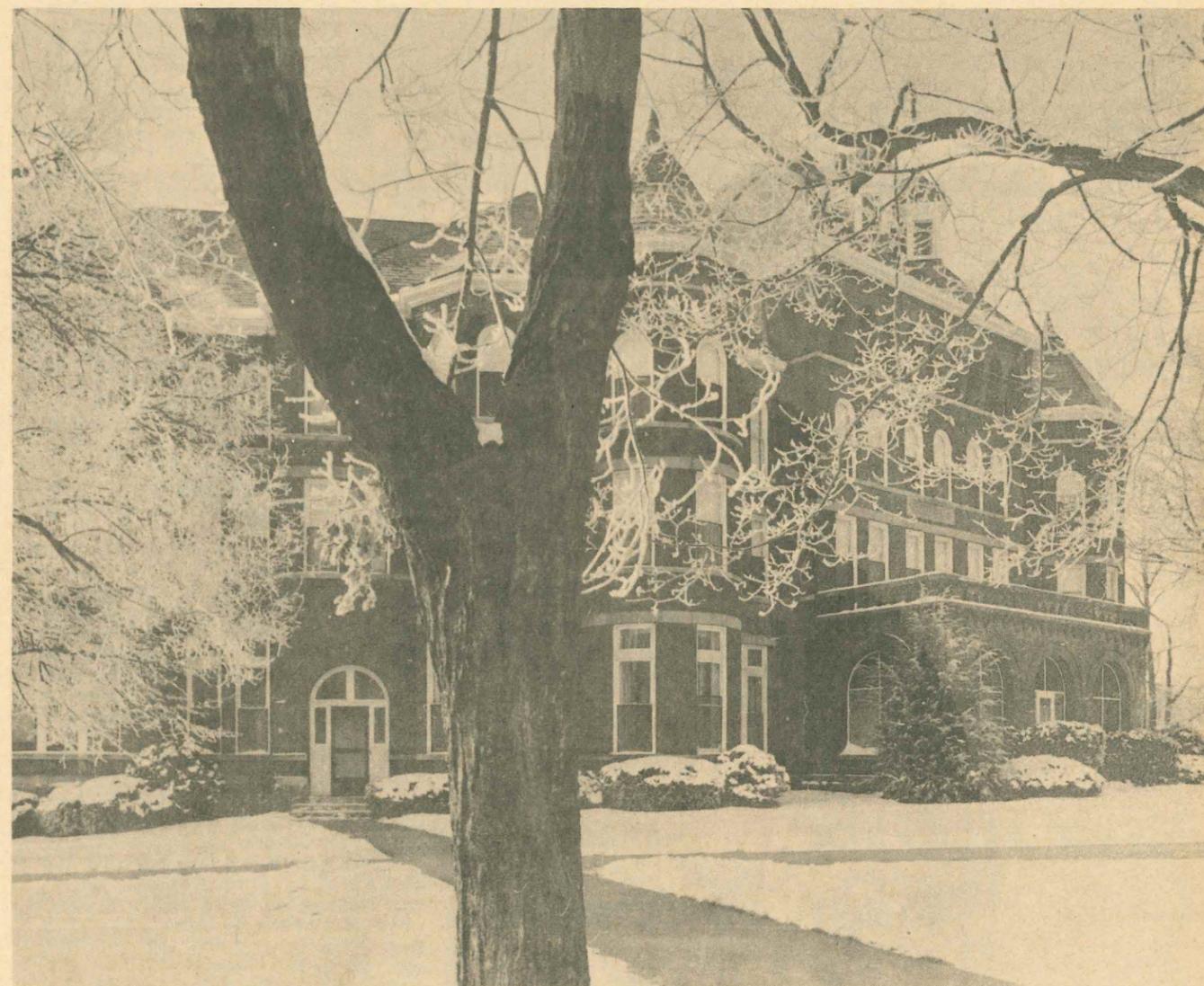




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This is the Diamond Jubilee Year of Georgetown College's first women's dormitory, J. J. Rucker Hall. The Hall, with an original capacity of 120 students, was completed in 1895 at a cost of less than \$50,000 thoroughly equipped. Many descriptions have been given to the dormitory through the years. Its archi-

ture, which comments on Italian Renaissance, is heavy and almost foreboding in a modern setting. The lady students living there have alluded to the place as "The Bastille" or the "J. J. Rucker Convent." The Hall's arched windows and high peaked roof makes it look a little like a castle or French chateau.

Who Is A Baptist? The Divine Call Of The Ministry

(Eighth in a series of articles on distinctive beliefs and characteristics of that group of Christians called Baptists)

By Wayne E. Ward, Professor of Theology, Southern Seminary

One of the most important characteristics of Baptists, and some others in the Free Church tradition, is their great emphasis upon the necessity for a divine call to the ministry. This grows out of the basic doctrine of personal relationship to God, and it is expressed in the recognition of the divine call by the congregation when it ordains a man to the ministry.

In much of Christendom, the ministry is self-perpetuating. It is an office preserved by a supposedly unbroken historic succession, existing alongside, or even independent of, the congregation. It is popular today to view the ministry as a profession, like law or medicine, in which a man may try his hand for a while to see if he likes it.

Baptists have always put so much emphasis upon the laymen that there has never been a very exalted official concept of the ministry. All of the functions of the ministry have been and are performed by other members of the congregation: baptism, the Lord's Supper, preaching, or any other.

However, at the same time, Baptists have always recognized and highly valued the special gifts of the Spirit — pastors, evangelists, teachers and others. In setting particular persons apart for various ministries in the church, Baptists have insisted upon two things: evidence of a specific experience of divine calling to that ministry by the individual Christian, and confirmation of that gift by the congregation of which the person is a member.

Never was this emphasis more needed than it is today. Few things have contributed to the deadening hand of institutionalism in our churches like the "professional" view of the ministry. It is important to train ministers in ways that are fully comparable to the academic and practical training of lawyers and doctors, but it is important to remember that such training can be effective only if God has called and empowered the minister by his Holy Spirit.

One reason that there is a declining response of young men to the calling of the ministry today is that there is less emphasis by the ministers themselves upon their own experience of a divine call. Personal gifts, degrees, or social acceptability are often stressed more than the most important characteristic of all — the deep and abiding conviction that God has called one to serve as a minister of Christ in the church and in the world. How can young men and women respond to the calling of God to be pastors, missionaries, church musicians, educators, or any other ministry, if they do not hear divine calling emphasized in our churches? Though God alone can do the calling, we must "call out the called" in obedience to His command and train them for their mission in the world.

It is important to remember that this calling is related to the congregation. "Lone Ranger"-type preachers are running all over the earth, and some of them are answerable to nobody — not even God. For the discipline and responsibility of the ministry it is important to keep the congregational principle working. The congregation which ordains a man to the ministry should exercise the most responsible concern for him throughout his ministry. It should pray for him, keep in touch with him, and make sure that its witness to his spiritual gift of ministry is current. If moral collapse disqualifies him for the ministry, the congregation should revoke his ordination. We have often criticized congregations for taking new converts, "dipping them and dropping them." They do even worse when they ordain them and drop them — in some cases to work havoc in the churches for a lifetime of completely irresponsible and undisciplined charlatany. A minister's divine call to the ministry does not make him independent of the church which ordained him or the church which he serves. He is the servant of Christ for both — and for all the churches and the world.

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Religious Freedom

I Peter 2:16

In all the talk surrounding our array of freedoms which Americans are open to enjoy, there is one that we cherish — the freedom of religion. The freedom to worship God in the way of one's choice is guaranteed by our Constitution.

Religion is the basis of civilized society. An English statesman, Edmund Burke, said, "True religion is the foundation of society, the basis on which all true civil government rests, and from which power derives its authority, laws their efficacy and both their sanction." Religion is the supporter of morality which is indispensable to a nation's life and shows its influence upon all human conduct.

The religious freedom we enjoy in America means freedom, not alone to worship but presents the right not to be denied privileges of citizenship on religious grounds. Religious liberty to worship God and respecting another's right not to worship are inherent in this freedom. For this freedom we are thankful, for it is predicated upon the dignity of the individual.

Freedom of religion carries with it a serious responsibility. In 1859 John Stuart Mill uttered a fine plea for freedom — which also serves as a warning, "A people may prefer a free government, but if, from indolence or carelessness or cowardice, or want of public spirit, they are unequal to the exertions necessary for preserving it . . . they are unlikely to long enjoy it."

To preserve this freedom for all, let God's people avert the circumstances that give rise to the abuse of these things so cherished. We should strive to keep the freedom we have as strongly as those others did who worked and died for its inception. The most important freedom is that of mind and spirit which is granted to those who are in Christ. "So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed . . ."

The Christian has another directive: "You are free . . . but that does not mean you are free to do wrong. Live as those who are free to do only God's will at all times. Show respect for every one . . ." It is responsible citizenship in two worlds.

Powell Athletic Center Dedication Address

Dr. Davenport, Trustees, Faculty, Students And Guests:

Thank you for the privilege of sharing with you the excitement and pleasure in the dedication of your new health, physical education and athletic facilities. A building such as this on a college campus exists mainly for the purpose of education. That isn't so surprising since this is an educational institution. The real question is — "What unique purpose should health, physical education and athletics serve in a church related institution?"

We are told in the New Testament that "our body is the Temple of God." We are also given the admonition to be good stewards in all that we possess and do. You may ask, "What does that have to do with health and fitness and the use of this new building?" I have given much thought to the subject of the care of the body and the Christian. I would like to share with you some of my thoughts and hopefully stimulate your thinking on this subject.

Recently, world health authorities indicated that we have added all the years to our life expectancy that is possible through medical advances, i.e., control of bacterial and other diseases. We are spending billions of dollars annually in an attempt to return patients to good health after they have become sick. The most logical and beneficial approach to increasing longevity and vitality of life is to prevent disease, degeneration or malignancy from occurring or at least delay these processes. The body ages more rapidly in our youth than when we're older. This is where exercise, sport and games can serve an important function in our society. Allow me to briefly discuss a few current issues which the student in health and physical education classes should encounter.

► Heart disease. Approximately fifty-five percent of all deaths in this country are from heart disease. Many more million are disabled, not productive. Can we prevent or deter this unnecessary waste of human life? Yes! — a large percentage of it. What part does exercise, diet, relaxation and stress play in developing or preventing heart disease? Arteries collect deposits as we grow older and this may begin as early as four years of age, depending on the exercise, eating and rest habits we develop. What is the best way to exercise? It is inconceivable to me that we would say that our graduates of high school and college are physically educated — what have they learned? Oh, they may be able to shoot a basketball, catch a foot-

Delivered by David E. Cundiff, University of Toledo (Ohio) professor. Cundiff, a Baptist, begins teaching at Western Kentucky University June 15.

ball or hit a softball — but what do they know about the function of the body? — how the heart and circulatory system functions?

► Smoking. Three hundred thousand deaths are attributed to diseases related to smoking. Some doctors have described smoking as a slow process of committing suicide. "You shall not kill!" Does anyone here really believe that smoking isn't destructive to the body and environment? The comic strip Beetle Bailey not too long ago pictured Beetle receiving his traditional "chewing out" for burning leaves and polluting the air of the Generals. The following panel showed the Generals returned to the conference room filled with cigar and cigarette smoke! What does God think of Christians who destroy their bodies — His Temple, in this way? You may say, "It's my life and I'll do what I want with it." You don't live on an island! What you do does affect others. Two studies have shown that children, in homes where parents smoke, have twice the respiratory diseases as do children whose parents don't smoke. Women who smoke while pregnant have more neonatal death, stillbirths and spontaneous abortions. Smoking seems to create a hostile environment for the development of the fetus.

Yes, we get very concerned when men die needlessly in war — let us be consistent — shouldn't we also be concerned about these deaths?

► Weight control. We are grossly ignorant in this country about methods of weight control. We spend millions of dollars each year on useless diet pills and weight reducing apparatus — not only useless, but often dangerous.

Many are starving themselves to control weight and in the process are depriving their bodies of essential vitamins, minerals and other nutrients. Others are digging their graves with their spoons.

How many meals a day?
What kind of food?
What part does exercise play in weight control?

What is ideal weight?
These are important questions which should be answered in a college-required health and physical education class.

► Drugs. Young people are searching for truth — identifying closely with Johnny Cash's latest hit "What is Truth?" Christ said, "I came that you might have life — a more abundant life." The problem is that Christians don't show much evidence of an "abundant life." While criticizing the drug problem in youth, we adults continue to destroy our bodies in various ways.

► Sex education. We hear a lot about the population explosion and control. What about abortion? What types of decisions are we going to make in these areas if we aren't confronted with facts? Abortion is allowed in many states up to twenty-six weeks into pregnancy. This past week I received an article in which a doctor gave evidence that the fetus is perfectly formed at eight weeks. Shouldn't Christians be able to speak out intelligently on this topic?

► Mental health. We teach geometry, trigonometry, appreciation of literature, but many of our students have no idea what good mental health is. Over half of our hospital beds are occupied with people with mental sickness. They hurt, all right, but they have made themselves sick. The American Medical Association has stated that the most effective antidote to psychological problems is exercise. John Kennedy wrote an article called, "The Soft American." In this article he deplored the take-it-easy-ism society we're living in and the alarming physical degeneration which is occurring. He made an important point in stating that physical and mental degeneration go hand in hand. The fall of nineteen of twenty-one great world civilizations has been attributed to this trend.

► Athletics. On big campuses athletics is no longer educational. It is a big business and entertainment. An Ohio University committee of students, faculty and administrators has recommended elimination of all intercollegiate sports except basketball because of the unreasonable cost compared to the students involved. Is it possible that many Americans are worshipping sports — how much time do Christians spend sitting or listening to sports when their real need is to be more active. In a University of Toledo survey on effect of religious beliefs on health habits, students seemed appalled that anyone would even suggest there should be a relationship. I certainly don't advocate telling people what they can or cannot do — but at the very least, let's educate them.

These are some of the issues we need to face and I believe health, physical education and athletics uniquely can fill this need. I would like to close by challenging the administration of this school to give the same enthusiastic support to the required and professional program of health and physical education as is given to the few who participate in athletics — I challenge the teachers and coaches to utilize these facilities to prepare students to give the proper care of God's house — throughout life — so the graduates of this institution can realize their life's ambitions with health and vitality.

Last and most important of all — students — use this building. Insist upon a program in health, physical education and athletics which is worthy of a church-related institution.

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

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Baptists And Roman Catholics Can Profit By Talking

God gives light and hope in the midst of darkness and despair and sometimes in unexpected ways. This is the editor's testimony as a result of two days of fellowship, study, discussion and worship with about 40 Baptist and Roman Catholic laymen, laywomen and clergy. The occasion was a Baptist-Roman Catholic dialogue in Louisville which coincided with the recent depressing hours of turmoil and chaos on American college campuses.

Most *Western Recorder* readers know this editor has never been reluctant to expose Catholic errors and oppose Roman Catholic efforts which are contrary to Baptist convictions. This was all the more reason it seemed good to accept the invitation for a person to person sharing of convictions and exploring of common grounds with Catholics. The experience confirmed the rightness of the decision for there came more new understanding and inspiration from this experience than could have been expected.

That Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics could have meaningful fellowship and conversation is surprising to many Baptists. This is because the two groups have been considered at opposite poles of religious convictions. This is true in many respects but in other respects it is far from true. Actually Baptists and Catholics have more common belief than we generally have realized. We have just never had occasion to have meaningful conversation. Before the Second Vatican Council Roman Catholics mostly refused to engage in religious dialogue with non-Catholics and Baptists have also been reluctant.

When we get around to talking we find that both Roman Catholics and Baptists hold to a strong belief in the Bible as the sourcebook for doctrine. Actually I feel more basic doctrinal kinship with a Roman Catholic who holds to the virgin birth, the diety of Christ, the bodily resurrection of Christ and other New Testament affirmations than with one who is a member of a denomination considered closer to Baptists but who denies all these New Testament essentials.

In fairness to what actually happened in this and the two earlier meetings of Baptists and Catholics, something should be said as to what the meeting was not.

► It was not an official activity sponsored or endorsed by any Baptist denominational agency or organization. All participants from the Baptist side took part on an individual basis and paid their own way.

► It was clearly understood and stated there was no immediate or ultimate objective of the merging or union of Catholics and Baptists.

► There was no effort to ignore nor minimize basic differences recognized and appreciated in each group.

What did happen in this most unusual experience for both Roman Catholic and Baptist participants?

► We learned we could share our Christian experience and beliefs with mutual edification and without any compromise of conviction.

► We learned we have too many misunderstandings and misconceptions about each other and that we are freed from some of these just by knowing one another personally.

► We learned we have much more in common in belief and hope than we have sometimes realized.

► We learned that the bond of love in Jesus Christ crosses barriers of creed.

► We learned there is hope we can join hearts and hands in serving the crying needs of today's world without resolving doctrinal differences.

► Probably most important of all we learned the children of God can worship their Heavenly Father together without being in doctrinal agreement. The Holy Spirit seemed very real in a service where a Baptist Negro housewife led in singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Love Lifted Me," a Catholic priest read from Psalms and Ephesians and preached on the Lordship of Jesus Christ and a former Southern Baptist Convention president and the archbishop of Louisville joined in a gospel hymn and a responsive reading while sharing a Baptist hymnal.

As a result of it all I am prouder to be a Baptist than ever before but I am grateful that being a Baptist doesn't cut me off from other Christians and that Baptist distinctives do not depend upon Baptist isolation.

Can American Civilization Survive?

Who can be but frightened over the explosive conditions in America today? Are we at the beginning of the end of the greatest civilization in history? It's hard to believe we are but we cannot forget other great nations have risen and fallen and many of their mistakes are those we are making.

Many Americans are greatly concerned. But to be concerned is one thing; to have the answers for our dilemma is another thing. Those who offer easy solutions are not acquainted with the complexity of the problems. We who are Christians know the answer but we are doing little with it.

Our national leaders seem to be as confused as the rest of us. Political considerations often seem to take precedence over principles and the rantings of demagogues are easier to hear than the voices of statesmen.

What is happening in America today? Are we so close to it we cannot see? America is in the throes of a revolution and a bloody one at that. It is a many pronged revolution but race and war are the dominant issues in this stage of the revolution. The race revolution which has been full blown for more than a decade is far from over. In recent weeks, however, it has been replaced as the most burning issue by the Vietnamese war and its Cambodian extension.

What is to be said? For one thing there is some justification for student protest of American military involvement taking thousands of lives in undeclared wars and world policing. Protest and dissent are a vital part of the American way. There is no justification, however, in methods employed by some protestors. Students can make their views on Vietnam known without burning buildings and they can express resentment of troops on campuses without hurling obscenities, rocks and bottles at fellow Americans

under orders to keep order. Rocks and bottles can be as lethal as rifles.

On the other hand, though all the facts are not known, it is hard to conceive that mowing down students with rifle fire as happened at Kent State is ever justified. Such remarks as "they got what they deserved" are most unfortunate. There are ways to restrain students without killing them.

Public officials face a dilemma. They must take responsible steps to protect lives and property. At the same time the sending of troops to campuses tends to intensify the problem. Their presence often spurs moderates who ordinarily stand on the sidelines to join the militants and extremists. This generation of students is not intimidated by a show of force. Rather today's young people are challenged by force and often behave worse when challenged than when left unchallenged.

But the picture is not all dark. Good things often come from revolutions. Our nation was born in one revolution and it can be reborn in another revolution. After all, racial justice and world peace which are the goals of many sincere young people involved in protests today are Christian goals. If the followers of Jesus Christ had worked harder for these ideals, maybe we would not be in the present turmoil.

What is desperately needed today is the realization that Christian ideals are not achieved through unchristian methods such as violence and destruction on one hand and over-reaction and repression on the other hand. The present national crisis presents an unparalleled challenge to the followers of Jesus Christ. There never has been such a time in our nation's history to proclaim the gospel and to live it before a searching generation. Our civilization is not only in the balance; our Christianity is also on trial.

BAPTIST FORUM



IHLEY REMEMBERED

Dear Editor:

A few days ago I learned of the death of Herman Ihley. I simply want to say how much I appreciated him during my days at Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. "Red" was most encouraging to us in our work and in my opinion he did as much good as any man among us in representing Jesus Christ fully to all people. I am positive many Baptists, both Negro and white in Kentucky, are missing him deeply.

It was a joy for me to work with him on the Baptist Joint Advisory Committee, and I always found him to have a

spirit of compassion and concern for everyone. I join with friends in Kentucky in being grieved over the loss of such a good and trusted friend. I can only hope and pray that the work "Red" Ihley began will develop a hundredfold. Birmingham, Ala. B. Carlisle Driggers

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Dear Editor:

Several pastors in Pulaski Association have been in the hospital during the last three months.

What is it that puts pastors in the hospital?

Pastors live under several severe emotional strains. They are called upon to bear the burdens of their church members. Also, they have to bear their own personal burdens.

Pastors often have financial burdens. They are expected to dress well, to drive a good automobile, to care for their families and to contribute to all charities. However, more often than not, their salaries are not nearly up to what others with the same amount of training receive.

Pastors work long hours. For most, the day begins by 8 a.m. and is not finished until 10 p.m. or later — seven days a week. That's 98 hours per week! Some 26 pastors in Pulaski Association work at other jobs in addition to their preaching and pastoral ministry. Some pastors may be attending school in addition to their pastoral ministry.

Church members are responsible for

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Decision Information Released

Approximately 500 decisions were made at the annual Kentucky Baptist Youth Night Rally. That is the figure released by KBC evangelism secretary Hicks Shelton who coordinated the counseling efforts.

Shelton said counselors helped 432 decision makers fill out cards. Some who came forward did not fill out cards, he reported. "We think it is safe to say 500 decisions without being accused of stretching the truth," the evangelism secretary commented.

Of that number 66 reported they were making a first time commitment to Christ as Saviour. Two hundred ninety-four came forward in rededications with 26 saying they felt led into a church related vocation. An additional 26 persons marked "other decision."

Those coming forward were encouraged to write out their decisions on the backs of cards given them by counselors. These are being forwarded to local pastors for follow-up counseling. Shelton and his committee, A. B. Colvin, Chester Durham, A. W. Walker and Bob Terry, have already mailed material to those who made decisions.

A unique factor of this Youth Night, according to Shelton, was that young people handled most of the counseling task. Shelton explained that college and seminary young people were recruited to counsel with those making decisions.

A counselor's training session was held prior to the Youth Night Rally. Each counselor was instructed in dealing with apparently urgent problems and putting the decisions down on paper. Counselors were also instructed to urge the young person to share the decision with the local pastor and to make it public in his or her church.

Billy Graham literature was distrib-

uted along with copies of the Gospel of John and numerous tracts. New Testaments were also made available for anyone making a decision who did not have a New Testament of his own. Approximately 100 of these were distributed.

"It was amazing to see the way these young people worked," the evangelism secretary said. He recalled that when those making decisions started kneeling at the altar, the young counselors moved in beside them and started talking to them.

"The counselors did a wonderful job. You just can't say enough about their freedom of talking about Jesus and helping the other young people," he added.

Shelton also expressed appreciation for local pastors who volunteered to help when it became obvious that the counselors could not handle the number responding to Blessitt's invitation.

"After it was all over," Shelton recalled, "several counselors expressed to me that dealing with young people making decisions for Christ had been a high point in their Christian lives."

"You have to say that the counselors got as much out of the youth night as anybody else," he concluded.

A breakdown of those making decisions revealed that the median age of those making professions of faith was 13. The youngest in this category was 7, the oldest, 24. The median age of those making rededications was 15. The age span ranged from 7 to 37. In category three, church related vocations, the age span was between 11 and 25, with 14 the median age. Those making "other" decisions ranged in age between 12 and 23. The median age was 15.



Christian Life Commission

The conscience of Southern Baptists may well be the Christian Life Commission whose headquarters is in Nashville and whose executive secretary is Foy Valentine. The true prophet is one who "tells it like it is" and like God would have it be. He is always the man noticed. You never ignore him. You listen to what he says because you have a feeling that he is pointing a finger at your way of life. They kill the prophets because they cannot bear to take a long look at themselves through his eyes. They killed Jesus Christ, God's only perfect interpreter and Son. Can we expect less from anyone who approximates His spirit and teaching?

Did Jesus not say: "No slave is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they obeyed my message, they will obey yours also. But they will do all this to you because you are mine; for they do not know him who sent me." (John 15:20-21)

For years those whose toes are stepped on the hardest by the Christian Life Commission have tried to destroy it, to cut it out of the budget of the Southern Baptist Convention or to limit its requests, or to discredit its leaders. But they keep a sweet spirit, the spirit of Him who "being reviled, reviled not again," and they only hate him more for his Christian reaction to their hostility.

Atlanta seminar

The Christian Life Seminar in Atlanta March 16-18 was so misrepresented and maligned IN ADVANCE of its meeting, as well as following, that the meeting's true value has been obscured to the general Baptist public. They charged approval by Baptists of "Playboy Philosophy" and "The New Morality" — what could be a greater falsehood than that? Most of those writing and talking did not attend — they are not hampered by facts. Those who did attend know that the Playboy Philosophy and the New Morality were shared by their chief advocates, but, they were also examined and found wanting by two of the ablest Baptist interpreters of our day! What "friend" told the true story? Which one who falsely accused the Commission has retracted its false "news"?

The devil and Denver

Will the devil "get an advantage" of Southern Baptists in the Annual Convention in Denver? Will the hacking continue? Will we, following an evil spirit, be polarized further? God forbid.

Finalist Chosen In T. U. Drills

State winners in Intermediate Sword Drill and Young People's Speakers Tournament were chosen Saturday, May 16, climaxing this year's Training Union sponsored drills.

Walking off with the Sword Drill honors was Miss Donna Dunn of the First Baptist Church of Arlington. Miss Gloria Johnson, Harlan Baptist Church, captured the Speaker's Tournament. Each girl will represent Kentucky at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. In addition, Miss Johnson, as state winner, received a scholarship to Georgetown College.

Below is a list of all those qualifying for the elimination rounds at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, May 15-16. Juniors have no elimination contests.

SWORD DRILL

BELL ASSOCIATION

Tim Matthews1st, Middlesboro
Mary Ellen Phillips1st, Middlesboro
Ginga Slusher1st, Middlesboro
Cindy Suffridge1st, Middlesboro

CALDWELL

Nancy DeBoe1st, Eddyville
Cynthia Ramey1st, Eddyville
Richard Walker1st, Eddyville
Brenda White1st, Eddyville

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Reta BrownLittle River
Kenneth ChapmanLittle River
Sandra HargroveLittle River
Timothy Clinton SowellLittle River
Barbara StevensonLittle River
Janet StevensonLittle River

DAVISS-McLEAN

Paula SettleThird Baptist

ELKHORN

Candy LearGrace
Marilyn Mecks1st, Mt. Sterling

Sandra Vice1st, Mt. Sterling
Lissa AubreyPorter Memorial
Wayne HagerRussell Cave

LONG RUN

Terry GrammerBeth Haven
Paula YorkBeth Haven
Kathy PerryNew Salem

NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Debbie OwensHebron

SEVERNS VALLEY

Valorie NewhartImmanuel

SHELBY

Karen BaileySimpsonville

THREE FORKS

Teresa Ann Baker1st, Whitesburg
Lucrétia Collins1st, Whitesburg
Janie Robinson1st, Whitesburg
Sally Lee Smith1st, Whitesburg
Susan Smith1st, Whitesburg

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Elaine HowardLynch Baptist
Teena JordanLynch Baptist
Marta LewisLynch Baptist

WARREN

Pauletta G. HumeEastwood

WEST KENTUCKY

Anita Burgess1st, Arlington
Donna Dunn1st, Arlington
Sarah Mae Gaddie1st, Arlington
Melinda Hocker1st, Arlington
Robert Hocker III1st, Arlington
Sharon King1st, Arlington
Debbie Simmons1st, Arlington
Phyllis Tucker1st, Arlington
Valeria Tucker1st, Arlington
Nancy Whitlow1st, Arlington

SPEAKER'S TOURNAMENT

Michael ThompsonFed's Creek
Gloria JohnsonHarlan
Charles BerryhillArlington
Robert MyersLexington
Cathy Aliene JonesBowling Green
Vicki CarrierElizabethtown



Speaker's Contest finalists were, left to right, Miss Vickie Carrier, Immanuel Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association; Buddy Myers, Grace Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association; and state winner, Miss Gloria Johnson, Harlan Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Prayer Urged For National Crises

Upon the request of the White House, a call for special prayer in behalf of America and its leaders was issued by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas and president of the 11.3 million-member SBC, appealed to Baptist pastors to lead their congregations in praying that "God will give the President wisdom and blessing in this time of deep domestic and international crisis."

Criswell issued the appeal from his home where he is recuperating from a severe throat infection. He said he was among other national religious leaders who received calls from the White House asking for special prayers.

He said he would not only make the appeal but that he also supports the President in his attempt to solve national problems. (BP)

Campbellsville Revival

The Campbellsville Baptist Church recently experienced a revival which was characterized by pastor Chester Badgett as having the "powers of Pentecost." The revival resulted in what pastor Badgett regards as a tremendous spiritual awakening by all the people and by 48 professions of faith and 13 new members by transfer of letter. Another 48 decisions were recorded.

The pastor also reports the largest Sunday School attendance in the 179 year history of Campbellsville Church. A total of 721 people were present for Sunday School on the closing day of the revival.

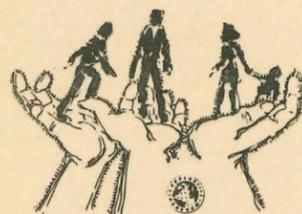


FINALISTS — The 10 finalists in the Sword Drill contest were, from left to right, Marilyn Mecks, FBC, Mt. Sterling; Pauletta Hume, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green; Lucretia Collins, FBC, Whitesburg; Paul York, Beth Haven Baptist Church, Louisville, state runner-up; Sally Lee Smith, FBC, Whitesburg; Candy Lear, Grace Baptist Church, Lexington; Cindy Suffridge, FBC, Middlesboro; Mary Ellen Phillips, FBC, Middlesboro; Valeria Tucker, FBC, Arlington; and state winner, Miss Donna Dunn, First Baptist Church (FBC), Arlington.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM CARD-O-GRAM

OVER GOAL IN APRIL

April Cooperative Program	\$ 349,735.63
To date this year	2,515,683.31
This time last year	2,359,374.98
Goal to date	2,666,666.64
Under total goal	150,983.33
6.62% increase over last year	156,308.33
April CEA — \$835.13	Total 13,525.87



THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ENCOURAGES cooperation BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES, AND CONVENTIONS IN RECONCILING MEN TO GOD.

Kentuckian Awarded Seminary Scholarship

William Albin Kruschwitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor of Sevens Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, was among six students awarded \$1,000 Judson-Rice Scholarships by Southern Seminary recently.

A 1968 Georgetown College graduate, Kruschwitz is currently completing a two-year missionary journeyman assignment in Minna, Nigeria, where he teaches in a Baptist school.

Selection of recipients was made by a committee of deans and trustees of Southern Seminary. The criteria used in the selection were academic competence, college activities, churchmanship and vocational plans.

Kruschwitz maintained a 3.6 academic average on a 4.0 grade point scale while at Georgetown. He was also a member of the Baptist Student Union, the A Cappella Choir, Men's Honor Society and the Oratorio Choir.

Others receiving \$1,000 grants were: Larry Clinton Howard of Evansville, Indiana, a Texas Tech graduate; Charles Avery Park, Jr., of Birmingham, Alabama, Samford University; Tom Earl Prevost of Caldwell, Idaho, Mississippi College; Joseph George Reed of Orlando, Florida, Florida State University; and David Ellsworth Garland of Oxford, Maryland, Oklahoma Baptist University.

Receiving \$500 Judson-Rice Runner-Up awards were: Clinton Louis Irwin of Tulane University; Anthony Wayne Miller of Samford University; and Bruce Clayton Miller of Towson State College in Towson, Maryland.

Daley To Receive Honorary Degree

C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, will be awarded an honorary degree of doctor of laws by Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, at commencement exercises on June 7. The announcement was made by Mercer University president, Rufus Harris, on May 19.

Others who will be awarded honorary degrees by Mercer University on the same occasion are William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta; C. Douglas Jackson, pastor, First Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia; and Jack Tarver, president of the Atlanta Newspaper Corporation.

Daley is a native of Georgia and an honor graduate of Mercer in 1939. He did summer graduate work in education at Mercer in 1940. After five years as public school teacher and principal in Georgia, he came to Southern Seminary in Louisville for theological training. He earned the BD, the ThM and the ThD degrees at Southern. While a semi-



VISITS SEMINARY — Miss Teenage America, Deborah Susan Patton (right) of Odessa, Texas, recently visited the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus in Louisville, Kentucky. The reigning beauty queen was in Louisville to attend the 96th running of the Kentucky Derby, and requested to tour the seminary because of her Southern Baptist background. In the picture, the high school senior is seen chatting with James Leo Garrett, professor of Christian theology at the seminary, and Miss Charlotte Warwick, a former Miss West Virginia and currently a student in church music at the seminary.

R. A. Track Meet Draws 20 Associations

Rakes, hoes, shovels and graders were all pressed into duty by Marvin Byrdwell and his Cedarmore Baptist Assembly crew to get the track field in shape for the state Royal Ambassador Track Meet, May 11.

Under the direction of Calvin Fields, associate Brotherhood secretary for the KBC, the meet drew entries from 20 associations. Four other associations were prevented from entering teams when wet grounds washed out associational eliminations. One association held eliminations on Tuesday before the Saturday meet after two Saturday eliminations had been rained out.

nary student he was pastor of Woodburn Baptist Church, Woodburn, and Providence Baptist Church, Franklin.

From 1949 to 1954 he taught religion and philosophy at Georgetown College and served two years as dean of men at the college. From 1954 to 1957 he was pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, and has been *Western Recorder* editor since 1957.

He is a member of the Southern Baptist Press Association and served one year as president of this organization. He has written for various publications of the Southern Baptist Convention and was trustee of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Daley is the former Christine Rachels, also a native of Georgia. The couple has four sons: Gil, a medical doctor in Dallas, Texas; Mike, a 1970 graduate of Campbellsville College; Dale, who has just completed his freshman year at Georgetown College and Phillip, a sophomore at Eastern High School, Middletown.

Team honors in the Ambassador division, boys 15 to 17, went to Long Run Association, Sulphur Fork finished second. Daviess-McLean, Greenup, West Union, Warren, Boone's Creek and Ohio County also boasted of individual event winners.

Event winners were: high jump — Mike Tracher, Greenup Association — 5 foot; shot put — Bobby Compton, West Union — 38 foot 11¼ inches; broad jump — Terry Feathers, Long Run — 17 foot 3¾ inches; 100 yard dash — Dan Hardin, Sulphur Fork — 10.7 seconds; 440 yard shuttle relay — Long Run, Danny Robinson, Gary Cornell, Charles Embry and Jim Bell.

Salem Association captured team honors in the Pioneer division, boys 12-14 years of age. Ohio County, South District, Long Run and Daviess-McLean all tied for second.

Event winners were: shot put — Tommy Byerly, South District — 35 foot 3½ inches; broad jump — Steve McNally, Salem Association — 16 foot 5½ inches; high jump — Donnie Gill, Daviess-McLean Association — 4 foot 8 inches; 100 yard dash — Joey Hazilwood, Ohio County — 11.4 seconds; 440 yard shuttle relay — Long Run, Dan Ponaccia, Steve Vance, Steve Smith and Don Johnson.

Other participating associations included Anderson, Crittenden, Franklin, Little Bethel, Lynn and Taylor County.

Fields said a large debt of gratitude was owed to the men who worked with the various boys' teams. These were Harold V. Carter, Ron Newsome, Larry W. Lee, Norman Doane, Joseph L. Head, Richard M. Neal, Curtiss Casebier, Eddie Blevins, Garland Furgerson, William S. Hart, George Tichenor, R. W. Carter, Thurman J. Lawrence, Doug Mortenson, Bill Vaught, H. E. Barnes, Jimmie Graham, Ronnie Wallace and Dewey Dillworth.

Third In Series

Louisville Hosts Baptist-Catholic Dialogue

Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics have completed an historic three-day dialogue behind closed doors in Louisville in an effort to sharpen understanding between the two religious groups.

The purpose of the May 12 through 14 meeting was to find ways of promoting cooperative efforts on the part of Catholics and Baptists on the regional and local level.

During the meeting no resolutions were passed and no action was taken that binds either group.

"Nobody came to this meeting hoping to solve theological problems like the infallibility of the Pope or the place of Mary in Christian worship," Claude U. Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, told a news conference. The participants, however, did come to the meeting, Broach said, to improve communications between members of the nation's largest religious bodies.

"I see no reason why we cannot find areas — like meeting human needs — in which we can both work," Willis Bennett, professor of church and community at Southern Seminary, said. To this end, Bennett acknowledged that the dialogue had produced an awareness of common interest in work in the Louisville area.

The meeting, the third in a series of regional Southern Baptist-Catholic dialogue sessions, was jointly sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the United States Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs in Washington, D.C.

The two previous dialogue sessions were held at the Wake Forest Institute in May, 1969, and at the St. Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, Louisiana, in February, 1970.

The Louisville meeting was co-chaired by the Honorable Brooks Hays, director of the Wake Forest Ecumenical Institute, and Monsignor Bernard Law, executive director of the United States Bishops' Committee.

During the press conference, Law said that the group of about 20 Baptists and 20 Catholics talked about actual and potential problems involved in their cooperation.

Acknowledging that the dialogue session did not come up with any specific action, Law said, "The real action is where individuals are out doing their thing regardless of what the institutions may think."

For the Catholics, the meeting was officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. For the Baptists, it was unofficial.

Referring to the difference in status

of the two, Hays said that official recognition by the Southern Baptist Convention or its agencies is "not necessary."

"We just don't need it," Hays said.

Southern Seminary, who spoke on "The Priesthood of All Christians"; Broach, who discussed "The Ecumenical Tide: A Pastoral Perspective"; the Reverend Bruce Vawter, C.M., professor at Van-



Sister Mary Catherine Vukmanic, a Roman Catholic nun completing her second year as a doctoral student at Southern Seminary, chats with Louisville Baptist pastor C. Carman Sharp at the Baptist-Catholic Dialogue recently held in Louisville.

"Little by little we will be building an atmosphere of friendship without official sanction," he said.

During the dialogue session participants discussed four papers which were presented during the sessions. The papers were given by James Leo Garrett, Jr., professor of Christian theology at

derbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, who presented the paper "The Enduring Meaning of the Old Testament"; and the Reverend Kilian McDonnell of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research in Collegeville, Minnesota, who spoke on "Retreat, Revival and Monasticism."

Lottie Moon Offering Tops \$15 Million

A grand total of \$15,297,558 received from the 1969 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions as of May 1 has exceeded by \$138,351 the record contributions at the same time one year ago, according to Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Offering funds are used entirely for work on the overseas mission fields, Cauthen said.

Last October, the board appropriated \$10.3 million of Lottie Moon funds for operating costs of overseas ministries, including salary support for 275 missionaries and costs of getting missionaries to their fields.

The additional sum of \$4,494,000 was appropriated by the board in April for church buildings, missionary residences, schools, equipment and other capital requirements.

The remainder of the 1969 Lottie Moon receipts is to be allocated for

capital needs during the board's meeting in June, Cauthen pointed out.

"We are profoundly grateful to members of the Woman's Missionary Union and to all others who have shared in providing this offering for foreign missions," Cauthen said. "This money is urgently needed!"

He continued, "A memo came to me saying that budgetary requests from the mission fields amount to \$7,716,000 more than our total resources can provide. We are therefore grateful to all who give and pray that our needs will be supplied."

ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE is in need of a kitchen supervisor who has experience in dietary work. Any interested person should write to Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972 and request information and an application.

Kentuckian Takes Evangelism Post, Two Elected Presidents

Kentucky native Milton Hughes has been named a consultant in campus evangelism for the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Hughes, a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, will begin his new duties July 1. He comes to the post from the dual positions of Baptist student director at the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles.

While serving as student director at UCLA and USC, he developed a packet of materials for personal witnessing plus letters for Christian growth titled "The Master Plan." These materials were printed by the student department, California Baptist Convention. They have been widely used throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Charles Roselle, secretary of the board's student department.

Hughes also served the board's student department as a contract consultant in evangelism during 1969. He has assisted various groups in campus witnessing clinics, pastors' conferences and resort ministries.

He is at present one of the writers for the new witnessing material being produced by the board's church training department in cooperation with the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

For five years Hughes has served as a member of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He and his students have been involved in tutoring projects in the Watts area of Los Angeles.

The Louisville native is the former pastor of the Covington Baptist Church in Westport, Kentucky. (BP)

Trustees of William Jewell College have elected **Thomas S. Field**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Springfield,

Missouri, as the Baptist school's president, effective August 1.

Field has been pastor of the Springfield church for the past 10 years, previously holding pastorates of churches in LaGrange, Georgia, Lake Charles, Louisiana, and several American Baptist churches before entering the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950.

The 54-year-old pastor was president of the Missouri Baptist Convention from 1967-69 and presently is a member of the state convention's executive board and executive committee. He also is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee. (BP)

A. T. Greene, Jr., director of the missions department for the South Carolina Baptist Convention since 1963, was elected assistant general secretary-treasurer, effective June 1. He will succeed **A. Harold Cole**, who became general secretary-treasurer on January 1.

Before joining the state convention staff in 1963, Greene was superintendent of missions for the Cabarrus Baptist Association, Concord, North Carolina. A native of South Carolina, he is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will retire August 31 after 24 years of service.

Before joining the board's church music department as associate secretary in 1946, Sims was minister of music for churches in Tennessee, Louisiana and Arkansas. He became secretary of the department in 1952, succeeding **B. B. McKinney**.

He is responsible for directing the editorial work in publishing the department's music, periodicals, church study course books and in organizing and pro-

moting the church music program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A native of Louisiana, Sims earned the bachelor of music degree from Centenary College, Shreveport. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and the master of arts degree in music education from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. He has done additional study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Following retirement, Sims said he plans "to fish, golf and will continue to be available for crusades, revivals and music consultation." He will reside at 53 Meigs Drive, Shalimar, Florida. (BP)

Lee Hollaway, 27-year-old assistant editor of Royal Ambassador publications, has been named editor of *Crusader* materials at the Brotherhood Commission here.

In his new position, Hollaway will be responsible for editing *Crusader*, a new 36-page monthly magazine for Baptist boys in grades 1-6 (ages 6-11); *Crusader Counselor*, a new 48-page magazine for counselors of *Crusader* chapters; and undated materials for the *Crusader* program.

Named associate editor of the two magazines was **Charles Frevele Jr.**, a 29-year-old assistant Royal Ambassador editor.

Hollaway, son of a former missionary to Japan, holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He received his master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1966 and his master of arts in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1968.

Frevele, a 1963 Baylor graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism, received a bachelor of divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1966, and a master of religious education degree in 1970. He has worked as a reporter for the *Texarkana (Texas) Gazette and Daily News*, the *Independence (Missouri) Examiner* and the *Raytown (Missouri) News*. He has been with the Commission since 1967.

Assisting Hollaway and Frevele in editing *Crusader* materials is **Miss Elaine Selcraig**, 23, a 1969 Baylor graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism.

First issues of the two magazines will make their appearance in October, 1970.

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Kentuckian Testifies At Smut Hearings

Former Kentucky pastor **Harry Hollis**, a Christian Life Commission staff member, recently told a federal committee that government funds should be provided to train school teachers to present sex education "in a positive, healthy and effective manner."

In testimony before the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, the former Finchville, Kentucky, pastor, now director of special moral concerns for the SBC Christian Life Commission, said that one of the positive ways to deal with the influence of pornography in the country is to have responsible programs of sex education in every school.

Both in his testimony and in answer to questions from panel members, Hollis said the ultimate solution to the problems of pornography will be found not in laws but in people. The best way to handle this is "through the home, the schools and the churches," Hollis stated.

"In the long run the most effective way to check pornography will be for churches and synagogues to reach a wholesome appreciation of sexuality as a good gift of God, for schools to offer correct information about sexuality, for businesses to reject erotic exploitation in advertising, and for citizens to use pocketbook power to oppose the obscene," the Southern Seminary graduate observed.

"If funds can be provided to help parents and teachers understand the new math, why should there not be an expenditure of money to help adults communicate the old and wonderful phenomenon of sexuality?" Hollis asked the commission.

Hollis, the lone clergyman in a long list of witnesses, told the commission that it is extremely difficult to provide documentation of the causal relationship between pornography and anti-social behavior.

However, he said it was his impression, based upon graduate study and on information gained as a pastor, teacher and counselor, that "pornography can serve as a trigger to set off anti-social acts in troubled individuals."

Since such data to support or refute a relationship between the two is probably impossible to obtain, Hollis urged the commission to give serious consideration to the value of what he called "common sense arguments" in reaching conclusions about the problem.

Among the common sense questions suggested by Hollis were:

► "Is it true that legitimate advertising in the various media influences us to buy consumer products, but ideas for sale in the pornographic line do not have an impact upon the values and the actions of youth and adults?"

► "Is it not possible that continued exposure to the ideas that mate-swapping, sexual anarchy and sadism are normal may lead some to question their own normality and perhaps even experiment with deviant patterns?"

► "Are not children who are just on the threshold of learning about sex likely to be jolted by exposure to pornography's distorted views?"

► "Are we to believe that great books, such as the Bible, can have a positive influence on forming good character but that pornographic books cannot influence one negatively?" (BP)



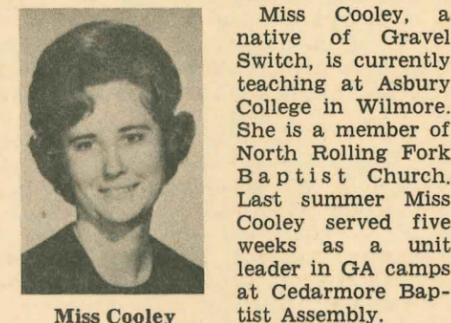
Miss Todd



Miss Rose

Summer Workers Appointed By WMU

Three young Kentucky ladies have been appointed summer workers for the Girl's Auxiliary camps throughout the state. Under the auspices of the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, the three are **Miss Phyllis Ann Cooley**, **Miss Linda Sue Todd** and **Miss Linda Gail Rose**.



Miss Cooley

Miss Cooley, a native of Gravel Switch, is currently teaching at Asbury College in Wilmore. She is a member of North Rolling Fork Baptist Church. Last summer Miss Cooley served five weeks as a unit leader in GA camps at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

A native of Bowling Green, **Miss Todd** is completing her freshman year at Western Kentucky University. Last year she worked as a counselor-in-training for eight weeks at the Cedarmore camp.

Miss Rose is a student at Georgetown College and a native of Munfordville. Like Miss Cooley, she served as a unit leader for five weeks at Cedarmore.

Speaking of the summer workers, **Miss Rosa Fiechter**, state GA director, said, "These young ladies have been highly recommended by their pastors. And since they worked with us last year, I know they will do a good job."

"They will make a valuable contribution in every camp they serve," she concluded.

Archaeology Program

"A Desert Fortress," a report of the historical importance of discoveries made by Southern Seminary archaeology professor **Jerry Vardaman**, will be aired over Public Television (Channel 15) on May 25 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

The television production sketches the history of Machaerus, site of the beheading of John the Baptist and a vital link in the military and commercial strategy of several Judean kings.

Beer Sale In Louisville Parks Fought

Baptist pastors in the Louisville area have been asked to take steps to discourage a policy change for the Jefferson County parks system which would permit the sale and the consumption of alcoholic beverage on park premises. Presently sale and consumption of alcoholic beverage are prohibited in the county parks.

All pastors in the Long Run Association have received a letter from **Neil Yonce**, pastor of the New Salem Baptist Church, Valley Station, alerting them to the situation asking that they appeal to their members to express opposition to the move.

Yonce says that in a conference with County Judge **Hollenbach** he was told the initiative to have beer sold in the parks came from golfers. He was also told the golf shop operators would supplement their income from the sale of beer.

Authorization for the policy change

would come upon the approval of members of the Fiscal Court. No vote by the citizens would be required, according to Yonce.

Yonce attempted to learn from the Jefferson County attorney's office when the matter would be considered by the Fiscal Court but failed. He was promised a notification of the date for the consideration of the matter.

In his letter Yonce points out that the majority of the park users are minors who by this action would be subjected to a beer environment. He calls the effort to change the present policy a "money" motivated power play by the politicians to "pamper the whims of a minority group" and says it can be defeated if interested people express themselves. He suggests that letters be written to Judge **Todd Hollenbach, III**, County Court Building, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

Mail Proposed Resolution, Criswell

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, **W. A. Criswell**, issued a statement in Dallas suggesting that persons wanting to present resolutions at the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver, June 1-4, mail copies in advance to the resolutions committee chairman.

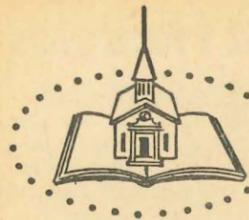
This would allow the committee to start its work early, before the first convention business session on Tuesday morning, June 2, said **Criswell**, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas who ends his second term as president of the denomination in June.

Criswell emphasized, however, that resolutions must be presented to the

convention in session before they could be included in the resolutions committee's report, but sending them to the chairman early would give the committee more time for consideration.

Chairman of the resolutions committee will be **Russell H. Dilday, Jr.**, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta. **Criswell** asked that resolutions be mailed to Dilday at the church, 2715 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

The full membership of the resolutions committee will be announced the day before the convention opens, **Criswell** said. (BP)



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for May 31, 1970)



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

A Friendly Greatheart

In this lesson we are to study about one of the noblest and most lovable characters of the Bible. It is doubtful if any tribute is greater than the one paid to Barnabas in Acts 11:24.

A generous man Acts 4:36-37

Evidently Barnabas was a man of some means. He sold his land and brought all of the proceeds and laid them at the apostle's feet. Thus his generosity was expressed in deed, and not in pious words and promises. That was an unusually beautiful example of giving. It was a marvelous indication of his eagerness and willingness to do the will of God. Both his life and his possessions were fully dedicated to the Lord.

A gracious man Acts 9:26-27

Saul of Tarsus had been a bitter persecutor of the Christians. However, on a mission of that nature, he was brought face to face with Christ, and was gloriously saved. When he returned to Jerusalem and attempted to join the company of Christians there, they were suspicious and afraid of him. It was only natural for them to think that his professed conversion was only a trick, and that he was merely gathering evidence to be used in the slaying of other Christians. They had not forgotten his former actions, which indicates the fact that an evil past record may long overshadow the pathway of a Christian. It is always difficult to live down a bad past or to erase footprints made in the service of Satan.

In the meantime, Barnabas had investigated Saul's experience on the road to Damascus and found it to be genuine. He also discovered that Saul had marvelous possibilities as a witness for Christ. In a most gracious manner Barnabas vouched for Saul. Because Barnabas was willing to be a sponsor for him, the members of the church immediately admitted him to their fellowship. How wonderful it is to have someone stand by us in a time of need!

A good man Acts 11:22-26

Antioch has been famous for its commerce, art and literature, and infamous for its worldliness, licentiousness and wickedness. Into this populous and

wicked city the gospel of Christ had been faithfully proclaimed by those unnamed disciples who had been forced to leave Jerusalem in order to live. As those brave and daring souls preached the gospel of Christ, the Lord placed His stamp of approval upon their work. Many believed on Christ and were saved, and the first Gentile church was established.

Tidings of these triumphs of grace speedily claimed the attention of the church in Jerusalem. Greatly stirred by the news of the extraordinary happenings in Antioch, the leaders in the Jerusalem church decided to send one of their honored members along the trail of these zealous evangelists to inspect their work and to ascertain what should be done about it. They dispatched Barnabas thither as an official observer and qualified investigator of this new movement. Barnabas was a man of high rank, distinguished presence, unquestioned integrity, unblemished character, open mind, broad vision, keen perception and genuine sympathy. Full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, he was known far and wide as a good man.

Barnabas heartily approved the work as being of the Lord. He never proposed a change in it, but he did admonish the believers to live in dependence upon Christ and in devotion to Him.

A God-called man Acts 13:1-3

In this first Gentile church there im-

mediately appeared a genuine interest in the salvation of those in the regions beyond. While in the pathway of Christian duty, the Holy Spirit commanded the members saying, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." He wanted them to do pioneer missionary work among the unevangelized in distant places. Without a single complaint the church promptly complied with the expressed will of the Holy Spirit. After a most impressive service, the church sent forth their most brilliant and beloved men, Barnabas and Saul, as their own foreign missionaries.

A great man Acts 15:36-39

When Paul proposed to Barnabas that they should go again and visit the brethren where they had preached the Word of God, won men to Christ, and founded churches, Barnabas was quite willing to go. He suggested that they take John Mark with them. Thinking it unwise to do so, in view of his departure during the previous journey, Paul refused to take him along. The contention between them over this matter became so heated that these two ardent missionaries decided to part company and to go their separate ways. So Paul chose Silas as his companion, while Barnabas took Mark and went in another direction. Thus God overruled this difficulty between His servants for His own glory and for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

God's New Covenant

Hebrews 8:6-13

In the record of God's dealings with His people the covenant ideas has a prominent place. Throughout the Old Testament are the accounts of God making covenants with various individuals and groups. It is noteworthy, however, that His covenants were made with redeemed people; also, that He always had a specific purpose in making a covenant with an individual or with a people.

A covenant was an agreement between two parties and it was considered bind-

ing upon both. Its value was determined by the faithfulness of the parties involved. Some covenants were between God and men, and others were between people, like the pact between David and Jonathan. As a rule, the one who initiated the covenant was the superior of the two parties.

In the opening verses of Hebrews 8 is a summary of the priesthood of Christ in comparison with that of Aaron. Whereas the previous chapters set forth His person and qualifications as our great high priest, this chapter places the

emphasis upon His performance in this capacity.

Verse six reminds us of the covenant between God and His people whereby His redemptive purpose was placed in operation. Of course, from before the foundation of the world God had ordained that His work should be done through those who are dedicated to His purpose and empowered by Him.

The old and inadequate covenant did not achieve the purpose for which it was made, but God was not the cause of its failure. God regarded the Israelites as a peculiar treasure, but they refused to be a dedicated people and to continue faithful to God as they had promised to do when they entered the covenant at Sinai. Therefore, they were the cause of the failure of the old covenant. Readily these disobedient people claimed their privileges, but they refused to assume their responsibilities, so God permitted defeat and disaster to strike them.

When the Israelites refused to obey God and to permit Him to use them in the redemption of others, they broke their covenant with God and it was no longer in force. Then God spoke through Jeremiah about a new covenant which He was going to make with His people. This new covenant was not to be written on stone, but upon human minds and hearts. Rather than carnal and outward, it would be spiritual and inward. This new covenant, which was promised through Jeremiah, did not become operative until Christ came, and it superseded all other covenants.

Christ our high priest came and made salvation available to sinners and then returned to the Father without a stain. Superior to all others, He was great in person, position and power. Extremely sympathetic, He is ever concerned with human infirmities and helplessness. He is sufficient for all of our needs. His sinlessness, strength, sympathy, sufficiency and supremacy make Him worthy of our highest admiration and praise, and of our most faithful obedience and loyalty.

The first covenant could not meet the needs of sinners. It could reveal sin, but it could not remove it and save sinners. When Christ forgives sinners, He brings them into spiritual fellowship with God. Under the old covenant this proper relationship with God could be kept only by obedience to the law. Of course, that was an impossibility for man through his own efforts. Under the new and better covenant, that which could not be achieved by human efforts was made possible through the grace, love and mercy of God. It is the privilege of God's children to have true knowledge of Him based on and as an outgrowth of a personal experience of fellowship with Him. Under the new covenant every believer in Christ is a priest, and it is the task of everyone to share his knowledge of God with those who do not know Him. Let us do our best in this glorious work!

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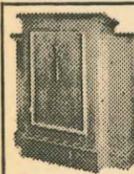
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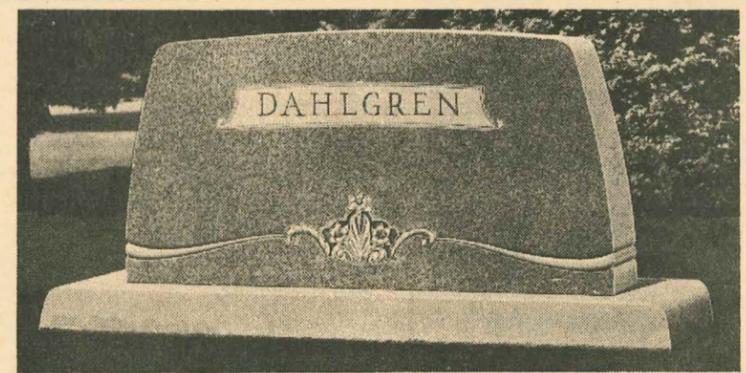
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Dear Kentucky Baptists:
With approximately 2,500 missionaries scattered around the world in 71 different countries, the tempo of change and event is accelerating beyond belief. Our Baptist witness is so intertwined with this change and these events that daily news increasingly has a missionary dimension.

Missionary literature from Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood, plus that published at the Foreign Mission Board, slowly covers the world with what we hope is a blanket of understanding. But that does not take care of news. The news of this world moves too fast to be "slowly" covered by anything. It is here that we are so greatly dependent upon the *Western Recorder*. Only through the Baptist state papers are we able to get missionary news to you with anything like a recent dateline.

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Unfortunately, not all Kentucky Baptists receive *Western Recorder*. There may be people in your church, or for that matter, whole churches, who do not have access to this excellent newspaper. For foreign missions' sake, why not see that every member in your church receives this paper? For foreign missions' sake, urge sister churches to consider putting it in their budget. We are convinced that if Southern Baptists know what is going on in missions, they will support it in unprecedented fashion. Richmond, Virginia Jesse C. Fletcher

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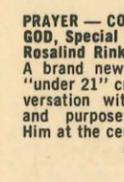
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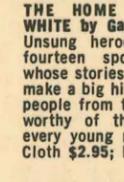
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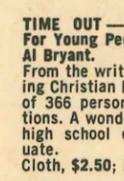
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Three Churches Observe Anniversaries

The First Baptist Church of London, Kentucky, observed its eighty-fifth anniversary with special services on Sunday, May 17, 1970.

Former pastor Winn T. Barr returned to speak in the regular 9:30 a.m. worship service. Members, former members and friends of the church then joined in a pot-luck fellowship lunch at the Feltner 4-H Grounds.

The First Baptist Church was organized in May of 1885 with elder J. W. Moren serving as moderator until 1888 when R. C. Madaris was called as pastor. The first building was dedicated in 1894. In 1923 the present sanctuary was erected on Main Street. In 1952 the education addition was dedicated.

W. M. Stallings became the thirteenth pastor of the church in 1921, after the first dozen men had served an average of three years each. Winn T. Barr became the fifth pastor between 1920 to his resignation in 1969, an average of eight years per pastor during those 40 years. Only 17 men served as pastor during those first 84 years of church history.

Beginning in 1958 the church has employed a full-time associate, first David Sparrow, then James W. Morrison, and now Richard B. Edwards.

First Baptist sponsored the Calvary Mission until it was organized into a church and now supports the work of

the Mill Street Baptist Church, as well as giving strong support to the Laurel Baptist Association.

In wider fields, First Baptist gives nearly \$20,000.00 each year to mission causes outside its community.

The Great Crossing Baptist Church, near Georgetown, Kentucky, will celebrate its 185th anniversary on Sunday, May 24, according to pastor David C. Dunn. Great Crossing Church was constituted on May 28, 1785, by Lewis Craig and John Taylor. It was the third church formed on the north side of the Kentucky river and the seventeenth church of the new country, according to the Kentucky Baptist historian, Frank M. Masters.

Some of the famous preachers in Kentucky Baptist history have served as Great Crossing pastors. The church is also famous for great revivals. One of these was in the 1801-03 period when 361 converts were baptized. Another was in 1828 when 359 were baptized.

The May 24 observance will include the 11 a.m. worship service at which former pastor Dan Stone will be the speaker. A picnic dinner will be served at 1 p.m. followed by a 2:30 p.m. service at which former pastors Ellis Ham and Albert Griffin will speak.

Pastor Dunn extends an invitation to former members and friends at Great Crossing for the special observance.

Kiddville Baptist Church in Clark County will celebrate its centennial anniversary with a month long observance beginning May 31 and continuing through June 30.

Several former pastors are returning to participate in the special occasion. May 31, Harold Crute, now of Topping, Virginia, will speak in the morning worship service. He will be followed on subsequent days by O. D. Kern, June 7; Owensboro's Harold Wainscott, June 17; and Eugene Hamilton of Springfield, Ohio, June 28.

June 28 has been designated Homecoming Day by the Kiddville church. Several former pastors will appear on an afternoon program.

Pastor B. R. Sullivan said all friends, former members and former pastors are invited for these special days.

Court To Rule On Church School Aid

By W. Barry Garrett

The United States Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of a state law that provides public funds for nonpublic schools which are largely church-related.

The Pennsylvania Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides substantial funds for the purchase of "secular" educational services from nonpublic schools.

Of the schools so aided approximately 97 percent are church-related. Of the 1,140 church-related elementary schools in Pennsylvania, all but 56 are Roman Catholic, and of the 276 church-related secondary schools in Pennsylvania, all but 27 are Roman Catholic.

The public funds allocated to the nonpublic schools come from a special tax on horse racing. Of these proceeds up to \$10 million are available. Beyond that, one-half of all proceeds above the \$10 million are available at the direction of the superintendent of public instruction.

The "secular" services in the nonpublic schools are defined as courses in mathematics, modern foreign language,

physical sciences, physical education. The reimbursement is limited to the actual cost to a nonpublic school of the teachers salaries, textbooks and instructional material used in the teaching of the courses.

Among the eight questions presented to the Supreme Court in this case are:

- Does the Pennsylvania law violate the free exercise of religion by using the power of taxation to force persons to contribute to the propagation of religion by the supporting of sectarian schools?

- Does the statute violate the equal protection of the law clause of the constitution because the public funds are disbursed to racially and religiously discriminating schools?

- Does the disbursement of public funds to nonpublic schools, because of the increasing costs of public schools and the threat of an "intolerable financial burden on the state" if the nonpublic schools were to close, provide a subsidy to religious institutions to achieve a secular purpose, thus creating a forbidden interdependence between church and state? (BP)



NEW MATERIAL—Frank Lawton, left, Crusader consultant, Royal Ambassador department, Brotherhood Commission, explains a new Lad manual to Calvin Fields, associate Brotherhood secretary in Kentucky. The Lad advancement manuals are part of a new Royal Ambassador advancement series which became available May 15 in Baptist Bookstores. The new line unveiled in Memphis are graded by school grades. The levels are Lad 1, grade 1; Lad 2, grade 2; Lad 3, grade 3; Page, grade 4; Squire, grade 5; Knight, grade 6; Pioneer Adventure, grades 7-9; and Ambassador Service, grades 10-12.