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one mission
one people

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH

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BYW State Confab Program Set

A kaleidoscope of missions program will be offered at the third annual Baptist Young Women's state meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, October 19-20.

The conference will sponsor an informal opportunity for the participants to meet with program personalities. A total of nine missionaries will be present to share their testimonies with the young women.

Also featured will be the missionary cantata, *So I Send You*, performed by Ministry 73-74. This group, under the direction of Phillip Landgrave, professor of church music at Southern Semi-

nary in Louisville, is comprised of students from the seminary.

Additional musical entertainment will feature a quartet of young adults from Stanton Baptist Church.

Baptist Young Women from across the state are expected to attend the two day conference. Married women are invited to bring along their husbands if they desire.

Cost for the conference, including registration fee, three meals and linens in Boone Lodge are:

- 2 persons per room.....\$12.00 per person
- 3 persons per room.....\$11.00 per person
- 4 persons per room.....\$10.00 per person

For reservations send name, address and \$3.00 of the above amount per person to: Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible to insure a room for the conference. The meeting promises to be a rewarding opportunity for young women, according to state BYW director Miss Wanda Carpenter.

Suit Filed To Settle Dispute At Cedar Creek

Three members of the Cedar Creek Baptist Church filed suit in Jefferson Circuit Court recently, asking the court to settle a dispute within the church.

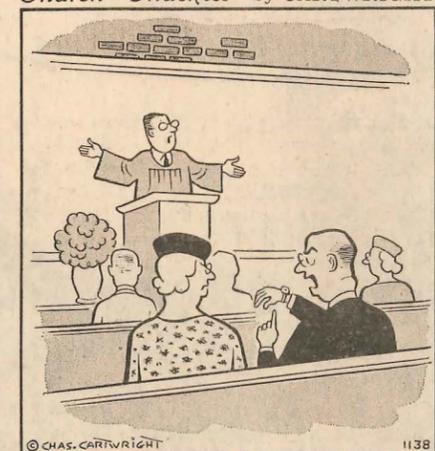
The three charge the pastor, William D. Martin, and the chairman of the board of deacons, Bethel Parrott, with causing "an illegal suspension of 14 members of the church without abiding by the rules and bylaws" of the church.

The suit was filed by David Hume, John L. Smith, and Garlon C. Sills, Jr.

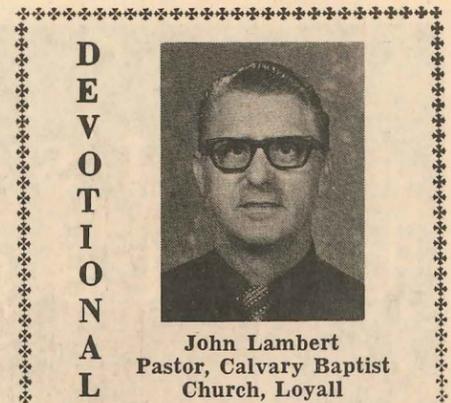
The suit asks the court to order the pastor and Parrott to furnish a complete accounting of the church's financial affairs, and hold an open meeting, with an impartial moderator, to discuss the church problems and discover the wishes of the majority of the church membership.

The suit was assigned to Judge Macauley Smith. No date for a hearing has been set.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"It's been twelve minutes since he said 'and in conclusion!'"



John Lambert
Pastor, Calvary Baptist
Church, Loyall

Andrew— Man Of Action

John 1:35-42

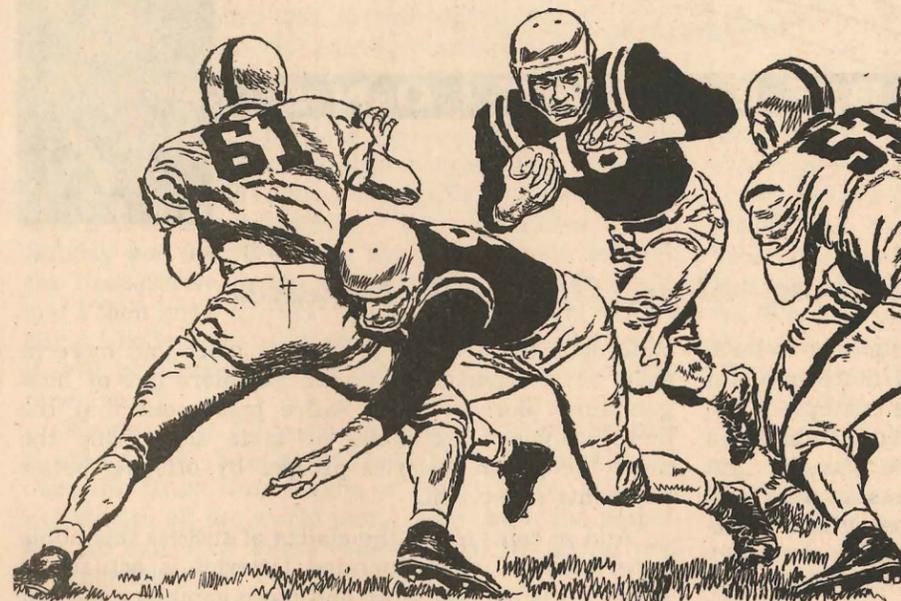
Andrew is only mentioned in the Bible fourteen times.

The first time we get acquainted with Andrew is when as a disciple of John the Baptist he catches sight of Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want?" Andrew replied, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Jesus answered, "Come and see." That day Andrew discovered a new life and sought out his brother, Peter. "We have found the Messiah," he said, and brought his brother to Jesus. How often we fail to recognize the importance of those folks in our congregation who go about their tasks quietly and without recognition.

Our second glimpse into Andrew's character comes on a day when Jesus has finished preaching to a great multitude of people. They suddenly realize that they are hungry and far from home. How shall they be fed? The disciples said, "Send them home." Andrew finds a small boy who has five loaves of bread and two fishes. Andrew brought him to Jesus, who fed the multitude with the loaves and fishes. There is a boy in our homes, in our Bible schools, and in our church services, let us never forget.

Our third sight of Andrew finds him being approached by a party of foreigners — Greeks. They said, "Sir, we would see Jesus." He simply told them to follow him, and he led them to Jesus. That after all was his specialty, and how we need that kind of specialist in the church today.

Andrew, what a man! Everytime we see him he is bringing someone to the Master. What an inspiration he should be to each of us. Andrew was not a preacher, he was not even a leader; but he brought men to Christ. Don't leave the winning of souls to your pastor; that, too, is your privilege. □



A Message To The Finance Committee

By James E. Taulman
Pastor, Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church

The crisp, cool days of fall indicate the advent of the football season. Football players looking oversized with all their pads, cheerleaders with pom poms and an excess of energy, bands with exact precision — all are a part of the great game.

Although it is less spectacular, there is another event which occurs in the fall that is of more eternal significance. The Church Finance Committee begins to work on next year's budget. While there may not be thousands of people crowded together in huge stadiums to see the committee work, there are thousands of people whose eternal destiny is dependent upon what the committee and the church do.

There are several similarities between a football team and the church finance committee. It might be helpful for us to point out some of these. Once football was thought of as a fall sport; now it is worked at nearly 12 months out of the year. Neither can the finance committee be concerned only with the budget in the fall and then forget the church's stewardship needs the rest of the year. To be concerned with stewardship the year round will make the work in the fall easier.

There is a lot of training that goes into football. Training is also needed in church stewardship. It is extremely difficult for a coach to have to start a new team from scratch. You do not do your work on the finance committee alone. Your work will be built upon past committees' experiences and efforts. It will be easier for you because of their faithfulness. Make fu-

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a dollar a week!) But don't let these side-line snipers deter you from your original purpose of helping us share the Gospel of Christ with the world. They never win any football games either.

There are some very valuable assets that a football coach can draw upon at certain points during the game. One of the most valuable is a good place kicker. In recent years the role of the kicker has been greatly expanded. Many games have been won because of his toe. As a committee, you have a very special asset in our denominational stewardship materials. It just might be that these materials will give you the added impetus to secure the support of the church in reaching our stewardship goals. Use them; it is like having an extra player on your team.

There are some areas in which football and finances differ. In football the aim of the game is to score more points than your opponent. In the process, it is all right to run over your opponents. As a finance committee, the money that you raise is not your primary goal. It is never legitimate to run over the members of your church in order to raise money. Growing Christians is your ultimate responsibility. Giving is not an end in itself.

It is not always the football team who has the best players that wins; the winning team is the one that works the hardest, practices the longest, and is inspired the deepest. So in giving. It isn't the church with the wealthiest members that gives the most money. It is the church which consistently has been taught good principles of stewardship and has been inspired by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to give as He gave. That's what we're asking you to do for us this year.

Good luck, coaches! May you have a winning year!

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

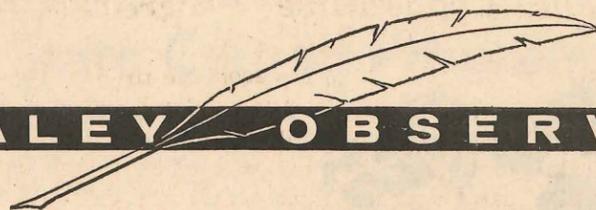
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Some Myths About State Operated Lotteries

The growing permissive spirit of our day is leading to efforts to legitimize more and more immoral practices which have been illegal. One example is the growing effort now for state operated gambling in the form of lotteries. New Hampshire was the first state to make lotteries legal. This was in 1964 and since then six other states have followed with a growing sentiment for state operated lotteries in many other states.

By now 1.2 billion dollars have been bet in these lotteries. Supposedly one-half of this has been used by the state for good causes and the other half has gone to the lottery winners. But this is far from the real story on these lotteries.

Advocates of state operated lotteries say that the gambling instinct is a part of many people and so why not control it and take the profits away from illegal operators and use them for good causes. This was the same argument used for legalizing the sale of alcoholic beverages. This argument sounds good but is far from convincing to many morally minded people.

William Safire, a *New York Times* columnist, has pointed out in a recent article some of the failures in the promises and hopes for state operated lotteries and I am indebted to him for some of the revealing facts that follow.

One of the main arguments for state lotteries was that they would get much of the business which was going to illegal operators of lotteries. This has not proven to be so, according to Mr. Safire. In failing to do this the advertising of legal lotteries is now more and more pointed toward new gambling customers instead of to the old customers of illegal operators. The bookies and racketeers are not being run out of business. On the other hand they still flourish while

state operated lotteries are trying more and more in their advertisements to make gamblers out of non-gamblers. Moreover Mr. Safire points out that the more gamblers are made by state advertising the more the illegal lotteries prosper by offering better payments and credit.

And so contrary to the claims of success this noble experiment of state operated lotteries is actually a failure. It is making more and more gamblers and not eliminating illegal gambling operations.

Hopefully other state officials will look carefully at the truth about state operated lotteries before advocating such a step. However, past experience shows that a few brazen states start such a thing and others follow one by one. The ever growing need for more and more revenue to provide more and more expected public services puts pressure on state governments to advocate revenue raising plans without proper regard for morality and the ultimate effect upon its citizens.

No doubt the state operated lottery will be an issue in Kentucky sooner or later. Right now there probably would be little chance for its approval but who knows what the situation will be in a few years. The present push for off-track legal betting on horse races is a sign of the times.

We know that morality cannot be legislated. It must come from an inner experience rather than from outer forces. At the same time legislation can create an environment more conducive for morality and make a better place for families and especially children to live.

We should take a stand on state lotteries now and make it known. The most powerful weapon we possess is our vote and legislators who finally decide these issues should know how we feel. Above all let us not be duped by state operated lottery myths.

Do We Still Need The Cooperative Program?

W. E. Grindstaff

The piggy bank was stuffed tightly with small coins. It scarcely rattled when the preacher shook it. Across the desk from the pastor sat a man who had just delivered the strange offering. He explained it was his little daughter's bank, that she had recently died. "But before her death she told me to take her money and divide it among everybody," said the father. "Last Sunday you described how the money given through the Cooperative Program reaches into all the world, and I then knew the best use to make of Carol's piggy bank. I believe that through the Cooperative Program it will be divided among more people than in any other way."

We need the Cooperative Program today because it provides the best known way for most Baptists to obey the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. We cannot go into all the world alone and preach the gospel, but we can obey Jesus' Commission by giving and praying together.

WHOLE PROGRAM: Which petal on a rose is more important? Could a flower become beautiful if roots or stem or leaves were missing? The Cooperative Program tells us that the whole of our mission program is more important than any of its parts. It indicates that those parts are more significant when properly related to one another. We cannot pick out a petal on a rose and say this is the most important part of the flower. It takes all of the parts to make an entire beautiful flower. In the same fashion it takes everything that Southern Baptists are doing to make a well-rounded missions program.

It is easy to get sentimental over one phase of our work. We can designate money for that cause and neglect all the rest of Christ's work.

BETTER PLANNING: Because of the Cooperative Program our denomination is able to do long-range planning. For instance, seminaries, or colleges, or hospitals can plan their buildings years in advance, having a reasonable idea of what income to expect. They can

be sure the buildings will be paid for in a reasonable time as the income will be on a regular basis. The agencies and

institutions can plan their work over a longer span of time as they are sure of continued support. They can better use their people and enter doors of opportunity as they open at home and abroad.

SCRIPTURAL: The Cooperative Program objectives are taken from the Bible. Evangelism, teaching, healing, and benevolences are part of the Christians' task in the Word of God. Through the Cooperative Program thousands of churches do these things together with Christ. Even this spirit of cooperation is magnified in the Bible.

ECONOMICAL: By pooling our mission funds through the Cooperative Program we help keep administrative costs down. Overspending and indebtedness are more easily controlled. Before the Cooperative Program was used, mission boards, schools, and other agencies frequently did not know what to expect in the way of income. Leaders never knew until the end of the year the amount they would receive. The end of the year often found agencies in debt. Often buildings were erected and services expanded on the basis of promises that never came true. Today, agencies know at least a year in advance approximately what income they may expect.

No longer is it the causes that can create the most emotional appeal that get most of the money. Other causes, just as important, but less colorful, now receive their share. Committees carefully study the needs and bring recommendations to the Convention, to assure fair, balanced support of the entire mission program.

Yes, we need the Cooperative Program. The demands of our worldwide mission program grow greater each day as the spiritual needs of the world grow. We gain strength as our churches unite in prayer and join in giving together through the Cooperative Program.

BAPTIST FORUM



REACTS TO MASTON

Dear Editor:

Praise the Lord!
We do still have men in the SBC who are aware of what's happening in our church today! I'm speaking of T. B. Maston and his message to the CLC in Nashville and the account of the same reported in the September 22 issue of *Western Recorder*.

His feelings on the subjects of "big business" attitudes within the denomination, ultra-conservatism, anti-intellectualism, publishing efforts, freedom of press and conscience, the charismatic movement, and maintenance of Biblical

theological foundations for ministry have too long gone unexpressed.

For too long, we as Baptists have proclaimed — yes, even argued — "we are established in the truth and do not want anything new. We just won't have it!" Brother, if that's God's plan, I WILL OBEY, but somehow I don't think it is!

I do indeed love Christ's Church today and am eternally grateful for the tremendous change in my life as a result of earnest Christian love. Yet, at the same time I find myself utterly disgusted with the established church and

its arrogance, ignorance, and apathy! Like so many other young people (but not exclusively us), I could completely write the Church off as a lost institution, but I continue to have an ounce of faith in its existence.

My Bible tells me that the great weakness in the Church today is because of ignorance concerning the Spirit. God would have us know His will concerning the power and manifestation of His Spirit. In I Corinthians 12:1, Paul says, "Now concerning spiritual gifts my brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

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The Cooperative Program —
More Than The Sum Of Its Parts

Simple Answer



FRANKLIN OWEN

Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

The very thoughtful letter on my desk states the problem clearly. It speaks of so many special offerings and the importance of the Cooperative Program, which can be hurt by special offerings.

What a shame that more of our people do not realize the great importance of the Cooperative Program. It is the family way of budgeting. Our great institutions, agencies, and causes are in it. The apportionments are arrived at by representative and democratic process. If the people would give it full support we could do away with special offerings.

However, the truth is that without any of these extra offerings the single causes that make up the Cooperative Program budget tend to blur into oblivion. It takes the thrilling specifics of the special, single-cause offering to capture interest and support.

For example, the annual total from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has now grown greater than the entire year's portion through the Cooperative Program. (The same is true of the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.) I fear that this may not be healthy as a permanent thing. Any possible unforeseen negative uprising against special offerings would hurt most the agencies that most depend on such offerings. Of course, the answer, again, is greater support for the Cooperative Program to keep its fruits ahead of special offerings.

Let me observe that great emphasis and publicity for Home and Foreign Missions result from these special offerings. Single offering observances promote greater comprehension of the specific content of the Cooperative Program.

We know the answer to the question of too many special offerings is to better promote giving through the Cooperative Program. The problem is how adequately to "sell" the idea and to keep it sold.

Could these special offering causes somehow be put at the top of the Cooperative Program Budget and participate in the over and above funds generated through the special Missionary cause promotions?

—Frank Owen

FLIGHT OF A BUCK —

Co-op Gifts Undergo Many Close

By Larry High

Operating the Kentucky Baptist Convention takes a lot of money. In fact, it takes more than many businesses in the country gross in a year. God has blessed Baptists in the state with many generous churches who being faithful in their giving to the Cooperative Program have supported and made possible the work of the KBC.

During the past year Baptist churches in Kentucky gave \$4,614,678.25 through the Cooperative Program and \$2,516,638.01 through other designated causes for a total giving of \$7,131,316.26. An amount of that magnitude necessitates careful handling and accounting to insure every penny gets to the proper cause, agency or institution.

If you are a member of a church which contributes through the Cooperative Program some portion of your tithe finds itself on a long, seemingly complex journey before it actually reaches its final destination. The process of counting, recording, acknowledging and allocating your money is vitally necessary to the smooth functioning of the convention.

The process of handling your money involves many steps, the first of which is most often handled by your church treasurer. That church officer will determine the amount of the gift to be given through the Cooperative Program or other funds.

In addition to turning your gift over to the convention for allocation through the Cooperative Program each church is entitled to specify any other Baptist agency or institution it wishes its undesignated money to be given to. Examples of these most often include Baptist colleges and seminaries, child care, Cedarmore and state missions. But each church is made aware of other avenues of work its money can be used in.

In most cases the church has issued a mandate to the treasurer instructing the percentage of the church budget receipts and their designated use to be given through the convention.

The treasurer in turn draws up a check weekly, monthly, quarterly, or even yearly, and sends it along with a coded designation detailing which programs the money is to be allocated to and the amount of each allocation.

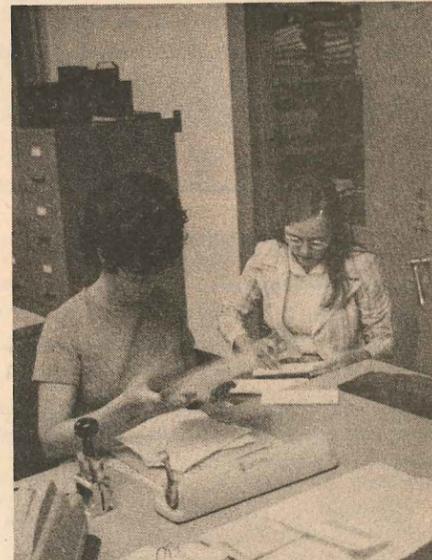
The check is then delivered, usually through the mail, to the Baptist Building in Middletown. When it reaches

this point a KBC secretary separates the daily mail and removes all correspondence appearing to contain a check. She does not open any of the mail at this time.

The stack of mail believed to contain checks, up to 200 envelopes a day, is then delivered to the office of Chester Durham, assistant to the secretary-treasurer of the convention, where he opens and inspects the checks. Until six months ago the checks were delivered directly to the business office but now they stop at Durham's office first. A private auditing firm, Touche Ross and Company of Louisville, recommended this additional checkpoint to insure the complete safety of the checks.

"In my 34 year association with the convention," Durham recounted, "I don't ever remember having any problems with any finances. It is highly unlikely that anything could go wrong with the number of checkpoints this money goes through," he added.

Each morning Durham along with a secretary from the office of Frank Owen, convention executive secretary-treasurer, open the checks. Durham records the amount of each check on an adding machine and inspects it for accuracy. He makes certain the check is signed, the amount is written cor-



ANOTHER CHECKPOINT — Business office secretaries Carolyn Strunk, left, and Dawn Sharp review the daily receipts to the Cooperative Program.

Examinations

rectly and that a remittance slip is enclosed.

He then slides the check and slip across his desk to the secretary. She records the amount and church in a ledger. After all the checks have been opened and recorded the pair total their adding machine tapes separately to insure the individual entries total to the same amount. If both tapes balance the checks are moved on to their next stop. If not, another computation is made, until the two totals agree.

The next checkpoint for the receipts is the business office. The checks are personally handed by a representative of Owen's office to a counterpart in the business office.

Two secretaries then go over the checks for accuracy again before they are filed according to the association to which the church belongs.

The business office secretary then makes two copies of a record on which the amount of each check, who it is from, the check number, and the number of checks received from each church are shown. One copy of this record is then sent back to Owen's office for their records and the other is entered into business office files.

Each check is then stamped for deposit in a bank checking account. Garnett Morton, business manager for the KBC, explained that deposits go into separate accounts at three different banks in the Louisville area. The 22 year servant of the KBC indicated that by this procedure the business office insures that all funds are not located in one account.

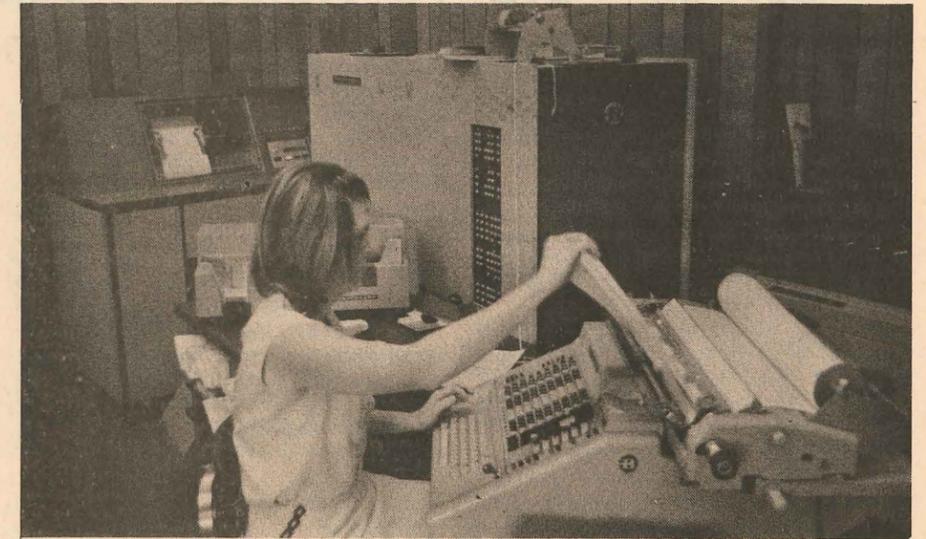
Barry Allen, assistant business manager, said the three accounts are usually close in their amounts. Allen also explained the three accounts are necessary to maintain good relationships with the three largest banks in the Louisville area. No one bank is favored over the other two.

At this time the checks, deposit slips and adding machine tapes are placed in the office safe. This is an installation kept inside a large room-size vault similar to those in most banks.

Allen assured that checks are not kept in the vault overnight but are deposited in the bank the same day they are received at the Baptist Building.

But even with the checks safely tucked away in the safe awaiting delivery to the bank another checkpoint is still to be crossed.

Next a business office employee personally hands records of that day's receipts to another convention employee in the accounting department.



COMPUTER CHECK — The daily process of checks and tabulations is complete when Sue Best, a secretary in the accounting department, records the essential data through a computer. This step also prepares a church verification record.

This office, headed by Douglas Hays, assistant accountant, is a complex of computer office equipment. The machines are used to remove any chance of human error in the recording of receipts. Likewise, Hays keeps an eye on the complicated machines to insure they are functioning correctly.

The computer keyboard is soon tallying the day's checks and recording them to the various accounts. At the same time the computer is preparing an acknowledgement to each church stating the amount they contributed to

the convention and to what area it was designated. Attached to this acknowledgement is also a form for the church treasurer to include with the next contribution. Then the whole process will be repeated again.

But for now the task of recording the day's checks is complete. With the functioning of the computer and the work of the accounting office the final step has been completed and the five hour process is over; only to begin again tomorrow.

The checks have passed through the assistant to the secretary-treasurer's office, the business office and the accounting department. Each office has in its files now a statement of the amounts, designation and church name of each check. These records are compared to insure that each office received what the previous checkpoint maintained it should have.

Periodically a private auditing firm, Touche Ross and Company, comes to the Baptist Building to go over each department's records. At this time they also make any recommendations they feel necessary to insure complete safety of the checks.

Not at any time during the entire process are any of the checks handled in the presence of only one person. There is always two or more convention personnel present with the checks until they are locked in the business office safe.

The process is time consuming and difficult but as Durham summed it up, "This is necessary and it's a hard job. We might go crazy if the Lord wasn't in on this. But He is and He's been guiding the whole operation."



ACCOUNTING CHECK — Douglas Hays, assistant accountant, left, confers with Garnett Morton, KBC business manager and accountant.

Trustees Vote To Relocate Baptist College

Trustees of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, voted 23-17 in a special called meeting, over objections from students and the local community, to move the Southern Baptist school to the Memphis area.

The decision, based on a \$6 million offer from two prominent Southern Baptist families in Memphis, is subject to final approval by the Tennessee Baptist Convention which meets in Memphis in November.

Dr. and Mrs. William B. Cockcroft pledged \$5 million of the amount and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Johnson, \$1 million. Dr. Cockcroft, a dentist, and Mrs. Johnson are members of the board of the 149 year old school.

Dr. Cockcroft, chairman of the board of United Inns, Inc., the largest franchise holder of Holiday Inns in the nation, stipulated his portion of the gift would be paid over five years if the school complied with several requirements.

They included requirements that the school be "forever dedicated to teaching of the Bible and Christianity as believed and customarily taught by conservative Southern Baptists," be committed to "excellence in academic standards," endeavor to provide graduate courses, accept "no direct funds from the U.S. government for operation or expansion of the school" and change its name to one acceptable to Dr. Cock-

croft and "expressive of the Christian concept."

The stipulations also require that "until the year 2000" both the school's board of trustees and board's executive committee, now comprised of 55 percent laymen, consist of two-thirds laymen and that two Southern Baptist members of Cockcroft Charitable Trusts be added to the board — one to serve on the board's executive committee.

A university spokesman said Johnson generally agreed with the Cockcroft proposals but added that if the move is not approved he will not give the \$1 million but will give \$1.00 to the school for every \$7.00 it raises. He is vice president of the board of Holiday Inns, Inc., and chairman of the board of Wallace E. Johnson Enterprises which specializes in big real estate developments.

Union had been in a fund campaign to raise \$8 million to finance the move from its downtown Jackson location to a new site on Highway 45 by-pass in Jackson. Some \$4 million of the goal has been pledged.

Along with the pledges of \$6 million from the two Baptist laymen, Union would be offered a 177-acre tract of land in the Ellendale community of Shelby County in the Memphis area by Investors Mortgage Services Inc. for about \$250,000. The actual value of the land has been estimated at \$1.5 million. (BP)

Public School Prayer Advocates Speak Before Senate Committee

Six advocates of prayers and religious exercises in public schools demanded before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments that Congress approve a constitutional prayer amendment for the states to ratify.

Senator Birch Bayh (Democrat, Indiana), chairman of the subcommittee, is holding a series of hearings on seven Senate resolutions proposing prayer in public schools. The first day of hearings was July 27. The second day was September 24.

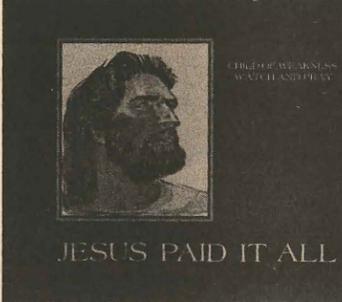
The full extent of the hearings is not yet known. Bayh said he is "playing it by ear" in determining how long hearings will continue. None of the opponents of a prayer amendment and supporters of the Supreme Court decisions on religion in public schools have been heard.

The lead witnesses in the second day of hearings were two Orthodox Jewish rabbis who proposed the recitation of "nondenominational" prayers in public schools. They were rabbi Abraham Shemtov, director of the Lubavitcher Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and rabbi Jacob J. Hecht from the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education.

Although claiming to be the representative of true Jews who follow the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament) as their supreme guide in life, the two rabbis admitted under questioning that they did not represent the majority of Jewish rabbis of the nation. Most Jewish groups have opposed religious exercises in public schools.

Other witnesses contended that much of the immorality in the nation during the past 10 years has been caused by Supreme Court decisions turning God out of the schools. "They indicated that allowing prayers to be recited in public schools would change the trend in the nation back to God and morality. (BP)

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Record Budget Proposed, Bond Corporation Approved

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention set a record Cooperative Program unified budget goal for 1974-75, approved a subsidiary corporation for one of its agencies, "postponed indefinitely" a study on a SBC-sponsored travel service and approved "image magnification" for the 1974 convention in Dallas.

The 64-member body, which operates SBC business between annual sessions, also heard a challenge from SBC president Owen Cooper during the three-day meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Executive Committee will recommend to the 1974 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention a \$37 million 1974-75 Cooperative Program goal, a \$2 million increase over the current years' total budget, including operating and capital needs.

Porter Routh, the Executive Committee's executive secretary-treasurer, announced that total operating and capital needs goal for 1973 has been passed by some \$250,000 as of September 19. The fiscal year closes September 30.

The Executive Committee voted to distribute the advance to SBC agencies proportionate to the operating allocations approved by the Southern Baptist Convention for the 1972-73 budget year.

Church bonds

The Home Mission Board, which already has the authority to buy and sell church bonds, won approval to establish a subsidiary corporation to be of greater assistance to growing churches which require bond sales for new buildings.

Permission was granted so the Home Mission Board could isolate that function from the rest of its operation to facilitate relationships with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The non-profit corporation would secure a broker-dealer license from the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell securities (church bonds), which would be purchased from churches.

Purchase limit would be 25 percent of a church's bond issue (not to exceed \$25,000 per church) and \$10 million in total purchases, of which 10 percent liability would be guaranteed.

Tour service

The Executive Committee "postponed indefinitely" a suggestion by the SBC Stewardship Commission to set up an SBC tour service to help save money for Baptist travelers and serve as a vehicle for personalizing use of Cooperative Program dollars abroad.

Staff of the Executive Committee was authorized to work out arrangements for an "image magnification system," a projection on large screens through closed circuit television, for the June, 1974, meeting of the SBC in Dallas. Some 20,000 are expected to attend in an auditorium 300 feet by 600 feet.

Rental cost for the equipment, in the range of \$30,000, will be paid for by an offering on Wednesday and Thursday nights of the meeting, with any balance coming from the convention's operating reserve.

In other actions, the Executive Committee approved its own 1973-74 operating budget of \$479,000, a \$59,000 increase over 1972-73. Also granted were requests for a 6 percent cost of living adjustment in the salary schedule of Executive Committee staff members and a two-cent per mile increase in travel expense for use of personal cars of staffers from 10 cents to 12 cents.

A request from the Radio and Television Commission to transfer \$150,000 from its current capital needs allocation to its operating budget to finance a new television series was rejected.

Responding to a motion referred to it for study from the SBC annual meeting in Portland, the Executive Committee turned down funding for a motion picture and television advisory service "in view of present demands being made on the Cooperative Program."

Bible schools

The Executive Committee accepted a report from its program committee that deliberation on Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's proposed Boyce School of Christian Ministry had been dropped from the agenda at the request of the seminary.

The Boyce School, proposed to train ministers without college degrees, is expected to be brought by seminary trustees directly to the Dallas convention.

Southern Seminary president Duke McCall told the Executive Committee that the seminary will be guided by any forthcoming Executive Committee policy on non-degree Bible schools in Southern Baptist life.

Currently the Executive Committee's institutional workgroup is working on a request from the Florida Baptist Convention for a study on the non-degree student situation, with the view of financial aid to Florida Baptist Bible Institute.

The presidents of the six SBC seminaries were asked to bring a report in February indicating what they are now doing for non-degree students and what they might be able to do.

Departing briefly from consideration of huge budgets and complicated business procedures, Routh asked Executive Committee members to pause to contribute personally to an offering for a girl — "a product of our mission work in Nigeria" — who needed to raise \$200 to afford tuition.

"We've been talking about thousands of dollars," he said. "I want to do something to help a human being." The offering raised \$360.06 — \$160.06 of which will be held for a future worthy cause, Routh said.

Aging

A motion from the SBC meeting in Portland regarding the problems of the aging was referred to the SBC Interagency Council, with the request that it do a study with special reference to program actions to be taken in the future.

The Executive Committee also received a report from its program committee commending work in seven state conventions now operating counseling services for pastors, church staffers and denominational workers.

The subcommittee noted that "establishment of an office of church-minister relations and counseling on a (Southern Baptist) Convention level at this time would not be the wisest course of action."

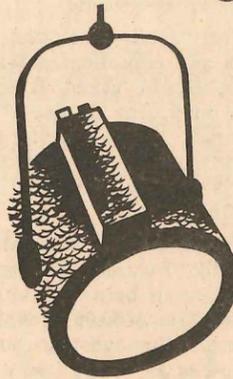
But it added, "We do suggest these services be offered and their ministry be strengthened through presently available and functioning facilities and agencies."

The committee passed four resolutions recognizing service of two resigning state Baptist newspaper editors. Donald T. McGregor of the *California Baptist*, Fresno, and James O. Duncan of the *Capital Baptist*, Washington, and two executive secretaries, W. Douglas Hudgens, who is retiring from Mississippi's top executive spot, and Earl O. Harding of Missouri, who died August 12.

Two Executive Committee staffers, Leonard E. Hill, managing editor of the *Baptist Program*, and Tommy Grubbs, general service superintendent of the SBC building, were honored for 15 and 10 years' service respectively. (BP)

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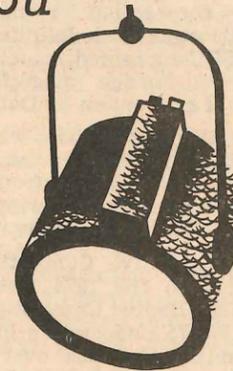


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Exec. Board Makes Recommendations To KBC

Editor's Note: In accordance with Article VIII of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Constitution, all recommendations from the Executive Board of the KBC to the annual Convention, except those of an emergency nature, shall be reported in Western Recorder 30 days prior to the convention's annual session. In compliance with that stipulation, the following recommendations are published.

1. RECOMMENDATION — Cooperative Program Goals and Distribution 1974-75

1. The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky causes and Southern Baptist causes, are determined by the Convention in Annual Session. These should be now recommended for 1974-75.

The following recommendation, approved by the Convention November 14-15-16, 1972, set the Cooperative Program goals and percentages for 1973-74 as follows:

| | *1973-74 Budget Goal | 1974-75 Budget Goal |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Cooperative Program Goal | | |
| 1. Distributable Operation | | |
| Budget | 4,500,000 | 4,800,000 |
| 2. Capital Funds Phase | over goal | over goal |
| B. Other Budget Income (est.) | **293,196 | **285,000 |
| Total Budget Goal | 4,793,196 | 5,085,000 |
| C. Kentucky Baptist Causes | 3,082,500 | 3,264,000 |
| Distribution of this item established by vote of the Executive Board at its regular meeting for consideration of the detail Budget in May | (68.5%) | (68%) |
| Other Budget Income (est.) | **293,196 | **285,000 |
| Total Kentucky Causes | 3,375,696 | 3,549,000 |
| D. Convention-Wide Causes | 1,417,500 | 1,536,000 |
| The distribution of this item as voted by Southern Baptist Convention | (31.5%) | (32%) |

*The 1973-74 General Budget approved at the annual meeting of the Convention at Louisville, Kentucky, November 15, 1972.

**Other estimated income include Annuity Board participation, RA & GA percent of CEA receipts, Home Mission Board participation, WMU, Interest, Sunday School Board participation, Miscellaneous Sources, and Special Missions. (Does not include designations for Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, Church Buildings, Woman's Missionary Union, Western Recorder, Cedarmore, Children's Homes, Christian Education Advance, and Refund on Budget Expenditures.)

2. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 1974-75 BUDGET

1. If the Cooperative Program receipts exceed the total budget goals, the overage shall be for Capital Needs. If the Cooperative Program receipts from the churches fall below the goal, all allocations, except debt retiring commitments, shall be reduced proportionately.

2. We heartily recommend that all our churches increase their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budget.

3. That Cooperative Program Day be observed on April 13, 1975, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches who seldom give or give below their worthy level are invited to take an offering on this day.

4. We further recommend that the Vacation Bible School offerings to be given to World-Wide Missions through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the annual Thanksgiving offering for our Child Care Program.

6. That we approve the Mother's Day offering for charity work in our three hospitals.

7. That we give approval to the annual offerings of the WMU Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions; Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions; and the State Missions Offering in September.

8. That we again ask the Sunday Schools to observe State Missions Day for Educational purposes only.

9. That the churches be encouraged to observe Christian Education day, February 16, 1975, and are urged to take a special offering for our Kentucky Baptist College Scholarship Fund.

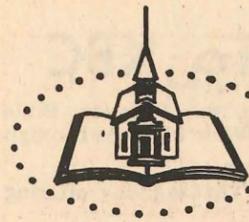
10. That the Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from these mentioned above, and that we heartily disapprove of any other appeals through our churches, organizations in the churches, or list of members in the churches when such appeals are made by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts. We recognize the right of our institutions to approach individuals for gifts of \$100.00 or more.

11. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish before January 1 of each year, a summary of their receipts and disbursements for the past year for publication in our ANNUAL; and a copy of their latest annual audit, made by a Certified Public Accountant, to the office of our Treasurer on or before November 1 of each year. The Treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

3. RECOMMENDATION — Formula for Distribution of Christian Education Allocation

The total Christian Education program, consisting of three colleges and two schools, receives a \$583,700 allocation in the 1973-74 Budget. To this we have again added \$6,300 for the continuation of the Kentucky Baptist Scholarship Fund. The Christian Education Committee is responsible for working out a formula for the distribution of these funds. They made the study, brought their recommendations to the Executive Board and requested that the board recommend them to the messengers of the Convention. The Executive Board approved the following Formula on May 8, 1973, for one year only — 1973-74 as recommended by the Christian Education Committee.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| A. Program of Higher Education | \$486,700 |
| Campbellsville College (23.5%) | \$114,375 |
| Cumberland College (34.5%) | 167,911 |
| Georgetown College (42.0%) | 204,414 |
| B. Program of Adult Ministerial Education — Clear Creek Baptist School | 61,000 |
| C. Program of High School Baptist Education — Oneida Institute | 36,000 |
| D. Kentucky Baptist Convention Matching Funds Scholarship Program | 6,300 |
| TOTAL | \$590,000 |



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for October 14, 1973)



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Sharing My Personal Experience

Acts 26:9-19

Based on the remarkable testimony of the Apostle, as recorded in this lesson, let us note some significant things about Paul.

His Conscientiousness, 26:9-11

We admire Paul's transparent honesty and genuine sincerity. As a zealous Pharisee he firmly believed that Jesus was a false teacher attempting to destroy Judaism. In his judgment Christianity was harmful to the Jewish people and very injurious to their religion. He declared that he had considered it his duty to do everything within his power to stamp out Christianity and to exterminate Christians. In his efforts to oppose, hinder, persecute, and kill the Christians, he really thought that he was rendering a great service to God. He claimed that he was as conscientious before his conversion as he was after it. Though sincere and conscientious in his conviction that he ought to persecute Christians and cause them to be put to death, he had been wrong. He was not justified in having Christians arrested, tried, and put to death simply because they were worshipers of God.

His Conviction, 26:12-13

Filled with hatred for the believers and bent upon their persecution and destruction, he was journeying along the road to Damascus, on a mission against the Christians, when a light which was much brighter than the noonday sun shone about him and a supernatural, startling, and sudden revelation of the Lord came to him. When this brilliant, heavenly light came upon him, it brought to him a twofold conviction: first, of the holiness of God, and secondly, of his own sinfulness.

His Call, 26:14

Stricken to the ground by the brilliant, heavenly light, humbled and helpless, he heard a voice in the gentle expostulation of wounded love saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" It was the love that rang through that utterance that broke his heart. When he inquired as to whom it was that was calling, he was informed that it was Jesus, the name that speaks of grace, love, forgiveness, and salvation. The Master's question, "Why persecutest

thou me?" indicated that He was so closely identified with His people that when they suffered He also bore their hurt.

His Conversion, 26:15

Instead of further striving to obtain salvation through his own efforts, he simply believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and trusted Him to do everything for him that needed to be done. By God's grace he passed from a state of condemnation to one of safety in Christ. This change was wrought in him by the will and the power of God. Paul's Christian experience brought about a complete right-about-face in both his beliefs and his actions.

His Commission, 26:16-18

As soon as he was prepared to receive it, our Lord had a great commission awaiting Paul. He appointed him to be a minister and a witness. He had a remarkable experience to relate, and the world needed to hear it. God commissioned him to proclaim man's inherent sinfulness and utter ruin, and to offer redemption to all who would exercise faith in Christ. He was entrusted with a glorious message and

was assured that he would have the divine presence and protection as he went forth to deliver it. He was to go to the Gentiles for a definite purpose, namely, "to open their eyes," for they were like blind men feeling their way while the sunlight was all about them; "to turn them from darkness to light," that is, from the darkness of ignorance and sin to the light of knowledge and righteousness; and "to turn them from the power of Satan unto God." Note how clearly the Lord revealed the spiritual condition of those to whom Paul was to minister and witness. It was one of blindness, darkness, bondage, and sin. Paul preached faithfully to all classes of people, for all had the same spiritual malady for which there was only one remedy.

His Claim, 26:19

After telling how the new light and life had come into his soul, Paul made the glorious claim that he "was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." After hearing and immediately heeding the voice of Christ, the remainder of his life was characterized by faithful obedience to the vision received. ■

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Reconciliation Through The Cross

Romans 5:1-11

Paul's letter to the Roman's emphasized convincingly the fact that all are sinners and in need of reconciliation with God and that God graciously provided for the salvation of guilty sinners. Upon his repentance toward God and through his personal faith in Christ, a sinner can receive the forgiveness of sin, liberation from the bondage of evil, reconciliation with God, victory over temptation, and strength to live in harmony with the divine will.

Benefits of justification, 5:1-5

Among the benefits of justification by faith are the following:

1. Peace with God.

Peace with God is an intelligent and calm sense of friendship and fellowship with Him. It means that God does not hold anything against the individual. Through Christ's death on the cross peace with God was made available to us. The sins which separated us from God have been blotted out and we have been reconciled to Him.

2. Access to God.

It is through Christ that we have access into God's presence and favor (verse 2). Access to God is the continuing privilege of every child of God, regardless of his circumstances. A believer in Christ may "come boldly unto the throne of grace" and receive a roy-

al welcome, as well as plenteous help.

3. Rejoicing in the hope of glory.

Complete triumph has not yet been experienced or obtained, but the believer in Christ has the assurance of one day being in the presence of God and being conformed to the image of Christ, that is, having a body like unto His own glory.

4. Exultation in trouble.

Christ enables the Christian to conquer his trials and tribulations. When troubles and trials are met bravely and courageously, and in dependence on the divine strength, the Christian emerges purer, better, and stronger than ever before. Exultation in troubles and afflictions is possible through Christ Who never lets us down.

Proof of God's love, 5:6-8

All persons are sinners by birth. The Psalmist said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." Men are sinners by choice. Isaiah wrote, "We have turned every one to his own way." Even those who know many things about the will of God persist in disregarding it. Men are sinners by practice. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." It follows then that those who are sinners by birth, choice, and practice are under condemnation.

It is truly wonderful that God loved sinners. Voluntarily, vicariously, and victoriously "Christ died for the ungodly."

Blessings of threefold salvation, 5:9-11

While we were without Christ and hope, God took the initiative in reconciling us to Himself. His wonderful salvation is threefold in its nature.

1. Past. When the sinner, who was without Christ, God, and hope, repented toward God and believed on the Saviour, he was regenerated, saved from the penalty of sin, delivered from wrath, and reconciled to God.

2. Present. Salvation from the penalty of sin is not all that Christ does for the one who believes on Him. He saves the believer from the power of sin as he yields himself to Him. Our Lord wants to save the life as well as the soul. He will enable the Christian to live victoriously and to render a useful service for Him on the condition that he looks to Him for guidance, directions, and enablement.

3. Future. Christ, Who saves from the penalty of sin at conversion, and from the power of sin during the Christian life, will save from the presence of sin when He takes the believer out of this world where sin is so prevalent, and takes him to be with Him. ■

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WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

Dear Editor:
I have read with interest the *Western Recorder* for September 15. I appreciate so very much your editorial, "Churches and Workman's Compensation Insurance." I feel that this is an area that many of our churches have overlooked. Through editorials like yours they will become aware of their responsibility here. Thank you again for calling this to the attention of the churches in Kentucky.

Dallas, Texas Harold S. Bailey

BOOKS FOR SEMINARY

Dear Editor:
We need help. The Glenville Baptist Church WMS is seeking to aid Clark Theological College of Nagaland, India, in their request for books for their library. This school was founded a year ago by the Naga Baptist Association in celebration of their first centenary. No white missionaries can come here, so two natives from another part of India came and started this school for training Christian workers. There are now four teachers and about twenty

students, and very few books. They greatly need sets of commentaries, dictionaries, lexicons, books of Old and New Testament introduction and survey, theology, church history, Christian education, psychology, pastoral ethics, pastoral work, etc.

If you have any books of this type that you would share, please mail them directly to India. Tie books together, wrap in heavy wrapping paper, tie again with strong cord, mark package "Used books, no commercial value" and address to: John Desai, Clark Theological College, Impur, Nagaland, India. The book rate is 28 cents for 1-2 pounds. It will take three months or more for the package to get there.

Utica, Kentucky Virginia Cravens

All Members, Former Members and Friends are invited to the **HOME COMING and 105th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE** of Franklin Street Baptist Church Sunday, October 7, 1973 Covered Dish Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Special Anniversary Program

Missionary News

Furlough
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cobb (Thailand) can be addressed at 1007 Knapp Avenue, Morehead, Kentucky 40351. Mrs. Cobb, the former Fannie Morris of Kentucky, was born in Versailles and lived in Sadieville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Dillard (Kenya) can be addressed at Box 137, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206. She is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Falwell, Jr., (Hong Kong) can be addressed at 199 South Cox Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38104. He is a native of Murray.

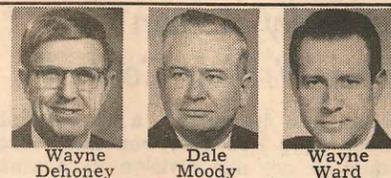
Mr. and Mrs. I. Grundy Janes, Jr., (Chile) can be addressed at 2700 Grinstead Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40206. Both are Kentuckians. He was an assistant high school principal in Lexington and a teacher in Louisville before their appointment by the FMB in 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Milam (Indonesia) can be addressed at 2024 Galeston Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46229. Before their appointment by the FMB in 1969, he was pastor of Greenview Baptist Church, Florence, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Park (Chile) can be addressed at 1014 Sanders Avenue, Paducah, Kentucky 42001. He is a native of Paducah; she is the former Divina Key and was born in Nortonville. Before their appointment by the FMB in 1964, he was minister of education at Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren C. Robison, Jr., (Liberia) can be addressed at 52 Paradise Valley S., Carson, California 90745. Mrs. Robison, the former Martha Boaz of Kentucky, was born in Murray and lived in nearby Graves County.

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Nassau, NP, Bahamas. She is the former Marian Smith of Shepherdsville.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lunsford may be addressed: Caixa 07-0558, 70000 Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil. He was born in Paducah.

Other

Mr. and Mr. Dennis P. McEntire, missionaries to Paraguay, have a son, David Glenn, born August 6, 1973. They may be addressed: Casilla 1171, Asuncion, Paraguay. Before their appointment by the FMB in 1970, he was pastor of Belmont Baptist Church in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Grossman (Senegal) are scheduled to complete language study in Tours, France. They will then move to the field and may be addressed: BP 3330, Dakar, Senegal. She is the former Peggy Chamberlin, born in Owensboro. When they were appointed by the FMB in 1965, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville.



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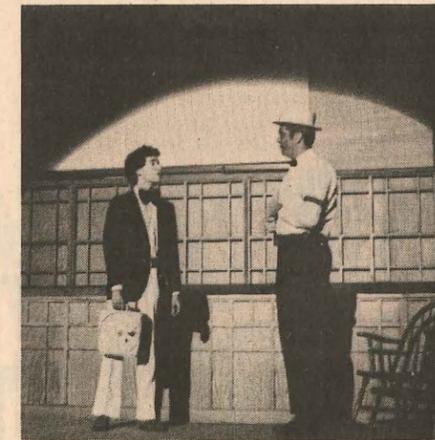
Association Marks Jubilee Meeting

Meeting in the same church where 50 years earlier Baptists gathered to discuss its conception, the Christian County Baptist Association observed its jubilee annual session at the First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, on September 17-18.

In preparation for the jubilee session the 34 association churches compiled a *History of the Christian County Baptist Association 1923-1973*. Two years in the making, the history, edited by John Williams, discovered among other things that Little River Baptist Church is the oldest associational member. Constituted in 1804 it was a "wing of the Red River Church of Adams, Tennessee."

During the session a pageant depicting five decades of Christian County Baptist history was presented. Written by Don Fearheiley of Nashville, the hour long performance was directed by Mrs. Jack Rittenberry.

Several presentations were made by the association in appreciation of the hard work put into the planning of the jubilee session. Two dedicatory histories of the association were presented to Frank Mason and Gilmer Pursley.



Scene from the anniversary pageant

The pair were described as having "served the association longer than anyone else."

Also honored were Mrs. Rittenberry for directing the history pageant, Desmond Hargis for serving as chairman of the historical committee, and Charlotte and Ralph Williams for compiling and editing the history.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEET — Ten state conventions were represented in Nashville for a planning session to coordinate and promote the work of 54 Baptist colleges and universities. Among those present were D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville; James B. Lewis, pastor of Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, and chairman of the Kentucky Education Committee; Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Education Commission and former director of KBC Christian education department; and T. Robert Mullinax of North Carolina.

Home Mission Offering Tops \$6.6 Million Goal

The annual offering by Southern Baptists for home missions topped its 1973 goal of \$6.6 million in mid-September, the earliest in history.

The offering, known as the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, totals \$6,603,226, with additional funds expected through December.

The offering is 12 percent above the amount received at this time last year.

Many states showed significant increases in giving to the offering, and for the first time one state — Texas — gave more than \$1 million.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said, "This will give us great help in moving into some fields and projects we were not able to budget for."

All funds above \$6 million are earmarked for advance in church extension, television evangelism, Christian social ministries and special mission ministries.

"I believe victory in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering came as a result of divine blessing on human efforts," said Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist auxiliary which sponsors the offering in consultation with the Home Mission Board and promotes it along with the SBC Brotherhood Commission, missions organization for men and boys.

The goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has been set at \$7.2 million in 1974. (BP)

Kentucky Acteen Wins Writing Contest

Miss Ann Hendricks, a 12 year old Acteen from Paducah, won third place honors in her age division in *Accent's* Creative Writing Contest.

Miss Hendricks' poem, "Go Tell," was among 650 other entries by Acteens throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Her poem, along with other junior high school winners, appears in the November, 1973, issue of *Accent*, the magazine published by Woman's Missionary Union for girls grades 7-12. Older winners' creations will be in the December issue.