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BSSB's Cothen hospitalized

Baptist Sunday School Board president Grady C. Cothen entered Nashville's St. Thomas Hospital Mar. 23 for treatment and surgery for stomach cancer.

The condition was discovered during his annual physical examination the previous week.

Cothen, who has been president of the board since 1975, has canceled all engagements for five weeks.

While Cothen is recuperating, executive vice president James W. Clark will perform duties of president as specified in bylaws of the Sunday School Board.

The Cothen family has requested that inquiries about Cothen's condition be directed to the board's executive office or the office of communications.



Cothen



Odle

Odle, ex-Kentuckian, dies

Joe T. Odle, former Kentuckian, editor of Mississippi's Baptist Record from 1959-76, died Mar. 24 after a brief illness. He was 71.

Odle was associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention from 1956-59. Before that he was pastor of churches in Mississippi, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Odle was president of the Southern Baptist Press Association in 1971 and was awarded honorary life membership by the Associated Church Press in 1977 for contributions to religious journalism.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel; mother, Mrs. Winona Ice; daughter, Mrs. Roland Maddox; and two grandchildren.



Albright



Mrs. Albright



Beighle



Mrs. Beighle



Castlen



Miss Sorrell

Tellathon

A dozen program guests will lead state women in tell commitment Apr. 24-26 at Madisonville

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Five foreign missionaries, a staff representative of the national Woman's Missionary Union office, the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, an author and lecturer, a KBC staff member and three students who filled mission appointments headline the state WMU annual meeting Apr. 24-26.

Meeting at Madisonville's First Baptist Church, the women will focus on the theme "Committed to Tell," according to Kathryn Jasper, executive director.

Missionaries reporting on their areas of service include Leroy and Jean Albright, Zambia; Dale and Ann Beighle, Bophuthatswana; and James Castlen, Philippines.

Representing the national WMU office in Birmingham, Ala. will be Bobbie Sorrell, director of the education division. She will address the state meeting at several points.

John Dunaway, KBC president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, will speak to the women Friday afternoon, Apr. 25, on the subject "Committed to Tell in Kentucky."

Theme interpretations for several sessions during the convention will be conducted by Mrs. Barbara Joiner, Columbiana, Ala. author and lecturer.

C. Vernon Cole, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training Department, will be featured at four of the five WMU sessions. His presentations will all highlight the theme "God's Bold Plan for Telling."

Students slotted for mission assignment reports include Stacy Cruse, who served for a summer in Brazil, from Georgetown College; Chris Elkins, a former 'Moonie,' now in school at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.; and Mrs. Barbara McElhaney, Southern Seminary student, who was a chaplain during the winter olympics at Lake Placid, N. Y.

Staff members of the state WMU office in Middletown will report on the areas of work which they direct, including Mrs. Mary Anna Byrdwell, Baptist Women; Cathy Howle, Acteens; Carol Noffsinger, Baptist Young Women; and Mrs. Gwen Phillips, Mission Friends and Girls in Action.

Musicians appearing on the program include Castlen, a music missionary to the Philippines; Betty Jean Chatham, Shelbyville concert pianist; Charles Douglas, minister of music, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro; and James McMurtrie, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Madisonville. The convention will hear a soloist, trio, ensemble and sanctuary choir of the host church and the Sweet Spirits of Third

Church, Owensboro.

Special events during the three-day meeting include a reception honoring program personnel and state WMU staff following the 7 p.m. opening session Thursday, Apr. 24.

Simultaneous private luncheons are scheduled at noon Friday for parents of foreign missionaries and for associational WMU directors and missionaries.

Baptist Young Women will be feted at a dinner Friday evening at Second Baptist Church.

Other program features include presentation of the 1980 state mission week of prayer emphasis, conducted by Billie Emmons, of Ashland; and two business sessions, including the election of officers and executive board members.

Mrs. Maribeth Hambrick of Georgetown will preside over the convention for the second consecutive year. She is eligible for reelection to two additional one-year terms as president of the state WMU executive board.

Motel rooms in the Madisonville area during the convention are filling rapidly, the state WMU office in Middletown advises. Ramada Inn, the headquarters motel, has been booked solid for several weeks. Names of other motels in the area are available from the state office.



Dunaway



Mrs. Joiner



Cole



Miss Cruse



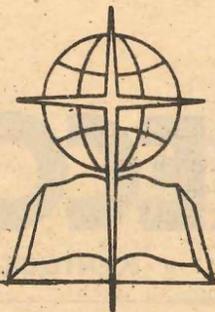
Elkins



Mrs. McElhaney

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

Control of inflation is a moral responsibility

Today's rampant inflation in the United States is more than a matter of economics. It has serious moral ramifications. Unless brought under control it threatens to bring suffering to a large number of innocent Americans, especially young families needing to buy a house and older people with a limited fixed income. To cooperate with the president and everyone else trying to help the situation is not only a patriotic duty but also a Christian responsibility.

I confess to little knowledge in the field of economics but I am desperately interested in helping get things back under control. I have been among those who thought the president was doing too little too late. I would have favored wage and price controls long ago though I realize economists say they won't work. I do welcome the present effort to reduce government spending and to balance the national and state budgets. But I'll have to see this happen before I believe it. Everybody favors cutting but everyone wants the other person to be the one taking the cut. With the present cutback efforts in Washington and Frankfort, lobbyists and special interest groups are running over each other trying to save every benefit they now have.

In the present crisis I believe our destiny as a nation is at stake. If selfish interests prevail, national disaster is our prospect. If a sacrificial spirit prevails, the United States could experience economic and moral renewal.

We are being told the cure for our economic ills will require hardship and sacrifice. I believe that and I further believe such discipline is good and not bad.

We have lived too long by questionable economics. The philosophy which holds that the more we consume even to the point of waste, the better for business and that the built-in obsolescence is good for the economy may be an economic theory but it is contrary to the biblical doctrine of the stewardship of materials.

Self discipline is certainly part of the answer but so far signs of self discipline are few. The OPEC nations are ruining us but we drive on. Many of us persist in spending more than we earn and keep borrowing in order to postpone the reckoning day. It is play today, pay tomorrow.

The oft quoted solutions of Will Rogers to the traffic problem may be timely. Rogers suggested taking all cars off streets and roads except those paid for. It may be that one lane of the two lane streets in and out of cities will have to be set aside for bicycles and mopeds saving the other for buses and car pool motorists. Sounds zany? We could stand it and it would be better than helpless dependence upon imported oil.

Churches which have thought nothing of

plunging in debt for all kinds of buildings may have to adopt a pay-as-you-go policy.

Denominational agencies of all kinds and especially state Baptist conventions will have to find ways to stay in touch with Baptist constituents without driving the hundreds of thousands of miles now logged every year.

While putting the above thoughts together a childhood experience came to mind. Like many in the twenties, my parents were poor and our mode of transportation was mule and buggy some time after most neighbors had automobiles. It was an unforgettable day when my parents saved a little more than \$500 and bought a 1927 Model T Ford. We had no credit and therefore no choice but the mule and buggy until we could pay cash.

I don't want to go back to the mule and buggy age but the pay-as-you-go philosophy is valid in any generation. If the present crisis leads us back to fiscal responsibility on the governmental and personal level, it can't be all bad.

Booze boosters never give up

The booze boosters never give up. Just as it appeared the main 1980 General Assembly legislative proposals for liberalizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Kentucky were headed off, the liquor champions dug out another proposal and made a desperate effort to get it enacted. Its chances were improved by the confusion and rush of the final days of the General Assembly and the trading off of votes that inevitably takes place.

Two bills, HB 555 and HB 586, reached the house floor after being reported favorably by a house committee. HB 555, which would have allowed individual precincts in dry territory to legalize liquor sales, was reassigned to another house committee by the rules committee and seems to have been buried.

HB 586, which would allow local governing bodies like town councilmen or aldermen and county commissioners to set hours for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages instead of letting citizens decide upon such sales, came to vote on the house floor and was soundly defeated 34 to 56. This was a tremendous victory and things looked good at that point.

Then came the indomitable liquor champions with a last ditch effort. SB 187, almost identical to HB 586, had been filed but lay dormant in the Senate until HB 586 was defeated. It was quickly revived and by committee amendment was radically changed. It took on the provision in HB 555 for second class cities only. The effect was Ashland, Kentucky, which has remained dry in spite of repeated efforts by the wets, could have wet precincts.

This bill moved with the greatest speed possible. Ashland ministers and others were quickly alerted and a delegation came to Frankfort the day the bill was posted for passage. There was little time for work but chances to defeat the bill looked pretty good.

Then came a spectacle of politics. On the roll call vote enough senators voted no to defeat the

bill. But before the tally was completed and handed to the presiding officer, several senators rushed down front to the clerk's desk. At least two no votes were changed resulting in passage of SB 187 by one vote.

Voting for SB 187 were senators Ackerson, Bailey, Bunning, Hughes, Karem, McGee, Meyer, Middleton, Miller, Moloney, O'Daniel, Powers, Quinlan, Sheehan, Stuart, Trevey and Yocom.

Voting against SB 187 were senators Allen, Baker, Berry, Ford, Gibson, Huff, Martin, McCuiston, Moseley, Prather, Rogers, Rose, Stamper, Sullivan, Weisenberger and Wright.

Not voting were senators Berger, Esterly, Garrett, Hays and Murphy.

The outcome of SB 187 in the House of Representatives was not known at the time that this was written but will be known by the time readers receive this issue. Though the house defeated HB 586, the mad rush near adjournment and the temptation to trade off votes give SB 187 better prospect for succeeding. The only hope then would be a veto by Governor Brown.

Two solid conclusions are clear from observing this session of the General Assembly. One is that control of alcohol has solid friends in Frankfort but pro-alcohol forces are stronger and more persistent. The other is that no one man could work harder for liquor control in Frankfort than Delbert Butts but if present restrictions on alcoholic beverages in Kentucky survive, he will have to have more help in 1982.

(SB 187 was passed by the House of Representatives during the waning hours of the session.)

Joe Odle: tall and tender

Illinois has produced many Baptist preachers but few had the dimensions of Joe Odle who died last week in Mississippi (see page 1). Most of his ministry was spent in Mississippi as pastor and state editor but some of his formative years were spent in Kentucky. His influence reached far beyond these states.

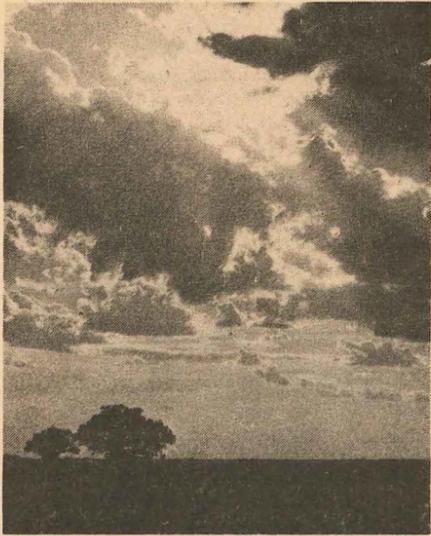
Joe was a tall and tender man. He was tall physically but equally tall intellectually and spiritually. He was a man of strong convictions but was as kind as he was strong. He espoused and defended basic Baptist tenets in an admirable way.

His Kentucky connections and roots were strengthened by marrying the daughter of Brother and Mrs. L. R. Riley, a greatly beloved couple for many years in West Kentucky. Brother Riley was a great soul and a strong advocate and defender of Landmark theology. He is still often quoted in doctrinal discussions.

The Rileys lived with the Odles in Jackson during their last years. Joe and I often talked of them and their welfare. No son could have been more considerate, tender and loving to parents than Joe was to the Rileys. In fact, for many years Joe and Mrs. Odle arranged their time and schedules around the Rileys and their needs.

There are two ways to test prestigious people. One is by the way they perform in their place of leadership; the other is how they treat people and especially their own family members. Joe ranked high on both tests.

Baptist News in Brief



Oh, blessed Easter morning!

An empty tomb

by Wilmer C. Fields

The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem is a symbol of the hope which stirs Jesus' disciples to this very day.

It is empty.

The miracle of miracles, the surpassing wonder of all the ages, occurred when the corpse of Jesus of Nazareth came to life in the darkened tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

The hope which died on the hill of the Skull, which was buried with Jesus in a borrowed grave, sprang to new imperishable life on the Sunday morning he arose from the dead.

This sacred site outside the Damascus Gate, just off the Nablus Road, is a deeply moving reminder of that event.

"He is not here; for he is risen, as he said."

In a city crammed with history, with the fascinating memorabilia of ages past, where holy shrines are on almost every corner, this quiet place of flowers and sighing pines summons up intimations of personal immortality.

The faith which is rekindled at the empty tomb of Jesus is an aspiring faith, "the great world's altar stairs, that slope through darkness up to God." It is an intimate re-living of the astonishment that must have swept over his followers on the morning of his resurrection.

If Jesus can lay aside his shroud and walk out alive forevermore then through him there is hope of a resurrection for us.

"Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead."

Every human being must hear that news!

At every believer's grave there blooms an Easter lily. Beside every disciple's tomb there sits an angel!

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, inside the present walls of the Old City, is the site accepted and extolled by Catholics, Orthodox, Armenians, Coptics and others as the place of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and renewal to life. Each group has a jealously guarded corner for an altar or chapel. Some of their ancestors were present and sorrowing at the crucifixion.

The fact of the matter is, as with many historic places in the Holy Land, there is some uncertainty about exact locations.

Whether or not the Garden Tomb is the actual burial place of Jesus, it is certainly the kind of tomb described briefly in the gospels and therefore has at least that kind of claim to authenticity.

In the great springtime festival among Christians Easter rites all over the world in their diversity emphasize the importance of the fact of Jesus' resurrection more than the place in which it occurred.

Eastertime, however, does call the faithful to remembrance of pivotal events. Our faith is grounded in his-

Fit to be tied?

At a time when the legal rights of both parents and children are being increasingly debated, the nation's highest court has agreed to hear an important test case which should help determine the conditions under which state officials may permanently remove children from their parents.

The U. S. Supreme Court will decide if state laws are constitutional that provide for the termination of the parent-child relationship in cases where parents are found "not fitted" to keep their children.

The high court agreed to hear a test case from Delaware on the sensitive issue after a couple there had their five children, ages eight months to four years, taken from them in 1975 by state social services officials who cited the fitness standard in the law. The officials pointed to the father's consistent inability to hold a job and to the fact the family repeatedly moved from one residence to another.

Hugging pastor isn't gay

A jury in Madisonville, Tenn. acquitted James B. Dotson of all charges that he had homosexual relations with teenagers in 1978 at a private Baptist youth camp he operated.

"God knew I wasn't guilty," the beaming Baptist preacher declared, and family and friends broke into applause. They ran to him and took turns embracing him as they cried.

Chief prosecutor Richard Fisher said the fact several of the state's teenage witnesses changed their testimony probably influenced the jury.

Defense lawyers had told the jury the charges resulted from a conspiracy by others to lie about the 56-year-old Dotson and have his 72-acre Tellico Rivers Ministries Camp near Madisonville closed.

Dotson has six children, one of them adopted, and is pastor of Washburn Street Baptist Church, Knoxville.

Gladys Dotson, the minister's wife, and his son, James Jr., testified Dotson is an affectionate, caring man who has hosted church suppers, organized church activities for the needy and often hugged family members.

Here's prologue to past

Theology and theologians and their roles in Southern Baptist history will be the theme of the joint annual meeting in Louisville of the SBC Historical Commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

The event will begin at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Apr. 29 in Gheens Lecture Hall at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with Walter B. Shurden, Commission chairman and professor of church history at Southern, presiding. The joint meeting will include a diversity of well known theologians, including James M. Wall, editor of The Christian Century, and business sessions of the commission and society. Wall will speak on "Images of Southern Baptists in Contemporary America."

Seminary president Duke K. McCall will address the group on "The Role of Southern Seminary in the SBC."

Morgan W. Patterson, dean of academic affairs at Golden Gate Baptist

tory. Our sacred books, the writings of the New Testament as well as the Old, arise out of specific times and places, to speak of God's persistent message of love and redemption for mankind.

Like the earliest disciples, we too are drawn by that invitation given by the angel so many mornings ago, "Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

The tomb is empty. He has risen!

Theological Seminary, will follow with an address on "The Southern Baptist Theologian as Controversialist."

A luncheon address on "The Role of the SBC President as Denominational Leader" is set by pastor Wayne Dehoney of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Following afternoon meetings and tours the evening session features Shurden in an address titled "The Southern Baptist Pastor as Theologian."

In the same session, Bill J. Leonard, assistant professor of church history at Southern Seminary, will speak on "The Southern Baptist Denominational Leader as Theologian."

The Wednesday morning session features an address on "Outreach Theology: A Comparison of Southern Baptist Thought and the Church Growth Movement." Speaker will be pastor James E. Carter of University Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The final address will be given by Fisher H. Humphreys, associate professor of theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, on "Current Theological Trends Among Southern Baptists."

Women have sold out

The Mid-Continent Christian Women's Concerns Conference planned for May 15-17 at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis is "sold out."

Mrs. Adrian Rogers, chairman, said she stopped taking paid reservations when they reached 3200. Attendance is limited to the first 3000. Mrs. Rogers' husband is pastor of the 10,400-member church and president of the 13.4 million-member Southern Baptist Convention.

Called "A Wise Woman Builds," the conference will offer 35 workshops and seven general sessions, featuring addresses by pastor Rogers; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; Vonette Bright, wife of Campus Crusade president Bill Bright; Billie Barrows, wife of Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham team; and Beverly La Haye, wife of Tim La Haye, president of Family Life Seminars.

World hosted by 3389

World missions conferences were conducted in 3389 Southern Baptist churches in 1979, attracting 1,082,060 persons.

James Hatley, director of the world missions conference department at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, said attendance was up more than 35,000 over 1978.

During the conferences, 520 persons made professions of faith, up 149. Another 463 volunteered for mission service. Conferees gave \$625,823 to missions during the conferences.

Participating in the conferences were 887 foreign missionaries, 814 home missionaries and 531 state missionaries.

The 1196 associations in the denomination get an opportunity about every five years to host world missions conferences, Hatley said.

Uncle Sam is Catholic?

Most of the major church-state problems in the 1980s will center on the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment, an authority on church-state relations said at a national ethical issues seminar.

John M. Swomley, professor of Christian ethics at St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, said certain Protestant groups and the Roman Catholic hierarchy have "by political pressure created most of the establishment clause issues." That clause states, "Congress shall make no law respect-

ing an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"A majority of Roman Catholic hierarchy has never accepted the American idea set forth by Jefferson that no tax, large or small, should be levied on anyone forcing him or her to support either the religion of others or to support this or that teacher of his persuasion," Swomley told the conference, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

"Few Catholics or Protestants know the magnitude of government funding of the Catholic church," he said. Swomley, chairman of the church-state committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, quoted the editor of the National Catholic Reporter as saying that nearly 50 percent of diocesan Catholic charities' annual budget is government money.

Let clergy do its thing

Warning that the use of clergy by U. S. intelligence agencies "perverts the mission of the church without accomplishing the state's objective," a Baptist spokesman urged the Senate select committee on intelligence to place explicit prohibitions against such practice.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, called for more restrictions on the use of clergy than are presently contained in intelligence charter legislation being considered by the Senate committee.

The "National Intelligence Act of 1980," (S.2284), introduced in February by Sen. Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., prohibits the use of clergy or religious institutions for cover, but allows their use as informants.

No nudes still good news

Responding to Playboy magazine's report that it photographed about 80 Baylor University coeds, the school's president, Abner V. McCall, said disciplinary action will be taken against any Baylor woman appearing nude in the magazine.

Playboy photographer David Chan said response at the Southern Baptist university was about 45 below the average of other Southwest Conference schools, and that most of the women were seniors.

McCall said: "Southern Baptists have several moral codes that we uphold and pornography is not one of them. If a Baylor woman chooses to pose nude for Playboy then Baylor's disciplinary committee will take action."

The recent photo session with Chan was a preliminary screening from which four or five finalists will be selected to pose for publication later this spring. None of the preliminary shots were taken nude.

During the Playboy controversy three senior editors of the Baylor student newspaper, the Lariat, were fired and two journalism faculty members resigned in protest.

Donald M. Williams, associate professor of journalism, ceased teaching March 3, but will be paid in full through the end of the school year.

F. Dennis Hale, associate professor of journalism, later resigned in protest to the administration's treatment of Williams and the three student editors, but will continue his teaching responsibilities through the end of the 1980 summer term.

After suspending the printing of the Lariat for two weeks, the board of publications elected three new editors in a March 24 meeting. They are Philip Brown, editor-in-chief; Jim Bridges, city editor; and Keith Howard, news editor. The Lariat resumed publication March 26.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

Ft. Mitchell dedicates sanctuary
Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church dedicated its new worship facilities Mar. 23. The new facility includes a 750-seat sanctuary, 450-seat fellowship hall, office suite, music suite, library and a commercial size kitchen.

Keynote speaker for the afternoon was John Dunaway, pastor of Corbin First Baptist Church, and president, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Phillip Landgrave, professor of music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote a dedication anthem for the occasion. The anthem was performed by the Ft. Mitchell Chancel Choir. Other music included mini concerts by the adult and youth handbell choirs.

C. Gilbert Tucker is pastor at Ft. Mitchell.

Acteens 'stamp out' hunger
Acteens of Coral Hill Baptist Church, Glasgow, are sponsoring a churchwide stamp collection for world hunger.

For every 1200 used postage stamps collected they will be able to feed one child in Bangladesh for one year.

Postage stamps, still attached to the envelope, may be sent to Coral Hill Baptist Church, Hwy. 740, Glasgow, KY.

Middletown will fellowship
Middletown First Baptist Church will hold an all church fellowship Apr. 19 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Walnut Street Baptist Church's recreation center in Louisville. Bowling, basketball, roller skating and racketball activities are scheduled.

Feds Creek holds ground breaking
Feds Creek Baptist Church, Pike Association, will have a ground breaking service Apr. 13.

I. Houston Lanier will be guest speaker in the morning worship, ground breaking ceremony will be at 2:00 and John Pate will be the guest speaker in the evening worship.

Monroe, Allen hold BB Day
Monroe, Allen Baptist Day, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and emphasizing the total program

of the denomination, was held Mar. 20 in Monroe Association. Baptist churches and speakers participating were Jay Brown, Akersville; James Whaley, Mill Creek; Fred Halbrooks, Rock Bridge; and Grady Randolph, Temple Hill.

Allen Association will hold a Baptist Building Day Apr. 20. Participating will be Grady Randolph, Bays Fork; Byrd Ison, Liberty; Forrest Sawyer, New Hope; Calvin Fields, Rough Creek; and Mike King, White Plains.

Baptist doctrine rally at Porter
A Baptist doctrine rally will be held Apr. 20 for all church members in Elkhorn Association. The rally is scheduled for 2:30 at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.

Richard B. Sims, editor of Church Training magazine, will speak. The importance of church members knowing what Baptists believe will be emphasized.

Ohio County buys facility
Ohio County Baptist Association has purchased the Hagerman Building at the corner of Center Street and Apple Alley in Hartford to be used as an administrative building. The building has 7000 square feet including two floors and a basement and is presently rented to the Kentucky Department of Human Resources and the Audubon area development group. The association will collect rent until the building is vacated.

Plans for the facility include a large reception area, audiovisual center, offices for the director of missions and secretary, conference and counseling room, library and resource center, executive board conference and counseling room, a room for seminary extension courses, three guest rooms and a kitchen.

Charles Ham is director of missions.

Paducah dedicates new addition
Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, held open house for its new family life center and additional educational space Mar. 16.

The new building was the last step in a five year long range planning program developed by the Church Administration Department of the Southern

Baptist Convention.

The new building houses a regulation size gym with a multipurpose floor for skating, basketball, volleyball, tennis and other indoor sports. There is a universal weight lifting room, dry heat saunas, game room, craft area and large youth room.

The Sunday school has grown to an average attendance of 700. The additional educational space will house a single-singles again department, couples department and golden agers department.

Kentuckians write for BSSB

Four Kentucky lay people are among contributors to magazines published by the Baptist Sunday School Board during the spring quarter.

Mrs. Mary Kinney Branson, director of children's work, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, is the author of "I Know I Have One Somewhere" and "Dear Diary: It's Here Again!" Both articles appear in the Apr.-June *Children's Leadership* magazine.

Fred M. Montgomery, children's worker at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church, wrote April lesson course materials appearing in *Bible Discovers* and *Bible Discoverers: Teacher* curriculum lines. He also contributed "Planning for Visitors" to *Children's Leadership*, Apr.-June.

Mrs. Helen Parker, an adult Sunday school teacher at Louisville's Clifton Baptist Church, is the writer of *Open Window* devotionals for Apr. 11-19. She also wrote "Cry Over Spilled Milk?" in the April issue of *Mature Living* and contributed to *Church Recreation*, spring quarter.

James H. Cox, children's division director at Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church, is the author of four bold mission articles appearing in May issues of *Adventure* magazine; "Reinforcement: Key Word for Large Group," in *Children's Leadership*, Apr.-June; and youth devotionals in *encounter!* for May 18-24. He also wrote "Reaching the Child Who Seldom Attends" appearing in the April issue of *Baptist Leader* published by American Baptist Churches in the USA.

Richmond Rosedale adds Recorder
Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky., has begun publishing its church news once a month on the back page of *Western Recorder*.

"Western Recorder is an excellent Baptist state newspaper which gives us informed about our denominational work in Kentucky as well as around the world," pastor W. O. Willham told his congregation. "I trust you read it all every week and continue to remember Dr. Daley and his staff in your prayers."

Other churches interested in providing a similar service for one, two, three, four or five weeks a month may call or write the Recorder office for information.

Tolbert leads Williamsburg study
Malcolm Tolbert, professor of New Testament Greek, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, led a spring Bible study on Ephesians Mar. 30-Apr. 1 at Williamsburg First Baptist Church.

Forest Hills mountain mama?
Borderland Baptist Mission, Borderland, W. Va., was constituted into Borderland Baptist Church Mar. 23. First

Baptist Church, Forest Hills, Ky., is the mother church.

Program personalities included Roberts Jones, director, KBC Direct Missions Department, and John Pate, director of missions, Pike Association.

The mission was organized in 1931 and came under the watchcare of Forest Hills Church in 1943.

Lat Crum, pastor at Borderland, was licensed as a minister by Forest Hills in 1953. He was the mission pastor until 1971. Andy Kohari pastored the mission from 1972-76 when Crum was again called as pastor.

Paris First mature host

The Christian ministries committee of Elkhorn Association is sponsoring a "Celebration on Aging" Apr. 29 at Paris First Baptist Church.

The program will focus on the positive aspects of being a senior adult and ministry opportunities available to senior adults.

The program, which begins at 10:30 a.m., includes a luncheon. Cost for the luncheon will be \$1.50 per person.

Deadline for making reservations is Apr. 21. Attendance will be limited to the first 150.

Each group attending is asked to elect a senior adult representative to participate on an associational committee on senior adult ministries. The representatives will be asked to share information about the senior adult ministry in their churches.

Personnel

Cummins accepts Russell Cave

George W. Cummins Jr. has accepted the pastorate of Russell Cave Baptist Church, Lexington, effective Apr. 27.

Cummins comes to Russell Cave from First Baptist Church, Dexter, Mo.

Lester assumes Edgewood post

Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville, has called Jerry Lester as minister of music and youth.

Gayle Toole is pastor at Edgewood.

Robinson accepts St. Matthews post

St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Paul Robinson as minister of education effective May 1.

Robinson, a native of Georgetown, holds a BA in music education from Georgetown College and an MRE degree from Southern Seminary.

He has been minister of education at Green Valley Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., since 1975.

Prior experience includes minister of education, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington; vice president, Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, and vice president, Kentucky Religious Education Association.

Mrs. Robinson, the former Sandra Yount of Frankfort, is also a graduate of Georgetown.

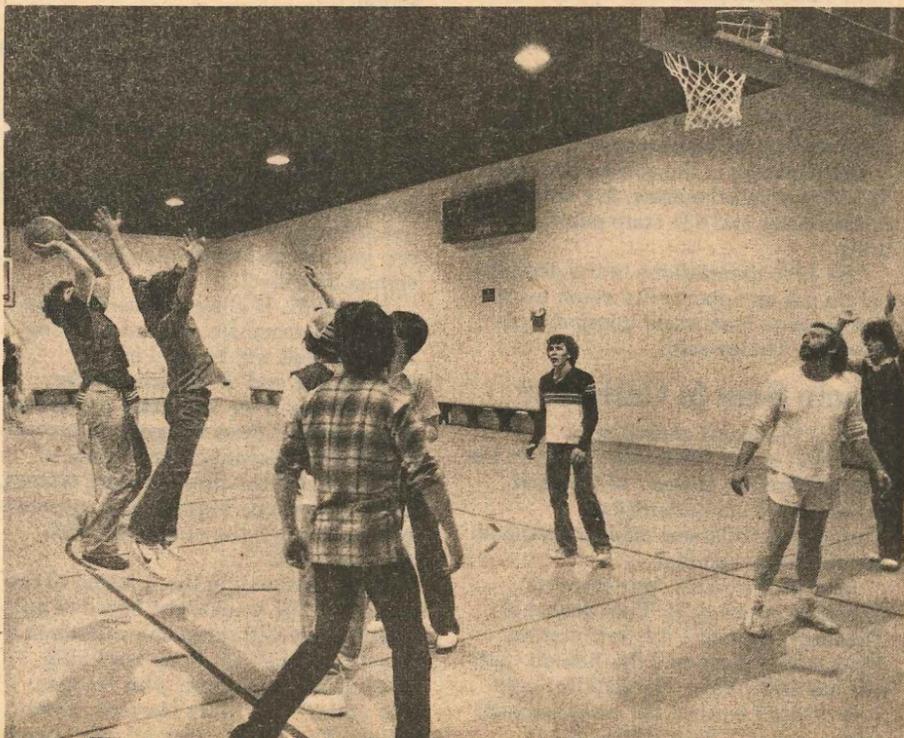
The Robinsons have two children, Bill, 13, and Laura, 10.

Trinity honors minister

Feb. 22 Trinity Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, honored Rick Landon with a 'roast.' Landon has been minister of family life at Trinity Church for six years.

Lexington man tapped by chaplains

The Association of Baptist Chaplains met in annual session Mar. 9-13 in St. Louis. This group is composed of South-



Lone Oak Baptist Church family life center

ern Baptist ministers working as chaplains. They met in conjunction with the American Protestant Hospital Association, College of Chaplains.

Officers for the group are: Charles W. Burrows, Lakeland, Fla., president; Dan McEver, Evansville, Ind., president-elect; Howard Linton, San Antonio, Tex., vice president; and Bill Bailey, Lexington, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1981 in San Antonio.

Deaths

Mrs. Clinkscales, Williamstown, dies
Mrs. Anna B. Clinkscales, Williamstown, died Feb. 27 at the age of 93. She gave much of her life's energies to Williamstown Baptist Church and Crittenden Baptist Association. She taught Sunday school for over 60 years and for more than 35 years was director of Woman's Missionary Union of Crittenden Association. She also was church

clerk for many years and was active in church music programs in Williamstown Church and in the association. She was the widow of Dr. Foster M. Clinkscales, Williamstown dentist, who died in 1940.

Ordinations

Gee ordained at Farmdale
Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville,

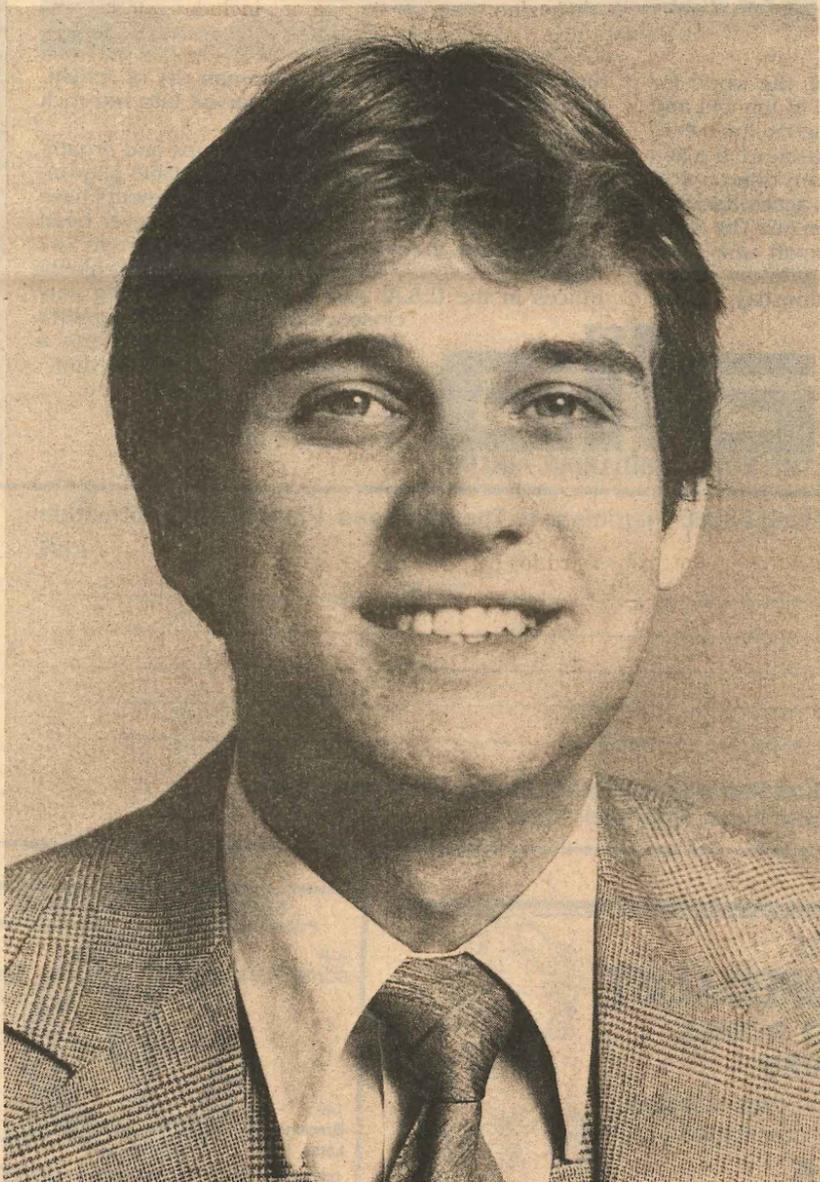
ordained Andrew H. Gee to the gospel ministry Mar. 2.

William J. Sullivan, Farmdale pastor, officiated and George R. Beasley-Murray preached the ordination sermon.

Gee, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been working as minister of Christian training at Farmdale.

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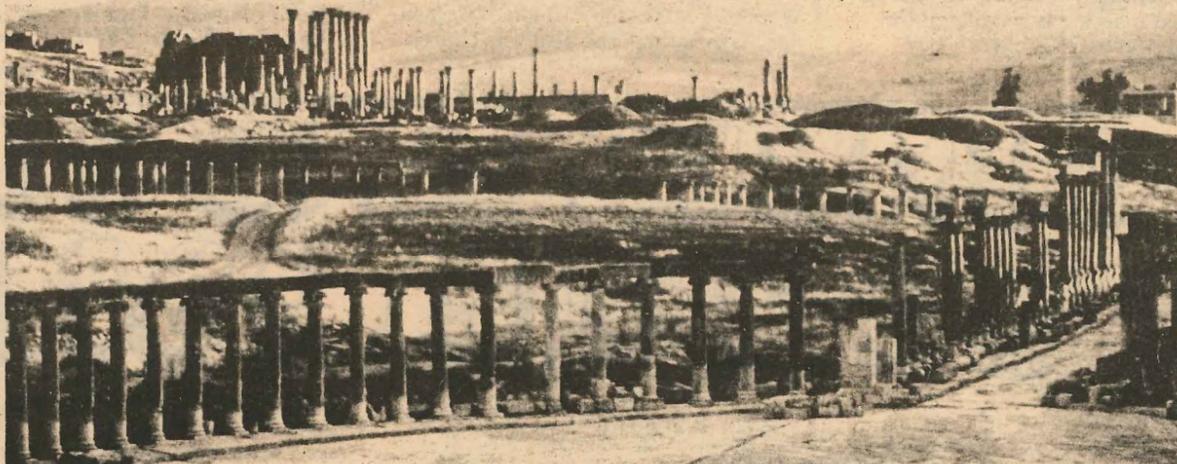


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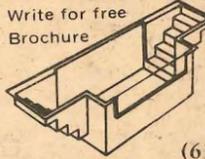


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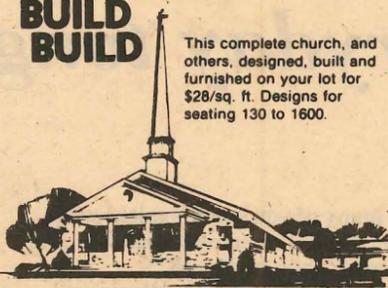


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1 Peter 2:9-16 When people are saved and brought into the family of God, their relationship to the world is new and different. In reminding God's children they had been lifted to an exalted position, Peter referred to them as "lively stones," "an elect race," "a royal priesthood," "an holy nation," and "a people for God's own possession." All who enjoy this wonderful position and this blessed privilege should see to it that their character and conduct please God.

As trophies of God's saving grace, we have tremendous responsibilities as well as glorious privileges. It behooves us to abstain from those indulgences which are injurious to the soul and dishonoring to the Lord. Christians are obligated to separate themselves from the world to such an extent that their whole manner of life will merit the respect of non-Christians.

Peter urged his readers to be in subjection to the governments of the countries in which they were residing and to render all rightful obligations to them. He commanded respect and reverence for the rulers, subjection to the constituted authorities and obedience to all the laws which did not conflict with God's Word and will. A sincere desire to do the Lord's will reveals itself in the very best citizenship.

1 Peter 4:1-3 Peter reminded the dispersed Christians of that wondrous scene of the Redeemer bearing their "sins in his own body on the tree," and then told them because Christ had transformed them and delivered them from the galling chains of their great iniquities they should overcome their besetting sins. Peter emphasized the children of God should not be controlled by self-will but by God's will.

Christians must understand the Lord wants them to separate themselves from the sinful manner of life which was theirs prior to their experience of salvation. Instead of Christians thinking their old natures were eradicated at their conversion Peter urged them to fortify themselves against that temptation by yielding themselves to God's will.

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Biblical basis of marriage

Genesis 2:18-25 God permitted Adam to look over all living creatures in existence before he made a wife for him. None of them answered to the nature of the creature made in the image of God. So, God created a helpmate for Adam by making a woman from his side. God gave Eve to Adam for fellowship with her and that the human family might be propagated.

God gave to Adam and Eve the power to propagate life, but not to create it. When husband and wife are united in Christian marriage, joys are multiplied, cares are divided, burdens are subtracted and much happiness is added. If and when husband and wife are blessed with children, the parents are obligated to care for them, train them and rear them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:21-25 If a home is to be truly Christian and the members of the family are to enjoy the blessings of the Lord, each member must recognize the sanctity of correct relationships and unselfish devotion toward one another.

These verses place marriage on the highest plane. Much unhappiness would be avoided and numerous divorces averted if these plain and practical admonitions were followed carefully. Marriage is a mutual affair. Each of the two individuals is to esteem the other above all others and demonstrate an affection that is undivided, a purity that is untarnished and a trust that is unwavering.

Homemaking is a partnership. Man has been assigned the headship of the home, but there must be a kindly exercise of headship on his part. The wife is told to be submissive to her husband. The scriptures do not permit insubordination in the wife or inconsiderateness in the husband. Husbands are commanded to love their wives "as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

One hundred sheep

Frank Owen

It is said that you can march one hundred sheep single file down a narrow lane and after requiring the bellweather and perhaps two or three others to jump over a stick, you can take the stick away and all of the rest of the sheep will jump at that same point, even though the obstacle is no longer there.

I have never tried the above experiment but I have seen reactionary religious customs come into being and become permanent, even though the reason no longer exists and isn't even remembered.

We have been recently corresponding with some churches whose gifts we have found ourselves continuing to parcel out under long out-dated special instructions, once given our office, of which current memberships are not aware and do not approve.

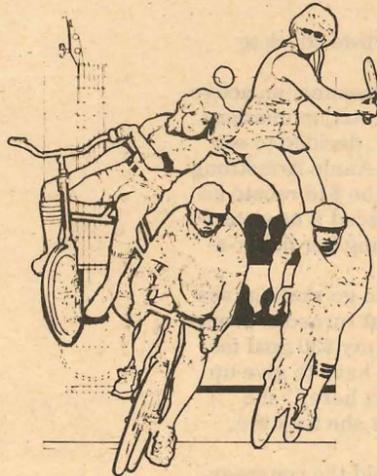
Such cases come about when churches, displeased with particular agencies, notify our office henceforth to withhold their normal shares of Cooperative Program distribution. Of course we are dedicated to distributing their giving precisely as the churches instruct us, but the perpetual control of such custom has need to be left with the churches.

Experience has revealed that a whole generation soon passes and the current people of both church and agency are unaware that our office is still carrying out this exceptional instruction and we can't stop it unless we receive new instructions from the local church.

Accordingly, we have asked all such churches in the future to mark each remittance with whatever special instructions (if any) the church wishes and we shall faithfully comply. Gifts coming from the churches without any accompanying special instructions will be distributed normally as provided by the Convention's adopted Cooperative Program.

We deeply appreciate all gifts of whatever manner the churches wish to send. We heartily recommend that the churches trust their duly elected representative Boards and committees and give to the Cooperative Program as studied, adopted and recommended by both the Kentucky and Southern Baptist Conventions.

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Worldese

Speaking in everyday tongues

by Gail Rothwell, Staff Writer

"If you can tell someone today Jesus rose again this day will not be a failure," exclaimed Dave Bennett, national youth consultant, Home Mission Board, to over 1400 Kentucky youth at the state youth evangelism conference.

The conference, at 9th and O Baptist Church, Louisville, was a witness training seminar exposing youth to the possibilities of witnessing.

Bennett led four training sessions before sending willing participants on an afternoon witness experience. Each driver was given an assignment, but if counselors and youth did not want to participate there was no pressure applied or 'hard sell.' Jay Brown, KBC Evangelism Department director, explained, "The purpose behind the conference is to expose youth to the possi-

bilities of sharing their faith." The KBC Evangelism Department sponsored the youth conference.

In addition to the witnessing seminars, two dramatic monologs, one of Nicodemus and one on Job, were presented by Roy Boatwright, preacher, missionary and former state Sunday school director.

On the lighter side participants were entertained by the mimicry of Don Blaylock, KBC director of student work.

Bennett told the group, "There will be no failures if you let the Holy Spirit lead you. Some of you will lead someone to Christ, others will not, but that's o.k. because God is in charge and whatever he wants is all right."

Bennett shared with the group, in order to communicate with non-Christians, "you have to convert your Christianese language to worldese language.

How many of you could explain what savior and lord means to someone who had never been in church?"

He led the group in developing a 'cliche lexicon,' translating Christian words into modern English. "For example," Bennett explains, "saved can be translated into beginning in Christ or starting out in Jesus. Saviour is our cleanser or ransom payer."

Bennett gave the group six witnessing guidelines to follow but prior to beginning it is important to "pray the Holy Spirit will lead someone to you, don't be aggressive and use eye contact, then you can begin to share."

The six guidelines are: 1. Try to start a conversation. If you can't don't sweat it. 2. Talk to them, trying to establish a friendship. 3. Find out what's in their head, what they think. 4. Talk their language. 5. Give away your faith. This

involves giving them your philosophy of life, your testimony, sharing scripture and the plan of salvation. 6. Invite them to begin in Christ.

Bennett cautioned against sharing memorized scripture. "Don't brag about your memory, brag about your Jesus. Don't recite scripture, tell what it means to you."

"If someone agrees to invite Christ into his life ask him if he means it. If he does, welcome him into the family of God."

"It is your responsibility to follow up with that person," stressed Bennett. "Refer him to a church or person if you cannot follow up personally."

The most important thing Bennett shares with those he meets is his personal testimony. "I believe one day a man walked out of a grave grinning," he declared.

Oh, SusAnn(i)e

She gave love with all her mite

by Gene Medaris
Editor, Indiana Baptist



Susanne O'Rear is like most 9-year-old girls. She likes to go skating, eat ice cream and spend money on 9-year-old girls things, but not at the expense of missions.

Just before the sermon was preached on a recent Sunday at First Baptist Church, Griffith, Ind., pastor Thurmon Harris asked Susanne to come forward and tell the church about her plans for Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions.

Without hesitation, the petite, smiling brunette with the flashing brown eyes took the microphone and became a real professional before an audience.

"My daddy raises dogs," she began, "and last fall he gave me the coupons off the dog food sacks to send back to the company to redeem for cash. Well, I was hoping to receive the money to use for Christmas, but I waited too late to send them off."

Much to her disappointment Christmas came and no money had arrived for coupon refund. About the middle of January, the wheels of "big business"

ground out a computerized check to Suzanne for \$18.

Early in February, Susanne, an active member of the Girls in Action missions program at her church, decided to set her goal at \$30 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, with the \$18 rebate as the foundation. She placed it as a starter fund and began saving her dollar-a-week allowance.

An invitation came to go skating, she really wanted to go, but turned it down. "If I'm going to reach my \$30 goal for missions, I'm going to have to give up some things so I'll start here," she must have thought, for she took the sacrifice in stride.

"Last week," she told the congregation, "I was visiting in the home of a friend and someone gave me a dollar. It was the last dollar I needed to make the \$30 I had asked God to help me give."

Susanne then related some of the ways the money would be used by the missionaries, handed the microphone back to the pastor and took her seat.

The church members sat silently for a moment, then broke into a resounding applause. The meaning of missions had gotten through to them as it had to Susanne.