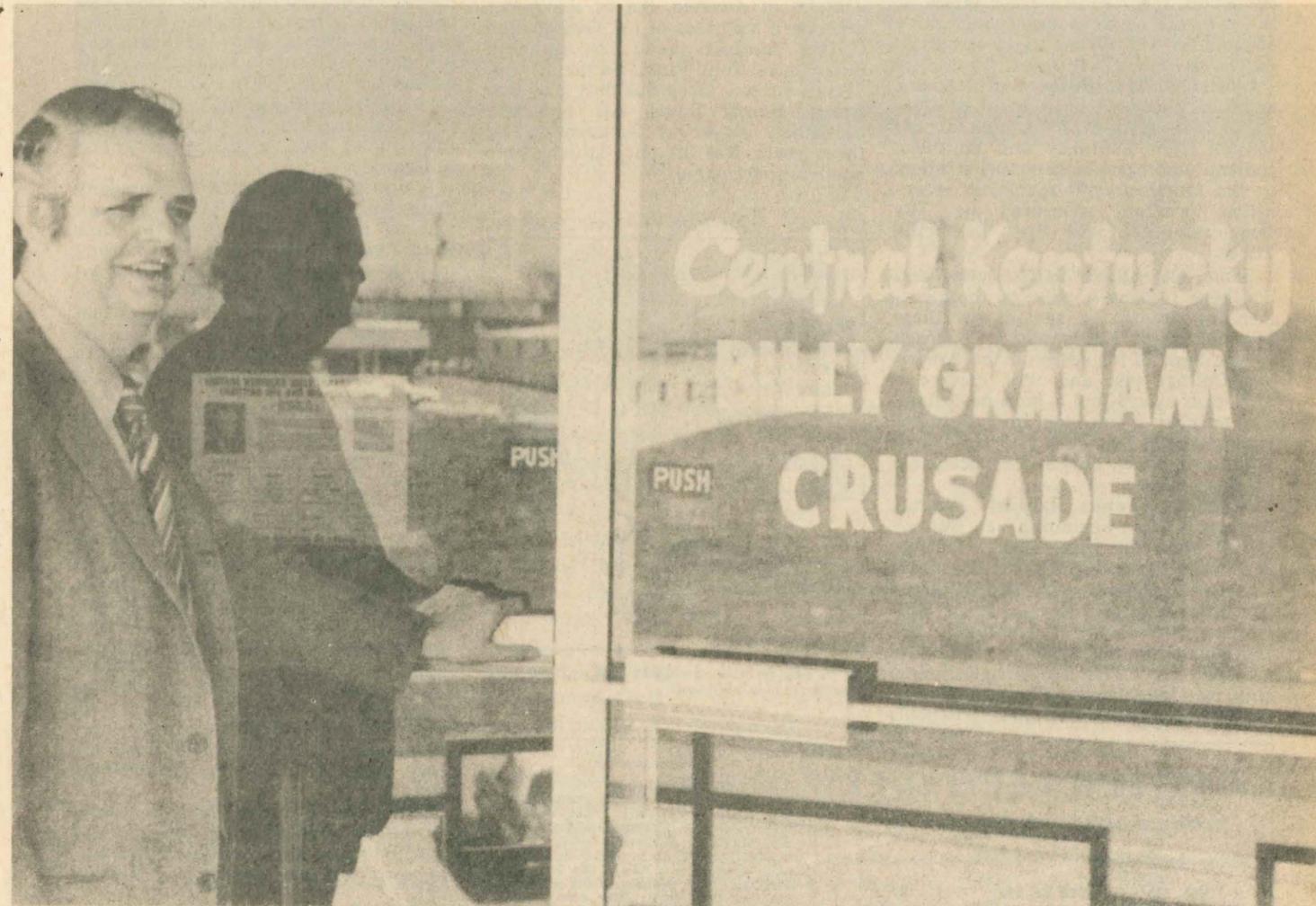




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APRIL 24, 1971



Trinity Baptist Church pastor Bob Brown enters the Billy Graham Crusade offices in Eastland Shopping Center in Lexington. Brown serves as co-chairman of the Central Kentucky Billy Graham Crusade scheduled

to begin Sunday, April 25, and extend through Wednesday, April 28.

For information about the preparation going into the upcoming Graham meeting, see story and pictures on pages 8-9.

People And Places

Mrs. J. R. Black, one time elementary worker in the KBC Sunday School department, died Monday, April 12, 1971, in Fulton, Missouri. She is survived by her husband, who was the secretary of KBC Sunday School department at the same time she was elementary worker, and one son, Don, who is in Florida in the Air Corps.

A new display on coins and their relationship to religion through the ages will be located in the main lobby of the James P. Boyce Library at Southern Seminary and will be available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. April 29 through July 1, 1971.

The Youth Choir, 70 members of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, plans a weekend tour for April 23-25. Jack C. DuVall, minister of music and education, reports, "We are grateful at the response as we average only some 359 and we had 234 people in our graded choirs."

Robert B. Kruschwitz, son of pastor and Mrs. Verlin C. Kruschwitz of Elizabethtown, is one of 14 high school seniors from Kentucky and Southern Indiana who have been named winners in the fourth annual scholastic recognition program sponsored by The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times.

Some 300 schools in Kentucky and Southern Indiana nominated their outstanding graduating seniors for these 14 scholarships. Kruschwitz was chosen on the basis of his score on the American College test and will receive a \$250 cash award and a gold medallion. The purpose of the program is to honor young people from the two state area who have shown outstanding academic achievement.

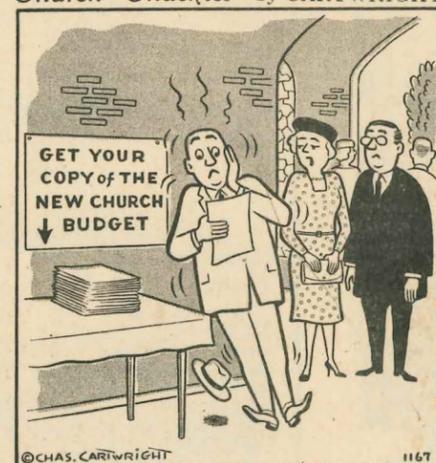
Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, is beginning a Sunday school class for exceptional children. The class is being taught by Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, Sr. Mrs. Hildreth has studied at the University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky and the University of Maryland which she attended on a Theresa Kirby Scholarship on Child Study. She has been a teacher in the Hamilton County Schools

(Ohio) in Special Education and is now a Home Instructor in the Forest Hills School District. Mrs. Hildreth is assisted by Mrs. Wm. Hugh Foster of the christian social ministries department of the Home Mission Board.

The ninth annual Pastors Conference will be held on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary July 12-16, 1971. The conference, which will feature studies in the Old and New Testaments, discussions, lectures, and sermons, will also provide time for library study and fellowship for those who attend. Landrum P. Leavell II, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, and president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, will bring the message in the worship hour each evening.

Seven Georgetown College students have been selected to appear in the 1971 edition of *Outstanding College Athletes of America*. Six of the nominees were members of the Georgetown College football squad last autumn: Bob Olson, Tom Fink, Bernie Storer, Steve Johnson, Greg Spalding and Bob Evans. Kenny Davis, All American basketball player at Georgetown for three years, was the only athlete from another sport named.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I hate to think how upset he'd be if we were planning to give anything!"

DEVOTIONAL



W. B. Bingham
Binghamtown Baptist Church,
Middlesboro

Up's And Down's

We have toiled all night and have taken nothing. Luke 5:5

One of the famous soap companies had spent a million dollars trying to invent a certain kind of soap and failed, however in their failure it turned out to be ivory soap. Abraham Lincoln failed in the grocery business, if he had succeeded he probably would have never been president of United States.

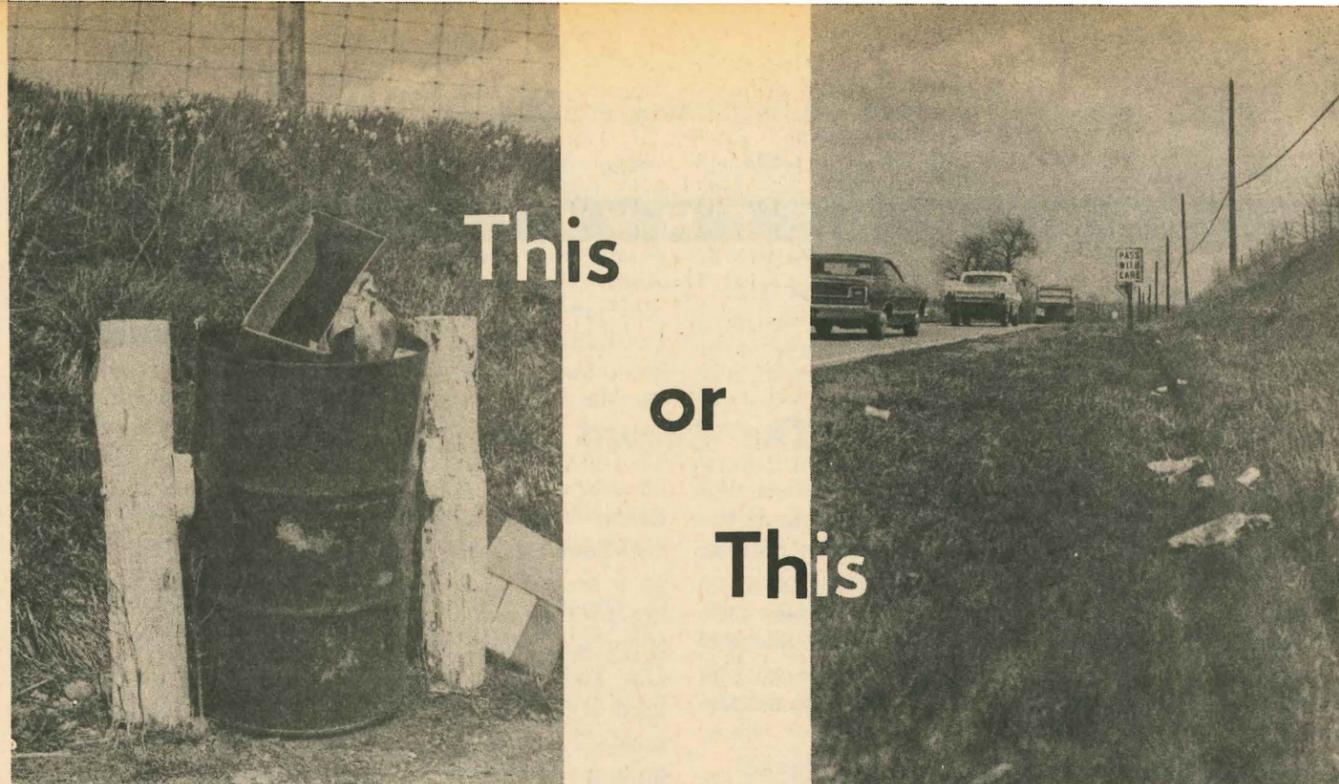
It was a sad day when the company I was working for said, you can't manage our store and preach at the same time. I said I'll give up one but I won't quit preaching. Just before Christmas 1945 they released me, my wife cried but this was one of the best things that ever happened to me. It opened the way for me to attend Clear Creek School and was a major turning point in my life.

Peter here in Luke 5:5 had toiled all night and taken nothing. However, he was willing to obey Christ (verse 5b) and with astonishing results.

Our down's in life can be a blessing if it causes us to trust what we have left in the Master's hands. If we do this He will make it valuable, He will multiply and bless, He told Abraham, I am a blessing and a multiplying God. Our down's can have good effect if they lead us to do God's will and when Jesus was in their plan, their down's were turned into up's. They caught so many fish they couldn't haul them all, they were astonished how Christ could turn down's into up's. Christ promoted them from catching fish to catching men.

When we obey Him in little things He can trust us with big things. I can testify this is true from the Bible and my own personal experiences. Romans 8:28.

Some day when I've arrived at home,
And view the road o'er which I've come;
I'll see the battlements of light,
And know He doeth all things right.
For then will be revealed I know
A picture of my way below;
Some things I had not understood
I'll realize were for my good.



I just returned from a spring walk on a country road. Pondering God's love through Christ was part of my sermon preparation. Stumbling over a discarded beer can on the road side, I shifted my thoughts to the topic of ecology. That is a current craze among young people, you know. "That's a good craze," I thought. A whole lot better than swallowing gold fish, crowding into phone booths or conducting panty raids. That's a craze that even the church could support. But is it appropriate for the church?

My thoughts turned again to our Lord. He was described as a man who went about doing good. His disciples today are too often content with just going about! Some

By F. Russell Bennett, Jr.

of the good things that Jesus did were not big like a city-wide crusade. For example, he healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever. He went home to dinner with Zacchaeus. Those might have been little things, but they were good.

Maybe that is the way love begins—in little things. Mother's love comes in little things — a peanut butter sandwich, a cup of cool water, a gentle kiss. Maybe even the church could show God's love in little things, now and then. Granted, every Southern Baptist church does a lot of good. Our gifts through the Cooperative Program share ministry and good news all around the world. Our organizations teach God's Word to his people. Our benevolences help many who are less fortunate. But love is always looking for ways to do more.

Our churches need always to be alert to unusual ways in which we can demonstrate the inbreak of the Kingdom of God in our time and place. Maybe the ecology craze offers us just such an opportunity. To be specific, a local congregation could take a Saturday for cleaning up several miles of public road sides. Perhaps even a whole association could band together to police a considerable distance of public highway. Just think of the good public relations such an event would develop!

All the members of the congregation could gather at specific points along the highway to walk along in teams of four or five picking up the cans, bottles, and trash that have been thrown along the road side by careless passengers. After two or three hours of such ministry, the entire congregation then could gather someplace for a picnic in celebration of their fellowship of service together. Now admittedly this is not any big thing. But the church would be doing good. The world might hear us saying, "We care about God's world and the people in God's world." This might not build up Sunday morning attendance. It might not immediately contribute to an increase in our Sunday offering. But the church would be going about doing good. In a sense, we would be acting like Jesus. To me, that's not bad.

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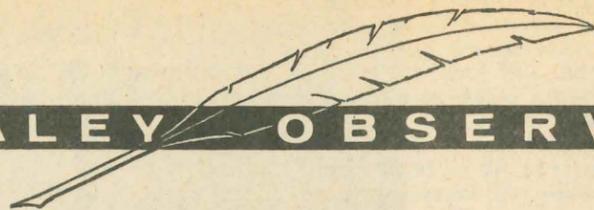
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To Set The Record Straight

On March 4 Billy Graham made an address at the National Conference of Christians and Jews held in Cleveland, Ohio. According to T. W. Wilson, associate to Billy Graham, some well meaning people have quoted and even misquoted Graham in this address. Consequently a complete text of his address on this occasion has been provided this publication to set the record straight.

Two views expressed by Graham in this address have been most questioned. To many of his fellow Baptists Graham appears to be departing from what has been considered basic Baptist convictions on these two points. They both have to do with the first amendment to the United States constitution and its provision for religious freedom through separation of church and state.

This editor is among those who have serious questions about the two positions expressed by Graham in this address. The complete address is far too long for publication in *Western Recorder* but in fairness to Graham and to correct any misquotations, the section of his address relating to these two positions is being quoted verbatim. Any reaction by this editor to Graham's viewpoints will be reserved for a later editorial. Here are Graham's words in sections four and five of his address:

Section 4. "We should hammer out together a common agreement for returning prayer to the public schools.

"I am totally against the state imposing set forms of prayer or demanding that all pray. But students should have the right to pray silently on a voluntary basis or to repeat prayers used in the Supreme Court or before Congress.

"I also believe that the Bible should be read in the public schools, limited even to the Ten Commandments. Our children need to know there is a moral law! I am alarmed by the zeal of some clergymen — Catholic, Protestant and Jewish — to secularize America. I warn you that, as in the Soviet

Union, secularization will lead to a rising tide of anti-Semitism and ultimately anti-Christianity. Many have been surprised that the new anti-Semitism rising in America comes from the far left. I am not surprised! Much of the far left is secularistic, humanistic and even atheistic. It is intolerant towards any kind of faith in God. This push towards secularization must be halted and reversed if democracy and freedom are to survive in this country."

Section 5. "We can cooperate in solving the religious education problem.

"America has always been pluralistic. From 1789 by constitutional choice church and state have been separated. I am totally committed to such separation. However, our public schools have been so influenced by antagonistic, unbelieving secularists that I believe my children and grandchildren would be greatly benefitted by attending religiously oriented schools where God is revered, respected and honored. Religious oriented schools all over the nation are threatened with bankruptcy due to the lack of funds. If they fail, it will place an enormous burden upon the public school system that is already overburdened. It seems wrong in principle for people to be taxed to support truly secular education while at the same time having to pay for educating their children in church schools. Americans should not be required to pay to propagate religious beliefs they do not believe in, but Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Americans are now helping to pay for materialistic, atheistic teaching that they do not believe in — and in some instances the teaching is anti-Christian and anti-Semitic! I call tonight for some creative solution to this complex problem, perhaps through dual enrollment, tax rebates or tuition grants to students to be used where they please. No child ought to be involuntarily subjected to educational processes that will corrupt his religious heritage. There must be true freedom of choice and that choice must include Jewish and Christian schools."

Denominational Organization Exists For Churches Sake

This could sound like a strange if not an unbecoming confession for a denominational worker but it has been a growing conviction of mine which keeps crying for expression. As one whose ministry is mainly with producing a denominational publication, meeting with committees on all levels of denominational life, promoting and evaluating denominational programs, I have difficulty at times not despairing for the future of Southern Baptists in God's redemptive plan for this world.

On the other hand when I visit local congregations of Baptists in Kentucky and some in other states in worship and fellowship experiences, my spirit often soars and my hope is renewed for the Lord's cause among Southern Baptists.

If I were reading the above words instead of writing them, I would be prone to conclude that the writer is out of pocket and should be ministering through a local church instead of being a denominational worker. As the writer I can only reply I am where I believe the Lord wants me as his servant and this is enough inspiration and joy in spite of a solid conviction that the hope for Southern Baptists really is in the local churches.

It is quite natural that a denominational worker whose time is mostly consumed with programs, statistics, budgets and denominational problems cannot always feel the thrill that is a pastor's experience with day by day personal ministry with flesh and blood people with all their problems, joys and sorrows. This is not to say a pastor doesn't have to fight to keep from becoming consumed with trivia, promotion and everything else but people.

Whatever has been said above does not mean to imply denominational organization and denominational workers are not vital in the life of Southern Baptists. Indeed, without our denominational structure what Baptist local churches could do in the way of a world wide missionary evangelistic ministry would be seriously limited. Independent Baptist

churches tend to wax and wane in their zeal and ministry beyond the local community while Southern Baptists plod on with an ever expanding outreach to the whole world.

The redeeming side of denominational work is the privilege of denominational workers ministering in their own local churches and visiting other local congregations. Since the first of this year it has been my privilege to be in many different churches for Bible conferences or supply preaching. As a result I have new inspiration and hope for Baptists as they take their tasks seriously where they are and through their gifts and prayers to the uttermost parts of the world.

The last of these visits for a Bible conference was with the people of the Temple Baptist Church in Owensboro. This is a relatively small congregation as city congregations go, but one with some of the biggest hearts and sincerest servants in the Lord's work.

Temple pastor Franklin Skaggs is as appreciative of the denomination and denominational workers as any pastor I know, but is first of all wedded to his flock and is attentive to all their needs. Consequently the love between pastor and people at Temple for the eight years of Frank's ministry is something inspiring to behold.

And so here we are again where this editor has often ended up in conviction. The cutting edge and battle front for Baptists in this and all ages is the local congregation characterized by love for one another and for the world of lost people.

This means the denominational structure and programs exist for these churches and these churches exist for service to people. And so whatever our calling as preacher or layman is to serve in denominational organizations or in local churches, it's a people centered and love motivated ministry if it is led by the spirit of the Living Lord.

BAPTIST FORUM



SABBATICUS MORBUS

Dear Editor:

Sabbaticus Morbus (Sunday Sickness) is a rather curious disease. It mostly affects church members, usually adults. Symptoms normally begin about mid-morning on Sundays and the patient just does not quite feel like going to his church. Recovery is rapid, usually starting shortly after 11:00 A.M., and the patient is always able

to take on the normal amount of nourishment at the noon meal — sometimes more. This ailment has never been known to interfere in the least with all sorts of non-church Sunday afternoon activities. However, late in the afternoon or early evening it becomes highly prevalent, afflicting not only those who had a spell in the morning, but many others who felt well enough to attend the services of the morning.

Again recovery occurs in two or three hours — sometimes less. It generally remains dormant until Wednesday night when it strikes church members in great numbers, so many in fact that, if recovery were not so fast, the health authorities would surely declare it an epidemic.

Sabbaticus Morbus is, alas, often fatal — sometimes to souls in the victim's family — sometimes to souls in the neighborhood where people wonder if being a church member means anything much.

There is one positive remedy — a tonic of faith and hope and love — love for Him who died on the Cross for our sins — love for Him who said "Come unto me . . ."

Cincinnati, Ohio Ray Peterson

Global Lay Evangelism Push Planned

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention plan a global sharing of new materials and strategy for lay training in evangelism.

The announcement of an agreement between the agencies came from Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the division of evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board.

"Our recent lay evangelism schools in Atlanta, the first phase of a national ministry in this area, met with a success beyond our expectations," he said. "Missionaries overseas indicated unusual interest, so we offered whatever assistance possible to the Foreign Mission Board."

This offer includes missionary training in the schools tuition free, as well as offering to cooperate on plans for training of personnel within national missions.

The lay evangelism schools, part of a national strategy by the evangelism division, were held in 46 churches in

Atlanta in recent months. Trained in the schools were 1,780 laity and 383 leadership personnel from throughout the nation.

Chafin said evangelism leaders are designing a strategy for each state, building in "whatever variations they feel are needed and using the resources of the division of evangelism as desired."

The training, according to Chafin, is "Bible centered and church centered, helping the layman in his own spiritual growth and providing him with witnessing opportunities during training."

One large Atlanta church within six weeks after laymen in the congregation had been trained reported half as many professions of faith as they had baptized during all of the previous year, Chafin said.

Materials for the schools, developed by the division of evangelism and produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board under the name WIN (Witness-Involvement-Now) products. (BP)

Kentuckian Named Seminary Pres.

Louisville native Gerald A. McNeely was named president of the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary, Barcelona, effective with the current school year.

He served as acting seminary president during the previous year in the absence of Russell B. Hilliard, whom he succeeds. Both are Southern Baptist missionaries.

McNeely has taught in the seminary for about 12 years. The institution trains men and women for leadership in the nearly 60 churches of the Spanish Baptist Union.

In addition, McNeely manages a Baptist book deposit and serves as re-

ligious education director at the Barcelona Baptist Church where he and his family are members.

He was chairman of the Spanish Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) 1962-66 and 1969-70.

Appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1957, McNeely joined the Barcelona seminary faculty the following year. He later lived in the seaport of Alicante for a year while assisting Baptist churches in the vicinity.

Before going overseas he was pastor of Baptist churches in Ewing, Dry Ridge and Carlisle, Kentucky.

McNeely is married to the former June Hall of Stanford, Kentucky. They have two daughters, Linda and Marsha. Linda is a junior at Georgetown College.

Baptists Urge College Review

The Baptist Renewal Group is circulating a bulletin asking for an independent investigation of the future of seven Baptist theological colleges in Britain.

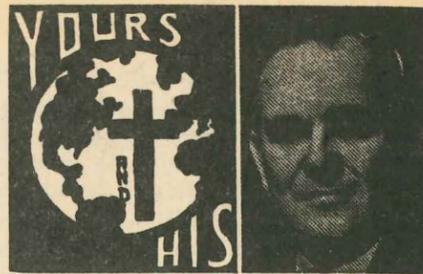
Four of the schools are located in England, two in Wales and one in Scotland.

Can seven Baptist colleges still justify their separate existence at a time when the number of ministerial students is declining and some colleges have far fewer students in training for

the ministry than the number of places available? the bulletin inquires.

According to the *Baptist Times*, weekly journal in London, the renewal group answers it question with a "resounding, 'No!'" Furthermore, it contends the maintenance of seven colleges is "a good example of bad stewardship."

The main suggestion of the Baptist Renewal Group, however, is that an independent commission be set up to explore the matter. (EBPS)



Go to Cedarmore this summer

It's spring, then summer! It's assembly and camps time in Kentucky and Kentucky Baptists have one of the finest little assembly and camps for boys and girls that you can find. Are you planning to attend; to send your boys, girls, young people, leaders? There's something wonderful for every age — and you should be making your reservation now!

Boys and girls camps

Junior Music Camps, July 26-30, August 2-6, 9-13 and 16-20 conducted by Eugene Quinn, state music secretary. Send \$3 registration fee to Cedarmore, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003, and bring \$19.50 with you to camp! Choose your week.

G.A. Camps. Girls in Action June 14-18, 21-25 and with Acteens June 28-July 2, 12-16, and 19-23; Overnight Camp 16-17. Acteens June 28-July 2 (with GA), July 5-9, 19-23 (with GA), 26-30.

Older Acteens — July 9-11. Send \$3 registration fee to Cedarmore, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003, and bring \$19.50 with you to camp. These are conducted by Kentucky WMU with Anna Mary Hack in charge of Acteens and Nancy Jo Watson of Girls in Action.

R.A. Camps. These are sponsored by state Brotherhood, F. R. Sawyer, secretary, and conducted by Calvin D. Fields, associate. Send \$3 registration fee to Brotherhood Department, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

The weeks: RA Camps June 14-19, 21-26, 28-July 3, July 5-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-31, August 2-7, 9-14. Father and Son(s) Camp (1, 2, 3 graders) — Section I — August 16-18; Section II — August 18-20.

State R.A. Track Meet — May 8.

Will your boys, girls and youth miss these?

Youth week

Many of the weeks for adults will be enjoyed by youth, but these are specially planned for them:

Youth Assembly — July 5-9. Music Assembly — July 26-30. BSU Presidents and Campus Ministers — August 15-17.

Send \$3 registration fee to Cedarmore, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003.

Harold G. Sanders

WESTERN RECORDER

Revival Reports

Bardwell Baptist Church, Bardwell, had a youth emphasis week climaxing with a youth-led revival on February 26-28. A group of young people known as the "God Squad," from Trinity Baptist Church in Paducah, were in charge of the services. After praying and singing, these young people stood before a packed auditorium and shared with all how Jesus Christ was alive in their lives. There was such a response on Sunday evening that services were extended to Monday and Tuesday evenings.

In recorded decisions, there were 17 professions of faith in Christ and over 60 public commitments to allow Christ to reign in the individual's life. Deryl Watson, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, says there has been a new enthusiasm and excitement about witnessing and soul-winning in the church. Young people have started having prayer and sharing meetings as well as visitation outreach.

Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, reports 72 decisions from their 1971

spring revival. Of these decisions 53 were by profession of faith. Harold Tallant served as evangelist and Clarence Tudor as song leader. Robert O. Williams is pastor at Clifton Church.

Herman Roach conducted a revival at the **Crab Orchard Baptist Church, Lincoln County.** Four professions of faith and 23 rededications were experienced in this church whose pastor is Claire Baker. Also on this team were Don Taylor, Mt. Vernon, Indiana; song-leader; Linda Wells, pianist; Nancy Nall, Vine Grove, organist; and Keith Bohanon, social director.

Liberty Baptist Church, Auburn, Kentucky, held a revival March 7-14, 1971, with Walter K. Ayers, Garland, Texas, as the evangelist. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Short, Paris, Texas, were the song evangelistic team. Pastor David Walters reports 17 additions by profession of faith and one by letter.

Moreland Baptist Church, Boyle County, experienced five rededications during a revival led by Herman Roach, Mt. Vernon, Indiana. He was aided by Linda Wells, pianist, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Ginger Mitchell, special music and social director, North Garden,

Virginia. The church's pastor is Leon Oliver.

Six rededications were made at **Oak Hill Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana,** during a revival series conducted by Steve Cook, Georgetown College. Randy Dill, Campbellsville College, was songleader. Others from Georgetown College who assisted in the endeavor were Linda Rice, pianist; Barbara Finney, special music; and Cindy Boltinghouse, social director. William Carter is pastor of this church.

A "Jesus Explosion" has just been concluded by **Oak Hill Baptist Church of the Lynn Association.** This "Explosion" consisted of evangelistic rallies in two high schools and a week of revival, April 4-11, in the church itself. Pastor Bob Sharp reports that the church, which averages around a hundred in Sunday School, sponsored the meetings in conjunction with the "Youth For Christ Club" of Larue County High School. A total of 70 professions of faith were made during the meeting. The evangelist was Bob Phillips of Louisville.

Harold D. Tallant, Louisville, was the evangelist for revival services conducted at **Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky,** recently. Pastor Frank W. Rhodus reports several additions: one by letter, three rededications and 29 by profession for baptism.

Elliott Named Spring Meadows Head

The Baptist Board of Child Care approved two administrative changes in their quarterly meeting held on the campus of Pine Crest Children's Home in Morehead April 13.

The first change was the election of W. Robert Elliott as superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown. He succeeds George Gray who is assuming the role of assistant to the superintendent at Spring Meadows.

Elliott, who has been superintendent of the Pine Crest Home since 1965, will assume his new role July 1. Previously the Child Care Board voted to close the Morehead home.

Speaking of the change, general su-

perintendent C. Ford Deusner commented, "It was anticipated that with the closing of Pine Crest in June that a change would have to be made. On the basis of seniority it was determined that Elliott would be named superintendent at Spring Meadows."

"Both men have served well in our Child Care program and we anticipate their continued contributions," he added.

The second change was the election of Mrs. Dan Corman of Lexington as vice president of the board. She succeeds Paul Robinson who has resigned as minister of education at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, to accept a similar position with the Southside Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida.

New Church Training Quarterly Added

Baptist Adults, consisting of at least one doctrinal unit each quarter, will be produced through the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Beginning with the October quarter of the church year, churches may order **Baptist Adults** for their training needs. The reading level of **Baptist Adults** will be comparable to popular magazines and newspapers. Sessions will be dated and parts will be numbered.

Size, format, art and general appearance of **Baptist Adults** will be that of

the familiar quarterly. Controversial issues will be minimized.

Additional pages will be included so that Bible readings and a missionary prayer calendar may be included.

Baptist Adults will be self contained. No additional books or other materials will be necessary for the group learning session. Bible features will be included with each session, according to Philip B. Harris, secretary, church training department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Source, Skill and Now will continue to be produced by the Board.



AWAY FROM HOME — MK (missionary kid) Sarah Margaret Faile poses behind an unofficial milepost designating Nalerigu as the "coolest spot in northern Ghana" and marking distance to the hometowns of Southern Baptist missionaries and journeymen stationed there. Journeymen Lynda James and Nancy McAden secretly painted the sign and erected it at midnight New Year's Eve.

Graham Crusade Nears, Preparations Hectic

A crash program is what the Billy Graham team expected when they decided to sponsor an evangelistic crusade in Lexington, and a crash program is what they got.

Dan Piat, a Billy Graham team member and crusade director, said that when prime time television became available, the team looked around for some place to sponsor a meeting.

"We decided on Lexington," . . . he said, "because they did such an outstanding job on the Grady Wilson campaign in 1967. (Wilson is an associ-

**By Bob Terry
Associate Editor**

ate evangelist with the Graham team.) We knew they would work hard in spite of the short time to prepare."

Piat's foreknowledge has been proven true in the 14 weeks since the announcement of the Lexington Crusade was made. Under the leadership of Bob Brown, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lexington and co-chairman of the Wilson campaign, the 54 members of the executive committee and other concerned Christians have worked day and night to do the necessary preparations.

Circuit court judge L. T. Grant, a deacon in the Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, headed up the nominating committee in selecting chairmen of the various committees. Many former chairmen were selected because they knew how to do the jobs and there was no time to train new people.

Each committee chairman then helped build his or her own committee. Brown emphasized that these were not advisory committees. "These committees are doing the work," he declared.

"We really don't have time to fool with persons who want to go along for the ride."

Brown added that it is necessary for most committee members to adjust their schedules to do the job. "Many



Barbara Royalty, a member of Immanuel church, mails a few of the more than 1,000 pieces posted each day. She is one of the paid office secretaries. Additional volunteer help is used daily.

of us are in five and six breakfast meetings a week and then have luncheon meetings, meetings at night, telephone calls to make all during the day, people to see about doing specific tasks and all of this is on top of our regular responsibilities."

The Trinity pastor observed that some, pastors especially, still think that their church field is the extent of the kingdom of God and won't work, while others won't work because they were

not asked to be on the executive committee.

"It is rather typical we have been told," the chairman observed "for laymen to respond better to Billy Graham than pastors, so I guess we are just proving ourselves typical of all others."

Of the 54 executive committee members, only 17 are pastors. Several denominations are represented on the planning group. Denominations included are Christian, Southern Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Wesley Methodist, Presbyterian, Free Will Methodist, Evangelical Methodist, Southern Presbyterian, African Methodist Episcopal, Lutheran, Episcopal, Nazarene, General Association of Baptists and Assembly of God.

Yet, in spite of a broadbase of support and hard work by those involved, the preparations are running behind schedule, in some cases far behind schedule.

Crusade director Piat observed that critical areas are finances, publicity and counselors.

According to the report filed by the treasurer at the April 14 meeting of the executive committee, slightly over \$23,000 had been deposited. Plans called for a minimum of \$45,000 collected by that date.

In all the Graham crusade in Lexington will cost about \$96,000. Of that amount, Piat said \$30,000 will probably be collected at the services. The rest must be banked ahead of that time.

"Financially, we are getting farther behind every day," he observed.

Otis Amos, former vice president of Campbellsville College now serving as treasurer of the crusade, said that less than one-tenth of one percent of the Lexington populace had made contributions to the campaign as of that date (April 14). "A lot of people still don't know we are collecting money for the crusade," Otis told the committee. "They seem to think that these things just happen and don't cost anybody anything."

Some are too occupied with their own financial needs or the financial needs of their church to contribute to the Graham crusade, commented another executive committee member.

Persons were still being contacted to solicit funds for the campaign 10 days before the first service.

Amos said those who contribute to the campaign receive a receipt for tax purposes if they include their name and return address. Anyone desiring to contribute may send funds to the Billy Graham Crusade, 1076 Eastland Shopping Center, Lexington 40505.

When asked why people were not aware of the upcoming crusade, chairman Brown responded that publicity had not come as was anticipated. Piat

added that a lot of people didn't believe that Graham was coming.

"We go to the newspaper men with our publicity and they ask if Graham had cancelled yet," Piat said almost disgustingly. "I say look, we are in here with all our TV people, with everything we have. Do you think we would be spending all this money if we were not expecting Graham to be here!"



Stephanie Wills, secretary to Henry Holly, recently arrived in Lexington to help direct last minute details. Here she works with Mrs. Wanda Wasson, Trinity church, on reservations for church groups. Each church is asked to use half their reservations for unchurched people.

Brown said that the crusade sponsored Lexington's first city wide sunrise service at Easter and got little publicity for it. Youth rallies and other meetings have been held with little news coverage given them.

"We haven't expected everything to be given to us but we didn't expect to have to buy everything either. We have spent a lot of money for publicity,"

Brown noted.

Piat pulled out several publicity pieces from a folder on his desk and commented, "These last few days are going to be vital."

The last few days will be vital in the number of counselors as well. Bill Craig, pastor of Rosemont Baptist Church in Lexington, reported that a total of 800 trained counselors are needed for the four day crusade. "At present," he told the executive committee, "we have 253 trained persons."

Henry Holly, another Graham team member who is conducting the training sessions, said that at least 450 counselors would be needed for the Coliseum alone and, at present, there would not be that many in the total.

Holly added that for some reason persons are attending the training sessions for counselors but are not signing up to work as counselors. "We are beyond the time when we can afford the luxury of non-involvement. We have to be willing to stand up and be counted," he declared.

Special make up training sessions for counselors were planned for Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 19-20. In these two evenings, Holly planned to teach the material he had previously taught in four nights.

But in the despair over the acute shortage of counselors, there were some hopeful signs.

That one-third of those signing up to be counselors were college students was seen as a most encouraging sign, an indication of interest among Lexington area college students.

One University of Kentucky student, Miss Hilma Skonberg, a Methodist, related that an April 4 Youth Rally on the UK campus drew more than 2,000 students for the three hour happening featuring associate evangelist Ralph Bell.

"The interest is fantastic at UK," the coed exclaimed. "The kids are ready for something, something spir-



Crusade Director Dan Piat, second from left, talks about an April 23 youth rally with members of the executive committee. From left they are, Ron Burdon, Piat, Miss Hilma Skonberg; Sam Giles, pastor of Shilo Baptist Church, and Carolyn Burdon. Labeled a "Jesus March," the rally will begin at 7:30 in front of First Baptist Church on West Main and proceed to the county Courthouse. Leading the event will be Dan Issel, Cliff Barrows and Grady Wilson.



Ron Burdon helps unload a box load of sermons and other printed material to be distributed by the visitation committee. Burdon is an assistant pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington. In charge of distribution is Ted Sisk, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

itual." She added that some may be there out of curiosity, but said, "That's great. They will hear the word of God and that's what counts."

Mrs. Encil Deen, prayer committee chairman and former Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union president, said that prayer interest was high. She related that more than 900 prayer meetings had been held in connection with the crusade. One lady, she said, canvassed a neighborhood of 45 homes in an area of the "up and outs" and out of the 45 homes, all women came for a prayer time specifically for the Graham crusade.

The Calvary Baptist Church laywoman said that if there were only two more weeks of preparation, the number of prayer meetings would double.

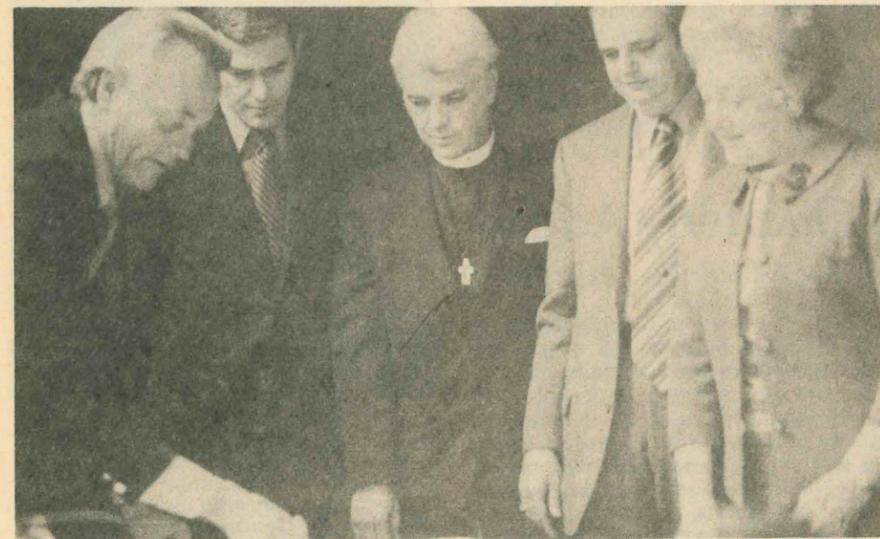
Even publicity was picking up as the executive committee adjourned. Additional meetings were being scheduled between the crusade officials and editors and communications people of the Lexington area and a group of bankers had asked the officials to have lunch with them, perhaps to talk about making contributions.

Piat commented that in the last few days there is often a type of ground swell of interest. "People realize that something is going to happen and they want to be a part of it when it does," he said.

Even of the bleak outlook for counselors, Piat told the executive committee that God would raise up the necessary persons to do the task.

"With people in over 100 countries praying, we need to trust God that He will give us the victory," the director declared.

The Billy Graham Central Kentucky Crusade, a crash program. Yes. But a crash program based on the efforts of dedicated men and women with an undying faith in God.



Henry Holly, left, goes over Coliseum arrangements with, left to right, Wallace Bennett of Davids Fork Baptist Church; Moultrie McIntosh of Reformed Episcopal; Bob Brown of Trinity Baptist; and Mrs. Encil Deen of Calvary Baptist.

One Kidney Machine Drive Successful, Another Starts

A few months ago, 12-year-old Eben (Buddy) Giese was the object of a nationwide coupon drive to obtain a life-saving kidney machine. Now Buddy has a new kidney.

Members of the Balboa Park Baptist Church in Richmond, California, were

so successful in their campaign to obtain a kidney machine for Buddy that they were inspired to look for other ways they could help people in need.

In December, Mrs. Jean Grigsby and Mrs. Eben Giese Sr., Buddy's mother, initiated a campaign through the

church to try to obtain 800,000 Betty Crocker coupons to exchange for a kidney machine for Buddy.

More than 1½ million coupon were collected in the drive, and the extra coupons were made available to other kidney patients.

In January, Buddy not only got his kidney machine, but was the recipient of a kidney transplant from an unidentified donor.

The machine was promptly returned to the Northern California Kidney Foundation and made available to another needy patient.

Mrs. Giese said she and the family were "flabbergasted" by the response to the campaign for Buddy.

Another church, Immanuel Baptist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, is collecting coupons for one of its members, Mrs. A. O. Skinner. Those having coupons may wish to forward them to the Texarkana church on 500 Kitby Street, Texarkana, Arkansas 75501.

Also, Betty Crocker has announced it will suspend redemption of the coupons for medical needs effective May 31 of this year. The decision was made after the company was accused of trying to capitalize on the illness of human beings.

Arabs Address Israeli Mission Meet

Four officers of the Council of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel reviewed the work of the association during the annual meeting in Jerusalem of Southern Baptist representatives in Israel.

This was the first time that officers of the association have reported during annual sessions of the Baptist Mission, according to Mrs. Elizabeth F. Smith, press representative.

Yousef Qubty, chairman of the association, emphasized the need for the mission and association to work together. Qubty, a lay evangelist and teacher from Nazareth, and the other officers projected plans by which the two organizations might jointly provide needs of the six churches, five chapels and other preaching points of the seven-year-old association.

"Everything we plan or do should be for one purpose, to bring men and women, Arabs and Jews to a saving 'knowledge of Jesus Christ,'" said Qubty. "We must help our churches see that their duty is to lead all be-

lievers into fellowship and active service for him."

The four council officers heard reports from 10 mission committees working in areas of direct concern to the churches, and they joined in discussions of the reports. All 26 Southern Baptist missionaries now in Israel attended the meeting.

William W. Marshall, missionary field representative for the Middle East, said "This event marks the reality of an energetic source of Baptist leadership from within Israel."

Marshall, who is based in Nicosia, Cyprus, spoke to the group on aspects of group dynamics, including attitudes toward God, others and self in relation to group life. Marshall is from Frankfort, Kentucky. (BP)

Seminary Offers Pastors New Programs

Two new programs are being added to the Continuing Theological Education Conference (CTEC) program at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

The first is an "Independent Campus Study" program.

Designed to allow a pastor or denominational official to utilize the full resources of the campus for individual specialized projects, this program provides for one day to two weeks of study at a time most convenient to the visiting minister.

Specific faculty consultation will be available to participants upon request, but the program is for independent student help and faculty consultation is not required.

The second is the "Pastoral Scholars-in-Residence" program.

Created for more extensive study, personal renewal and self-analysis in a small group context, this offering is limited to the January, June and July terms.

The program is designed to last two to four weeks. It will be loosely structured and will include inter-personal group dynamics and tutorial reading, writing, or self-analysis of ministry skills.

This second program will be especially valuable for the minister en-

gaged in a writing project or planning a long-range series of sermons.

These two new programs will bring to four the number of offerings through CTEC. One of the others is for CTE Conferences on the seminary campus; the other is for off-campus conferences.

On-campus conferences are held four times a year and are available to any interested minister. The schedule for these conferences during the 1971-72 school year includes an October 4-8, 1971, conference on "The Church Faces Crises", a December 6-10 program on "Biblical Foundations and Contemporary Culture", a March 6-10, 1972, conference on "Renewal in the Pulpit", and a July 10-14 program on "The Church and Its Ministries."

The off-campus CTE Conferences are held at various campuses and churches throughout the United States. Like the on-campus conferences, the off-campus ones are also designed to acquaint ministers with current scholarship.

When requested to do so, the seminary helps arrange off-campus conferences and provides faculty for them.

Further information about any of the four CTEC programs may be obtained by writing Larry L. McSwain, programming director of CTEC, at 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

Theology Of Ecology Urged At Seminary Lecture-Dialogue

Calling the ecological crisis "the most important and controversial social issue we face today," a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission staff member urged churches to develop a theology of ecology and to practice stewardship of power to correct abuses of the environment.

During a lecture-dialogue at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California, Harry N. Hollis Jr., of the SBC Christian Life Commission called for churches to exercise their power in the ecological crisis "to help establish the correct order of national priorities."

Hollis, director of special moral concerns for the commission, suggested that Christians work for legislation to prevent the ravishing of the soil, air and water, that churches refuse to do business with industries which pollute the air and water, and that religious institutions re-examine their stock portfolios.

"To the businessmen whose factories belch smoke into the air and spew filth into the streams, we must say, 'The earth is the Lord's,' and we must translate these words into concrete actions," said Hollis.

The same approach should be directed, he added, toward "generals who take napalm and fry the forests in the

name of peace . . . , to strip mine owners whose huge mechanical shovels rake through the soil in order that their hands can rake in more dollars . . . to politicians who talk a good anti-pollution game but who vote for loopholes to allow special interests to continue to ravish the environment . . ."

"It is not enough to spend our time philosophizing about ecology while we are smothering to death under an avalanche of cans, Kleenex and candy wrappers," he quipped.

Hollis urged action based on a theology drawn from Biblical teaching that God is creator, that creation is good, that man should respond to God's creation with stewardship, that God will judge man for misusing the earth, that the whole creation is moving toward completion with a divine purpose, that God is redeemer, and that man must respond to creation and redemption with love.

Hollis quoted several experts in the field as predicting the possible extinction of mankind if something is not done soon about the pollution problem.

"The real horror of the future may not be the extinction of Homo Sapiens but a mutation into some kind of sluggish human equivalent of the carp which now lurks in the poison depths of Lake Erie," Hollis said.

Calling the pollution problem the most controversial social issue of the day, Hollis said he once felt the problem was so great it might pull people of differing views together to fight a common problem, but his view has changed.

Ecology is controversial because it will involve the examination of such issues as "compulsory birth control, abortion and a shift in popularly held views of family life," he said. It also will call for higher taxes and further modification of the free enterprise system to stop industrial pollution, and will lead to limiting the number of automobiles.

Hollis cited figures indicating it would cost \$100 billion in the next five years to clean up the country. But the cost of pollution ultimately is greater than the cost of cleaning up the problem, he added.

Hollis said estimates showed that air pollution alone costs the average American \$65 a year, not including the dangers to health and shortened life span.

The lecture-dialogue was part of a monthly series started at the seminary last fall to give students and faculty members an opportunity to hear and talk with experts on current issues related to Christianity, a seminary spokesman said. (BP)

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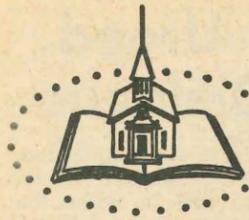
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(3) Will you use posters and other promotional materials that can draw the attention of your music group members to their responsibilities in all types of stewardship?

(4) Will you use your influence with your choirs and in the congregational song services to encourage the people to tithe, to be generous in their special offerings and to give more through the Cooperative Program than ever before?

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Jeremiah 5:21-31

When God entered into covenant with His people, He promised them His presence, profession, peace, joy, prosperity, victory, and honor. These things were desirable indeed. What was the reason why they were not enjoying the fulfillment of these promises in Jeremiah's day? The only reason for their not being fulfilled was the deplorable sinfulness of the people.

God called Jeremiah and commissioned him to denounce their sins and warn them of the inevitable and impending judgment of God, which was an exceedingly difficult assignment. On every hand Jeremiah observed signs of national decay. The religious life of the people was at a low ebb. Jeremiah was distressed by the spiritual apathy which prevailed among the people. Injustice, impurity, impiety and oppression were widespread. Carelessness, unbelief, self-seeking and insincerity were noticeable on every hand. The people were completely at ease and were confident that no evil could befall them but the prophet knew differently. In many ways the time in which Jeremiah lived and proclaimed God's message reminds us of our own day. Each is an age of crisis, of decaying faith and of great change. We, too, need prophets to bring home to us the sense of our selfishness, our false security and our impending perils. Our age needs people of righteous convictions, godly purposes, unquestioned righteousness, unswerving perseverance and unfaltering fidelity. God is still looking for courageous men who will stand up and speak out for Him and for that which is right.

God gave Jeremiah a tremendous responsibility of warning an entire nation that if it continued on its course of opposition to Him that disaster was inevitable. Speaking of their sins and warning them that the judgment of God was sure to fall upon them, unless they repented, was a message which the people did not want to hear from any source but especially not from one of their own. The people were blinded by sin to such an extent that they would neither see the handiwork of God in nature and so rebellious against God that they refused to listen to His voice through the holy scriptures and

the spoken word of His prophets. Jeremiah was grieved at their lack of perception and told them how foolish they were to ignore, oppose, defy and disobey God. Then and now and always man's woes have been, are and ever shall be the result of his choosing to conform to Satan's will rather than to the will of God.

God's Word tells us that the explanation of our failures lies in ourselves: "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you." What is it in your life that keeps you from experiencing the fulfillment of God's promises and receiving His marvelous blessings? It is some act or habit of wrongdoing. Sin, when it is cherished, turns blessings away. Iniquities persisted in prevents the fulfillment of the divine promise. It is impossible for any of God's children to enjoy the consciousness of the divine favor if they are living in a manner that is displeasing to Him. Disobedience to a divine command or transgression of the divine law always hinders the fullness of blessing.

When an individual or a nation decides to live without God or in oppo-

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God's Call To Ethical Living

Abhorring the terrible wickedness of the people in the days of Amos, and knowing that one's relationship with God always affects one's manner of life and his treatment of others, God, through His faithful prophet called upon the people to repent of their sins, to get right with Him and to be ethical in their living.

Amos 5:10-15

There is such a surprising similarity between the shocking picture which Amos painted of his day and the conditions in our world today that one is prone to think that he was describing the age in which we live. Amos denounced their sins of hating judgment, oppressing the poor, perverting justice, and practicing idolatry and then foretold the inevitable and approaching

situation to Him, He leaves them to their own folly. With rebellion against and disobedience to God bringing disaster, and repentance toward God and faithful obedience to Him bringing the blessing of peace, protection and prosperity, it is difficult to understand why any individual would prefer the former.

Prosperity is frequently the snare which leads to national destruction. Multitudes today, like the people in Jeremiah's day, have forsaken God the Fountain of living water, Whose refreshing grace is ever flowing in great abundance and have substituted man's cisterns which are very limited in supply and whose contents are impure.

People are selfish, greedy, cruel and unjust in their dealings with their fellowmen because they are not right in their relationship with God and He refuses to condone their sins. If you are guilty before God, you should make a full confession of your sin to God, renounce your sin, which has hindered you in doing what you should have done and deprived you of so many blessings, resolve to do what God commands and not to do what He forbids and commit yourself to God.

judgment which was coming upon them.

God's prophet earnestly and urgently admonished Israel to repent, to turn away from the evil which they had cultivated with such assiduity, to turn to the good, to be zealous in doing good and to establish righteousness in the land in the hope that "it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious."

God will not manifest His presence and power in the midst of His people, nor in their behalf, when they are living in open sin. To do so would make Him a partner in their sins and that He has always refused to be. Through Amos, God warned the people that there was still time for them to repent and to find grace in His sight. What

He was longing for was true righteousness. He still longs for the same. He will not accept prayers, church attendance or contributions of money as a substitute for obedience to Him. He is the God of absolute consistency.

Amos 5:21-24

In the days of Amos there was much outward religion in Israel but the nation had drifted far away from God. The people observed many religious assemblies and feasts. But underneath all of the outward show, there remained many corrupt practices and terrible sins, such as the oppression of the poor, the extravagant indulgences of the rich and their hypocritical services of religious worship. With their magnificent religious services they hoped to obtain the favor of God and at the same time to go on in their sins. But all of the pomp and display, which characterized their religious services, was an offense to the God of righteousness. God had no pleasure in their religious services because they came from impenitent and insincere hearts and from hands which were soiled by oppression. God cannot endure hypocrisy or inconsistency in His people, and for them to attempt to cover their sins with religious rites is obnoxious to Him. He abhors religious observances that are not accompanied by upright living. He requires obedience to Him and compassion and justice toward others.

God refused to hear their prayers (verse 21). Their worship He declined to accept (verse 22). He closed His ears to their false praise and instrumental music (verse 23). What He longed for was true righteousness (verse 24). God refuses to be bribed.

Amos 9:7-8

Through Amos God made it crystal clear that the Israelites did not have any right to expect Him to show partiality toward them by enabling them to escape judgment and punishment for their rebelliousness, disobedience and unfaithfulness.

God judges all nations, but those who enjoy special privileges are to be judged on the basis of the light which they have received and, therefore, have greater responsibilities than the ones which have not been favored so highly. The judgment of Israel would be more exacting and severe than that of other nations because her people had been given a better opportunity to know and to do God's will. It was only fair that the Israelites would be punished more severely for their sins than would the heathen nations because of the greater revelations which they had received. God was determined to bring judgment upon Israel but He did not have any intention of completely destroying her. He gave the assurance that He would preserve a remnant of the faithful ones and through them make possible the fulfillment of His previous wonderful promise and covenant.

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Retired North Carolina Baptist Leader Dies

Former Baptist State Convention of North Carolina executive secretary M. A. Huggins died in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 11, at the age of 80.

Funeral services for Huggins, who served the convention as its chief executive from 1932 to 1959, were scheduled at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13.

Before becoming executive secretary in 1932, Huggins was head of the education department at Meredith College (Baptist) for women in Raleigh. (BP)

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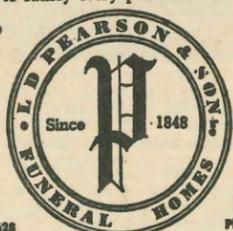
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From Mexico To Iowa

Blind Mexican Boy May See Because Of Christian Concern

A 1,500 mile long chain of cooperation by Christians from the tiny village of Las Truchas in the interior of Mexico to a hospital in Waterloo, Iowa, has given a nearly blind Mexican child a chance to recover his eyesight.

The chain of events that began here involved at various points an interdenominational team of Christian doctors, a Christian mining engineer, the El Paso Baptist Association, the River Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Wings for Christ, a group of Baptist pilots based in Fort Worth.

Bucking high velocity headwinds that increased a four-hour trip to

By Orville Scott

seven, Wings for Christ concluded the incredible journey of six-year-old Martin Madriles to Waterloo, Iowa, where he is undergoing a series of eye operations.

Martin was blinded at birth when his eyes were mistakenly washed with iodine instead of the proper silver nitrate solution. Because Martin had seven brothers and sisters and his father makes only \$12 a week, there was no money for medical aid which would have relieved his six years of misery.

Last summer, a volunteer, interdenominational medical team called Mission Medica Independiente spent a few days in the small-village of Las Truchas. Tucked away in the scenic mountains, the village has no cars or trucks, no church, organized law enforcement, or medical or dental care.

The medical team treated 1,300 people in a few days. Las Truchas has only 68 people but thousands live in the surrounding mountains that rise to 10,000 feet.

Martin was brought 18 miles on a mule to see the eye doctor. The doctor felt that the diminutive six-year-old's right eye should be removed lest it rupture. But he felt the left eye had possibilities for sight restoration through a corneal transplant.

Word of the child's condition was passed along to people on both sides of the border.

A doctor on the medical team contacted a friend, Priscilla Gohman, secretary to Harold Scarborough, superintendent of missions of the El Paso Baptist Association. Miss Gohman contacted Elmin Howell, coordinator of the Texas Baptist River Ministry and Howell called in Wings for Christ.

The University of Iowa Hospital in Waterloo agreed to donate the surgical services and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation promised to pay \$750. El Paso Baptists raised funds to pay transportation from Las Truchas for Martin and his father. Meanwhile, con-

cerned persons in Texas and Iowa have been deluging the family with offers of assistance.

Gary Anderson, a mining engineer who made the trip with them, said, "Never in my life have I seen so many denominations, Catholic, Mormon, Presbyterian, Baptists, cooperate so this has given me a new faith." Anderson, a Christian layman, lives in Mexico.

Martin travelled the 18 miles to Las Truchas by mule and the 50 miles to

asked with concern, "Son, are you anxious to get your sight back?"

"If God wills," came the answer softly in Spanish.

Ten Dallas families, who heard the telecast, asked for Martin's clothing sizes. The group, which asked to remain anonymous, will send clothing to the child both in Iowa and at his home in Mexico.

From Dallas, Harold Cain, a Fort Worth building contractor and a pilot in Wings for Christ, flew Martin, his



BOY AND MUSIC BOX — Martin Madriles tunes his new transistor radio in the arms of mining engineer Gary Anderson on their trip from the mountains of Mexico to Waterloo, Iowa. Many Baptists and other Christians joined hands along the 1,500-mile journey to make the modern-day miracle possible for Martin, who would have died if Christian doctors, ministering to physical and spiritual needs during vacation time, had not found him in time.

Chihuahua, Mexico, by jeep. In Chihuahua, Anderson suggested a hair cut for Martin, whose long braided hair had never been cut.

"No," responded the father, "if he is able to see after this, we will take him on a pilgrimage to Fresnillo Zacatecas and make an offering of his hair to the gods who are responsible."

When the little group arrived in El Paso, they were guests in the home of Miss Gohman.

Martin was so fascinated with a transistor radio given to him by Miss Gohman that he told everyone he met, "Mira, el radio Que La senorita me regalo." ("See the radio that the young lady gave me.")

During the trip to Dallas, he reluctantly surrendered his prized possession to Anderson for a few moments, only to ask on his return, "where is the little box that makes the noise?"

When the big plane arrived at Love Field in Dallas, a television newsman

father and Anderson to Waterloo.

Cain's sense of urgency was "heightened by the doctor's prediction that Martin's eyes could rupture.

Awaiting Martin at the University of Iowa Hospital was a surgical team of three doctors, including a famous eye surgeon.

On examining the child, the surgeons gave Martin a 90 percent chance of recovering his sight in, not one, but both eyes.

Among the many lives touched by Martin along his 1,500-mile journey by mule, jeep, auto and plane, are a number of Mexican-American women studying English under Miss Gohman.

"For a year, they have been tuning me out when we came to Bible study," said Miss Gohman.

"But after they learned of the events surrounding Martin," she said, "they were suddenly attentive when I talked to them about the Bible. The meeting of human need was something they could relate to." (BP)

300 Students Share Faith With Florida Vacationers

Because of the meaning of Jesus Christ in their own lives, about 300 students from colleges and universities across the nation came to Daytona Beach, Florida, to share their faith in Jesus with an estimated 70,000 students on spring vacation.

Most of the Christians involved are Baptists, working under the direction of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in one of three week-long sessions planned annually by the board to correspond to the spring invasion of Florida beaches by college students.

The estimated 70,000 young people came from as far away as Canada, many of them seeking rest in the sun away from the grind of studies. Some just come to have a blast.

A steady rain throughout the first day put a damper on the vacationers' plans. Some of the Christians, however, took advantage of the weather and picked up the rain-soaked vacationers, sharing Christ with them on the trip back to their motels.

The Baptist students operated from a beach-side base called "The Rap Room" where they hold morning sessions in Bible study and evangelism training.

In the afternoon, they spread onto the beach, meeting and relating to as many different students as possible.

In addition, the Rap Room offered free food and opportunities to talk about almost any topic — including the faith of the Christians present.

Daytona officials gave the students

permission to use a band shell on the world-famous Daytona Boardwalk. Here, the individuals and groups would perform and share personal testimonies with the crowds that gathered.

The students also distributed more than 4,500 copies of the Gospel of John, printed in mod format with a psychedelic cover. Last year, more than 2,500 were placed in the motel rooms, with

more than 200 decisions reported as a result.

Most of the Baptist students stayed in private homes arranged by the local coordinator, Bob Allen, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach. Area churches provided picnic lunches for them. (BP)

Churches Add Recorder

The list of churches subscribing to *Western Recorder* through the church budget plan continued to grow during February and March. In all 14 churches began sending the Baptist state paper to their resident families for a cost of \$1.75 per family per year.

Those churches added in February are Rosebower church, Paducah; Bullitt Lick church, Shepherdsville; Kenton church, Kenton; Lone Oak church, Paducah; and Stony Point church, Albany.

In March the churches subscribing through the church budget plan were Blanket Creek church, Falmouth; Providence church, Winchester; West Corbin church, Corbin; Temple Mission, Springfield; Horse Creek church, Corbin; Kevil church, Kevil; Sandy Creek church, Morgantown; Northside church, Winchester; and McKinney church, McKinney.

Information about the church budget plan is available by contacting George A. Price, Business Manager, *Western Recorder*, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

