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State bold mission panel sets goals, strategies to reach all Kentuckians

by C. R. Daley, Editor

The Kentucky Baptist special bold mission committee in its first meeting adopted three main objectives and agreed on at least four specific methods for realizing these objectives. This committee meeting at the Baptist Building Feb. 22 came into existence as a result of a challenge presented to executive board members last December by convention president John Dunaway. The board responded to Dunaway's challenge by approving a statewide committee composed of one pastor, one laywoman and one layman from each of the eight geographical divisions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. J. Altus Newell, first vice president of the convention, is chairman of the

group.

The committee will be concerned with helping Kentucky Baptist churches do their part in the current Bold Mission Thrust efforts of Southern Baptists. The objective is to confront every person in the world with the gospel by 2000 A.D. This includes reaching every person in Kentucky with the gospel by 1982.

President Dunaway says there are approximately two million people in Kentucky who are not professing Christians and while he is concerned with the goal to reach everyone in the world by 2000 A.D., he feels Kentucky Baptists have a special obligation to reach all Kentuckians with the gospel within the next three years. He is asking committee members to make this their first priority.

Objectives of the committee are:

1. Participation by all Kentucky Baptist churches in specific mission projects in Kentucky. (A form has been sent to churches requesting each church either provide workers for a mission project somewhere in Kentucky or request help for mission projects in their area or both.)

2. Participation of 13,000 Kentucky Baptists in a bold mission rally scheduled Nov. 12 in Diddle Arena in Bowling Green as a part of the 1980 Kentucky Baptist Convention.

3. Doubling of total mission giving by every Baptist church in Kentucky within five years.

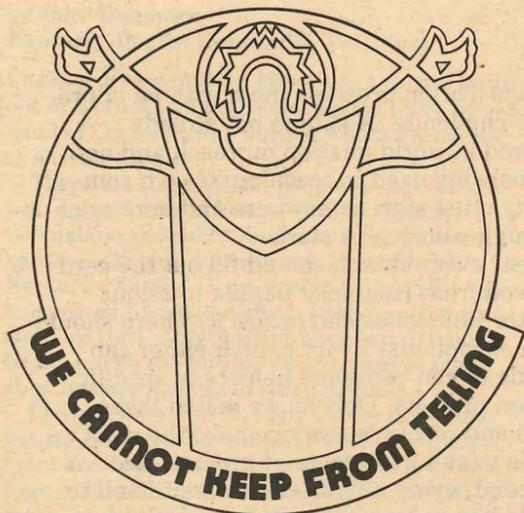
Many other possible objectives for the committee were discussed but it was decided to major on these three instead of working on numerous activities and fragmenting efforts. In a long brainstorming session on how to go about realizing these three objectives, members agreed on four specific efforts. They are:

1. Personal contact by committee members with every church in an effort to secure participation by church leaders in bold mission conferences this fall for local church leadership. (Similar conferences last fall reached a number of churches but the goal this year is to reach churches in all 80 district associations.)

2. Publicize and secure commitments from churches to send representatives to the Nov. 12 bold mission rally in Bowling Green, emphasizing attendance of persons who will actually be involved in missions projects.

3. Present the bold mission challenge in Kentucky to members of each associational executive board at least once within the next year.

4. Make bold missions challenge in Kentucky a special concern in forthcoming Kentucky Baptist Men's prayer breakfasts and other prayer groups. The committee set May 16 for its next meeting.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Week of Prayer for Home Missions
March 2-9, 1980

National Goal: \$15,500,000

Haygood to lead

R. V. Haygood has been named executive director-treasurer-elect of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Haygood, 50, will succeed E. Harmon Moore in the top administrative spot Jan. 1, 1981 after Moore's retirement.

The state convention's executive board elected Haygood, now the convention's associate executive director and director of missions, by a vote of 20 to 1 in a secret ballot.

Haygood joined the Indiana convention in 1969 as director of missions and stewardship and became associate executive director and director of missions in 1973. He has also pastored churches in Arkansas and Texas.

He attended A & M College, Monticello, Ark., is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Ted Adams, ex-BWA head, dies

Theodore Floyd Adams, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, died Feb. 27 at the age of 81. He suffered an apparent heart attack and stroke Sunday morning Feb. 24 and never regained consciousness.

Adams arrived in Richmond Feb. 25, 1936 to assume the pastorate of First Baptist Church where membership was about 1400.

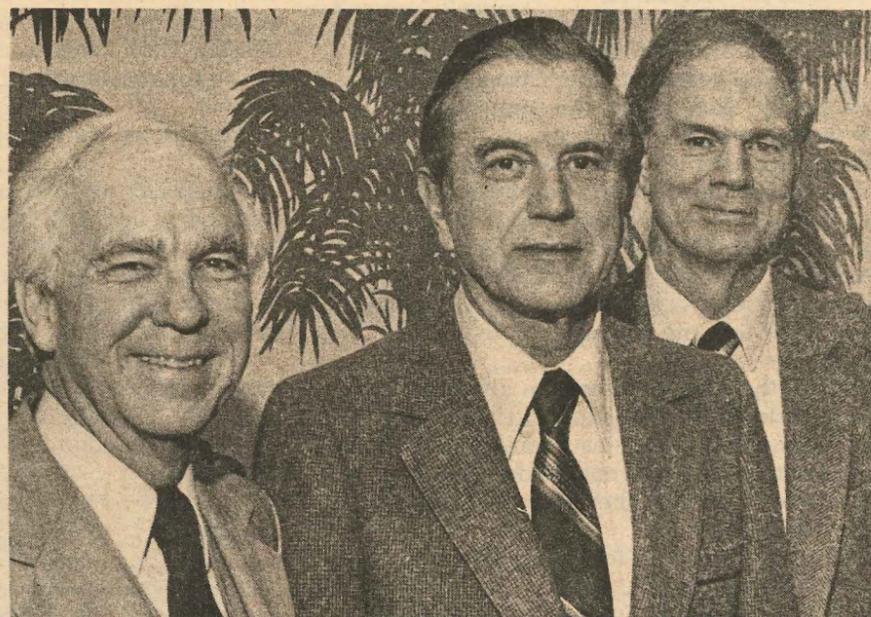
During Adams' 32-year pastorate, from which he retired in 1968, the church grew to some 4000 members and Adams' role of leadership grew with it.

He was vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, 1947-50. In 1955 at the London meeting of the Baptist World Congress, he was elected to a five-year term as president.

For 10 years after retirement he was visiting professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Giving up the teaching post in 1978 he became a regional director of development for the seminary.

Adams is survived by his wife Esther Jillson Adams, Lakewood Manor Retirement Community, Richmond; a daughter, Mrs. Betsy Ann Adams Thompson of Richmond; two sons, Theodore F. Adams Jr., Richmond, and John Jillson Adams of McLean, Va.; and a brother, George Adams of Fairfield, Conn.

Funeral services were at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Mar. 1 with burial at Westhampton Memorial Park.



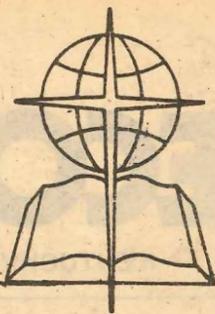
Three men each were elected officers of the Association of Baptist State Executive Directors and the Southern Baptist Press Association in annual meetings of the two groups at Orlando, Fla. In the picture at left, the executive secretaries chose these state leaders [l-r]: Joe L. Ingram, Oklahoma, vice president; Richard M. Stephen-

son, Virginia, president; Robert B. Wilson, Michigan, secretary-treasurer. At right, editors selected [l-r]: Bob Terry, Missouri, secretary-treasurer; Julian Pentecost, Virginia, president; and Don McGregor, Mississippi, president-elect.

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

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Cold weather and warm hearts

The 1980 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference featured strong preaching, enthusiastic response and a late February blizzard. It left a strong impact upon those attending and doubtlessly will be reflected in evangelistic results across the state.

This annual event is by far the most popular of all Baptist meetings for pastors. It's the preachers' revival and they flock to hear inspired preaching and to warm their hearts in preparation for new dimensions in their own ministries.

Jay Brown, Kentucky Baptist evangelism director, made good choices this year in the visiting preachers and musicians. Several were refreshingly different. Franklin Paschall, always a favorite in Kentucky, was the same as ever but there's none quite like him. Should he choose to get out of preaching he could make a million in the entertainment world. He can give a humorous twist to any incident and he makes ordinary personal experiences serve as excellent illustrations of his points.

Two appreciated contributions came from Ron Dunn and Charles Carter. These two brethren are not as well known as some on the circuit but they surpass some who are better known. Dunn has a homespun way of communicating penetrating insights into the meaning of scripture. When he says it, it is obvious but we never had quite seen it before. His presentations reflect serious study and devotion to the scriptures.

Charles Carter's preaching content has a dimension not always found in popular preaching. When you hear him, you learn something as well as feel something. His stature will grow in Southern Baptist circles.

But the true heroes of the evangelism conference are not the popular preachers but those pastors who hunger and thirst for personal revival and seek it with all their hearts. Some come from long distances at personal sacrifice. Some bivocational pastors leave their jobs in order to come and some have to pay their expenses.

Many of these pastors serve in different areas and churches. They have little encouragement and help from most members. Their evangelistic harvest will not yield as much in a year as that of some of the conference speakers on one Sunday.

It's hard for some pastors serving in difficult places not to be discouraged enough to quit. A few do give up but most stick to it and high spiritual experiences like the evangelistic conference provide new inspiration.

We must never forget these pastors and churches. Their statistics are not impressive

always but they are the life blood of Baptists. If they gave up, the communities in which they now serve would become mission fields to be evangelized by outside help.

Evangelistic music is becoming more and more a part of these conferences and this adds to the enjoyment. This year significant musical contributions were made by Allen and Ann Case from Elizabethtown, Bill and Linda Cates from Nashville, professor Richard Joiner and the Campbellsville College concert choir and others.

A typical reaction to the meeting and the weather was reflected in the words of a young preacher on the way to the snow covered parking lot after the last session. "I am warm enough inside to stand anything now."

Local church holds key to Bold Mission success

The first five year phase of Bold Mission Thrust will soon be half over and it's time to take stock. How far have we come and how far do we have to go?

The answer to this question depends somewhat upon who is giving it. An optimist can point out encouraging progress while a pessimist can find reason to predict failure already. This is understandable because the actual picture has some bright and some dark spots.

The chief impediment to Bold Mission Thrust success is the failure to communicate the true nature of this undertaking to local churches. By now most Southern Baptists have at least heard about Bold Mission and have some idea of its objectives but the responsibility of their own churches for this inspired dream has never really dawned upon them.

The success of Bold Mission Thrust doesn't depend upon the Southern Baptist Convention, the Kentucky Baptist Convention or any association of churches. To be sure these denominational organizations provide information, inspiration and other help but the actual work must be done by local churches. Bold Mission Thrust will succeed or fail in proportion to the response and efforts of local congregations.

Baptists have always known this but we always tend to forget it. The tendency is to fall into the thinking that churches exist for the convention instead of the convention existing for churches. The only reason for ever organizing associations, state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention was to help local churches do their God-given assignments.

The Great Commission was given to the first members of the first church and so it has been passed on to every true church. It was not given to any denomination or denominational organization.

Therefore it behooves every local church to consider its responsibility for evangelizing and congregationalizing every person in its own community and ultimately every person in the whole world. Any church not willing to set itself to this task is not a true New Testament church.

The fact is too many churches in Kentucky have not sincerely come to this point and Bold

Mission Thrust presents them with an appropriate challenge. A church not already involved in world mission outreach and not seriously involved in reaching its own community must start somewhere and here are two suggestions as a start.

First, every church should fill out the card received from Kentucky Baptist missions director Bob Jones and return it. There should be no exceptions. Every church either can provide or can use some helpers in specific mission projects. Only as we match these needs and resources can we have the most people working in places of greatest need.

Second, every church can commit itself to double its total mission gifts over a five year period. This is one of the original Bold Mission goals for churches.

Until a church does at least these two things, it cannot be serious about Bold Mission Thrust and Bold Mission Thrust is but another name for a 2000 year old assignment.

Help now! Help now! Help now!

Help! The avalanche must be stopped now or legalized gambling and unrestrained liquor sales will have an unprecedented stranglehold on Kentucky. Here are three specific efforts now being made in the 1980 Kentucky General Assembly with more to come.

SB 125 which calls for a constitutional amendment to legalize gambling in the form of a Kentucky Derby lottery and bingo for charitable causes was scheduled for senate vote Tuesday, Mar. 4.

HB 586 has been reported favorably out of committee and it is up to the Rules Committee when it reaches the house floor. This bill would take away from citizens in a community the right to vote for or against legal sale of alcoholic beverage on Sundays and put it into the hands of small governing bodies (city councilmen, aldermen, county commissioners, etc.) of communities. This is the same strategy used to get stores open on Sundays in Louisville. This bill would also allow fourth class cities to have Sunday sales of liquor by the drink which is not now permissible.

HB 555 is the most disastrous of all liquor proposals in the General Assembly. It would allow voting by precincts on legal sale of liquor in counties that are now completely dry by choice of the citizens. In this way liquor champions could search out one little precinct, get the necessary wet votes one way or another and create an oasis of liquor in an otherwise dry area. This bill is scheduled for committee action Mar. 6.

Take note. All the sponsors of all three of these proposals are from the Louisville and northern Kentucky areas. Obviously the gambling and liquor interests are strongest in these areas and voters in these areas should take note that too many present legislators are tools in their hands. The darling of the liquor forces seems to be Rep. Terry Mann of Newport. He is the sole sponsor of HB 555 and is listed as the first sponsor of HB 586.

Help! Call your representative and senator this very day. Ask them to oppose HB 555, HB 586 and any other similar legislation.

(A challenge delivered by Kentucky Baptist Convention president John Dunaway to members of the special Bold Missions Committee. A similar challenge came from Dunaway to Executive Board members last December.)

I have a dream

by John Dunaway,
Kentucky Baptist Convention President

I have a dream of Bold Missions, a dream born out of a burden in my heart, placed there by the hand of God. I have a burden which I want you to share with me.

There are three billion people in our world who do not profess to know Christ. There are two million people in Kentucky who, by acknowledgement, do not know Jesus Christ. Kentucky Baptists have accepted the challenge to confront by some witness every person in our state by 1982. This is mind-boggling. It cannot be done with the normal efforts most of our churches are making to reach people.

I have a dream in Bowling Green in November we can have a great Bold Mission commitment and commission service in Diddle arena. I have a dream 13,000 Kentucky Baptists can meet, be inspired and commit themselves to go into the world and reach it for Christ.

I have a dream each local church will raise the level of Cooperative Program and other mission giving so we can reach our world by the year 2000 A.D., make possible the opportunity for young people to make commitments to Christian ministry and missions and organize church fields, cities or associations into areas, then set out to reach every person within the next year for Christ. You can help where you are by organizing your church, city or association.

I have a dream that in the unchurched areas of our state and in the weak struggling churches where only an itinerant ministry is known in the summer of 1981 a Bold Mission mission thrust will be undertaken. This will mean our stronger churches will provide teams of youth, pastors and lay people visiting, witnessing and providing Bible studies and preaching until every person in those unreached areas has been confronted with the gospel. I have a dream we can enlist the people to go and provide the places to serve.

I believe the God who gave the burden and dream will through you and others provide the personnel and places.

I have a dream that by the end of 1982—perhaps even by the summer of '81—every boy and girl, every black and white person, every farmer and factory worker, every business and professional person, every senior citizen in our state will be witnessed to by the people of God.

I have a dream every philosophical, theological, political, educational and cultural difference will be put behind the cross and together we will march to Bowling Green and from Bowling Green, motivated by God's spirit, to reach our cities and our state and ultimately our world.

Raymond Lull, who was the first missionary to the Moslems, lived in Spain. He came from an aristocratic background and lived in a time of visionaries. He had a vision in which Christ came to him carrying his cross and extended it to him saying, "Take my cross and go yonder to the Moslems with my message." "No!" he said. "I am not use to hardship. I cannot go." Again Christ appeared. Again Lull said, "No!" The third time Christ extended to him his cross. At last Lull said, "All right, Lord." So he took the cross from the hand of Christ and crossed the strait into Africa to witness and sacrifice.

So in my dream Christ is handing to us a cross of Bold Missions. I ask you to take up that cross with me and let us carry it, doing our part as Kentucky Baptists until every person is reached for Jesus Christ.

That's my dream. I ask you to share it with me as together in the power of God's spirit we make the dream become a reality.



by Gail Rothwell, Staff Writer

"Because we have been touched by God, we need to reach out and touch other lives with the gospel." "Touch and be Touched" was the theme of the 24th annual student missions conference held Feb. 22-24 at Southern Seminary. The program featured a blend of past, present and future mission experiences.

Mission past can be seen through the work of Miss Bertha Smith, emeritus missionary to China; the present through Dale Beighle, missionary on furlough, and the future through the hopes and dreams of Angela Church, a student at Southern Seminary.

The past

In 1917 Bertha Smith began what would be a 42 year career as a Southern Baptist missionary to China. Miss Smith worked in Shantung China until communist take over forced her to discontinue her work. She continued her work for approximately 11 years in Formosa, now Taiwan.

While in Shantung she was the principal of a Chinese boarding school for girls. When the communists took control of China she was held prisoner for six weeks, but was exchanged for a Japanese citizen.

After the depression closed the girls' school she traveled for five years from village to village teaching the good news of Christ.

At 92 Miss Smith is still active in mission work. Amidst a busy schedule of conferences and retreats she directs the Peniel Prayer Center Inc., located in Cowpens, S. C. She is the founder of the center which has been in operation since 1971. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for pastors, church leaders and other Christians to come together for spiritual renewal and united prayer.

The present

"Frustration is being the only veterinarian in a nation populated with over three million animals." These frustrations are felt by Dale Beighle, one of only two Southern Baptist missionaries currently working in a foreign country.

Beighle, a native of Falmouth, Ky., is a missionary to Bophuthatswana, Africa. When the Beighles first went to Africa they were in language school in Ethiopia for nearly a year. From there they went to Kenya, but were soon transferred to Bophuthatswana. "When we first arrived in Bophuthatswana there was not a single veterinarian treating all those sick animals. The needs were so overwhelming. I became frustrated because I was so limited in what I could do, but the Lord opened doors for me to teach young men to help animals," Beighle stated.

For the past year he has been teaching veterinary medicine at a government agriculture college in Taung. Beighle explains, "The FMB 'loans' me to the



Miss Smith, who led a small group conference on being spiritually aware and in tune with God, chats with students between sessions.

college, then the government gives money to the African mission for services rendered."

At the college, which is open only to men, students are taught essentially the same subjects they would be taught in a U. S. veterinary school. When the students complete the three year diploma program they return to their villages to help care for sick animals. There are approximately 20 students enrolled in the program.

Beighle shared that he was free to speak openly to the students about the gospel of Jesus Christ. "Teaching opens the door to many lives we may never meet any other way," he declared.

The people in Bophuthatswana are very receptive to the words and work of Southern Baptists. When the Beighles arrived there in September 1977 they were the only Southern Baptist missionaries in the country. Recently the 18th missionary, including two journeymen, were added to missionary personnel in Bophuthatswana.

The Beighles, who are on furlough this year, are at home in Falmouth. Beighle and his wife, Ann, have three children.

The future

Missions is not a new concept to Angela Church.

Miss Church's parents are originally from Bowling Green, but moved to Louisville when she was three. When she graduated from high school she entered Western Kentucky University for one year. At the end of the year she opened a used furniture store in Louisville. "I considered it missions work," she explains, "I was able to give children clothes and food to the needy. One time I bought out a minister's library that was full of Bibles. I set them on a table in front of the store with a sign that said 'Free Bibles'." Just last year I ran into a lady who asked if I remembered her because I had given her a Bible."

After two years in the furniture business Miss Church began working in a preschool. She thought she wanted to go into preschool work full time but the Lord showed her otherwise when she was injured in a car accident. "The doctor told me I would have to give up working with preschool children. It was then the Lord showed me a work in full time Christian service. I have found there are no limitations to God's purpose for your life," she exclaimed.

Shortly after the accident she enrolled in Campbellsville College. In 1976, her junior year, she was a summer missionary to Germany. "While there we worked with American military families. Every week we were in a different church. We also worked with the European Baptist Convention." She graduated from Campbellsville the following year with a BS in religious education.

In February 1979 she enrolled in the MDiv/RE program at Southern Seminary. Last summer she and another student, Jacque Thompson, were Southern Seminary summer missionaries to Fairbanks, Alaska. Miss Church, a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, is planning to return to Alaska this summer as a Home Mission Board missionary.

"Alaska is a primitive area and I really did not want to go back, but the Lord changed the desires of my heart and gave me a need to return," she stated.

In addition to being a student Miss Church is working in a drug store in south Louisville. "Through this work the Lord has shown me you can minister where you are no matter what your situation is," she explained.

After graduation in June 1981 she plans to pursue a career in foreign missions. "I am leaving the door open as to where, but I do love Europe. Wherever God and I are will be home," she exclaimed.

"What is my concept of missions?" she asked. "Missions is loving people whoever they are, wherever they are and seeing who they can be through Jesus' love."

For me missions is a lifestyle. I cannot be a Christian without being called to missions. Missions is smiling at a lonely person, hugging a child, reaching out to those who are hurting. Missions is now, where you are."

Feb. 25-26 State evangelism conference

They came ... they heard ...

Coverage by Western Recorder Staff Writers
Ray Furr and Gail Rothwell

The annual Kentucky State Evangelism Conference was held Feb. 25-26 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. Despite the bitter cold weather which arrived in time for the conference, all conference goers were 'warmed' by messages of speakers. Featured here are excerpts from the various conference messages.

Joe Ford,
director evangelism division
Home Mission Board

"Perhaps the greatest need today is for the people of God to humble themselves before him," explained Joe Ford. "Humility is living as if you cannot live apart from the scriptures."

He continued, "Our future as a convention does not lie in denominational organization. The future of the Southern Baptist Convention and the people of God lies in the hands of God. The problem is the people of God keep forgetting where they came from."

In addition to humility the people of God need to pray and seek the presence of God, not the provisions of God. God's people must have private encounters with him on a daily basis, contended Ford.

"Although we need to seek his face and turn from our wicked ways, too much emphasis is put on the act of confession. We have people confessing everything and repenting nothing," he declared.

Evangelism is work, that's why a lot of people don't get involved. Our evangelistic efforts are a reflection of the attitude we have toward life in general. Our attitude needs to be one of ambition and urgency as seen in the apostle Paul. Paul went "all out" for the cause of Jesus Christ, regardless of the cost. Ford believes effective evangelism must involve sacrificial giving. "We are never going to touch the world through a ministry of convenience," he exclaimed.



Ford



Ward

Wayne Ward,
professor,
Southern Seminary

"The practice of prayer is crucial in every Christian's life," proclaimed Wayne Ward. "It is commanded by God's word and is a way by which God can release his mighty power."

Ward outlined two major misunderstandings of prayer. First, prayer is not the individual trying to persuade God for his own good. "Jesus always responded to the cry of those who needed and earnestly asked for his help." The second misunderstanding is using prayer for the wrong reasons. "There are many of us who preach sermons to the congregation while we are supposed to be talking with God," confessed Ward. "Prayer involves a communion with God which is heightened and deepened by both speaking and listening. It includes both asking and thanking."

Ward concluded by explaining prayer is a channel by which God can work through the individual. "Prayer is borne in the heart of God and channeled into the lives of those who love him. The circuit is made complete when we offer ourselves back to God."

Alvin Hardy,
vice-president
Campbellsville College

"Bold missions is people telling people about Jesus," asserted Alvin Hardy. Hardy, who was part of an evangelistic team to the Philippines, continued, "We went in to areas where no white man had ever been. We preached to people who had never heard the gospel. Once they accepted Jesus they spent nearly the whole night telling everyone they saw about their new life in Christ."

Hardy emphasized that bold missions is dependent upon bold giving to the Cooperative Program.



Hardy



Carter

Charles Carter, pastor,
Shades Mountain Baptist Church,
Birmingham, Ala.

"God has called us to be ministers of the word," asserted Charles Carter. Carter believes the only reason man knows anything about God is because God has disclosed himself throughout history. "God has revealed himself to man through the Bible."

He continued with a developmental history of the Bible, stating "it will always stand as applicable truth before mankind."

"We must never change the biblical message of God," insisted Carter. "We must declare the good news of the salvation of the believer and the humiliation of the cross as seen against the jubilant background of the resurrection."

Our motives for evangelism should entail the love and will of God, who is not willing that anyone should perish, but that all should be saved.

Carter preached hell as being a conscious, eternal separation from God. "It is not enough to just believe in hell, instead we must translate this theology into a compassion for our neighbor."

We must be channels through which the Holy Spirit can bring a starving, illiterate and diseased world to Jesus Christ.

"The heart of the Christian faith is the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Both his works and his words are evidence that Jesus is Lord." He views the resurrection as God's final revelation of Jesus as Lord.

Carter stressed, "If a person is under the Lordship of Jesus Christ there is no other denomination ... no racism ... and no second class citizenship in the kingdom of God." He advocated the acceptance of Christians who do not fit into our theological molds. "We cannot continue to cling to our little gods of affluence, comfort and indifference and call Jesus Christ our Lord."

He finalized his message by noting a need for the activity of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life. "It is vital to our evangelistic efforts for it is the Holy Spirit who gives us power in our lives."

Ron Dunn,
evangelist,
Irving, Tex.

Ron Dunn opened by advocating love for Jesus as being the basic foundation of all evangelistic thrust.

"God always takes those who seem to be useless by the world's standards and makes them his instruments because they love him." Dunn believes this love is the motivation for our evangelistic zeal.

He also encouraged Christians to closely examine their spiritual biography as recorded in Eph. 2:1-10. "God wants us to see that before he came into our lives we were dead in our sin. Our helpless lives were dominated by the power of this world. However, God has freed us from these sins and has adopted us as his own so he might exhibit through us his exceeding grace," stated Dunn.

The church is the instrument God uses to convey his grace. "We need a new appreciation for the church of Jesus Christ," Dunn emphasized. There are too many churches which have been built upon men and not Jesus. The body of Christ is founded upon our confession of Jesus Christ as Lord," he exhorted.

"It is in the fellowship of the church that one can experience true Christian joy. However, one of our biggest problems is God's people are not in fellowship with him."

"Awareness and confession of sin are two essential elements in maintaining fellowship with the Father." "We should also be confident that when we confess our sins God is faithful to forgive us," reasoned Dunn.

Finally, Dunn emphasized the need for Christians to keep all areas of their lives totally surrendered to Christ. "If there is an area over which I have no victory, it is an area that I have not given to the Lord," he contended. "God has given us victory through his son and this victory becomes ours through submission to Jesus." Jesus can give the Christian victory over all of life's situations. "Victory is not God removing every obstacle in life, instead triumph comes when in the midst of trials the Christian remains completely surrendered to God."



Dunn



Paschall

H. Franklin Paschall,
pastor,
First Baptist Church, Nashville

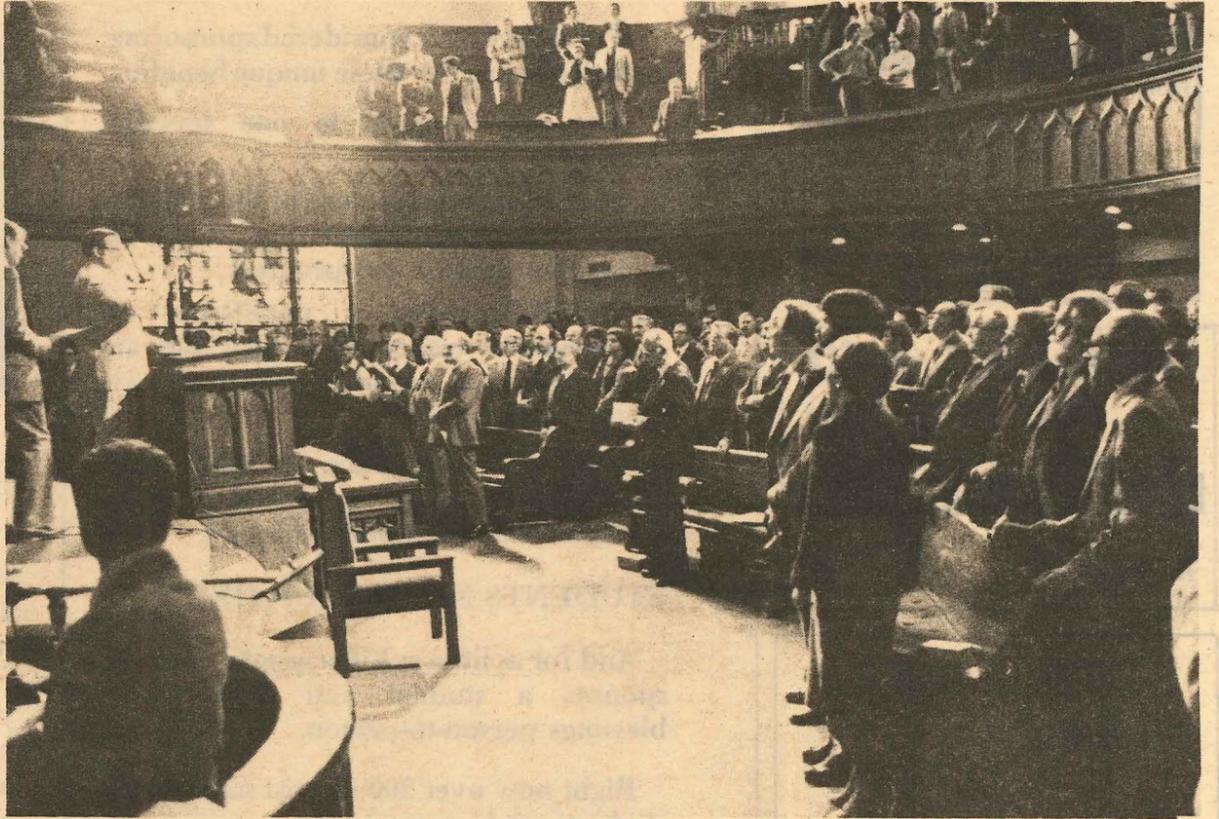
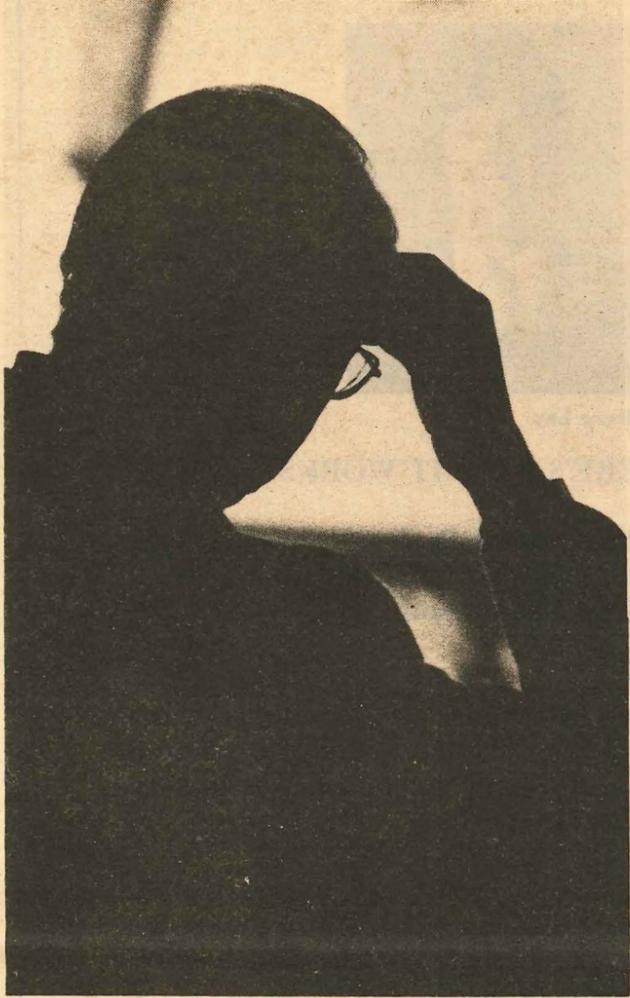
"The great gift of the church is the Holy Spirit and it did not have its beginning at Pentecost," said H. Franklin Paschall. "The Son of God does not want to be disembodied and the church is the physical manifestation of the spirit." Paschall noted the responsibility of the church is to reflect the true nature of God.

"The glory of God is Jesus Christ," he asserted. "This glory needs to be present in the church and it will come if the church leaders are leading out for Christ."

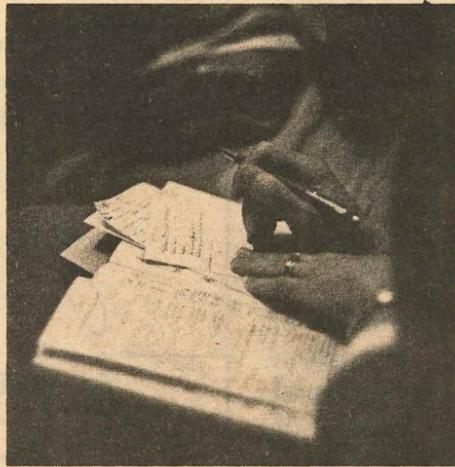
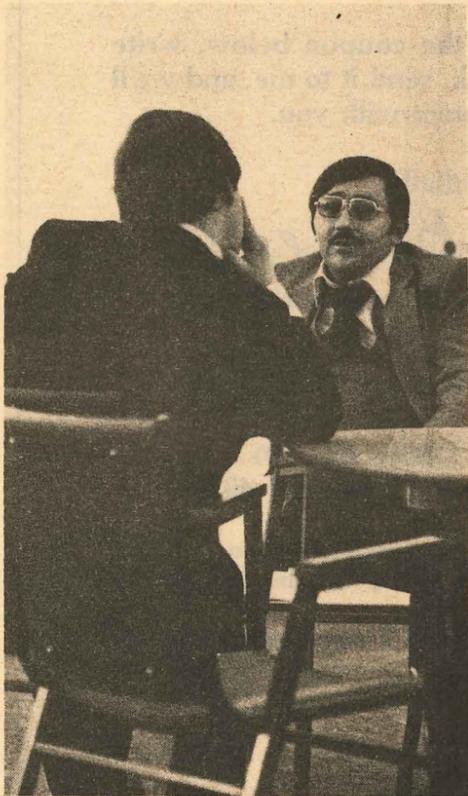
Paschall taught that the job of the minister is to perfect the saints. "There are members of the church who have been bruised and broken and it is the church's responsibility to mend those hurts. We need to get those absentees fixed so they can function in the body of Christ."

Paschall suggested the church is strengthened by evangelism, education and ethics. "We build the church by believing, knowing and becoming more like the person of Jesus Christ."

they saw... and obviously liked it all



Kentucky Baptists attend the annual evangelism conference in order to learn and become motivated in the business of evangelizing the lost for Jesus Christ. They do this in any number of ways: personal meditation; one-on-one encounter; and small-group exchange—not to mention the tremendous preaching and congregational singing. One senses the importance of the conference in the hallways and in the book store. Christians have come expecting to receive something. Few, if any, go home disappointed.



“But watch thou in all things . . . do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:5



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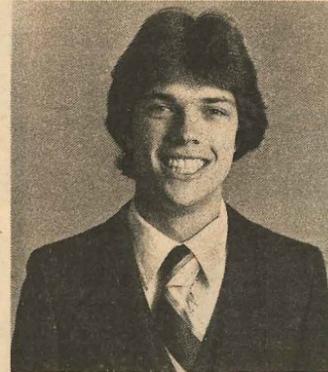
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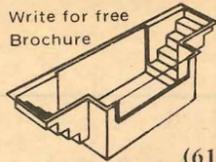
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John 11:49-53 When Christ raised Lazarus from the dead a number of Jews rejoiced with Martha and Mary. Others resented very much what Christ had done. The Sadducees had strongly contended the resurrection of the dead was an utter impossibility. These enemies were convinced something had to be done with Christ immediately lest he perform another miracle and more people forsake them and follow him.

The Sadducees and the Pharisees had been bitter rivals. In spite of their mutual bitterness, it was not difficult for them to join in alliance against Christ. When their leaders assembled for the express purpose of deciding how to get rid of Christ, Caiaphas, the high priest and wily politician, took the lead. Caiaphas was not interested in ascertaining the truth about Christ, but only in deciding to kill him.

John 18:12-14, 19-24 Ready for armed battle to accomplish their purpose, to have Christ surrender peacefully to arrest must have been somewhat of an anti-climax for the soldiers.

Following the arrest of Christ there was a Jewish trial before Annas, who was still the power behind the throne in Jerusalem. Four of his sons had held the high priesthood and Caiaphas, who was then the high priest, was his son-in-law. When Christ cleansed the temple of those who sold animals and doves for sacrifices, the income of Annas was greatly diminished so Annas was gloating over his opportunity to get revenge. Consequently the examination or trial of Christ before him was a mockery. When Annas was unable to get any information from Christ he sent the Lord Jesus to Caiaphas.

In the attempt to get Christ to incriminate himself, he suggested for them to seek testimony about his teaching from those who had heard him, knowing of course the high priest would not believe what he might tell him anyway. For his answer our Lord was struck in the face by an angry court officer. Christ rebuked him for his shameful action and asked him to inform him as to what he had said wrong, but no explanation was received.

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Resisting false teachings

1 John 4:1-3 Taking note of the fact some were so gullible they were being misled by false teachers, John admonished the professing Christians to stop believing those who denied the humanity of Christ or the deity of Christ, and openly spoke against his virgin birth, atoning death and physical resurrection. John urged them to test their utterances for authenticity and to reject the teachings of all who had the wrong spirit toward Christ the Saviour.

1 John 1:6-9 If glorious fellowship with God is to be maintained and enjoyed, it is necessary for the believer to walk in the light. A believer cannot walk with God and in darkness at the same time. Fellowship with God enables Christians to have sweet fellowship with one another.

Sin is such a universal fact in the lives of Christians that God's Word plainly states anyone who declares he is without sin both deceives himself and proves by his actions before God and his fellows that he is a liar. If any person claims to be sinless, he deceives himself, for both God and those who observe the conduct of the one making this claim know he is a sinner. Forgiveness and cleansing from sin are available to those who confess their sins to God, repent of them and ask him to forgive and cleanse them.

1 John 3:4-6 John informs us anyone who makes sinning a way of life or keeps on sinning, as he did before professing faith in Christ, proves to all who observe his manner of life he is not a child of God.

1 John 4:20-21 It is just as natural for true Christians to love those who are in God's family as it is for us to love those who are related to us by ties of blood. Any person who is saved will have a genuine love for the children of God. If one does not love others, it is clear he has never known God personally. Love such as these verses call for is an assurance we have become new creatures in Christ, but it is also a badge of discipleship whereby others may know we are the children of God.

Salute town and village churches

Frank Owen

There was a time when Southern Baptists were primarily a rural people. Then in my early years ministers with career ambitions tended to look toward the cities and especially the downtown churches. In still more recent years America has moved to the suburbs where most of the newer large churches have grown.

The great downtown churches used to be our most inspiring sources of world mission support. Now many inner city churches are fighting for their lives. Future growth in world mission giving must depend largely on increasing missionary giving from suburbia where most of our financially able people are.

Through all the above changing times and circumstances shines rather constantly the town and village churches. Latest Southern Baptist Convention statistics show the greatest portion of our results tend to be achieved in the county seat type and other modest and small-sized town churches. It is here we baptize the most, overall. The greatest portion of Cooperative Program giving is from the town churches.

Such observations made me think on 1979 Kentucky data. Six city churches (and I am counting Ashland, Bowling Green, Owensboro, etc., as cities) were in the top 10 baptizing list. Four were in rather small towns. Only two more city churches are among the second 10 leaders. Only one in the third 10. The preponderance grows from there because of the great number of small town churches that increasingly leaven the lump.

We must further salute town and village churches as we note where the bulk of Cooperative Program giving comes from. While the great masses we must reach are in cities, much of the wherewithall comes from the towns. Five of the 10 largest Cooperative Program giving churches last year were from cities. The other five, including first and second place, were from towns. Six of the second 10 on this honor list are town churches. Nineteen of the next 20 are town churches.

All our churches have their own distinct importance. We fully appreciate them all. This salute is given in honor of our town and village churches.

Approves of president Rogers

This, for me, is a first, since I have never responded to any article in the past. Hopefully, that does not show un-concern on my part. Perhaps I have felt that my small voice would not be heard, but in this case I have decided to take the time and make the effort, leaving the result to the Lord.

My response is to the article entitled "The action of president Rogers is disappointing" under Daley Observations (Western Recorder, Vol. 154, No. 7, Feb. 13, 1980). If I could write such an article I might title mine, "The reaction of Editor Daley is disappointing." This, of course, would be my opinion and not that of First Baptist Church, Hickman, Ky. The point is, Mr. Daley, what might be disappointing to you as editor of Western Recorder, the Kentucky Baptist News Journal, may not be so to other Southern Baptists. I get the impression you do not like the "circumstances surrounding his (Dr. Rogers) election last June." Others may feel the election of our president was guided by the Holy Spirit. It could be "his criticism of some seminary professors" is warranted and felt to be needed by many in our convention. Perhaps "his association with independent Baptists and with schools not sponsored by Southern Baptists" is his business and not others. Perhaps many Southern Baptists do support schools like Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. The professors are Southern Baptist and we support the school along with many other Southern Baptists. My church is a part of the "many other Southern Baptists" that want Bible reading and prayer in public schools. I, personally, feel he has a right to his own opinions and associations (regardless of the position he holds), just as you are entitled to yours.

In other words, what is disappointing to you is refreshing to others, and I am one of the latter group.

Herb C. Prince, Hickman

Concerned with criticisms

I have never written Western Recorder before, however, it seems that every time I read a copy of the "Western Disturber" I get upset about something. I have just read the Daley Observations in the Feb. 13, 1980 Recorder. I am very disappointed in our editor's critical remarks about Dr. Adrian Rogers and his support of prayer and Bible reading in our public schools. There are multitudes of Southern Baptists who are proud to be identified as "ultraconservative" and support wholeheartedly prayer and Bible reading as a part of the daily curriculum in our schools.

It's bordering on the absurd for our editor to speak about the mad rush of nonprayers to the corridors and rest rooms at prayer time. Discipline can be maintained. My first five years in elementary education was in a one room schoolhouse with eight grades. We began every day with Bible reading, pledging allegiance to the flags, quoting Bible verses, then prayer. One hickory switch solved all our discipline problems.

I am concerned Mr. Daley criticized our president for expressing his convictions, because "whatever he says reflects upon the convention." This is true, however practically every article the editor writes is flavored with "Daleyism," and the biased opinion of the editor reflects upon Kentucky Baptists in particular and many of us do not agree with him on numerous things.

The editor voices his disappointment

Dr. Rogers would join in an effort of any kind with men such as Jerry Falwell. I am disappointed the editor would be critical of one of the greatest pastors and one of the greatest soulwinning ministries in America. I believe it's an insult to the intelligence of Baptist people to try and make someone guilty by association by putting the names of our president and Jerry Falwell along with some other people who might possibly deserve a word of criticism. The Old Time Gospel Hour of the Thomas Road Church in Lynchburg, Va. is being used of God to reach literally thousands for the Lord every year.

I have before me the May 17, 1978 issue of Western Recorder. I was comparing an article in this Recorder with the television ministry, for example, of the Thomas Road Church. In this issue there is an article entitled "Trying to Reach the Uninterested." Southern Baptists, that year, invested almost three million dollars in this ministry. The article states, "traditional religious services are not used, instead an indirect approach is used, such as the top 40 popular tunes, rhythm and blues music, the TV programs include cartoons, documentaries and various contemporary subjects." I cannot help but wonder how many people are born again listening to rhythm and blues or watching cartoons. Could it be possible that we might learn some lesson from Dr. Falwell's ministry?

I have in a folder before me numerous clippings taken from Western Recorder of churches that have ordained women as deacons, of professors who make light of portions of the Bible, of a church that called a husband and wife team as copastors, and, in the midst of this and much more, there's not one critical word spoken about these things. Obviously the editor supports these things or he would have used his position to have spoken out against them.

What I've said came from a heart of love. I certainly believe everyone has a right to express his convictions, but may we not avail ourselves to that privilege and condemn others for the same. Every Bible believing Christian supports separation of church and state. However, America is supposed to be a Christian nation; she was founded upon Christian principles, not upon the principles of the Moslem, Hindu or Buddhist. May God help us never to lose our Christian identity.

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Churches indebted to bivocationalists

I want to voice objection to Marion T. Duncan's article. He is too harsh in his attitude, it seems to me. Baptists owe their existence to bivocational pastors and there are a lot of churches today that still owe their existence to such men. In foreign missions where I served there are many more churches. As one "full time" man I would rather see us salute these people for their call, devotion to service and contribution to the Lord's work.

LeRoy Albright, Lexington
Foreign Missionary to Zambia

Baptist News in Brief

Peace at Myers Park

A World Citizenship Conference on peacemaking is scheduled for March 14-16 at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, N. C. Speakers include Myers Park pastor Eugene Owens, Southern Seminary professor Glen Stassen, Christian Life Commission staff member Bill Elder and New York's Riverside minister of disarmament Mike Clark.

The conference begins Friday evening with a 6:30 dinner and concludes Sunday afternoon. Registration fee is \$10 (\$5 for students and senior citizens). Reservations should be addressed to Peacemaking Conference, Box 6006, Charlotte, N. C. 28207.

Encore for Bill Reynolds

William J. Reynolds will become professor of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the 1980-81 academic term beginning in May.

Reynolds, 59, was forced last December to take early retirement as secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department. The board, which continued Reynolds' salary through Apr. 30, 1980 and age 60, cited changing philosophies and administrative differences as reasons for his retirement.

At Southwestern, Reynolds, a noted church musician, hymnologist, composer and author, will teach courses in the areas of church music ministry, worship and hymnody.

Deacon rally an SBC first

Ten years of progress for deacon ministries in Southern Baptist churches will be marked at the first national deacon rally at Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., Sunday, June 8, prior to the start of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Charles Treadway, deacon ministry consultant in the Church Administration Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct the conference, expected to draw 1500 deacons, pastors and wives.

Carter appoints Valentine

The President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties has begun its work to identify and examine the most critical public policy challenges of the 1980s, according to a Southern Baptist leader appointed to the commission by President Carter.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the

50-person commission will prepare recommendations for the president and Congress by early 1981.

The commission, chaired by William McGill, president of Columbia University, includes persons from a wide spectrum of American life, including at least three from the religious community. They are Valentine, theologian Martin Marty and Edmond Pellegrino, president of Catholic University.

BJCPA names Chesser

Larry Guy Chesser has been named assistant in information services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, effective Mar. 3, according to James E. Wood Jr., the agency's executive director.

Chesser, 32, succeeds Carol B. Franklin, who left the Baptist Joint Committee last November to become minister of education at Washington's First Baptist Church.

He will work under the supervision of Stan L. Hastey, who directs the agency's information services and also functions as Washington bureau chief for Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Madalyn ready to pull hair?

Madalyn Murray O'Hair suffered a new defeat when the U. S. Supreme Court declined to schedule for oral argument her suit seeking removal from Texas state courts of a charge against her for disrupting a public meeting.

Mrs. O'Hair, who was arrested Nov. 3, 1977 after vocally protesting the opening of the Austin, Tex., city council with an invocation, maintained that her rights as an atheist had been denied by the prosecution.

Convinced her rights under the federal constitution supersede those allegedly denied under the Texas constitution, she sought to have her case removed from Travis County (Austin) courts to the U. S. district court for the western district of Texas, also located in Austin.

That court disagreed, however, sending the criminal misdemeanor case back to the county court. Mrs. O'Hair then took the matter to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, where she lost again.

The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case means she may now be tried in the county court. If convicted, she will then be able to appeal the case on its merits rather than on jurisdictional grounds. Ultimate disposition of the matter may take another two or three years.