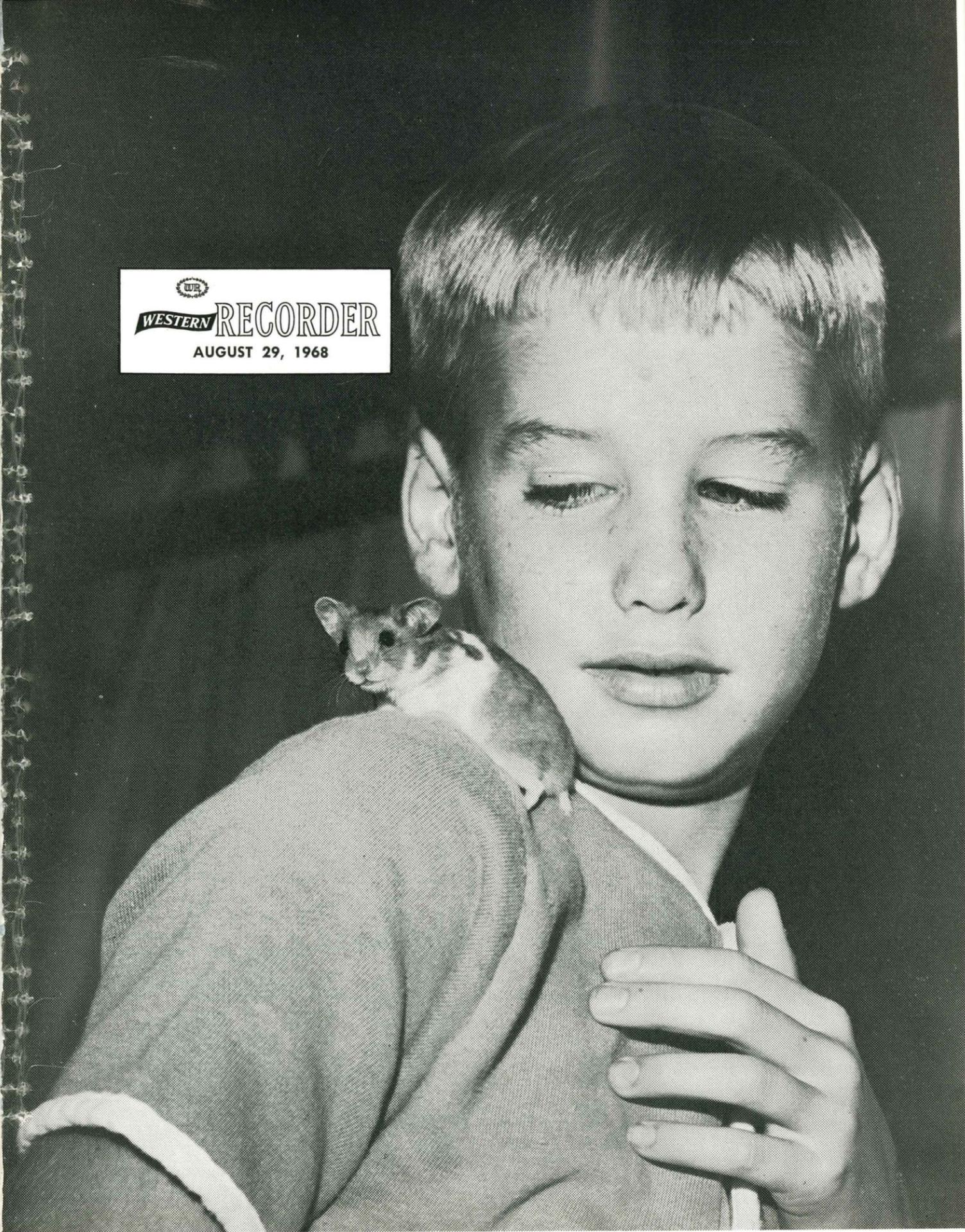


 **WESTERN RECORDER**
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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

IRA SINGLETON has resigned as missionary of the Liberty Baptist Association of the Glasgow area to become pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Singleton, a former Southern Baptist missionary in Africa and former pastor of Ferguson Baptist Church of Ferguson, will begin his Missouri ministry September 1.

THE MOUNT OLIVE Baptist Church, Ohio Valley Association, dedicated a new building in special homecoming services on August 25. Editor C. R. Daley was speaker for the dedication service. Bob E. Wallace is the pastor. A week of revival with Curtis Warf, pastor of the Sturgis Baptist Church serving as evangelist followed the special homecoming services.

AL MORGAN, staff associate in the public relations department for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named special projects editor of the department of information and publications at Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas.

DON L. WOMACK has compiled a book of sermons recently released by Broadman Press. In the book are sermons by R. G. Lee, Hyman Appleman, Herschel Ford, John Edmund Haggai, E. J. Daniels, and others.

POLLY HARGIS DILLARD, author of several Broadman children's books, gives a chronological account of Jesus' life in a style easy for children to enjoy in a new Broadman release entitled "My Book About Jesus."

THE CALDWELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION recently sponsored a youth retreat for young people ages 13-24. The retreat was held at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE'S largest summer school graduating class, numbering 90, heard Billy O. Wireman, president of Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, bring the commencement address August 16.

Wireman, a 1954 Georgetown alumnus stated in his opening remarks, "There is a growing disillusionment bordering on cynicism among many of our citizens about the future of America. My plea to you is to get involved in society's total business as an active participant and not a passive consumer."

REV. AND MRS. LYN CLAYBROOK were honored by their children with a golden wedding anniversary reception on August 18 at the Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. The Claybrooks are greatly loved in Kentucky where they served many years. One son, P. E. Claybrook, was pastor of the Cynthiana Baptist Church before going to his present pastorate in Paragould, Arkansas.

EUGENE SILER, a former congressman and active Baptist layman, was the summer commencement speaker at Cumberland College. A graduate of Cumberland, Siler served on the school's board of trustees for several years. In addition to serving two terms on the Brotherhood Commission, Siler was moderator of the Kentucky Baptist General Association for one term.



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BENTON, recently sponsored a junior choir tour for the 29-voice choir directed by Eugene Coates.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro state recently held the largest annual meeting in its history, with 1,354 official messengers and a total attendance of more than 3,000. A budget of \$90,000 was adopted.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BRIENSBURG, is now debt free. In six months it retired the \$34,000 debt incurred with the building of a new parsonage.

RICHARD EDWARDS has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of London, Kentucky, to become its minister of music and youth. He conducted his first service there August 11.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS in Marion, Illinois, conducted a city-wide Encounter Crusade during the week of August 18. Jaroy Weber, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, was the evangelist. Musicians included Ed and Betty Stalnecker and David and Carol Tyson.

R. TRUETT MILLER has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Middlesboro where he has served for four years. He has moved to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Earlington, Kentucky.

CARLTON E. WINTERS is the new minister of education at First Baptist Church of Somerset. He comes to this position from Thalia Lynn Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

DWIGHT LYONS, Baptist Student Union director at Eastern Kentucky University was the featured speaker at the "On to College Day" sponsored by the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville.

MISS ROSANNE OSBORNE, a former assistant professor of English at Louisiana College in Pineville, has been named to the newly-created position as editor of Woman's Missionary Union materials. She will develop and edit publications interpreting the overall Woman's Missionary Union program.

H. C. CHILES observed his 20th anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Murray on Sunday, August 4.

A Stand Against Violence

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the personal story of a Baptist pastor in Meridian, Mississippi, who dared risk both life and pulpit—and may lose the latter—because he cried out against the burning of seven Negro churches in four months. The Committee of Conscience he heads has raised more than \$10,000 in cash and an additional \$10,000 in pledges, labor, and materials for replacing the burned churches. O'Chester, pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church in Meridian, said his ministry has become extremely difficult in recent days with pressure mounting for removal from the pastorate he has held for five years.

By Harold E. O'Chester

Easter morning in my city of Meridian, Miss., was darkened by the smoke of the seventh Negro church burning in four months. "My Lord," I asked, "Why? What possible good can come from this?"

As on many other occasions in my 15-year ministry in Mississippi, my conscience was pricked. I had always been proud that I proclaimed the "whole gospel." I knew as God's man I had been commanded to preach not a partial, popular gospel, palatable to all, but the prophetic gospel which cuts like a two-edged sword to convict and convert us to commitment to our Lord.

I had for the most part joined with my predecessors in the 85-year history of our church in saying that racial issues are no concern for the church. But in doing so, I departed from the biblical, historical, and theological positions as well as from the mandates of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Resolve made

From the blackness of that Easter came resolve to take a stand. I felt that it would cost me my church and so told my wife. She, as I knew she would, told me to do whatever I felt the Lord wanted and leave the rest to God.

I said in our church bulletin, "Apparently, some southern patriot has put the torch to another house of worship in the Meridian area. He must feel real proud of himself. It surely took intestinal fortitude to douse a darkened church building with gasoline on Easter morning and set it afire."

I had faced myself and I didn't like what I saw. I decided to try to solve the problems because of what they were doing to our Christian witness.

Presented resolution

On Monday I presented a resolution which was adopted by the Lauderdale County Baptist Pastors' Conference deploring the violence and requesting the State Committee of Concern to do the work of rebuilding. The Mississippi

Baptist worker with Negroes wisely urged us to do it ourselves.

The Chamber of Commerce was contacted, and 29 religious, business, and civic leaders were invited to decide on a course of action. I thought I would nominate the pastor of the First Baptist Church (thereby getting myself off the hook) because of his prominence in the community. The men would have none of it and elected me chairman of the Committee of Conscience. I knew my pastoral goose was cooked.

We organized for action. Our first decision was to issue a statement deploring the violence and pledging to restore all churches burned by arsonists. We printed a brochure telling of our work and made plans for a Day of Restoration. We moved so fast and so far the first week that it took time to realize we were the first bi-racial committee in Lauderdale County without either outside pressure or inside bickering wrecking the group.

Some local pastors, Baptist and others, were instructed by their official boards not to mention the committee in the church or to take an offering. Three Southern Baptist preachers, including the pastor of the First Baptist Church and another leading pastor as well as the county missionary, immediately joined the committee. Ultimately the count swelled to 14 Southern Baptist pastors. Participation for some was heroic. They came from rural churches where the white knights of the Klan are the most numerous.

Another Burning

Our tensions were not over. Another Negro church was burned in the heart of Meridian. This served to crystallize our position and make us more vocal. The local rabbi and several prominent Jewish citizens joined the committee.

Night riders bombed the beautiful new Jewish Temple, causing \$250,000 damage. This brought the indignation of all responsible citizens.

Two weeks after the formation of the committee, the police informed me that I had been placed on a list for violent action. I received threatening telephone calls.

My children were moved from the front of the house to the back den and slept on the floor until we moved their beds. I had revival meetings canceled

because of my stand—yet through it all, my people supported me and were outraged that this was happening to their pastor.

Not all felt this way. One member nearly choked, I am told, when the local NAACP president, also co-chairman of our committee, called me by my first name on a television program while publicizing the Day of Restoration.

This did not diminish my love for them. They were the products of 85 years of preaching and leadership in our church where no one dared to face the reality of a "whosoever" gospel. This is a church that once received Klan members in their robes for worship. The Klan had also made contributions through our church in the 1920's.

Final chapter

The final chapter, we hope, in the pattern of violence was recorded in July when those of us on the infamous list were alerted to the possibility of "something big" happening. Policemen and FBI agents were staked out when a night bomber responsible for more than five other bombings, carried a 29-stick dynamite device to the home of a Jewish member of our committee.

The police in a blaze of gunplay killed one and captured another.

Nearly 400 people of both races went in July to the site of the burned Mount Pleasant Church to break ground for a new building.

The day is coming, and perhaps soon, when the people of my church, because of its location, will have to face the reality of a gospel with "whosoever hinges" on the doors that swing open to whosoever will come. That day has not arrived, but I feel that the openness and honesty with which the members faced a moment of truth in their own lives makes that day much closer.

Invitation given

Several weeks ago, I gave an invitation to our congregation to "commit your lives to the development of a greater awareness of the responsibilities of Christian citizenship."

I said: "We're going to have to pay the price if we are going to see the attitude of hate and violence changed in our community. We will either pay the price in love or blood. Let us commit ourselves to reduce the estrangement that now exists. Let us cross the artificial barriers established by society."

"I therefore invite you as God's spokesman to get your heads out of the ground and face our individual duties with reference to the issues and publicly commit yourselves to a ministry of reconciliation and love demonstrated by our Saviour."

At that invitation 93 adults came forward out of a congregation of 550.

A new day is dawning in Mississippi, but there is still much work to do.

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There is a Greatness about Southern Baptists

Resorting to the extreme is almost a universal fault. Whichever side we take on a matter, we tend to overstate the case. This is surely true when it comes to how we think of ourselves as Baptists.

Up until several years ago Southern Baptists were about the biggest braggarts who could be found. We were leading all other religious groups in America in the rate of growth, in the number of young people responding to the call for full time Christian service and in most other areas that can be statistically measured. To be sure we said we gave God the credit but our chests were stuck out as we denied the credit. We were extreme in our self-appreciation.

Now it's just the opposite extreme. We have had a statistical decline and we have reacted like Chicken Little. The sky is falling and we outdo each other in castigating ourselves. Once we thought there was nothing wrong with Southern Baptists; now there is hardly anything we can find which is right about ourselves. Instead of saying Baptists are the hope of the world, we now are saying that God is the only hope for Baptists.

God is our only hope and true humility is always becoming, but this should not lead us to complete self-depreciation. Somewhere between extreme self-appreciation and extreme self-depreciation lies the truth. Maybe we needed a statistical decline to deflate our Baptist ego. At the same time we don't need such self-castigation as is prevalent today.

With all our faults Baptists are a great people. Our greatness is not in statistical success but in the inner qualities we possess. Three of these qualities readily come to mind.

Baptists are great in their convictions. Contrary to what some observers say, Baptists are far from giving up their distinctives which are based upon divine revelation. This comes out wherever Baptist preaching is heard whether it be from the older or the younger generation of preachers. The younger generation of Baptist preachers tend not to use the old shibboleths and cliches nor emphasize provincial doctrinal positions, but neither do they buy the "God is dead" theology and the "new morality" ethics.

Baptists are great in their diversity. One of the amazing things about us is the variety of beliefs and

practices. The formal worship services and the academic sermon in some Baptist churches is a million miles away from the simple, unstructured order of worship and the sermon from an untrained preacher of other Baptist churches.

To sit in a seminary classroom one day and to be present in a district association meeting in some section of Kentucky the next day is like being in two worlds. Yet the Baptist seminary professor and the non-trained Baptist preacher have enough conviction in common to belong together and enough respect for each other's differences to stay together. This is a part of the greatness of Southern Baptists.

Baptists are also great in their unity. This unity in diversity is possible only through love for and toleration of each other. It is one thing to be diverse, it's another thing to put up with each other when we don't agree. The temptation always is to pitch each other out and the fact that Southern Baptists have remained together is a miracle. This miracle becomes even more amazing when we remember our unity is not in an ecclesiastical organization but only on the basis of voluntary cooperation. Only the help of the Lord and some degree of maturity in Southern Baptists can explain our unity within diversity.

Conviction, diversity and unity are but three of the inner qualities that make Southern Baptists what they are. Let us preserve these while purging ourselves of some traits which are not so commendable.

To See is to Believe

The saying "Seeing is Believing" is nowhere more applicable than in the extensive missionary work done in Kentucky by Baptists. Few Baptists in Kentucky are aware of all that is being done with the Cooperative Program mission dollars kept in Kentucky and with the special state mission offering promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union each September.

A mission tour of Kentucky would make for one of the most rewarding and inspiring vacations a Kentucky Baptist family could ever take. It's too late this year but it's worth serious consideration for next year.

In the meantime there is available the next best thing to an actual visit to Kentucky mission projects. This is a filmstrip presentation of missionary activity in all sections of the state. The 137 slides that make up this filmstrip depict Baptist missionary effort from the remotest mountains in Appalachia to the inner-city areas of Louisville.

This pictorial presentation of Kentucky Baptist missions is of highest quality and beautiful Kentucky scenery adds to the impact of the film. It was produced by A. B. Colvin, Kentucky Baptist missions secretary, and paid for by Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. George Ferguson, Executive Secretary of Kentucky W.M.U., and Mr. Colvin have pooled their resources and efforts in a most commendable way.

The film would be worthwhile anytime and any-

Meet Bob Terry, The Assistant Editor of the Western Recorder

It is a pleasure to introduce to our readers Bob Terry, the newly elected assistant editor of the *Western Recorder*. Hopefully it is the beginning of a long and happy association.

Bob has many qualities for the ministry of Baptist journalism. The first and foremost one is his strong conviction this is the Lord's will for his life. Upon graduating from Southern Seminary in June of this year, Bob was faced with the choice of accepting a pastorate, pursuing graduate studies or the ministry of journalism. He chose the ministry of journalism and decided to work with a Baptist state paper instead of elsewhere in Baptist journalism.

Journalism is a life-long interest of Bob. He began in high school as sports editor of the school paper. He held the same job in college. For the last two years he has been news director for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and managing editor of the seminary alumni publication, *The Tie*.

Bob's background should enable him to understand all areas of contemporary life. He was born in Ala-

place. Its chief use, however, will be in the observance of State Missions Week of Prayer, September 8-15.

The entire church membership of every Kentucky Baptist church and not just the W.M.U. ladies should see this film. Surely it would result in greater appreciation for what is being done in the Lord's name in our state by Baptists. It would also help to reach the worthy goal of \$130,000 for this offering this year. It is doubtful if any mission offering goes as far and does as much as this one which is directed by consecrated Baptist women in Kentucky.

If he has not already mentioned plans for emphasis on state missions in September, ask your pastor to secure this filmstrip to show to the whole church membership. For seeing is believing and seeing and believing means more support in prayer and offering.

bama but reared in Michigan. He returned to the South for training in Mississippi College and chose Kentucky, a border state, for his theological training.

As pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Owen County for two years, Bob already has insight into Kentucky Baptist life which is important for his ministry. He is an effective pulpiteer and will be available for pulpit supply and other services to Kentucky Baptist churches.

Of all the good things that have happened to Bob by far the best, according to him, is his marriage to Eleanor Ruth Foster of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Those who know her agree with him. Though he is a young man with much experience, Bob has at least two exciting things ahead which will be new. One is working with the *Western Recorder* each week, the other is being a father. Bob and Eleanor are expecting their first child in November.

Welcome, Bob, to the fraternity of editorship and fatherhood.



Dear Editor:

At a time when America is searching for meaning and direction, the Southern Baptist Convention has wisely taken some steps to remove some misunderstandings concerning it. Statements passed at Houston will do much to broaden the impact of Baptists upon American culture.

Perhaps the finest statement adopted was "We will respect every individual as a person possessing inherent dignity and worth growing out of his creation in the image of God." The meaning is clear and its significance extensive. The reply to the challenge must come from the heart and soul of every true Chris-

tian. In these days we must demand more of our leaders—political, spiritual and the rest, as well as ourselves. Where our institutions are failing, we must renovate them. Where our morality is weak, we must strengthen it. If we are to continue as a nation, we must offer substance beyond discussion. As the messengers in Texas said, "Words will not suffice. The time has come for action."

"The moral law is written on the tablets of eternity. For every false word or unrighteous deed, for cruelty and oppression, for lust or vanity, the price has to be paid at last." Baptists have made a brave self-challenge. The future will determine our willingness to accept it.

(Peace Corps Volunteer)
Colombia, S.A.

Walter Davis

THE COVER

This 12-year-old boy, photographed for Radio and Television Commission TV production, "Growing Up" reflects a child's strong attachment toward a friendly animal when alone. Productions are telecast on more than 200 TV programs weekly across the nation. Last year 5,000 letters to the Commission indicating a spiritual decision were answered.

Rutledge Says Money Not Available

Project 500, the Southern Baptist Convention's high priority strategy venture in church extension in Atlanta, Georgia, has been staggered by the lack of money.

In a report to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors' meeting, the board's executive secretary, Arthur B. Rutledge, said nearly two-thirds of the \$3.4 million expected to be available for Project 500 may not develop.

As an "over-and-above" effort, financing for Project 500 was to come from such resources as a special home missions offering and noncommitted Cooperative Program receipts.

"In initial planning, Rutledge said, 'we were hoping that almost \$400,000 would be available in 1968 Cooperative Program money—there is only \$100,000.

'We put down \$1 million as the Project 500 portion of the Annie Armstrong (Home Missions) Offering—we will come nearer getting \$200,000. And we had hoped next year to get \$500,000 through the 1969 Cooperative Program—we will not get any. There was just not enough to spread that far.'

124 projects started

Rutledge said that at the end of July, 124 projects were underway out of 500 places picked for development during 1968 and 1969 because of their strategic nature.

The disappointing income "has not stopped us but made us more resourceful," Rutledge said. "Out of the 124 projects started, probably half or more are handled by lay people, many of whom meet in homes during the week."

"If we come to the end of 1969 without reaching the full 500, and the remainder of the places continue to merit priority consideration, then I think we will want to go right into 1970 and move into these places as rapidly as possible."

Edwin Perry's motion

In other major action, Louisville, Ky.,

Hobbs On Baptist Hour

The Baptist Hour sermon theme for September-November is "God's Redemptive Purpose." The sermon topics for September are:

September 1—"How Do You Vote?" (Ephesians 1:4); September 8—"Elected, But Not Installed"—(Ephesians 1:6-7); September 15—"Cheating God"—(Ephesians 1:11); September 22—"Sealed and Delivered"—(Ephesians 1:13-14); and September 29—"A Prayer for an Age of Power"—(Ephesians 1:18-19).

Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is The Baptist Hour preacher.

board member Edwin Perry made the motion that the full board formally accept the assignment to the Home Mission Board included in the "Crisis In the Nation" Statement voted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

He also recommended that a special coordinating committee be formed and charged with the responsibility of working under the direction of the full board and staff to carry out the assignment to implement the crisis statement.

The statement called on the Home Mission Board to work with other SBC agencies and boards to develop a tangible response to the racial and poverty crises of the nation.

The request for the special steering committee triggered an hour-long discussion.

Perry said the committee would help people see that it was "not just business as usual at the Home Mission Board" and that it would more closely include

"grass roots" representatives (the board members) in subsequent actions.

One Alabama board member stated during the discussion that the Cooperative Program receipts in his area already had suffered from the voting of the crisis statement as "aligning with the Stokely Carmichaels."

Another board member opposed the special committee, saying that it might resemble a "task force" approach to the problem, an element in the original wording of the crisis statement that many at the SBC found strongly objectionable.

Approval of the special committee, however, was voted about four to one. Shortly thereafter, at the request of Lewis Rhodes of Knoxville, Tenn., the board voted for the committee to investigate an ecumenical ministry in the southeast called ACTS (Association For Christian Training and Service) to see if the Home Mission Board should contribute to it and participate in it. (BP).

Sunday School Board Changes Name Of Training Union, Elects Leavell

The 64-member Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention voted in Glorieta, New Mexico, to change the name of Training Union and the board's Training Union department, but approved a recommendation not to release the new name until later.

In other major action, the elected board adopted a budget to include a projected income of \$37,500,000 for the coming fiscal year, and approved the building of additional guest accommodations at Glorieta Baptist Assembly and Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The new name for Training Union, to become effective October 1, 1970, was approved on a motion which included a recommendation that "the actual new name not be released to the public until details of a planned program of communication have been completed by the Training Union department, and that 'Logo' be the working title until that time." Probable target date for release of the name will be during the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans in 1969.

The name of the Training Union department was changed to "Church Training department" following the discussion of a new church training curriculum to be introduced in 1970. The departmental name change becomes effective immediately.

A projected increase in income of \$682,000 over last year's budget included

an allocation of \$5,772,000 to the education and service programs of the board, an increase over the projected figure of one year ago by \$81,000, the board was told.

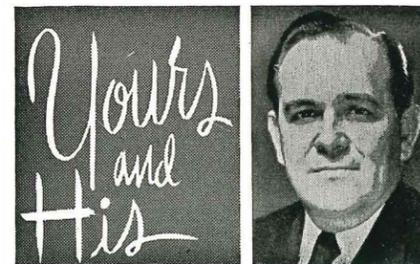
Two buildings approved by the board included the Chaparral Inn at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here, a guest house to accommodate 61 persons; and Royal Gorge Apartments at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, a 16-unit building with a capacity of 96.

In other action, the board approved naming the new auditorium at the Sunday School Board Building in Nashville the "Van Ness Auditorium" in honor of Isaac Jacobus Van Ness, executive secretary-treasurer of the board from 1917-1935.

The board was told of plans for a joint Sunday School-Training Union leadership conference to be held next June 19-25 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, marking the first time a joint Sunday School-Training Union Conference had been scheduled at the assemblies.

Elected president of the board was Landrum P. Leavell, III, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and re-elected were Julius Thompson of Nashville, chairman of the executive committee, and Roy W. Babb of Nashville, secretary.

The board set its next year's meeting dates for January 28-29 in Nashville, and July 23-24 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. (BP).



Final push on missions

August 31 marks the end of the 1967-68 state convention budget year, and treasurers and churches are responding well to help us close with a victory. Gifts for the Cooperative Program must be postmarked by August 31 to count on this goal. Only God knows whether or not we will reach our goal of \$3,750,000 by that time, but many persons have been praying and working. For example:

Clifton Heights V.B.S.

They had a wonderful Vacation Bible School at Clifton Heights Baptist Church in Louisville. The children brought in their nickels and dimes to total \$36.89 or more. It was intended for the Cooperative Program. But someone broke in and stole all the offering, including the church offering.

Interim Pastor Ben F. Mitchell, however, did a noble thing: he brought the matter to the deacons and the church decided to replace the offering for their VBS children to world missions through the Cooperative Program! Thank God for such leaders in the church. Ben F. Mitchell is former Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism, Long Run Association.

New year goal up \$200,000

Starting September 1, our goal for the churches of the state convention for the Cooperative Program is \$3,950,000—an increase of \$200,000. This is modest, the lowest increase for some time—but with the big jump last year, we did not quite reach the goal last year and are straining for it this year. We sought to set a goal which we could reach with strong effort and prayer.

We are hoping that each church will make this a year of "maximum daring" in setting aside for world missions through the Cooperative Program a larger percentage of their new budget and offerings—10% more in dollars; and if you are on a percentage basis of the budget for the Cooperative Program, we suggest at least four percent more of your new and enlarged budget. This might well bring 10 percent more dollars, too.

Why not send gifts weekly?

Several states' churches send their mission gifts each week. That's how most members give. It would help us, especially, in September! Many churches will send their August gifts by August 31, and September will be very lean (last year \$150,000). Your weekly gifts would help.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Per Capita Income Buying Power Told

The following table gives the annual per capita buying income power for Kentucky counties and cities based on 1967 incomes. The figures are taken from the survey of buying power published in Sales Management magazine.

Counties Cities	Per capita income
Adair	\$ 5,670
Allen	5,452
Anderson	6,729
Ballard	5,514
Barren	6,747
Glasgow	8,107
Bath	4,812
Bell	4,607
Boone	8,710
Bourbon	7,420
Boyd	7,611
Ashland	8,137
Boyle	7,849
Bracken	6,193
Breathitt	3,712
Breckinridge	5,474
Bullitt	7,608
Butler	4,735
Caldwell	6,000
Calloway	6,649
Campbell	8,848
Newport	7,008
Carlisle	5,690
Carroll	5,553
Carter	5,820
Casey	4,526
Christian	7,834
Hopkinsville	8,126
Clark	7,932
Clay	4,423
Clinton	4,656
Crittenden	5,347
Cumberland	5,041
Daviess	7,975
Owensboro	\$ 8,328
Edmonson	4,747
Elliott	5,310
Estill	5,713
Fayette	9,990
Lexington	8,064
Fleming	5,822
Floyd	4,912
Franklin	9,698
Frankfort	9,760
Fulton	5,746
Gallatin	5,453
Garrard	6,208
Grant	6,869
Graves	6,317
Mayfield	7,370
Grayson	5,244
Green	7,043
Greenup	7,776
Hancock	5,508
Hardin	10,949
Harlan	5,183
Harrison	7,301
Hart	5,358
Henderson	6,641
Henderson	6,587
Henry	6,376
Hickman	5,593
Hopkins	7,044
Madisonville	7,835

Jackson	4,662
Jefferson	9,544
Louisville	8,186
St. Matthews	12,572

The other half of the cities and counties will be in next week's issue.

Kelly Becomes First Negro Professional at SS Board

Frank R. Kelly became the first Negro professional worker at the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention effective with his promotion to foreman of the shipping unit in the church literature department. Kelly supervises the work of 15 men.

An employee of the board since September, 1954, Kelly is a graduate of Jewell Academy and Seminary, Nashville, with a major in Bible. Prior to his promotion, he was classified as a stock clerk. (BP)

Kentucky Leads States In Church Music Awards

The report of music awards earned in the church study course from October, 1967 to June, 1968 by states, associations, and churches leading the various areas is as follows:

TOP FIVE STATES

Name of State	Music Awards Earned
Kentucky	1,024
Georgia	1,006
Florida	869
Alabama	577
Texas	470

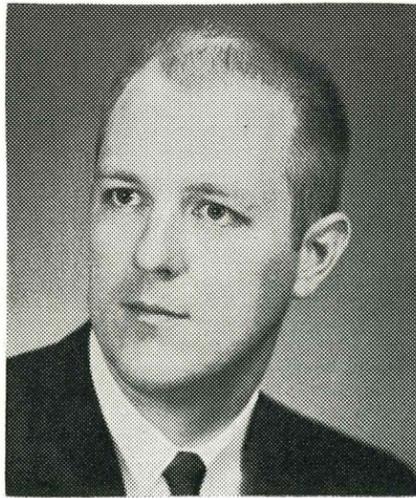
Top Five Kentucky Associations

Name of Assoc.	Music Awards Earned
Long Run	336
Severns Valley	120
Elkhorn	96
Warren	70
Boones Creek	58

Top Ten Churches

Name of Church	Music Awards Earned
Buechel Park, Louisville	127
Walnut St., Louisville	71
First, Bowling Green	70
Gilead, Glendale	49
Severns Valley, Elizabethtown	48
Versailles	41
First, Fulton	32
Glasgow	32
Gardenside, Lexington	31
First, Shepherdsville	31

Church music directors and associational music directors are asked to contact Eugene F. Quinn, Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243, for any assistance needed in planning a music class or classes for their church or churches.



Bob Terry
New Assistant Editor

Terry Assumes Position As WR Assistant Editor

Bobby S. Terry is the new assistant editor of the *Western Recorder*. He began his services on August 19, succeeding George Knight, who left the *Recorder* August 1 to work with the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Terry was born in Decatur, Alabama, in 1943 but early in his life he moved with his family to Michigan. He graduated from Ypsilanti High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan, in 1961. He returned to the south for college training and received a BA degree from Mississippi College in 1965. He graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary earlier this year with a Master of Divinity degree.

He is an ordained minister and was pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Worthville, Kentucky, when elected to the *Western Recorder* post.

Journalism has been a life long interest of Bob Terry. In high school he was sports writer for the school paper and in college he served as sports editor of the *Collegian*, the Mississippi College newspaper. For the past two years he has been news director at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and managing editor of *The Tie*, the Southern Baptist Seminary Alumni publication.

Another interest of Terry has been debating. In high school and in college he was a varsity debater. He was also vice-president of the Student Body Association at Mississippi College and in 1965 was chairman of the Baptist Student Union Summer Mission Committee.

Before becoming pastor of Salem Baptist Church in 1966, Terry served as a staff member in several churches. He was minister of music at Fort Gibson

Woman's Missionary Union Releases New Kentucky State Mission Film

A new filmstrip highlighting mission activity in Kentucky is being released by the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Entitled, "Witnesses . . . In All Kentucky" the film is available for use during the State Mission Week of Prayer, September 8-15. The new film has 137 frames and replaces one produced in 1965.

The film is the result of a joint effort by Kentucky Baptist W.M.U. and by the Department of Direct Missions. The cost of the film is being borne by the W.M.U., and A. B. Colvin, mission secretary, is responsible for the technical production. More than 200 copies of the filmstrip will be available without charge to churches and church groups.

All the mission work which is supported by the W.M.U. State Mission's offering will be featured in the film. The first section shows how the missionaries in Kentucky actually use the \$20,000 provided each year by the W.M.U. The second section features Cedarmore, the state Baptist Assembly, and includes work with the Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, Young Woman's Auxiliary and Woman's Missionary Union.

Another group of pictures is devoted to the joint work of white and Negro Baptists in Kentucky. Still another section of the film is devoted to work with students. This includes annual retreats for international students, scholarships for college students and loans available for students in nursing school.

Summer student missionaries and their activities are pictured along with the Kentucky Baptist youth revival team and the summer ministry in the Land Between the Lakes in western Kentucky. A seminary couple has lived in a trailer in this vacation land for the past several summers ministering to the thousands of campers in the area. This ministry has received a very encouraging response.

The film also presents the highlights of the Pastors and Laymen Conferences held each year at Jonathan Creek Assembly in western Kentucky, at Campbellsville College in central Kentucky

Baptist Church, Fort Gibson, Mississippi, in 1962-63; minister of youth education at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi in 1964-65, and minister of education and pastoral intern at the Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel in Louisville in 1965-66.

Mrs. Terry is the former Eleanor Ruth Foster of Vicksburg, Mississippi. She has the BA and the MA degrees from Mississippi College, and has taught English at Ahrens Trade High School and Atherton High School in Louisville for the past three years.

and the Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida Institute in eastern Kentucky.

The final section of the film takes the viewers on a state wide pictorial tour following the mission dollar from one end of Kentucky to the other.

In addition to the mission thrust of the film there is a grand display of beautiful Kentucky scenery. First viewers of the film were high in praise and appreciation for its quality.

A narrative is sent along with the film which will require about 20 minutes to present. The film can be ordered from the Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. There is no charge except the return postage but those using the film are requested to return it promptly for use by other groups.

One copy of the film will be sent to every area, associational and local missionary for use in their locality.

The goal for the special state mission offering this year is \$130,000, an increase of \$10,000 over the 1967 goal.

Trinity In Newport Calls Campbell

Paul R. Campbell, pastor of the Arcade Baptist Church in Louisville for the past three years, has resigned in



Campbell

order to become pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in Newport. He will complete his ministry at Arcade on September 8 and begin his Newport duties on September 15.

Campbell received the BA degree from Georgetown College and the BD degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has an MA degree in ancient history from the University of Louisville.

He was a student pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Crittenden Association and spent seven years as pastor of two congregations in Ohio.

Before moving to Arcade he was serving as pastor of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Shelby County, Kentucky. The Arcade congregation has had 160 additions during the three years of Campbell's ministry.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children: a son, Christopher, 13 and a daughter, Beth Ann, born Aug. 20, 1968.

Negro Baptist Convention Observes Centennial

By Harold G. Sanders
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Kentucky Baptist Convention

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 2,000 strong, met in Louisville for their Centennial celebration August 13-16 in the Fifth Street Baptist Church, where in 1868 the organization was formed. W. J. Hodge was the host pastor.

A. R. Lasley, moderator for the past 10 years and eligible for another term, declined to be considered, and E. M. Elmore, pastor of Bates Memorial Church, Louisville, succeeded him as moderator. Lasley, an able and progressive leader, educator, and pastor, serves the Virginia Street Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, and is principal of the Booker T. Washington School there.

Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, brought greetings on behalf of the convention. Herman Ihley, secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation, Kentucky Baptist Convention, served on a panel discussion "The Future of the General Association." Mrs. George R. Ferguson, executive secretary, the Kentucky Baptist Convention WMU, addressed the Women's Missionary Convention.

The Centennial opened at Stouffer's Inn with "The Banquet of the Century" attended by 750 persons and presided over by F. G. Sampson, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Lasley, after receiving the moderator's citation, introduced James E. Cheek, President, Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina for the Centennial address.

He called upon Negroes to accept responsibility and to achieve a place of equality in the nation. He called upon middle class Negroes to give leadership, and invited concerned white people to join in the effort to improve the contributions of Negro Baptists.

A special session was held Wednesday afternoon to hear the annual address of moderator A. R. Lasley. More than \$12,000 was raised in offerings for the work of the General Association and a special love-offering for the moderator who serves without salary was taken Wednesday afternoon.

The election of officers brought several new faces into the picture. Austin Bell, pastor of Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church, Henderson, was elected first vice moderator and G. M. Smith, pastor of Evergreen Church, Lexington, was named second vice moderator. Re-elected to office were Professor L. D. Britt, Jr., secretary; B. F. Mills, assistant secretary; J. H. Taylor, statistician; W. H. Mills, Jr., reporter; and John W. Rowe, attorney; W. J. Hodge, treasurer; and K. L. Moore, auditor. The new of-



REVIEWING PLANS for the Centennial "Banquet of the Century" sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky are F. G. Sampson, left, master of ceremonies, and James E. Creek, president of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, speaker. Banquet attendance was 750, including Herman Ihley and Harold G. Sanders of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

icers of the various conventions and congresses are not yet reported.

Interracial Cooperation

The *Centennial Volume*, a 245-page souvenir book for the Centennial, was edited by Emmanuel L. McCall, former Louisville pastor, and now associate director, Work With National Baptists, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta. This historic volume depicts the work of the General Association for a century and puts the spotlight on work at the present. Several pages are devoted to stories, programs and pictures showing the growing working relationships with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Featured is Dr. Herman Ihley, secretary, Department of Interracial Cooperation, activated March 1, 1967, upon recommendation of executive secretary Harold G. Sanders and the Baptist Joint Advisory Committee representing both the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The historic first joint session of the two state bodies was held on November 10, 1967, in Louisville, in connection with the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The afternoon session was held in Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, with the theme "Baptists of Ken-

tucky Ministering Together." This was followed by a joint "Youth Night" in Freedom Hall, Fair Grounds, Louisville, with more than 20,000 attending and more than 5,000 Negro and white Baptist youth choirs joining in a combined youth choir directed by Genter L. Stephens of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. The programs and pictures are carried in the *Centennial Volume*.

The Baptist Joint Advisory Committee, formed in 1966, is composed of the current "Denominational Cooperation Committee" of the executive board of the Convention and a similar committee named by the General Association. The current chairman is Allen W. Graves, Dean of the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary. Vice-chairman is Homer Nutter, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington.

Under the inspired leadership of Herman Ihley, our cooperative work has become widespread as Negro and white churches, pastors, associations and state groups share together in programs, conferences, institutes, retreats, and worship services. Increasing interchange of pulpits, choirs, and youth groups among the two groups suggest building more bridges of understanding and joint efforts "to bring men to God through Jesus Christ."

An Ordained Minister:

Baptist Marine Hero Takes Bible Into Vietnam

Marine Sargeant Harold L. Shipp, who won the Bronze star for evacuating wounded Marines in Vietnam, has been ordained to the Baptist ministry, but his plans don't immediately include a pastorate.

Shipp has volunteered for a second time to serve in Vietnam where he will combine military duty with off-duty work with missionaries and churches in Vietnam. He was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Va.

Sgt. Shipp has been serving here for the past year as a motion picture cameraman with the Marine Corps' East Coast Motion Picture Unit, and will be going to Saigon for duty with the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam.

Plans to preach

But during off-duty hours, Shipp will spend much of his time working with Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam and "preaching the gospel."

It was here, in 1960, that Shipp became actively engaged in church work while stationed at the Marine Corps Development and Educational Command in nearby Quantico, Virginia. Two years later, in 1962, the church which later was to ordain him licensed Shipp to preach. And in 1964 he was ordained a deacon at Pearl Harbor Baptist Church in Hawaii.

A native of Alabama, Shipp attributed much of his religious convictions to his mother, Mrs. W. A. Shipp, a widow who lives in Wetumpka, Alabama. His brother, Bobby Shipp, is also an ordained minister and pastor of First Baptist Church, Butler, Alabama.

Enlisted early

But the military has also shaped his life. He joined a Naval Reserve unit in Montgomery, Alabama, at the age of 14, and enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 16. When it was discovered he was underage, he was released near the end of his basic training, but he re-enlisted several weeks later after turning 17 and obtaining his parents' written consent.



MARINE HERO IS BAPTIST—The Bronze Star was awarded recently to Sargeant Harold L. Shipp of Newport, North Carolina, for gallantry in action in Vietnam. Sgt. Shipp was cited for helping to evacuate several wounded through heavy enemy fire. A fellow Marine said that Sgt. Shipp, a Southern Baptist whose brother is a pastor in Alabama, enjoys talking with other servicemen about the Lord and reading the Bible.

After war broke out in Korea, he stowed away on a Navy troop transport headed for Korea, and six months later after he became 18 and eligible for combat duty, he volunteered for service in Korea as a machine gunner.

He was wounded in Korea and returned to the United States in 1951, but two years later he volunteered to serve in Korea and returned. After the Korean conflict ended, he was released from active service in 1954, but he re-enlisted in 1956 and became a still photographer, later becoming a motion picture cameraman.

Vietnam volunteer

In 1965, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam, serving as a combat photographer and working with the DaNang Press Center. It was then that he won the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in evacuating wounded Marines by helicopter under heavy enemy fire, an event widely covered by the Baptist Press.

Returning to Quantico in 1966, he has been in charge of the motion picture film archives and has been a speaker at numerous civic and religious meetings in 10 states.

Sgt. Shipp, who continually violates the age-old military principle of not volunteering for anything, said that at age 35, "everything I wanted most in life I got twice."

He twice volunteered for the Marine Corps. He volunteered for duty in two wars—twice: in Korea and Vietnam. He served twice at the Marine Corps Development and Educational Command at Quantico near here.

Twice he was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, which both licensed and ordained him for the ministry. And he was twice ordained—once as a deacon, once to the gospel ministry.

Now he is going back to Vietnam for the second time in a two-fold role—as a Marine and as a minister. (BP)

TV Moral Responsibility Urged

The executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Foy D. Valentine, has urged the presidents of three national television networks to accept a moral responsibility for combatting "the increasingly violent spirit of our nation."

"We plead with you, in God's name, to accept a degree of moral responsibility commensurate with the influence which your industry brings to bear upon the families of this nation," said Valentine in identical letters to the presidents of the three television networks.

Citing television programming which depicts violence, Valentine stated: "We

believe that the three major television networks must assume a degree of responsibility for the increasingly violent spirit of our nation."

The Baptist leader added that it is encouraging to note that actions have been initiated to reduce the level of violence in television programming. "We express appreciation of this and encourage the continuation of this development.

"However, it is disturbing to note that the cynics are already at work undercutting potential progress," Valentine observed. He quoted a newspaper columnist as quoting an industry spokesman who reportedly said, "Wait until January when the cancellations come in and the competition really gets tough. People will be thinking about other things and the old stuff's going to sneak back in."

Valentine stated in response: "We trust that this dire prediction will turn out to be wrong. So much is at stake in the crisis our nation faces—the character of our children, the development of a more stable society, even the direction of civilization itself.

"God and history will be judging all of us long after the dollars have been spent," Valentine declared.

The letters were sent to Dan Durgin, president of the National Broadcasting Co.; Leonard H. Goldenson, president of American Broadcasting Co.; and Frank Stanton, president of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. (BP)

Georgetown College Adds Four To Staff

Four new staff members have been added to the administration at Georgetown College, according to Dr. Robert L. Mills, President.

Dan Stone, a part-time Bible instructor at the college since 1965, fills the new post of chief admissions officer. He is a native of Hopkinsville, holds the BA degree from Georgetown, and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

His most recent pastorate was at the Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown. Previous pastorates include the First Baptist Church of Paris, Kentucky; Great Crossings, and also a church in Florida.

Wallace Williams, a 1962 graduate of Georgetown, is the new financial aid officer. Born in Memphis and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, he holds the MA degree from the University of Kentucky and the BD from Southern Seminary. He taught English at UK for two years after his graduation from Georgetown, and at Kentucky Southern and the University of Louisville the next two years. He also was pastoring the Pinckard Baptist Church in Versailles during these years.

Frank Penn, Lexington, a 1968 graduate of Georgetown, moves to the other side of the desk to become assistant dean of men. He is a graduate of Lexington Lafayette High School. At Georgetown he was member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and Alpha Beta Pi, national business honorary. He also raises thoroughbred horses on his father's Bluegrass farm.

Miss Miriam Jeanise Floyd, a native of Huntsville, Texas, will be assistant dean of women. She holds degrees from Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary.

Pastor-Director Retreat Planned September 6-7

September 6-7 has been set as the date for the Pastor-Director Retreat sponsored by the Training Union department of Kentucky Baptists. The retreat will be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Faculty for the meeting will be composed of the staff of the state Training Union department and a special resource person from the Church Training department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Harvey T. Gibson, field service staff consultant, will serve in this capacity. A former Training Union secretary for North Carolina Baptists, Gibson has worked with the Board since 1950. He is now director of the field services section.

James Whaley, director of the Kentucky Training Union department said of the retreat, "We hope to give our workers some new horizons for the future of Training Union.

"If we can make them more aware of Training Union's possibilities and give them some new tools to work with we think our work will improve."

Beginning at 6:15 p.m. Friday, the retreat will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Additional information may be obtained from the state Training Union office at Middletown.

James L. Murphy Is Ordained

James L. Murphy, Jr., a native of Henderson County, was ordained to the gospel ministry August 11 at the Watson Lane Baptist Church in Henderson. Murphy is a second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, Kentucky.

A council consisting of 29 members representing 10 different churches met at 2 p.m. for the purpose of examining Murphy as to his qualifications for the work of the gospel ministry. Officers were Allen Black, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, moderator; W. W. Johnson, pastor of Corydon Missionary Baptist Church, clerk; and Edward L. Gibson, host pastor, interrogator.

The public ordination service was held in the church sanctuary. A former pastor of Watson Lane, Kenneth Murphy, led in scripture reading and prayer. Bob Greene, music director of the host church, sang "How Great Thou Art." Billie Wright, pastor of the Spottsville Baptist Church delivered the ordination sermon. Black led in the ordaining prayer, then the ordination certificate

was presented by the pastor and the Bible was presented by James Clinton, chairman of the deacons. Hubert Six, pastor of the Bellfield Baptist Church led in the benediction.

Murphy is the first minister to be ordained by Watson Lane Baptist Church since it was constituted as a church in 1962. The six-year-old church now has a membership of 297 and an annual budget of \$24,773.

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Associations Adopt SBC Race Statement

Several district associations and many more churches in Kentucky have adopted the statement on National Racial Crisis which was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention messengers in June. The statement has also been widely used by pastors for a series of mid-week studies or for regular worship services.

Two district associations in recent annual sessions reported that they adopted the statement. They are the Owen County Association and Breckenridge Association. The Corinth Baptist Church at McQuady reports that the race statement was adopted on August 7 by the congregation.

There has been no planned and organized effort to put the statement before local churches or district associations for consideration. Wherever it has been presented, it has been upon the initiative of local leadership.

The exact statement approved by the Southern Baptist Convention messengers has been prepared as bulletin inserts and is available from the *Western Recorder*, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243 at 75c per one hundred.

Arkansas Baptist Names Newsmen Managing Editor

Franklin I. Presson, 49, of Camden, Arkansas, has been named managing editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, and as director of public relations for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Presson, a native of Oklahoma, will work under Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the newsmagazine, and under Convention Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow in his dual responsibilities.

A former information officer for Army Reserve units, Presson currently holds the rank of major in the Ordinance Corps., U. S. Army Reserve.

He was assistant vice president of the First National Bank in Camden, Ark., where he wrote a weekly column on scouting for the Camden News, and conducted a weekly radio program on scouting for KAMD Radio.

He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and will be a candidate for the master of arts degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma next June.

"We are missionaries to the deaf in Virginia. Without the Cooperative Program, we could not be," stated Bob and Nadene Landes.

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Baptist students at a school for the deaf in Texas have a minister who serves full time, because of the Cooperative Program.



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The Crowders do the honors while their pastor watches happily

Shively Heights Breaks Ground

Members of Shively Heights Baptist Church in Louisville recently broke ground for their new sanctuary.

The pastor, Bobby R. Agee, called upon the oldest couple in the church, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crowder, to dig the first shovelful of dirt.

Pastor Agee said, "This couple most nearly represents the faith and vision of the people of Shively Heights. It is this faith and vision on the part of a great host of people that has brought us to this day."

The sanctuary, when completed, will seat 1,074 and will have a basement housing an office complex, three adult departments, kitchen, and fellowship hall.

The church is now having two worship services each Sunday morning and is renting one wing of the Schaffner Elementary School for Sunday School space. Plans call for remodeling the old

sanctuary which along with the new basement will increase the educational facilities to provide for 800 in Sunday School.

Estimated cost of the project, when completed and furnished, will be approximately \$245,000.

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U. S. Congress on Evangelism Set for Minneapolis in 1969

Minneapolis will be the site of a United States Congress on Evangelism September 8-14, 1969, when an expected 8,000 religious leaders from across America will converge on the city's auditorium to focus attention on the needs of America for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The announcement was made by Oswald C. J. Hoffman of St. Louis, Missouri. Hoffman is the speaker on the internationally heard *Lutheran Hour* and has accepted the position of chairman of the congress.

Evangelist Billy Graham will serve as honorary chairman. The projected congress has the enthusiastic endorsement

of evangelist Graham, who has met with the local committee a number of times since 1966 concerning the Congress. Together with Hoffman, Graham will be one of the speakers.

An eight-man committee of churchmen from the Twin City area will serve as the executive committee of the Congress, working with Hoffman and Graham.

The Minneapolis congress is one of several which have been planned since the 1966 Berlin session. An African Congress was held in July, 1968. An Asia-South Pacific Congress is planned for Singapore in the fall of 1968. One is planned in Latin America early in 1969.

Paul Fryhling, chairman of the executive committee stated, "Delegates to the Berlin Congress went back to their home countries with a desire to move forward to evangelize a spiritually barren world. This is the goal that takes priority above all others and it is the heart and core of the future of Christianity and all mankind."

The invitation to meet in Minneapolis was extended by a "Minnesota Committee of 100" ministers and laymen including Governor Levander.

The Congress is expected to bring to Minneapolis church leaders, evangelists, ministers, and laymen from scores of denominations and interdenominational groupings for the seven-day sessions. Meetings will be held in the Minneapolis Auditorium.

Harold Allen Accepts Tennessee Pastorate

Harold W. Allen, pastor of the Twelfth Street Baptist Church, Paducah, has resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gallatin, Tennessee.

He has been pastor of the Twelfth Street Church since February, 1965. He will assume his duties in Gallatin on Sunday, September 8.

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Allen is a graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Mr. Allen came to Paducah from the First Baptist Church of Ziegler, Illinois.

During his pastorate at Twelfth Street there was a total of 260 new members. Under his leadership the church constructed a \$200,000 auditorium and educational unit; renovated the old auditorium for Sunday school; added a modern kitchen, provided paved off street parking; started a weekly newsletter and weekly radio program. The total receipts increased from \$44,000 in 1964 to \$84,000 in 1967. Mission gifts increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Mrs. Allen is the former Nancy Ann Clark of Wisconsin. They are the parents of two sons.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Brown, Sr. (Bahamas); natives of Oxford, Georgia and Shepherdsville, respectively; Box 1644, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Evans (Kenya); natives of Atlanta, Georgia and Balkan, respectively; Box 488, Kitale, Kenya, East Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Whirley (Nigeria); natives of Southport, Florida and Birmingham, Alabama, respectively; he was pastor of Fort Royal (Ky.) Baptist Church at time of their appointment in 1947. Newton Memorial School, Box 16, Oshogbo, Nigeria, West Africa.

Address Change

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley D. Brown, c/o PTT, Lamco - Buchanan, Robertsfield, Liberia, West Africa. He was pastor of Union Baptist Church, Defoe, Ky., at time of their appointment in 1963.

On Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Craighead (Italy); son of missionaries, natives of Romania and East Point, Georgia, respectively; pastor of Ekron (Ky.) Baptist Church at time of appointment in 1951; 2453 Blackmon Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30033.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Grossman (Liberia); natives of Indiana. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Ky., at time of appointment in 1965; 2519 S. Cherokee Drive, Owensboro, Ky. 42302.

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Nehemiah 8:1, 8; 9:32-38

After the wall around Jerusalem had been rebuilt by Nehemiah and his co-workers, it was necessary that the people do some spiritual rebuilding. There was a dire need for instruction in the teachings of God's Word. Fully aware that what had befallen their nation was just punishment from God, because they had forsaken His way, turned their backs upon Him and ignored His commandments, the people were longing to know what they should do in order to be well-pleasing to God. A vast concourse assembled in a great open-air meeting with a common need, a common hunger and a common anxiety.

Ezra, the priest-scribe and interpreter of the law was a logical one to give the people in this assembly the instructions from God's Word, and to lead them in the confession of their sins and the making of a covenant with God.

Spiritual apathy changes

On that memorable day the spiritual apathy of the people was turned to fervency of spirit, as was indicated by the urgent request for the Word of God. Their hunger for the Word was begotten in them by the Spirit of God and they longed to have it satisfied. The people, who were vitally interested in their spiritual rehabilitation, had become eager to have the law read to them in order that they might learn what was required of them. All, who could hear with understanding, assembled there requested Ezra to read to them and interpret for them the law of Moses.

Ezra, the illustrious scribe, was delighted to grant the request of his fellow-countrymen, so he brought the Book of the Law before the vast assembly. In any service what God says to man is infinitely more important than anything man can say. The people showed their respect for God and their reverence for His Word by standing when Ezra unrolled the scroll and opened the Book of the Law, an action which signified the fact that reverence should always be accorded the Word of God. More reverence for His Word is certainly needed

today. It is never right to be careless in the handling, reading, hearing or heeding of God's Word. It should be given a chance to do its powerful work.

Because they were spiritually awakened, the people, who stood and listened attentively to the reading of the Scriptures, entirely disregarded time during the reading by Ezra and the explanation by the Levites who assisted him. So great was their interest and their eagerness to learn that they listened "from the morning until the midday."

Example of teaching

This incident affords us an excellent example of correct teaching. There was information—the facts were made known. There was instruction—the meaning of the facts was explained. There was illumination—the people understood clearly. There was inspiration—the scriptural teaching led to correct action.

After hearing the Word of God with open ears and minds, and receptive hearts, it revealed to them how terribly they had sinned against God, as well as the fact that their miseries were due to their sins. They experienced a godly sorrow and wept bitterly. They realized

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I Thessalonians 4:13-18

On his second missionary journey Paul stopped at Thessalonica for a brief period, during which he preached the gospel of Christ in its purity and power. Those who were saved became the constituent members of the church which was established there. Paul not only preached the death, burial and resurrec-

tion of Christ, but various other doctrines, including the second coming of Christ. His listeners waited, watched and expected Christ to come within their lifetime. Some of the believers in Christ "fell asleep" or died, and their fellow-Christians were disturbed and distressed by the fear that their loved ones who had passed away would have to occupy a position secondary to those who would be living when Christ returned.

People show change

As we might have expected, their repentance produced a radical change of life on the part of the people. Their confession of sin was accompanied by a separation from evil. They immediately ceased to fraternize with their idol-worshipping neighbors, separated themselves from all such and "worshipped the Lord their God," thereby leaving a most worthy example to all of God's children throughout the succeeding ages. They counted it a joyous privilege to render a loving obedience to Him.

It is useless to expect much change in the way any people live unless and until they begin to study God's Word with a view to discovering and doing His will.

They made a covenant to walk in conformity to God's law and to obey His commandments. They cheerfully made a vow to be true to God and to one another, thereby making it possible for them to receive the blessings which they so much desired.

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Christ will come again in the manner in which He went away—personally, visibly, suddenly, unexpectedly and gloriously. The time of His coming is not known to any man. Christ said: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). In these days of pessimism, frustration and confusion, the only hope on the world horizon is that Christ is coming back. As Christians, we should comfort one another with the knowledge that He is coming in glory and majesty.

When Christ returns, He will descend in person into the atmospheric heaven with a shout. It will be a shout of command, somewhat like that of a military officer. As His commanding voice reached Lazarus in his grave, and he arose from the dead and walked out of his tomb, so those who have died in the Lord will respond en masse to Christ's authoritative voice when He returns for His own. The archangels will rejoice and exult in the tremendous victory which will be occasioned by the resurrection of the saved from the dead, when the blast of the trumpet calls them to their heavenly glory.

Paul told the Thessalonian Christians not to worry about their saved, departed relatives not sharing in the glory of Christ's kingdom. When Christ comes again, the first thing that will take place will be the resurrection of the bodies of the saved. The living Christians will then be changed from mortals to immortals, and together they will be snatched away from danger and caught

up to meet the Lord in the atmospheric heaven. From there they will be taken into the immediate presence of the Father.

Romans 8:22-25

The sighing boughs, mourning winds, ceaseless tides, angry waves and quaking earth are but the cries of nature and the groans of creation in travail for deliverance from the curse of sin, for whatever sinful man has touched has been defiled. In these days the pains are growing more intense and the contractions are coming more frequently.

According to verse 22, the creature groans under the weight of sin and without full knowledge of what the ultimate end is going to be. According to verse 23, the Christian groans within himself, not as a helpless sufferer, but as one who is awaiting the complete redemption of his body in the resurrection. The groans of the Christian do not always reach the ears of men, but they do reach the throne of God. David expressed it thus: "Lord, my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee" (Psalm 38:9).

Salvation includes all the benefits of our redemption—remission of sins, justification, adoption, sanctification and glorification. The great triumphs which our faith expects have not materialized, but they will. Until they do, we are nourished and inspired by hope. Whereas fear is the frightful waiting for something worse, hope is the anticipation of something better. Our patience should exhibit trust, magnify faith, and glory in the assurance of hope.

I Peter 1:3-5

It was to comfort dispersed Christians in their sorrows and to encourage them in their sufferings that these verses were written. Cognizant of their hardships, Peter reminded them that God was still living, that He would sustain them, and that He would ultimately give them a great victory.

Peter's doxology in verse three reveals reverence, gratitude and love. It is an expression of genuine praise to God for His great, abundant, plenteous and eternal mercy, which He had so gratuitously bestowed upon His children. A glorious hope had been restored to their despairing souls and had taken such complete possession of them that they were exultant, radiant and overflowing with joy. To the fact of Christ's resurrection Christians, then and now, owe the triumph of hope over despair and life over death.

This inheritance about which Peter writes is incorruptible and imperishable. It can neither decay nor be taken away. Having been obtained through the sufferings and obedience of Christ, it is undefiled and spotless. Its beauty is unfading. Since it is reserved in heaven, it is safe from all danger. The Christian hope is ever-living; therefore, it has a tremendous influence on the thoughts, feelings and conduct of the Christian. What a joy to the believer in Christ to know that he is being kept by the power of God for that inheritance in heaven! Salvation originated with God, was perfected by Christ, and He is the one who will perpetuate it.

Negroes Given Roles in Life of Christ Drama

Christian and secular forces are joining in Atlanta, Georgia, to produce a mammoth drama on the life of Christ that will feature 500 Negroes and whites cast as biblical characters, and a Negro Baptist preacher in the role of Christ.

The play, scheduled September 15 for the 50,000-capacity Atlanta Stadium, is perhaps the largest production on Christ ever attempted and the first time a major religious pageant has featured a black Christ, the drama's officials said. Jesus' 12 disciples will be portrayed by Negroes, caucasians, an oriental and an Indian.

The roles of Mary, the mother of Christ, and Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, also are to be played by local Negro actors. The remainder of the cast is almost evenly half Negro, half white.

After a coast-to-coast search for the

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right actor, William Holmes Borders, pastor of Atlanta's Hugh Wheate Street Baptist Church, was given the role of Christ.

Borders, whose inner-city church has launched into low-income housing, a credit union and other self-help ministries, is one of the most respected Negro leaders in Atlanta.

The \$70,000 production has been underwritten by Atlanta businessmen. It is sponsored by the Christian Council of

Metropolitan Atlanta (representing about 250 churches), other churches (including Baptist), the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the city of Atlanta.

"Aim of the drama is to give visible testimony to a feeling of unity, to the fact that all kinds of people can be brought together to help reveal Christ to men," said Paul Aiken, former Atlanta pastor on temporary assignment with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. (BP)

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Memphis Church Refuses Pastor's Resignation

Brooks Ramsey, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, resigned but the church refused to accept the resignation, instead voting to vacate 45 deacons and 15 members of the finance committee.

The following week the church elected new deacons and finance committee members, giving the deacon body a more "progressive viewpoint," Ramsey said. Some who had previously served were among those elected.

The issue, according to the pastor, was over Ramsey's strong stand in the matter of race relations. Ramsey had participated in a ministers' march to city hall the day after the slaying of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis and had received much opposition from some segments of the church.

Ramsey said following the latest action of the church that the opposition really did not develop and only about 24 voted against the new finance committee recommendation and only two voted against the new slate of deacons out of

a crowd of 400 to 500 people at the business conference.

In the earlier sessions it was estimated that 65 persons out of a crowd of 600 to 700 voted in favor of accepting Ramsey's resignation and fewer voted against vacating the deacon body and finance committee.

Ramsey submitted his resignation because he said he did not feel he could continue with as much opposition as he had been receiving. Ramsey told a Memphis newspaper he had received numerous calls of "harrassment, anonymous letters, and now they are attacking my family."

He added that the race issue was not the complete problem in the church. "Some who began Second Baptist Church as a split from Bellevue Baptist Church are not happy because they are not in control any longer," Ramsey said. "Those people who are against me have used the race issue as a point at which they could attack the leadership of the church."

Ramsey added that he had not withdrawn his resignation even though the church had so overwhelmingly voted against accepting his resignation. He said he was grappling with the decision whether to continue as pastor or whether to accept the call of another church in another state he declined to identify.

Texas Church Sponsors Foster Home for Children

In a unique arrangement, Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, and Buckner Baptist Benevolences of Dallas, have jointly established the Green Acres Home, a foster group home for dependent children here.

It is believed to be the first home of this type sponsored by a church.

R. C. Campbell, president of the Buckner Baptist Benevolences System, called it a completely new innovation in small group child care. Campbell said there are a few agency-owned foster group homes, but none owned and sponsored by a church.

Under the cooperative arrangement, Green Acres Baptist Church will finance the physical care of the children, and Buckner Benevolences will provide the professional services of house parents and social work administration.

Children in the Green Acres Home will come from Tyler and nearby areas. The home will care for six children at the present time, but it is licensed to house up to ten. Houseparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Garner, who have been foster parents for Buckner since 1964.

Ed B. Bowles, pastor of the Green Acres church and a Buckner trustee, worked closely with Campbell and Bill J. Baker, director of child care services for Buckner Benevolences, in the planning and preparation of the Green Acres Home. (BP)

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10 YEARS AGO August 28, 1958

►Edwin F. Perry, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, attended the United Nations General Assembly as reporter for the *Western Recorder*. Perry was chairman of the committee on public affairs for Kentucky Baptists. While at the UN, Perry heard President Eisenhower deliver a special message to the

UN's General Assembly concerning the Middle East crisis.

25 YEARS AGO August 26, 1943

►Carroll Hubbard assumed the duties of assistant to the general secretary of Kentucky Baptists. He resigned as pastor of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church following his unanimous election to the post by the state executive committee.

►In an editorial, *Western Recorder* editor John D. Freeman reminded Baptists that mission needs in Kentucky are as pressing as many needs on the foreign fields. Crawfish Creek, near Hima, was pointed to as evidence for his statement. However, he indicated that needs at home often receive less attention because they are not as glamorous as needs abroad.

50 YEARS AGO August 29, 1918

►Officials of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home reported that between August 11 and August 21, collections were taken in various churches and associations totalling more than \$3,000. The largest single gift was from the Ekron Church, \$1,150.25.

Robert Crady Goes To Michigan Pulpit

Robert L. Crady, pastor of Lake Dreamland Baptist Church in Louisville, resigned to become pastor of the Sycamore Baptist Church in Holt, Michigan. Before his ministry with Lake Dreamland Baptist he served pastorates at Bardstown Junction, Kentucky, and in Dayton, Ohio. He is a native of Louisville, attended the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before entering the ministry, Crady was a professional baseball player and received a Bronze Star as an Army Paratrooper in World War II.

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