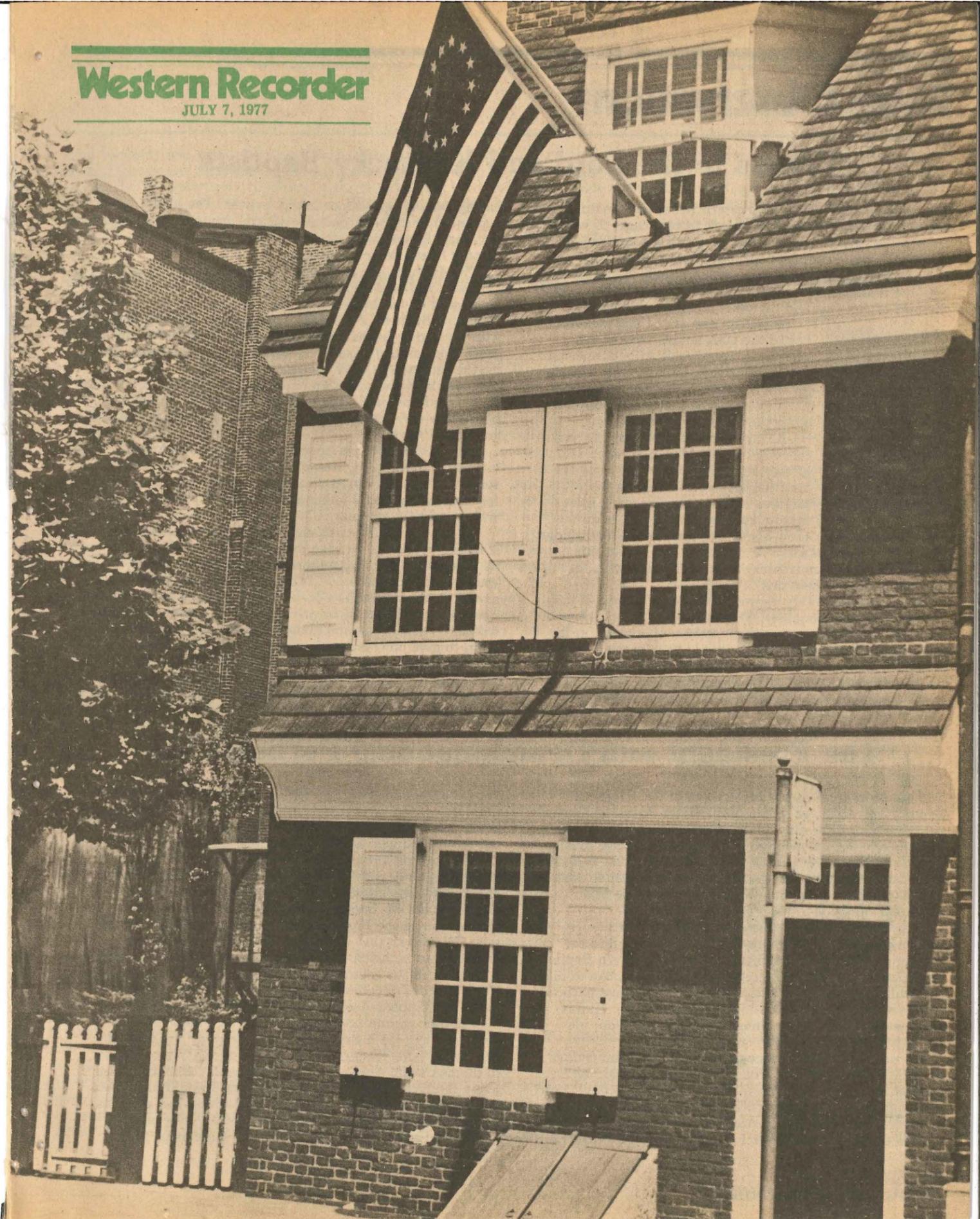


Western Recorder

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Thanks to the Lord and Kentucky Baptists

The June 30, 1977 issue of Western Recorder was on top of the stack of mail on my desk when I came to work on June 28. My picture on the cover and the contents of the issue were a complete surprise. I was out of town during the preparation of this issue and had checked only on the editorials to be used in it. Such thoughtfulness on the part of Jim Cox and my other colleagues is typical.



What can one say? I had sincerely hoped the 20th anniversary of my editorship would pass without special notice. However, I am humbly grateful for the affection of my fellow workers for they know me better than anyone except my wife and children.

As one of my dearest friends said recently upon receiving an expression of love and appreciation, "I hope the Lord forgives you for saying it and forgives me for enjoying it." I know that on such occasions one hears the

good things people know about him and not the bad things. I also know some readers do not share the sentiments expressed in this anniversary issue and I almost believe they should have their say.

Such complimentary expressions can be helpful if they are not taken too seriously. They should be an incentive to try harder to live up to the expectations of others. On the other hand, when one believes he has fully arrived, he has not and likely never will arrive.

I take some comfort in rereading the first editorial I wrote for Western Recorder in 1967. I don't remember

having read it again since it was written. The ideals expressed in this editorial are still my commitment. For the most part I have lived by these ideals, but in some instances I have compromised and for this I repent.

The decision 20 years ago to leave the best pastorate I know in this world for denominational work has been vindicated by the blessings of the Lord and the goodness of Kentucky Baptists. I remember sitting one night in 1957 with my daddy on the front porch of our farm house in south Georgia and saying, "I have felt somewhat prepared for the ministries I have undertaken up to now. But not this one. It overwhelms me and I may fall flat on my face." God has been very good and Kentucky Baptists have been very merciful and this is the only explanation for any good I have done.

I know the Lord has been in it all, but I also know the Lord could have gotten it done as well or better with someone else. My observations have taught me one thing for certain. No one is indispensable. God's work goes on with or without any one person.

At the convention in Kansas City I joined others in a standing ovation to Dr. James L. Sullivan for his tremendous contributions to Southern Baptists over so many years. But even as I stood I thought how many other giants among Southern Baptists have come and gone as God goes marching on. Those of us privileged to live and serve today will all be soon gone and almost forgotten. It behooves us, then, to give our maximum while it is still day for us. At the same time we had better not think of ourselves more highly than we ought. Any of us could fall out without so much as one step being missed in the march of God.

The President and Denominational Participation

The question arose in the press room at the Southern Baptist Convention as to the propriety of President Carter's participation in the convention by appearing by video tape and challenging fellow Southern Baptists to active involvement in a world evangelistic thrust. The question is a valid one. Can one who is the elected leader of all Americans afford to use his influence to advance the cause of any particular religious group?

The answer is yes in the case of Jimmy Carter. He was an unashamed, working Baptist layman before becoming president. He has been active in Southern Baptist denominational life for many years and his election to high political office should not deprive him from active participation in his local church and his denomination. Had he not been a working churchman before his election, his participation would have been questionable.

To use his political office to advance sectarian causes or to favor one religious group over another would be another matter. Mr. Carter made his appeal to convention messengers as one Southern Baptist to another and not as the American President to American citizens.

Some readers remember I strongly opposed President

Ford's appearance at the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention. How, then, do I justify President Carter's participation in the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention? It is certainly not on the grounds of the party affiliation of the two.

As I view it, the two are quite different. Mr. Ford is an Episcopalian and his participation in affairs of his own church and denomination could never be questioned. However, he was invited to the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention as the President and not as a working churchman. More than that he was in the middle of a strong campaign to be elected President with his opponent being a member of the religious group before which he appeared. None of these circumstances existed in President Carter's video tape appearance in the 1977 convention.

Another appropriate question is what would Baptists have said in 1960 if President John Kennedy had invited Roman Catholic leaders to a luncheon at the White House to discuss world evangelization by Roman Catholics. Most likely Baptists would have cried out and I would have been one crying loudest. I would have been wrong just as I was in opposing Kennedy on the grounds of his religion.

But the situation in 1977 is not the same as in 1960.

John Kennedy had not proven his first allegiance was to his country instead of to the pope. And Catholic theology on church-state relations is the very opposite of Baptist held church-state separation. More than that John Kennedy was not the active participant in Roman Catholic world activities as Jimmy Carter is in Southern Baptist activities.

President Carter's denominational participation is not only proper but it is exemplary. No sincere Christian should accept any office or be in any position that would deny him active involvement in the efforts of his religious group to reach every person in this world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Baptist Forum

Frank Owen makes a number of observations about President Carter in the May 26 Western Recorder with which we agree. Certainly we should support him with our prayers.

Mrs. Olsen and I voted for Carter with the feeling he was virtually an unknown quantity, while our daughter and son-in-law voted for Ford.

But we take exception to Owen's concern that "strong forces (in the media) are against him." I have an undergraduate major in journalism and have always followed the media with great interest.

So we hope that Carter and his supporters will not succumb to the hostility toward certain newspapers and commentators shown by Presidents Truman, Kennedy and Johnson, which built up paranoia in Nixon. We need to recognize that two persons can hold opposite views yet each be sincere in his beliefs.

This country was founded on the idea of freedom of the press and of everyone to have a chance to voice his views. A President with strong religious feelings such as Carter should have a greater tolerance for and more patience with those who hold contrary opinion.

Humphrey A. and Grace E. Olsen
Williamsburg, Ky.

Generally I look forward with special interest to your weekly editorial and find them very helpful. However, the June 2 issue was very disturbing and to be honest, a little sickening. In the article, "The New Look in Seminary Graduates" I seemed to detect the question, "Now why won't you churches accept women pastors now that they have completed seminary?"

In the first place our seminaries should not encourage such anti-biblical ideas as women pastors since there is no indication in the scripture that God called them to such positions. Not one cent of Cooperative Program should be spent in training for such ministry. (I speak as one who supports the Cooperative Program and have led every church I have pastored to increase its giving.) I don't feel that I need go into all the scriptures relating to the qualifications for ministers as Kentucky Baptists know them well, but I do feel that Kentucky Baptists need to be reminded to return to that which they know.

It is sad indeed when a local church decides it knows more than God, but when the seminary and state paper encourage such action we are truly in a sad condition.

As to the Twenty-Third & Broadway situation: When a woman is so against the divine order of the sexes that she doesn't even want her husband's name, how could she lead God's people in anything? God said that when they marry they become "one", not individuals. It would be interesting to know when he becomes the mother of a child which she fathers since she is the husband of one wife.

Elmer A. Wiley
South Shore, Ky.

June 2 Recorder editorials favoring women preachers and Mrs. Sylvester's plan to use her maiden name and share pastoral duties equally with her husband (p. 5) recalls this story from OUR DAILY BREAD: A clergyman influenced by critical scholars who down-

grade portions of scripture doubted the authenticity of the Bible. While visiting one member with terminal illness he asked to read and pray. The patient handed him his Bible which had so many mutilated pages the caller asked if he had a better one. The dying man replied, "When you came I believed the entire Book. As fast as you said parts were not true I cut them out. I think if I had another year under your teaching I would have nothing left."

Some passages permit dual interpretation. But I Cor. 11:3, Eph. 5:24, I Tim. 2:12, I Peter 3:1,5 do not. When one verse contradicts another that is indisputable, like I Tim. 3:12 (please, no women deacons) the first verse demands restudy! If Jane's math said 4 x 8 was 32, and on the next page said it was 110 who would have faith in the book? Yet, many modern scholars say the Bible is contradictory but claim to believe it.

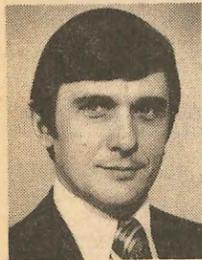
Liberalism does not leap into a life, church or denomination. It creeps! In a 1973 Recorder Dr. George Redding declared that the virgin birth was being denied in Baptist schools. It still is. How long will the Recorder uphold the virgin birth, or does it? Some issues contain no mention of God, Jesus, no scriptures or references, except Sunday school lessons. Might such be partially responsible for current Recorder problems? For decades we have had the paper. We love it, but wish it gave less of what people do and more of what Christ DID, and that it provided long sermons as of yore, since it is the only Christian publication some Christians receive.

May we suggest reprinting the article by Dr. Redding and the one against the social gospel by Dr. W. A. Criswell.

Mrs. Edgar R. May
Langley, Ky.

Baptist News in Brief

Seminary Extension Hires Hollaway as Associate



Hollaway

Ernest Lee Hollaway III of Memphis has been named associate director in charge of communications of the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Hollaway, 34, has served as editor of Crusader Magazine for Royal Ambassador (RA) boys at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission since 1970. A native of Georgia, Hollaway was reared in Japan, where his parents formerly were missionaries.

He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and has earned master's degrees from the University of Missouri and Southwestern Seminary.

World Baptist Count Up

World Baptists continued their long upward trend this past year, registering a gain of 381,797 church members and

bringing their new figure to 33,269,319, the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) announced. The number of Baptist churches grew in the past year by 1,055, and the number of places with regular preaching by 5,149.

BWA statistics include all Baptists that the Alliance can find whether they have an affiliation with the BWA or not.

The largest Baptist populations (church membership) are: the United States, 28,773,731; India, 810,327; U.S.S.R., 545,000; Brazil, 432,436; Burma, 321,525; Zaire, 248,593; United Kingdom, 247,968; Canada, 195,085; Romania, 164,000; Nigeria, 147,371.

Supreme Court to Hear Tennessee Pastor's Case

Can a state forbid ministers from running for public office without violating their right to the free exercise of religion? That question faces the U. S. Supreme Court in a Tennessee case involving a Baptist minister from Chattanooga.

Paul A. McDaniel, pastor of Second Missionary Baptist Church, Chattanooga, filed as a delegate to a 1977 Tennessee limited constitutional con-

vention, but was challenged in court by one of his opponents, Selma Cash Paty.

McDaniel's name remained on the ballot, however, and he easily defeated Mrs. Paty in the race from Tennessee's 29th House District. Among four candidates, Mrs. Paty finished second.

She then took McDaniel's candidacy to the Chancery Court of Hamilton County, where a jury ruled in favor of the minister.

On appeal, the Tennessee Supreme Court overturned the lower decision, upholding the prohibition against ministers' running for state office.

In its 3-1 decision, the Tennessee high court pointed out that the challenge to McDaniel's candidacy was the first time the state prohibition had been tested in court since its adoption in 1796.

The case has already attracted wide interest in the nation's religious community. A number of denominations plan to ask permission of the high court to file a "friend-of-the-court" brief on McDaniel's behalf. Writing the brief for the group is the eminent Jewish constitutional lawyer, Leo Pfeffer of New York City.

The case will be heard sometime after the high court convenes in October for its new term. No decision is likely until next spring.



Eric Allen, a Royal Ambassador from Louisville, served as personal page to outgoing SBC president James Sullivan during this year's annual meeting of the SBC in Kansas City.

Louisville Hospitals Name Underwood as Associate Director of Counseling

R. Derle Underwood has been named associate director of pastoral counseling and consultation for Louisville's Baptist hospitals effective Sept. 1.

Underwood is a native of Jackson, Miss., and holds degrees from Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He is currently working toward his doctor of ministry degree in pastoral counseling.

He has served in various counseling positions and was associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington, for three years.



Underwood

NEWSGRAM

FOR THE MONTH CLOSING JUNE, 1977

	1977	1976
Cooperative Program Receipts [June 1977]	\$ 631,486.94	\$ 606,205.52
Goal to date this year [Operational]	5,000,000.00	4,583,333.33
To date this convention year	5,627,079.96	5,283,302.41
Over goal	627,079.96	699,969.08
To date this time last year	5,283,302.41	4,511,362.38
Increase	343,777.55	771,940.03
Percentage increase	6.50%	17.11%

Needed each month to reach Operational Goal	\$500,000
Needed each month to reach full Cooperative Program Goal	\$600,000

Allen Blasts High Court's School Aid Decision

Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) president Jimmy Allen decried a U. S. Supreme Court decision which upheld most parts of a controversial Ohio plan that includes public funding for textbooks and other services for parochial schools, calling the action a "fierce blow at the public school system."

In its decision, the court ruled that Ohio did not violate the "no establishment" clause of the First Amendment by enacting a law providing state funding for textbooks, standardized testing and scoring, diagnostic and therapeutic services in parochial schools.

Allen, in his statement said:

"I regret that the U. S. Supreme Court relaxed its tension toward a consistent application of the principal of separation of church and state in its recent hairsplitting decision of parochial aid in the state of Ohio.

"However, Baptists have always been more concerned about what is right than about what is legal. I believe that persons committed to religious liberty will continue to press in their communities toward maintaining public funds in public channels for public purposes.

"Historically, we have opposed taxing one taxpayer to pay for the propagation of another's faith.

The rhetoric in this Ohio decision is far from being realistic. On the one hand, the court has declared that furnishing textbooks, standardized testing services and diagnostic services to parochial schools is allowable.

"On the other hand furnishing instructional materials and equipment is disapproved. At the same time, the court upheld separation of church and state by demanding that there be 'no excessive entanglement' between church and state in the field of education. The very machinery for monitoring this complicated decision will constitute excessive entanglement.

"The deepest tragedy of this decision, however, is that it strikes a fierce blow at the public school system in a day when public education is struggling for economic survival. It will multiply sectarian political pressures on already beleaguered state legislatures.

"Sectarian strife is tragic in a time when Christians of various backgrounds are learning to work together sharing the gospel in a secularized age."

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

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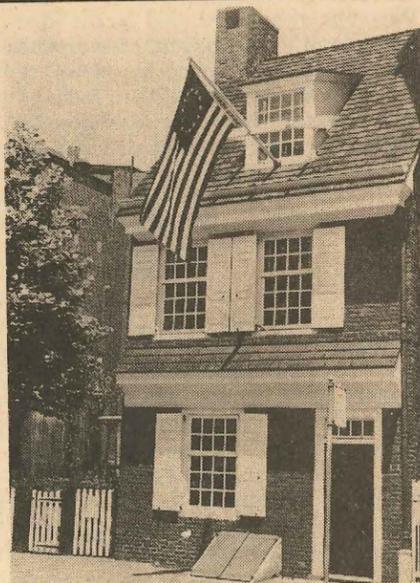
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Double Exposure

The Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia is "the birthplace of Old Glory." In this little colonial dwelling Betsy Ross, seamstress and patriot, stitched the first American flag. This week our country launched its 202nd year as a nation, symbolized by the traditional hoopla which annually characterizes the July 4th Independence Day. Americans are proud of their heritage, and rightly so. Let us never forget what our pledge of allegiance to that flag of Betsy's says, that we are "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." May it ever be so!



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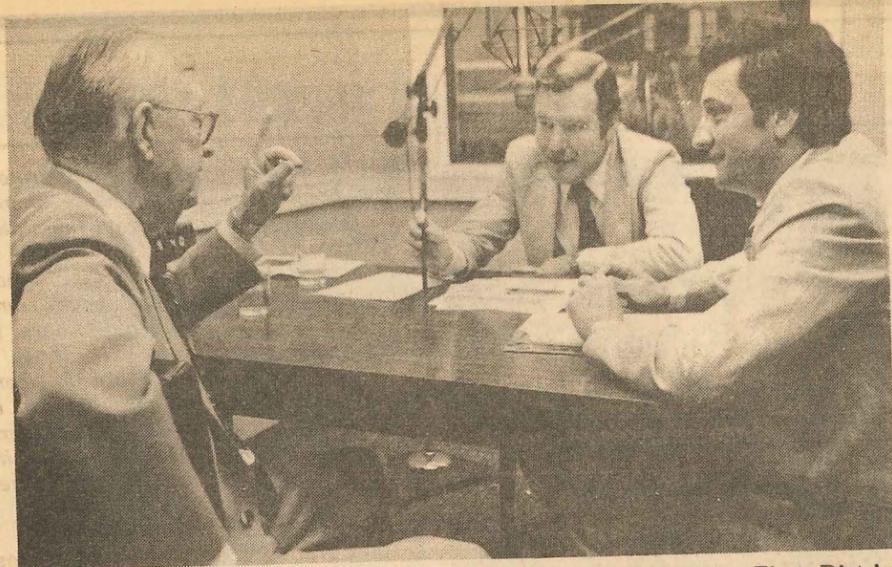
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Former Arkansas congressman Brooks Hays [l] and Kentucky First District representative Carroll Hubbard discuss Christian citizenship with C. Welton Gaddy [r], pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., and former director of Christian citizenship for the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Hubbard, Hays Converse on Issues

by David Wilkinson

Christians who are genuinely concerned about being responsible citizens must be careful not to "seal the lips" of their ministers who should enjoy the freedom of speaking out on relevant social and moral issues, according to former Arkansas congressman Brooks Hays, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hays warned that a "free pulpit" is crucial if the Christian community is to have an influential voice in the actions and day-to-day functions of government.

In a recent interview with C. Welton Gaddy, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., and former director of Christian citizenship at the SBC Christian Life Commission, Hays and representative Carroll Hubbard of Kentucky discussed various aspects of responsible Christian citizenship.

The two Southern Baptists singled out such wide-ranging problems as world hunger, peace, energy, pornography and drug abuse as key issues for Christian concern and involvement.

Concerning the problem of hunger, Hays said, "I think it is one of the saddest and most ironic facts of modern life that there are 420 million people, it's estimated by students of the problem, that will go to bed hungry tonight." He added that the problem is not limited to underdeveloped coun-

tries, pointing out that in America more than 40 million people live below the poverty line.

Although both men urged Christians to assume active roles in politics, they stressed the need for a better understanding of the intense pressures on a congressman's time, energy and abilities.

"The people at home should be tolerant when they feel that perhaps some problem of theirs has not received adequate attention and remember that while they are concerned with just a few questions, he's concerned with many more," Hays commented.

Hubbard, the son of a Southern Baptist minister, added that most congressmen are occasionally forced to vote on legislation that they haven't even read, relying on the research of legislative assistants.

"It's not that we don't want to read the bill," Hubbard explained. "It's not that we're not interested. It's simply that we don't have the time to sign mail and return phone calls and attend to all the functions in one day and be versed."

The 30-minute interview was conducted in the U. S. House of Representatives' recording studio for this year's Christian Citizenship Sunday, which was observed in Southern Baptist churches July 3.

Missionary's Mom Weeps 'Tears of Thanksgiving'

One woman wept silently during a special missions satellite transmission at the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

The tears were "tears of thanksgiving" for Mrs. Lenna May Gray of Muskogee, Okla., as she watched her missionary son Jerry Juergens live via satellite from Hong Kong.

Mrs. Gray almost didn't make it to see her son because she only learned about his scheduled appearance about 24 hours before the session was to begin.

She received a letter from her daughter-in-law on Monday afternoon before the Tuesday night presentation. Mrs. Juergens wrote in detail of the satellite presentation, assuming along with her husband that it would be impossible for Mrs. Gray to travel to Kansas City.

The Juergens were almost right but for the wrong reasons.

"I called my church and asked, 'Who's going to the convention?'" she explained. "When I found out, I called all their homes, but they'd all gone."

Undaunted, Mrs. Gray made an airline reservation for the next morning and then set out to try to find a hotel room in Kansas City.

"If the Lord wants me to go, I'll get a reservation," she told herself as she went to bed Monday night—suitcase already packed, but still without a hotel reservation.

The next morning she kept trying and just before 8 a.m. she found a vacancy. Then came a hurried trip from Muskogee to Tulsa to catch her plane. She almost didn't make it.

She arrived at the gate just as the attendant was fastening the chain across the entrance ramp. Mrs. Gray then took the only remaining seat.

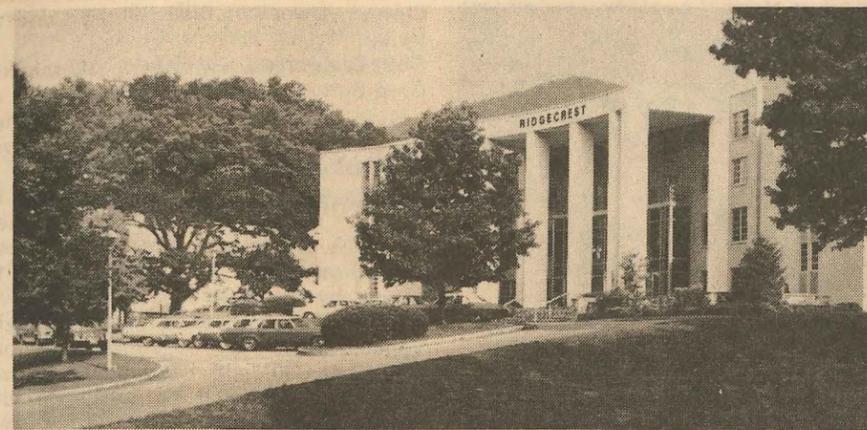
One could hardly blame Mrs. Gray for shedding a few tears as she saw her son's image projected on the two giant screens a few hours later. She thought about the 17 years she spent alone after her first husband's death raising three children on a very meager salary.

She thought about her son's school years when he ironed clothes and cooked for his roommates to support his college and seminary education.

"It was indescribable," she commented after the presentation. "When I looked at him, I went back through 42 years of his life, knowing that God had his hand on him all those years."

And then the "tears of thanksgiving" formed again.

Travel Diary



Ridgecrest—A Little Spot of Heaven on Earth

Once upon a time a man said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help" (Ps. 121:1).

In a little valley nestled among the pine trees along the sloping terrain of the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina lies one of God's most glorious garden spots. The 2900-acre tract known as Ridgecrest has achieved a place of warmth and compassion in the hearts of Southern Baptists that has never been equaled in the history of the denomination.

Lying 18 miles east of the thriving commercial center and vacation resort of Asheville, Ridgecrest is a place where men draw apart each summer and meet their creator in the beauty of his handiwork. Someone aptly called it "a place where mountains meet the sky—and men meet God."

It is a place where men live by Christian principles. Here the called and committed of Christ's kingdom come to replenish their thirst for the gospel and discover new means to transmit it effectively.

There is some prophecy in the book of Micah that always reminds me of Ridgecrest. It reads:

"In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the

mountain of the Lord; and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths . . ." (Micah 4:1-2).

I feel sure the psalmist must have had an inkling that there would some day be a Ridgecrest when he wrote these lines thousands of years ago:

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness" (Ps. 48:1).

"This is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell in it forever" (Ps. 68:16).

J. Winston Pearce, of Buie's Creek, N. C., told a Ridgecrest audience nearly two decades ago: "There is probably not another spot on the earth where as many Christian experiences have taken place as those which have occurred within a mile of this auditorium where we worship tonight."

Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., believes that "when you are at Ridgecrest you sleep a little closer to the angels."

The people are, indeed, the finest. G. Kearnie Keegan, Southwide Baptist student secretary, described them in the 1960 Student Retreat program:

From hamlet and village, from city and crossroads; from homes accustomed to riches and those which have felt the pinch of poverty, from humble homes,

haughty homes, parsonages and professors' homes; from the Pacific shores and the Atlantic sands, from the states caressed by the Gulf's warm breezes to the central plains where brisk winds blow—from all of these have come those whom you will meet here at Ridgecrest.

Regardless of who you are or where you are from, God has brought you to Ridgecrest for a purpose. This experience can prove to be the pivotal point in your life. Thousands who have been here attest to this fact.

What is Ridgecrest?

The profusion of rhododendron blossoms and mountain laurel sweetly

scenting the air.

Dozens of chartered buses arriving on Saturday afternoon filled with young people's laughter and song.

Powerful preaching followed by "Just Am I Am, Without One Plea" and scores streaming forward to register personal decisions of commitment.

A freight train coming up the mountainside from Old Fort, bursting from the tunnel with a long whistle.

A quick rainshower which comes and goes in a matter of minutes, refreshing every green thing in sight.

Staffers or guests singing favorite choruses: "Give Me Oil in My Lamp," "Do Lord," "Tell Me Why," "Everybody Ought to Know" and "Let Jesus Come into Your Heart."

One afternoon 16 years ago four of us climbed Mt. Kitasuma, adjacent to Ridgecrest, to bait our breath with the miles of grandeur which can be surveyed from that vantage point. We were very tired upon reaching the top, and as we paused to rest we were filled with an overwhelming awe and reverence over God's marvelous creation.

As we listened intently, from far down below on the other side of the mountain came the strains of chimes pealing out from the assembly carillon. They were playing "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." And, somehow, as we communed with God in the quietness and loveliness of that spot, I felt sure they had chosen that particular song with each of us in mind.

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

Christian Education

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Two Kentucky students were among the officers recently elected to serve on the religious education council at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Shown with dean Allen Graves [l] are [l-r]: Sylvia Morris [Hodgenville], faculty academic services committee; Laurie Taylor [Jackson, Miss.], recorder; Vida Rankin [Cattlesburg], faculty professional studies committee; Marilyn Helton [Jacksonville, Ala.], chairman; Sam Galloway [Pleasant Hill, Ill.], representative to RE faculty.

Captain on Task Force

Phil Captain, assistant professor of psychology at Campbellville College, has been selected to serve on Gov. Julian Carroll's task force on education.

This committee will assist in developing a blueprint for education at all levels that will meet the needs of Kentucky students for the next 25 years.

Boyce Awards Diplomas

Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for ministers who do not have college degrees, recently presented diplomas in Christian ministry to 27 students, including seven from Kentucky.

Those from Kentucky who graduated were: Kenneth L. Abbott, Nortonville; Terry E. Abbott, Louisville; Richard W. Cooper, Lexington; Arley C. Longworth Jr., Louisville; Arnold J. Roberts, Owensboro; Harold E. Nall, Island; Ernest G. Sacra, Lexington.

Furman Named for Study

A Southern Baptist university is one among 14 church-related colleges that will be studied in a project authorized

by the National Council of Churches.

Furman University, Greenville, S. C., related to the South Carolina Baptist Convention, was selected from the 43 Southern Baptist senior colleges for the special study. Southern Baptist colleges are not related directly to the Southern Baptist Convention itself, but they are owned or sponsored by state conventions or by independent boards of trustees.

The study, which will focus on the purpose and distinct contribution of church-related colleges, was launched because of the crisis faced by higher education caused by questions of "purpose and public support."

Major questions to be faced during the study are: "What does and should the church-related relationship mean, both to college and to church?" "What are some of the distinctive purposes that the church-related college can serve?"

CC Baseball Coach, Five Players Honored

Cumberland College baseball coach Walter Mathes was recently selected Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) coach of the year.

Five Cumberland players were named to the all-KIAC team. They are: Greg

Pierson, Owenton; Mike Stevens, Louisville; Wayne Sievers, Clinton, Tenn.; Don Testerman, Loveland, Ohio; and Greg Sutton, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Roberts Named to Faculty At Golden Gate Seminary

David N. Roberts of West Point, was elected assistant professor of church history by the trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Roberts, 30, will begin teaching at the seminary this fall. For the past four years he has been pastor of West Point Baptist Church. His Ph.D. degree is to be conferred in December by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Roberts graduated from Georgia Tech in 1969. He received the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary in 1972.

Secretary Workshop Set

"The Mini-Worlds of the Secretary" is theme of the 13th annual workshop for secretaries in church and denominational offices to be held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, July 18-22.

The week-long conference will feature seminary professors and professional secretaries leading a variety of sessions. Studies will include professional and personal development as well as devotional periods and Bible study. Cost for the workshop is \$35.

Cothen at Clear Creek

Grady C. Cothen, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was the featured speaker at Clear Creek Baptist School's commencement exercises held recently at Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

Trustees of the Pineville school met in conjunction with the commencement ceremonies. Matters discussed include establishment of a school clinic, beginning of a fourth-year degree program and building duplex apartments in an effort to ease the housing shortage at Clear Creek.

Campbellville Appoints Gillespie Business Head



Gillespie

David E. Gillespie has been appointed business manager at Campbellville College. Gillespie has been registrar at the college since 1967.

Gillespie replaces Lloyd Neil, who recently resigned to return to mission work in Kumasi, Ghana.

Fired Wayland Instructor May Sue Over Dismissal

Dismissal of an art instructor at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., for allegedly providing alcoholic beverages for consumption at off-campus social gatherings attended by students may result in a breach of contract suit.

J. D. Whitaker, an Episcopalian who signed a new two-year contract with the school last March, was dismissed in mid-May on charges of providing alcoholic beverages at two social functions.

Whitaker's attorney said his client will not deny having the socials, which were BYOB ("bring your own bottle") gatherings, but said that he will dispute charges that he provided alcoholic beverages to students or invited them to drink.

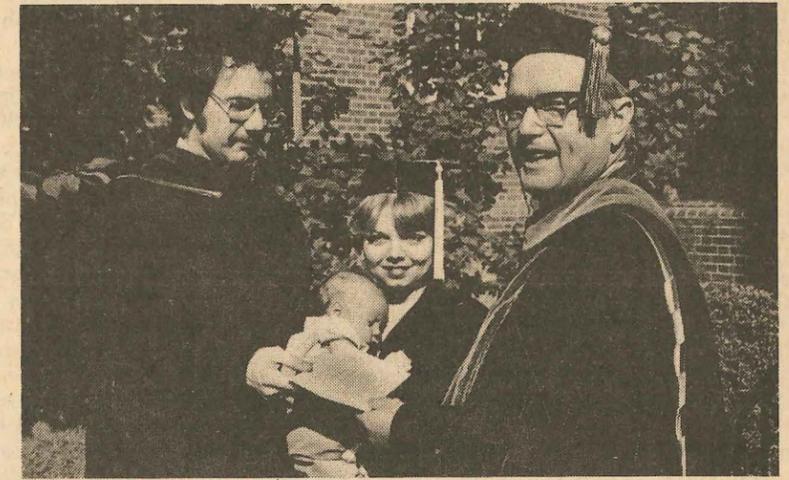
President Roy C. McClung said Whitaker's "severance is final" and he will not be paid.

If Wayland does not honor Whitaker's contract, a breach of contract suit is expected to be filed.

GC Enrolment Up

Early enrolment reports for the first summer graduate school session at Georgetown College show a marked increase over last year.

Through the first of five modules, the sessions had already attracted over one-half of last summer's total enrolment. Summer classes continue through Aug. 19.



Ian Farmer, in the arms of his mother Laurie, doesn't seem a bit excited about the special diploma he's receiving from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Duke K. McCall. Dad Gary receives Ian's diploma for him.

Sleeping Seminarian Gets Diploma

Ian Farmer slept his way through Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ian had an excuse, though; he is only three months old.

Both parents of this "youngest seminarian" were students at Southern Seminary—Gary, Ian's father, a master of divinity student from Owensboro, and his mom, Laurie, a native of Waco, Tex., a diploma student in the seminary's school of church music.

So when Ian came along March 1 there was just one solution—he went to class with his mother. In fact, Ian became a regular part of the classroom scene.

Laurie's professors were "very understanding" about Ian's presence in class, and some of them teased about her unique situation.

"Dean (Forrest) Heeren at the music school, when I first took Ian to class, said we should bring him in for his first voice lesson," she said.

Laurie and many fellow students feared that Ian's arrival was going to disrupt her senior recital, on February 10. Ian was due February 13. "Everybody at the music school was crossing their fingers hoping I'd be on stage instead of in the hospital that night," she stated.

Ian cooperated and didn't come until March. The recital went as scheduled, though not without some discomfort to Laurie. "It was an hour-long piano recital," she recalled, "and I thought I was going to die. Never play an hour recital when you're nine months pregnant!"

As it was, Ian only caused his mom to miss 10 days of classes, and then their joint educational career began.

Father, mother and son finished their seminary study during commencement exercises June 3, and all three crossed the stage—with Ian in his mother's arms as she received her diploma.

Gary has been called as associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Waco. Though Laurie eventually plans to return to Baylor University there to finish her music degree, she has decided that "I'm going to be a housewife and a mother and nothing else for awhile."

That's all right with Ian. He prefers sleeping at home to sleeping through lectures.

Philip Harris— Retiree With a Future

by David Wilkinson

Harris and his wife, Mariam, are obviously applying that philosophy to their retirement plans.

They plan to leave in September for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, not for a much needed vacation, but to fulfill a long awaited dream of mission service.

At age 17, following an address by L. R. Scarborough, then president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mrs. Harris felt that God was calling her into mission work, perhaps in Brazil.

"This has been in her heart all along," explains Harris, who also admits to a "long-standing interest in involvement in missions education."

The Harrises will make several stops in Middle America to catch a glimpse of Southern Baptist efforts there before beginning work in Rio Oct. 1. During their one-year voluntary term, they will probably live in the home of a furloughing missionary. The Foreign Mission Board will take care of the travel expense, housing and utilities and local transportation.

Harris, who taught in the department of religious education at Southwestern Seminary for 10 years before coming to the board, will teach religious education at the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary beginning with the January term. He also will serve as a consultant at the Rio Publishing House. Both assignments, he says, "will allow me to use the gifts that I have."

Mrs. Harris will teach English, beginning piano, chalk drawing and sewing at a training school for girls and at a community center.

The thought of going to Brazil came after Harris mentioned his and his wife's interest in missions to several people at the Foreign Mission Board. Harris also wrote Frank Means, a former colleague at Southwestern Seminary, who is the Foreign Mission Board secretary for Eastern South America, and requested that the two have lunch sometime to discuss possibilities of serving in South America.

Means, who was flying to Rio the next day, didn't even take time to reply, but carried the letter with him to the Rio Publishing House. Several weeks later he called with the news that the publishing house would welcome the opportunity of working with Harris.

The couple took a week to think



through the offer before Harris called Means and informed him that "Mariam and I are ready to go."

Harris will probably complete his teaching in mid-November, and the volunteer missionaries will return to the United States soon after. But more than likely, they won't stay long in Nashville; Harris has other work plans up his sleeve.

He has discussed possibilities with the Foreign Mission Board and the Baptist World Alliance of traveling to other countries in Middle America and Europe on similar assignments. And he has promised to teach a course or two at Southwestern.

The driving force behind such unusual "retirement" plans is Harris' commitment to "building New Testament churches."

"I'm interested in stressing the biblically-based objectives of teaching and training disciples in whatever work I'm in," he explains. "I enjoy working with pastors, deacons and other church leaders."

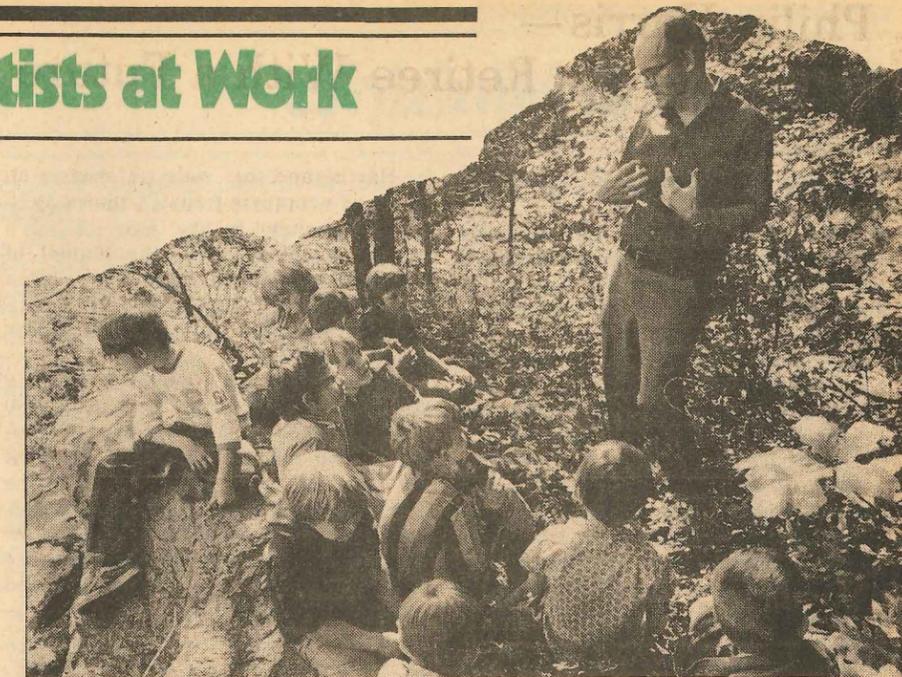
Retirement for Harris, then, will simply be a continuation of the work he enjoys. After all, he says, "None are as old as those who have outlived their enthusiasm for life and work."

By those definitions, Phil Harris is still a young man.

Kentucky Baptists at Work

Eastern Kentucky Missionary is Appalachian Renaissance Man

by Elaine Selcraig Furlow



Lawrence Baldrige is a sort of Appalachian renaissance man.

He loves poetry and writes a poem a day. He understands the Appalachian way of life and works to preserve it. He's a teacher, a preacher, a doer, an innovator.

Baldrige, a Home Mission Board missionary, is pastor/director of Caney Baptist Church in Pippa Passes, which lies in a hollow between two mountains.

He grew up in the next county, and despite four years of seminary in Louisville and frequent trips to Frankfort and Washington, D. C., lives in and loves the mountains where he is now.

Of his neighbors, he says: "They have a sense of rootedness that's stronger than I've ever seen. That means, 'There is nothing quite as wonderful and beautiful or important as this place.' I think that they're never satisfied with anything else."

Baldrige tells the story of a man who lived on nearby Beaver Creek.

The oldtimer told Baldrige: "As far as I'm concerned, Beaver Creek is as much of heaven as I ever want. If God would give me my choice, I'd stay right here on Beaver Creek throughout eternity."

Baldrige, who has taught English at nearby Alice Lloyd College, loves to write. Each day he tries to scratch out a poem on a piece of scrap paper in blue ballpoint.

One of his poems ends with a tribute to the Appalachian countryside: "I have known these hills, as a son knows his father's shoulders."

A friend says Baldrige "goes early in the morning to late at night . . . he's involved in anything that would make a total impact on the people of this area."

The pastor serves on the Kentucky River Area Development Board, a branch of the Appalachian Regional Council, as well as on the Community Action Council, Human Resources Council, Commission on Appalachian Religion and the Citizens for Social and Economic Justice.

Baldrige claims his people have never gotten upset over his serving on governmental boards and in political campaigns. "They know I never bring my political views into the pulpit."

He adds: "I think a preacher has a right to give his views personally, provided he specifies they are his views and puts them in context they can accept. For example, I strongly disbelieve in abortion. I give my views, but they have a right to their views, too."

"When you preach from the pulpit, you must preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and must preach the good news and not the good views. You let the people make up their own mind, but you always try to bring principles in, issues in relation to the gospel."

Baldrige defends being on boards and agencies, saying they give him "the chance to test ideas, opinions and wits with others."

"I like the cutting edge of dialogue and controversy," he says. "It's a

forum to get your ideas across; what you feel the area should be doing."

Baldrige is a home missionary because of a decision he and his wife, Martha, made in 1972. They sat down to try to decide whether to go into a full time pastorate or to be home or foreign missionaries. At the time, he was preaching and teaching.

They devised a scale, which measured such things as places where they could be of service, opportunities for preaching and writing, chances for their family to grow and so forth. Home and foreign missions came out even.

They ended up appointed home missionaries because Wendell Belew, director of the HMB missions ministries division, happened to be at the right place at the right time.

After discussions with Belew, the Baldrigedges talked with Kentucky Baptist officials and were appointed HMB missionaries in 1973.

Now, the Baldrigedges work in Pippa Passes with people who have been described as "yesterday's people."

"It should be 'tomorrow's people,'" Baldrige says. "there's a value judgment placed on the value of yesterday. When you say that, you automatically are saying it in a society that has been fed an idea that progress is the most important thing and that anything that is yesterday is not as good as anything that is today or tomorrow."

"I think sometimes yesterday is better than tomorrow."

Interesting People

on a small group basis in homes, businesses and other community gathering places during the week.

"The Church Training program in the future will give more evidence of flexibility," says Harris. "There must be a variety of simple and practical materials available, along with new learning approaches and administrative guides."

Thinking futuristically is characteristic of Harris, who retired June 30 after heading the Church Training department for the past 17 years. Even as retirement approached, he refused to dwell too much on the past.

"We live only as long as we are needed," says Harris philosophically, probably paraphrasing a favorite writer. "A sense of dignity resulting from a feeling of productivity is essential to life. No one grows old by living a certain number of years. People grow old when they desert their ideals."

Missions & Ministries

Six Kentuckians Selected

Six Kentuckians were approved for various positions by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during its June executive committee meeting in Atlanta.

Alan and Sandi Dahl, Louisville, were appointed missionaries to the Pittsburgh, Pa., area where they will be involved in Christian social ministries.

Richard and Deborah Hale of Campbellsville were named as US-2 missionaries to Ekwoh, Alaska.

Carl Enoch, a native of Murray, was selected to receive language pastoral aid to serve as a minister to the deaf in Louisville.

Roy Bennett, a native of Fordsville, will receive church pastoral aid while serving in Manchester, Ohio.

New Beirut Church Begun

Baptists in Beirut, Lebanon who began meeting because they could not reach their regular churches during last year's civil war have formed a new church.

The Evangelical Baptist Church of Monsouriyeh was constituted on a

Sunday afternoon recently before a crowd of witnesses from all the churches of Lebanon in the new church's regular meeting place, the chapel of the Arab Baptist Seminary. The church covenant was read in unison by the 15 charter members and six teenagers awaiting baptism.

When the Baptists began to meet in the Monsouriyeh group because of the inability to attend their usual churches, other local people began to join them for worship and Bible study. The Sunday school has an enrolment of 70, including 30 boys from a nearby orphanage. The new church has no pastor, but will use missionary and national lay leadership.

Baptist World Alliance Looks for New Head

A search for the next general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) is underway, anticipating the retirement of Robert S. Denny, following the meeting of the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto in July 1980.

A personnel committee is considering criteria to be used in seeking names of able persons from whom a general

secretary and other staff personnel may be selected.

Proposals for the criteria will be presented to the BWA General Council at its meeting in Miami Beach, July 11 - 15, 1977.

Denny has been general secretary of the Alliance since the death of Josef Nordenhaug in 1969. He was associate secretary from 1958 until that time.



Tour guide Mary Smith shows Lottie Moon's trunk and tiny shoes of Chinese women with bound feet, just two of the many interesting treasures on display at Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.

Greatest Show on Earth

Benny, the strong man in the circus based in Yogyakarta, Indonesia was baptized recently. So were his wife, three owners of the circus and 19 other employees. Twelve others are awaiting baptism.

The same tent that draws up to 15,000 for circus performances in one day is a sanctuary of worship and praise on Sunday mornings for many of the 70 circus team members.

Decisions by Benny and others have followed several years of fellowship with several Southern Baptist missionaries in the area. The circus performers are now looking for ways to witness through their acts.



Representatives of four Southern Baptist Convention agencies met recently in Richmond, Va., to explore better ways to utilize the vast resources of volunteers within the convention. Representatives pictured here [l-r] Roy Edgemon, Home Mission Board; Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission; Reid Hardin, a layman; Evelyn Blount, Woman's Missionary Union; James W. Cecil, Foreign Mission Board.



Wayne Siao Wei Yuan was recently named as the first national to become president of the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Theological Seminary in Penang, Malaysia. Southern Baptist missionaries have served as presidents of the seminary since it began in 1954.

New Mass Media Building Proposed for Ivory Coast

Baptist publications and broadcasting for the five nation area known as the Francophone (French-speaking) countries will be centered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast in a new publications and mass media building.

The new structure will not only enable Baptists to print their own materials cheaper, but also to have better control over their product.

The \$50,000 publications building will be financed through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and will probably not be finished until next year. In the meantime, publications workers will continue to mimeograph what they can and send some printing to France.

Colombian Baptist Pastor Welcomes Rosalyn Carter

Representing Southern Baptist missionaries and Colombian Baptist churches, S. Louis Armstrong, pastor of the English-language Bogota Baptist Chapel, welcomed Rosalyn (Mrs. Jimmy) Carter to Colombia in ceremonies June 9 at the Centro Colombo-Ameri-

cano, a bilingual cultural center in Bogota.

Mrs. Carter expressed delight in knowing that her denomination has 71 missionaries assigned to Colombia. She requested Armstrong to pray for her as she met the next day with Colombia's president, Alfonso Lopez Michelsen, and the Venezuelan president, Carlos Andres Perez, on her final Latin American stop.

BWA Secretary Brings Good News from Russia

Three new congregations in the suburbs will bring to 17 the number of Baptist churches in the Moscow area, Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), said.

In an interview to be published in the July issue of Baptist World, the BWA publication, Tiller noted signs of Baptist growth in several cities he and Mrs. Tiller visited in May and said also that "there are many encouraging signs of relaxation of the state's relations to the Baptists."

He observed the Soviet Union falls

short of human rights in such areas as freedom of expression, freedom of movement and freedom of association. He said, however, that "except for the portions of the Soviet Union annexed in the period 1940-45, the people cannot remember a time when they had such rights. Therefore, many of them do not perceive the human rights situation in the same way as North Americans."

Tiller said that 6,000 baptisms were reported by the 5,060 Baptist churches in the USSR in 1976. About 70 percent of these were persons from believers' families, but 30 percent represent conversions from atheistic, agnostic, Orthodox or other non-evangelical backgrounds, he said.

He also reported "good news concerning the situation of religious leaders held in Soviet prisons." He was told that two Baptists in the Crimea were released the week of his visit, and there are "high hopes" that 39 other Baptists still imprisoned will be released by the end of 1977.

Tiller spoke also of the spiritual dedication of the people he met. "Baptists of the Soviet Union continue to be faithful, dedicated, persevering disciples of Jesus Christ," he said.



David Y. K. Wong [r], president of the Baptist World Alliance, and his wife have just completed a tour that included a visit to Baptist work in Africa. Wong and his wife discuss their travels with Davis L. Saunders, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa.

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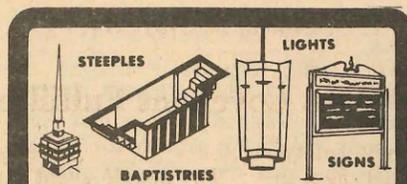
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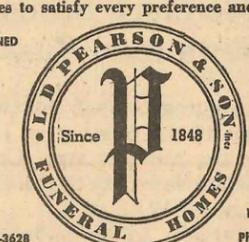

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Frank Owen



TEAMWORK

A. B. Colvin told me that he carries a plastic water bottle in his car and occasionally rescues people at roadside with overheated radiators. I thought it was a good idea, so I filled two one-gallon plastic milk bottles and put them in my automobile trunk. I, too, have seen people at roadside carrying creek water in cups to stalled cars.

My first instance of help came Sunday afternoon, June 26, between Versailles and Frankfort. A young woman with a little baby was stalled at the side of the road, looking perplexed at her steaming, spewing automobile. I turned around at the next crossover point and went back. Hot water was everywhere, but we finally found the hole in the blownout hose connection.

Next, a nice young man stopped to help but neither of us had any repair tape. I had the water, but no tape to seal the hole.

Two pleasant highway patrolmen pulled up in rapid succession to help. One of them had some black tape.

The first young man did the tape-up job while I found a funnel for pouring the bottles of water slowly into the radiator, while one of the officers idled the engine.

Everybody contributed a little and everybody's part was necessary. Each had something without which we couldn't have achieved the results. Soon we had the young lady in her car and rolling toward town for more permanent repairs. The young woman felt rescued and grateful. All of us felt good to have been helpful.

It was a case of teamwork, based on desire and preparation for service. I never would have had the water bottles if I had not heard Colvin's testimony. But, I couldn't have helped with just the water. The officer's tape and the young man who did the work were equally essential while the other officer and I saw to filling the radiator. The testimony, the need, the personal interest, the equipment, the helping hand. I've refilled my water bottles, bought some repair tape and put them both in my trunk with the funnel.

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for July 17, 1977

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

Unbelief Delays Covenant Fulfillment

God told the Israelites about the land of sufficiency, safety, and satisfaction, promised them that he would lead them to it, and assured them that it would become theirs through simple faith and obedience on their part. Instead of doing as God had commanded them upon their arrival at the border of the Promised Land, they asked Moses to appoint an appraisal committee to spy out the land. For this task one man from each of the 12 tribes was chosen. After a search of 40 days these 12 men returned and reported that they had found a land of marvelous advantages just as God had described it.

Disagreement — Numbers 13:30-33

Ten of the spies reported that the land was inhabited by giants and that the cities were so strongly fortified that it would be impossible for the Israelites to take possession of it. Their report caused great disappointment. Caleb and Joshua kept the allurements of the Promised Land before the people. These men of faith did not minimize the difficulties, but they magnified the power of God. Their faith, which was expressed in the words, "We are well able to overcome," was not natural optimism, but an expression of real trust in God. Caleb's words of encouragement were quickly drowned by the protest of the unbelieving spies, who magnified the strength of the enemies of Israel.

Life and Work Series

A New Morality

Having been made free in Christ, we are not at liberty to throw overboard the basic moral code of the Ten Commandments and arbitrarily choose our course of action in a situation. True Christian love is to govern our conduct.

Romans 13:8-10

These verses deal directly with the Christian's duty and obligation to his fellow citizens. A Christian must meet his obligations to others. We do not believe that Paul here means to brand all buying on credit as unchristian, for he ran a "charge account" with Philemon. What is both unethical and unchristian is assuming more obligations than one can pay, or ignoring the payment of them. A debtor must never defraud his creditor, or leave a debt to any person unpaid.

Galatians 5:13-26

When one is set free in Christ, he does not have any desire to make that freedom an occasion for selfish and carnal living. Every Christian has a conflict between the flesh and the Spirit.

By the works of the flesh is meant the operation of the carnal nature. Those who habitually practice the sins of the flesh are strangers to God's grace and Christ's salvation. Paul contrasted the works (plural) or the flesh with the

Dissatisfaction — Numbers 14:1-3

The people spent the night in self pity and weeping. They tried to blame God for the circumstances in which they found themselves and they directed their bitter resentment against Moses and Aaron for bringing them face to face with a task which demanded so much faith, courage and dedication. They resolved that they would depose their leader, elect another, and return to Egypt.

Determination — Numbers 14:8-10

Caleb and Joshua protested the revolt with a reassurance of the fruitfulness of the land, an expression of their confidence that God would be with them and enable them to conquer, and a plea that each of them perform his duty. Because the people deliberately rejected the counsel of these men, they tried God's patience and it became necessary for him to say, "It is enough."

Deprivation — Numbers 14:20-23

God demonstrated his abundant mercy and great loving kindness by granting the earnest intercessory request of Moses to pardon and spare them. However, through their disobedience the people had deprived themselves of the privilege of entering the Promised Land until a period of 40 years had elapsed, which was spent by them wandering in the wilderness. By their disobedience to God so many people deprive themselves of God's richest blessings.

Personnel Changes

Stanford Calls Hancock



Hancock

Gregory L. Hancock has resigned as director of communications for the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, Middletown, and accepted the pastorate of Stanford Baptist Church.

A Lexington native, Hancock is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He was a Western Recorder journalism intern before joining the Child Care staff two years ago.

He is married to the former Sharon Caldwell of Danville.

New Ebenezer Church Names Morris as Pastor

Kinnith Ray Morris has been called as pastor of New Ebenezer Baptist Church, Christian County Association.



Morris

Morris, a Russellville native, moves to New Ebenezer after spending over five years as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Madisonville. He has also pastored First Baptist Church, Fredonia.

Morris is married to the former Marilyn Eagan and they have two children.

Busey Directs Youth

Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Daryl Busey as youth director. Busey, a native of Mobile, Ala., is a student at Southern Seminary.

FMB Appoints Ehrlichs

James and Luana Ehrlich have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve as missionaries in Venezuela. Ehrlich is now serving as pastor of Highland Park First Baptist

Church, Louisville. The Ehrlichs will report this month for their orientation prior to going to Venezuela.

Kentuckian is Evangelist

Don Carroll, a Kentucky native and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, has resigned as pastor of Braeburn Valley Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., to enter the field of evangelism and extended ministries. Carroll formerly pastored Central Baptist Church, Paris.

'Skip' Fendley Accepts Danville Staff Position

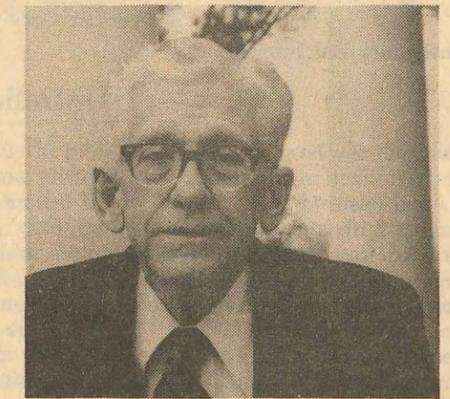
Kenneth C. (Skip) Fendley has resigned as minister of education, music and youth at Russell Cave Baptist Church,



Fendley

Lexington, to accept a call as minister of education and youth at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville.

Fendley, a graduate of Georgetown College, has previously served as music and youth minister at Fal-mouth Baptist Church and Great Crossing Baptist Church, Georgetown.



Chester Swor, well known evangelist and prolific author, is being honored July 10 by his home church, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., in honor of his 70th birthday. Swor has held services at numerous churches in Kentucky during his ministry.

Long Run Honors West

Dr. and Mrs. Allen West will be honored at a reception on Sunday, July 10, from 2:30

to 4 p.m. at the East Baptist Church in Louisville. The occasion is planned as an expression of appreciation for the 10 years' leadership of West as executive secretary of Long Run Baptist Association. All Baptists in the area are invited to attend the reception.



West

Mountains to the Mississippi

Sherman is Child Care Communications Director

Ben L. Sherman has been named communications director for the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, Middletown.

Sherman is a native of Oklahoma and holds degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Seminary. He and his wife Nita have one son.

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