

## Dr. Sullivan Has Avoided a Pitfall

The refusal of James L. Sullivan to serve another year as convention president gives opportunity for an observation about one serious pitfall related to denominational positions. Dr. Sullivan has avoided this pitfall as president of the convention and even more as head of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for many years.



Denominational service has a way of lulling one to sleep spiritually and intellectually. Not having to appear before the same congregation week after week with something new and fresh as does a pastor, one in denominational work is tempted to rely on a few effective sermons and addresses delivering them over and over to different audiences.

Not only different audiences but the very nature of the responsibilities of

the head of a denominational agency or institution makes

for the following temptations:

- To promote more than to prophesy
- To organize more than to agonize
- To schedule more than to study
- To counsel more than to create

What is the source of this observation? It struck me while listening to Dr. Sullivan recently. I had heard him several times in a short period of time and was amazed how much new material he used each time.

All his material was not necessarily new but much of it was and the old material he used was put into new arrangements for the particular occasion. One did not feel like he was listening to the same speech over and over as is sometimes the case with denominational administrators.

How do I know about such temptations? I know because I have succumbed too often but Dr. Sullivan has been a conscience pricker.

Thank you, sir, I hope more of us can be as fresh and creative when we've been around as long.

## Serving on Denominational Committees is Work

Some Baptists have a wrong impression concerning those who serve on committees and on boards of Baptist conventions and agencies. The feeling is that membership on committees and boards affords opportunity for a few persons to throw their weight around sometimes disregarding the needs and desires of common folk in Baptist pews.

This is not so. With few exceptions these people conscientiously give their time and talents in directing denominational affairs and their only reward often is criticism. They faithfully represent the views of Baptists they serve and make their input accordingly. They spend long and wearisome hours tending to the necessary business of multi-million dollar denominational operations. They receive no pay and are provided only modest lodging and travel expense.

The May 2-3 Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board meeting at Cedarmore was an example. There are about 150 members of this group and some travel more than 300 miles one way to the meeting. The committee sessions started on Monday morning. In order to arrive in time some members in the central time zone of Kentucky had to start out not too long after finishing Sunday evening worship services.

They found a hectic schedule of meetings morning, afternoon and evening. By the time the last one was over on the second day weariness was heavy. But then came the trip home with accumulated matters to see about and Wednesday night prayer meeting and activities facing them. In this May meeting, as always is the case, some committee members had to arrive late, leave early or leave and return to the sessions due to funerals and other emergencies.

Serving on denominational committees and boards is no bonanza. The honor is dubious; the toil and hours are long. But this is a very vital part of our Baptist life. It affords participation and input from grass roots Baptists and checks the inevitable trend toward centralization in large organizations.

The time and effort required to conduct Kentucky Baptist affairs are not only a contribution of those who serve but of the churches which provide these pastors and laymen. All of us owe a debt of gratitude to both.

Pray for those who serve on denominational committees and boards. Learn who they are by checking the Kentucky Baptist and the Southern Baptist annuals. Get to know them and share your views with them. This is what Baptist democracy is all about.

## One More Time

Let it be said one more time. The report concerning Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her efforts to have the Federal Communications Commission ban religious broadcasts is false. She is not nor ever has presented such a petition. Such a rumor is easy to believe because she would be expected to do such a thing. The fact is, however, she isn't and it's wrong to accuse her and it diminishes our influence to communicate with the F.C.C. on the basis of the false rumor.

The extent of reaction to this false report is almost unbelievable. In December of last year the postage on communications on this matter to the F.C.C. amounted to \$600,000 and during one week recently 8,000 letters

averaging 39 cents postage each were received by the F.C.C. on this matter.

Such concern is encouraging but such waste of money is foolish. Thank God there is still enough concern for free exercise of religion that millions are ready to rise up when it is threatened. But to shout "wolf" when no wolf is around makes our voice less credible when the wolf does show up.

Any such report, no matter where it appears, should be checked out before any reaction. One sure source of the facts about such matters is the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C. 20002, telephone (202) 544-4226.

## Baptist Forum

A garbage can was lodged in a tree two or three feet above my head. Debris covered bushes and the lower parts of trees. This was one of my first looks at some of the damage done by the flood in southeastern Kentucky a few weeks ago.

I was in Barbourville, whose flood walls barely managed to hold (and then only with sandbags) the rising water. Even there, in the low lying areas, were houses where the water had been at least four feet above the ground.

I was privileged to help for a few hours in the clean-up efforts. I saw people with many needs and people with big hearts seeking to meet that need. Having seen such a small part of the need, it staggers my imagination to try to multiply those several houses by the hundreds that were damaged.

I was impressed by the attitude of one Baptist man in particular. He was anxious to do whatever he could do to help anyone in need in the name of Jesus. He had been giving unselfishly of his time and efforts. Such an attitude would surely be pleasing to our Lord.

Southern Baptists have responded well with disaster funds from the Home Mission Board. A state flood relief committee has been appointed to collect and disburse funds.

Baptists in the flood area have shown they care by giving generously of their time and money. Can we, who were not

touched by the flood, do less?

Mary Ruth Williams  
Louisville, Ky.

Michigan Southern Baptists are indebted to the Southern Baptists of Kentucky in assisting in the celebration of our twentieth anniversary as a state convention with an emphasis in evangelism.

Macomb County Baptist Association appreciates Hicks Shelton, retired state director of evangelism, for coordinating our simultaneous revivals.

Appreciation is expressed to the following churches for sending their pastors, musicians, and laymen: Fern Creek; Little Flock, Shepherdsville; Ormsby Heights and Farmdale, Louisville; Magnolia; Bardwell; Cave City; Southern Heights, Lexington; and Latonia, Covington. Daviess-McLean Associations sent their Director of Missions. Professor Bryant Hicks came from Southern Seminary.

In the 11 simultaneous revival meetings May 1st-8th, twenty-five (25) professions of faith, eleven (11) additions by letter, six (6) decisions by youth for full-time Christian ministry, and numerous decisions of dedication and commitment were made.

Joe Deaton  
Warren, Mich.

I appreciated your comments in the May 5th Western Recorder under the heading, "The Christian and energy conservation." For a long time I have been concerned to the point of depression about the waste the American people needlessly create. We have grown fat and lazy since the founders of our nation created a government on the principals of hard work and thrift.

Even more disturbing to me is the fact that church-going Christians seem just as apathetic about the energy situation. I believe we are in the critical period in deciding our fate. Without petroleum almost all areas of our lifestyle will be altered, not only on the highway. This is why we need to use oil and other resources wisely. Over-sized cars and electrical gadgetry are non-essential to human life. A little sacrifice will not hurt people and may make us appreciate what we do have.

Michael Earlywine  
Florence, Ky.

# Da Baptist News in Brief

## KBC Disaster Report

The disaster relief committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is meeting with representatives of churches in the flood area this week to divide funds received for this purpose. Future gifts will be shared on the same basis.

Chairman A. B. Colvin has provided the following list of churches and pastors with a brief statement of loss.

### Bell County Association

Blue Ridge, R. V. Webb. Will buy land and build.

Callaway, Elmer Gibbs. Basement and auditorium.

Coldiron Mission, no pastor. Will clean up building. All equipment lost.

East Pineville, Ellis Hoskins. Complete.

Hosman, Tommy Farmer. Carpeting and some pews.

Newtown, George Harris. Pews, furnace, floors, doors, books.

Pineville First, Charles F. Jones. Water over first row in balcony. First floor of pastor's home.

Riverside, Thomas C. Williams. Water two feet deep in auditorium.

Riverview, Arthur Bingham. Almost complete. Will repair.

Varilla, Renrique Ivera. Covered with water.

Wasioto, Howard Keck. Three feet water in basement.

West Pineville, Rick Goodman. Furniture, floors. Parsonage furnishings. Pastor, total loss.

### E. Union Association

Louden, no pastor. Lost carpeting. Enterprise Association

Allen, Earl Waugh. Water to top of baptistry glass, deeper in educational plant. May move to new site.

Irene Cole Memorial, W. D. Jagers. None. 30 families and 10 businesses (heavy).

Martin, First, Jack Stephens. Heavy. Instruments and furniture. (Entire basement.)

Warfield, Jim McGuire. Heavy in most homes.

### North Concord Association

Calvary, Tinsley, Carl Givens. Piano, some seating, hymnals.

Davis Chapel, seating, floors, piano.

Greasy-Creek, Lee R. Carnes. Piano, pews, floors, furnishings.

Turkey Creek Mission. Little damage.

Pike Association

Aflex, Joseph I. Smith. Four feet of water. Furniture, floors.

Belfry, First, Bob Norman. Severe damage to many homes (in the area).

Borderland Mission of Forest Hills. Latt Crum. 10 feet of water.

Grace, James Hendricks. Major. Church bus, pastor's home. Five feet of water.

Immanuel, Larry O'Bryan. Four feet

of water. Entire basement. Pastor's home.

Mouthcard, Carl Mullins. Basement.

Phelps, Jesse Franklin. Pastor suffered total loss.

Pikeville, First. Curtis Warf. Nine feet of water. Three buses.

Stone, Sid Copley. Many people lost homes.

Sutton Mission, John Pinson. All furnishings lost.

Pine Mountain Association

Cumberland, Joe B. Brown. Water in 15-20 homes.

South Union Association

Patterson Creek, Clarence McKiddy. Floor, carpeting, heating.

Three Forks Association

Airport Gardens, James Hamblin. Three or four homes.

Blue Grass Mission, Herbert Haynes. Three feet in mobile home, furnishings (books).

Hazard, First, Herbert Jukes. Water in basement. Several homes.

Hindman, First. Water two feet in basement. 10 to 20 homes.

Jeff, Phillip Barbour. Walls and doors, basement.

Petrey Memorial, J. C. Chandler. Several homes.

Typo, Clell Miller Jr. Little lost. Some furnishings in basement.

Vicco, Bill Nolan. Water to ceiling in

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Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, recently conducted its first national seminary for selected Mission Friends workers. Among those attending the Birmingham meeting were [L to R]: Bobbie Sorrill, director of WMU's education division; Gwen House, state GA/Mission Friends director; and Hazel Halbrooks, Louisville.

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basement of home.

### Upper Cumberland Association

Ages, Billy Collett. Educational space and carpeting.

Calvary, John D. Lambert. Ed. space, auditorium, carpeting. Pastor's car, furniture, library, clothes.

Evarts, Roy Faulkner. (About) a dozen homes (damaged).

Four Mile, James V. Gross. Ed. space, heating, plumbing.

Kelly Street, Graden Sears. Parsonage and basement of church.

Lenarue, Don Richmond. Pastor's furniture, library and car.

Loyall, First, Dean Pack. Major (damage to) building, (and all) furnishings. Major (damage to) parsonage, (furniture, clothing and library).

New Riverside, Herman Moore. Heating.

North Evarts, Larry Parker. Replace floor and tile.

Pine Flat, Ran B. Noe. Basement of education area.

Wallins, James Wedding. Auditorium and parsonage.

Willow Grove, Burl Redwine. In auditorium. Lost carpeting.

### Miscellaneous

Harlan, Richard DeBell. Many homes and businesses.

## Renovations at KBH

A contract, which exceeded \$400,000 has been signed with Sullivan and Cozart for renovation at Kentucky Baptist Hospital. The work will involve the fourth floor and provide new space for all the psychiatric services. Presently the 60 bed psychiatric services are on two floors. All the latest concepts for this service will be included for both inpatient and outpatient care.

## Jerden Resigns Post As Colorado Editor

Larry R. Jerden, editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist in Denver since March, has resigned, effective May 15.

The 33-year-old veteran of 10 years in Southern Baptist journalism, who succeeded O. L. Bayless as editor of the state newspaper of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, cited "marital and personal problems" as reason for leaving in an editorial in Rocky Mountain Baptist's May 13 issue.

Jerden has accepted freelance writing assignments in Texas.

His editorial praised the support given him by Glen Braswell, the Colorado convention's executive director-treasurer, and other Colorado leaders and said his personal situation

made it "best for myself and Colorado Baptists that I resign."

Previously Jerden had served as associate editor of World Mission Journal, SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; assistant editor, Baptist Standard, Dallas; assistant editor of Baptist Men's Journal (predecessor of World Mission Journal), Brotherhood Commission; and staff writer, public relations department, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Before joining Southern Baptists, Jerden had worked as a newspaper and wire service reporter. He is a journalism graduate of Texas A & M University, has done graduate work in journalism at East Texas State University and has attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## SBC to Provide Day Camp

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission will conduct a mission day camp for elementary school-age children of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting in Kansas City in June.

## Seven Awarded Diplomas

During the first quarter of 1977 seven Kentuckians received 11 leadership diplomas from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Church music: Mrs. Anne Smith, Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, received children's leaders diploma.

Church administration: James E. Davenport, Kings Baptist Church, Taylorsville, deacon ministry diploma.

Church Training: Allen Black, First Baptist Church, Greenville, diplomas for general officers, adult leaders and pre-school leaders; Mrs. Anne Smith, Louisville, children's leader diploma.

Sunday school: Mrs. Anne Smith, Louisville, children's leader diploma.

Woman's Missionary Union: Nancy Ferrell, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Acteen leaders diploma; Rosa Fiechter, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Baptist Women diploma; Mrs. Bobbi Mayes, Kings Baptist Church, Taylorsville, WMU officers' diploma; Mrs. Patsy Swift, First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Mission Friends leader's diploma.

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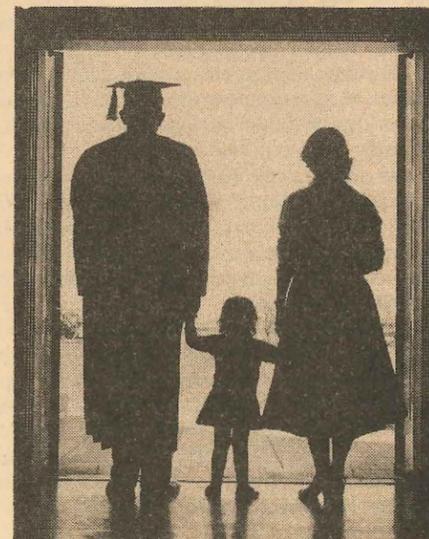
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## Double Exposure

Graduation time is upon us! From the seminaries, colleges, high schools, trade and vocational schools and a multitude of others flow graduates into the working forces of America. But with today's concept of continuing education formal classroom training is but a beginning point for more and more Americans to maintain knowledge in a rapidly changing society. The scriptures taught us long ago learning is a continuous process: *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* (2 Tim. 2:15).

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## Godwin, McDonough Promoted by BSSB



Godwin



McDonough

Johnnie C. Godwin and Reginald M. McDonough, both section supervisors at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, received promotions as a result of the agency's reorganization.

Godwin, supervisor of the Broadman Books and Music section, was elected manager of the Broadman products department.

McDonough, a supervisor in the church administration department at the board the past 13 years, was elected head of that department.

Godwin, 40, a native of Texas, has been at the board since 1970 when he became editor of youth materials in the Sunday School Department. He moved to the Broadman division in 1975.

McDonough, 40, is a native of Texas who came to the board in 1964 as a church administration consultant. Since that time, he has served as supervisor of the church administration department's editorial, church administrative services, and church staff sections, respectively.

In his new position, Godwin replaces Robert G. Fulbright, who was elected in February as director of the board's new Bible teaching division. McDonough succeeds Howard B. Foshee, who became director of the board's newly created Christian development division last February.

Godwin is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and holds the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. McDonough is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, and holds the master of religious education and doctor of education degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.



Three of the featured speakers at the 1977 National Conference on Youth Ministry held in Nashville were [l to r] James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Mrs. Henry Cannon, better known as Grand Ole Opry and television entertainer Minnie Pearl; and Merton Strommen, president of Search Institute in Minneapolis, Minn. More than 800 ministers of youth and other church youth leaders attended the conference.



Officers of the Historical Commission elected at its annual meeting in Nashville are [l to r] Walter B. Shurden [vice-chairman], associate professor of church history, Southern Seminary; Richard D. Patton [chairman], pastor, First Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn.; Mrs. Marguerite Babb [recording secretary], editor, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Lynn E. May Jr. [treasurer], executive director, Historical Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

## Your Family: A Circle of Love?

by Joseph W. Hinkle

Mondays are usually busy days, but I agreed to his having the afternoon off. I thought it was important. It seems that Barney, the household pet, had been killed Sunday evening while the family was at church. To the two boys, this was almost like a death in the family. They had asked Dad to take Monday afternoon off from his work to help with an appropriate burial for Barney.

Dad agreed—even though he would be pushed to get some essential work completed. It wasn't that burying a dog was that important to him—but the grief of his boys was. Parents caring about things that are important to children—that's making the family a circle of love.

It was her eighth birthday. As she anticipated it with all the eagerness with which a child looks forward to such occasions, she decided that the one thing she would like to do most was go fishing. You see, she had never been fishing—and she wasn't really aware that Mother had been planning the usual birthday party with a pink ruffled party dress, new shoes, and a chocolate cake with eight pink candles. Parents went along with her idea, however, and on the birthday the family took an afternoon trip to a nearby river. The fact that they didn't see a fish is unimportant. There were peanut butter sandwiches and lemonade and watermelon and the joy of being eight years old. A family recognized the right of one member to be different, and the circle of love was big enough to include her.

She was only four, and the tulips next door were purple, yellow, pink, and red temptations. She couldn't resist—or at least she didn't. She ran

joyfully to the bedroom where her mother lay sick, a rainbow of tulips clutched in her chubby hands.

But Daddy came home about that time. Lovingly he explained property rights in terms she could understand. In response to his "What do you think we should do about it?" they went together to ring the doorbell of the house next door. She carried the crumpled tulips, and through her tears she returned them and said, "I'm sorry." The circle of love means discipline—caring enough about one another and about the future implications of seemingly small incidents of today to put up the stop signs as some kinds of behavior became apparent.

Daddy had been working under a great deal of pressure and was exhausted. It was obvious to everyone.

Many times he had shared his pipe dream of learning to paint someday—just for fun. The children and Mother decided that this was the time. They got details of an oil painting class beginning in the community center, pooled their resources, paid the enrollment fee, and worked out reassignment of the duties Dad was responsible for on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

When Dad came in to dinner that night, he found this invitation at his place:

Mom, Jeff, and Nancy  
request your presence at  
a showing of oil paintings  
by Dad

three months from now when he completes the Tuesday-Thursday evening art course given to him by his family today.

A circle of love means recognizing that all members sometimes need tender loving care.

It was almost Christmas—their first together as a family. She could hardly wait—her family had always had such big celebrations. Relatives came from near and far and the day began with opening gifts at the home of her grandparents, followed by a big traditional dinner early in the afternoon. This year it would be even more special, for she had a new husband to show off.

But when she mentioned it to him, he was not so enthusiastic. His family had never been close, and he thought her family Christmas celebrations a little ridiculous. He had spent a great deal of thought—and money—on their first family Christmas, however, and had tucked away in his inside coat pocket two plane tickets to Montego Bay, and hotel reservations for De-

ember 24-26 at a luxury hotel on the beach. He showed her the tickets and shared the plan. She cried. He got angry. But eventually there were apologies and explanations and compromises. The circle of love is built around understanding and compromises and giving and forgiving.

The circle of love means parents spending the night sitting by the bedside of the sick child. It means family celebrations when Jimmy brings home a note of praise from his kindergarten teacher, when Mother is elected president of her garden club, when Dad gets the big promotion, when Cindy is elected cheerleader, and when Tim makes the honor society. It means giving support and affirmation when Dad doesn't make the big sale, when Danny fails to kick the extra point that was the deciding factor in winning the homecoming game, when Fran doesn't have a date for the big school party and it's only three days away, when the budget won't stand the strain of the new sofa Mother has been dreaming of, or when hail ruins the vegetable garden everybody had been cultivating.

The circle of love means agreeing that each person will select something of his own to share with the needy family whose home burned. It means babysitting for the neighbor while they have a siege of flu. It means inviting the Cuban refugees from down the street to join in the Thanksgiving service at the church and the family dinner. It means sharing mums from the back yard with the nursing home patients who have no families.

The circle of love means quiet moments of prayer together in the beauty of the autumn woods after the family weiner roast. It means singing the Doxology together when the crucial reports from the hospital are negative. It means joining in prayer for God's guidance when Dad is offered a transfer to a new branch office in the adjoining state. It means prayers of thanksgiving for happy memories when the call comes that Grandmother is dead. It means extra special family worship periods when a child commits his life to Christ.

The circle of love means loving, sharing, giving, receiving, withholding, crying, laughing, listening, expressing, comforting, caring, healing, treasuring, clinging, hearing, apologizing, compromising, relaxing, committing, renewing, cherishing, nurturing, believing, hoping, forgiving, forgetting, remembering, disciplining, dedicating, worshipping. Together.

Your family: a circle of love?

## Viewpoint

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# Christian Education

## Three Receive Honorary Degrees at Georgetown

A writer, a surgeon and an educator received honorary degrees from Georgetown College during the school's 148th commencement exercises May 21.

Ruby Dell Baugher, Truman Mays and Vernon A. Musselman were this year's recipients according to Robert L. Mills, president of the college.

A 1925 graduate of Georgetown College, Ruby Dell Baugher is a writer whose Christian prose and poetry have circulated around the world.

Her most successful book is *Kentucky Yesterday and Today*, used as a history text in many Kentucky schools in the 1960's.

A native of Corbin, Truman Mays is a 1954 summa cum laude graduate of Georgetown.

Today he is professor of surgery at the University of Kentucky and chief of surgical services at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Lexington.

Vernon Musselman is the author or co-author of four books and numerous articles in professional business education journals.

He is professor of business education at the University of Kentucky.

Sparks is a member of Beta Beta Beta and the American Chemical Society. As a freshman he received the Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award and the Kappa Alpha Freshman Scholarship Award.



Trustees from the state talk with president Duke K. McCall during the recent meeting of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary. Shown here are [l to r]: John M. Sykes, pastor of First Church, Ashland; Mrs. Richard Hill, president of the Gheens Foundation of Louisville; and McCall.

## Boyce Recognizes Chandler and Jones

Two Floridians were chosen to participate in Senior Preaching Week at Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

Joe Chandler, 52, is a former Miami businessman and member of Coral Park Baptist Church who was licensed to preach in 1975 and came to Boyce School that year. He graduates this June.

Carl Joel Jones, 23, is a native of Fort Lauderdale and former mechanical draftsman and commercial designer. He currently serves as associate minister at West End Baptist Church, Louisville, and also graduates in June.

Boyce Bible School is a division of Southern Baptist Seminary and it provides theological education for ministers who do not have a college degree.

## GC Team Places In Virginia Meet

Participating in the National Individual Events Tournament in Fairfax, Va.,

nine members of the Georgetown College forensic team finished 24th among the 147 U. S. colleges and universities represented at the meet.

Before being eliminated, Jeri North reached the quarterfinals in prose and was ranked 7th out of the 322 participants.

Margaret Greynolds, director of forensics, and Robert Edmunds, assistant professor of communication arts, accompanied the group as judges and participated in national assembly meetings.

## Mouw Speaks at SBTS

Christians must take their faith into confrontation with the world, says

Richard Mouw, professor of philosophy at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mouw made his remarks at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he was participating in the Gheens Lecture series.

"We, today, must enter into the difficult task of cultural penetration of the world with the gospel," Mouw said. He compared the cultural and political calling of Christians to the missionary calling of the Christian faith.



Mouw



Cumberland College students Ernie Schultz [left], and Phil McCall [right], display the parabolic reflector which they constructed as their project in physics. The reflector is covered with 4,000, one inch square, hand cut mirrors. Seen with Schultz and McCall is Michael Davis, assistant professor of physics at the Kentucky Baptist college.

## Two Kentuckians Earn Degrees from NOBTS



White

Wright

Robert White and J. L. Wright received degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in graduation exercises May 14.

White, of Frankfort, received the master of divinity degree. Wright, the son of John and Rachel Wright of Nicholasville, received the diploma in religious education.

## Mercer Receives Grant

The Callaway Foundation, Inc., has approved a grant of \$500,000 to Mercer University, Macon, Ga., to be used toward the \$1.25 million project to restore the Baptist school's historic 103-year-old administration building.

Approval of the grant was announced by Louis D. Newton, retired Southern Baptist leader and a Mercer alumnus, who has been leading an emergency committee for restoration of the building. Under terms of the grant Mercer has received a check for \$250,000 and the remaining \$250,000 will be paid to the university Apr. 1, 1978. The Callaway grant brings to approximately \$900,000 the total amount raised so far in the restoration effort.

## CC Students to Serve As Summer Missionaries

Eight students at Campbellsville College have been selected to serve as summer missionaries by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following students will be serving during the summer months: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson, Indianapolis, Ind., to New Mexico; Becky Powers, Evansville, Ind., to New York;

Robert Webster, Carmel, Ind., to Chicago; Patricia Purnell, Butlerville, Ind., to Oklahoma; Vickie Phelps, Sidney, Ohio, to Washington state; Randy Phillips, Sidney, Ohio, to New Mexico; and Nancy Davenport, Louisville, to Washington, D. C.

## Music Dean Writes of Triumph over Cancer

In the fall of 1957 Claude Rhea and his wife Carolyn had committed their lives to foreign mission service when their personal world seemingly fell apart.

Rhea, now dean of the School of Music at Samford University, was told he had cancer of the cecum, a part of the intestines.

The need for major surgery was immediate. Rhea's chance of survival was no better than 30 percent.

The fact that he survived—and was given a second chance for mission service—is a miracle of prayer and faith. Rhea has chronicled his triumph over tragedy and his subsequent service in "With My Song I Will Praise Him," released this month by Broadman Press.

God has worked through Claude Rhea, although not in the way he might have imagined it as he grew up in Carrollton, Mo., with every intention of becoming a physician.

While a student at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., Rhea was introduced to a verse from Proverbs which changed his career, and his life: "A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men" (Prov. 18:16).

Blessed with the gift of music, Rhea realized that he could use his strong tenor voice to communicate God's grace and goodness.

It was in the field of music that Rhea was hoping to function as a missionary when his cancer was discovered.

"They don't appoint people who have had cancer to be foreign missionaries," explained Rhea. "I thought there was no possible way that I could serve. Then, through a unique set of circumstances, the way was opened."

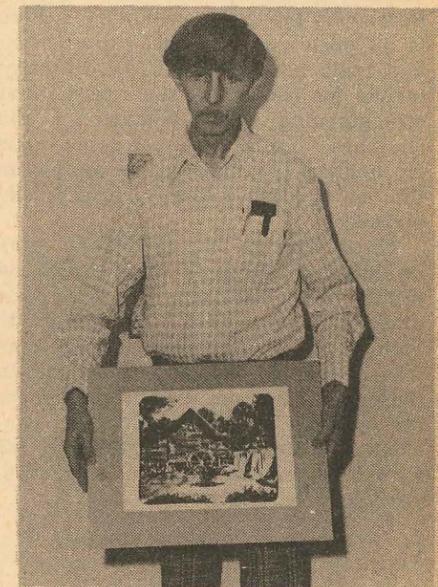
While Rhea was serving as dean of fine arts at Houston Baptist College, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board asked him to serve as a con-

sultant in music and mass communications. His chief responsibility would be to plan music strategy for crusades all over the world.

"I became a missionary not to one country, but to 83," recalls Rhea.

Rhea has performed sacred music concerts and given his personal testimony in over 40 countries. He has seen first-hand how the universality of music can touch the lives of non-believers.

His voice is a gift from God, as is his life.



David Lockwood, associate professor of art at Cumberland College, was recently notified that his lithograph "Grist Mill in Georgia" was chosen for inclusion in the upcoming 27th annual National Exhibition of Representational Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, Mass.

# Deaths

## Mrs. Cooke Succumbs

Mrs. W. H. Cooke, an active member of Smith's Grove Baptist Church, died recently. She had been church clerk, a Sunday school teacher, WMU leader and vacation Bible school organizer for that church.

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# Missions & Ministries

## Communications Work Prospers in Nicaragua

Twenty-five persons participated in a workshop on evangelistic communications at Mt. Olive Baptist camp near Managua, Nicaragua recently, led by Southern Baptist missionary Alan W. Compton, regional mass media representative for Latin America. "Although our primary purpose in Nicaragua as Southern Baptist missionaries is to promote a literature ministry," said Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, "there is an open door for the gospel here, and radio and television are effective means for contacting the masses and strengthening the testimony of the churches." Initial plans are being made for helping the national convention in the use of mass media for evangelistic outreach.

Three films on the crucifixion story produced by Baptists were shown on prime time television in Nicaragua during Easter week, according to Stamps. He secured the television time free of charge. The films were shown during the time slot usually allotted for the evening newscast. This is considered a favorable breakthrough for future Baptist-sponsored programs, remarked Stamps.

## Venezuelans Pick Clark

Charles B. Clark, Southern Baptist missionary to Venezuela, was named general secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Venezuela at its 26th annual assembly held recently.

Clark, who has served more years in Venezuela than any other Southern Baptist missionary, was elected by acclamation by Baptist representatives from all over the country, according to Veda Rae Lozuk, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

He and Mrs. Clark were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1951 and moved to Caracas after 11 years of work in Maracaibo. They are now living in Los Teques where they are both on the faculty of the Venezuelan Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Baptists Send \$5,000 In Brazilian Flood Aid

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released \$5,000 for immediate relief in Recife, Brazil, hit by the second major flood since 1975 of the overflowing Capibaribe River.

The latest flood hit Sunday afternoon, May 1, and continued through the morning of May 2. The board was notified in a phone call from missionary H. Barry Mitchell the afternoon of May 2 and released the funds that same afternoon. The interior towns of Limoeira, Paudalho and Sao Lourenco

were badly hit.

Donald E. Turner, Southern Baptist missionary disaster response coordinator for North Brazil, said the money would be used for immediate aid to Brazilian Christians left homeless and for some churches that were damaged.

Missionaries reported that the latest flood was not as bad as the one in 1975 in which 89 persons were killed and 55,000 left homeless. Estimated injuries and deaths total for the latest flood were not available.

## Baptist Book Sales Soar in Indonesia

Indonesians are buying more Baptist books than ever before, according to 1976 sales figures recently released by the Baptist Literature Society in Bandung, Indonesia. Last year's book sales were up 61 per cent over 1975, 241 per cent over 1973 and 1,878 per cent over 1969.

Sharp increases have also been seen in individual book sales of more than a thousand copies per year, according to William N. McElrath, a Murray, Ky., native, Southern Baptist missionary press representative and editorial coordinator for the Baptist Literature Society. In 1974, there were only three such publications; in 1975, there were seven; and in 1976, there were 20.

Of these 20 "Baptist best-sellers" in Indonesia, eight are music books—hymnals, youth songs and choir collections. Southern Baptist Missionary Mary Alice Ditsworth has edited most of them.

Four of the "best-sellers" are biblical coloring books with a scripture verse on each page, and seven others make up a series on Christian ethics.

Only one of the 20 "best-sellers" is a translation of a book from the United States. All others were written or compiled locally.

## McNeelys on Furlough

Gerald and June McNeely, native Kentuckians and missionaries in Spain for 20 years, began an eight month

furlough on May 17. Until July 12 their address will be 602 Willow Brook, Louisville, Ky. 40243, telephone 245-0318. After that date they will be living in the missionary residence of St. Matthews Baptist Church at 3534 Nanz Avenue, Louisville, Ky. 40207.

## Pioneer Work in France Shows Progress This Year

Gene A. Phillips, Southern Baptist missionary who was asked by the French Baptists to start a pioneer work in Bordeaux, the fifth largest city of France, held his first worship services recently with 25 persons in attendance. Phillips and his wife began work there a year ago with Bible studies. "The service is a big step in the direction of forming another Baptist church to add to the list of some 40 others throughout France," said Jacqueline Phillips, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

## Mexico Campaign Brings Over 500 to Christ

More than 500 persons made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during a week-long evangelistic campaign held in a government housing area by the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary.

During the week-long campaign, five doctors from area Baptist churches gave free medical consultations for six hours daily. And the seminary offered literacy classes for community residents.



**CHURCH CELEBRATES 125th**—Ebenezer Baptist Church on Corn Island, Nicaragua, celebrated its 125th anniversary recently. Established in 1852 through the efforts of lay preacher Edward Kelly, the 300-member church is one of the oldest Baptist churches in South America, and one of only three English-language churches on the country's east coast.

## Mission Work Continues Even When Borders Close

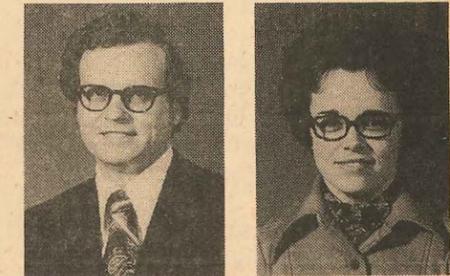
Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania are continuing their work despite the inconvenience of a closed border between the two countries. The border was closed in a dispute over the bankrupt East Africa Airline, which subsequently folded.

Some plans for visitors coming to Tanzania to help with mission work have had to be canceled. Children of Tanzania missionaries attending school in Kenya return home by taking a bus to the Kenya border, walking across

the border and joining their parents on the other side. Tanzania missionaries going to Kenya on business must first obtain a special permit from Tanzania officials.

"The missionaries of the Baptist Mission of East Africa (missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania) are praying for a restoration of friendly relations between the two countries," according to Evelyn Knapp, Southern Baptist missionary press representative in Tanzania.

## HMB Appoints Nowlins



Bob and Jean Nowlin of Louisville have been appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The Nowlins will serve in St. Louis, Mo., where he will be director of Christian social ministries for the St. Louis Baptist Association, an appointment made by the Missouri Baptist Convention and the HMB Department of Christian Social Ministries.

The Nowlins were among 38 persons named to missions service during the May meeting of the Board's executive committee in Atlanta.

Prior to appointment, Nowlin, a New Mexico native, was director of social service for the Baptist Towers, Inc., in Louisville and minister of community missions for Walnut Street Baptist Church also in Louisville. He also has served as a social worker for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home and as pastor-director of the Oklahoma City Baptist Mission Center. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Brown School of Social Work at Washington University and Oklahoma Baptist University.

Jean Bohringer Nowlin, a St. Louis native, is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and has taught elementary school. The Nowlins have three children.

# NEWSGRAM

FOR THE MONTH CLOSING APRIL, 1977

Cooperative Program Receipts [April, 1977]	1977	1976
Goal to date this year [Operational]	\$ 562,137.04	\$ 531,262.17
To date this convention year	4,000,000.00	3,666,666.64
Over goal	4,410,904.30	4,170,711.18
To date this time last year	410,904.30	504,044.54
Increase	4,170,711.18	3,616,148.57
Percentage increase	240,193.12	554,562.61
	5.76%	15.33%
Needed each month to reach Operational Goal	\$500,000	
Needed each month to reach full Cooperative Program Goal	\$600,000	

## A. B. Colvin Aids Pulpit Committees

by Phil Burgess  
Staff Writer

*"Give serious thought to the kind of ministry you need," is the advice A. B. Colvin offers churches that are searching for a minister. With so many factors involved in church-minister relations this is good advice.*

A. B. Colvin offers help that many Kentucky Baptists don't know about. As director of church-minister services for the state convention Colvin provides information to pulpit committees in search of a minister.

"Basically I try not to sell a committee anybody; I furnish them information," states Colvin.

There are several important steps in working with a pulpit committee. Colvin says that the first step for him is to ask the committee some simple questions that deal with the church's requirements for a minister. "I can narrow it down," he declares, "by pulling information from the files on men I think are suitable."



Colvin

Colvin is critical of the traditional practice of pulpit committees that go to hear a minister preach on Sunday. He encourages committees to sit down and talk with the prospect. A conference should be arranged first and then the committee could go hear the prospect preach, according to Colvin.

Another suggestion is that churches should consider only one man at a time even though the pulpit committee may get information on several.

Colvin emphasizes that committees should find out ahead of time if a particular minister will be preaching on the Sunday they travel to hear him. Sometimes people will drive a long distance to hear someone and upon arriving at the church discover that a guest minister is preaching.

### The Match Game

There are many factors to consider in matching the individual with the church, Colvin believes. Among them are age, size of family, doctrinal position, educational background, rural or urban preference, leadership in building programs and ability for organization.

Colvin asks the committees a direct question: "What kind of preacher do you want?" Often he hears the reply, "We want a man who can preach and teach the Bible." Other replies are: "We want a man who is well grounded in the faith," or "We want a well

seasoned man." A church member said, "Don't send us the kind of man we want, send us the kind of man we need."

Another important question concerns any unusual, troublesome conditions in a church. Surprisingly, these conditions may appeal to some ministers. According to Colvin the prospective pastor may say, "I'm willing to go and see what I can do about it."

"A thing worse than not having a pastor is to have the wrong pastor," Colvin states.

On occasion he has talked with two pulpit committees at one sitting. Colvin explains that while discussing a prospective minister one of the committees may not want to talk with him but then the other committee says that they would like to talk with the prospect.

Colvin emphasizes that while the pastor must have credentials for the church, the church has to offer something for the pastor—the committee should tell why the church offers something.

In talking with a prospective minister the committee should give him a word picture of the life and ministry of the church; with information it is much easier for the prospect to decide, reasons Colvin.

In the past churches have considered it a dilemma if a prospect was far away. For example, a church may want to hear a minister but his church is in Florida. What's the solution? "Get him in a church fairly close and talk to him on Monday; hear him preach on Wednesday," suggests Colvin.

Colvin adds that there was a time when churches didn't like to hear a minister say, "I would like to come be pastor of your church," but it's not that way now.

This Middletown office furnishes information to churches outside the state. Churches from Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia and other states have contacted Colvin for prospective ministers. "We try to exchange ideas with other state conventions," he said.

Ministers who desire a placement form can obtain it through Colvin's office. Also, churches that want to provide information to Colvin can obtain a pulpit committee inquiry form from his office. The address is: A. B. Colvin, Box 43433, Middletown, Ky. 40243.

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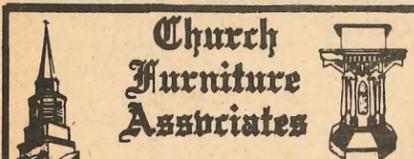
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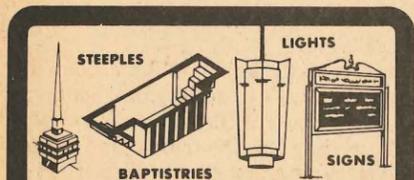
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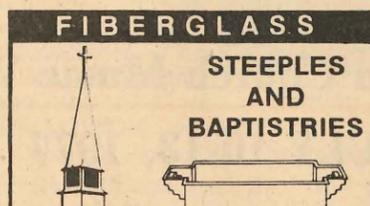
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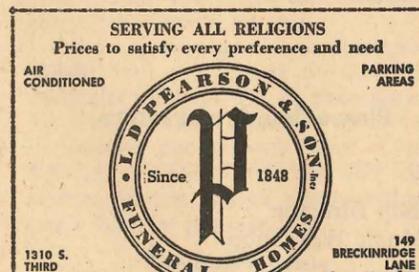
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OUR PRAYERS



President Jimmy Carter is a former member of the SBC Brotherhood Commission and a personal friend of its director, Glendon McCullough. Last week the Commission met in Washington and, together with wives, visited with President and Mrs. Carter in the White House Rose Garden.

I was about the only one in the whole party who didn't gain the presidential handshake. I was too busy taking motion pictures, which required my staying out of the jostled center where my hand-held movies would have been "earth-quaked." However, I wouldn't swap my action pictures of my First Lady, Sue, shaking hands with both the President and his First Lady.

Mr. Carter soon pulled down the barrier ropes and beckoned the group toward the porch, where he stood on the steps and spoke of our patriotism and our Baptist dedication to religious freedom for all. He spoke clearly of our Christian faith. He closed his remarks with an earnest request for our prayers. I have prayed for other Presidents: Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian. Certainly, I shall pray for this Baptist.

Mr. Carter needs our prayers. It appears to me that strong forces are after him. Many media voices seem always to hunt a crack into which to drive a wedge. Television interviewers often appear to do their destructive best to divide and fragment those who support him. People who have shown little or no sense of fiscal responsibility are after him for the "sin" of careful economics, which I count a virtue.

The pinnacle is a perilous place. There is no place to jump but off—no place to fall when pushed off; and there are always pushers.

I liked President Ford. I just barely voted for Mr. Carter at the last minute, but I like him better all the time. He asks our prayers. Let's give them. It is meaningful to have a President who makes this kind of request.

Flood relief receipts as of May 18, 1977 total \$84,314.27. For this we are grateful.

# Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for June 5, 1977

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

Life and Work Series

## An Enslaved People

Frequently God leads his children along difficult paths in order to accomplish his purposes with them. When the children of Israel went down into Egypt to obtain bread during the famine, prospects for them were far from bright. Joseph, his wife and their two sons were already there. Sixty-six others made the journey from Canaan to Egypt. Prior to their arrival, and in compliance with God's will, it was arranged by Joseph that they would locate in the most favorable and fruitful section of the country.

**Prosperity—Exodus 1-7**

After they settled in Goshen, God richly blessed them and they prospered greatly. One of the most noticeable things about them was their phenomenal increase in population. God caused them to multiply rapidly. At first they enjoyed the favor of the government, but long after that favor disappeared God continued to bless them, and they multiplied until they "waxed exceedingly mighty" in Egypt.

**Persecution—Exodus 1:8-14**

Meanwhile, a new monarch came to the throne, who neither knew Joseph nor loved the Hebrews. Instead, he hated them. He did not want an alien people in his country to outnumber his own people, and perhaps form an alliance with a hostile nation. Moreover, the refusal of the Israelites to turn to Egyptian idolatry convinced him they were retaining their national spirit, and under these conditions a revolution would be easy.

The monarch decided to repress these people by subjecting them to the most rigorous tyranny. Believing that oppressive labor would achieve his desired end, he placed cruel taskmasters over them, and subjected them to various types of merciless and inhuman treatment.

But the Pharaoh's scheme was not successful. God was displeased with the satanic effort to throttle the chosen people, and intervened and thwarted Pharaoh's purpose. He refused to permit the Egyptians to destroy the people of God, and thus break the divine covenant with Abraham. It is always futile to work against God's plan and purpose.

**Publicity—Exodus 2:11-15**

Moses visited the Hebrews while they were at work and was sorely grieved to see them ground down by their labors. One day Moses observed an Egyptian overseer beating a Hebrew workman unmercifully and his anger was aroused. Moses slew the Egyptian and rescued the Hebrew from death. Moses hastily buried the Egyptian in the sand, and returned to the palace, thinking his rash act would never be known.

Naturally, the man he had rescued began to tell what had happened. Shocked to learn that his rash act was known by others, Moses was alarmed still more when one of his friends informed him that Pharaoh had heard what he had done. Learning that Pharaoh had ordered him to be slain, Moses got some bread and a skin of water and fled to the desert of Midian for safety.

## The Faithfulness of God

II Timothy 2:1-13

After reminding him of his great heritage of faith, Paul challenged Timothy to appreciate it, to treasure it highly, to overcome his natural reticence, to endure affliction and suffering courageously as he carried on his work for the Lord. He also urged him to remember that God's grace would enable him to acquit himself nobly in the struggles which he would encounter, to know that this grace would be sufficient for all needs and to render the best service possible for his Lord.

Paul admonished Timothy to take the truths of the Christian faith and share them with all who would receive them. This was to be done with the hope that those who would receive and appropriate them would be enriched greatly by them and, in turn, pass them on to others. Paul admonished Timothy to gather around him true Christians who would welcome instruction in the truth, who would be both capable and willing to teach the same to others.

In order to get Timothy to make full use of his God-given abilities, Paul listed three strong incentives:

### 1. The devotion of the soldier.

To do his share of the difficult and trying things involved in active military life a soldier must separate himself from the activities and cares of this world, must refuse to allow himself to become involved in civilian affairs at home and must devote himself exclusively to enduring the hardships of military life. If a Christian is to please his Lord and render effective and acceptable service, he must cut loose from the affairs of the world and let the Lord have his way in his life.

### 2. The discipline of the athlete.

If one is to compete successfully in an athletic contest, he must undergo training, practice self-denial, subject himself to strict discipline, accept the hardships involved, compete for the prize according to the rules and exert himself to the utmost. A Christian must do likewise if he is to be victorious and useful.

### 3. The diligence of the farmer.

If a farmer is to achieve success, he must engage in arduous labor from dawn until twilight. Perseverance, prayer and patience are needed in working for the Lord in any profession.

Paul reminded Timothy that the ultimate reason why he should always be faithful to Christ was because of what Christ had done for him. This contemporary and unforgettable person is just as up-to-date as today's problems. Having been raised from the dead, and being alive forevermore, Christ is adequate for all the problems, perplexities, perils and possibilities of the Christian's daily life.

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## Personnel Changes

### Crawford Selected As Simpson Mission Head

William G. Crawford, minister of education for First Baptist Church, Franklin, has resigned and accepted a part time ministry as director of missions for the Simpson Baptist Association. Crawford, a native of Newport, is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.



Crawford

Before going to Franklin he served as minister of religious education for First Baptist Church, Lake Worth, Tex.; Latonia Baptist Church, Covington; First Baptist Church, Newport; and Grace Baptist Church, Lexington.

Mrs. Crawford is the former Ruth Warwood. The Crawfords have one daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Mary Hammons.

### Corinth Calls Knight

W. L. (Bill) Knight has accepted the pastorate of Corinth Baptist Church, Grand Rivers. Knight comes from Marion where he has served for more than two years as pastor of Second Baptist Church. His ministry with the Corinth congregation began May 8.

### Maceo Church Names Moseley as Pastor

Perry Moseley has accepted the call to become pastor of Maceo Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association. Moseley previously served as pastor of Narrows Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. His ministry at Maceo began May 8.

### C. E. Butler Retires

C. E. Butler retired May 15 as pastor of Willisburg Baptist Church. He served the congregation 19 years. Earlier he served pastorates at New Liberty, Mount Olivet and Fairview

Baptist near Stanford.

Butler is a native of Grant County, a graduate of Cumberland College, Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Butler is the former Rachel Sams. The Butlers have two daughters and one son.

Butler will continue to live in Willisburg and is available for supply preaching and revivals.

### Greenville Church Calls Grady Baskin as Pastor

Second Baptist Church, Greenville, has recently called Grady Taylor Baskin Jr. as pastor. Baskin began his ministry there on May 15.



Baskin

## Ordinations

### Boaz Licensed

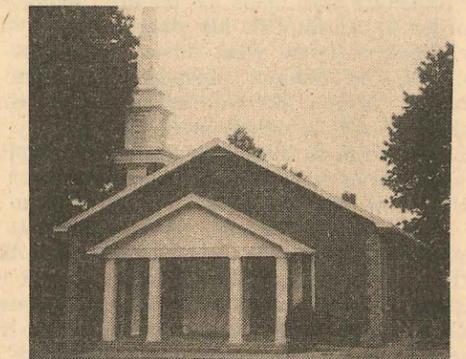
Airline Baptist Church, Henderson, has licensed B. Brantley Boaz III to the ministry. His father B. B. Boaz II, is pastor at Airline. The younger Boaz plans to attend Campbellsville College this fall.

### Clover Bottom Church Ordains Three Deacons

Clover Bottom Baptist Church, Versailles, ordained three deacons in services May 1. Those ordained were: William Bogges, Eulis Welch and Sammual Garrett. Henry White is the pastor.

In other news from Clover Bottom Mrs. Wallace Ready has been chosen as WMU president. On May 4, the "Witnesses," a musical group from Lexington, brought a service in song.

## Mountains to the Mississippi



Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association, will observe its sesquicentennial celebration May 29. Ralph Hodge, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, and former pastor of Mt. Zion, will bring the message. A dinner on the grounds and afternoon hymn sing are also planned. Stephen Alford is the pastor.

### Winchester Host

Acteen previews were held at Jonathan Creek and Central Baptist Church, Winchester. These events are for sixth grade GAs to study missions and prepare for becoming Acteens. More than 100 girls and leaders attended.



Four members of Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville are shown loading part of the 528,000 crackers that this church donated to help flood victims in eastern Kentucky.