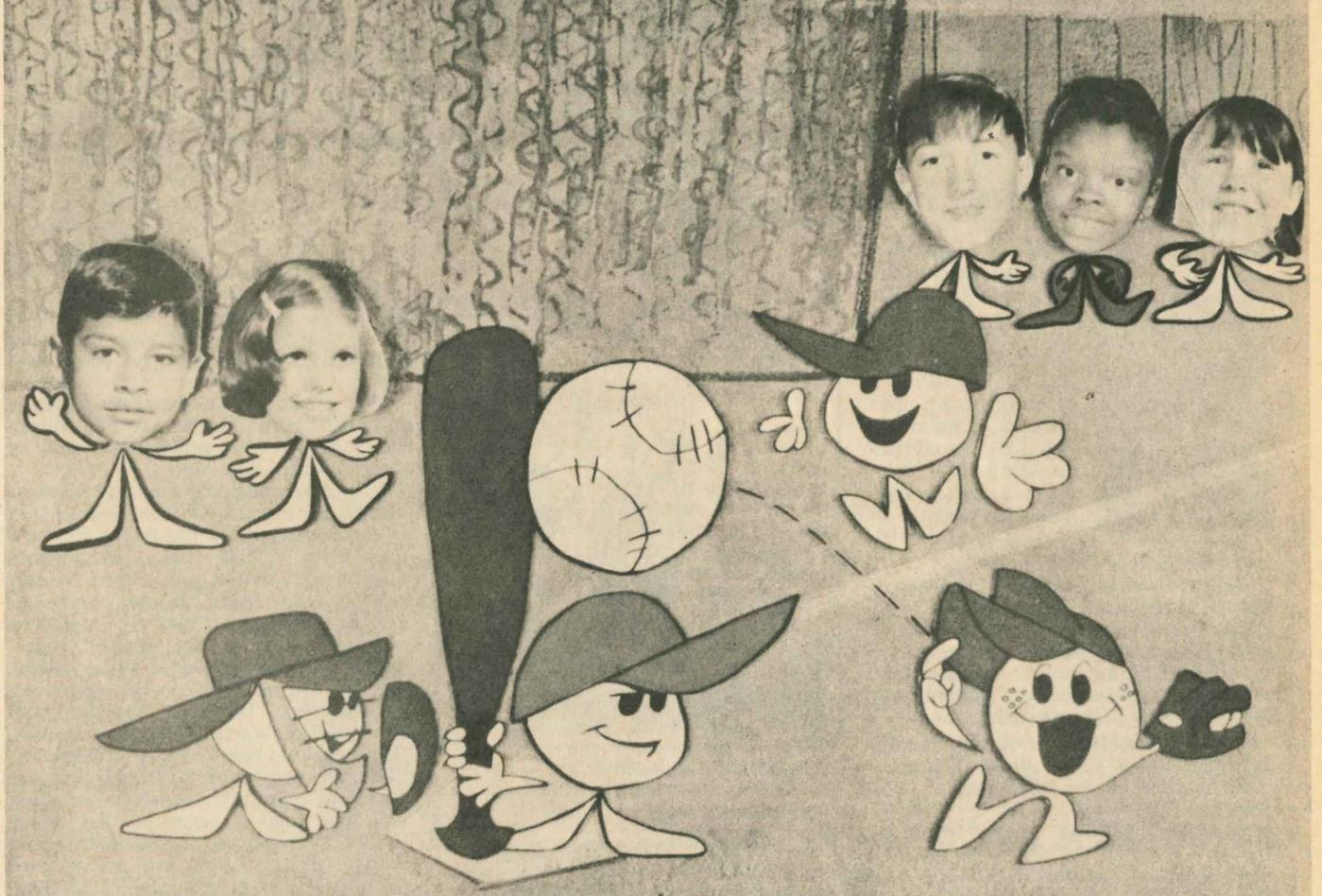


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OBSERVE RADIO-TV SUNDAY MAY 16

People And Places

The Baptist Womens Conference scheduled for May 18-20 has been cancelled according to state director Miss Rosa Fiechter. This became necessary she explained when unexpected conflicts arose in many schedules.



Andrews

W. Paul Andrews and Derry Dale Seaton have been selected as seminary interns in Baptist campus ministry for the 1971-72 academic year. In this capacity they will receive on-the-job training by participating and assisting in every aspect of campus ministry throughout the year. They will be under the direction of Dwight Lyons, Baptist campus minister at U. of L.



Seaton

Eddie Lieberman will speak at the annual Louisville Friends of Israel banquet scheduled for Tuesday, May 18 at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, in the activities building. The banquet is open to anyone interested in the cause of Jewish evangelism.



Lieberman

Campbellville College will teach a special three week course on the "Ethics of Jesus" during its mini-semester May 17 through June 4. Three hours credit will be awarded for the course. Anyone interested in the course may contact the college registrar.

Four Georgetown College faculty members have been awarded promo-

tions according to an announcement from college President Robert L. Mills. Mrs. Edwina Snyder was made a full professor. Fred Hood was elected associate professor and Joe Lewis and Winfield Jones were named assistant professors. Lewis also received tenure.

Due to an error in counting, the 12th Street Baptist Church of Paducah was left off the list of the top twenty five churches in Kentucky in earning study course credit for the months, October, 1970, through March, 1971. The 12th Street Baptist Church ranked second in the convention with 687 course credits earned. The church training department regrets this error.

Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, will hold a special dedication service for a newly renovated and refurbished parsonage already being occupied by pastor and Mrs. Donald L. Cobb. Speaker for the May 16 Sunday morning service will be V. V. Raines, pastor emeritus of the Portland Avenue church.

In the May 1, 1971, issue of *Western Recorder*, the article concerning the *Willisburg Baptist Church* incorrectly listed the church as being in Mercer County. The article should have stated Washington County. *Western Recorder* regrets this error.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Something near an exit!"

DEVOTIONAL



Charles F. Jones, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pineville

A Pastor Prays For His People

Text: Phil. 1:9 "And This I Pray"

Usually when we find the apostle Paul writing to one of the New Testament churches, we get the impression that he is a professor in the classroom lecturing on some great theological treatise. In this chapter, however, it is a personal, intimate chat with the Philippian saints. Paul had a close tie with this church for a number of reasons. It was here he won his first convert on European soil. It was here he would begin a work that would become one of the strongest of the New Testament churches. No wonder then that Paul had deep affection for these people.

The occasion for this letter was a gift sent by the members of this church while Paul was in prison, delivered by Epaphroditus.

Paul's response was a prayer on their behalf. He prayed for three things that every pastor would desire for his people. First, "That their love would abound yet more and more." Jesus said by this shall all men know ye are my disciples "that ye love one another." This is the missing ingredient in many churches today. John, the apostle of love, would say when he was old, "Brethren, the sum and total of the Master's teaching is this, "That ye love one another". Secondly, "That ye may approve things that are excellent". Moffatt translates it: "that you may have a sense of that which is vital." Today we are bombarded by many voices. There are many good things we can give ourselves to. Paul insists that we use keen discrimination in making our choices. Choose the things that are best and highest. Then again Paul prays, "that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ." One translation translates it, "without wax." If one professes to be a Christian then be the genuine article. Be done with hypocrisy. The world has seen enough insincerity on the part of professing Christians, they long to see Christians in "deed" as well.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, a Japanese squadron leader nosed his plane toward a sleeping American fleet and shouted "Tora! Tora! Tora!", the code words that launched the attack on Pearl Harbor plunging the United States into 4½ years of bloody war.

A Hollywood film production has reminded us dramatically of that world-shaking incident during this 30th anniversary year of its occurrence.

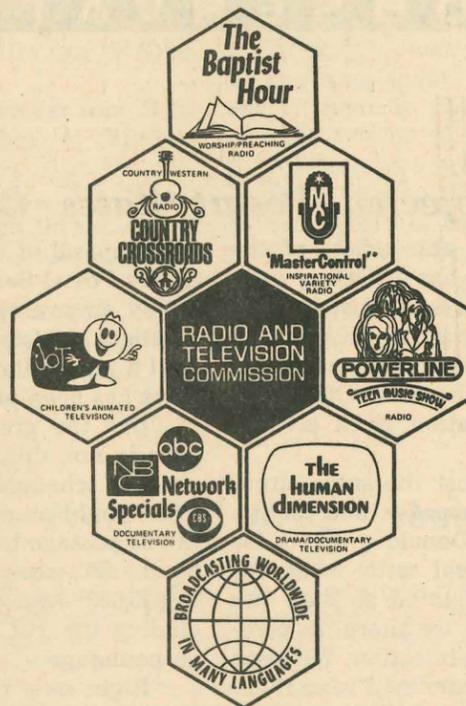
But, thankfully, Southern Baptists have another historic event to celebrate this year. This is also the 30th anniversary of "The Baptist Hour," the radio preaching program that marked the beginning of our denomination's use of the electronic mass media for spreading the gospel.

It was on January 5, 1941, just eleven months before Pearl Harbor, that M. E. Dodd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, preached the first "Baptist Hour" message. His topic, appropriately, was "Christ and Human Crises." In the subsequent 30 years, "Baptist Hour" speakers presented Christ to millions of listeners during such crises as the Cold War confrontation with the Soviet Union over Berlin, the Korean "police action, the Cuban missile incident and recently the Vietnam War and the growing internal turmoil.

Dodd's message was carried by only 17 stations in 11 states in the South and Midwest. But coverage for "The Baptist Hour" has grown steadily over the years, to the point that now the voice of Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and regular "Baptist Hour" speaker for 13 years, is heard on more than 450 stations in all 50 states and in at least 20 foreign countries.

What made the launching of "The Baptist Hour" such an epochal event, however, was not that it established a single program that has grown and been used of the Lord. It was the fact that it marked a decision to move with the times and explore every modern means of communicating the Good News to a troubled world. This has been the guiding principle for the Radio and Television Commission throughout its history, and the principle that I have followed assiduously since I became executive director of the Commission in 1953.

As a result, the Commission has consistently pioneered the use of new program formats for reaching people with the gospel message. Since most of the unchurched and unsaved in the vast radio and TV audience would switch off a preaching program, we have gone to them where they are — looking for entertainment and information. We have given them that, plus a capsule of spiritual insight which hopefully would turn their thoughts to Christ and their personal standing with God.



ally are attention getters, thought provokers. In addition to producing and distributing programs, the Commission is charged with serving the spiritual needs of the people who respond. We fulfill this responsibility by sending out thousands of personal letters, salvation tracts and other printed materials each year. Hundreds of people of all ages, geographical areas, and walks of life have written to inform us of life-changing commitments to Christ or of priceless spiritual help received through our counseling and our follow-up materials. Other hundreds enroll in our Bible study program, giving us an opportunity for a continuing ministry in their lives.

In the 30 years since Southern Baptists took their first step into the electronic communications field, the Radio and Television Commission has endured many crises of its own. But just one letter like this, typical of scores we receive, makes it all seem worthwhile:

"I belonged to the church and took part in it, but all this wasn't good enough. This Bible course made me know I really need God and His will in my life. Through this Bible study I received Christ, and I intend to walk with Him."

In 1962 the Telstar satellite carried the first live experimental telecast between Europe and the United States. Since then, the INTELSAT series of commercial communications satellites has been initiated. INTELSAT IV, latest in that series, will provide this year a capacity to relay 12 TV channels and 6,000 voice circuits between the Continents simultaneously!

This means that the nations of the world will be more closely bound to each other in a physical sense than ever before. As Christians, we know that this means only trouble unless people are also drawn closer by a spiritual bond of divine love.

History is still moving, and Southern Baptists, with the responsibility to carry out the Great Commission, must move with it.

Will we do so? It depends on how earnestly Southern Baptists want to reach the lost, how diligently they are willing to strive to that end.

On Radio-TV Sunday, May 16, you will have an opportunity to learn in detail about the current ministry of your Radio and Television Commission and its great potential for presenting Christ to our space-age world. My prayer is that you will support a proper observance of Radio-TV Sunday in your church, that you will give careful attention and thought to the free materials we will provide you for the occasion, and that you will continually remember your Radio and Television Commission in prayer as we strive in God's wisdom and power to do His will in this all-important endeavor to reach the lost.

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

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What Projected Postal Rates Could Mean

Erwin L. McDonald, the very able editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, has voiced a very serious concern facing all Baptist state papers and other second class postage rate users. This is the almost unbelievable postage rate increases scheduled over the next several years by the Post Office department in its recent reorganization on a civilian status.

The *Arkansas Baptist* has almost the same circulation as that of the *Western Recorder* and so the mailing costs increases Editor McDonald projects for his publication are almost identical with what the *Western Recorder* faces. Having stated so well the staggering effects that could come, we share his comments from a recent issue of his publication. We hope every reader of the *Western Recorder* will read them seriously and prayerfully considering what it could be costing to mail the *Western Recorder* to our readers in the next several years.

"Give me the privilege of using this space this week to talk about the phenomenal postage increases being ordered by the Post Office department in its new civilian status. This was the nightmare that troubled all of us attending the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press last week in Philadelphia.

"Publications such as the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* are mailed as second class. Up to now, this has been a very favored category, on the assumption that the publications granted second class permits perform a beneficial educational service to the general public beyond the specific purposes of the publications. Rates have been set on various scales, with the best rates going to non-profit publications, our particular category.

"Last year, with our average weekly mailing of nearly 60,000, our postage bill totaled \$6,312.79. Under

the proposal of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, rates for second class would go up by an average of 20 percent, under a temporary arrangement scheduled to become effective May 16. And a jump totaling 142 percent for second class mail rates has been proposed over a five-year period.

"But the greatest threat to publications such as ours is not this, but new and additional 'per piece' charges scheduled eventually to amount to 1½ cent. This would amount to about \$900 increase per week in our postage bill for this charge alone. Multiply this by the 50 issues per year we mail, and that amounts to \$45,000! And that is just for the surcharge, not including the 142 percent increase in postage assessed on poundage.

"Right now the Postal Service is ordering an immediate increase of 20 percent on the postage we have been paying and the addition of a surcharge of four-hundredths of a cent on each and every magazine we mail. It is this brand new, and we believe, eventually excessive charge, that threatens the existence of publications such as ours. This new surcharge, set to become effective on a temporary basis as of May 16, would cost us immediately an extra \$24 per week or \$1,200 a year in brand new, over-and-above charges.

"Those of us whose papers are members of Associated Church Press are being represented by Washington attorneys in the suit filed on Friday of last week seeking to enjoin the Postal Service from putting its new charges into effect temporarily, before public hearings can be held on the whole new schedule of postage increases.

"As would seem clear, whatever additional charges for postage are put into effect will eventually have to be passed on to the public in higher subscription charges. In our case, 'the public' would be our churches, through whom we have the bulk of our circulation."

Guest Editorial

School-Busing And Our Human Relations

The transporting of children to schools outside their immediate neighborhoods leaves much to be desired.

This is particularly true when the children have to leave home early and return home late, to meet bus

By Erwin McDonald
Editor, Arkansas Baptist

schedules. No doubt many parents who have been opposed to sending their children to distant schools have opposed busing quite aside from any racial angle.

But with the housing pattern being what it is, par-

ticularly in the South, where most communities still have separate and distinct white sections and Negro sections, there has been a contention that nothing short of busing can accomplish racial integration of the public schools. Now the U.S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, has held that busing of children to schools outside their local communities can be done to achieve racial balance.

President Nixon had let it be known for sometime that he personally was opposed to busing of children to achieve school integration. But now that the Supreme Court has handed down its ruling, Mr. Nixon has — wisely, we believe — proclaimed this as a part of the "law of the land" and is urging the people to accept it as such.

Despite all the epithets hurled at it from time to time, the U.S. Supreme Court, under our national form of government, continues to be the final au-

thority as to what constitutes constitutional law. This is a fact that we must accept, whether or not we like decisions handed down by the Court. And there does not appear to be any prospect of "doing away with" this important division of our government, as irate citizens sometimes suggest.

There are some things individual citizens cannot do anything about. But race relations as such is not one of them. In the final analysis, it is the attitudes and the actions of each and all of us toward people that determines whether we shall live together in harmony and mutual respect. This is true regardless of the decrees of even the highest court. And, in the matter of school-busing, it applies to children as well as to parents and grandparents.

Fortunate are those children whose elders encourage them to make the best of a bad situation — even court-decreed busing for racial balance in the schools.

Guest Editorial

The Folly Of Drug Abuse

There is a sickness in our society today called Drug Abuse. I don't know exactly how it all started but the widespread use of drugs is indeed one of the greatest problems America has to face. The problem reaches beyond the use of addictive and hallucinatory drugs to the promiscuous use of tranquilizers, diet pills (stimulants), sleeping pills and the like.

An old druggist was once asked why he didn't take something for his cold, his reply was "By golly, these drugs are to sell, not to take." Though he said this in jest, there is quite a bit of good logic to his statement. Drugs are designed for only one purpose and that is to cure or relieve some condition of the body or mind that is functioning improperly.

There are two types of drugs, curative drugs and symptomatic drugs. Curative drugs, such as the antibiotics, are designed to cure the body of an infectious disease or condition. There is very little abuse of the curative type drugs. Symptomatic drugs, by far the larger category of drugs, are intended to treat the symptoms of a condition. These include i.e. pain relievers (analgesics), tranquilizers, antidepressants, hypnotics and many, many more. Since there is such a marked increase in the use of the symptomatic drugs it appears Americans are treating the symptoms of some unknown, dreaded disease which has no cure. But, treating the symptoms will never get to the actual source of the disease.

When God designed the body of man He provided it with a protective mech-

[Robert Hughes is a layman in the Bardstown Baptist Church.]

anism that repels against alien forces. The body produces antibodies which fight infection. In turn, the body is antagonistic to a foreign substance not related to the normal bodily intake. For example, a diet or pep pill will stimulate the central nervous system and cause excess energy and loss of appetite for a while but when it wears off the body responds with a feeling of fatigue and depression. You see, the bodily processes were altered from the

By Robert Hughes

norm. Therefore it must somehow retaliate against this alteration. The systems of the body must remain in balance, therefore this is the reason we all should be very careful about taking drugs and take them only under the close supervision of a reliable physician.

Now we ask ourselves how can we stop drug abuse. The government has placed very strict controls over the sale of drugs but this hasn't solved the problem by any means. The illegal drug traffic is increasing throughout every state of the Union. People have been informed more about drug abuse in the past year or two than ever before in history, yet the problem remains with us. So what can we do? Drug abuse, like alcoholism, is a disease, but drug abuse is even worse, it can damage the mind and body of man so quickly. The Bible says seek for wisdom, and all common sense tells us that drug abuse is wrong. Anything we do to abuse our bodies is wrong and the continued abuse of habit-forming drugs can destroy an individual as surely as a bullet through the head but not as fast.

So then, it is up to each individual

to dedicate themselves to fight drug abuse because it is surely an enemy of mankind. It is possible to beat the problem. The Apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13). If youth is looking for the truth which they claim to be, then look to Jesus, the Light of the world. It was He who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30).

The only permanent peace we are going to find is not in the dead-end alley of drug abuse but in Christ Jesus our Lord.



EDITORIAL APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

I want to express my appreciation of your splendid editorial in the May 1 issue of *Western Recorder*. You were so very gracious in your comments about the appointment service in Louisville.

We thank God for the privilege of being in Louisville for this service, and feel that the fruitage of it will be felt for many years to come.

Wishing for you every blessing and joy in all of your work, I am cordially yours,

Richmond, Va.

Baker J. Cauthen

Staff Changes

Fred E. Richardson, who has served as associate pastor of Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, for the past four years, has accepted the pastorate at Roland Memorial Baptist Church of Greenville, Kentucky.

First Baptist Church of Central City has called **Clarence Tudor** as minister of music. He will assume these responsibilities June 14 following graduation from the school of church music at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

A native of Madisonville, Tudor formerly served as minister of music of Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, and now serves in a similar capacity at Eastwood Baptist Church in Jefferson County.

James E. Burlison has accepted the position of minister of music and youth for the First Baptist Church of Henderson.

He comes to this position from Oakland City College where he has served as director of admissions since 1969. Prior to that time he was director of public relations at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and later worked as a youth consultant for the church music department of the Sunday School Board.

A graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, the new Henderson staff member has served as minister of music at Rosen Heights Baptist Church in Ft. Worth and is considered an accomplished soloist.

Burlison is married and the couple has three children.

Church pastor David Bratcher stated that the new minister of music assumed his responsibilities there May 5.

Death Takes Polhill, Former Kentucky Pastor

Former Kentucky pastor **Lucian M. Polhill** died suddenly May 9 in Richmond, Virginia. He was 71 years of age. Death was caused by a heart attack which struck while Polhill was dining with friends at a local restaurant.

Polhill, pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church in Louisville from 1943-1954, was the retired executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Currently he was serving as chairman of the administrative committee of the Foreign Mission Board.

Funeral services were held in Richmond on May 11. Burial was the following day in Tipton, Georgia.

Billy J. Turner resigned as pastor of the High Street Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, on April 15, 1971. He has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Morganfield, Kentucky.

Turner was the pastor of High Street Church for almost eight years.

John Snawder began his ministry as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Louisville, on May 2. Prior to that time he served as pastor of the Clifton Heights Baptist Church, also of Louisville. Altogether, Snawder has been pastor of Baptist churches for 26 years.

Paul Seal, a student at Southern Seminary, has been called as minister of youth by Immanuel Baptist Church, Louisville. A native of Arkansas, he holds the BA degree from Arkansas State University and foresees a career in student work and religious entertainment.

During his college years, Seal served as associate pastor and later as pastor of several Arkansas churches.

He is married to the former Beryl Prince of Mississippi.

Buddy Maddux has resigned as pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville to accept the pastorate of the Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church in Owensboro. He will begin his work there the last of May.

Charles E. Flener has accepted the call to become pastor of New Salem Baptist Church in Valley Station near Louisville. He comes to this post from an assistant pastorate at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, where he had served for the past four years.

Flener and his wife Wanda have two children. They will begin their ministry at New Salem May 23.

John Christian is now pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Hopkinsville. He began his work there April 25.

A native of Trenton, Kentucky, Christian came to the Hopkinsville pastorate from eight years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

Prior to that time he spent 16 years as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church near Springfield, Tennessee.

Christian has served on the state Executive Board of Tennessee Baptists and was elected vice president of the Tennessee Pastors' Conference.

The new Hopkinsville minister, age 49, has also served as pastor of LaFayette and Singing Fork Baptist churches in Christian County.

Christian is a graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville and holds the BA degree from Austin Peay State University. He did additional work at Peabody College in Nashville.



As go the homes

Many churches are observing "Christian Family Week" — and what could be more timely and telling?

I picked up the Weekly Newsletter of the Cadiz Baptist Church, Marshall G. Mines, pastor, and found a healthy half-page which I would like to share with you.

The title "As Go the Homes of our Day so Goes the Society of our Day." Are these weak spots in your home?

Thinking that three hours at the movies are harmless for the child, but that two hours of the Church and Sunday School are too much for his nervous system.

Giving him a nickel for the collection and fifty cents for the movie not only shows a parent's sense of values but is also not likely to produce a proportionate giver.

Letting him listen to several hours of television thrillers a day with no time for a short prayer and a few Bible verses is criminal unbalance.

Being careful that Junior has his week day lessons and caring not that he knows his Sunday School lessons make for spiritual illiteracy.

Saying that child can make his own decisions as to whether or not he should go to church or to what church is shirking a parental responsibility.

When father spends Sunday morning mowing the lawn, cleaning the garden, washing the car or playing golf, his sons are left to walk alone.

When parents idle away Sunday morning in reading the paper or watching television, while brother and sister are sent to church, something happens to the children's evaluation of church attendance.

Weak spots? Strengthen them while it is "day" in the life of your child. While your witness is not in "total eclipse".

How do you tithe?

If you are a Christian parent, how do you tithe the family income? Do you give it all, as parents, while the children are growing up?

Or, do you share the tithe with your children while they are growing up, letting them take a part of the family 10% giving until they begin to earn for themselves. Then, do you train them to give 10% of their earnings from odd jobs, allowance, etc? "Train up a child in the way he should go."

—Harold G. Sanders

Board Adopts Timetable For New Exec. Sec.

The KBC Executive Board approved a job description for the office of executive secretary treasurer and established a timetable for securing this new convention officer during its recent meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

David Nelson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, and chairman of the committee charged with recom-

By Bob Terry
Associate Editor

mending a new executive secretary, presented the job description. (The job description was published in the May 1 issue of *Western Recorder*.)

He explained that his 25-member committee had used three major sources in drawing together the proposed document. The Booze, Allen, Hamilton study dealing with the role of the executive was consulted as was the 1963 job description for the office of executive secretary treasurer. The third source of information was job descriptions from 12 other Baptist conventions.

After a verbatim reading of the document by Eldred Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset and vice chairman of the committee, the job description was approved with only two changes. One change was an editorial alteration while the second specified that department heads would be consulted when associates in their respective departments were being selected.

Nelson noted three areas that were different from the 1963 job description. The first is that the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session would be asked to ratify the election of the executive secretary treasurer.

The chairman pointed out that the initiative remained with the Executive Board for hiring or terminating the service of an executive secretary.

"But," the Owensboro pastor said, "We (the Executive Board) exist at the will of the Convention and the Convention ought to be given opportunity to express itself."

The second area mentioned by Nelson was one of clarification. The job description gives the executive secretary general guidance over the rest of the Middletown based staff but specifies that the staff is that of the Executive Board. The third change states that any department head may appear before the administrative committee to express opinions if he so desires.

A second committee recommendation did not fare as well, however.

The timetable presented by the selection committee called for the new executive secretary to be elected by the November convention if possible. He would then assume the role of executive secretary treasurer elect on



Owensboro pastor Dave Nelson presents the new executive secretary job description to the executive board.

January 1, 1972. On April 1, 1972, he would assume both title and responsibilities of executive secretary treasurer.

The current executive secretary treasurer, the committee unanimously recommended, would become executive secretary consultant until his retirement the end of August.

After minimum debate, the vote was called for. However, Executive Board chairman John Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, allowed Harold Sanders, executive secretary treasurer, the privilege of making a statement.

"I will serve to the best of my ability

if this is the wish of the Board," Sanders said. "However, it would be administratively awkward to be put in a consultative position for five months. Furthermore, my effectiveness would be determined by the new executive secretary.

"The duties of executive secretary consultant have not been defined," he continued. "That makes this action unwise and untimely.

"In essence it would be taking away five months of my ministry," declared the speaker.

After Sanders finished, Claypool recognized William McQuary, a layman from Brandenburg, who moved that the committee recommendation be amended by stating that the executive secretary treasurer elect would assume full responsibilities and title on the retirement of the present executive secretary.

The amendment was seconded by Bruce Hartsell of Shepherdsville.

Nelson and other committee members contended that they were not trying to be malicious in their proposal. "We were told to make recommendation in order to have 'an orderly transition,'" Nelson said. "No one has given us a timetable so we made this proposal to get us off dead center."

When the vote on the amendment came, it was adopted by about a two to one vote. The timetable was then adopted as amended.

However, Nelson pointed out that the preface to the timetable said "if possible." He alerted the Executive Board members that it may be impossible to find a person willing to be elected in November but not assume office until the first of September the following year. Nelson also said that it may be equally difficult to find a person who will serve for eight months as executive secretary elect.

Ten Added To Executive Board Trustees, Director Approved

Ten new members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board were elected at the May 3-4 meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

W. Austin Roberts, chairman of the convention's nominating committee and pastor of Lexington Road Baptist Church in Danville, presented the 10 names replacing those who had moved from their associations or resigned since the last Executive Board meeting.

The new members include Deward Hurst of Fredonia; J. Lonnie Bradley, Springfield; T. A. Prickett, Owensboro; B. B. Steele, Frankfort; R. E. Sasser, McKey; R. D. Baker, London; Carson

Bevil, Stanford; Lloyd Williamson, Nancy; E. R. Prather, Somerset; and H. A. Cocanougher, Danville.

Three persons were presented for membership on the board of trustees of state Baptist colleges.

Approved for the Georgetown College board were S. L. Cutter of Lexington and Kenneth McCracken of Covington. Campbellsville College had Kenneth Curry of Brandenburg elected to its trustees.

W. R. Cook, pastor of First Baptist Church, Central City, was elected to the board of directors for the Kentucky Baptist Child Care program.

Drug Problem Topic Of Exec. Board Report

The Christian Life Committee presented its convention requested study on drug abuse to the Executive Board in session at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly May 3-4.

Committee chairman Winn T. Barr, pastor of Cynthiana Baptist Church, Cynthiana, said the report would be published in the book of reports distributed at the November convention but had subcommittee chairman Ellis Ham bring the two recommendations incorporated in the document.

Ham, pastor of Gano Avenue Baptist Church in Georgetown, recommended that "our pastors and churches communicate with and urge our state legislators to reevaluate the statutes covering the manufacture, the sale and the use of drugs, narcotics and alcohol, and to initiate legislation that will deal objectively and realistically with this vexing problem."

The second recommendation asked that tracts and pamphlets on drug abuse be made available to churches and pastors from the Middletown office.

Executive secretary Harold Sanders said that some such pamphlets are already available but more can be secured.

Both recommendations were approved with little discussion.

Another motion approved with little discussion was brought by the Baptist Joint Committee and called for a state wide retreat for both Black and White ministers some times during the fall. This motion was read by Alton McEachern, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, at the request of Austin Bell, pastor of Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church, Henderson, and vice moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Bell is chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Board Changes Convention Dates

The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention voted to change the dates of the November convention scheduled to meet at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

Herman Bowers, pastor of First Baptist Church in Frankfort and chairman of the convention's committee on order of business, offered the alternate dates of November 8-10 on behalf of his committee.

As approved, the convention will officially begin Monday evening November 8 and conclude Wednesday evening, November 10. Previous dates were November 9-11.

Bowers specified that the opening



HONORED — Garland Roosevelt Pendergraph, left, church administration consultant for Kentucky Baptists, was honored at a May 3 dinner for 25 years service as a state worker. Harold Sanders, right, KBC executive secretary, presented a plaque and a monetary gift as tokens of "Penn's" service.

Bible Teaching Pact Renewed

The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention approved a recommendation of the campus ministries committee asking that the Board authorize a Bible class to be taught at Murray State University during the first semester of the 1971-72 school year.

John Huffman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mayfield, and chairman of the committee, told the Executive Board that the course would be similar to the one being taught at Murray this semester which was approved at the December meeting of the Executive Board.

Later, Chester Durham, secretary of the KBC campus ministries department, said the current program met with such response that the Murray

session would be jointly sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Minister's Conference and the Convention.

Eugene Quinn, state music secretary, expressed hope that the music and education conferences might also be asked to jointly sponsor the opening meeting.

He noted that these organizations might be open to co-sponsoring the first session rather than having their separate meetings as plans now call for.

Bowers recommendation was then amended to invite the Music conference and the religious education conference to participate in the Monday evening's session and adopted without opposition.

University president asked that Baptists again offer the course next year.

A second recommendation presented by the campus ministries committee dealt with the University of Louisville. Durham explained that when urban renewal claimed the old Baptist Student Center on the U. of L. campus, the Executive Board approved a 99 year lease of property at \$1 per year. On this property a student center would be built.

However, before the lease was finalized, a new University president was inaugurated and later U. of L. became part of the state system of higher education. Now the lease has to be negotiated with the state which will only approve a 40 year lease of property at \$1 per year.

After the explanation, the Executive Board approved entering into a 40 year lease for property for a Baptist Student Center at the Louisville school.

The administrative committee presented a motion that the chapel of the student center at Morehead State University be named in honor of Chester Durham. Administrative committee chairman Harold Wainscott, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, indicated that naming the chapel after Durham had been considered but, at Durham's request, it had been withheld until this meeting.

"I wanted to make sure that the Morehead students had been consulted about this," the student work secretary said. "When I found out that they initiated the action, I accepted it."

"Needless to say I am quite honored and deeply appreciate the students desire and the Board's action."

Crawford Reports Leasing Plans For Pine Crest

Baptist Board of Child Care president Kenneth Crawford, a Louisville pediatrician, told Executive Board members that it may soon be necessary to sell some of the Child Care property not directly related to the campus Child Care program.

Crawford explained that land hold-

ings adjacent to the Spring Meadows campus in Middletown and Pine Crest campus in Morehead were in excess of land needed for the child care program and were not income producing for the Child Care program.

"It may be necessary to sell some of this land and invest the money to sup-

port our expanding ministries," he said.

Crawford also indicated that the Child Care board was considering a lease of part of the Pine Crest campus. Contacts have been made by the state department of child welfare and Morehead State University.

"It is my opinion," the physician related, "that the Child Care board has the right to enter into a lease agreement without approval of the Executive Board. However, we wanted to keep you informed concerning our program and get your reactions to our proposal."

Middlesboro pastor Truett Miller moved that the Executive Board "concur in the interpretation that the Child Care Board has authority to enter into lease agreements." The interpretation was adopted.

Crawford also shared with the Board members that most people have reacted understandingly to the Pine Crest closing.

The Child Care Board president indicated that only eight children will have to be moved from the Pine Crest campus to homes at Spring Meadows or Glen Dale.

"Most people have understood the necessity of closing the home," Crawford said. "Although most people have not been happy with the decision, it has been accepted as unavoidable." He cited the Thanksgiving Offering total to indicate Kentucky Baptists' confidence and support of the Child Care program. The \$357,719.73 was the highest amount ever received from this source.

get plus capital needs that were not met in 1970. To meet the total 1971 operating budget, plus 1970 and 1971 capital needs, an increase of 11.48 percent will be required by December, 1971.

Amounts included in the financial report do not reflect contributions to local and state Baptist mission programs, but only include Southern Baptist Convention causes. (BP)

Book Planned For 200th Anniversary

A new book focusing on the role of Kentucky Baptist preaching will be the main emphasis of the 1976 Bi-Centennial celebration of Baptist preaching in Kentucky.

This announcement was made by the Bi-Centennial committee chairman Robert Mills, president of Georgetown College, at the Executive Board meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly May 3-4.

Mills said that Leo T. Crismon, retiring librarian at Southern Seminary in Louisville, will be editor-and-chief

of the new work which will consist of 15 to 18 chapters. Chapter topics are being prepared by Crismon who will assign them to various authors.

Another possibility mentioned by Mills was an original drama depicting the importance of Baptist preaching in Kentucky life. Such a drama would be performed during the summer of 1975 or 1976 Mills said.

The committee chairman also reported that churches are being encouraged to complete their church histories before the Bi-Centennial celebration envisioned for April or May, 1976.

April Gifts Continue Upswing

Contributions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget continued an upwards swing for the first four months of 1971, a monthly financial report from the denomination's Executive Committee disclosed.

Cooperative Program gifts for 1971 increased 7.8 percent, or \$747,786, over contributions for the same four-month period in 1970, the report indicated.

Total Cooperative Program contributions for the year reached \$10.3 million, compared to \$9.5 million in 1970, according to the report.

Giving through the denomination's unified budget during the month of April reached \$2.4 million, an increase of 6.52 percent over contributions for April of 1970.

The 1971 budget adopted by the convention last year requires an income increase of 7.72 percent for the year in order to meet the total operating bud-

Hobbs Hospitalized

Former Southern Baptist Convention president Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, has been hospitalized with a blood clot.

Physicians have asked that he cancel all outside engagements until September, and that he not return to his pulpit until about July 1.

Hobbs was president of the SBC from 1961-63. (BP)



NEW PICTURES — The Kentucky Baptist Historical Society presented portraits of Oscar Eugene Bryan, left, and Jonathan Gaines Bow to the Executive Board at a special dinner Monday, May 3. Bryan was the administrative head of Kentucky Baptists from 1917-1921. Bow headed the convention between 1901-1907. The presentations were part of a Historical Society plan of providing portraits of all administrative heads of Kentucky Baptists. Wendell Rone of Owensboro presided.

Budget Limitations Cause Sharp Drop In Summer Workers

Budget limitations have caused a 100-percent reduction in the number of student summer workers appointed this year by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of special mission ministries.

A total of 840 students will serve compared to 938 last year. Of the 840, 640 are financially supported by the board and 200 are state Baptist Student Union appointees under the board's supervision.

This is the first time that the number of appointees has dropped significantly since the program began in 1944, said Emery Smith, associate secretary in the board's special mission ministries department and former Kentucky student work associate secretary. The decrease in appointees has never exceeded five students.

The range of mission projects to which students are assigned continues to broaden each year, Smith said. For the first time, three students will work

out of government offices in Washington, D.C. With their headquarters at Johnenning Baptist Center in the nation's capitol, they will conduct surveys and do research to determine how adequately the needs of Washington's poor people are being met and to set some priorities as to which needs are most acute.

Other students will work in resort areas and a number of Christian rock groups will tour the country. One group will set up a storefront sandwich shop—coffeehouse on Coney Island. Another group will live in migrant camps, working in the fields during the day and leading out in Christian-oriented activities during the evening.

The majority of the students will be involved in inner city ministries and many will lead Vacation Bible Schools and survey work.

Approximately 1,300 students applied for appointment this year. Their application revealed a growing mission con-

sciousness, Smith said.

The department is also assigning church youth choirs to mission areas. More than 58 youth groups have already been placed and another six are awaiting assignments. These groups will pay their own traveling and living expenses. They will spend one or two weeks in mission points, presenting concerts in the evening and conducting Vacation Bible Schools or surveys during the day. Smith said he hopes that they will be used to relieve summer missionaries to meet additional needs for the period that they are in the area.

Thanks to "Campers on Mission," a new organization for Christian campers, summer missionaries working in resort or camp grounds will have additional volunteers. Christian Campers place blue fish emblems on their trailers or cars for identification. While they are in camping areas they are to seek opportunities for ministering to their fellow campers. (BP)

Supreme Court Upholds Obscenity Restrictions

In a joint decision, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld two major federal laws against obscenity. One action held that Congress may constitutionally prevent the mails from being used for distributing pornography. The other upheld the right of customs agents to seize obscene materials from U.S. citizens at the port of entry.

Both decisions reverse the action of

lower courts which had declared the laws unconstitutional.

In a seven to two decision, the court held in *United States v. Reidel* that the right to read obscene materials in the privacy of one's home does not carry with it the right of someone else to sell those materials.

Justice Byron White delivered the opinion of the court. Justices William

O. Douglas and Hugo L. Black dissented.

Reidel had advertised in the newspaper a booklet, "The True Facts about Imported Pornography," for sale to persons over 21. He was indicted for mailing copies of the booklet in violation of a law which prohibits the knowing use of the mails for the delivery of obscene matter.

In his complaint, Reidel claimed that the First Amendment gave him the right to do business in obscenity and to use the mails in the process.

Citing two earlier opinions, *Roth v. United States* in 1957 and *Stanley v. Georgia* in 1969, the court affirmed the conviction that "obscenity is not within the area of constitutionally protected speech or press."

In the other case, *United States v. 37 Photographs*, the court ruled six to three that customs agents were acting constitutionally when they removed from the luggage of a returning foreign traveler obscene materials intended "solely for private use."

Citing the *Stanley* case also, the court said that "the private user . . . may not be prosecuted for possession of obscenity in his home (but) that does not mean that he is entitled to import it from abroad free from the power of Congress to exclude noxious articles from commerce.

"A port of entry is not a traveler's home," the court said, reversing the opinion of a lower court.

Three justices dissented in the latter opinion were Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and Thurgood Marshall. (BP)



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT — Miss Ava Bingham and her creative writing teacher at Campbellsville College, L. D. Kennedy, examine the letter from the Santa Fe Poetry Prose Workshop informing Miss Bingham that she has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Workshop this summer.



HELPING HANDS — After tornadoes swept through south-central Kentucky during the early morning hours of April 28, all available manpower in that area was called upon to assist in both rescue and clean-up operations. From mattresses for temporary use by those left homeless, to back muscles for clearing away the rubble of battered homesights, the entire Campbellsville College family of administrators, faculty and students provided much needed aid to the devastated areas in Adair and Russell counties.



Sherrick Named Interim Brotherhood Executive

Richard L. Sherrick, retired supporting services director for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tennessee, has been named interim executive secretary of the commission which coordinates Baptist work with laymen and boys.

Sherrick, who retired last December after ten years on the Brotherhood Commission staff, will serve until a five-man committee appointed by the

commission can nominate a new executive secretary-treasurer to succeed George Schroeder who resigned recently because of illness.

The committee is comprised of Jerry Glisson, pastor of Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis; Solon Freeman, Memphis businessman; Glenn Rainey, appliance dealer in Jackson, Tennessee; Amos Ledbetter, pastor from Thomasville, Alabama; and John E.

Lottie Moon Offering Totals \$16,220,104.99

The 1970 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions climbed to an all-time high of \$16,220,104.99 as the books at the board's office were closed, April 30.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary for the Southern Baptist agency, said the figure was \$922,546.36 beyond the 1969 total. Funds received after April 30 would be credited to the 1971 offering, he said.

Asked why he thought the offering had taken such a large jump, Cauthen replied, "It reflects Southern Baptist's deep determination to move forward in the wider dimensions of the world missions task and affirms again that Southern Baptists are essentially a missionary people."

Noting that the board has already appropriated \$15,010,852 of the 1970 offering, he said that the remainder will be applied toward unmet requests amounting to over \$4 million from the 76 mission fields where Southern Baptist missionaries are working. (BP)

Second Pan American Men's Confab Planned

The second Congress of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men will be held in Cali, Columbia, July 17-22, 1972, according to an announcement by the president of the organization, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Cooper said he hoped as many as 750 persons from every country in the Western Hemisphere and islands of the Caribbean would be present.

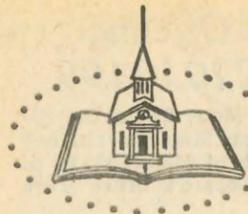
The Pan American Union of Baptist Men was organized in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1968 during the Crusade of the Americas. Cooper said the second meeting in Cali would feature reports on the work of the union since its organization.

Program personnel for the meeting will include several world Baptist leaders who will come to the laymen's meeting enroute to sessions of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, scheduled the following week in Jamaica. (BP)

Moore, Jr., businessman from Taylor, Texas.

Glisson is chairman of the commission's executive committee, and Freeman is chairman of the commission. The next meeting of the commission is scheduled August 19-20 in Memphis.

Sherrick was a Memphis insurance executive before joining the commission staff in 1960. He is a deacon at McLean Baptist Church. (BP)



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Jeremiah 25:1-11

Jeremiah was born in or about 645 B.C. in the small village of Anathoth which was approximately three miles northeast of Jerusalem. There he was reared in a humble, religious home.

The prophet

In his young manhood, while he was engaged in calm meditation, Jeremiah received a call from God to become a prophet. He received an impression that God had a work for him to do from which he could not be excused. However, being timid by nature, the instinctive reaction of the shy and sheltered young man was a feeling of utter insufficiency for the task to which God was summoning him. Thinking that he was too young and inexperienced for the task the Lord was laying upon him, Jeremiah replied, "I cannot speak: for I am a child." Note that he did not say, "I will not," but "I cannot." Reluctant to assume the duties and responsibilities of that high office, the hesitant young man received the assurance from God that He would help him in the discharge of his prophetic work. Aware of the compulsion of God's call and assured of His impartation of the necessary protection, courage and strength, Jeremiah gave himself to the faithful performance of what he knew to be his duty.

The period

Jeremiah began his ministry in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah, the king of Judah. In his strong efforts to reform, due to his wholehearted devotion to Jehovah, Josiah sought diligently to abolish idolatry from his kingdom, and in this praiseworthy campaign he received the loyal support of the young prophet. With persistent earnestness he tried to persuade the people of his nation to forsake their idols and to worship God only. Unwillingly the people surrendered their idols but their pretended dedication of themselves to God was extremely hypocritical for they never forsook their idols in their hearts.

No sooner had Josiah passed from the scene of action and his successor had begun to reign than the people reverted to their idolatry and licentiousness, for which they had been longing all the while.

The pleading

The responsibility for denouncing the

individual and the national transgressions was laid upon Jeremiah. To this unpleasant task the prophet committed himself unreservedly. He urged the people to turn from their idols and to forsake the life of sin which they had discovered to be very unsatisfactory. Quite often Jeremiah wept bitter tears on account of the terrible wickedness of the people but he continued to plead with them to amend their ways before it was too late. In spite of the numerous warnings and pleadings from Jeremiah and other courageous foes of sin, the hearts of the people were bent on continuing in their evil ways.

The punishment

Divinely called and commissioned, Jeremiah had received repeated messages from God and had delivered them faithfully and earnestly to the people for whom they were intended over a period of twenty-three years, even though they refused to walk in His ways and to comply with His blessed will for their lives. Therefore, chas-

tisement or punishment could not be escaped. This goes to show that God will not permit men to go on indefinitely in their sins without dealing with them in a judicial fashion. Disobedience results in punishment, sooner or later.

The instrument in the hand of God for inflicting this punishment which the people had earned was none other than Nebuchadnezzar, whom the Lord called "my servant." That was certainly a strange and significant expression for God to use in connection with this pagan ruler who had acceded to the throne in Babylon.

We would do well to remember that there are many instances in history when God used the enemies of His people as instruments with which to punish them for their sinful ways.

From this lesson we learn that unless the people of America repent of their sins, get right with God and yield themselves to Him in loving obedience, our nation can and will fall also.

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This beautiful and instructive parable is wonderfully rich in truths of inspiration and warning.

Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard was placed in an ideal location on the slopes of a very fruitful hill. It had been fenced, pains-

takingly prepared, carefully planted and thoroughly cultivated with expert and solicitous care. Everything possible was done to assist the fertility of the soil and to insure the development of the latent possibilities of the vineyard. Soil, showers and sunshine, combined with the skill of the vinedresser, enriched the vines and they grew satisfactorily.

With all of this careful preparation, diligent cultivation and tender interest, the owner naturally had the hopeful expectation of a plentiful crop of choice grapes but he was doomed to disappointment. When the time of vintage grew near, he found only wild grapes, which might have grown without the husbandman. This fruit, which consisted of wild, inedible and injurious grapes, was of such a nature that he was ashamed of it and would have been richer without it.

This parable portrays the wonderful

manner in which God provided for and protected the Jewish people in Palestine. So great were the opportunities which God provided for them that he could say, as did the husbandman in the parable, "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?" God looked to the Jews for the fruits of righteousness and justice to correspond with their privileges. What a pity that the Jewish people, under the care and blessings of God, protected noxious fruit instead of bearing good fruit! Unfruitfulness is bad enough but pernicious fruitfulness is still worse.

God has wonderfully safeguarded and blessed our lives. Consider the greatness of our privileges: a knowledge of the will of God, the example of Christ, a throne of grace which is ever accessible and the counsel and help of the Holy Spirit. If God looked for the fruits of righteousness and justice from the Jews, what manner of fruit may He reasonably expect from us? Instead of repining because our privileges are not more numerous, let us use those which have been granted to us and thereby make them what they were intended to be—sources of blessing. Failure to make the most of our privileges and opportunities will mean that God will take them from us and give them to others who will bear appropriate fruits in their season. We shall be judged in the light of our advantages and opportunities. Are we what we ought to have been, considering our advantages?

Isaiah 5:20-21

After recording the parable of the vineyard, Isaiah pronounced a series of woes against Judah on account of the sins of the people. The woes which he pronounced against their sins are applicable to the same and kindred sins which are so prevalent in our day.

Isaiah pointed out the fact that when people reject God's Word, appoint themselves as their own judges and determined their own manner of life they usually abandon moral standards and indulge in sensuality. Isaiah called attention to the fact that some were so perverse that they were totally blind to moral values. They completely reversed the truth by calling evil good and good evil, darkness light and light darkness, bitter sweet and sweet bitter. To them right was wrong and wrong was right.

There are those today who are so perverse that they consider the doing of evil a mark of superior intelligence and ability. Some even become so bold in their pursuit of evil that they actually defy God, as if challenging Him to stop them if He can. Those who are filled with ungodly pride thereby subject themselves to the woes of divine wrath and judgment. All who presume to be a law unto themselves, minimize sin and advocate situation ethics need not be surprised when woes are pronounced upon them.

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ACLU Claims Segregated Schools Results Of Proposed Voucher Plan

Religious, civil liberties and educational agencies have attacked proposed experiments involving tuition vouchers for schools as initiated by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

A one-day hearing was held by the Senate subcommittee on employment, manpower and poverty, of which Senator Gaylord Nelson (Democrat, Wisconsin) is chairman.

Similar hearings were recently held by the House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee headed by Representative Carl Perkins (Democrat, Kentucky).

Appearing in favor of the proposed voucher experiments were Frank Carlucci, director, and John Wilson, assistant director, of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Under an educational voucher system a "ticket" or voucher for tuition would be given a parent for his child or children in school. This voucher would then be used as tuition payment in any school of the choice of the parent — public, private or parochial school.

Educational organizations opposing the voucher experiments at the Senate hearing included the National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers and the National School Boards Association.

The civil liberties organizations opposing vouchers included the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Religious bodies offering testimony included the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the National Council of Jewish Women, the American Jewish Congress, and the Joint Washington Office for Social Concern representing the American Ethical Union, the American Humanist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Opponents of the voucher experiments agreed that the plan violates the constitutional principle of religious liberty and separation of church and state. They further argued that such a system would spell the demise of the public school system as basic in American democracy, and that there is no prospect that the new system would produce better education for children.

The American Civil Liberties Union opposed the OEO experiments for three reasons:

1. "Vouchers will tend to reestablish racially segregated schools in the south, encourage the flight of middle-class children in the north, and jeopardize the survival of public schools in large sections of the country.

2. "Voucher schools may not be bound by rules of academic freedom or student rights.

3. "Vouchers would violate the principle of separation of church and state and subsidize proliferation of parochial schools." (BP)

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Ghetto Drug Addicts Are 'Mission Field' For Seminarians

Four years ago, Mary Ellen Earls left a comfortable middle-class setting and moved into one of New York City's most vicious ghettos where she worked with young girls addicted to heroin and other drugs.

Today, the 26-year-old native of Mulberry, Arkansas, is studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, making preparations for future ministries with the girl drug addict.

She has heard the call of the ghetto, and plans to return.

Soon after graduating from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 1967 with a degree in sociology, Mary Ellen went to New York City in response to reading a book by David Wilkerson, *The Cross and the Switchblade*.

She said that the book was a personal challenge "to share the gospel with drug addicts of the inner city."

Joining the Wilkerson ministry in 1967, Mary Ellen was assigned to the CURE Corps, a Christian rehabilitative and drug prevention mission to the people of the ghetto. Her mission was to reach the girl addict.

Living in a Bronx ghetto was quite an adjustment, compared to her previous life at Mulberry, Arkansas, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Earls.

First, she had to become a night person. "Everything happens in the ghetto at night," she said. "The addict-prostitute is out walking the streets. We had to be available to minister to their needs."

Another adjustment was settling into the brownstone apartment where she

lived. It was replete with everything imaginable for ghetto housing — rodents, roaches, and general dilapidation. Through the months that followed, there were thefts of food, clothing, and almost anything that could be carried away.

Mary Ellen, however, felt her mission was God-directed and, despite the adjustments, was determined to remain.

She and her fellow workers established "New Start" schools for pre-school ghetto children. Through these efforts with the children, the ghetto Christian workers were able to reach many of the parents with the gospel message, she recalled.

Having established a foot-hold in the ghetto community, the CURE workers began to concentrate on trying to reach the drug addicts.

"We were trusted as teachers and as trusted persons, we could enter the homes and share the gospel message," Mary Ellen said. "In time the addicts grew to trust us as the community trusted us."

Mary had majored in sociology at Ouachita, but ghetto sociology was

something else. She began to understand how the despair of the ghetto forced many to turn to drugs.

Even more disconcerting was the girl addict. In order for her to finance her drug habit, the vicious cycle of life had forced her to become a prostitute, Mary observed.

Mary's ministry became a 24-hour demand. But it did not phase her, because, she said, "We went into this area to be their friends and not just hand them a tract. In time we were able to present Christ to these girls. But we did not stop there. We trained them for an on-going ministry."

Mary's work for 2 1/2 years with the Wilkerson organization may not have changed the entire ghetto, but it did make an impact on the once-empty lives of several people in the Bronx.

Reflecting upon her experiences, Mary Ellen said, "I came away even more convinced — when all sociological attempts to change lives of despair have failed, God's power can work miracles."

To that kind of ministry, Mary Ellen Earls plans to return following completion of her seminary studies. (BP)

BAPTIST VIEWpoll MARTIN B. BRADLEY, Director

Baptist Poll Shows Difference On "Greatest Need Of Convention"

Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers differ slightly concerning what they perceive to be the denomination's most urgent need, the latest Baptist VIEWpoll surveying a representative panel of pastors and Sunday School teachers disclosed.

The largest portion of the Sunday School teachers (45.1 percent) felt that "strong conventionwide leadership to bring us together in unity and harmony" is the most urgent need of the convention.

The biggest percentage of pastors (37.7 percent), however, felt that "a stronger voice in convention affairs by churches is most urgent."

Results of the poll were released in Nashville, Tennessee, shortly before the Southern Baptist Convention is scheduled to meet in St. Louis, June 1-3.

Compared to the 45.1 percent of the Sunday School teachers who felt "leadership to bring us together in unity and harmony" is the greatest need, 34.5 percent of the pastors picked this

as one of four alternatives in the survey.

Compared to the 37.7 percent of the pastors who said the greatest need was "a stronger voice in convention affairs by churches," 21.3 percent of the teachers ranked this as number one.

Others on the panel (13.5 percent of the pastors and 18.9 percent of the teachers) feel that the convention's most urgent need is for "a stronger voice in convention affairs from laymen."

Some pastors (10.7 percent) and Sunday School teachers (12.4 percent) on the panel felt that "less concern over doctrinal and other differences among us" is the most urgent need.

This alternative was especially appealing to those pastors who consider themselves to be "more liberal than conservative" or "quite liberal" in religious orientation. A small portion of pastors (3.6 percent) and teachers (2.3 percent) did not respond to the question. (BP)



CONGRATULATIONS — Arlis Hinson and his wife Georgia, left, are congratulated on their election as manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly by Marvin Byrdwell and his wife Violet. Hinson will succeed Byrdwell in the Cedarmore post June 15. Byrdwell resigned to be associational missionary for Christian County Association.

Rogers, Hinson, Oliver Elected To Executive Board Positions

Three persons were elected to the staff of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention during the May 3-4 meeting of the Executive Board at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Those elected included a secretary for the interracial department, a manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly and a Baptist campus minister for the University of Kentucky.

Elected to fill the vacant interracial department post was **Bill Rogers**, pastor of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville.

Rogers, a native of Logan County, Kentucky, has been pastor of the Louisville church for ten years. Prior to that time he was pastor of the Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green. He has also served the Glen Lilly Baptist Church in Warren County and the Salem Baptist Church in Butler County.

The new interracial secretary has served as president of the Louisville Baptist Ministers' Conference, a joint conference of Black and White ministers; and as chairman of Fellowship Center Joint Committee, a work co-sponsored by the National Baptists and the SBC Home Mission Board; At the time of his election Rogers was serving his third term on the state convention's Executive Board.

A graduate of Western Kentucky University, Rogers received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1964 from Southern Seminary. In 1968 he updated the degree to master of divinity. Additional study has been done by the new interracial secretary at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

In addition to directing the work of the interracial department, Rogers will also have responsibility for "implementing the program of the Christian Life Committee of the Executive Board."

This amendment to the job description of the office was offered by James



Rogers



Oliver

Best of Fulton who noted that the secretary was supposed to "work in consultation with the Christian Life Committee" but had no responsibility for the committee's program.

The amendment was adopted after Executive Board chairman John Claypool indicated that the Home Mission Board had made provisions for additional responsibilities being assigned to the interracial secretary.

Elected manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly was **Arlis Hinson** of Wheaton, Maryland. He succeeds Marvin Byrdwell who resigned effective June 15 to become associational missionary for Christian County Association.

Hinson, a native of Mississippi, comes to Kentucky from the position of business manager of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. He formerly served as assembly director for Rockridge Baptist Assembly in Franklin, Georgia.

Other positions held by the new Cedarmore manager include minister of music and youth for Monticello Baptist Church, and minister of music, education and youth, Hollandale Baptist Church, both in Mississippi, and minister of Christian education and youth, First Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Hinson holds the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary and membership in the National Association of Church Business Administrators.

Mrs. Hinson is the former Georgia Louise Herrin also of Mississippi. For nine years she was an elementary school teacher and now works as a secretary.

Prior to Hinson's election a job description was adopted for the Cedarmore manager. Wendell Romans, pastor of Mt. Washington Baptist Church and chairman of the assembly and camps committee of the Executive Board, said that Marvin Byrdwell had served for 21 years without a job description but the committee felt it was time for one to be put on paper.

The new job description also elevated the Cedarmore manager's position from that of a department associate to one equal with department heads.

The third person elected was **Garry Oliver** who will serve as campus minister at University of Kentucky.

A native of Southgate, Kentucky, Oliver comes to the Lexington campus from Western New Mexico University where he was Baptist campus minister and lecturer in Bible. Prior to that time he was associate pastor of Heights Baptist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Other positions held include pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Brandenburg, Kentucky, and pastor of Kent Baptist Church, Kent, Indiana.

Oliver is a graduate of Southern Seminary and the University of New Mexico.

Both Oliver and Hinson had previously been elected by a poll of Executive Board members. The Board action Monday was ratification of the poll.

Oliver is already working at the University of Kentucky making preparations for the 1971-72 school year.