



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Middlesboro recently voted to air-condition the sanctuary at a cost of approximately \$8,000. Work will begin immediately, and the project should be completed by the first part of August. R. Truett Miller is pastor of the Middlesboro church.

GEORGE W. SMITH assumed his duties as pastor of Grace Baptist Church on July 21. He was formerly pastor of Gilead Baptist Church at Glen Dale.

A RESOLUTION of respect and appreciation for the late Mrs. Aleen Hurt was adopted by the W.M.U. of Freedom Association. She was a member of Central Grove W.M.S. of Clinton County and was active in associational work.

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE registered 1,003 students for the first summer session, as compared with 888 enrolled the first term last summer. The students represent 39 Kentucky counties, 19 states, and three foreign countries.

MISS MEL CAMP, assistant dean of women at Cumberland College, has published an article on learning processes in the recent issue of the Southern Baptist Adult Training Union Quarterly. Miss Camp is presently on leave doing graduate work.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST Church of Lexington recently held revival services that saw 15 professions of faith, two new members by letter, and several rededications. O. W. Yates was the evangelist and W. H. Schooler the song leader. J. E. Davis is pastor of the three-year old church.

BOBBY A. McCRARY has accepted the pastorate of Highland Park First Baptist Church in Louisville. He will begin his work on August 4. A graduate of Southern Seminary, he comes from the Baptist Church in Crane, Indiana. Harold Meers was the former pastor of Highland Park First Church.

MIKE McGARVEY was ordained to the gospel ministry by Immanuel Baptist Church of Paducah on July 14. He plans to attend Southwestern Theological Seminary after completing his college work. He is now filling requests for pulpit supply and revival work.

GLORIA JOHNSON of Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan, represented the state of Kentucky in the second sword drill held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly July 13. She was awarded the "distinguished swordsman" honor.

FRANK T. FLORENCE, Jr., completed his 10th year as pastor of Lynn Acres Baptist Church in Louisville on July 7. During his ministry 800 people have been added to the church and a new sanctuary, education building, and parsonage have been built.

THIXTON LANE BAPTIST Church has called Glenn L. Sheppard as pastor.

JAMES DANIEL has been called as pastor of Fairdale Baptist Church of Louisville. He will assume his duties there July 28.

VAN BUREN Baptist Church has called Nathan Clements as pastor. He began his work on June 2. He will also be teaching at Thomas Jefferson High School in September.

THE U.S. DISTRICT Court in Macon, Georgia, has refused to rule on a petition seeking to have Georgia's local option liquor law declared unconstitutional. The court did clear the way for a quick appeal if petitioners want to take their case back to state courts.

IMMANUEL CHURCH of Paducah held a farewell reception on July 14 for their pastor, T. L. McSwain, and his family. After serving more than four years as Immanuel pastor, McSwain has accepted the call of First Church of Richmond. He will assume his duties on August 11 after the family attends the Baptist Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland.

VIRGIL H. MOOREFIELD, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Switzerland, was granted the M.A. degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in May. A native of Hopkinsville, he was an instructor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, when he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

R. G. LEE addressed the summer school student body of Campbellsville College recently. Several of the 433 students enrolled heard the message which dealt with using the human body to glorify God.

SHELLE CAMILLE, sixth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Wilson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Taiwan, was born June 24. Mrs. Wilson is the former Catherine Spillman of Trimble County. They may be addressed at 100 Morrison Road, Taichung, Taiwan, Republic of China.

LEE H. SWOPE has resigned as secretary of the department of student ministries of the Illinois Baptist Convention to become principal of an elementary school in Annapolis, Illinois, his home town. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

CRAFT COLLY Baptist Church of Southdown had 17 persons to make profession of faith during a recent revival. Mike Bernard, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, was the evangelist. Vacation Bible School was held each morning with 71 enrolled. J. W. Lester, professor at Clear Creek School, is pastor of the church.

LEOBARDO ESTRADA, Southern Baptist language missions director for the New York City metropolitan area, has been awarded a plaque for 10 years of preaching to Latin Americans in two hemispheres on two radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission at Fort Worth, Texas.

CHESTER QUARLES, for 18 years executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was buried Thursday, July 11, after funeral services at First Baptist Church of Jackson, where he was a member.

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"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—Jude 3

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Western Recorder

Is There Anything Good About Alcoholic Beverages?

by TAL D. BONHAM, PASTOR
SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

In *Civilization on Trial*, Arnold Toynbee said, "Out of 21 civilizations preceding this one, 19 of them have been destroyed by a mixture of atheism, materialism, socialism, and alcoholism." When asked recently if he had changed his mind about western civilization, this great British historian said, "Only this, that it looks now as if the number one enemy of the American way of life is drunkenness. If your people continue the present increase of drunkenness, nothing can save you from destruction. History is altogether against you."

Is there any thing good that can be said about alcoholic beverages? No! Who can defend liquor by the drink, package, bottle, can, or barrel?

Shakespeare said, "Alcohol is a poison men take into the mouth to steal away the brain."

Abraham Lincoln described alcohol as a "cancer in human society, eating out its vitals and threatening its destruction."

Thomas Edison surmised, "to put alcohol in the body is like putting sand on the bearings of an engine. It doesn't belong."

Robert Hall called it, "distilled damnation" and Lord Chesterfield described liquor as "an artist in human destruction."

No wonder General Pershing said, "Drunkenness has killed more men than all of history's wars."

In Yokohama, Japan, a few years ago, a man was delivering newspapers after having a few drinks. A dog barked at him. He opened the gate, caught the dog, and bit him. It took two policemen to pull the man and the dog apart. Can anything good be said about something that would cause a man to bite a dog or a man to beat his wife or a man and a woman to deprive their children of the basic necessities of life?

I am sorry to say that many people find an excuse for drinking in the Bible. Some say, "The Bible teaches moderation or temperance, but it does not teach total abstinence."

Yes, the Bibles does say, "Be temperate in all things" (I Corinthians 9:25). But have you ever read the verses preceding and following this verse? The Apostle Paul was drawing an analogy from the Isthmian games which were held near Corinth every two years. He challenges the Corinthians to live the life of a winner. He challenges them to try as hard as the runner who strives to qualify for the main race.

His word, "temperate," means to practice abstinence in bodily appetites! No half-hearted, slothful, drunken attitude is expressed here! In this passage, the Apostle Paul speaks of running, keeping in shape, and striving for a goal. Does

this sound like the temperance of a social drinker?

It is interesting to notice that the same Apostle Paul in the same book of the Bible included the drunkard in some terrible company when he said, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

The cry for open drinking in every state is Revenue! Revenue! Revenue! Where are the statesmen of William E. Gladstone's caliber? He said to the Parliament on one occasion, "Gentlemen, you need not give yourselves any trouble about revenue. The question of revenue must never, never stand in the way of needed reforms; but give me a sober population, not wasting their earnings in strong drink, and I shall know where to obtain the revenue."

In Massachusetts, the state officials found that for every dollar collected in liquor revenue, the state spends at least five times that amount on increased crime, broken homes, juvenile delinquency and absenteeism from jobs. Abraham Lincoln seems to be the patron saint of some politicians. They have a lot of good things to say about him at the annual Lincoln Day dinners. But I have not yet heard Lincoln's following quotation repeated: "The legalization of liquor is morally, socially, and politically wrong."

The cry for a clear cut mixed drink bill in every state is Hypocrisy! Hypocrisy! Hypocrisy! For some reason, politi-

cal leaders conclude that a state is being hypocritical because it does not enforce its liquor laws.

But who are the real hypocrites? The Christian people who deplore liquor in any form are not the hypocrites! The hypocrites are those who refuse to enforce the law and push for increased drinking in the interest of the liquor industry!

The Annual Review of the Distilled Spirits Industry says that, with a mixed drink bill, a state consumes 67% more alcohol by the drink than it does by the bottle. And it costs more too! One buys it by the fifth for about \$5.00. By the drink, he may pay as much as \$1.00 a shot or \$20.00 a fifth.

At one time, Iowa was a "package" state. It is now a "liquor-by-the-drink state." The average yearly liquor bill in Iowa for three years before and three years after the mixed drink bill was passed jumped from \$44,500,000 to \$84,000,000.

It is hypocritical to license one to sell that which will make another drunk and then punish the man who gets drunk! It is hypocritical to license one to sell that which causes some to become paupers, criminals, and inmates in mental institutions while taxing sober people for their support! It is hypocritical to license saloons to breed vice and collect taxes for schools to teach virtue!

It is hypocritical to support an enemy which killed, in two years after Pearl Harbor, more Americans than did the Germans and Japanese combined! It is hypocritical to pray at church on Sunday for God's blessings on our nation and go to the polls during the week to vote for our nation's enemy!

Three Special Tours Set for RA Congress

Three special tours planned for the Fourth National Royal Ambassador Congress will take boys to such scenes of western Americana as the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Indian City USA, and Frontier City, U.S.A.

The more than 10,000 boys expected in Oklahoma City for the August 13-15 meeting will have an opportunity to visit these and other local points of interest as a sideline of the mission-centered purpose of the congress. The boys, age 9-17, are members of Royal Ambassadors, the missionary education organization for boys in SBC churches.

A two-hour tour of Oklahoma City and the Cowboy Hall of Fame will include stops at the Wiley Post Statue, the 89'ers Statue, the Air Force Monument, the capitol, various historical buildings, and Lincoln Park Zoo. The formal tour costs \$2.65 and includes the 25-cent admission fee for the Hall of Fame.

A visit to Indian City, USA, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, will require approximately five hours. Indian guides there will take boys through an authentic, life-size restoration of an American Indian village, the only one of its kind in the nation. The cost of this tour is \$5.50 on the arranged transportation or 50 cents admission to the village if boys and their counselors go by private means from Oklahoma City.

Boardwalks, gas-lighted streets, weathered buildings, and gunslingers are parts of the recreated old western town at Frontier City, USA. There is no admission fee to the town, but congress leaders have set up a \$2.65 tour to include a two-mile train trip, a specially-staged gunfight, and refreshments.

Tours also have been arranged for up to 100 boys at a time to visit nearby Tinker Air Force Base and the Federal Aviation Agency at Will Rogers Field. Buses will be available, Hurt said.



The Broadman Bible Commentary

The Broadman Bible Commentary now in process of preparation by Broadman Press stands to be one of the most significant contributions ever made to Baptists and to others by the Sunday School Board. Such an undertaking is long overdue and marks the coming of age of Southern Baptists in the field of Biblical scholarship.

The first two volumes of the 12-volume work are scheduled for release October 1, 1969. These are Volume I, containing Genesis, Exodus and general articles on the Bible and the Old Testament, and Volume VIII containing Matthew - Mark and general articles on the New Testament. Each volume is priced at \$7.50, and a reduced price of \$77.50 is offered for the 12-volume set. The entire 12 volumes is scheduled for completion by the end of 1972.

Some of the best of contemporary Baptist scholarship in America and in England has been engaged to do this work. The general editor is Clifton J. Allen, one of the most perceptive minds and committed spirits among Southern Baptists. He will be assisted by an editorial board and an editorial advisory board composed of a cross-section of Southern Baptist theological, denominational and pastoral leadership.

The work has been described as "integrity of interpretation by contemporary scholarship" and "trustworthy guidance toward understanding the Biblical revelation". It will be all of this if present plans are fully realized.

General Editor Allen and the advisory board mean to let the writers be unfettered in their work. Responsible editing will be done, but no preconceived interpretation will be forced upon the writers. They are men of ability and integrity and will approach their task with whatever scientific tools of interpretation they have and with a commitment to and love for the Scriptures. This is the only way a respectable commentary can be produced.

The result is likely not to please every Baptist and will certainly upset those who make no room for any interpretation but their own. The choice of the Revised Standard Version for the text will be questioned by a few, but such recognition and use of this version by Southern Baptists is long overdue.

This set of commentaries is not to be considered the authorized Southern Baptist interpretation. There

is no such thing now and hopefully there will never be. The commentaries will contain interpretations of honest, able and committed Baptists who are making a life study of the Scriptures. With some interpretations we will agree. With some we will disagree, and this is as it should be. After all, this is one of the ways we learn more of what God is saying to us today in the Bible, and this is the objective of the project.

A Virtuous Woman

Many of this world's most beautiful and influential lives are lived without much display or fanfare. Only when they are gone is the great loss realized. Such was the life and the death of Katherine Fields, the beloved wife of Dean Carl Fields of Georgetown College. The entire Georgetown community, as well as the college family, experienced a deep shock and great loss in her death.

Many persons have difficulty deciding where to put the major emphasis of their lives. Not so with Katherine. She was first, last and forever a devoted wife who served her Lord by living for her husband. Carl and Katherine were inseparable. Rarely was one seen without the other, and they seemed always to be outdoing one another in doing for each other. Theirs was not a showy, superficial kind of relationship but a deep and abiding union which only the purest love and the sanction of God could make.

Katherine loved her Lord the more for loving her husband. Her personal Bible was marked at the places where the grace of God was magnified.

Her meekness, gentleness and soft voice served sometimes to conceal her strength. She knew no fear but the fear of the Lord and determined to submit to open-heart surgery in an effort to have more strength and time to love her husband and serve the Lord.

No sermon is more needed today than one on the sanctity of marriage and pure love between husband and wife. And no message on this theme from a pulpit could ever compare with the life and example of Katherine Fields.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, . . . She will do him good and not evil all the days of his life" (Prov. 31:10-12).

Goodbye to a Good Knight

Goodbyes that signify heavy losses to the *Western Recorder* are becoming all too frequent. This time it's goodbye to Mr. George Knight, who spent his last day yesterday as assistant editor of the *Western Recorder*. After a two-week vacation he will begin his new duties with the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

It has been a very short but most rewarding two years Mr. Knight has given to the *Western Recorder* and to Kentucky Baptists. In this time he has come to be almost indispensable to the editor and a favorite among others in the Baptist Building and over the state. He is an expert journalist and a Christian gen-

tleman. What else could one ask for in an associate? Some of those closest to George regret his loss from the state Baptist paper ministry because his contributions presently and in the future seem to be so promising. He was even discouraged by some from the direction he is taking, but he is confident this is the right place for his ministry and ultimately a man must make his own decision about where to invest his life.

And so it is a reluctant goodbye to a good Knight. Our prayers will accompany him; his mate, Dorothy; and their charming little daughter, Gwendolyn Joyce.

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BAPTIST BANNER AND PIONEER

BAPTIST BANNER AND WESTERN PIONEER **Historical Highlights**

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO August 7, 1958

►R. Gene Puckett, editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*, visited the Kentucky Baptist Building and the *Western Recorder*. He was in Kentucky assisting pastor Ferrell Gardner in a revival meeting at Zion Baptist Church near Horse Cave.

►Four new missions were started in Kentucky: the Woodlawn Mission in Russellville, in Bethel Association; the New Town Mission in Wayne County; Bethel Mission in Pulaski County Association; and a mission at the Dry Ridge Convalescent Home in Crittenden Association.

25 YEARS AGO August 5, 1943

►President Ellis A. Fuller and professor W. O. Carver of Southern Seminary and president Duke K. McCall of Baptist Bible Institute were among speakers scheduled on the program of Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

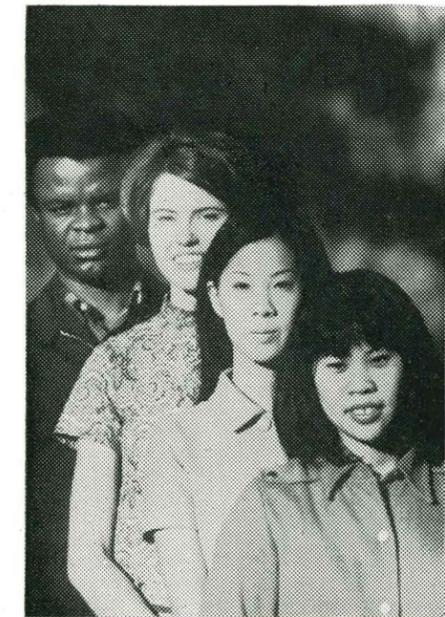
►Henlee Barnette and Miss Charlotte Ford were married at the home church of the bride in Knoxville, Tennessee, on July 15. The *Western Recorder* reported: "Upon their return to Union Gospel Mission there was a beautiful expression of love and appreciation on the part of the other workers there and the people at the mission. A very fitting open-air service was arranged on the lawn and many tributes were made to the bride and groom . . ."

50 YEARS AGO August 1, 1918

►W. C. Boone accepted the call of

First Baptist Church of Owensboro. He was a son of Dr. A. U. Boone of Memphis and a son-in-law of Dr. I. P. Trotter of Mississippi.

►The new Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities of the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized at Dallas, Texas, with election of officers.



Language Missions Week

August 26-September 1 has been designated as language missions week by the SBC Home Mission Board. During this observance churches are urged to make a special effort to express friendship to the 35,000,000 persons of overseas background and 2,000,000 international students who live in the United States.

Mrs. Carl Fields Dies In New York City July 12

Mrs. Katherine Waller Fields, wife of Dr. Carl Fields, who is academic dean at Georgetown College, died July 12 at New York University Medical Center in New York City. Mrs. Fields failed to recover from open heart surgery performed in an effort to correct a recently discovered heart ailment.

Funeral services were conducted in the John L. Hill Chapel of Georgetown College on July 15. Georgetown College President Robert Mills, Georgetown Baptist Church pastor, Dan Moore, and George Redding, head of the Baptist school's religion department, conducted the memorial services.

A Katherine Waller Fields memorial scholarship fund for worthy Georgetown College students has been established under the sponsorship of the Georgetown Woman's Club. Mrs. Fields had recently served as president of this organization. Friends are invited to use this fund for expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. Fields is survived, in addition to her husband, by one son, Don Fields of Cincinnati, her mother, Mrs. Theodore Waller of Georgetown, and by two grandchildren.

Estill County Pastor Dies In Richmond July 12

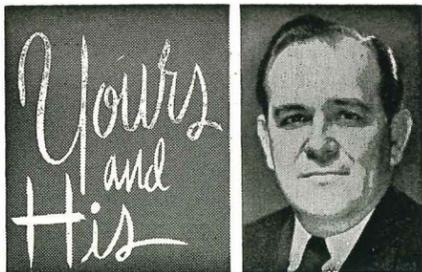
Henry King, pastor of Beach Grove Baptist Church in Estill County, Kentucky, died following a heart attack July 12 in a hospital in Richmond, Kentucky. He was 73.

King had served previously as pastor of Peytontown Baptist Church, Richmond, Beach Grove Baptist Church in Garrard County, and Hayes Fork Baptist Church near Richmond.

Funeral services were held July 15 at Peytontown Baptist Church with burial following in the Richmond Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Norma King, six sons, and one daughter.

One of King's sons, David H. King, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Sandy Hook, Kentucky, and missionary for Elliott County.



Missions Responses

I recently mailed a two-page letter to all pastors and heads of the organizations in each Kentucky Baptist church concerning our receipts for world missions through the Cooperative Program. As of June 25th, we were \$329,000 short of the 10-month goal for the State Convention.

I have been warmed in my heart by so many replies from pastors, missionaries, and church leaders, assuring me that they are praying for increased gifts, and some are already sending in gifts from the churches.

One fine pastor sent in \$20 from a church which was "resurrected" not long ago.

A missionary sent in several checks for the nickel-and-dimes Vacation Bible School offerings from the several churches in his association.

A dear old saint of God, on social security and a small teachers' retirement, said she would send \$5 more in August for the Cooperative Program!

All churches, small and great, should seek to see that the greatest amount of offerings possible should be sent to this office before August 31st, marked for "The Cooperative Program."

Any church with a balance in the treasury might well consider making an extra gift to world missions through the Cooperative Program. We thank God for faithful pastors and church leaders who keep missions on the hearts of the membership of their churches. In every great missionary church there are some who "in season and out of season" pray for missions, and urge their churches to share more of the collection-plate dollars with a lost world for whom Christ died.

Dead-Line August 31

The State Convention's year ends August 31st. If your church is to share in reaching our goal for the Cooperative Program this year—God grant that all will do so—such gifts must be in the post office during the **daytime** and be postmarked before or on August 31st.

Treasurers, plan now, and do not forget that faithful missionaries in Kentucky and around the world must go on telling the "sweet story of Christ and His love" through our gifts.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Mission Conference at Glorieta Features Vietnamese Missionaries

Missionaries newly returned from Vietnam will be among speakers at the foreign mission conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico August 15-21.

Herman P. Hayes, who began furlough in June, will describe the current mission situation in Vietnam at the noon service on Friday, first full day of the meeting. He and Mrs. Hayes began Southern Baptist mission work in Vietnam nine years ago. Their station is Saigon, where tanks and dive-bombers battled communist forces entrenched near their home during the lunar new year attack early this year.

Payton M. Moore, of Saigon, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Merrell, Sr., of Danang, will also speak during the week.

Other missionaries featured on the conference program include Julian C. Bridges, director of a student center near the 92,000-student National Autonomous University in Mexico City; Finlay M. Graham, president of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon; and Dwight L. Baker, director of the Christian Service Training Center in Haifa, Israel. W. Carl Hunker, president of the Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary, Taipei, will lead adult Bible study each morning.

Pastor Daniel Y. K. Cheung, of Kowloon City Baptist Church, in Hong Kong, is scheduled to speak at the noonday service on Monday.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will preach Sunday morning, and Claude H. Rhea, Jr., Board consultant in church music and mass communications, will have charge of music throughout the week.

The conference program also includes mission study sessions for all age groups, missionary testimonies, missionary-led dialogue sessions in which conferees will have opportunity to ask questions and exchange views, and devotional periods. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America, and Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, will lead a session on the Crusade of the Americas, mammoth evangelistic endeavor of Baptists throughout the western hemisphere.

A similar conference was held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina in June. Foreign mission conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest are sponsored annually by the Foreign Mission Board and are directed by Rogers M. Smith, administrative associate to the executive secretary.



First Baptist Center Convert

A woman and her daughter peer through the window of the East Danang Baptist Center, located in a refugee settlement in South Vietnam. She was the first person to profess faith in Christ at the center, recently opened by Southern Baptist missionaries and operated by Southern Baptist mission dollars.

KENTUCKY MISSIONARY JOURNEYMAN IN LIBERIA

"To Make Every Day Count for Christ . . ."

by VELNA FAYE LITSEY

"I don't like you, teacher. You're a mean and wicked woman. I don't like you."

"Winifred, I like you whether you like me or not."

This exchange took place one day after school at Ricks Institute, near Monrovia, Liberia. It indicated one little second grader's need for attention. After I left the classroom she followed me to the library and part way home. All the time she was saying with words, "I don't like you," I was receiving the message, "Teacher, I need your love."

To someone who has never taught school this incident may have little meaning, but it is an experience I will always treasure. A few weeks later "teacher" had to go home early. Winifred cried for more than an hour. Next day she was the first to greet me.

There are 20 students—20 individuals—in my second grade class. It is as individuals that they learn of God's love for them. Sometimes this comes through a science or a Bible lesson, sometimes through a field trip. We try to correlate examples from the life of Jesus with their own learning experiences.

Most of my students are from neighboring villages and have Muslim backgrounds, but about one fourth of them are boarding students. Their eight-to-13 age range affords me a wonderful opportunity to teach them of Christ and

his remarkable power to save.

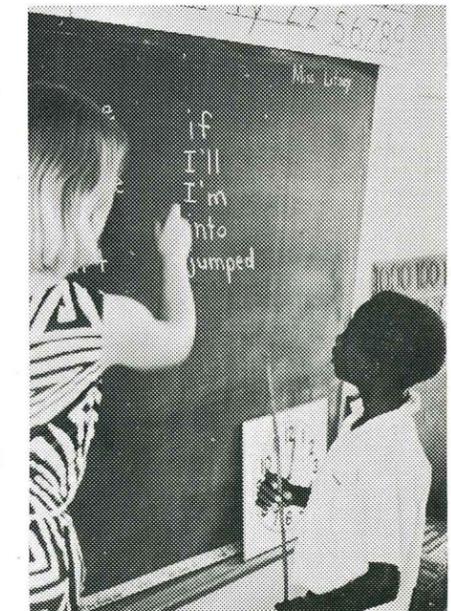
Mrs. Brown, one of our fine Liberian teachers, does a remarkable job of teaching English to her first graders, most of whose families speak Kpelle, Bassa, Vai, or other dialects. Few of the children know more than three or four English words when they enter her class. She and I discuss techniques as we supervise the playground or chat after the last bell in the afternoon.

Most days at school are happy days. The children are responsive; they want to learn because, in a country where few children are able to attend school, learning is a privilege.

Yet, being a missionary journeyman and teacher is at times frustrating. It is difficult for children to understand that love can be conveyed through discipline. I ask God day after day to help me have patience.

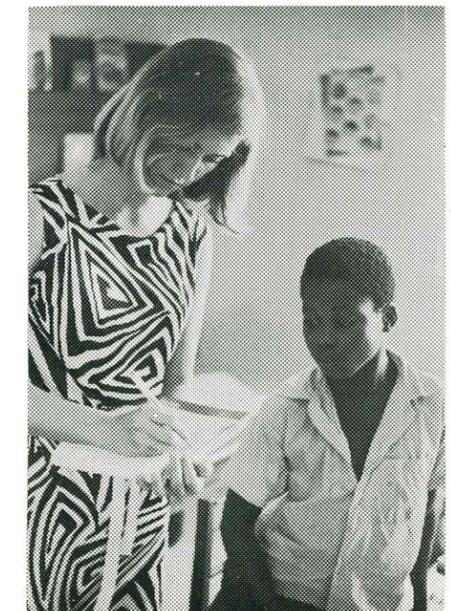
Knowing that today's students are to-

morrow's leaders, I have much faith in the future of Liberia, where most education is provided by Christian schools. To me, the classroom offers a great challenge: to make every day count for Christ.



TEACHING SPELLING to second graders is little different in Liberia than in the United States, Miss Litsey finds. It still takes a lot of patience and personal attention.

SHOWING AS WELL AS TELLING becomes an effective teaching method with this young Liberian boy, who concentrates on his teacher's demonstration.



RECESS TIME—Miss Velna Faye Litsey (second from left) of Philpot, Kentucky, watches Liberian children play during a recess on the campus of Ricks Institute in Monrovia. At left is a Liberian teacher, Mrs. Brown. One of the dormitories on the campus of the Baptist institution is shown in the background.

Lone Oak Church, Paducah, Sets Dedication Services

Lone Oak Baptist Church of Paducah has launched a six-month dedication of a successful building program with several Baptist leaders scheduled to participate.

The emphasis was kicked off recently with James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, bringing a special message.

The formal dedication will end in December with a presentation of Handel's "Messiah" in the church sanctuary.

Isaac B. McDonald, pastor, and his family, were recently presented a seven-piece silver service by the church in recognition of his five years ministry. During this time the congregation has relocated and completed a \$900,000 building program following loss of previous property by fire.

Professor Ward Lectures in Chile

Sixty-one pastors and missionaries, in conference recently at the Chilean Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago, heard Wayne E. Ward of Southern Seminary, Louisville, lecture daily on "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit" and on contemporary theological movements.

H. Cecil McConnell, Southern Baptist missionary and president of the Chilean seminary, reports that in a seminar which he led more than 20 men presented papers on different phases of the conference theme, "A Deepening of the Believers' Spiritual Life."

Missionary James H. Bitner led daily studies in the book of Acts, stressing elements that caused the apostolic churches to grow.

The conferees also considered the tur-

moil that characterizes this generation and released to the press a statement concerning the role of the church in the present crisis. The statement expressed their conviction that man's basic problems are moral and spiritual, that churches cannot give detailed solutions to most social problems, and that other entities striving toward human betterment are to be encouraged.



Ward Lectures in Chile

Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, lectures in a pastors' conference at the Chilean Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago. SBC missionary H. Cecil McConnell, president of the school, stands by to interpret.

Ridgecrest "Mini-Conference" Draws 100

In keeping with today's world of mods and minis, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly has experienced a Southern Baptist mini-conference.

The meeting of the Eastern Religious Education Association lasted two days and recorded an attendance of about 100. It followed by a day a two-week long "maxi-conference"—the Training Union Leadership and Youth Conference, which had a total attendance of over 8,400.

The education association conferees voted unanimously to change the name of the organization to the Eastern Religious Education Association and elected Howard Foshee of the Baptist Sunday School Board as president.

Other officers are: Tom Allerton, minister of education and administration, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, first vice-president; Jim Dawkin, minister of education, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va., second vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Corbitt, youth education director, Hampton Heights Baptist Church, Taylors, S. C., secretary-treasurer; Roger Harrington, minister of education,

First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., song leader, and Eldon Boone, associate, Training Union Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, Ky., pianist.

Houston Baptist College Receives \$100,000 Grant

Houston Baptist College has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Rockefeller Foundation of New York City.

The grant provides for scholarship assistance for nursing candidates in the newly-established College School of Nursing which will open next fall.

The four-year baccalaureate degree nursing program was established earlier this year through a grant from Houston Endowment, Inc., and will be conducted in cooperation with the Memorial Baptist Hospital System of Houston.

It is anticipated that the Rockefeller grant will provide about \$940 per student per year toward tuition and room and board expenses, according to the announcement by President William H. Hinton. (BP)

Seminary PR Director Returns To Pastorate

John W. Goodwin, assistant to the president at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri.

Goodwin, who has served in the area of public relations, student enlistment and alumni work for the seminary for the past four years, assumed the new position July 15.

A native of Port Neches, Texas, Goodwin is a graduate of Louisiana College (Baptist), Pineville, Louisiana, and Midwestern Seminary. (BP)

Airman Spends Leave On Job at Glorieta

Mark Keyes, Airman First Class in the United States Air Force, worked at Southern Baptists' assembly grounds in Glorieta until his leave expired and he was sent to South Vietnam.

The former Glorieta staffer from San Diego, Calif., said he couldn't resist the chance to work again at Glorieta.

"I wouldn't take my leave to come here if I didn't love the people, the atmosphere, the things that make up the spirit of Glorieta," he said. (BP)

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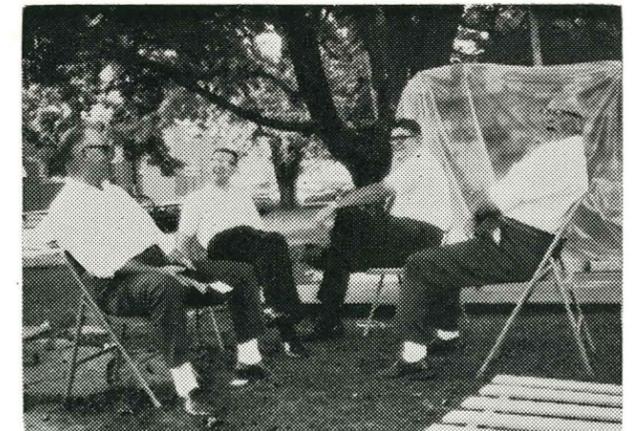
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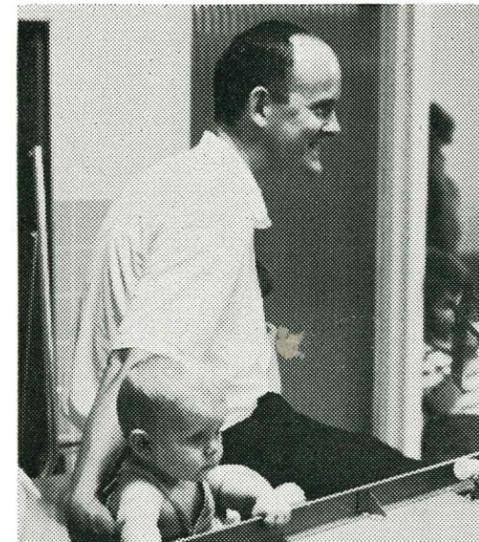
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Mountain Missions and Oneida . . .

One of the highlights of the year for Baptist pastors and missionaries in eastern Kentucky is the annual Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida Institute deep in the Cumberlands. The beauty of the surrounding hills, the fellowship and recreation of the missionary families, the hospitality of Baptists' Oneida Institute and the inspiration of the preaching, Bible study and missions discussion—all combine to form an unforgettable spiritual experience for each participant. Approximately 150 persons, including pastors, missionaries and their wives and children, attended this year's Conference, held July 15-19. The *Western Recorder* camera was on hand to record these scenes from the 1968 Conference. (Photos by George W. Knight.)



"SUMMER TIME and the living is easy" seems to be the song of these mountain pastors as they gather under the shade trees at Oneida for fellowship and informal conversation.



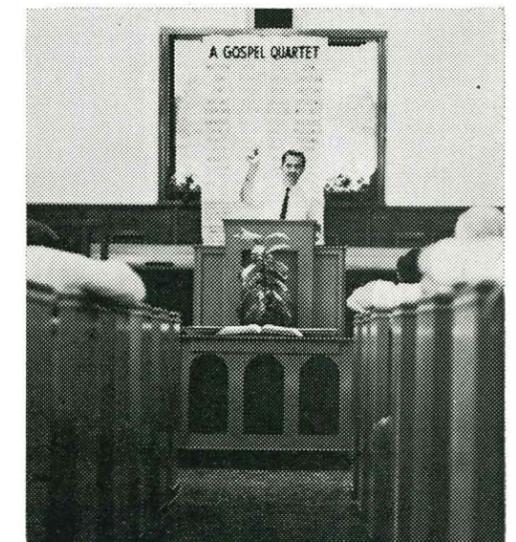
LARRY BALDRIDGE, pastor of Caney Baptist Church, Pippa Passes, and his seven-month-old son watch some of the recreational activities.



SEVERAL PERSONS who conducted conference classes gather in the Oneida dining room for a meal. They are (left to right) Mrs. Conard McDowell, Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones, Pikeville, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Colvin, Middletown and Jack Jones.



JACK JONES (standing), minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, supervises a pie-eating contest for several pastors and missionaries. Jones directed a number of recreational activities during the five-day Conference.



BOB JONES, director of mountain missions for Kentucky Baptists, preaches during one of the worship services at Oneida Baptist Church.

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Urban Church Ministry Study Shows Need for Changes

by BETH HAYWORTH

Southern Baptist churches must abandon their "go-it-alone" attitude before they can accomplish much in the inner-city, a special committee studying the ministry of urban churches has declared.

The research group, a part of the seminar on urban studies held recently at Washington, said it was imperative that Baptists in metropolitan areas work closely with other responsible groups and with private and government agencies for a more effective ministry to the urban community.

The seminar on urban studies, sponsored by Southeastern Seminary, the Home Mission Board and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, enrolled 22 persons for the second pilot study. The four-week seminar was designed to study the special needs of metropolitan areas.

In recommending more cooperation with non-Baptist groups, the study group on "the church's ministry in an inner-city, multi-problem area" said that neither theology nor principles need to be sacrificed.

It pointed out that the problems of the inner-city are so staggering that only the combined resources of all interested parties can hope to cope with them.

The students presented their findings and recommendations after an intensive, on-the-spot study of one of the riot-torn sections of the capital city.

The students' report spelled out various programs that need to be developed by metropolitan-area churches, either working alone, with other churches of the same faith or in ecumenical projects.

It suggested that church educational programs be enlarged to include:

► Literacy programs for adults and immigrants who need help with the English language;

► Opportunities for deprived adults to get birth control information and learn domestic skills;

► Courses in Negro history, weekday study halls and field trips for ghetto children.

In addition the study group said churches should get involved in pro-

grams that provide employment information, day care for ghetto children, housing assistance for low income persons and more recreation facilities.

Citing the special needs for ghetto children who are starving for a little "elbow room," the report said that churches could help meet this need "by taking the padlocks off the church parking lots" and turning them into week-day playgrounds.

"Our churches must further refuse to allow their buildings to be large vacant barns from Monday morning until Sunday morning," the researchers said.

The report indicated that many church buildings could house indoor recreational programs while they all could provide opportunities for such activities as learning basic domestic skills.

Churches were urged to undertake a sweeping campaign to inform ghetto residents about services already available through government and private agencies. It was suggested that local ghetto residents be used in this program, and that local persons be given a vote in what new projects will have priority.

Task forces should be set up within the churches, the group suggested, and should be given freedom by the congregation and deacons to determine the action needed in a particular situation.

In making its report, the seminar students praised the programs of two Baptist churches in downtown Washington—National Baptist Memorial, located two blocks from one of the areas torn by riots last April, and Calvary Baptist Church, serving in another part of the inner-city.

In a summary report on guidelines for elements of strategy in urban ministries, the seminar participants agreed on the need for some kind of clearinghouse in metropolitan areas to maintain communication with various organizations both private and public, and to assist churches with information and help in implementing programs.

A spokesman for the seminar said the students felt this could be either a denominational agency or office, or a committee set up in cooperation with other denominations in a particular metropolitan area. (BP)

Freeman Suggests Car Pools to Help

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman has suggested that churches throughout the country form car pools to help poor families get surplus food home from area distribution depots.

Freeman's suggestion to the churches came during a question and answer period with the leadership conference on civil rights at Washington. Earlier Freeman had addressed the group on the

USDA's efforts to get food commodities to more of the nation's needy families.

One of the problems in the commodities food program (in which surplus food is made available to state welfare departments for distribution) is the distance the poor must travel to obtain food products.

Since many of the poor families lack adequate transportation, they have difficulty getting the heavy boxes, weighing as much as 100 pounds, to their homes, according to the USDA head.

Freeman, who admits there are "starving Americans," has been under heavy criticism from private and public citizens for failing to provide programs for impoverished families.

According to recent reports, of the twenty-nine point nine million persons classified by the government as "impoverished," some ten million have such inadequate diets that many are slowly starving.

Of this group, only five point four million, or 18% benefit from the government's surplus commodities and food stamp program.

Even though statistics show that hunger and malnutrition can be found throughout the country, it is especially prevalent in rural areas of the South.

According to congressional and private reports, conditions are most deplorable in Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana and Florida. (BP)



Brazilian Missionary

Samuel Mitt, new executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of Brazilian Baptists, sets out on an evangelistic trip to the state of Maranhao in that South American country. Brazilian Baptists have supported their own home mission board since the organization of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in 1907.

Mother of Allen Graves Dies in Herrin, Illinois

Mrs. J. H. Graves, 78, mother of Dean Allen W. Graves of Southern Seminary at Louisville, died in Herrin, Illinois, July 14, after an extended illness.

Graves is dean of the school of religious education at the seminary.

Another son, Harold K. Graves, is president of Golden Gate Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, California.

Mrs. Graves is also survived by two daughters and one other son. She had 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Baptist Group Urges New Awareness of Urban Issues

"A new awareness of urban issues and problems is essential to the survival of the church as mission," a group of Baptists declared after a month-long study of the special needs of metropolitan areas.

In the concluding session of the seminar on urban studies, the Baptist-oriented group urged the denomination to intensify efforts to educate its membership on current social problems and issues and to plan programs that would prepare citizens for more political understanding and involvement.

The seminar on urban studies, a pilot project to study the problems of big cities, was sponsored for the second year by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Southeastern Seminary and the Home Mission Board.

"Every Baptist gathering should become a potential platform for education and demonstration in social problems and the indicated responses in ministry," a special study group of the seminar declared. It urged that every convention be "issue-oriented" until human needs are met.

The study group identified poverty, race relations, housing, jobs, education and violence at home and abroad as high

priority social issues demanding the attention of the church.

"These issues point toward the necessity for repentance and a new commitment to seek justice among men by the total Christian community," they said.

Members of the seminar affirmed their belief that evangelism is the "core purpose" of urban ministry. Evangelism must continue to be directed toward individuals, the report said, "but social structures and substructures must also be addressed through word and action toward the end of redemption through Jesus Christ."

Guidelines for a more effective strategy in urban ministry, as spelled out by the seminar participants, included the following:

► Creation of some kind of clearinghouse in metropolitan areas to maintain communication with various public and private organizations and to channel information and help to the churches.

► Establishment of state and area committees on public affairs.

► More information from denominational agencies on matters of social and political concern.

► Increased opportunities for politicians to "speak to and be spoken to by Baptists on all levels."

► Programs within the church's educational processes that would prepare persons for more involvement in federal, state and local politics.

► Encouragement and guidance in

Lewis E. Searcy Accepts Robinson Creek Pastorate

Lewis E. Searcy, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Verona, Kentucky, for the past seven years, has resigned to become pastor of Robinson Creek Baptist Church near Campbellsville, effective August 4.

During his ministry at New Bethel Searcy led the church to purchase additional property and construct a new educational building and parking lot.

Baptist Foundation Named Beneficiary of Lee Estate

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation has been notified that it will be beneficiary of the residue of the estate of Mrs. Carrie D. Lee of Georgetown.

The will of Mrs. Lee makes certain specific legacies and directs that the balance of her estate will go to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation with the principle invested and the income from the investment being divided equally between the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

E. Durward Weldon, a Baptist attorney at Georgetown, indicates the appraised value of Mrs. Lee's estate is approximately \$192,000. Weldon is the son of Dr. J. Elmer Weldon, beloved Georgetown faculty member and teacher of a men's class in the Georgetown Baptist Church.

helping individual Christians work through their church and community organizations to exercise influence and power on legislation needed to bring about social justice.

► Priority program of training lay persons and involving them in problems of a metropolitan ministry, particularly along the lines of their vocational interests.

Twenty-two persons registered for the four-week seminar on urban studies.

The faculty for the seminar included Thomas A. Bland and E. Luther Copeland, professors at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, George A. Torney, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, and Walfred H. Peterson, staff member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington. In addition, the program featured lectures and interviews by many urban life specialists. (BP)

Two Kentuckians Enter Frontier Crusade Work

Two Kentucky men will be among 30 men from 12 states participating in the Frontier Simultaneous Crusade August 5-11, involving 11 Southern Baptist Churches.

J. E. Maddux, II, of Maceo, and Hugh Clardy, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church near Russellville, will assist in evangelistic efforts in the Frontier Baptist Association in western New York.

The men will conduct surveys, engage in personal evangelism, and lead evangelistic services in churches and chapels. Sponsors of the project are the Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the state Brotherhood departments. The Frontier Crusade is the latest in a series of such efforts in pioneer mission areas since 1964.

William Sharp Named Pastor-Area Missionary

William D. Sharp, a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, has resigned the pastorate of East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson, West Virginia, to become pastor-area missionary at Fairmont, West Virginia.

As a "project 500" pastor, Sharp will serve the Fairmont Baptist Chapel and develop Southern Baptist work in the three-county area around Fairmont.

The new pastor-missionary has served as pastor of churches in Defoe, Simpsonville and Elkton, Kentucky and as a member of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board.

Sharp is married to the former Janette Estep of Corbin, Kentucky. They have two sons, Tim, 14, and Ted, 8.

Scotland Native Becomes New Pastor in Lexington

Peter McLeod, associate pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, has been called as pastor of Central Baptist Church of Lexington, effective August 4.

A native of Shotts, Scotland, McLeod has been in the United States since 1955. He received an engineering degree in Scotland and is also a graduate of Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, Arizona, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before going to Atlanta, McLeod served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

He is married to the former Lila Moore; they have two sons, Bradley and Gavin.

Trinity Church Notes Pastor's Anniversary

Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, will hold special services on August 4 in observance of the tenth anniversary of their pastor, Bob W. Brown.

C. R. Daley, *Western Recorder* editor, will bring the morning message. After dinner on the grounds, outside services will be held at Eastland Shopping Center.

Crusade Coordinating Committee Discusses Proposals

BY JIM NEWTON

The Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas approved after lengthy discussion at Sao Paulo the idea of a world-wide crusade in 1974 or 1975 as a climax to the hemispheric crusade in 1969.

The action was one of two major decisions which drew extensive discussion during the four-day meeting here.

Earlier, the Central Coordinating Committee reaffirmed the three purposes of the Crusade of the Americas—personal salvation, spiritual growth, and social involvement—with emphasis on the social aspect, but not to the neglect of the others.

The 52-member committee, composed of representatives from each of the 38 participating Baptist conventions in North, Central and South America, made it clear that both actions expressed the personal views of the members and not those of the conventions represented.

In addition to approving the idea of a world-wide crusade in the 1970's, the committee also accepted a committee report which called for letters to participating Baptist conventions and to the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee concerning the world-wide crusade.

A letter was also authorized to the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee asking for time on the program of the 1970 Baptist World Congress in Tokyo for a report on the Crusade of the Americas and other campaigns, with possible discussion of the feasibility of a world-wide crusade.

One last meeting of the Central Coordinating Committee was scheduled for sometime in April of 1970 to study the results of the letters to the participating conventions, results of the crusade itself, and to decide on whether the committee still favors the world-wide crusade idea. Date and place of the meeting was not decided.

Samuel Libert of Rosario, Argentina, chairman of the sub-committee, said that if the Coordinating Committee still feels in 1970 that a world-wide crusade is needed, it could suggest to the Baptist

World Alliance that such a campaign be proposed and the Alliance would decide its own course.

Most of the discussions centered, not around whether the members favored a world-wide crusade, but around the proper procedure for staging such a campaign.

Numerous questions were posed asking whether it was within the province of the Crusade of Americas Central Coordinating Committee to recommend such a world-wide effort. Two top Southern Baptist leaders took differing positions.

Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Ohio, said that the Southern Baptist Convention had taken no action on a world-wide crusade, and had appointed the SBC members only to deal with the hemisphere campaign. It would be out of order to petition the Baptist World Alliance without approval from the Southern Baptist Convention, and even then it would not be necessary to go through the Crusade of Americas committee, he observed.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor in Oklahoma City, said however, that since the SBC had not delegated any authority to the members, they should feel free to express personal opinions with the understanding that it does not bind the respective conventions.

The debate took even longer because of the language barrier, and the necessity of translating every sentence into either English or Spanish. A motion made in Spanish recommending that "we have a world-wide crusade" (English translation) was unacceptable to English-speaking representatives who argued that the committee should only "commend the idea of a world-wide crusade."

Reubens Lopes, president of the Crusade of Americas who was presiding, observed that "we have a communication problem," and interpreted both motions to be the same in spirit.

The world-wide campaign idea was scheduled to come up on Friday afternoon, but was delayed because of lack of time to a special session at a reception on Saturday afternoon. After two hours of discussion, the question was still not settled, and a committee was appointed to come back with a recommendation to a second called session.

When the committee report was presented, a motion was made that it be approved without discussion or debate, and the vote was unanimous.

The statement, called the Sao Paulo Declaration, was adopted in response to a brief speech by John Havlik of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board evangelism division who expressed concern because "we have said little or nothing about the third objective of the

Cali declaration."

In other major actions, the Central Coordinating Committee approved the production of a documentary film on the Crusade of the Americas, and a recommendation that each region produce 15-minute radio programs as a part of the Crusade of Americas.

General Coordinator Henry Earl Peacock of Sao Paulo, in a financial report, said however that the crusade is running in the red because of inflation, high cost, and the lack of contributions from cooperating conventions.

From July 1967 to June 30, 1968, the crusade spent about \$71,000, the report indicated. Biggest expenditures were for operations of five regional coordinators' offices (not including the United States regional office financed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board), with about \$30,000 in expenses; and travel for the president and general coordinator, about \$12,600.

Receipts totalled about \$90,000 for the same period, with about \$81,000 of the amount coming from the Southern Baptist Convention. During a three-year period, the Southern Baptist Convention through its Foreign Mission Board has poured \$151,082 into the crusade, while the Brazilian Convention, the second largest in amount of contributions, has given \$5,000. Only 20 conventions have contributed, the report said.

Peacock concluded the report with observations that a new day for evangelism is dawning with the possibility of a world-wide crusade in 1974. "Never before in history has such a thing been attempted," he said. "By the grace of God, can't Baptists do it?" (BP)

Jones Appointed

J. Olan Jones has been named the first administrative assistant for Baptist Village at Waycross, Georgia, the Georgia Baptist center for retired persons.

Jones, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, will serve as assistant to Baptist Village director Harvey R. Mitchell. Jones has been pastor of several Georgia churches. (BP)

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Kentucky's "Great Revival" . . .

BY GEORGE W. KNIGHT
ASSISTANT EDITOR

One hundred and sixty-eight years ago this month the frontier state of Kentucky became the center of one of the greatest spiritual revivals in American history.

Known as the "Great Revival" or the "Cumberland Revival," it began like most great spiritual awakenings—with the lives of a few concerned individuals—but eventually it swept thousands of people into the churches and touched every facet of life in the developing American West.

The "roots" of the "Great Revival" go back to James McGready, a Presbyterian minister, who became pastor of three Presbyterian churches in Logan County—Gasper River, Muddy River and Red River—in 1796.

Under his enthusiastic and evangelistic preaching, several minor ripples of the revival waters occurred in 1797, 1798 and 1799. Sensing the beginning of a spiritual awakening, other ministers of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist denominations joined forces with McGready to give the revival a broader appeal to the frontiersmen.

The revival increased rapidly in tempo and attendance, finally reaching its height on the third Sunday in June of 1800. On that day and during the fol-

lowing weeks thousands of persons from the isolated settlements of the surrounding area flocked to the Presbyterian meeting-house on the Red River. Hundreds made professions of faith under the fiery preaching of McGready and John McGee, a Methodist minister.

Since the little log meeting-house couldn't accommodate all the worshippers, McGready and the other revival leaders moved the services outside under the open sky. They erected a crude wooden pulpit for the preacher and constructed "pews" of logs and other scrap lumber.

Hundreds of worshippers came from Tennessee and surrounding Kentucky counties to attend the services in Logan County. Many came in wagons, bringing food and other provisions to "camp out" for several days of singing and listening to the evangelistic sermons. This was the beginning of the "camp-meeting," a style of evangelism used widely throughout the West in the succeeding years to reach the isolated settlers for Christ.

Although the "Great Revival" and the

. . . AND THE CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS

Thomas H. Shelton, Kentucky Baptist evangelism secretary, is hopeful that the

The Cover

Thomas H. Shelton (right), secretary of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Glenn Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russellville, look at a historic plaque near Russellville, in Logan County. The plaque (pictured below) marks the spot on Red River where the Great Western Revival began in 1800.

PHOTO BY GEORGE W. KNIGHT

camp-meeting technique were born in Logan County, they did not stop here. From southern Kentucky the revival spread throughout Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Virginia—and even into Pennsylvania and some of the more settled regions north of the Ohio River.

Before it ran its course, the "Western Revival" was a key factor in implanting spiritual and moral values in the lives of western settlers all along the fringes of the expanding frontier.

Crusade of the Americas will bring to Kentucky a spiritual revival akin to that which was sweeping the state in the early 1800's.

Recently, while visiting Russellville, Shelton and Eual Lawson, associate director of the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Glenn Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russellville, visited the nearby site where the "Great Revival" of 1800 began.

There at the plaque marking the historic spot the three men knelt and prayed that the Crusade of the Americas would be used of God to bring persons to Christ like the "Western Revival" of the early years of the 19th century.

The Crusade of the Americas is an evangelistic thrust involving Baptists of North, Central and South America that will culminate in 1969. The remainder of 1968 is devoted to promotion and preparation for this massive revival effort.

Shelton said the three major Crusade emphases of Kentucky Baptists during 1969 would be (1) the simultaneous revivals involving the 2,200 churches in the state during the spring, (2) the area and associational revivals next summer, and (3) Kentucky Baptists participating in the Toledo Crusade in northwestern Ohio next fall.

Kentucky Baptists will assist the Toledo Crusade financially and provide 70 preachers, 140 laymen and 70 music leaders for the revival effort.



CAMP-MEETING-SITE—About 75 yards from this plaque in Logan County is a replica of the Old Red River Meeting House (Presbyterian), where the Great Revival began in 1800. When the crowds grew so large that the little log church couldn't accommodate them, the services were moved outside; and the church yard became the first camp-ground in American church history.

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By H. C. Chiles



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EXILES RETURN HOME

God times events and works things together for good to those who love the Lord. When He gives His people a work to do, He expects them to do it. If they encounter opposition and discouragement in performing the work, He supplies that which is necessary for its accomplishment.

Ezra 1:1-4

Through Jeremiah God had said that at the end of 70 years the Babylonian captivity would be ended. That promise must have been a great source of encouragement to many of the exiles during their enforced absence from home. Due to the magnanimity of Cyrus, they were allowed to do many things which were to their liking, such as having their own homes and making money.

At the proper time, in a manner entirely pleasing to Him, God stirred up the spirit of Cyrus and put it into his mind to issue a proclamation through his royal heralds in which he gave the Lord's people permission to return to their homeland and to rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, thus making possible the fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah. Cyrus did not force any of them to go, but he did give them an opportunity to do so.

From the human viewpoint, it is rather surprising that a pagan monarch was willing to help people who did not have the best reputation as subjects to the extent that he instructed those who remained in the land of captivity to support the enterprise with their gifts. However, his doing so goes to show that God can and frequently does use even His enemies in the accomplishment of His purposes.

Many of these exiles had been longing and hoping for this opportunity to return to their homeland, but many of them preferred to remain in Babylonia. Very likely a wait-and-see attitude kept some of them from making the journey, for they were not sure what the outcome would be. Many of them had been reared in captivity, had accepted their lot without any bitter resentment, had adjusted well to their surroundings, and had sought and acquired jobs from which they had derived sufficient remuneration to enable them to purchase the necessities of life and some even enjoyed various luxuries.

They were not at all eager to exchange their comforts for the uncertainties and hardships which they were so likely to encounter in rebuilding the city of Jerusalem and its temple. The acceptance of the privilege of returning to their homeland on the part of some was an acknowledgment of the fact that they belonged to the Lord and were surrendering themselves to Him for His service.

Ezra 2:68-69.

After making the long, dangerous and difficult journey of some 800 miles, the returnees found Jerusalem still in the utter ruin which had been wrought by Nebuchadnezzar. They were grieved at seeing the foundation and mere outline of the temple which had been destroyed, and they knew that much time and money would be required in rebuilding the structure.

Those who did not choose to return to the homeland gave cheerfully and generously to assist the returnees on their way and to provide a fund for starting the reconstruction of the temple.

Without any delay, and before doing anything for their own comfort, they made generous and sacrificial gifts and added them to the funds which had been collected from their fellow exiles for use in building the Lord's house.

Ezra 3:10-13

They sought the favor and blessing of God by clearing away the rubbish, rebuilding the altar of burnt offerings that

had stood in the central court of the temple and resuming the beautiful custom of making daily morning and evening sacrifices thereon.

Even in the laying of the foundation of the new temple, God was extolled. When the workmen laid the foundation, the priests dressed in their professional apparel, symbolizing their dedication to the Lord's service, took their trumpets which they used in summoning the people to assemble, and occupied their proper places.

In praising and giving thanks to God, the choir with splendid voices sang in unison, alternately and antiphonally. One can imagine one company singing, "The Lord is good," and the other responding with the words, "For his mercy endureth forever."

It is interesting to note that their songs were largely taken up with God's praises. "And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord." They rejoiced because the foundation of the temple had been laid. Loving God, all of them delighted in the place of His habitation and participated in the singing of His praises.

Some of the older ones, who remembered the magnificence and grandeur of the temple which Solomon had erected, wept as they looked upon the great contrast between it and the one then under construction, but the shouting of the younger people, who had never seen the former structure, prevailed over the sound of the weeping, because the voices of the younger people were far more numerous and much stronger than those of their elders. The old and the young should unite in praising God for His great mercies.

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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS TONGUE

James 3:1-12

Nothing about man is more wonderful than the power of speech which distinguishes him from the rest of creation. Because of the great power of words, the Bible has much to say about the right and the wrong use of the tongue. This passage is a classic on this subject.

At the time this chapter was written many were ambitious to be teachers in the churches. For that reason James sought to check these ambitious persons by reminding them that teaching the Word of God is serious business for which they would be required to ren-

der a strict account in the day of judgment.

To all self-appointed teachers he pointed out the fact that there are serious dangers connected with the rash assumption of the position of the religious teachers, dangers for those teaching as well as the ones taught by them.

Those who teach the Bible should be saved, have an intimate acquaintance with the Lord, have a thorough knowledge of the Word, live a consistent Christian life, and have the ability to impart God's truth. Being a self-appointed and flesh-directed teacher will displease the Lord, but being a God-sent and Spirit-led one will please and honor Him and bring great satisfaction, joy and reward to the person who applies himself faithfully to the task.

James frankly acknowledged that he was among the erring ones, as has been true of all of God's saints. None of the holy men of God have claimed sinless perfection. Down through the centuries men have sinned with their tongues, both against God and against their fellowmen. In Psalm 106:33 we read of Moses, "He spake unadvisedly with his lips." For that reason he was not permitted to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

So, frequently our lips have caused the Lord to withhold His blessings from us. Just as the doctor looks at the tongue of his patient to judge his health, so the spiritual health of the Christian can be noted by his talk.

Like his Lord, James often turned to natural objects to illustrate his lessons. Here he used four different objects to

illustrate truths he was imparting. In the third verse we have a bit in the mouth of the horse controlling the animal. To this bit, which is a small and insignificant thing, reins are attached and by them the tongue is held in check and guided in the way he should go.

Likewise, the tongue of the Christian needs to be checked and controlled, thereby avoiding injured feelings and damaged reputations. In the fourth verse we have a helm in the hands of the governor or steersman and with it he controls the whole ship. If we are to sail over the sea of time successfully, our tongues must be controlled by the Lord. In the fifth and sixth verses James pictures the dreadfulness of an uncontrolled tongue by comparing it to a small fire that sets a great forest ablaze. Just as a little fire can start a terrible conflagration, an uncontrolled tongue can sear, ruin and destroy.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the power of human speech. One can do more harm by his words than good by his deeds. Words can break friendships and spoil lives. Many friends have been separated and many homes have been wrecked by spoken words. Wounds inflicted with the tongue may never heal. A tongue can wound, defile and provoke to wrath. The tongue can be used to hurt and destroy or to heal and bless.

It is sad, but true, trait of human nature that it delights to hear that which is unsavory concerning the character and conduct of others and then repeating it. Gossiping endangers self-respect and the confidence of one's friends. It injures

others and grieves God. Its recoil inevitably harms the wielder. Slanderous tale-bearing is the ugliest and meanest abuse of the tongue. One who scourges another with a slanderous tongue is worse than a dog which creeps up behind a person and snaps him. God's commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness," has never been abrogated.

Before you ever repeat an evil tale require it to pass through three gates. First, Is it true? Second, Is it necessary? Third, Is it kind? Very few evil reports can stand these tests and be repeated.

There are cases where the following story is very appropriate:

"A woman once came to one of the old divines of London and told him that the bands which he wore with his pulpit gown were altogether too long, and that they annoyed her greatly. She would like his permission to shorten them, and confident of his acquiescence, she had come armed with a pair of scissors. The minister mildly acquiesced and handed over the offending bands to the woman, who shortened them according to her taste with her scissors, and then handed the fragments back to the minister.

When he had received them he thanked her, and said, "Now, my good woman, there is something about you that is altogether too long and which has annoyed me greatly, and since one good turn deserves another, I would like permission to shorten it." "Certainly," said the woman, "you have permission to do so, and here are the shears." Whereupon, the worthy divine said, "Very well, madam, put out your tongue."

Crusade Coordinating Committee Meets in Sao Paulo

The central coordinating committee of the Crusade of the Americas held its annual meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, home town of Rubens Lopes, committee president, who first proposed the hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort which will culminate in 1969 after three years of preparation and activity.

Fifty-five persons, representing Baptists in 26 American nations, participated in the July 10-14 committee meeting, reports Miss Roberta E. Hampton, public relations counselor for the North Brazil

Baptist Mission. Proceedings were in Spanish, English, and the Portuguese of the Brazilian hosts. Choirs of Hungarian-, Russian-, Latvian-, and German-speaking Brazilians added to the multilingual atmosphere one evening.

Speakers included Ervin E. Haste, Southern Baptist missionary to Mexico and Crusade regional coordinator for Mexico and Central America, Manuel A. Calderon, of Colombia, coordinator for northern South America, and Lester G. Carruthers, committeeman from Jamaica. W. Wayne Dehoney, of Louisville, regional coordinator for the United States and Canada, preached at a rally Saturday night.

A 500-voice Brazilian choir, directed by Roger W. Cole and accompanied by Mrs. H. Earl Peacock (missionaries to Brazil), provided special music for three sessions, and Robert Bradley, of Nashville, Tennessee, director of the music department of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., sang several times.

Bradley was among five Baptists who appeared on a television program, "Sao Paulo in Review," for 25 minutes of music and interviews about the purpose of the Crusade. His rendition of two

Negro spirituals was so well received that he was invited to return for another program.

Three TV stations and several newspapers covered the daily committee sessions, and an evangelical radio station broadcast a 30-minute taped program.

Lopes presented an engraved New Testament to the mayor of Sao Paulo, Faria Lima, who in turn gave Lopes a medal from the city. The state tourist department provided a sight-seeing bus for the conference participants.

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Campbellsville Leads State In Study Course Awards

Campbellsville Baptist Church of Taylor County Association leads the state in total number of church study course awards earned the first nine months of the year. The church reports that 518 members have earned the awards.

According to Eldon Boone, associate in the state convention Training Union Department, the top 27 churches and total awards earned in all 21 categories for the same period are as follows:

Association	Church	Awards
Taylor County	Campbellsville	518
Severns Valley	Severns Valley	452
Long Run	Walnut Street	425
South District	Gethsemane	397
Muhlenberg	Central City	372
Elkhorn	Ashland Avenue	350
Mt. Zion	Central	226
Long Run	Woodland	214
Long Run	Ralph Avenue	203
Warren	First, Bowling Green	191
Long Run	Buechel Park	190
Long Run	Chapel Park	185
Boones Creek	Corinth	181
Breckenridge	Corinth	181
Long Run	Farmdale	172
Severns Valley	Stithton	168
Elkhorn	Porter Memorial	167
Little Bethel	First, Madisonville	163
Long Run	South Jefferson	161
Daviess-McLean	Hall Street	155
Long Run	Highland	155
West Union	Twelfth Street	151
Mercer	Bruners Chapel	149
Long Run	Lees Lane	148
Christian	First, Hopkinsville	147
Nelson	New Salem	145
Elkhorn	Grace	144



New Building for Beacon Hill, Somerset

Members of Beacon Hill Baptist Mission, Somerset, dedicated their first permanent church building during special services on Sunday, July 21. The combination sanctuary-educational building was constructed at a cost of about \$73,000. Eldred M. Taylor, pastor of the sponsoring church, First Baptist of Somerset, preached the sermon of dedication. The mission began holding services in the summer of 1964. Ansel K. Gambrell has been pastor of the new work since June of this year.

Baptist Home Missionary Dies in Tucson, Arizona

Roland Ervin Wiley, 51, Southern Baptist missionary in the juvenile rehabilitation ministry of the Home Mission Board, died July 9 in Tucson Medical Hospital after a long illness.

Classified as an associate missionary, Mr. Wiley had worked in the Tucson area since he was appointed July 9, 1964,

in cooperation with the Arizona Baptist State Convention and the Catalina Baptist Association.

A native of Lake View, Texas, he was a graduate of West Texas State University in Canyon and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He had served as pastor of

churches in Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona.

Mr. Wiley is survived by his widow, the former Inell Biffle of Hedley, Texas, a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

General Association to Note 100 Years

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky will celebrate its 100th anniversary August 12-16 with several special events in Louisville.

Representatives of the 642 Negro Baptist churches in the state will gather at Louisville's Fifth Street Baptist Church for the historic celebration. This is the church where the General Association was formed 100 years ago.

Events of the five-day meeting include a centennial banquet on Tuesday afternoon, August 13, and combined meetings

of the association and its auxiliaries on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Central High School auditorium.

Speaker for the combined evening services will be Milton E. Wilson of Cleveland, Ohio. A 350-voice choir will sing at the combined services.

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