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The Price for Baptist Openness

Most people tend to take sides with an underdog. This is especially true of Baptists when they feel a loner is standing against the establishment. Baptists are so committed to freedom of expression that anyone who claims he is being muzzled picks up supporters. Ordinarily this is virtuous but it can go too far.

A case in point took place at the Southern Baptist Convention this year. One identifying himself as Herschel



Markham, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Fairburn, Ga., was recognized to speak to a report. He charged that a Southern Baptist agency refused to condemn communist educational material used in some public and private schools.

He was given time to make his charge but was refused permission to read extensively from the material to prove his contention. He refused to accept the rulings of the presiding officer

and created a stormy scene on the speaker's platform. He charged denominational leaders of speaking with "forked tongues" and even threatened to sue the convention for not letting him read his material. He finally had to be escorted from the speaker's desk to a seat on the platform.

In his bid to reject the rulings of the convention president and to read his material anyway he began to pick up popular support. The further it went the more support he had. Finally, when the session was an hour-and-a-half over the scheduled adjournment time, the presiding officer tried to get the meeting adjourned only to have a half or more of

the messengers unwilling to adjourn without hearing the man further. The convention was paralyzed for a few moments and was adjourned only after giving the man another opportunity to speak his piece.

Following his assault upon the convention Markham caught a bus to Atlanta. According to a report Atlanta newspapers received a call early next morning from the bus station from a man who said he had a bomb and threatened to blow himself up. Police and F.B.I. agents responded and found Markham with a large suitcase and an attache case.

The police tried to talk Markham into surrendering but he held them off for an hour-and-a-half before they moved in and wrestled him into submission. The bomb threat turned out to be bogus. Markham was arrested and held without bond pending medical examination and possible criminal charges of terrorism.

Now back to the convention session and the championing of Markham against leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention. Why is it that we tend to believe most anyone who makes charges against denominational leaders? Is there something sinister in us that makes us want to see our leaders shot out of the saddle? Can any demented zealot get our support against proven leaders? Why has an irrational critic more credibility than people we have chosen to keep us reliably informed?

Mr. Markham and his spectacle should teach us a lesson. It's alright to side with an underdog but not to the point of believing his accusations until they are proven. Though we may not always agree with them, our leaders are more trustworthy than their accusers.

Current Trends Among Southern Baptists

What are some current trends of Southern Baptists? This question was put to me recently by a seminary student who was preparing a paper on this subject. The question came without any advance notice and I was hard put to come up off hand with a satisfying list. I realized that although I think and write about Baptists every week I had no clear cut list of things happening among Southern Baptists of this generation.

The dictionary has a word for such an oversight. It is myopia which means nearsightedness. It's a case of being so near the forest that you cannot see the trees. The activism of Southern Baptists keeps us so busy that we have little time to look at ourselves objectively and determine where we are going and why.

After brief reflection here are some trends among us that I see. Some are good and some are not so good and different Baptists disagree over which are good and which are not so good.

We are moving from a poor man's church group to a church group of the middle and the upper-middle class.

We are climbing the economic, educational and cultural ladder steadily. In many small towns in traditionally strong Southern Baptist areas we are the church of the elite.

Another trend is related to this first one. Baptists are also becoming a wealthy and influential denomination. We can no longer say, "Silver and gold have we none." Since 1944 the total value of Southern Baptist church property has risen from less than one-half billion dollars to over five-and-one-half billion dollars. Baptist churches pay as much or more every year for interest on indebtedness than they give for foreign missions.

Our Southern Baptist seminaries, mission boards and other agencies are impressive with huge facilities and many staff members. Some state Baptist headquarters, especially the ones recently built, rival Solomon's temple. Our numbers and our wealth have changed our image from a sect of the have nots to a major denomination of the haves. For whatever it is worth Southern Baptists now have respectability in the eyes of the world. Our influence is growing with our wealth. Our 12-and-a-half million

members and their influence pack enough political clout to get the attention and the personal appearance of the United States President at a national convention.

Southern Baptists are also becoming more formal and ritualistic in worship services. There are exceptions but most Baptist churches have changed from a spontaneous, unordered type worship service to a planned, written order of worship sometimes including the doxology, the gloria patri, the Lord's prayer, choral amens and in rare instances a robed minister.

We are also going the way of worship habits of most other historic denominations. The Sunday evening worship service is being dropped by more and more Baptist churches as is Church Training which as the Training Union was once as popular as Sunday school. The midweek prayer service is for the faithful few. At the present rate we will soon be Sunday morning only churches.

Another current trend among Southern Baptists is a spirit of tolerance and laxity when compared with Baptists of earlier days. We are not near as strict as formerly. One example is the attitude toward divorce. Time was when a

divorced preacher was given no consideration for pastor but in recent years more and more divorced men have been able to stay in pastorates. The same went for deacons. Divorced men were automatically ruled out. Not now.

Ordaining women as preachers and deacons is another trend among Southern Baptists. It is only a trickle now but looks more and more like the beginning of a stream.

Laxity is also seen in some other traditional doctrinal positions. Examples are baptism and the Lord's supper. In some areas of the convention it was once almost unheard of for immersion by another denomination to be accepted by a Baptist church. It's now being accepted by more and more Baptist churches. And whereas the Lord's supper for many churches was once considered only for the members of the local church, now the invitation is generally extended to all believers.

There are more trends among Southern Baptists than these but these will suffice to show we are always in the process of changing. In listing the changes above there has been no effort to judge them as good or bad.

Baptist Forum

NEVER IS A LONG TIME

You said some good things in your editorial on the President speaking at Norfolk, but just where did you get the information that "... Jimmy Carter has done more with a smile and a sincere Christian testimony than all the convention appearances of an Episcopalian United States President could ever do in reading a Baptist sounding speech written and designed by speech writers to please Baptist listeners?" Quit judging our fellow Christians who are not Southern Baptists. We don't have a monopoly on salvation, sermon writing or the Christian witness.

Have you forgotten why the program committee invited the President? This is our bicentennial year; the President was invited, he accepted and spoke to the convention as the President—no more, no less. I am glad you printed his address for it probably had the best content of all the messages heard at Norfolk. The vast majority of messengers did not sell their soul out to the state by listening to the President. We were blessed. And if Jimmy Carter is elected President, I think he will be

speaking to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in 1978.

You say, "Never."
I say, why not?

Wesley O. Hanson, Hartford

I only hope that all churches in Kentucky and other states will accept those who graduate from Boyce as effective ministers as well as those who graduate from Southern Seminary.

Ronald E. Bowlds, Louisville

ONE VOTE FOR BOYCE

Having just completed my first year at Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary, I would like to express my grateful thanks to all Southern Baptists in Kentucky who give to the Cooperative Program to make possible this school.

Boyce Bible School has many fantastic administrators and teachers.

Boyce is an effective school for the following reasons:

(1) It teaches a minister to be practical and effective for Jesus.

(2) It is a fellowship of ministers sharing together our concerns.

(3) It makes possible biblical training at night and on Saturdays.

(4) It gives freedom to study on your own without long drawn out busy work.

THIN LINE OF SEPARATION

I read your article "Never Again" in the Western Recorder, and I trust many other Baptists have read it and agree with you.

Since my parents were Baptists, I attended a Baptist college, and was married to a Baptist minister, I am a strong believer in separation of church and state. Am I wrong to assume that all Baptists adhere to this principle? Inviting the President of the U. S. to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention is surely contrary to this idea. It is hard for me to interpret such as non-political. The fact that he was there and spoke in an election year could say to the public that we Baptists endorse him for president.

Lorene Webster, Florence

Baptist News in Brief

Workshops Announced

47 Bible teaching-learning workshops, sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Sunday School departments of state Baptist conventions, will be conducted across the nation in 1977 to improve Bible study, increase understanding of the teacher's role and utilize curriculum materials more effectively.

36 states have scheduled workshops in key cities, making it possible for approximately 95 percent of the Southern Baptist constituency to be within 150 miles of a workshop.

Baptists Set Goal of 100,000

Southern Baptists officially launched plans for a campaign to enrol 100,000 new members in Christian training during two church training leadership conferences at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

The special campaign, coordinated by the church training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board under the direction of Philip B. Harris, will seek to enlist church members and their families who are not currently involved in their church's training program.

The emphasis will be conducted January through April 1977, and plans are being made to initiate the campaign at the association "M Nights" across the convention, according to Luell O. Smith, associational consultant in the church training department.

High Court Rules On Human Rights

A series of significant actions relating to First Amendment freedoms and human rights marked the recently concluded term of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Besides several cases dealing with the First Amendment's religion clauses, the high court also ruled that judges may not forbid the press from covering the pretrial portions of a criminal case, held that military base officials may prohibit political candidates from making campaign speeches, and upheld Illinois' flag desecration law.

Easily the most publicized decision by the court in its past term was its holding that the death penalty does not constitute "cruel and unusual punishment" in violation of the Constitution's Eighth Amendment.

In a complex series of opinions, the justices, by a 7-2 margin, declared that capital punishment is still desired by a majority of the American people, as

evidenced by the fact that 35 state legislatures and Congress have written new death penalty laws since 1972.

Ford Honors Baptists

While the Democratic Party was in the process of nominating Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist deacon and peanut farmer from Georgia for the presidency of the U. S., President Gerald R. Ford met with another Southern Baptist deacon and his family from Louisiana to congratulate them on being selected as the "1975 National Farm Family of the Year."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Powell, who operate a diversified farm in Coushatta, La., are active in the First Baptist Church there and Mr. Powell serves as a deacon, a White House spokesman said. Their farm includes a dairy herd, soy beans, cotton and corn.

Lesch Moves at BSSB

Gomer R. Lesch, director of the office of public relations of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named a special assistant to the board's executive office, according to President Grady C. Cothen.

In the newly created position, Lesch will be responsible for special assign-

ments and studies for assistance to the president and executive vice-president. He will have additional responsibility for coordinated promotion planning relationships to state conventions.

Cothen pointed out that Lesch will serve as acting director of the office of public relations until that position is filled by trustee action.

Porter to Board

Lee Porter, a former Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) vice president, has been named senior adult consultant in the adult section of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Porter, former director of organization with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, is a native of Missouri and has served as pastor of churches in Texas, Arizona and Louisiana.

He holds the A.A. degree from Hannibal LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.; the B.A. degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Porter has served in several positions in the SBC, including the first and second vice presidencies of the convention and chairmanship of the SBC's committee on order of business.

McGehee Named

Fred McGehee recently was named career guidance consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department.

McGehee, a native of Texas, came to the board from Shelby, N. C., where he was pastor of Double Shoals Baptist Church. He also has been pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in the same city. Prior to that, he was chaplain at Houston's Memorial Baptist Hospital.

Blessitt is Happy Loser

Evangelist Arthur Blessitt, who has carried a wooden cross halfway around the world, said that he is a happy loser

in the U. S. presidential race because spiritual and moral reform in politics has become the major campaign issue he hoped it would.

The 35-year-old Baptist street minister, who spoke to 12,000 Texas Baptist youth at a statewide bicentennial rally in Dallas, said he feels God called him back to America from Southern Africa "to declare that we need a born again, soul-winning witness in the White House.

"The most important thing is for the candidates to provide moral and spiritual leadership in the nation and not just political rhetoric," Blessitt told the Texas Baptist youth.

The evangelist said he believes, "Politically and spiritually we had the best platform. We also had the best plan of tax reform ever, but the national news media refused to give us a hearing."

Blessitt recalled that in losing on the Democratic ticket he outpolled two major candidates in the New Hampshire primary and five in another state.

Ford Nominates Stevens For Broadcast Slot

President Gerald Ford has nominated Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, as a director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WMU Makes Changes

Woman's Missionary Union has streamlined and renamed its system for handling group subscriptions to its magazines.

Customized Church Services is the new name of the plan previously known as Common Expiration Date.

WMU revamped the plan to accommodate a recent upturn in magazine circulation and a new campaign to reach a million readers by September 1978.

"We will work with individual churches to customize a plan of magazine subscription and delivery," said Mary Hines, director of the Customer Services Division, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

The Customized Church Services allows a church to keep all its WMU subscriptions on a systematic renewal schedule.

The plan is built on a common renewal date for all WMU magazines churchwide, and on having one trained person per church handling all WMU subscription business. WMU will train the person designated to handle a church's subscriptions and give him or her personalized attention, according to Miss Hines. Subscription handling is a duty of the WMU director or secretary, but it may be assigned to another person, such as an employed church secretary.

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Double Exposure

Language Missions Day is scheduled on the denominational calendar Sunday, Aug. 8. Southern Baptists are ministering at home and abroad in a multitude of dialects and tongues besides English. Here, Eduardo, Echevarria, by his own admission a former "drunken cowboy," now a deacon at Pillanlebum, Chile, carries a lamb to be slain for meat for his family. Fellow Christians know him as a devout layman concerned for the outreach of the gospel, thanks to Southern Baptist witness. Language mission opportunities may be in Chile . . . Chicago . . . or across the street from Southern Baptists.



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Seven age-group teaching videotapes were filmed on location at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center near Albuquerque, N. M., during a recent Sunday school leadership conference. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, is shown standing with a videotape technician.

Missions & Ministries

Bethlehem Church: Concerned People

by Phil Burgess
Staff Writer

The terms "Christian social ministries" and "transitional ministries" mean something special to Ralph Hodge. Just mention them and a smile quickly appears on his face.

To Hodge "Christian social ministries" and "transitional ministries" are not merely textbook phrases but a call to action for his church.

Hodge is pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, located just outside Louisville on Preston Highway.

In beginning his explanation of the social ministries program at Bethlehem Hodge stated that he made a study of several inner city churches that died and one of the reasons for their trouble was that they failed to meet social needs.

"I looked at our community and found that it is undergoing rapid transition from suburban to inner city," said Hodge as he explained how the program was started. "We have a multitude of sub-cultures. In this community there are blacks, apartment dwellers, divorced women with children, alcoholics and poor people. I'm attempting to meet their needs."

The Staff

"We have 13 staff members, eight are full time and all are professional and highly competent in a multitude of different areas. Two men are pastors who have a deep compassion for people." Hodge related that there are no job descriptions for the staff. All



Ralph Hodge examines a report of the social ministries.



Hodge and La Verne Seitz discuss an aspect of the Bethlehem outreach program.

work together on problems and cases are shared among the staff members. "Everyone has equal status and there is no chain of command," said Hodge.

Bethlehem Baptist Church has the largest single gathering of Alcoholics Anonymous in the state. People from various occupations meet regularly.

"On July 19th we started a Christian day care for working parents and we have a kindergarten that has never turned anyone down," said Hodge.

Part of the Bethlehem outreach program is centered around recreation. The church has a recreation building that offers skating, basketball, table games and other sports. It is open to the community.

Medical Help

"We provide medical facilities," said Hodge. "We have a baby and immunization clinic and we want to establish a dental clinic. A rehabilitation therapist will work with us this fall."

Other Ministries

Bethlehem Church is utilizing radio for a ministry of outreach. It is supported by sacrificial offerings that are taken in Wednesday night services. Hodge stated that this ministry is reaching those who refuse to listen to "door-to-door" people.

Bethlehem has a ministry tailored to senior citizens. Led by D. L. Anderson they meet weekly and enjoy meals, music, entertainment and crafts. The senior citizens also take trips. "Senior citizens have the best growth percentage of any division in our Sunday school," declared Hodge.

Bethlehem uses puppets as a means of ministry. Hodge stated that Mike

Hudson, minister of music, and his wife perform puppetry for various services.

La Verne Seitz supervises the "Mission Possible Center" for the church. She oversees the clothing and food distribution and helps counsel those with personal problems. "We are reaching people through various ministries who otherwise would not be reached," Miss Seitz said.

The church is also helping others by having a telephone ministry. "Many have been helped who otherwise would never have made themselves known," Hodge stated.

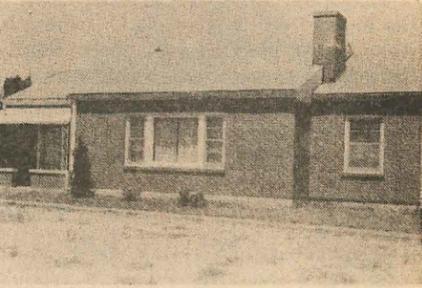
"We plan to establish a book store that will deal with books and materials on family life in an area of our kind," said Hodge.

Realizing the need to balance missions programs Hodge has led the church in supporting foreign missions also. "We gave \$7,000 to the cooperative program this year, \$3,000 to the association and \$4,000 to special mission projects such as Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong." The GA and RA programs are active in promoting missions.

In many Baptist churches the deacons conduct the business of the church but it is quite different at Bethlehem. They conduct no business but instead spend their time ministering to families.

The church's business is transacted through commissions. The commissions are in three divisions: ministries, worship and missions. They handle what is normally done through committees.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, a member of Long Run Association, was constituted 23 years ago and met in a small frame building but now the



This structure, located behind the church, houses an office and is used for various social activities.

church has 2100 members and two morning worship services are held. Two adult choirs were formed.

Folks from all walks of life attend Bethlehem but they have something in common—they are members of a concerned church, one that is meeting the challenges with New Testament evangelism and modern day missions.

Home Board Appoints 34 as Missionaries

Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed 34 persons to career and associate missionary positions this week and awarded church pastoral aid to 12 others.

Career missionary appointments include: Frank and Susan Broome of Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Lorraine Kaufman of Louisville, Ky.; Kenneth and Margaret Oliver of Lexington, Ky.; and Daniel and Carolyn Zoeller of Paducah, Ky.

The Broomes will work in Covington, Ky., where Broome will direct weekday ministries. He was program coordinator for weekday ministries at the Baptist Center in Louisville.

Mrs. Kaufman will join her husband who is director of Christian social ministries in Louisville. She is a native of Kentucky and attended the University of Cincinnati.

The Olivers will work in the Elkhorn Association in Lexington where Oliver will direct Christian social ministries. He has worked as executive director of social services for The Salvation Army in Lexington and as an instructor at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky.

The Zoellers will work in the West Union Association in Kentucky where Zoeller will direct Christian social ministries. He is a native of Illinois and has pastored several churches in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

HMB Names Director, OK's Staff Changes

The board of directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) besides electing William G. Tanner as its new executive director-treasurer, approved five other staff changes, including a retirement, a resignation, a terminal leave and two additions.

Tanner, 46, succeeds Arthur B. Rutledge who retires Dec. 31, after 11 years as the board's chief executive. The president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee is expected to move to Atlanta in October.

William L. Clark will retire as director of the division of chaplaincy, effective Dec. 31, 1976.

John Allen will leave his position as assistant director of the department of church extension to become director of the missions division of the Alaska Baptist Convention, beginning Aug. 1.

Fred B. Moseley, for more than 10 years the HMB's assistant executive director-treasurer, will take a teaching leave beginning fall semester 1976 at the newly-created School of Christian Training at New Orleans seminary.

New HMB staffers include William Howard Slagle and Jerry B. Graham. Slagle will be assistant director in the department of church extension. Graham will be associate director of Associational Administration Service.

Slagle is former business manager for the State Convention of Ohio and has directed Brotherhood in Ohio and was secretary of evangelism and Brotherhood for Indiana Baptists. He was also director of associational missions in several areas of Ohio.

A graduate of Eastern State College, Richmond, Ky., he earned the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

A native of Verda, Ky., he is married to Rebecca Sue Slagle. They have two children.

Graham comes to the HMB from Aberdeen, Md., where he has been director of missions for Susquehanna Baptist Association since 1969.

HMB Approves Budget

A preliminary 1977 budget of \$24.6 million has been approved by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) in Atlanta.

Bold Mission Thrust (BMT), the denomination's program designed to reach America for Christ, will receive heavy emphasis in the budget, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, the board's executive director-treasurer.

The budget is designed to involve all organizational HMB units in the "bold

mission emphasis upon evangelizing our nation and establishing needed new congregations," Rutledge added.

For support, \$9.2 million is budgeted from the Cooperative Program unified budget of Southern Baptists, and \$9.6 million is anticipated from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Designated gifts, investment income, gifts, grants and church loan proceeds will make up the remainder of the budget.

"The proposed budget calls for about \$3.1 million in new money, cooperatively budgeted with the states," Rutledge told directors. The new funds will make available new work in each area of the nation, he said.

With approval of the budget, the Home Mission Board has more than \$10 million cooperatively budgeted with state conventions in 1977, Rutledge said.

"About \$2.5 million will be cooperatively budgeted in the west, \$4.25 million in the north central and plains states, \$2 million each in the northeast and southwest, and a little over \$1.5 million in the southeast," Rutledge said.

"By cooperatively budgeting with state conventions, the HMB is able to effect greater change by being involved in larger numbers of missionary personnel than if we continue to directly fund the work," he added.

'Baptists Can Deliver'

"There never was a time when our nation sensed a need for what Baptists can deliver more than now," Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President James L. Sullivan said in Atlanta.

In a speech to the directors of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Sullivan referred indirectly to the attention Southern Baptists are getting because of the presidential candidacy of Democrat Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist layman.

"The present situation and political scene really have called into focus who we are," Sullivan said, explaining that the eyes of the people and the hearts of the nation are open.

"If we do not seize this opportunity, I think God's condemnation will be upon us," he declared.

Interesting People

Move From Pastorate Opens New Doors

by David R. Wilkinson

After nine years of secondary education and 22 years of pastoring, R. D. Spear left the pastorate three years ago to work for a motel chain.

But his job as a chaplain for Days Inn Corporation has opened doors for ministry that were never available to him as a pastor.

Spear serves as a counselor for the company's employees at the large home office in Atlanta, Ga., and he supervises a program that touches the lives of thousands of motel guests every day of the year.

Spear was at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center recently where he served as counselor during the Church Training Leadership Conference.

The program he oversees includes a Bible distribution plan and a "Chaplain on Call" program for each of the 250 franchise and company-owned motels.

The idea for the chaplaincy program belongs to Days Inn president Cecil B. Day, who founded the company only five years ago.

Day, an active Christian layman whose father was a Baptist preacher, also wanted more emphasis on providing counseling for the company's employees.

Spear left his pastorate at Dunwood Baptist Church in Atlanta to assume those responsibilities, and although he admits the job was frustrating at first, "the challenges have more than compensated for it."

The Bible distribution plan, he explains, places a New Testament paperback in a modern translation in every motel room and guests are encouraged to take them when they leave.

But it is the "Chaplain on Call" program that excites Spear the most.

The program attempts to have a minister from the community where each motel is located on call 24 hours a day. He serves on a completely voluntary basis, Spear explains, and the number of times he is called upon varies.

The response from pastors has been encouraging, according to Spear, and often the minister can have a positive influence even if the motel manager is

not a Christian.

"The hotel manager knows that the minister can help him," Spear says. "He's often too busy to help, even if he cares. And the minister is usually the best trained counselor in the community; he has access to other resources, and he's available at all times."

The motel ministry differs from the normal pastoral and counseling ministry in several key ways, according to Spear.

"It's a one-night ministry," he states. "It's crisis counseling, trying to meet immediate needs."

"The tourist when he travels takes his problems with him," he elaborates. "In addition, he often encounters new problems like word of a sudden death in his family. And thirdly, often times he is attracted to a motel because he's trying to get away from people and problems."

Another unique ministry involved in Spear's job comes in his counseling roles at the Atlanta office, particularly in trying to meet the needs of company executives.

"The executive is unique in trying to counsel with," he says, "because he hates to admit his need."

"In that sense," Spear comments, "the business executive is in the same boat with the physician and the minister. Where does the alcoholic M. D.

turn for help? Who does the troubled minister turn to?"

Loneliness, says Spear, is the problem he encounters most often in his counseling role.

"A motel never closes," he comments. "It's open every minute of the day, and it is a job that often takes people away from their families."

Spears says he also comes into contact with many single and divorced people who are similarly plagued with loneliness.

"And," he adds, "the struggle with ethical and moral values goes on whether a person is a Christian or church related or not."

The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary graduate also spends time in marital, pre-marital and abortion counseling, and he says he encounters many people today who are "wanting more out of marriage."

"It's helping me see a new dimension in ministry that's hard to see within the church," Spear says of his job. "I understand more now about the pressures that are on a layman."

But while some men leave the pastorate and enter a field like the chaplaincy with chips on their shoulders or a grudge against the church, Spear has no ill feelings.

"The institutional church has been good to us," he says. "In fact, I respect it more now than before."

Christian Education



Duke K. McCall [left], president of Southern Seminary, talks with Kenny Cooper of Paducah, who recently was named as one of several winners of the Francisco Preaching Award.

Wingate Will Go 4 Year

Wingate College, a two-year Baptist institution near Charlotte, N. C., has been approved for four-year status by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention General Board.

Moseley to NOBTS

Fred B. Moseley, assistant executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, has been named acting professor and director of the new School of Christian Training at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Viewpoint

A 42 Year Journey

by James L. Britt, pastor
Eastwood Baptist Church
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dr. Randolph Yeager's journey through the Greek New Testament has taken 42 of his 64 years. The journey started when he was a beginning Greek student in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill.

His goal has been the opening of the beauty of the Greek New Testament to the mind of Christians as a powerful microscope opens the eye of those examining a beautiful flower. Dr. Julius R. Mantey, his Greek professor, encouraged him to undertake the journey and has watched the progress through the years. The retired professor of Greek felt it was too great a task for one life time. Nevertheless, Dr. Yeager spent 10 years compiling the necessary tools of concordance, lexicon and grammar. On June 15, 1944 with his preliminary work done and his research tools perfected, he began with Matthew 1:1.

Dr. Yeager's educational background is notable and reveals his qualifications for this endeavor. He received his A.B. degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Syracuse University. His Ph.D. degree in American history and economics was received from the University of Oklahoma. He has 12 years of experience as an evangelist and Bible teacher in 45 states as well as having served as pastor. But most of his gifts have been shared in the academic communities of colleges and universities. He has been on the faculty of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green since 1966 and since 1970 has held the post of professor of economics and history. He is a Phi Beta Kappa and holds membership in many professional associations including the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature.

His venture of a life time is to culminate in what he has chosen to call the Renaissance New Testament which is projected to have 10 volumes of over 600 pages each. Dr. Yeager typifies the Renaissance man. He has the ability to present a broad world view essential to a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the Bible.

"A great tragedy I've observed over the past 40 years is the fact that so

many people who know the Bible don't know the social sciences, and there are those who know the social sciences and don't know the Bible."

One isn't likely to grasp the Christian "world view" without a comprehensive grasp of the social sciences, and the New Testament presents a view of the world which Yeager feels explains the present world situation. "It's there to see, but you have to know what you're looking for," he states.

He has begun another monumental task of making plates on a Varitype from over 15,000 hand written pages. Two noted publishing firms were interested in his work but suggested altering it. Yeager preferred his work be published in its entirety and therefore purchased the machine for making the plates while the printing and binding of the volumes will be done by R. R. Donnelly and Sons of Chicago. He has formed a corporation of Renaissance Press, Inc., and is under the counsel of a local bank.

The structure of his work will include the texts of the King James Version and the Oxford Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Each word in the order of occurrence is presented in Greek and followed in parentheses by its grammatical identification. The word is given a number which identifies it throughout the remainder of the work; e.g. the preposition "on" is number 80 because it is the 80th word in the order of occurrence in the New Testament. This process of grammatical and concordance analysis continues to the end of the verse and then Dr. Yeager's translation follows.

The purpose of his work is to "plan and execute a study of the Greek New Testament that would do all the necessary spade work for the reader and thus bring the scholarship of the Greek New Testament within the reach of any student who reads only English."

Recently, Dr. Yeager led our church in a week-end Bible study. He presented the truth of the Greek text from portions of I and II Peter, Romans and Hebrews. He did it in an exciting and lucid style which was followed by both adults and young people. His warm style of expository preaching revealed his years of study and love of the New Testament. The response of the congregation revealed a desire to know the

meaning of the New Testament message.

Dr. Wilbur Dayton, president of Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., has described the Renaissance New Testament as "a lexicon, a concordance, a theological word book, a grammatical analysis of each passage, a synthesis of the New Testament, and a body of countless analytical discourses, all in the context of a critical, exegetical, homiletical and devotional commentary."

On Feb. 28, 1975 Dr. Yeager closed his Greek New Testament on Revelation 22:20, 21: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Parable of the Vacationist

Now it came to pass as summer drew near that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said:

"Lo, the hot days cometh and even now are at hand. Come let us go unto the heights, where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await."

"Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs. Church Member, "Yet three, yea four things must we do before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not four," responded Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for our flowers to be cared for, our chickens fed, and the mail forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all. Thou shall dig into thy purse and give the church tithe that the good name of the church shall be preserved, and that it may be well with thee, for verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member gave his tithe for the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly saying, "Of a truth there are those who care for the Lord's work." And it was so.

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Anniversary at Thomas

Thomas Baptist Church, located near Irvine in Estill County, is planning to observe the 40th anniversary of the church's dedication with all day services Aug. 29th. There will be a basket dinner at noon and preaching and singing throughout the day. All former pastors who have held revivals in the church are invited.



K. Maynard Head, left, talks with Wendell Goodman and Wanda Jackson during their recent visit to the Clear Creek Baptist School. Wanda Jackson, who is married to Goodman, is a well-known country music artist who recently became a Christian. She and her husband are now engaged in evangelistic programs in the United States and some foreign countries.

Kentuckians in England

Austin Roberts, pastor of the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville, and Mrs. Roberts left Danville July 22 for Liverpool, England, and the Maghull Baptist Church to exchange pulpits with John Fisher, pastor of the Maghull congregation.

Kentuckians at Ridgecrest

10 people from Kentucky churches are working on the staff this summer at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference

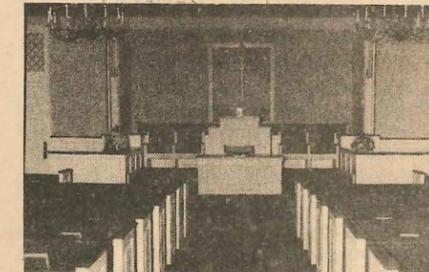
Center. They are: Billy Martin, Queen's Chapel Church, Hiseville; Alice Forgy, Mount Pleasant Church, Lewisburg; Debra Anne Terrell, Auburndale Church, Louisville; Middy Lamkin, Crescent Hill Church, Louisville; Larry Yates, Hillview Church, Louisville; Steven Geoghegan, Melbourne Heights Church, Louisville; James Nogalski, St. Matthews, Louisville; Sherrie Riggs, First Church, Murray; and Carolyn Adkisson and Marilyn Whitmer, both from Third Church, Owensboro.

Special Day at Sand Spring

Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, combined a bicentennial homecoming and 75th anniversary on July 11. Former pastors attending included J. E. Darter, M. D. Morton, Roy A. Hamilton, John W. Kruschwitz, Melvin Torstrick, Louis Twyman and Robert Hill. The anniversary celebration was dedicated to Mrs. Sallie Moore Short, the only living charter member of Sand Spring. Bill Messer is pastor.

Perrys Honored

The Ernest N. Perrys were recently honored by friends on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. A reception for the couple was arranged by the staff and members of the Richmond First Baptist Church where Perry served as pastor for 23 years. He is a native of Simpson County and has served churches in Tennessee and Kentucky.



Donaldson Baptist Church has completely renovated its auditorium. Donaldson Baptist Church was organized in 1823 and is the oldest Baptist church in Caldwell County. H. G. Sullivan is pastor.



Lilly Grove Baptist Church, Hima, Ky., and the Booneville Association, has started construction on a new church building. Roy Lyttle is pastor.

Personnel Changes

Rinks Called

Jack Rinks has accepted the call as pastor of First Church, Tompkinsville. He attended Baptist Bible Institute and Luther Rice Seminary. He has pastored churches in Tennessee, Georgia and Kansas.



Rinks

Craig Resigns

William B. Craig, pastor of Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, for over 10 years, has resigned effective Sept. 12. Craig has no announcement of plans for his future ministry.

Harrodsburg Calls Suggs

Harrodsburg Baptist Church called Julian S. Suggs as minister of music July 4. He comes to Kentucky from Highland Baptist Church, Hickory, N. C. where he served as minister of music and youth for the past six years. He is a member of the Centurymen.



Suggs

Special Report

Cruz and Golonka Recall Carter 'Back When'

by Robert O'Brien

Two immigrants—one Cuban and the other Polish—watched their television sets with a mixture of awe and excitement as Jimmy Carter, a man they first met in 1968 during a Southern Baptist evangelistic crusade to ethnics in New England, accepted the Democratic presidential nomination.

An Active Baptist

Carter is believed to be the second Southern Baptist to win a U. S. presidential nomination. The other, Harry S. Truman, was less active in church and denominational affairs. The former Georgia governor is a deacon, part-time Sunday school teacher and serves as a trustee of a national Southern Baptist Convention agency, the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn.

In November, he and his running mate, U. S. Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D.-Minn.), the son of a Methodist minister, may run against a Republican ticket including President Gerald R. Ford, an Episcopalian, and/or Ronald Reagan, a Presbyterian.

Cruz Remembers

Eloy Cruz, pastor of Iglesia Bautista El Calvario (Calvary Baptist Church), Brooklyn, said in a telephone interview that the nomination of his fellow Southern Baptist evoked especially strong impressions.

Cruz, who came from Cuba 19 years ago, and Carter were among a group of men who took part in a multilingual evangelistic effort in Springfield, Mass., in November, 1968. Different teams went to different ethnic communities to discuss their faith with the residents. Carter, who speaks Spanish, and Cruz were teamed together.

When the two-week evangelistic effort ended, Cruz recalls, Carter personally drove him back to his home in Brooklyn, where Carter, then a Georgia state senator, planned to spend the night before returning to his home in Plains, Ga.

"We arrived in Brooklyn about 1 a.m.," Cruz said, speaking through an interpreter. "Before he went to bed,

Jimmy went into the bedrooms of each of my three children and kissed them. That's when my heart really went out to Jimmy Carter."

Elias Golonka, now a Southern Baptist missionary to the United Nations, organized the Springfield crusade while he was assistant secretary of language missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Based on his observations of Carter in Springfield, and during his term as Georgia governor, when both men lived in Atlanta, Golonka, who immigrated 26 years ago from Poland, commented in another telephone interview:

"The Jimmy Carter I saw on television during the Democratic Convention is the same Jimmy Carter I have always known. He has always impressed me with his concern for people, his honesty, his intellect and his ability to cross social, cultural, economic and racial barriers.

"He has shown increasing maturity and personal and spiritual growth over the years, but he is still a down-to-earth individual from the grass roots of American life."

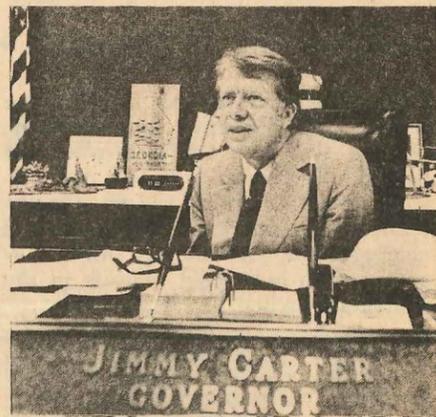
Both Golonka and Cruz rate Carter highly as a Christian.

Cruz, who is mentioned in Carter's book, "Why Not the Best?," and has maintained fairly close contact over the years, says: "He is a man of God—a great Christian. He has a very high concept of the gospel of Jesus Christ and is not ashamed to admit he is a Christian."

Political Toughness

Golonka noted that many in the media have seemed puzzled about the compatibility of Carter's political toughness and his stance as a Christian who believes in love and compassion.

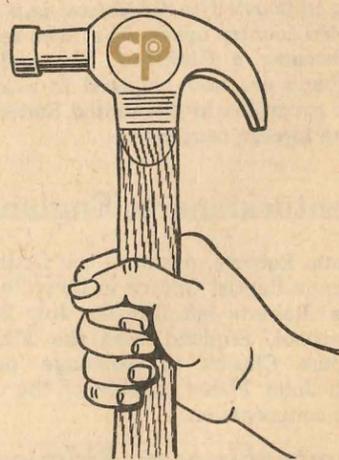
"Anyone who thinks a Christian must be weak is operating under a stereotype," Golonka said. "His toughness can be explained in that he is a man of principle, convictions and discipline. And he comes from a farmer's background. In a farmer's life there is self discipline.



"He is a man with empathy—an ability to listen and identify with needs," adds Golonka. "I have already heard favorable response from representatives of several United Nations delegations about Carter as a man.

"They are impressed by his directness . . . that he is an ordinary man of the soil from a place called Plains, Ga.," added Golonka, who is fluent in seven languages and can communicate in five others. "The people in socialist countries will have a special interest that a man from such a background—a peanut farmer from Georgia—could be president of our 'capitalistic' country."

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Supreme Court Hands Down Major Opinions

The U. S. Supreme Court handed down far reaching church-state decisions in its just-concluded term, including opinions on tax aid to sectarian colleges and universities and internal church disputes.

Without question, the most important decision in the church-state field was the high court's 5-4 ruling that states may help subsidize some institutions of higher learning controlled by churches.

A Maryland plan, in effect since 1971, provides direct financial assistance to private colleges, including church-related schools. The program's only restriction is that such public funds may not be used for sectarian purposes. Opponents of such plans argued, unsuccessfully, that the restriction is essentially meaningless in that colleges may divert funds from "secular" to "sectarian" purposes. The end result, the argument goes, is the same—religious schools benefit at taxpayers' expense.

The high court's decision seems at least a setback to strict adherents of separation of church and state and appears to contradict the tribunal's reasoning in striking down similar arguments for state funding of elementary and secondary schools. The justices went to great pains to make a distinction between the nature of education at the college level as opposed to the elementary and secondary levels.

This view, although plausible to many church-state observers, leaves unresolved one disturbing question. Does the court's decision in Roemer v. Board of Public Works indicate that sometime in the future the same "sectarian" and "secular" distinctions might be applied to all schools at every level?

At the present time, the Roemer decision does not necessarily mean that state programs, such as that presently being contested in the Missouri Supreme Court, will be likewise upheld. Missouri's plan involves state aid to students, rather than directly to the schools themselves. The court has been reticent to strike down prohibitions in state constitutions forbidding aid of any kind for sectarian purposes.

Night Cometh!
"Walk while ye have the light..."
— John 12:35

HALLELUJAH GOAL

Denominational budget planning must be done long in advance. Southern Baptist Convention programmers projected a \$150,000,000 Cooperative Program goal as a fitting target in which to celebrate our national bicentennial year.

Kentucky's proportionate part of such an undertaking was a \$7,000,000 target and at the time we dared propose it we were living in a \$4,800,000 budget. Will we make it? Well, at least we will come closer than was believed when we adopted it.



A great teacher (was it Plato?) once said that a pupil who has never been assigned more than he can do never does all he can. Our target may somewhat test that principle.

We projected our budget goal in three phases. First, we set \$5,500,000 as the "rock-bottom" budget. Above that we added a \$750,000 "challenge budget." Then we named \$7,000,000 as our "hallelujah goal."

Our fiscal year closes Aug. 31. All other months are closed on the 25th. This fact, plus the way the Sundays fell in July, will cause us to have six more Sunday's receipts to report in this fiscal year. As of July 25 we had received \$5,816,000.

The achievement of the "challenge budget" level of \$6,250,000 is a virtual

certainty. Maybe \$6,500,000 is a realistic total projection.

Could we yet reach the "hallelujah goal" of \$7,000,000? Certainly we could if churches that are rocking along at comfortable levels should decide to bring their year's gifts up to levels commensurate with their capacities. Some churches in these prosperous times have sizably healthier treasuries than formerly (from new coal prosperity, for instance). They could do much to put us over the top.

Has your church done its proportionate part? It would provide a great mission advance in human witness and facilities around the world. We could shout "Hallelujah."

Our Baptist Heritage

As we have seen in previous columns, Kentucky Baptists were deeply involved in the debates over slavery which racked the United States in the 1840's and 1850's.

The agitation over slavery, intense as it was did not keep Baptists from what they saw as their main goal: leading individuals to faith in Christ. One famous example deserves telling.

In November of 1855, Pastor W. W. Everts of Walnut Street Church began a



Jack Birdwhistell

series of meetings, aided by T. C. Teasdale. The ladies of the church, including Mrs. Everts, handed out tracts and invited folks to the services. On a visit to a rooming house in the city, they witnessed to a young actor named Strickland and left some tracts. The young man attended services, bringing along an actor friend.

George C. Lorimer, the converted actor, later entered Georgetown College. Licensed to preach in 1857, he pastored churches of Harrodsburg, Paducah and Walnut Street itself. He left Louisville in 1868 for Albany, N. Y., later moving to a large church in Chicago. Lorimer became one of the most influential ministers in the nation during the last half of the 19th century

—and it all began with a tract, a word of testimony and an invitation to a revival!

The Walnut Street minutes of Dec. 9, 1855, record: "Edward F. Strickland and George C. Lorimer (these two having just abandoned their profession as actors under the jists and persecutions of the theatrical brethren of the Louisville Theatre, to take upon themselves the Christian badge and profession . . .) came before the church and made a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

"Some . . . fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred-fold . . ." (Matt. 13:8).

Life and Work Series

Proneness to Wander

When the great and devout leaders, who had a zeal for God and righteousness, passed from the scene of action, the Israelites frequently and tragically demonstrated a proneness to forget God and wander away from him.

Judges 2:7, 10-16

As long as Joshua lived, the children of Israel engaged in the service of God and had the joyous privilege of witnessing a number of God's great works.

After the passing of Joshua and the elders who had been associated with him, the people quickly turned to the corrupting influences of the idolatry which was practiced around them. When they forsook Jehovah, they were obliged to worship somebody or something. If people will not worship the true God, they always worship some false god. The Israelites turned to the worship of Baal, the male god of power and violence, and Ashtaroth, the heathen female goddess of fruitfulness and corruption.

As was to have been expected, when the Israelites turned away from God and worshiped idols, they paid the penalty for their folly. It became necessary for God to deal with them in such a way as to bring them to repentance so "He delivered them into the hands of spoilers," as a method of correction.

While God had to chastise the Israelites on account of their iniquities, he did not forsake them. Their inveterate wandering from the Lord was exceeded only by his mercy in delivering and restoring them.

I Kings 11:1-4

Very few people, if any, can stand unlimited prosperity and luxury without losing their judgment and doing foolish things. That was the case with Solomon. Not contented with one wife, he took unto himself many wives, eventually filling his harem with 700 wives and 300 concubines, which was a foolish and sinful thing for him to do. What made it far worse was the fact that many of his wives were from the surrounding idolatrous nations, and God had repeatedly warned his people against taking to themselves wives from such places, and who worshiped idols or false gods. In spite of his God-given wisdom and of all of God's goodness to him, Solomon did what God had forbidden, thereby sinning against God, others and himself. Solomon allowed his wives to fill the land with idolatrous abominations. As he grew older, these heathen women influenced him to turn away his heart from God and worship pagan deities, which was something that Jehovah refused to tolerate.



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International Series

Doers of the Word

James 2:1-7

Insisting that Christians prove the genuineness of their Christianity by their lives, James used the expression, "My brethren," which had the tendency of placing them on an equality. He affirmed that it is displeasing to the Lord to favor one Christian above another because of mere external differences. James recognized Christ as the all-glorious one and made him the center of all glory. Faith in Christ should result in a godly life bringing glory to his matchless name.

Faith in Christ and class distinctions do not belong together. Instead of glorying in men because of their professions, possessions or accomplishments, Christians should love the rich and the poor alike. Since the Lord is not a respecter of persons, Christians ought not to be. Since Christ was impartial with those with whom he dealt, Christians should refrain from selfish partiality in their treatment of others. Fawning over the wealthy and neglecting the poor in the house of worship is an abomination in the sight of God. Rich and poor should meet for Christian worship on one common ground. Clothing neither makes one better nor worse. All of the rich are not evil, just as all of the poor are not good. It is our duty to honor spiritual worth rather than worldly standing. Those who keep their eyes on the Lord of glory do not show special favors to men because of their wealth, education or social standing. Those who manifest a distinction of persons on the basis of these things certainly fail to be Christlike. Worldly-minded individuals prefer outward display to inward spirituality, and court the special favor of the prominent, the wealthy and the influential, but devoted followers of Christ refuse to yield to this temptation.

James 2:14-20

James challenged his readers to examine the faith which they professed and ascertain if it were genuine. To him faith was more than the mere assent of the mind. It included the affection of the heart also.

James protested vehemently against all attempts to divorce faith and works. He considered them as two vital units of a whole.

The root of salvation is in grace through faith, but the fruit of the faith which results in salvation is good works. With James it was not a choice between faith and works, but he strongly emphasized the importance of both. Genuine Christian faith is to be demonstrated in and through dedicated service to others.

Kentucky Baptists at Work

KBC Marks 20 Years of Music

by Phil Burgess
Staff Writer

September will be a very special month for Eugene F. Quinn, music director of the state convention. It marks the 20th anniversary of the music department and it is a story of dedicated service to Kentucky Baptist churches.

"I started work on Sept. 10, 1956," remembered Quinn. That first year was



Eugene Quinn examines a report in his Middletown office.

spent in getting regional music directors and associations were encouraged to elect associational music directors. A regional festival was established in the first year.

Anniversaries are a time of recollection and Quinn discussed some changes over the past 20 years: "The growth of the number of full time music ministers stands out in my mind. 20 years ago there were only about five but now there are 100 or more. The growing number of graded choir programs also stands out. Last year there were nearly 59,000 enrolled in music programs but only 3,000 when we started."

Music camps are now an integral part of the convention music program. Quinn stated that there were many participants in this year's program.

Leadership training programs are now held for volunteer music directors.

"The new hymnals of 1956 and 1975 have been great contributions to our music programs. The folk musical idiom has revitalized music programs in many churches," mused Quinn. He also attributed quality programs to

seminary training. "Seminaries have trained hundreds of music ministers," Quinn said. "There is an increased emphasis on church music training in our Baptist colleges," declared Quinn.

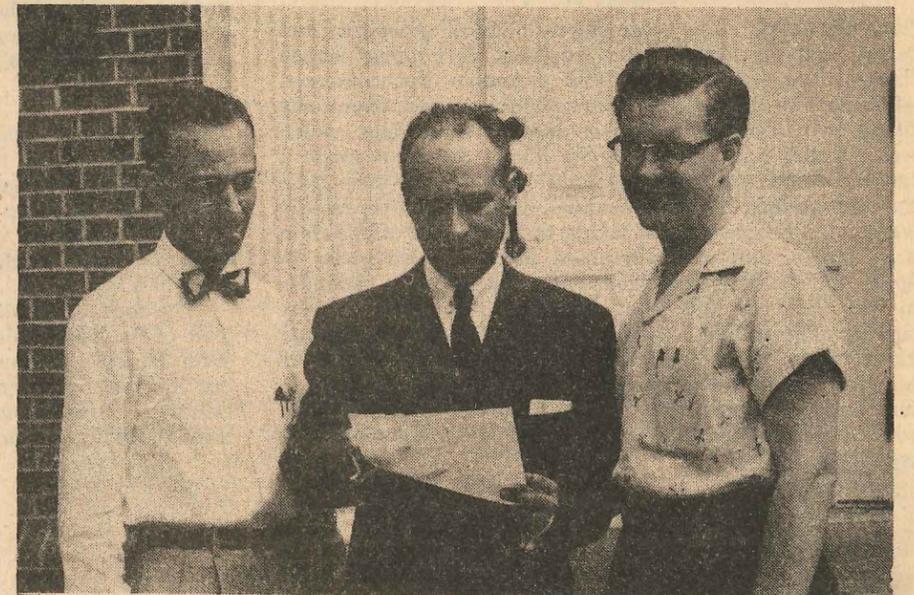
What lies in the future? A full time associate will join the staff and Quinn believes that this will be an added con-

tribution. "I would like more graded choir programs and more emphasis on music missions," stated Quinn.

As Eugene Quinn recalls the past 20 years he does it with enthusiasm and rightly so. It is a story of a cooperative effort on the part of the music department and convention churches.



Happy days—This is a 1957 photo of the Kentucky Baptist Music Directors Seminar at Georgetown College. What about those short hair styles?



This 1957 photo shows officers of the Kentucky Baptist Music Association, the forerunner of the music department. Left to right are Eugene Enlow, Eugene Quinn and Paul Bobbitt.

News of Long Run Association

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Long Run	

The new 1977 Long Run Baptist Association Calendars will be mailed to the churches around the middle of August.



The Stewardship Committee of the Long Run Association is hard at work on the plans and program for the Leadership Banquet, September 14, 1976. Donald Coleman is the Chairman of this committee. The committee members are: Dr. Harold Tallant, Vernon Winkle, Rev. Louis McCall, Rev. Bob Hill, Mr. Thomas Smith, Rev. Rolfe Dorsey, Mr. Vernon Cole, and Rev. Robert Hollifield. Make your plans now to attend this banquet and help these men make this Banquet a success.

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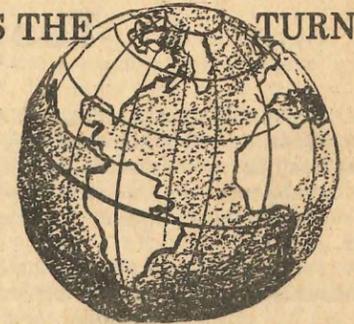
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