself in a boastful parade of the cost of the building. There may also be pride in

some of the luxuries that add nothing to the efficiency of the building.

Pride in the building may repel the very people the church needs most to reach. It is even possible that some members of the church will prefer that certain types of people not be reached by the church.

The latter may be an expression of self-satisfaction and self-centeredness. If this spirit becomes general in the church group, the congregation will tend to remain a closely-knit, exclusive fellowship. Those who are welcomed into the fellowship will be the ones who can smoothly adjust to the group.

Closely akin to, if not identical with, the preceding sins in the sanctuary is the spirit of self-righteousness. This was the only sin specifically condemned by Jesus. It was the sin of the Pharisees, the most "religious" people of that day.

Too many who attend regularly the services in our sanctuaries secretly if not openly pray the prayer of the Pharisee, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are" (Luke 18:11). He went on to inform the Lord what a good man he was. We need to have, even in

the sanctuary, the spirit of the publican: "God be merciful to me a sinner."

One of the besetting sins of those of us who regularly attend the services of our churches is a failure to recognize our sinfulness. Too many of us in the sanctuary do not recognize that "all we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6), that all of us "have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Also, entirely too many of us go from the sanctuary unchanged. This is a sin. We supposedly came to worship God. We can be sure that if we are not changed when we leave his house, we have not worshipped him.

If through genuine worship we have had a vision of the God revealed in the Scriptures, then we will go out of the sanctuary to attempt to make that vision a reality in the world. If we do not go into the world, it is a sin. If we go with any purpose other than to serve, it is also a sin.

Lord, cleanse those of us who regularly meet in thy sanctuary that we may go out into the world to be instruments in thy hands to achieve thy purposes among men!



All or No Baptist Ministers Should Enjoy Tax Exemption Housing Allowances

It has happened. The Internal Revenue Service has disallowed tax exemption of a housing allowance for a Baptist minister of education (see page 8). Though unaware of this test case at the time, a *Western Recorder* editorial in the June 27, 1968, issue raised the question of the legitimacy, according to Internal Revenue Service of tax exemption housing allowances for any Southern Baptist ministers other than those ordained for the pastoral ministry.

An examination of government pamphlets makes it clear the government draws a definite line between those religious workers entitled to and those not entitled to tax exempt housing allowances. Only clergymen are entitled to these and "a commissioned or licensed minister of a church (or church denomination) that has an ordination procedure is considered to be a clergyman only if he has the authority to perform all the ecclesiastical functions that an ordained minister of his church can perform" (Internal Revenue Service Publication No. 484, footnote on page 2). Internal Revenue Service doesn't consider ministers of education as being authorized to perform all ecclesiastical functions which the pastor can perform.

Furthermore in Internal Revenue Service Document No. 5045 entitled, "What is Income," ministers of music and education are specifically excluded from those entitled to tax exempt housing allowances. Here is the wording on page 15. "Religious workers commissioned by their religious organization as 'ministers of the gospel' because they serve as ministers of music or education or serve in administration or other functions of the organization, but who are not authorized to perform all of the ecclesiastical duties of a duly-ordained minister of the gospel in their church, may not exclude from income a rental allowance or the value of a home furnished to him."

If this ruling holds it has far-reaching significance for many churches and many Baptist church staff members. There are thousands of Baptist education and music ministers who, like Mr. Lawrence, have not reported such allowances as income. They thus stand liable to be in debt to the government and from now on must include such allowances in reportable income. This means all such commissioned or ordained persons not reporting housing allowances as income will have to find money to pay back taxes for several years and that their churches or other employers will

have to raise salaries to compensate for this lost benefit of tax exempt housing allowances.

What is to be said on this development? The whole matter of preferential treatment of clergymen and determining who is and who is not a valid clergyman are involved and complex matters and obviously could not be treated fairly in one editorial. However, here are two observations and two possible solutions.

The first observation is that Internal Revenue Service is imposing upon Baptists a view of ordination that we have never held. This is the episcopal succession view that ordination bestows sacerdotal rights in the matter of administering church sacraments. According to this view, only ordained persons can perform ecclesiastical functions like baptism and serving the Lord's supper. Baptists have never believed ordination bestowed sacerdotal rights but rather believing in the universal priesthood of believers, they have held that any member of the congregation, ordained or not ordained, could be chosen by the congregation to administer baptism and the Lord's supper.

The other observation is that this ruling on an educational minister, right or wrong according to government guidelines, is unfair and discriminatory. There is really no reason why one called and ordained to the ministry of preaching should be given preference in tax exemption over one called and ordained to the ministry of religious education or church music. Or, for that matter, why should an ordained preacher serving as a history professor in a Baptist college have a tax exempt housing allowance while a layman teaching religion in the same college cannot have the same exemption?

Here are the suggestions. First, let Internal Revenue Service honor the ordination views of a recognized denomination or a church and make its regulations accordingly. A government agency is hardly qualified to say who is a Baptist clergyman and who is not. Nor is it right for the government to collect taxes from one ordained by Baptists as a minister and not collect taxes from another with the same recognition.

The second and better suggestion is to do away with all tax exempt housing allowances for ministers. It is a highly questionable practice dating back to a period quite different from modern times. It would be fair for all and would put the church and the ministry in a better light in the eyes of the world.

A Prince In and Out of the Pulpit

Many superlatives could be used to describe the late beloved Dr. Robert E. Humphreys of Owensboro, but to those closest to him he will always be remembered as a princely preacher in the pulpit and a princely man outside the pulpit. He made as great a contribution to the life of Kentucky Baptists during the last half century as any man of his era.

He looked the part of a prince. The stateliness of his stature and the dignity of his bearing were in keeping with the gracious gentleman he always was. He was as brave in death as he was in life and fought to the end before giving way to a malignant brain tumor on the morning of July 6 at the age of 75. Before memorial services masterfully conducted by Pastor David Nelson on July 8, his body fittingly laid in state for several hours in Owensboro's First Baptist sanctuary, where he faithfully and forcefully preached the gospel for 28 years.

Dr. Humphreys was a prince of the pulpit. His first love was the pulpit and the pastoral ministry. To both these efforts came outstanding results during his entire ministry. He led the Owensboro congregation in retiring an almost impossible debt in the depth of the depression years and left it one of Kentucky's strongest churches in support of local and worldwide ministries.

Remarkably enough, some of his most beneficial ministry came after his official retirement. In revivals, supply preaching and interim pastorates he brought about a spirit of new unity in more than a few congregations rent with factional spirit. Churches continued to the end to seek his helpful preaching and wise counsel.

Fortunately, a few of his outstanding sermons were preserved in the book, *Christians Can Conquer*, published during his retirement years. Many more of his messages were preserved in the lives of thousands of transformed men and women, many of whom preceded him to glory.

Dr. Humphreys was a prince of the denomination. He never sought the limelight but was sought for almost every job in his denomination. He served on three Southern Baptist Convention boards including the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees where he was serving at the time of his death.

His most remembered service, however, was among Kentucky Baptists who honored him by selecting him twice as a moderator of the State Convention. Of all his efforts those in Kentucky Baptist Christian Education were most outstanding. Here he proved to be a leader ahead of his time. He often was identified with far-reaching educational recommendations Kentucky Baptists were not ready to accept. Many of these came to be accepted later, and some still have not been accepted.

In his setbacks Dr. Humphreys displayed no resentment. He was as sweet-spirited in losing as in winning. This was demonstrated vividly in 1958 when as chairman of the now famous survey committee he saw part of the committee's recommendations thrown away and the rest referred to another committee. His great stature and loving spirit were never more clearly seen.

In another area largely unknown to many, Dr. Humphreys was also princely. This was in encouraging and helping young preachers. He had profound respect for all other persons and especially wanted the best for his young colleagues in the ministry. His last official denominational assignment was an address in the 1966 Pastors' Conference in Bowling Green. He poured out his mind and heart to his fellow preachers in what many felt at the time was his swan song. This writer was among those blessed by this good man's encouragement and help.

And so a prince in and out of the pulpit has departed this life. About the only honor remaining for a prince is his coronation, and this took place for Dr. Robert Humphreys on Saturday morning, July 6.

BAPTIST FORUM



unless they repent of their sins and turn to God, they will spend eternity in hell." Campbellsville, Ky. Mrs. Annie Druin

SBC Officers Listed

Dear Editor: Would you please print a list of the Southern Baptist Convention officers in your next issue of the *Western Recorder*. This information is needed for the G.A. step on which I am working. Liberty, Kentucky Jeanetta Jones

The new officers are:
 W. A. Criswell, president
 Owen Cooper, first vice-president
 Lee Porter, second vice-president
 Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary
 W. Frederick Kendall, registration secretary
 Porter W. Routh, treasurer
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Willing to Share

Dear Editor: We have received several inquiries from pastors, associational missionaries and lay people about our special ministries to parents without partners, mentally retarded children, the blind, the poor, problem drinkers, and other groups. We will be happy to share any insight and experience in these areas with Kentucky Baptists. Lexington, Ky. Bob W. Brown Trinity Baptist Church Mike Watts

Preachers Still Here

Dear Editor: After reading the letter from Reed Rushing in the June 13 issue of the *Western Recorder* in which he asked the question, "Where are our writers and preachers of yesteryear?" I just had to write a few lines. Perhaps there are some ministers in our state who do not preach on hell, but I thank God that we do still have a large number of ministers who are not afraid to stand up and tell the world "that

Profs at Union Resign in Protest of Academic Trends

About six faculty members, including several department heads and one division head, have resigned at Union University at Jackson, Tennessee, in protest of trends toward what they called stifling of academic freedom.

The chairman of the board of trustees at the Baptist school, Ed Deusner of Lexington, Tennessee, said that five, maybe six, resignations came this year over "unhappiness and disagreement with the administration," but strongly denied published reports that 14 faculty members had resigned in protest.

"Very frankly," Deusner acknowledged, "we are having some problems down at Union."

The central issue, he said is what direction the Baptist school will take in the future: "a strong emphasis on academics, and a diminished emphasis on religion," or vice versa. Deusner said he hoped the school would emphasize both high academic standards and a "spiritual, Christian atmosphere."

Several of the resigning faculty members, quoted in Tennessee daily newspapers, expressed concern over the direction the school was taking towards de-emphasis of academics.

"The faculty is living under a sense of fear that the academic excellence and spiritual integrity Union has built up over the past 25 years is in danger of breaking down under denominational pressure," said Bob Highfill, an instructor in the physics department who is returning to graduate school.

Highfill added that there is a lack of communication between the faculty, trustees, administration and denomination, and the communication problem is enhancing this fear.

President of the school, Robert Craig, was on vacation and unavailable for comment. Craig, former president of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri, became president last year, replacing F. E. Wright, president of the

Grayson Pastor Dies June 21 After Heart Attack

Jesse C. Stephens, 62, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grayson, died June 21 at the church following an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted June 24 at the First Baptist Church with John A. Ivey and R. M. Stovall officiating. Graveside rites were conducted the following day at Monterey Cemetery in Owen County, with interment following.

Grayson is survived by his wife, Marie Claxton Stephens of Grayson; a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Grissom of New Liberty, Kentucky; two sons, Barton Stephens of Malibu, California; and Rev. Richard Stephens of Fort Smith, Arkansas; and four grandchildren.

new Jackson Community College.

Deusner said that several faculty members have disagreed with the new president's conservative stance, that the faculty was not consulted adequately in the selection of a new president, and that the new president "was not their kind of man."

The board chairman pointed out that the board of trustees had given Craig a vote of confidence recently, and added: "the board wants to keep the school true to the historic Baptist faith and main appeal to the churches of west Tennessee, rather than to emphasize academics to the detriment of the spiritual."

He stated that the 33-member board was basically conservative, but denied that it was controlled by ministers, stating that 17 laymen are on the board and only 16 ministers.

Both Deusner and David Q. Byrd, Jackson pastor who heads the eight-man administrative committee, strongly denied published reports that 14 faculty members had resigned in the controversy.

"There were 17 errors of fact in the first news report saying 14 had resigned in protest, which to me represents irresponsible journalism," said Byrd.

Deusner, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lexington, listed each of the

14 and gave their reasons for resigning, saying only five or six were "due to unhappiness and disagreement with the administration."

The five Deusner listed as resigning in protest were: A. L. Allen, head of the art department; William Glenn Esslinger, head of the chemistry department; John Hughes, chairman of the fine arts division and head of the music department; Donald R. Ramage, associate professor of biology; and Wayne Johnson, director of the theater.

Deusner said that apparently a cleavage has developed among the faculty members, but he felt that the whole controversy would blow over and result "in an even better Union University."

He pointed out that no one was fired, and that every faculty member was offered a new contract except those whose contract was on a one-year basis. "There was no pressure put on anyone to resign."

Deusner added that the trustees decided to operate on a deficit budget this year in order to try to hold their present faculty, although no raises or budget increases could be granted. He said the budget was planned on the basis of an enrollment of about 800 students, while anticipated enrollment next fall probably will be about 650 students. (BP)

Georgetown College Dean of Men On Medical Tour with Dr. Hingson

James Bergman, dean of men at Georgetown College is in Nicaragua this month with a team of six to assist in the inoculation of more than 150,000 persons against smallpox. The team plans to spend 18 days in this Central American nation.

Dr. Robert Hingson, world-renowned anaesthesiologist, is directing the special mission. Dr. Hingson is presently a member of the University of Pittsburgh Medical College staff.

The team of four doctors and two lay assistants will be using the "peace gun" to administer the serum. The gun is an invention developed by Dr. Hingson. It injects serums at a speed of approximately 500 miles per hour. The special air jet action greatly accelerates the process of inoculation.

Dean Bergman, former associate in the student department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, explains the speed of the operation this way. "There is no need to concern oneself with constant sterilization. The business end of the implement doesn't come in contact with the skin of the recipient. This, in addition to the speed of the gun's action, accounts for the reason why a team the

size of ours can treat as many as 10,000 in a day."

Dean Bergman, making his first tour of duty in Central America, is gaining a taste of his own medicine. Arrangements for his trip were on short notice. Consequently, he had to take several shots of serum in preparation for his mission.

The nation of Nicaragua will confer on Dr. Hingson that country's highest civilian award while the team is there. An entire day has been set aside for the occasion. He has been honored by several Central and South American nations for his service to mankind.

A team of workers attempted this mission several weeks ago, but rains postponed the project. More than 150,000 doses of smallpox serum will be lost if the operation is not completed soon.

The country of Nicaragua is located north of the small nations of Costa Rica and Panama. It has a population of about 2,000,000.



Bergman

Foreign Baptists Set Conferences, Promote Evangelism

RACIAL HARMONY STRESSED AT GUYANA GROUNDBREAKING

More than 100 people attended the recent groundbreaking service for a new building for the Baptist mission in Wismar, Guyana, a town south of the capital, Georgetown. Desmond Stephens is pastor of the Wismar congregation.

The preacher for the occasion, Pastor Whitney J. Vyfhuis, of Central Baptist Church, Georgetown, appealed for an end to prejudice among Guyana's racial groups. Recalling the 1964 racial conflict, when people of African and East Indian descent in Wismar and other parts of Guyana turned upon each other, Vyfhuis said: "It will take Christ to remove prejudice from the hearts of men. Only love can displace prejudice. Regardless of your shade of skin, God is able to remove prejudice and give you salvation."

THAILAND BAPTISTS HOLD CONFERENCES

Baptists in Thailand are encouraged by the results of two recent training conferences, reports Southern Baptist Missionary Robert R. Stewart.

Seventy-five persons attended the first Bible conference for Baptists in east-central Thailand. Held at the Baptist encampment at Pattaya, the program featured Bible study, worship, and fellowship, led by missionaries and Thai pastors. The success of the conference

has encouraged area leaders to plan future meetings.

Another conference, held at the Baptist hospital in Bangkok, was attended by 40 leprosy patients from four provinces in southeastern Thailand. There were classes in medical hygiene and in Christian conduct, doctrine, and history.

BAPTISTS UNHARMED IN IRBID FIGHTING

Baptist church members and Baptist property in Irbid, Jordan, are safe following recent Israeli-Jordanian fighting, though the church building was pelted by flying shrapnel and the pastor narrowly escaped serious harm.

According to Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller, Southern Baptist missionary, the Jordan Ministry of Information reported that Irbid suffered 138 civilian casualties, including 34 deaths, in the battle. One of Jordan's largest cities (population: perhaps 100,000), Irbid is located about 20 miles from the Jordan River.

Three rockets fell in the same block with the Irbid Baptist Church and parsonage, one collapsing the roof of the house next door.

The pastor, Fahad Karmut, was at the municipal hospital when the attack began. He ran across the city to be with his wife and small children, falling to the ground again and again as shells and bombs exploded near him. Retracing his steps later, he found a bomb crater at a spot where he had lain momentarily.

MEXICO CONGRESS BOOSTS CRUSADE OF AMERICAS

A total of 143 Baptist pastors and missionaries and 128 laymen from all parts of Mexico met in Torreon, June 12-15, for their fourth nationwide evangelism congress. Over 500 attended night services.

Main purpose of the congress was to mobilize and inspire Baptists for full participation in the forthcoming Crusade of the Americas, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Ervin E. Hasteley. Hasteley is director of evangelism for the National Baptist Convention of Mexico and regional coordinator for Mexico and Central America for the Crusade.

Rubens Lopes, president of the central coordinating committee of the Crusade of the Americas, was speaker for the congress.

GUYANA BAPTIST WOMEN STUDY "MISSION ACTION"

Involvement in "mission action" at home and abroad was the keynote of the first Baptist lay leadership institute for women in Guyana, held recently in Georgetown, capital of the South American nation.

The conference was attended by 56 women, pastors, and other leaders from three churches and 14 missions scattered along the coast and in the interior. They learned ways in which women's missionary organizations can operate in congregations in various stages of development.

A new "Guyana-oriented" Woman's Missionary Union manual was enthusiastically received, reports Mrs. John P. Dixon, publicity chairman of the Guyana Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

FRENCH BAPTIST CHURCHES REGISTER 325 DECISIONS

Forty-four churches and missions under the leadership of the French Baptist Federation conducted a recent nationwide simultaneous evangelistic campaign in which 325 public decisions have so far been recorded. Young people accounted for at least 119 of these.

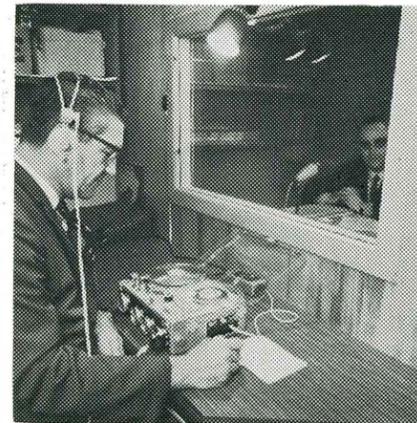
Nearly half of those making decisions have subsequently been counseled by churches. Reports on the campaign were delayed due to nationwide strikes and demonstrations, and some are still not in.

Three Belgian churches not officially related to the French Baptist Federation participated in the evangelistic effort. One of these is English-speaking, the others French-speaking.

In the first week of the campaign the churches of northern France held simultaneous services; then, after a quiet week, the pattern was repeated in southern France, including Paris.

SBC Radio Missions Overseas . . .

One important part of Southern Baptists' mission work overseas is broadcasting the gospel through radio and television. This method allows the missionary to place the Christian message in hundreds of homes that he could never visit personally.



. . . in Spain

Southern Baptist missionary Joseph W. Melford of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Narciso Nunez, Spanish Baptist pastor, record a radio program in Barcelona, Spain. "Broadcasting is on the growing edge of mission work in Europe and the Middle East," says John D. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for that part of the world.



. . . in Italy

Southern Baptist missionary Stanley Crabb, Jr., of Louisville, Kentucky, checks notes with an Italian announcer in the radio studio at the Italian Baptist Theological Seminary in Rivoli. A musty room at the school formerly used for mimeographing was recently remodeled and sound-proofed to provide recording facilities. Crabb is chairman of the radio committee of the Italian Baptist Mission.

Tax Court Rules on Landmark Housing-exemption Case

A minister of education in a Baptist church who is not "ordained" as a "minister of the gospel" is not eligible for tax exemption on rental allowance as part of his pay, according to a ruling by the Tax Court of the United States.

Robert D. Lawrence, minister of education for the Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, Tennessee, was held to be deficient in his 1963 and 1964 income taxes by the Internal Revenue Service. Lawrence was paid \$900 in each of these two years for housing allowance. He did not report this as taxable income.

Internal Revenue Service held the minister of education to be deficient \$324.19 in 1963 and \$206.33 in 1964. He appealed the case to the U. S. Tax Court, claiming that for purposes of the law he was a minister of the gospel and therefore entitled to the exemption. The court ruled against him.

The Tennessean relied on a May 24, 1961, action of the Southern Baptist Convention for his ministerial standing. The convention at that time "recognized as commissioned ministers of the gospel" those serving as ministers of education, of music and of other church functions "who have been ordained, commissioned, or licensed by a church as such."

On October 4, 1961, the Springfield Baptist Church voted: "We commission Bob Lawrence as Commissioned Minister of the Gospel in Religious Education that he may receive benefits of laws relative to the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Services."

The Tax Court said of this action by the church that it "shows on its face that this was nothing more than paper work procedure designed to help him get a tax benefit from 'Internal Revenue Services' without giving him any new status."

The major point on which the case turned was whether or not the minister of education was a "minister of the gospel" eligible for tax exemption.

The Internal Revenue Service regulations exempt ministers of the gospel from taxes on rental or housing allowances as part of their pay. However,

Campbellville Trustees Commend Harold Meers

Harold G. Meers has been highly commended in a resolution passed by the Campbellville College trustees. The action was taken by the trustees upon the resignation of Meers from the trustee board in order to accept the pastorate of the Huntington Baptist Church in New York.

The resolutions take note of the contributions of Meers not only as a trustee but as chairman of several committees which required personal sacrifice of time and energy.

"minister of the gospel" is not defined either by legislative or administrative actions.

In the light of this absence of clarity the Tax Court said that it must give "minister of the gospel" its "ordinary conventional meaning." It used Webster's New International Dictionary, 2d ed. 1960 as its authority.

The dictionary said that a minister is "one duly authorized or licensed to conduct Christian worship, preach the gospel, administer the sacraments, etc.; esp., a pastor; a clergyman; . . ."

The Court said that there was no evidence in the case that Mr. Lawrence "was recognized by his church as a minister of the gospel." The court further noted that he performed no baptismal services and did not officiate at the observance of the Lord's Supper. So he did not qualify as a "minister of the gospel" entitled to tax exemption.

Four judges of the 21-member U. S. Tax Court agreed on a dissenting opinion written by Judge Dawson.

The dissenting opinion said that in the

years 1963 and 1964 Mr. Lawrence did exercise ministerial functions for the church which justified his claim for tax exemption.

The Income Tax Regulations describe ministerial functions to include (1) the ministrations of sacerdotal functions, (2) the conduct of religious worship, and (3) the direction of organizations within the church.

Judge Dawson said he believed that the record shows the minister of education qualified for all three types of services and that his housing allowance should be tax exempt.

Further, Dawson claimed that the Tax Court by its ruling in Lawrence's case weakened its position in an earlier case in which a cantor in a synagogue qualified as a "minister" in the same sense as an ordained rabbi.

The majority on the court denied that this was a conflicting ruling and that the cases of a Jewish cantor in a synagogue and of a minister of education in a Baptist church are sufficiently different to exempt one and not the other. (BP)

Robert Humphreys, Former Kentucky Baptist Moderator, Dies on July 6

Robert E. Humphreys of Owensboro, former moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (now Kentucky Baptist Convention), died July 6 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, following an extended illness.

Humphreys retired from the active ministry in 1955 after a 28-year pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Owensboro. A native of Tennessee, he served also as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, from 1919 to 1927. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1915.

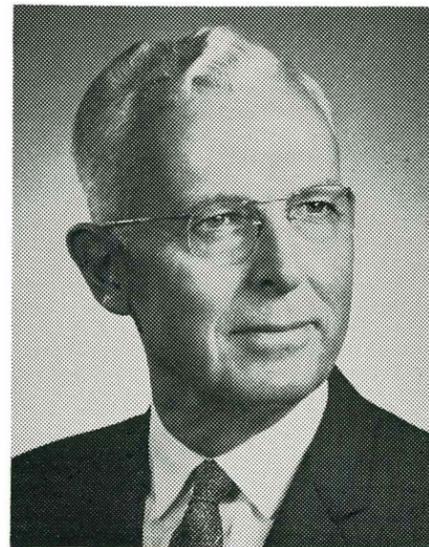
During his long ministry in Kentucky, Humphreys was active in Kentucky Baptist denominational work. In addition to his two terms as moderator of the General Association in 1948-49 and 1949-50, he served also as a member of the Executive Board and as a director of the Christian education department of Kentucky Baptists.

The veteran pastor was author of a book, *Christians Can Conquer*, and writer of numerous articles for religious magazines. He received the A.B. degree from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and earned the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary at Louisville in 1919.

Funeral services were held July 8 at Owensboro's First Baptist Church with Pastor David Nelson officiating. Assisting were John Dunaway, pastor of Eaton Memorial Baptist Church, Owensboro,

and Roy M. Gabbert. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Owensboro.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Robert E. Humphreys of Owensboro; a son, Robert E. Humphreys, Jr., of Owensboro; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Jane Edwards of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, and Mrs. Margaret Prather, Jr., of Liberty, Missouri; three brothers, a sister, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Robert E. Humphreys

WESTERN RECORDER

Jimmy Karam to Speak At Jonathan Creek Rally

Jimmy Karam, Baptist layman from Little Rock, Arkansas, will address the annual rally for western Kentucky Baptist men, scheduled July 27 at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly.

Karam, owner of two men's clothing stores in Little Rock, was converted in 1959 after achieving notoriety as an archsegregationist supporter of Governor Orval Faubus during the Little Rock school integration crisis of 1957.

A former gambler and skeptic, he now devotes a great deal of his time to speaking to men's Christian groups throughout the United States. He has delivered his testimony at more than 500 churches and has appeared with the Billy Graham team in the Little Rock, Philadelphia and Los Angeles Crusades.

Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Secretary Thomas H. Shelton, who arranged the Jonathan Creek men's rally, said Karam would speak at approximately 7:00.

The rally will begin at 3:30 with an old fashioned hymn singing and a barbecue supper.



Karam

Western Recorder Assistant Editor To Join SBC Sunday School Board

George W. Knight, assistant editor of the *Western Recorder* for the past two years, has accepted a post with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee. Knight will become editor of pastoral ministries products in the church administration department of the Baptist agency, effective August 15.

His main responsibility will be to help establish and then serve as editor of a new quarterly magazine for Baptist deacons. The first issue of the new publication is scheduled for the fall of 1970.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, the new Sunday School Board staff member earned a B.A. degree in journalism from the University of Alabama and received B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Southern Seminary at Louisville.

While in seminary, Knight served as news editor of *The Tie*, alumni publication of Southern Seminary, and later

as editor of *The Shield*, employee publication of Kentucky Baptist Hospital at Louisville.

He has been a frequent contributor to *Church Administration* magazine, published by the department of the Sunday School Board in which he will be working, as well as other Southern Baptist periodicals. For the past two years he has served as a curriculum writer for the Royal Ambassador department of the Brotherhood Commission at Memphis.

An ordained Baptist minister, Knight is married to the former Dorothy Boster of Hartselle, Alabama. They have one daughter, Gwendolyn Joyce, 1 year old.



Knight

Lou'villian Preaches on Summer Baptist Hour

William E. Hull, professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary in Louisville, will deliver the sermons on "The Baptist Hour" radio program during the second half of the summer season.

With "Christ and the Modern Mood" as his theme, his messages will be: "The Miracle Worker," July 21; "From Futility to Faith," July 28; "The Hidden Persuaders," August 4; "The Status Seekers," August 11; "The Age of Anxiety," August 18; and "The Signs of the Times," August 25.

Hull will be serving as summer replacement for the regular "Baptist Hour" preacher, Herschel Hobbs, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

A native of Birmingham, Hull has served churches in Alabama and Kentucky and has studied and taught theology in Europe. He is an author and a regular contributor to several journals.



William E. Hull

Kentucky Baptist **WESTERN RECORDER**

BAPTIST BANNER AND WESTERN PIONEER

Historical Highlights

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO July 17, 1958

►H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, was elected president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools.

►The Jeffersontown, Kentucky, Baptist Church announced special services on Sunday, July 20, to dedicate its new \$180,000 educational building. Professor Eric C. Rust of Southern Seminary, a former interim pastor of the congregation, was to be guest speaker at both services.

25 YEARS AGO July 15, 1943

►Editor John D. Freeman commended the Pollard Baptist Church of Ashland and its pastor, W. K. Wood, for opposing "mixed bathing" at a public swimming

pool in Ashland.

"Bathing is great sport for most people," Freeman said. "But God grant that the segregation of the sexes required by the old-fashioned swimming hole (in running stream water) may return."

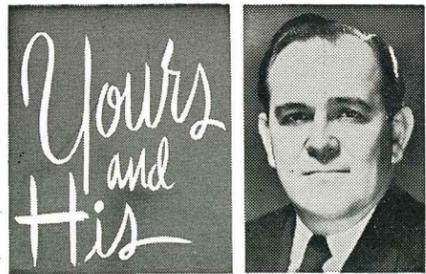
►R. A. Slinker, district missionary for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, preached the second sermon in the newly-constructed sanctuary of the Russell Springs, Kentucky, Baptist Church.

50 YEARS AGO July 18, 1918

►E. Y. Mullins, president of Southern Seminary at Louisville, urged pastors to take three months off from their church work and attend the Baptist school.

"I feel sure that many churches would greatly profit by this kind of a vacation for their pastor," Mullins said. "No doubt, the three months' study would react favorably upon his preaching."

July 18, 1968



World Missions Conference

What a wonderful time for you to have your heart warmed, your vision lifted, your soul stirred—the World Missions Conference, Cedarmore Assembly, July 29-August 2!

What a time to take your vacation with your family, to have fellowship with missionary leaders of the Southern and Kentucky Conventions, with friends who yearn for the salvation of the world! Now is the time to make your reservations—Marvin Byrdwell, Route 1, Bagdad, Ky., 40003; phone 502-747-8911.

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To reach our state convention goal from the churches for the Cooperative Program goal of \$3,750,000 by August 31, we need a miracle of generous giving from all the churches!

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As of June 25, we were short of the 10-month goal by \$329,262.33. Yet we are 4.21% above the same 10 months of last year, or \$113,023.59 more. Yet, to complete the goal by August 31, we must send in \$954,262.33—nearly \$200,000 more than we sent the last two months of last year!

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Most of our churches send their pennies and dimes from the Vacation Bible School children as a special over-and-above offering for missions through the Cooperative Program. Did yours? Check with your treasurer on your budget promises. If you do not give each week or month, send a special offering for the Cooperative Program today. Thanks for your cooperation and love.

Athletes' Testimonies at Football School Sparks Christian Decisions

During a unique football school conducted at Chowan College (Baptist) at Murfreesboro, North Carolina, 55 young boys made decisions for Christ after hearing testimonies from several professional football stars.

Preacher for the main service was Bobby Mitchell, flanker for the Washington Redskins. After Mitchell spoke, 15 boys made decisions.

Other decisions followed vesper programs led by Carroll Dale, Green Bay Packers' end; Gary Cuzzo, Minnesota Vikings quarterback; Bob Vogel, Baltimore Colts lineman; and Chuck Walker, St. Louis Cardinals lineman.

Dual purpose of Chowan's football schools is "to give instructions in football fundamentals to boys who have the desire to improve their abilities and gain knowledge of the game," and to "give young boys a chance to hear testimonies from outstanding Christians."

About 155 boys attended the football school, which was led by members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes plus college football coaches and other gridiron standouts. Christian testimonies were a part of each day's activities.

Bill Wall, executive director of the sponsoring Youth Camps, Inc., said, "There is something different about these camps. . . . These men have deep religious convictions and saw an opportunity to witness to youths by their actions and at vesper services each night."

Attendance at the vespers is voluntary, but almost all of the young people are enthusiastic supporters of the services, Wall said.

In addition to the one-week football school, the Baptist college also hosts two schools for cheerleaders, for band majorettes, and for others, with about 2,000 youths participating each summer. (BP)

Pianist Van Cliburn Plays, Gives Testimony at Tampa Baptist Church

Internationally-famed pianist Van Cliburn, a Baptist, gave an impromptu sermonette just before playing the piano at a Southern Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida, urging young and old alike to put faith in "the unseen Christ."

Cliburn was in Tampa recently to perform with the Tampa Philharmonic. While in the city, he attended the worship service at Seminole Heights Baptist Church.

In recognizing the musician, Pastor John S. Wimbish asked him to play for the congregation.

Cliburn, before he played Robert Schuman's "Devotion," gave an impromptu devotional thought to the Baptist congregation.

Recalling a sermon on "The Unseen Christ," Cliburn asked the crowd: "How many times have we sought for the right answer, or the right thought, or the right idea, or the right avenue, and how many times have we wondered if

we were doing the right thing?"

"When we go through various stages in our lives, pass through many doors as we make this trek through life; the times when we are young and need certain types of counsel; there stands at our beck and call the unseen, but very visible, Christ," Cliburn said.

In later life, he added, it is "a joy to look back and be aware of what the real truth behind our decisions happened to be."

"So I want to say to you," Cliburn said in conclusion. "That if you are young, you might want to consider this unseen Christ, this Master who can be very real in your life. Then if you are in the middle period of maturity, you have certain other pressures of life and you might enjoy taking that very real person into your heart. Then if you are in the last period of life, it's even more interesting, because you can look back and have assurance that you have walked with the unseen Christ." (BP)

Three Kentucky Students on Glorieta Staff

Three students from Kentucky are among the 456 staffers serving at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico this summer.

They are Cynthia Crawford of Louisville, assistant hostess at one of the residence halls; Judy Ries of Louisville, press representative and teletype operator; and Shelby Ennis of Elizabethtown,

photographer at Glorieta.

During non-working hours the Glorieta staffers are free to attend conferences or worship services of the 12-week summer program or go sight-seeing and visit places of interest in the Glorieta area.

The Glorieta Assembly is located 19 miles east of Sante Fe, New Mexico.

USE OF PROPERTY RULED "PART OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP"—

Tax Exemption Status is Upheld For Georgia Baptist Association

The Chattahoochee Baptist Association of Gainesville, Georgia, has won a summary judgment on tax exemption for its property in a case which suggested widespread implications for other such associations.

At issue was whether the city of Gainesville had the right to tax the association for its \$70,000 headquarters building, and whether the building was used as a place of worship.

Judge Joseph H. Blackshear of Hall County Superior Court ruled that "the property is used as a place of religious worship and exempt from taxation," since "the charitable and educational use of the property is a part of religious worship."

The city of Gainesville and its city marshal were permanently enjoined in the decision from levying an assessment for taxes against the association buildings and land.

The city claimed the property was not clearly a place of worship or used for purely public charity and therefore was liable for the \$741 assessed tax.

The association listed its religious functions as including the provision of a chapel for regular worship services, pastors' prayer services, associational conferences and committee meetings, and facilities for other church-related activities. No charges are made for use of the building, the affidavit said. (BP)

Kentucky Baptist Schools Studied by Evaluation Committee of Convention

Three members of the evaluation subcommittee of the Christian Education Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention visited the Campbellville College campus recently and attended the meeting of the school's trustees.

According to Fred Moffatt, Jr., of Shelbyville, chairman of the subcommittee, the purpose of the visit was to interpret the school's program of Christian education to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The subcommittee plans to visit Georgetown and Cumberland Colleges, plus Clear Creek Baptist School and Oneida Baptist Institute.

Other members of the group besides Moffatt, who is pastor of Shelbyville's First Baptist Church, is John Pennick of the First Baptist Church of Leitchfield, and James Graham, superintendent of city schools in Ashland.

Tour of Mission Areas Possible on R. A. Congress Trip

No matter how you travel or from what direction, the Fourth National Royal Ambassador Congress at Oklahoma City, August 13-15, is only a few interesting mission stops from any point in the United States.

Many Royal Ambassador groups plan to break their trip to the missions-oriented national congress with stops at unusual mission points along the way,

Jay Chance, congress director said,

At the congress the Royal Ambassadors will visit with home and foreign missionaries, hear nationally-known Christian athletes and professional men, view a championship rodeo, and have Christian fellowship with other boys.

The best guide for planning a Southern Baptist mission tour while enroute and returning from the congress is

Travel Guide, a missions map free from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The color-splashed guide to an interesting trip contains 322 missions points of interest in 10 categories ranging from California to Maine. More than 60 are in Texas alone.

For instance, you can visit assemblies, boards and commissions (Brotherhood Commission in Memphis is example), mission centers, state board offices where many state Baptist papers are located, historical sites, mission week-day programs, seminaries, pioneer points, and work with such interesting people as the Spanish, French, Indians, Japanese, Russians, and Chinese.

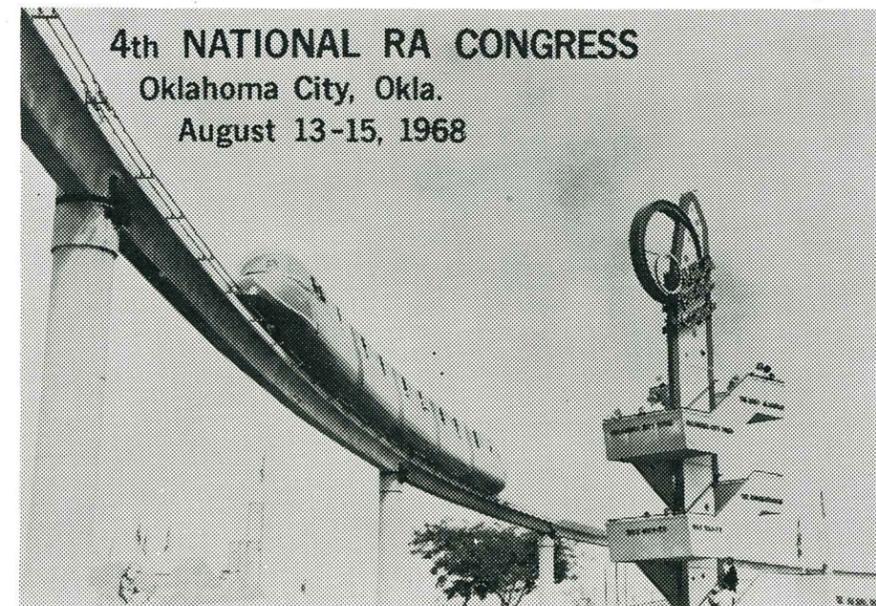
Almost 25 outstanding historical sites await inspection by Royal Ambassadors, mainly in the East and South.

In Augusta, Georgia, stands the site where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845. Next door in Alabama, the site of the first location of the Home Mission Board in Marion is preserved.

Near the East Coast, North Carolina's Hayesville contains the birthplace of George W. Truett, while South Carolina's Greenville is historically rich with the site of the first theological seminary organized by Southern Baptists and the home of the first Sunday School Board.

Virginia still offers the organizational site of Woman's Missionary Union in Richmond, and Maryland's Baltimore, the first WMU headquarters.

Travel Guide offers special tips to boys visiting a mission field. They include being considerate, appreciative, courteous, respectful, and kind. Its final advice is: "Live the Golden Rule."



R.A. Congress Site

Circling the Oklahoma Fairgrounds Arena like a cowboy's lariat, a lofty monorail track will serve as a vivid reminder of progress for the 12,000 Baptist boys and leaders expected to attend the Fourth National Royal Ambassador Congress August 13-15 at Oklahoma City. Home and foreign missionaries, nationally-known Christian athletes, a television personality, and professional men will combine their talents to give the boys a long discerning look at world missions.



A War Against Crime

Dear Editor:

The lawlessness, violence, and inner decay in America is not without precedent. The same thing has happened in all of the great civilizations that have fallen.

God's word tells of the violence and fear preceding the destruction of Israel and Judah. "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence." (Ezekiel 7:23). "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers." (Isaiah 1:7). "Go not forth into the

field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side." (Jeremiah 6:25).

Today America is "full of bloody crimes," our cities are full of rioting, looting and violence, and fear is increasing on every side.

The crime rate cannot be allowed to keep on increasing as it has in the last six years without taking America into total anarchy. Nor can we go on believing that the crime rate will go down on its own accord, for by now we should know better.

Our courts and law enforcement officials are God's revengers to apprehend and punish criminals. "Rulers are not a terror to good works but to the evil

... if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." (Romans 13:3-4). Thus, crime and punishment go hand in hand—the price the criminal pays for his crime must again be made greater than the value he derives from the crime.

We must begin a real "war on crime." We can't leave it up to others; we must become personally concerned and involved. The pastor must go to the pulpit determined to battle crime. The teacher must go to the classroom this fall determined to live and teach respect for law and order, and above all parents must teach their own children to obey the laws and respect law enforcement officials.

Our goal should be to force the crime rate down at least as much in the next six years as it has gone up in the last six years. Let's determine exactly what we can do individually and together, and let's get on with the job now.
Taylorsville, Ky. William R. Hagan

Mississippi Baptist Executive Dies in South America

Mississippi Baptist executive Chester L. Quarles was stricken with a heart attack and died at Cuzco, Peru, on Saturday, July 6. He was 60.

Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for 18 years, was enroute to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to attend the Pan American Baptist Layman's Evangelism Congress, one of the major planning sessions for the 1969 Crusade of the Americas.

He was visiting missionaries on the way to Rio de Janeiro and hoped to visit his wife's brother, William Lowery Cooper, a missionary in Tosadas, Argentina.

His body was found in the Turista Hotel, reportedly by a bellhop who was checking to see if Quarles was ready to depart by train for his next stop.

An unusually heavy snowfall in the

area delayed the return of the body to Lima, Peru, from where it was to be sent by plane to his home in Jackson, Mississippi.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 11, at the Jackson First Baptist Church, where Quarles was a member, with burial at the Lakewood Memorial Park.

Apparently, there were some complications with international red tape about the return of the body. The governor of Mississippi reportedly called American Ambassador John Wesley Jones to ask his help.

Quarles had left Jackson on July 3 after presiding over the formal opening of the new Mississippi Baptist Convention building on July 2.

In Lima, Peru, the Thursday before his death, he spoke at the First Baptist Church. He reportedly told Missionary Bryan Brasington on that day that he had a history of heart trouble, but that he was traveling with prescribed pills

and his doctor's approval.

Quarles is survived by his wife, the former Virginia Cooper; one son, Chester Leland Quarles, of Jackson; and two daughters, Mary Virginia of Titusville, Florida, and Grace Quarles, a student at Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Mississippi Baptists were shocked at the death of Quarles. Joe T. Odle, editor of the *Baptist Record*, said:

"You can understand how we stand shocked at the loss of a leader.

"I think not only every employee but every Mississippi Baptist who knew him feel that they have lost a personal friend. The period of his secretaryship is without question one of the greatest periods of Mississippi Baptists' entire history. He was the type of leader who chose individuals to do a job, and then let them do it, with his 100 percent backing. To all of us here he truly was a great leader."

Quarles, a native of Wiggins, Mississippi, was a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham and held a Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville. (BP)

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State World Missions Conference at Cedarmore Features WMU Leader

Miss June Whitlow, consultant in administration and research for the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, will serve on the faculty of the third annual World Missions Conference for Kentucky Baptists, scheduled July 29-August 2 at Cedarmore Assembly near Bagdad.

The purpose of the annual conference is to lead Kentucky Baptists to participate more meaningfully in the missionary task of the church.

Other out-of-state speakers and conference leaders, in addition to Miss



Miss Whitlow

Whitlow, include Lucien Coleman, Sr., special projects coordinator for the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee at Nashville; Fred B. Moseley, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission

Board, Atlanta; and Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism for the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

Theme for the 1968 conference is "His Way . . . Mine!" It is sponsored jointly by the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky and the Brotherhood department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Persons who wish to register for the 1968 sessions should send a \$2.00 registration fee for each person to Marvin Byrdwell, manager, Cedarmore Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky.

Baptists Sponsor Ministries at Resort Areas in State

by GEORGE W. KNIGHT
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Baptists in two different sections of Kentucky are cooperating with other denominations this summer in sponsoring a ministry to vacationers in recreation areas.

The two projects are a chaplaincy and worship service ministry for the Land between the Lakes section of western Kentucky and the provision of worship services for campers at Rough River State Park in Breckinridge County.

For several years western Kentucky Baptists have participated in the Land between the Lakes Area Ministry at Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. Since the mammoth LBL development is a TVA project, government officials have ruled that any ministry to the area must be coordinated through this interdenominational organization. Other groups

belonging to the Land between the Lakes Area Ministry include Lutheran, Episcopal, Catholic, Disciples of Christ, Church of Christ, Presbyterian and Methodist.

Each denomination belonging to this organization, however, is left free to work out its own ministry to campers and vacationers in the Land between the Lakes area. The man who has carried the load for the outreach of Baptists into the resort development for the past several years is Earl Warford, missionary for Blood River Association in the Murray area.

Warford recruits pastors from the five participating Baptist associations in western Kentucky to conduct worship services at select places throughout the LBL resort area each Sunday morning. The services, consisting of hymns, prayers, the taking of an offering and a

short sermon or devotional thought, are conducted informally close to the sites where vacationers are camping.

The Baptist ministry to the Barkley-Kentucky Lake region has been expanded this summer, thanks to the Home Mission Board and the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky. Both these groups gave \$500 toward the purchase of a trailer to house a missionary couple, who are now working full-time among the campers.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. James Buie of Southern Seminary at Louisville, were appointed Home Mission Board summer missionaries and assigned to the project. They are simply visiting informally among the campers, serving as a visible reminder of the church's concern, and functioning as counselors when spiritual help is requested. In addition, they are devoting some of their evenings to showing movies with a spiritual theme to all the campers who wish to attend.

In addition to this ministry in the LBL area, Baptists are also involved this summer in an interdenominational project at Rough River State Park in Breckinridge County.

This ministry, which features informal, "come-as-you-are" worship services each Sunday morning, was launched two summers ago by ministers of Baptist, Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness denominations. Baptists involved this summer include Rob Sandford, pastor of Goshen Baptist Church; George Bausum, pastor of Corinth Baptist Church; and D. A. Meador, area Baptist missionary.

Goshen Pastor Rob Sandford said services were begun this summer on June 9 and will continue through Labor Day week-end on September 1. One healthy effect of the whole project has been its stirring of the surrounding churches to "a greater sense of mission and desire to be of service to the campers," he said.

"However, the greatest effect," Sandford continued, "is that many are beginning to see that recreation can be used for re-creation of the spirit as well as the body."



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INTERNATIONAL SERIES

DANIEL PRAYS FOR HIS PEOPLE

Daniel 9:3-6; 17-19

We do not know anything about Daniel's parents, but, judging from his character as a lad, he must have been reared in a God-fearing home. When he was 20 years old Daniel was carried from Jerusalem to Babylon as a captive. Along with three companions, Daniel was selected to take the honored place of students in the Royal College, and there received instruction in all the learning of the Chaldeans.

At the beginning of his captivity Daniel purposed in his heart that nothing would hinder God's glory through his life. He preferred death to permitting his testimony for God to be marred by anything questionable. Although it was not an easy thing to do, this brave and courageous young man refused to turn aside from implicit obedience to the Word of God.

In spite of the king's decree to the contrary, Daniel maintained his regular prayer habits. He prayed in the freshness of the dawn, in the splendor of the noontide and in the shadows of the evening, knowing full well that there was a death penalty for it. For his heroic devotion to God Daniel was cast into the lions' den. To his malicious enemies that meant the end of the prophet's career, but they failed to reckon with God, Who saw to it that Daniel was delivered.

Acquainted with the prophecy of Jeremiah (25:11-12, 29:10) that the captive Jews would return home after 70 years elapsed, and realizing that the time for the fulfillment of this prediction when the Jews would be delivered was rapidly approaching, Daniel fasted and made it a matter of earnest prayer. In times of crisis men often become aware of their need of God, and go to Him in prayer.

It is noteworthy that Daniel distinctly acknowledged his own sins and the iniquities of his people. He said: "We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, etc." The significant and important thing about the "we" is the fact of his identification of himself with his people.

If we have sinned, we are obligated to declare our guilt before God and to ask for His forgiveness. Sincerity in confession is accompanied by the presence

of grief over guilt and a feeling of shame. Daniel identified himself with his people both in pain and penitence on account of their sins, confessed their wicked deeds, rebellious spirit, and absolute refusal to heed the faithful messages of God's prophets.

In this remarkable prayer Daniel acknowledged the holiness, righteousness and justice of God, attributes which certainly stood out in marked contrast to the sinfulness of the people. He admired and appreciated the faithfulness of God in keeping His various covenants which He had made with His people, even though they had been unfaithful time and again. No blame whatever was attached to God. Daniel took all of that upon himself and his people.

Unhesitatingly Daniel admitted that the people had brought terrible suffering upon themselves by their persistence in sin and wilful disobedience, and acknowledged the justice and righteousness of God in all of the chastening

which He had wrought upon them. While much of it was severe, all of it was deserved.

Basing his petition for forgiveness and restoration on the past mercies of God, as expressed in His deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, Daniel besought the Lord to forgive his people and to deliver them from Babylonian captivity. He knew better than to ask God for these blessings on the basis of the merits of the people, but he did request Him to manifest His marvelous grace and to show His mercy in a remarkable fashion.

Inasmuch as God was still involved in the affairs of the people, Daniel prayed for their deliverance "for the Lord's sake." He was vitally concerned about the honor of God's name. Since Jerusalem was "the city which is called by thy name," Daniel asked God to restore it and the sanctuary for His own sake. Prayer was made for "the holy place" because of its importance in the lives of the people.

Without any semblance of selfishness the prophet prayed that God would again demonstrate His great mercies, and cause His face to shine upon them, radiating good will toward them.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

THE CHRISTIAN UNDER TRIAL

James 1:1-15

We assume that the writer of this epistle, which deals with matters of deep and abiding interest, was James the half brother of the Lord Jesus. He simply styled himself "a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ," which indicated that he worshiped and served Him as his Lord.

This letter was written to James' fel-

low countrymen and fellow Christians who were scattered in various parts of the world outside of Palestine. Sorely afflicted by poverty and greatly distressed because of the oppression which followed their dispersion, these believers were in great need of instruction and encouragement, so James reminded them that God's care of His own is constant and never-failing.

These dispersed people were the "brethren" of James both by nature or according to the flesh, and by grace or in Christ. It was to their brotherhood in Christ that James referred primarily.

Quite likely James startled his readers when he bade them to rejoice because they were hedged in by various trials. He sought to encourage them by pointing out that satanic onslaught is a sure sign of spiritual activity. He taught that, instead of trying to shun them, Christians are to meet their trials joyfully because of their beneficial results.

Trials discipline a child of God and aid him greatly in the development of his Christian character. Misfortunes and

adversities test the reality and the strength of the Christian's faith. The endurance of trials often results in the full surrender of the believer to the perfect will of God. Anything that brings one nearer to God, or that aids him in the development of the grace of patience, is certainly a blessing.

James emphasized the need of wisdom. Surely each of us is painfully aware of his lack of wisdom. We need to be reminded frequently that there is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. One may have an abundance of what is called knowledge and yet be sadly deficient in wisdom. When we lack, need and desire wisdom, we should always remember that God is the source of wisdom, and that the means by which we obtain it from Him is through asking Him for it in genuine faith.

Both the poor and the rich are sharers in affliction. Frequently the poor, or those who are shunned by society, think the rich are free from all trials, but such

is not the case. Those who are rich are brought face to face with the fact that earthly possessions mean nothing so far as eternal salvation is concerned. Wealth has a tendency to make man self-sufficient, but we must never forget that "our sufficiency is of God."

Christianity has a great leveling effect. It causes the poor and humble to rejoice in that they are exalted, and it causes the rich and proud brethren to forsake their self-trust and rejoice that they are brought low.

Non-Christians do not know anything about the peace, love and joy that thrills the hearts of the faithful Christians whom the Lord enables to rejoice in the midst of their trials, knowing full well that they help to strengthen them. "The crown of life" awaits the Christians who endure trials for Christ's sake.

A danger that sometimes arises out of trials is the tendency to accuse God of tempting one to sin. By temptation is meant the solicitation to sin. Let it be

understood once for all that temptations do not come from God. He has never enticed anybody to sin.

Satan is the one who tempts us to sin. One of his most effective allies is sinful human nature. Many temptations spring from our human desires. Satan brings numerous allurements before our eyes and tries to entice us to sin, but that is all he can do. He cannot compel us to sin. The solicitation to evil does stimulate the desire, but the responsibility for doing wrong most assuredly rests upon the individual who yields and sins against God, against others and against himself.

Because this is true, you should not attempt to lay the blame for your sins on Satan, on others, or on God, but you should place it where it actually belongs, and that is on yourself, and you must render an account for your deeds. You are free to choose the evil or the good, and it is your choice of the former that constitutes sin.

"Man Created for Rebellion," Glorieta Speaker Says

"Man was created by God for defiance and rebellion," declared Perry R. Sanders of Lafayette, Louisiana, in an address to the third Training Union leadership and youth week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico.

Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lafayette, indicated that rebellion can be both bad and good, depending on whether it is rebellion without a cause, or with a constructive purpose.

"Since God placed in us rebellion, how can I be a rebel whose purposes are redemptive, constructive, and useful for the kingdom of God?" Sanders asked.

He challenged Christians attending the Baptist assembly to channel their rebellious nature into constructive purpose with a cause, a chart, a creed and a

cross. "The cause is salvation; the chart is service, the creed is the Bible and the cross is the cross of Christ," Sanders said.

"Christianity must be vibrant and vital," he said. "No easy, cheap, superficial Christianity is going to turn people to Christ."

By the end of the week, 165 persons among the 2,326 registered for the week's conference had responded to Sanders' call to commitment, making some kind of decision for Christ.

During the week, a special conference on working with the mentally retarded drew participants from as far away as Puerto Rico, most interested in beginning work in their home churches.

In another major address, W. L.

Howse of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, told the conference that change in the denomination is inevitable, and that Baptists must be up-to-date. He added, however, that change is a difficult ordeal.

"Education and learning do not stop, if people stay in training," said Howse, director of the Sunday School Board's education division. "If they do not (train), then they should get out the scissors every now and then and clip off part of their precious diplomas."

The greatest handicap that the Training Union program faces in Baptist churches is that the adults still think it is for the youth," Howse added.

He told the adults present they should listen to young people, for they have a great deal to say today and they can help adults move and change.

"They can help us become a part of the 1960's," Howse said of youth. "Most of our young people today are not those on the front page of the newspaper."

Total registration for the three Training Union weeks was 5,988. (BP)

Middletown Pastor Named Seminary Prof.

Peter Rhea Jones, pastor of Woodland Baptist Church at Middletown, has been named assistant professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary, Louisville, effective August 1.

A graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, he recently received the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary. He has also earned the M.A. degree at the University of Mississippi and the master of theology degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey.

In addition to the Woodland pastorate, Jones has served as student pastor of several other churches. While at Princeton Seminary he served as interim pastor of Manhattan Baptist Church in New York City.

The new Southern Seminary professor is a native of Dyersburg, Tennessee. He has three brothers, two who are lawyers in Knoxville, one a physician in Memphis.

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Georgia Baptist Hospital Receives \$1,000,000 Gift

The Callaway Foundation, Inc., announced this week a contribution of \$1,000,000 to Georgia Baptist Hospital, the largest single gift in the hospital's history.

The gift will go toward a \$6,000,000 expansion at the Atlanta hospital, which will increase bed capacity by 225 beds. It is the first major gift for the hospital addition, which was approved by the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1962.

The addition will give the hospital over 700 beds. It already admits more patients than any hospital, public or private, in the state.

The gift from the Callaway Foundation drew praise from I. M. Sheffield, Jr., of Atlanta, general chairman of the fund-raising campaign for the new addition.

"A donation of this magnitude gives a tremendous lift to all phases of the campaign and to the hundreds of workers who are involved," said Sheffield.

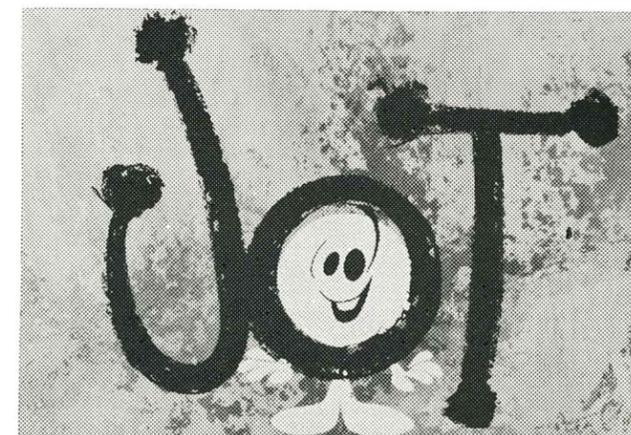
Plans had been announced a week earlier to develop a giant medical complex, known as Atlanta Medical Center, around Georgia Baptist Hospital.

WAVE-TV, Louisville, Schedules JOT Series

Jesse C. Stricker, secretary of the stewardship promotion department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has announced that WAVE-TV of Louisville will be broadcasting an SBC-produced children's cartoon series for the next 13 weeks.

The new series, to be aired over WAVE at 8:55 each Saturday morning, is known as JOT. It features an animated dot of that name who teaches a Christian message through the problems and decisions which he faces. The feature is produced by the SBC Radio-TV Commission at Fort Worth, Texas.

JOT was released early this year on an experimental basis to 10 select stations throughout the United States. Response was so overwhelming that the Commission expanded coverage to 40 stations and authorized production of a



second series of 13 JOT episodes. Hundreds of parents and ministers of all denominations have commended the Baptist agency for producing such a series for children's TV programming.

Stricker appeared on WAVE's "Morning Show" July 13 to introduce this station's first showing of JOT and to explain the philosophy and purpose of the cartoon series.

Czechoslovakian Baptists Vote to Pay Their Pastors

Free church groups in Czechoslovakia face the possible transition from government-paid pastors to full church support of clergymen, a Swedish Baptist leader reported after a 5-day visit in the country.

Erik Rudén, Stockholm, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden, said he attended one church meeting in

Prague when Baptists there voted to take over responsibility for their pastor's salary.

Czechoslovakia is believed to be the only Communist country in which the government has been paying salaries to pastors. The reform wave sweeping all facets of national life could change this.

Baptists and Congregationalists have

recommended that their churches accept complete separation from the state, and assume full financial responsibility for pastoral salaries, Rudén wrote in the Swedish Baptist weekly, *Veckoposten*. This has brought the awareness afresh to many church people that their gifts alone will provide the means of pastoral support.

A proposed new law in Czechoslovakia would bring about this transition. If the government were to withdraw its subsidy all at once, however, some estimate that 70% of the churches could not pick up the financial burden on their own immediately. Therefore, the state would reduce its subsidy from year to year, while the churches gradually increased their financial obligation.

Young people in the Czechoslovakian free churches are pictured as being optimistic about the future. Yet, among other church people, joy is mingled with and somewhat dimmed by uncertainty. They wonder what the future holds in the relationship between the Communist Party and the churches, according to Rudén.

They recall that 13 Baptist pastors were imprisoned in 1952 and 1953 on charges, which Baptists protest were untrue, that the clergymen were spying for the West. Baptists have lately appealed for the reinstatement of civil rights for these imprisoned pastors, all of whom are now out of prison.

Home Mission Board Develops Quick Survey For Use in the Crusade of the Americas

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of survey and special studies has designed a modified, high speed survey system to help churches locate non-Christians prior to the Crusade of the Americas.

The material is slanted toward metropolitan or pioneer areas, where there generally are far more people to be canvassed than there are church members to carry out the job, said Bill Powell of the Home Mission Board.

Briefly, the modified survey material calls for telephone canvassing, survey cards on prospects only, and only limited information on prospects — specifically, where does the prospect fit on the religious spectrum?

Normally, surveys are conducted for

analysis purposes as well as for locating prospects, and door-to-door volunteers are used to collect detailed data on each home.

"I'm convinced that the greatest need of many of our churches is a new list of real, live prospects," Powell said.

"It is a proven fact that when we cease locating unchurched individuals, then we have ceased baptizing them."

Powell emphasized that the modified survey kit is not a tool for locating non-resident Baptists.

"Churches want to find the person who has no denominational preference, attends no church."

The Crusade of the Americas calendar calls for church prospect surveys to be conducted toward the end of summer, Powell said. (BP)