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Counselor Benjie Watters (l), Irvine, helps RA William Rogers, Harrodsburg, build a campfire at Camp Rabro.

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly is the scene of a lot of "doing" during the summer months.

Recreational and leisure activities abound for teenagers in youth week, RAs at Camp Rabro, and GAs and Acteens at Cedar Crest.

Yet the underlying emphasis for each week is always on "becoming."

Each leader's desire is that the young people will leave with their lives in a little sharper Christian perspective.

RA camp is strong on campcraft, handicraft and recreational activity but leaders place a strong emphasis on Bible study, missions and RA advancement as well. Calvin Fields is director.

At GA/Acteens camp, girls sleep and cook outdoors one night; work on crafts; participate in voluntary workshops such as sign language, puppetry and creative writing; and take part in

sessions with the camp pastor and missionary, mission emphasis vesper services and personal devotional time. Nancy Farrell is director.

The youth week theme this year was "God's Way, My Way."

"We emphasized knowing and living God's will," explained director Wanda Carpenter. "And we put a big emphasis on relationship building."

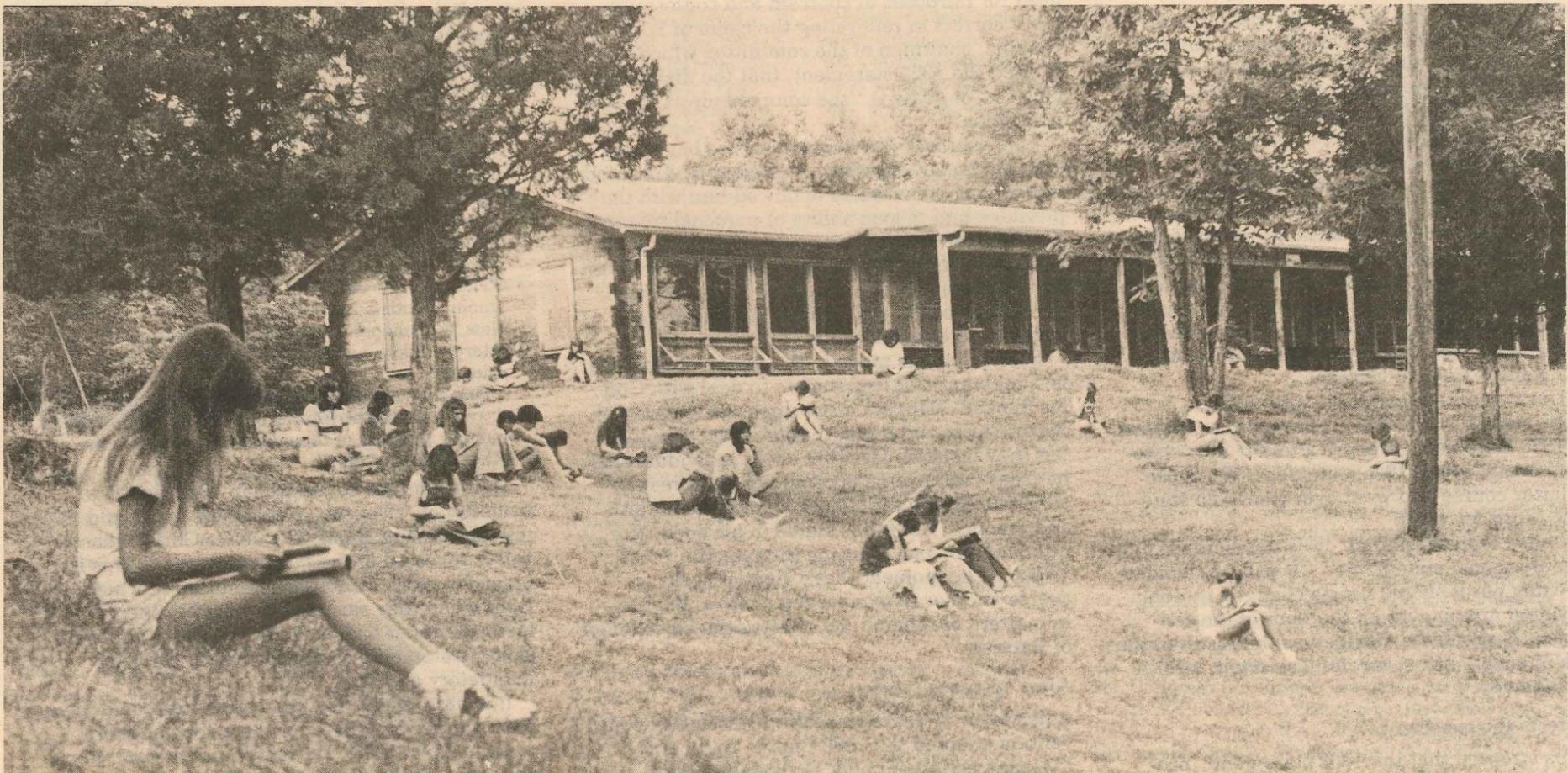
Campus ministers from Kentucky colleges and summer missionaries on three teams, Sonburst (creative ministries), Son Celebration (music) and Sonshare Players (drama) also emphasized personal ministry and witnessing.

In each of the three camps, youth were allowed a certain amount of freedom to decide what they wanted to do.

And all the while they were "doing," they were also "becoming."

Summer at Cedarmore

Emphasis for young people is on 'becoming'



In late afternoon, GAs and Acteens scatter out under the trees for personal devotions. (More Cedarmore pictures on page 4.)

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

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Daley Observations

Guest Editorial

'Anchored but free'

Julian Pentecost, Editor
The Religious Herald

Herschel H. Hobbs recently addressed a joint session of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and the Historical Society during their annual meetings in Ft. Worth, Tex. It was this editor's privilege to be present.

The theme of Hobbs' message was "Anchored but free" and was based on his experiences as chairman of the committee which prepared the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement. He is a former SBC president and pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Historic setting

In his presentation, he cited two conditions among Southern Baptists which fostered development of the 1925 Baptist Faith and Message statement. One was a desire, following World War I, to reestablish fraternal communications with Baptists of the world. The other was the felt need of some persons to make response to the then current controversy of the theory of biological evolution.

Hobbs next reviewed the circumstances in 1961-62 which led to appointment of a committee to study the 1925 statement and report its findings to a subsequent convention. The committee was authorized in San Francisco and consisted of the presidents of each state convention with SBC president Hobbs as chairman.

The committee was instructed "to present to the convention in Kansas City some similar statement (to the 1925 statement) which shall serve as information to the churches, and which may serve as guidelines to the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention." Provision was made for widespread distribution of the committee's report several weeks before the 1963 Kansas City convention.

"Our committee had three alternatives," Hobbs said in Ft. Worth. "They were to reaffirm the 1925 statement; prepare a totally new statement; or revise the 1925 statement. We chose the latter course and went over (the 1925 statement) word for word."

Hobbs emphasized that "It is not a creed" but a "confessional statement." "It will be changed some day but it should not be changed by some individual jumping up on the floor of the convention. It should be changed as the result of the work of a committee, carefully selected, after a year of study."

'Protects the conscience'

Hobbs stressed that the 1963 statement "protects the conscience of the individual. The preamble does so. Without the preamble, it is a

creed and we are not a creedal people."

"The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship has no moral right to the name—it belongs to all of us. And if it ever comes up at the Southern Baptist Convention, I'm going to remind them of it." He was referring to an unknown number of Southern Baptists who have formed a national independent organization that interprets its reason for being the combating of "liberalism" in SBC life.

In Hobbs' judgment, the 1963 statement has been and can be "a force for harmony to keep us anchored and free." He sees it as "information to the churches" and "guidelines for our agencies." He noted: "It should never be imposed from above or without—but from within, voluntarily. The statements in the preamble are 'the key' without which the statement becomes a creed."

No creed!

We subscribe to Hobbs' interpretation of the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement, especially that it is not a creed to be viewed or used for purposes of coercion and conformity. He is correct in reiterating the claim of E. Y. Mullins, chairman of the committee which drafted the 1925 statement, that the distinctive belief of Baptists is "the competency of the soul in religion."

This principle is evident from the beginning of the Old Testament where it is clear God created man in his likeness and endowed him with the privilege and responsibility of personal freedom. The biblical teaching on soul competency finds its fullest expression in the New Testament with its emphasis on the indwelling Christ through the person of the Holy Spirit who guides believers into spiritual truth.

Each person is made in the image of God and is competent and responsible to deal with God for himself. Baptists insist upon the lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of the scriptures but they insist no less that every individual shall be free—because he is competent and responsible—to decide for himself in matters of faith and practice. As Hobbs stated in his book, *The Baptist Faith and Message* (Convention Press, 1971), "The moment that a Baptist seeks to coerce another person—even another Baptist—in matters of religion, he violates the basic belief of Baptists."

After 15 years

It has been 15 years since the Kansas City convention adopted the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement and, regrettably, there are still those among us who are determined to misinterpret and misuse it. Many of them declare

they believe in "no creed but the Bible" while simultaneously demanding the 1963 statement be used as a norm of orthodoxy. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that the 1963 statement without its preamble is incomplete. It is the preamble which interprets, clarifies and thereby restricts the legitimate ways in which the various following articles can be used.

We have never been, are not now and do not anticipate that we will ever be enthused about such statements as those adopted by the SBC in 1925 and 1963. We understand the reasoning of those who believe them at times to be necessary. Experience has proven conclusively there are people who are incapable or unwilling to use them as intended.

Introduction significant

The 1963 committee quoted from the 1925 report. We would earnestly plead for all Southern Baptists to study the introductory material of the 1963 report. Included is a highly significant "statement of the historic Baptist conception of the nature and function of confessions of faith in our religious and denominational life."

Portions of this statement, originally framed in 1925 and repeated without change in 1963, appear below:

"That they constitute a consensus of opinion of some Baptist body, large or small, for the general instruction and guidance of our own people and others concerning those articles of the Christian faith which are most surely held among us . . .

"That we do not regard them as complete statements of our faith, having any quality of finality or infallibility . . .

"That the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Confessions are only guides in interpretation, having no authority over the conscience . . .

"That they are statements of religious convictions, drawn from the scriptures and are not to be used to hamper freedom of thought or investigation in other realms of life."

Hobbs and his committee in 1963 rightly affirmed that "The sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in the holy scriptures." This is precisely correct and the committee was also right when they said that throughout their history Baptist bodies never regarded confessional statements as official creeds carrying mandatory authority.

It is hard to see how the committee could have been clearer in 1963—nor the chairman more clear in April 1978! Those who understand the nature of the committee's work and the convention's adoption of it ought not be intimidated by those incapable or unwilling to do so.

Baptist News in Brief

Supreme Court term sees gains in liberty and rights decisions

In its term concluded July 3, the U. S. Supreme Court took numerous actions involving church-state and human rights questions, including major decisions dealing with the sensitive issues of the role of clergy in public life, racial quotas and affirmative action, indecent language on the public airwaves, capital punishment, and sex discrimination.

Under the relaxed leadership of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, the high court maintained its reputation for unpredictability. Nevertheless, the just-concluded term was marked by gains—sometimes modest ones to be sure—in several areas of concern to religious leaders and others committed to the cause of human freedom.

In its only major church-state decision of the term, the justices unanimously overturned a two-century-old provision in the Tennessee state constitution forbidding clergy from running for public office.

The ruling vindicated the position of a black Baptist pastor from Chattanooga, Paul A. McDaniel, who ran for and won a seat in the 1977 constitutional convention in Tennessee. McDaniel was sued by a losing opponent but was permitted to take his seat in the convention under an order by Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart.

Without question, the most closely watched and extensively analyzed decision of the term was "Regents of the University of California v. Bakke" that banned racial quotas but upheld the concept of affirmative action in school admissions. The case marked a rare instance in which all parties could claim victory.

Allan Bakke, the white engineer who twice had been denied admission to the medical school at the University of California at Davis while other, less qualified students belonging to minority ethnic groups were admitted, was ordered included in next fall's entering class.

In the aftermath of the Bakke decision the high court upheld an affirmative action hiring plan by the mammoth American Telephone & Telegraph Co. The plan, worked out under government supervision, has been in effect for the past five years and has resulted in significant employment gains for women and members of minority groups.

Rather surprisingly, the court sent back to a federal district court in Cali-

fornia a case challenging the minority quota requirement of a federal public works law passed last year by Congress. The court thereby indicated its present unwillingness to deal directly with the issue of racial quotas in Congressionally-mandated employment legislation.

In one of several actions dealing with the constitutionally delicate issue of obscenity, the justices ruled 5-4 that the Federal Communications Commission has the authority to discipline radio and television stations which violate its ban on "obscene, indecent, or profane" language.

In a second major obscenity ruling, the court held 8-1 that children may not be included in the determination by juries of what constitutes "community standards."

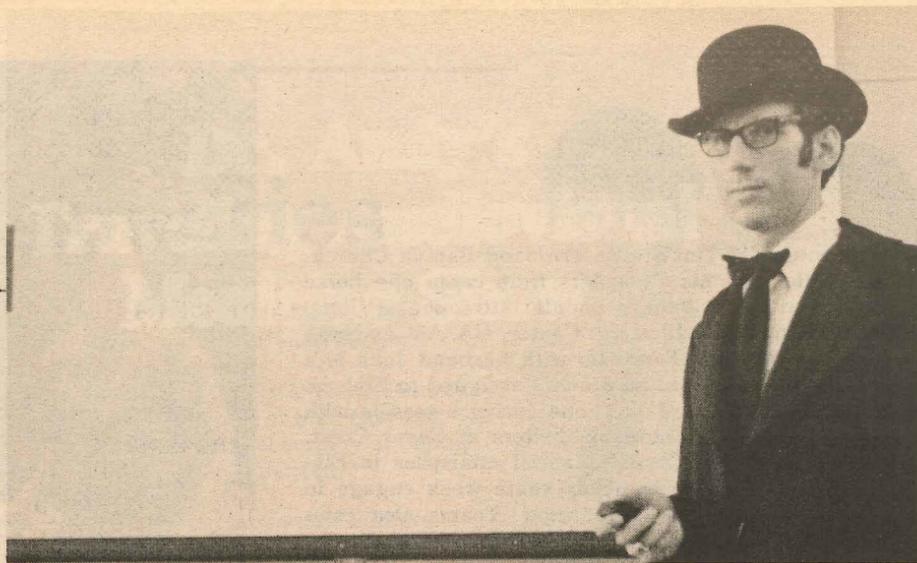
On the final day of its term, the high court ruled in a solid 7-1 opinion that state capital punishment laws which mandate punishments for convicted first degree murderers violate the Constitution. The decision struck down such a law in Ohio, where sentencing judges were mandated to condemn convicted murderers to death unless one of three narrowly-drawn factors could be proven.

In another area, the high court made two major decisions relating to sex discrimination. In a case involving the Nashville (Tenn.) Gas Co., the justices ruled unanimously that companies may not penalize women returning from mandatory pregnancy leave by denying them accrued seniority rights. At the same time, the court held, employers are under no legal obligation to pay sick leave to women while they are temporarily removed from the work force to give birth.

Tiller retires from BWA

Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary for the Baptist World Alliance since 1972, will become director of the Interchurch Center, which houses offices for Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic agencies in Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Tiller, 62, is taking early retirement from the BWA, where he had responsibility for relief, development, the inter-church aid program, financial management and liaison with the United Nations.



Andy Rawls, audiovisual librarian at Southern Seminary, presents a traveling audiovisual medicine show "for those who find history hard to take" at Bible Preaching Week at Ridgecrest.

Missionaries to continue ministries in Rhodesia

Southern Baptist missionaries will keep all of their Rhodesian ministries open, though some adjustments will be made because of increased guerrilla activity in some mission areas.

Davis L. Saunders, area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa for the Foreign Mission Board, met with 38 Rhodesian missionaries July 5 and reported the results of that meeting by telephone to board headquarters staff.

The missionaries represented all but four currently on the field including those evacuated from Sanyati Baptist Compound following the stabbing death of Archie G. Dunaway Jr. in a guerrilla attack June 15.

The hospital and school at Sanyati will remain open, the missionaries decided, with Dr. Maurice L. Randall acting as hospital supervisor and area evangelist. Dr. John W. Monroe will be administrator of the hospital and station manager. Neither will live at Sanyati.

Several of the missionaries are considering possible changes in ministries. The majority will continue in their jobs, Saunders said.

Arizona rejects Short

In what local observers called "a stunning action," a special called session of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention failed by 11 votes to elect Mark Short Jr. of Houston as executive director-treasurer.

Short, 50, associate pastor and business administrator of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, previously had been unanimously recommended by a search committee and unanimously elected by the convention's executive board.

But, because of a constitutional amendment passed at the convention's regular annual meeting in November, the executive director-treasurer nominee also needed a two-thirds vote of the convention. The vote was 443 in favor

of Short and 240 against, 11 short of the 454 he needed.

Observers said those expressing opposition after Short was nominated and seconded at the special called meeting on July 7, said they had nothing against Short as a person but opposed him because he doesn't have Arizona ties, has not been a pastor and had not completed seminary.

Wood warns against American fairy tale

"Many Americans live a meaningless, empty, guilt-filled life because they believe in the American fairy tale," John Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, told 260 participants in a conference on stress in the family.

Wood listed five themes of the American fairy tale as: the more possessions, the more happiness; the more a person produces, the more important that person is; everyone must identify with and belong to a larger group; perfect mental health means no problems; and a person is abnormal unless he is always happy.

"We have problems in marriage and personal health if we believe any part of this fairy tale," Wood said. He said 90 percent of all mental illness begins with a person's inability to function in the home.

"The breakdown of marriage and the home is the nation's number one social problem," he said.

To make a good marriage, Wood said, "commitment supersedes all other requirements. You must give yourself without reservation." The minister said marriage partners should develop an empathy that allows each to live in the other's shoes.

Families need to commit their children to God, according to Wood. A primary parental responsibility is to teach a child that his first loyalty is not to his family. "You should tell your child that the secret is to discover who God wants him to be and to be true to that call," Wood declared.

Baptist Forum

Vermont church seeks pastor

The Baptist Fellowship of Randolph, Vt. is seeking the man that God has chosen to become our pastor.

Located in the geographical center of Vermont, Randolph is an attractive community in a rural environment with some light industry.

From a home Bible study, our church has developed over the past six years to a membership and average attendance of 75. Though presently meeting for worship and Sunday school in the comfortable quarters of the high school library, we have just begun planning the development of our recently purchased 33-acre parcel of ideally located woodland. This acreage has the potential for many exciting areas of ministry.

Those desiring to pursue this ministry are invited to submit a resume, including a narrative of the nature of your ministry, to Tom Lyons, P.O. Box 373, Randolph, VT 05060.

Lorinda Farmer
Secretary, Pastoral Search Committee

Administration is pleased

This administration is extremely pleased to learn of the adoption of Resolution 5 on multilateral arms control at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta on June 14.

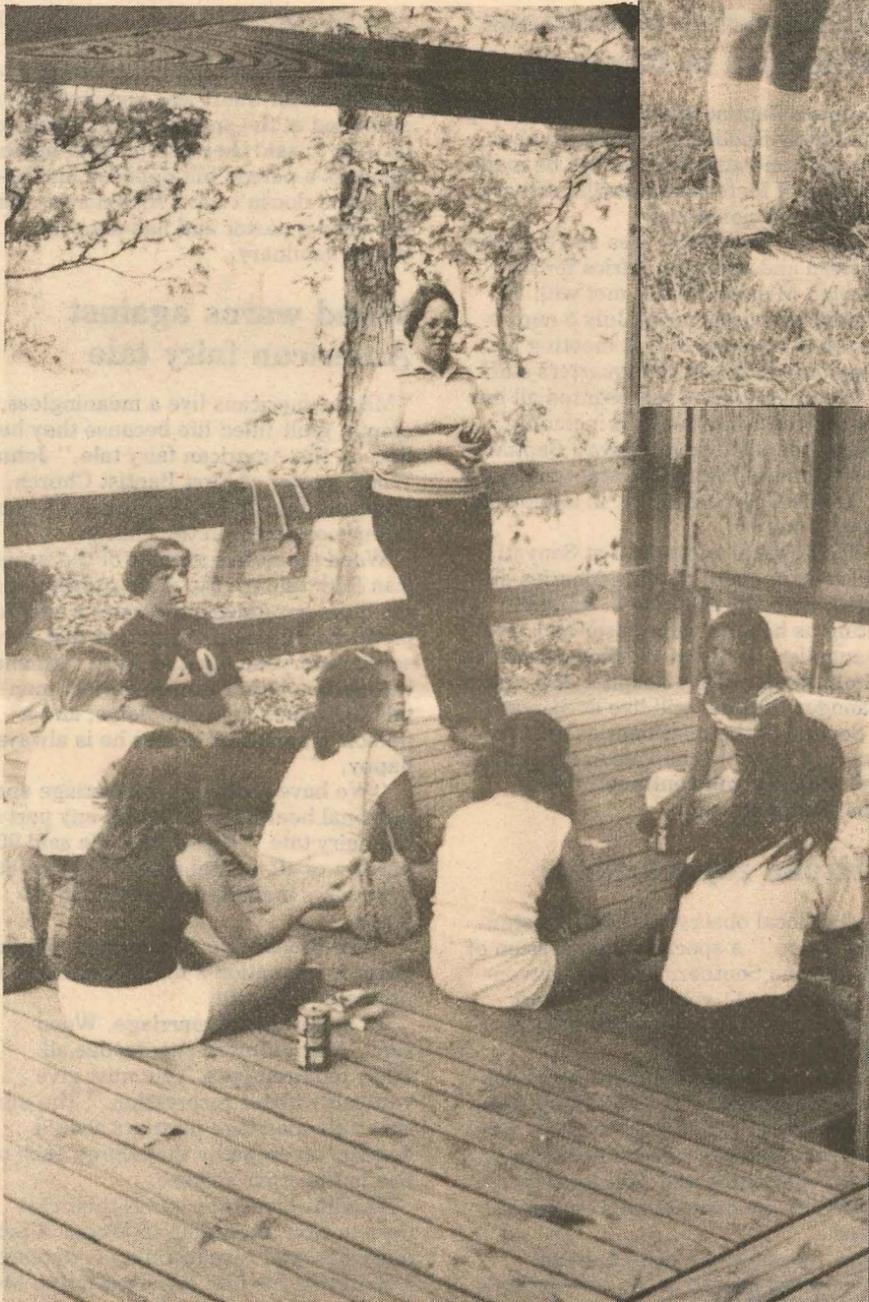
We have no higher national purpose than to seek security for all Americans so that we may concentrate our attention and activities on improving the quality

of our lives. The administration is earnestly pursuing this objective. The support of Southern Baptists will be a source of encouragement during the remaining negotiating and ratification process for a SALT TWO agreement limiting nuclear weapons.

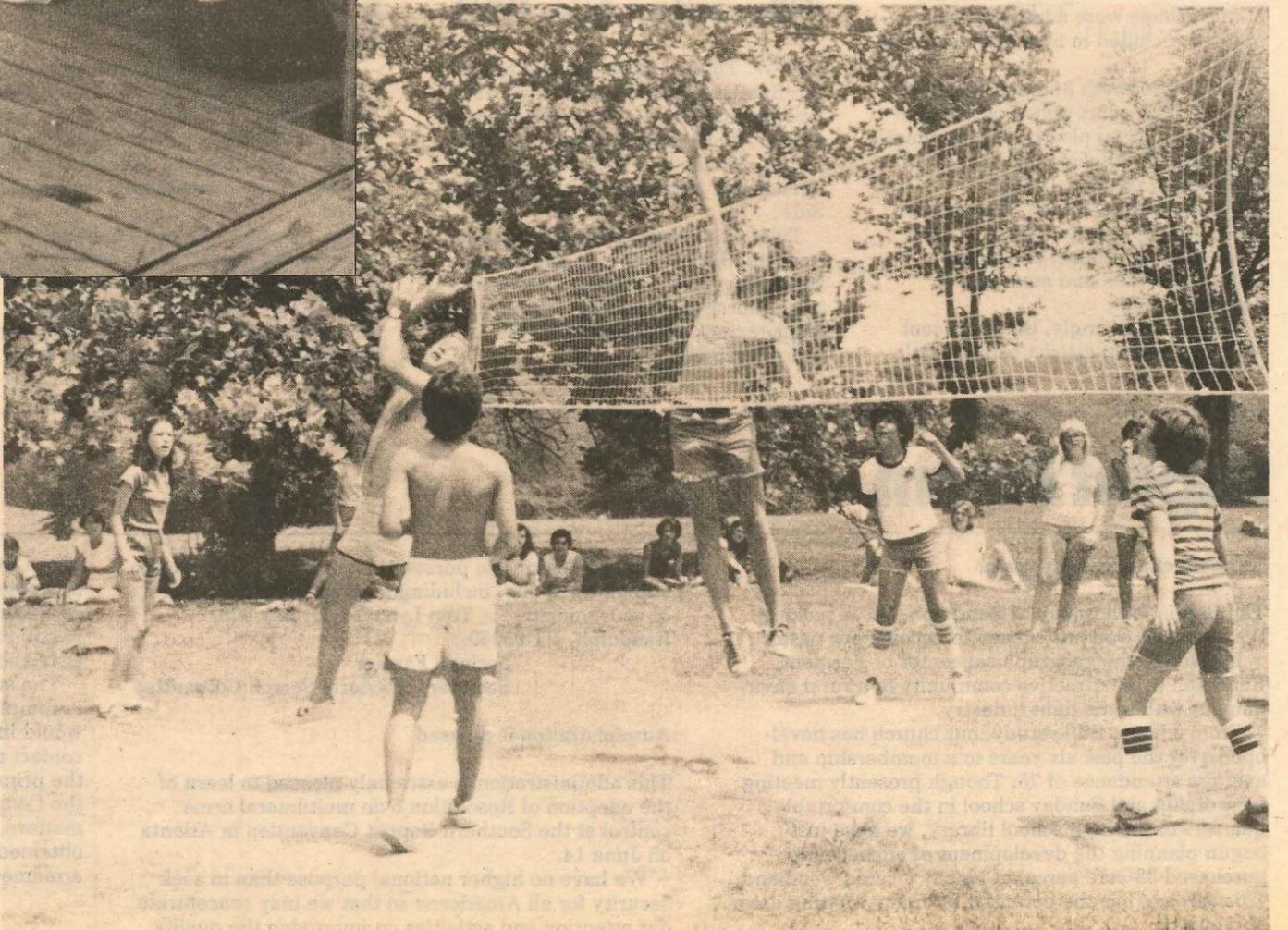
The subject of nuclear armaments and arms control is complex and often confusing and for this reason I would like to extend an invitation to your readers to contact this agency for explanatory materials. One of the primary missions of our agency as mandated by the Congress is to inform the public on arms control matters. Publications and other information may be obtained by writing the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Washington, D. C. 20451.

Thomas A. Halsted
Public Affairs Adviser

Top, counselor Tim Brown, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, and his Crusaders from cabin one horse around with Big John, a popular attraction at Camp Rabro for the past 12 years. Center, GA/Acteen camp missionary Mollie Fox, who with husband John is a Home Mission Board missionary assigned to Elkhorn Association, answers questions during a session with GAs in one of the outdoor shelters at Cedar Crest. Fox is director of Christian social ministries in Elkhorn. Bottom, participants in youth week engage in continuous volleyball competition. Teams also competed during the week in softball, swimming and a tug of war contest.



Cedarmore scrapbook



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Missions People

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley D. Brown, missionaries to Liberia, have completed furlough and returned to the field. Their address is P.O. Box 1778, Monrovia, Liberia.

Before they were appointed missionaries, he was pastor of Union Baptist Church, Defoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Daugherty, missionary associates to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough. Their address is 4900 Franklin Road, Nashville, TN 37211.

She is the former Myrtle Dabney of Monticello.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Duvall, missionaries to Indonesia, have completed furlough and returned to the field. Their address is Box 1, Kediri, Indonesia.

He is a native of Lexington. She is the former Sarah Eddleman, daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, and was born in Tiberias, Palestine. She lived in Louisville and Georgetown while growing up.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon D. Grober, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to Brazil. Their address is Caixa 1043, 66000 Belem, PA, Brazil.

She is the former Marjorie Steele of Ballard County.

Before they were appointed, he was pastor of Eddy Creek Baptist Church, Princeton, and part time professor at Bethel College, Hopkinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Leftwich, missionaries to Nigeria, have completed furlough and returned to Nigeria. Their address is Box 584, Jos, Nigeria.

Before they were appointed, he was pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Elliston.

Dr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Mercer, missionaries to Japan, have completed furlough and returned there. Their address is 7-25 1-chome, Uenosaka Toyonaka-shi, Osaka 560, Japan.

He is from the Central City area. Before they were appointed, he was pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Moorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Takahiro Oue, missionaries to Japan, have returned to Japan after furlough. Their address is 10-12 2-chome, Koganoi, 780, Japan.

Born in Japan, he lived in Kentucky while in high school. A Larue County native, she is the former Lana O'Banion.

He is a former pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Chapel, Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Park, missionaries to Chile, have completed furlough and returned to Chile. Their address is Casilla 345, Santiago, Chile.

He is from Paducah. The former Divina Key, she was born in Nortonville.

Before their appointment, he was minister of education at Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, and a student at Southern Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill L. Pope, missionaries to the French West Indies, have arrived in the States for furlough. Their address is P.O. Box 2446, Samford University, Birmingham, AL 35209.

She was born in Harlan and lived in Bridgeport, Burdine, Benton and Jenkins.

New missionaries

Six couples who are either current or former residents of Kentucky were among 55 people named missionaries June 28-29 by the Foreign Mission Board at its annual meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Rev. and Mrs. Larry W. Wakefield will serve in Mexico where he will be involved in student work. They currently live in Greensboro, N. C., where he has been minister of education and youth for five years at Guilford Baptist Church.

Wakefield was born in Lewisburg, Tenn., but grew up in Muldraugh, Ky. He earned a BA degree at the University of Kentucky and the MDiv degree from Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

The former Peggy Wright, she is a Hodgenville native. She earned an AA degree from Elizabethtown (Ky.) Community College.

The Wakefields were summer missionaries in western Kentucky for the Home Mission Board and Baptist Student Union.

They have two children, Mark Wayne and Wendy Dawn.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond C. Hicks, former missionary journeymen to Israel, will return there as career missionaries.

He will be a general evangelist and she a home and church worker.

They live in Louisville where Hicks recently received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. Earlier he was chaplain for Baptist Hospital East, Louisville.

Mrs. Hicks is a fourth grade teacher in Shelby County. A Georgetown native, she holds a BS degree from Georgetown College and an ME degree from University of Louisville.

A Highland Park, Mich., native, Hicks earned a BA degree from Georgetown College. He has been pastor of Plain View Baptist Church, Maysville; interim pastor of Beaver Baptist Church, Cynthiana; and pastoral intern at Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville, where they are members.

They have a daughter, Sommer Marie.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Merck will be missionary associates in Thailand where he will work as a surgeon.

Since April 1977 they have been special project workers in Bangkok, Thailand, under the FMB.

Merck received his doctor of medi-

cine degree from Medical College of Birmingham and attended Southern Seminary.

He taught surgery at the University of Alabama School of Medicine and was chief of general surgery at Baptist Medical Center-Princeton, Birmingham.

Mrs. Merck, the former Barbara Holt of Pensacola, Fla., holds a BA degree from Florida State University and an MA degree from Stetson University. She attended the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville.

They have a son, Daniel Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Smith will serve in Liberia where he will be a general evangelist.

He recently received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. They were summer missionaries to Liberia, sponsored by the seminary and FMB.

A North Carolina native, Smith was graduated from North Carolina State University with a BS degree. He has worked with international students at University of Louisville.

The former Shirley Canada of Williamson, W. Va., she earned a BA degree from Berea (Ky.) College.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert K. Bates were appointed to work in Chile where he will be a teacher in theological education by extension and she will be involved in home and church work.

Bates holds a BA degree from Mars Hill (N.C.) College and the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

The former Joy Sellers of Sylva, N. C., she graduated from Mars Hill with a BS degree. She also attended Southern Seminary.

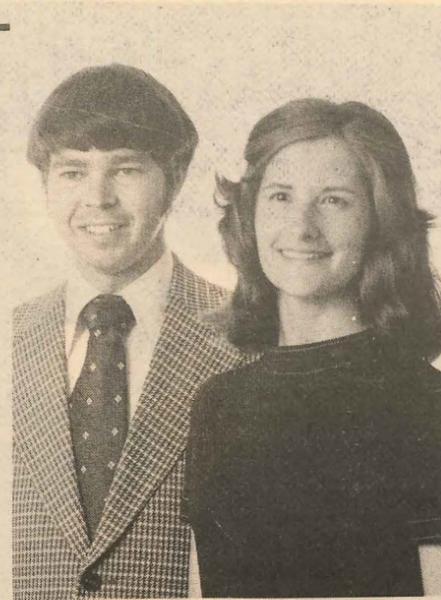
They have three daughters, Julia Lynn, Jennifer Alice and Robin Kaye.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald W. Coker will go to Belgium where he will be a student worker and she will be involved in home and church work.

A native of Asheville, N. C., Coker graduated from Clemson University with a BS degree, from Southern Seminary with the MDiv degree and from South Carolina State Hospital, Columbia, with clinical pastoral education certificates.

The former Nancy Price of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Coker earned a BS degree from Winthrop College and formerly taught in Bullitt County, Ky., schools.

They have two daughters, Marjorie Suzanne and Melanie Dianne.



Larry and Peggy Wakefield



Raymond and Beverly Hicks



Daniel and Barbara Merck



Ronald and Nancy Coker

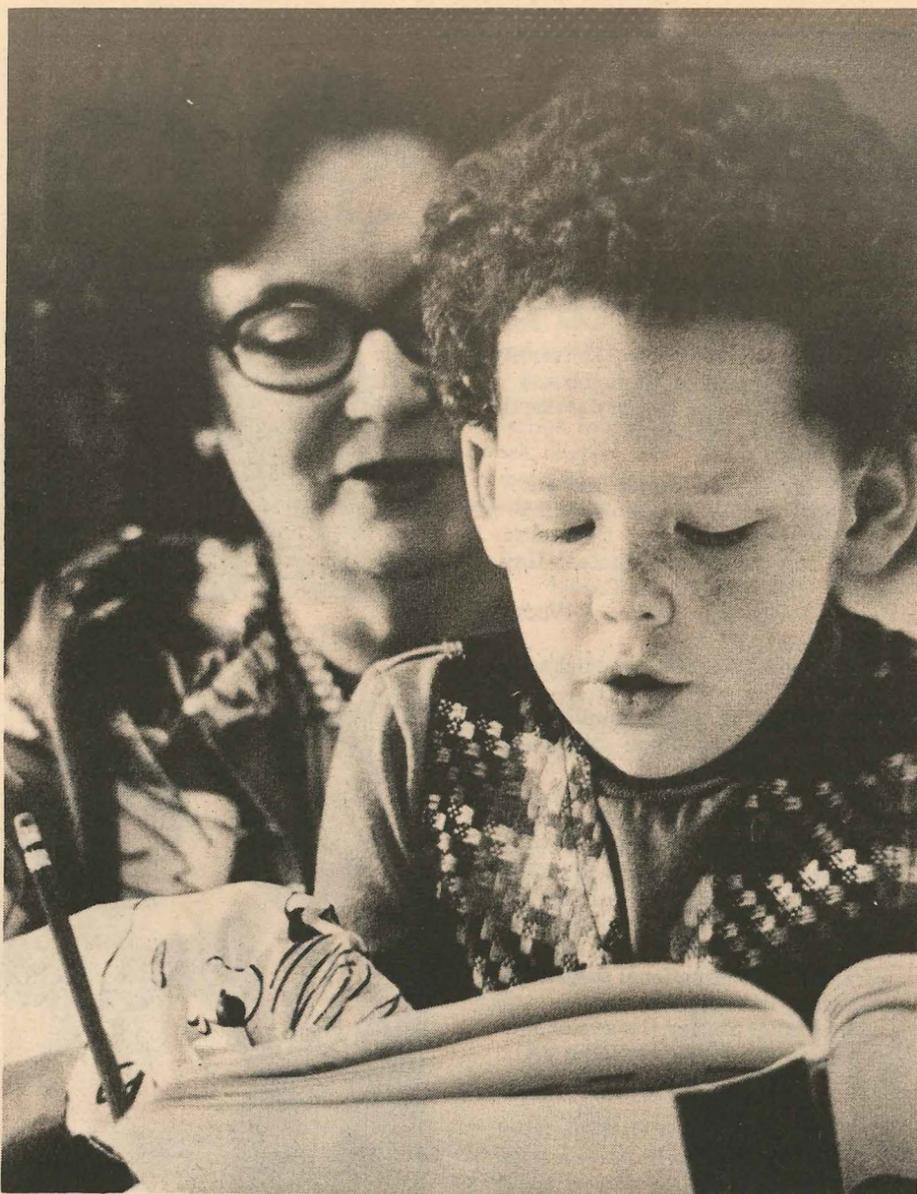


Robert and Joy Bates



Thomas and Shirley Smith

S. C. literacy worker teaches others to read



The finger puppet Jumbo, an invention of Bea Cagle, points out the words to student Paige Couch during a reading session at Mrs. Cagle's home at Traveler's Rest, S.C.

Even after Bea Cagle learned how to teach others to read she had trouble finding non-readers.

"By the way they dress, you'll not know it. By the way they ride in, you will not recognize that they cannot read or write their name," Mrs. Calvin Cagle explains.

So often she found her students simply by chance.

"A dear lady I had known all my life—or I thought I knew her—was visiting at the funeral home," the proud-to-be-a-country woman says.

"She walked up to me and said, 'Bea, would you please sign my name?'"

"Now you can imagine how I felt. All illiterates are not in the mountains . . . they are here too. They are everywhere," Mrs. Cagle insists.

Yet she was not always aware of non-readers' needs.

One day back in 1973, then-WMU director of North Greenville Baptist Association, Mrs. John Mayfield, called and said, "Bea, would you be willing to go to Ridgecrest and take some literacy training and come back and teach someone that can't read?"

Mrs. Cagle answered, "I don't know anybody that can't read."

But the director countered, "I'm not asking if you know anyone . . . I asked if you would be willing to learn."

She went to Ridgecrest, "but I still didn't know how I could use the training. I didn't know anyone at that time who could not read," she says.

But after returning, she heard about a woman that lived two or three miles away. "So I started out with her and then the word began to spread," Mrs. Cagle explains.

Before becoming a literacy volunteer, trained by Mildred Blankenship, literacy staffer for the Home Mission Board Christian Social Ministries Department, Mrs. Cagle took care of the sick, visited shut-ins, comforted the bereaved.

Now she squeezes into that routine

about 20 students each week.

One student is 42-year-old George Banks, owner of a nearby asphalt company.

"Now George is not dumb and he's not stupid," Mrs. Cagle insists in her strong but gentle, motherly way.

"He's just from a family of 12 children and a lot of people who had large families didn't get much education back then.

"This man doesn't live in a house with a dirt floor," she says, daring anyone to judge a non-reader. "He has a Mercedes Benz; his wife has a Cadillac. They have a swimming pool and every convenience. They have far more than I could ever have of this world's goods . . . but he had a need."

The Cagles, in contrast, don't have a fancy house.

When one little girl came for her first lesson, she looked around Bea's kitchen where she teaches on the eating table and said, "My, your house is so little!"

"I thought the other day about a little poem about the old woman that lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do.

"Well, I kind of refer to myself that way sometimes," Mrs. Cagle explains. "I have so many pupils I don't know what to do.

"Yet there are about eight million children, they tell us, that can't read. What's going to happen to our churches, to our nation, if we don't help them.

"I'm not telling you to go out and teach 20 pupils, but try one. A commercial said, 'Try it; you might like it.'

"Well, I'm not saying you might like it. I know you will like it because it will give you a satisfaction you never had before."

With all that satisfaction, Mrs. Cagle insists, "I'll never quit teaching . . . I want to teach 'til Jesus comes."

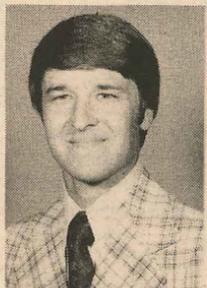
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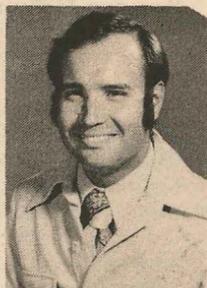
Angel



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Four Kentucky students receive Southwestern Seminary degrees

Four students from Kentucky received degrees during summer commencement exercises at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 14.

They are Larry Thomas Angel, Princeton, MRE degree; Linda Ward Cooper, Jeffersonton, MM degree; J. Christopher McCool, Owensboro, MRE degree; and Dan D. Ross, Paducah, MRE degree.

Seminary president Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to 190

candidates from Southwestern's three schools. Naylor will conclude his 20-year presidency July 31 and Russell H. Dilday Jr. will succeed him Aug. 1.

Joe L. Ingram, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, was the commencement speaker.

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Evergreen Baptist work team helps camp near Buffalo, N.Y.

A caravan of 30 members of Evergreen Baptist Church, Frankfort, left the church June 24 for a week long work project at Camp Iron Bell near Buffalo, N. Y.

They were commissioned as missionaries representing the church in services June 11.

The camp is a member of Christian Camping International and its purpose is to help inner city youth learn about nature and the Creator. Camp Iron Bell is operated by Byron Lutz.

The caravan included a church bus loaded with people and baggage, a plumber's truck loaded with materials donated by a plumbing supply house in Frankfort and a general contractor's truck loaded with tools for the job.

At the camp, plumbers installed a complete water system including four showers, four toilets, four lavatories and water service for a new kitchen.

Electricians wired the huge log

lodge, installing plugs and switches to replace pull cords. Carpenters built kitchen cabinets and helped raise a new log cabin. Others painted, washed windows and cooked meals.

The Home Mission Board sponsors college students to serve as counselors for six weeks of camp at Iron Bell. It was through the board that the church made contact with Lutz.

The church group was under the direction of Jerry Chase, minister of music and youth at Evergreen.



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Life and Work Series

Living together as Christians

Colossians 3:15-4:1

In this lesson the Holy Spirit through Paul gave some pertinent and relevant instruction as to how Christians should conduct themselves in all relationships.

Here is a strong appeal to believers to let the priceless possession of peace which they had received as a gift from the Lord rule in their hearts. Christ's legacy of peace is the most precious of gifts.

Paul admonished his readers to cultivate a thankful spirit. Such a spirit pleases the Lord, enriches the lives of those who observe it and greatly benefits those who possess it. For mercies received and blessings enjoyed, let us thank God with the gratitude of our hearts, the praises of our lips and the obedience of our lives. The "word of Christ" (verse 16) not only refers to what he said, but it includes the entire body of truth concerning Christ as recorded in the scriptures.

Paul exhorted Christian wives and husbands to accept their responsibilities and obligations in their

families for the sake of Christ, the Lord of the home. It is the will of God that husbands shall love their own wives and give themselves in self-sacrificing love for their well-being. Real love eliminates all domination and bitterness.

The submission of children to their parents forms the great foundation on which the happiness of the home rests. Children who obey their parents promptly and cheerfully please the Lord, honor their parents and bring credit upon themselves. Fathers and mothers should not make unreasonable demands of their children and should never administer chastisement to them in anger.

Obedience to masters was required of all servants. Doubtless many of the slaves considered their tasks irksome and degrading but Paul applied some principles to their situation which made them realize they were servants of Christ.

God's word teaches that masters are to be fair and just with their employes. How different things would be today in these and in kindred relationships if both parties were only governed by Christian principles!

International Series

Instructing church leaders

Acts 20:17-21, 25-28, 32-38

In a hurry to arrive in Jerusalem in time for Pentecost, Paul wisely passed by the Ephesian docks, knowing that the resultant hospitality would consume too much time. Unable to leave without some word with the Ephesian Christians, Paul invited the beloved leaders in their church to meet him at Miletus, 30 miles from Ephesus.

Upon their arrival, Paul added force to his farewell admonitions by reminding them of the spirit and character of his ministry in their church. He pointed to his own walk and work among them and challenged them to mention one thing in his record that was subject to suspicion, doing so in all humility.

Paul's manner was depicted in verse 19. He served the Lord with all humility. There was no arrogance or self-assertiveness in Paul. Instead of being self-seeking, he was anxious to render the humblest service possible for his fellowmen in the name of the Lord because he knew that God always appreciates genuine humility and detests arrogance.

Paul had an insatiable desire to see people saved and kept everything secondary to making known to them the gospel of Christ. Like Christ, Paul spoke

to the crowds and to individuals as he went from house to house.

On account of his Christlike actions, his kind words and his love for their souls, Paul was very dear to them. Reminding them that quite likely they would never see him again on earth, Paul challenged them to be faithful to Christ.

Paul charged and challenged the elders, or leaders, of the church at Ephesus with the grave responsibility of being faithful undershepherds over the Lord's people. Paul warned the church leaders that after his departure grievous wolves would enter their ranks at Ephesus and propagate false doctrines in order to lead some of the Christians astray.

Our Lord frequently separated people into two groups, and here he divided them into givers and getters. Christ taught that a much higher place is to be accorded the blessedness of giving than that which goes with getting. Through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit render an effective and acceptable service for the Lord, with the full realization that such service will be rewarded.

The touching parting scene speaks eloquently of the mutual love between Paul and those whom he had introduced to the savior.

Frank Owen

Give where?

Some recent publication articles have listed estimated incomes of independent religious radio and television programs. It is amazing to note the multi-million dollar operations of single persons or churches that receive multiplied times that of our entire denomination in Kentucky for all the causes we try to support here and around the world. Much, much more mailed to one voice than all our 2200 churches give through the Baptist Cooperative Program.

Christians who want to give to the causes of Christ have a responsibility to put their gifts into hands that have the harness to use them in wide kingdom purposes.

Nearly every conceivable good work that radio and television voices appeal for is being quietly and regularly done, times over, in the vast world mission program of Southern Baptists which we call the Cooperative Program. The committees and boards of your denomination manage these funds and report on their distribution and expenditures. You as a Baptist church member have input to this structure, you elect these leaders and they report to you.

Certainly there are many good causes outside your denomination and it is not our intention to condemn them. It is our intention here to point out that if you do your Christian giving through your denomination's Cooperative Program, you are probably giving to all of the kinds of causes that you could possibly hear about from somewhere else. You are giving it in a channel in which you have a voice of influence and democratic authority; and you can know to whom the recipient of your gifts is reporting and you can get a copy of the report.

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Do you know where your gifts go? Do you get a financial report? Could you? Is the receiver of your gift harnessed up and prepared to do the most good with it? Have you informed yourself on the marvelous kingdom-wide program of Southern Baptists?

Ridgecrest boys camp celebrating its 50th anniversary

Camp Ridgecrest for Boys will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an alumni dinner Aug. 11 in the camp dining hall.

Rick Johnson, director of Camp Ridgecrest, said he hoped many former campers, staffers and directors will attend the celebration and renew acquaintances from their days at camp.

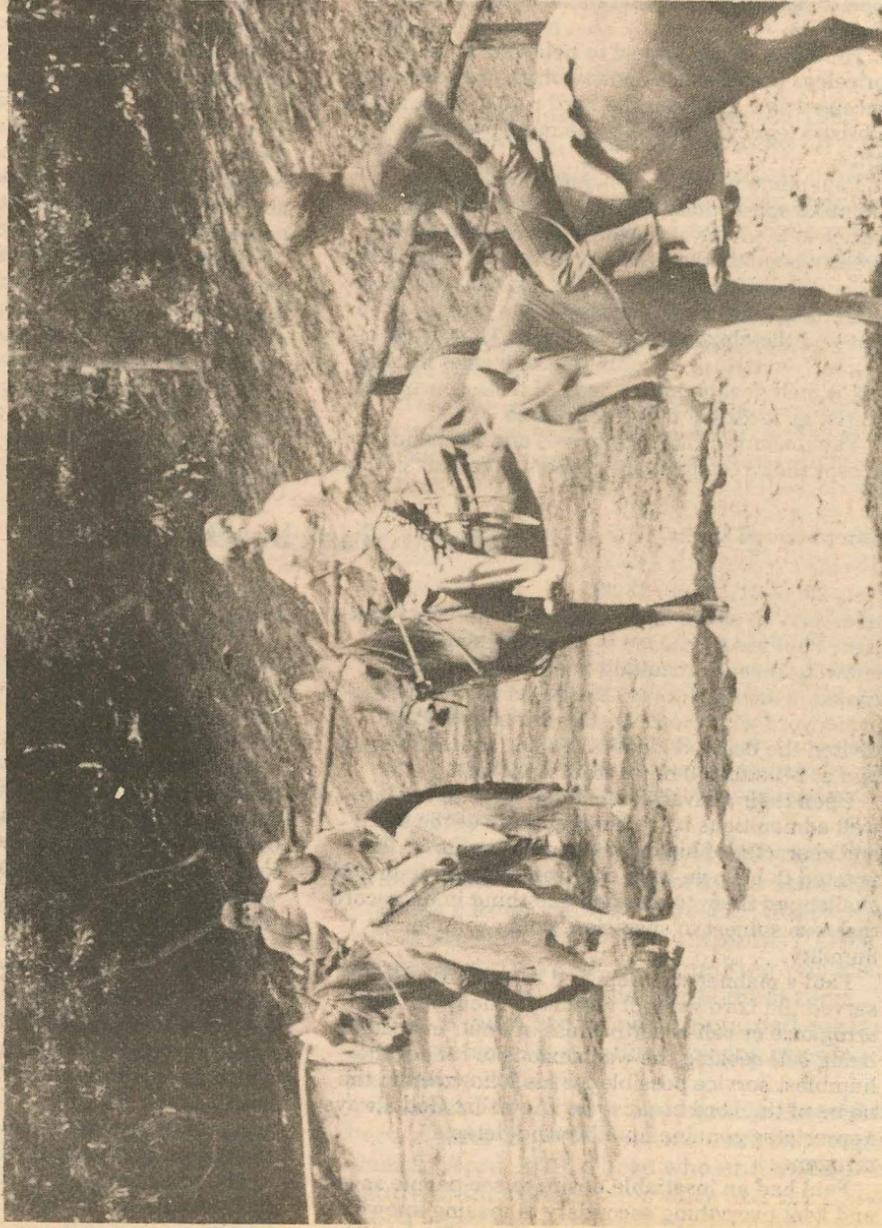
Special arrangements have been made with Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center across the highway for visiting alumni to stay there the night of the dinner.

Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, organized in 1928, has 400 boys ages eight to 16 each summer. Boys participate in outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, canoeing, archery, horseback riding and swimming.

Johnson said during the camp's 50 years of operation more than 15,000 campers and nearly 2000 staff members have participated in the program.

Closing ceremonies for the 50th summer of Camp Ridgecrest will be held Aug. 12, the evening after the alumni dinner. The dinner is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Camp alumni interested in attending the celebration should contact Rick Johnson, director, Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.



Horseback riding is one of the favorite skills boys learn at Camp Ridgecrest.

Moses!

"What's that in your hand, Moses?"
"It's just a rod."
"Throw it down, Moses."
Moses threw the rod on the ground and the rod
became a hissing snake!

Well, Moses started runnin' . . .
And the Lord said, "Stop, pick it up, Moses."
"Oh God, it's a rod again, it's a rod again, it's a
rod again!
The rod of Moses became the rod of God!

What do you hold in your hand today?
To what or to whom are you bound?
Are you willing to give it to God right now?
Give it up, let it go, throw it down.



Janet Hanson, a summer missionary with the Son-share Players, does a dramatic interpretation of Ken Medema's song, "Moses," during youth week at Cedarvale Baptist Assembly.