



Termination

Rogers won't accept presidency 2nd time

Adrian Rogers declared May 6 he will not seek a second one-year term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention because of pressing church and personal responsibilities.

"After much prayer and heart searching I have decided not to allow my name to be placed in nomination for a second term" at the 1980 SBC meeting in St. Louis, the 48-year-old pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, told Baptist Press, the SBC news service, in an exclusive interview.

"As much as I love my denomination, my church is still my first responsibility," Rogers said, speaking in quiet, measured tones. "There are pressing duties and vast opportunities I face as pastor of Bellevue. Our church is in a period of growth unprecedented in its history. These are days, therefore, that I want to maximize for my church.

"Also, I desire more time to spend with personal pursuits, such as quality family time and writing," he said.

Rogers said he faced no pressure from his church, which has been served by two SBC presidents before him, nor from any other quarter of the 13.4 million-member SBC.

He emphasized his decision had nothing to do with controversy which has swirled around him since a biblical inerrancy group headed by Paige Patterson of Dallas and Paul Pressler of Houston pushed for his election last year in Houston.

"That's something I want to make abundantly clear," he told Baptist Press. "I am sure there will be all kinds of theories as to why I have done what I have done, but I have done it exactly according to the statement I have made."

He also responded he would "absolutely not" be actively involved in the selection of a successor and he declined to speculate on who might be nominated.

Asked about what direct involvement he would have in any issues facing Southern Baptists at the SBC in St. Louis, June 10-12, he said he would become involved in "no way other than what I might say in my presidential address. As a good moderator I would try to be fair and balanced."

Besides noting the church and personal responsibilities, Rogers' statement declared he felt his election in Houston was "in the will of God."

Rogers' unexpected decision to decline a traditional second term, which only three others have done in SBC history, opens wide the door of presidential politics at the SBC in what was expected to be an "off year" in that category. SBC presidents usually are accorded a second term without opposition.

He said that his decision process began during recuperation from gall bladder surgery in a Memphis hospital last February. "I had a good clear feeling as I meditated and prayed with the Lord about it and that was prior to my knowledge that Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler were holding continuing meetings," Rogers said.

Rogers has declared he has no involvements in such efforts. "Their approach is not the way I would go about it," he said in response to a question, "yet I believe we as Baptists need to be very, very careful that we don't judge the heart motivation of anyone and that we give everyone the right to express his heart and convictions. I believe in the integrity of these men."

He emphasized he feels two years as SBC president is a reasonable term for a person to serve, but not in his case. "I feel that though my election was the will of God, it did not come at a time I had planned for and was not the most advantageous time for me to serve the two full years," he said.

He did admit he has not enjoyed the "negative" aspects of his term of office. "I am basically the kind of person who enjoys something positive rather than something that is negative," he said.

But he characterized his year as SBC president as "basically positive."

"I have received far, far more positive affirmation than I have negativism. There has indeed been some

negativism, but it has come from a very small segment of the denomination," he said, noting that negativism "is a matter of the past . . . just a matter of history."

\$12 million plus

Christian education ranks 1st

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A \$15.2 million budget goal for 1981-82 will be recommended by the Kentucky Baptist executive board to the state convention meeting in Bowling Green Nov. 11-13. This figure was adopted last week when the 161-member board met in annual budget planning sessions at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

The 1981-82 projected program includes an operational budget of \$10,340,000, a bold mission challenge goal of \$4,060,000 and other estimated income of \$800,000. The operational and bold mission sections are each divided as they have been for two previous years, with 35% going to Southern Baptist causes and 65% remaining in Kentucky.

Meanwhile, the board adopted specific plans for dispensing a \$12,782,852 budget for the next fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1980 at the Cedarmore meeting. This budget total was approved by the state convention last November in Louisville.

The package includes \$9 million for operations, \$3 million in bold mission challenge funds and \$782,752 in projected income from additional sources.

10 major allocations listed

The 10 largest single items allocated in the 1980-81 budget include Christian education, \$1,813,500; KBC Direct Missions Department, \$749,062; annuity plans, \$474,000; KBC business office, \$429,785; Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, \$414,268; KBC executive office, \$255,822; Woman's Missionary Union, \$238,879; Baptist Building debt retirement, \$212,000; KBC Sunday School Department, \$173,404; and Western Recorder, \$151,488.

References to all of this budget undergirding Southern Baptists' current Bold Mission Thrust emphasis were repeated throughout the two-day meeting at Cedarmore. Bold Mission Thrust is the denomination's plan to give every person on earth the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ by the year 2000.

"Whoever stands aside while this goes by is simply out of touch with Baptists for the remainder of this century," Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer, warned.

Barry Allen, convention business manager, reported Cooperative Program gifts for the first eight months of the current fiscal year (through April) had reached \$6,056,565 as compared with \$5,255,368 for the same period a year ago. He said 65% of the operating and challenge budgets for this current year had been received in these eight months.

An explanation from Child Care

The board heard Eldred M. Taylor, chairman of the Baptist Board of Child Care's trustees, defend their decision to build new cottages on campuses at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale children's homes as opposed to renovating present ones.

"We're not interested in spending one dime of God's money we don't have to," he declared.

He said the present facilities were poorly constructed for the program being operated today, that they were built "like fortresses" and not easily

adaptable to needs on each campus and to energy conservation methods.

Bill Amos, executive director of the agency, agreed. Two things are certain for the future, he suggested: there are going to be more children "in need of our help," and the insides of these buildings "are dying."

He disclosed that the agency presently has \$836,959 cash in hand to begin construction.

Cumberland president lauded

J. M. Boswell, who has served Cumberland College at Williamsburg for 35 years as president and who retires July 31, was honored on the occasion of his final executive board meeting.

"Southeastern Kentucky is a better place because you have been there," convention president John Dunaway of Corbin told Boswell.

Franklin Owen and Bob Jones, KBC Direct Missions Department director, also paid tribute to the retiring college president.

Miscellaneous matters reported

In other action, the executive board

- authorized the immediate purchase of a new BSU center site in Bowling Green at 1586 Normal Dr. at a cost of \$85,000

- granted a 10% cost of living increase to all employees of the executive board effective Sept. 1

- increased staff travel mileage reimbursement from 18½ cents to 20 cents per mile retroactive to Jan. 1, 1980

- appropriated \$50,000 for an experimental staff travel plan which may include purchase and licensing of up to six automobiles initially for use by executive board employees on convention business

- approved negotiating a contract with the Kentucky Department of Forestry for sale of timber at Cedarmore Assembly

- gave a green light to construction of a memorial prayer garden at Cedarmore using funds already given for this purpose

- transferred the KBC Brotherhood Department from the Church Services Division to the Missions Division, and

- okayed a sabbatical for William H. Rogers, director of the KBC Cooperative Ministries/Christian Life Department. Rogers will devote one and one-half days weekly for 30 weeks to the Department of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Highlands Baptist Hospital, Louisville.

Named to fill existing vacancies on the executive board, the association they represent and the year their term ends, were:

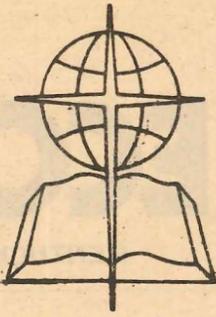
Gary Landis, East Lynn, 1981; J. David Clapp, Fulton, 1981; Cloys Bruce, Little Bethel, 1980; Danny Morris, Long Run, 1980; Robert Langdon, Long Run, 1980; Mrs. Jack Cook, Long Run, 1982; Archie Oliver, Muhlenberg County, 1982; and Carl Mullins, Red River, 1982.

The state executive board meets again Nov. 10 in Bowling Green immediately prior to the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention sessions.

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

Rogers and Criswell defuse bomb

The decision of Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian Rogers not to accept nomination for a second term was surprising though it was obvious he was never excited about denominational office. His heart is in preaching and shepherding and there's no doubt the office of convention president demands a lot of time and energy ordinarily given to a pastorate.

Rogers makes it clear his decision was not affected by the current controversy among Southern Baptists over biblical inerrancy. Rogers' election last year was engineered by a group of critics charging some denominational leaders and seminary teachers with not believing in biblical inerrancy. The same group recently announced plans to gain control of the convention presidency for 10 years in order to bring about the purge of those whom they accuse.

Rogers disavowed participation in the pre-convention political activities last year that led to his election. He also reports he is not involved in current political efforts to capture control of the convention presidency. He even is quoted in the press as saying he would not go about this goal with the methods used by this group.

This is admirable on the part of Rogers. Though he shares the views of these zealots, he is actually too nice a fellow to resort to their methods. And though he gave assurance he is not turning on these who have so strongly championed him, it must be some relief to him to be out of the crossfire.

Before getting out, however, he gave clear indication of his direction. His appointees on the Resolutions Committee and the Committee on Committees for the most part are those who not only are inerrancy champions but also are most critical of seminary teachers and Sunday School Board writers. It is unfortunate that Adrian Rogers with all his admirable traits will be remembered in denominational life as the convention president who came in under one shadow and left under another. One was not of his making but the other was.

His decision not to accept a second term as convention president set off two or three days of the wildest and most exciting speculation of recent Southern Baptist history. Without Rogers whom would the Patterson-Pressler power bloc put up for president in St. Louis? Should those viewing the Patterson-Pressler move as a serious threat to Southern Baptist unity and tranquility also resort to power politics by agreeing on one strong middle-of-the-road presidential candidate for a shoot-out in St. Louis?

At the height of the speculation rumors began to come out of Dallas that Patterson might be in trouble with the powers that be in First Baptist

Church where he serves as director of the Criswell Institute of Biblical Studies. These rumors proved true when W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, announced on Friday that Patterson would no longer lead the movement to capture the convention presidency for 10 years (see story on opposite page).

Criswell's announcement stilled the storm and many Southern Baptists breathed easier over the weekend. Once again the great heart of Criswell and his love for Southern Baptists came through.

As a literalist in biblical interpretation, it is no secret Criswell has been concerned for some time over the biblical interpretation approach of some seminary teachers and he has served as godfather of critics like Patterson. It is just as certain, however, that he is a loyal, deeply committed Southern Baptist who has always come through when the chips were down.

Agree or disagree with him, Southern Baptists owe a great deal to W. A. Criswell. He is the one man who could come closest to splitting the convention. I have talked to him about this and I believe he had rather die than lead a split.

The debate over biblical inerrancy is not over but the bomb whose fuse was getting shorter by the day has been defused thanks to the Lord and to W. A. Criswell.

Not a discouraging word

Convention president John Dunaway guided last week's Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board through one of its smoothest and most harmonious meetings ever remembered.

"Where never is heard a discouraging word" seldom characterizes any Baptist business meeting but it came close to being literally true of this meeting.

This was not because important issues were not under consideration. The May meeting of the executive board considers and adopts the detailed Cooperative Program budget for the coming year and this involves expenditures of more than \$12 million. Considering all causes involved and the varying lists of priorities that inevitably exist, it's almost a miracle to achieve unanimous approval of budget recommendations.

This approval does not mean every cause received all that its champions wanted but it does mean board members feel that fairness prevailed and those responsible for submitting budget recommendations did the best they could with available resources. Few except those involved in the budget making process know the countless hours of prayerful consideration, head scratching and soul searching involved.

The convention has never had a more conscientious and hard working president than John Dunaway. He is determined every motion is clearly understood and everyone has had his or her say before the vote is taken. John is deeply rooted in the best of Kentucky Baptist heritage. He is one of the finest products of Kentucky Baptist life with an understanding of grass roots Baptist viewpoints. His knowledge and skills have been sharpened by his experience on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Board members have become so accustomed to having everything in perfect order when they meet that it is easy to overlook how much preparation has to be done and how well it is done.

Executive secretary Owen, Doris Yeiser, who is his administrative assistant, and the division coordinators—James Whaley, Barry Allen and A. B. Colvin—leave nothing undone to make it easy to move through mountains of business.

Board members deserve credit for staying by the stuff. Hour after hour on hard seats listening to endless reports and explanations is not the most inspiring experience but it is necessary and Kentucky Baptists owe a debt of gratitude to those who do it.

One of the rewards of such routine denominational work is to have an occasional flash of inspiration. Sometimes these come in the most unexpected places. For example, while the long list of causes was being reviewed Monday night and the seats were becoming harder and harder, my eyes fell on the almost half million dollar denominational appropriation for matching contributions from local churches and pastors to the retirement plans for Baptist pastors.

What a soul satisfying feeling to know a tiny fraction of my church tithe and offering each Sunday will help some faithful servant of God to be comfortable when his earning days are over. This is but one of the good things looked after in routine denominational meetings.

Big shoes to fill

Turnover in Baptist leadership seems to come in waves and Kentucky Baptists are now experiencing one of these waves. In recent days four of the leading Baptist pastors and denominational leaders in Kentucky have announced their retirements—Carl Sears from Falmouth Baptist, Harold Purdy from Madisonville First, Chester Badgett from Campbellsville Baptist and Verlin Kruschwitz from Severns Valley Baptist in Elizabethtown.

These pastors have not only served their churches and communities well but also have made significant contributions to the state convention. They have served on the state executive board and on other strategic committees of the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The ministries of all these men prove that long pastorates can be very fruitful. They came to occupy a place in the lives of church members and community members that ministers of short tenure could never have. The fruit of their ministries will last as long as time.

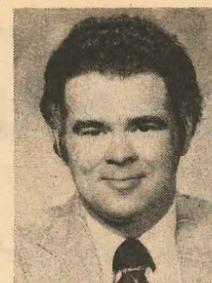
Fortunately, these men and their abilities will not be completely lost to churches and to the convention. Retirement for them will not mean quitting but changing pace and doing things they have always loved to do.

Both Purdy and Kruschwitz are moving to Louisville where both will teach at Boyce Bible School and help churches which need supply preaching, interim pastors and other ministries.

Chester Badgett, whose heart has always burned for missions, has accepted a temporary assignment from the Foreign Mission Board. Sears will spend retirement years near Falmouth and will help surrounding churches.

In earlier years as editor I would have expressed concern for a leadership vacuum should such a number of outstanding pastors retire at the same time. But not now. Observation has convinced me the Lord has younger leaders ready to fill these places. It remains then for us to thank the Lord for such retiring leaders and pray that divine guidance will lead these churches to God's choice for today's challenges.

Baptist News in Brief



Patterson



O'Brien

Rice, Criswell to merge?

Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., and the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas are exploring a possible merger.

Should a merger occur, Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center, will eventually become president of both institutions, Patterson and Robert Witty, Luther Rice president, confirmed in separate telephone interviews.

Patterson confirmed May 6 he would attend a board meeting of Luther Rice May 9, where he serves as a regent, to explore such a possibility. He said his board at the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies will make its decision "sometime in July" after Luther Rice's May 9 decision.

Although both schools employ Southern Baptists as faculty members and have mainly Southern Baptist students, neither has any official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention or a state Baptist convention.

Luther Rice, a private non-accredited institution, grants diplomas mainly by correspondence. The Criswell Center, affiliated with First Baptist Church, Dallas, is accredited by the American Association of Bible Schools.

Patterson said Witty approached him about the possible merger within the past six months. Since then the two presidents have been considering an approach in which the institutions would maintain their own names and, for at least a time, their own boards of trustees and presidents.

"Eventually, it is possible, but it has not been determined, that Patterson will be the president of each institution and I will be president-at-large of this institution (Luther Rice)," said Witty, who is already past retirement age. "None of that has been established."

Patterson said he envisions that in about a year after any merger occurs, he would head both institutions under one board of control.

BSSB promotes Lowry

Jim Lowry, feature reporter in the Baptist Sunday School Board's office of communications, has been promoted to program interpretation specialist in that office.

Lowry, 29, will edit the board's monthly newsletter to church staff leaders, Facts and Trends, in addition to covering the activities and programs of several major areas of the board.

A native of Oklahoma, Lowry came to the board in 1972 as a reporter. He holds a BA degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

Valentine favors farmers

A Southern Baptist ethicist has joined representatives from 12 other faith groups in announcing support for public policy to preserve small and moderate-size family farms.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, was one of 15 individuals declaring "as religious leaders, we view the deterioration of the family farm system with alarm and pain."

Noting since its birth the nation "has drawn both physical and spiritual nourishment from an agriculture based on small and moderate-sized farms," the

15 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders called for elimination of federal policy favoring large farming interests, stimulating absentee ownership or encouraging corporate control of farming.

"Fueling the trend" toward fewer and fewer small farms, the religious leaders asserted, is federal agricultural policy which has benefited large farms at the expense of smaller ones, provided incentives for expansion and made it harder for young farmers to get started in the business.

Valentine, the only Baptist signing the statement, said "for more than 100 years some of Southern Baptists' most loyal support and most effective leaders have come from families and churches with their roots in small family farms."

Seminary dean's wife dies

Helen Elizabeth Seats, former missionary to Nigeria, died May 2 after an extensive illness.

Mrs. Seats was the wife of Lavell Seats, professor of missions, dean of students and registrar at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Seats, 65, is survived by her husband; one son, Paige of Houston; and a granddaughter.

Professor's wife passes

Dorothy Vaughan, wife of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professor W. Curtis Vaughan, died Apr. 30 following an illness of several months. She was 54.

The former Dorothy Marian Withers of Point Pleasant, W. Va., was a graduate of the University of Virginia and Southwestern Seminary.

Survivors include her husband, a member of the seminary faculty since 1950, two sons, a daughter, one grandchild, her mother and two brothers.

Seminaries 'movin' on up'

Plans for a "bold new dimension" in theological education were announced in a joint statement by presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Speaking on behalf of the seminary presidents, Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Seminary and chairman of the president's group, outlined a new "division of extended studies."

He said it was created to meet the needs for theological training in pioneer (newer work) areas of the convention and in response to a request by the SBC, in its 1979 meeting in Houston, to study expansion of seminary education into the northeastern, north central, western and northwestern portions of the U. S.

The new division, a joint effort of the seminaries, will include a seminary satellite department to provide degree level credit work in off-campus programs beginning in the fall of 1981.

Raymond M. Rigdon, Seminary Extension Department director, Nashville, will direct the division of extended studies, with offices at the Southern Baptist Convention Building.

Rogers explains actions

Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said he asked two leading Memphis pastors to serve as chairmen of two prominent denominational committees because he knows and trusts them.

W. Wayne Allen, pastor of the 1800-member East Park Baptist Church, was appointed chairman of the 10-member SBC committee on resolutions, and Jerry L. Glisson, pastor of the 4597-member Leawood Baptist Church, chairman of the 52-member committee on committees.

"I also appointed them because of their proximity, and because I communicate well with them," added Rogers, pastor of the 10,500-member Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

The theological viewpoints of the two pastors also was a factor in the selection, Rogers added.

"They believe in the inspiration of the scriptures," the SBC president explained.

As chairman of the resolutions committee Allen will guide a group considering resolutions offered at the annual meeting of the SBC June 10-12 at St. Louis.

Glisson will convene the committee on committees just prior to the SBC in St. Louis to name two persons from each of the 26 states qualifying for representation to serve on the SBC committee on boards. That committee, which will be listed in the convention bulletin at the St. Louis SBC, will propose a slate of nominees for trustee posts on the SBC's 18 agencies. The nominees will be voted on by messengers to the 1981 SBC in Los Angeles.

Criswell halts

Patterson's maneuvers

Pastor W. A. Criswell of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., said May 8 his associate Paige Patterson will withdraw from leadership of a movement aimed at electing presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention and controlling nominations of trustees of SBC agencies.

Although the Dallas pastor praised Patterson's commitment to the effort and his zeal to keep SBC institutions "true to the word of God and its credibility, infallibility and inerrancy," he said methods used by Patterson are "those of a different world" that Baptists traditionally disdain.

For the last two years Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and others have led a convention-wide organized effort to insure the election of a SBC president committed to biblical inerrancy. They have charged the denomination is drifting toward "liberalism."

Patterson recently unveiled the latest plan to attempt to elect the SBC president for at least four consecutive years and possibly as many as 10.

He told Baptist Standard, Texas state Baptist paper, in an interview Apr. 14 he had kept Criswell "fully" informed about his organization's efforts.

But the hue and cry over news accounts of those efforts and Patterson's naming of seven persons he accused of "liberal" teachings prompted a meeting May 6 at First Baptist Church, Dallas, which sponsors the Criswell Center.

The meeting was of the present chairman and the six former chairmen of deacons at the church, who have been somewhat of an executive committee since Criswell's heart attack in January. No formal vote was taken but the expression of the men was reported as 4 to 3 in favor of Patterson withdrawing from his political involvement. Criswell said Patterson's future

involvement would be "resolved" and Patterson "will be a part of the resolving. After a little while you will never hear of it again."

Patterson was hospitalized with a bronchial infection at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and was unavailable for comment.

Annuity board backs staff

A resolution approving the "theological integrity and commitment of the president and staff of the Annuity Board" was unanimously passed by the Annuity Board's executive committee Apr. 30.

The resolution stemmed from a recent Baptist Press news story which indicated charges have been leveled some employes of Southern Baptist agencies and institutions don't believe in historic Baptist positions on biblical authority.

The resolution read:

"I move that the executive committee of the trustees of the Annuity Board express our confidence in the moral, spiritual, biblical and theological integrity and commitment of the president and staff of the Annuity Board."

The vote came after Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, told trustees of his "deep concern about an organized effort in convention life to control trustee selection process on a creedal basis."

"Two things I believe in deeply," he said. "One is I construe myself to be a conservative Baptist, thoroughly committed to the Bible as God's divine word—indeed truth without any mixture of error. Second, I believe in the historic Baptist position which has a strong aversion to creedalism."

O'Brien resigns BP post

Robert J. O'Brien, news editor for the national office of Baptist Press in Nashville for the past seven years, will join the Foreign Mission Board staff to coordinate planning for an intensified program of overseas news coverage.

O'Brien, expected to join the staff about mid July, will help plan the new program during his first year at the board and then move overseas for about two years to conduct a pilot news project in a region to be selected.

The plan involves the use of professional journalists in strategic regional locations overseas to report news firsthand and work with missionary press representatives in the 94 Southern Baptist mission fields.

In his new assignment O'Brien will be overseas news coordinator and special correspondent for the board's news and information services which serves as the foreign news bureau of Baptist Press, and also will relate closely to other departments in the board's new office of communications.

O'Brien, 40, a native of South Carolina, has over 21 years experience in secular and Southern Baptist journalism. As BP news editor he has supervised news coverage of the denomination's news service, coordinating work with six BP bureaus and other news sources and relations with secular and religious media.

Each year he has managed the newsroom at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and this year will also direct coverage of the 14th Baptist World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in July in Toronto, Canada.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

4600 in music festivals

Kentucky Baptists concluded their 1980 music festival season with over 4600 participating in the 14 regional festivals and two state youth choir festivals.

A total of 4394 persons from 100 churches in 41 associations participated in the regional festivals. These comprised four handbell choirs, 62 adult choirs, 41 youth choirs and 36 children's choirs. Other events included one orchestra, 13 hymn players, 14 vocal soloists, five song leaders and nine vocal ensembles.

The state youth choir festivals held at Louisville and Jonathan Creek were attended by 231 persons from 16 churches in 11 associations.

The purposes accomplished by these festivals were to help singers and instrumentalists perform more effectively, give outstanding performers opportunities to share what they can do with each other and challenge them to a better musical proficiency for the glory of God.

Faith mission constituted

Faith Baptist Mission, at Jimmie Creek on U. S. Hwy. 460, Regina, was organized into a church May 4. Faith was a mission of Mouthcard Baptist Church.

The mission moved to its present location Feb. 8, 1962. It met in an old house while a building was being constructed. Dedication services for the partially completed building were held Oct. 14 of the same year. The mission was closed after the 1977 flood.

Two pastors, Carl Mullins, Mouthcard, and James Hendricks, Grace Baptist Church, became interested in the mission. Elkhorn City agreed to lease the property and Feb. 9, 1978 the mission building was reopened and became the Faith Baptist Mission.

Within the past two years the first floor sanctuary has been nearly completed, pews purchased and installed, rest rooms completed and a front porch added.

Under the leadership of Mullins there were 27 baptisms in the 1978-79 church year.

Present membership of Faith First Baptist Church is 49. Dean Robinson is pastor at Faith.

Central City sets puppet seminar

A seminar on the usefulness of professional puppets as instructional tools will be held at Central City First Baptist Church May 15 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

The three-and-one-half hour training session will be conducted by professional puppeteers from Puppet Production

Inc., a San Diego, Calif. company.

Seminar subjects include how to manipulate hand puppets, selecting and training puppeteers, organizing an effective puppet team, improving performances and maintaining high performance standards.

For additional details and registration information contact: John E. Boggess at 754-3670 or 754-5008.

Owensboro store gains recognition

An awards banquet for the Book Store Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board was held Apr. 14 at the board in Nashville.

The Owensboro store, managed by Bill Polk, received the best overall performance award for small stores with local sales.

Franklin approves youth trip

Franklin First Baptist Church has scheduled a summer youth mission trip to Ashville, Oh. The trip, approved during a special business meeting Apr. 23, will be June 7-13.

LaGrange Heights joins association

LaGrange Heights Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association in Sulphur Fork Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. LaGrange Heights was organized in December 1979.

On recommendation from the associational mission committee it will be received officially at the annual meeting Oct. 10-11.

Henry Beach is pastor at LaGrange Heights.

Deaths

W. C. Younce dies at 83

W. C. Younce, 83, of Richmond, died Apr. 23 after suffering a massive stroke earlier in the month.

Younce was ordained to the ministry in 1922 by Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

He pastored several Kentucky Baptist churches and was director of missions, Tates Creek Association, for 16 years.

He is survived by his wife, Hannah Scheu Younce; a son, Robert, Raleigh, N. C.; a daughter, Lois Duncan, Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Richmond by E. N. Perry, assisted by Mack Harris.

Burial services were at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville. T. L. McSwain officiated at the burial.

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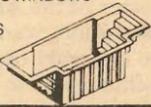
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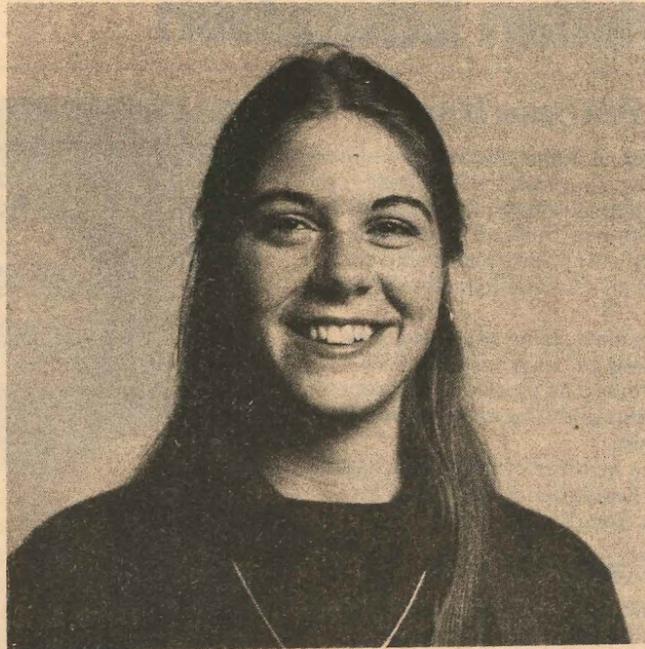
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Bold Mission Thrust for Kentucky Baptist Education

Christian Education

State BSU taps King

Mark King, a junior religion and philosophy major at Georgetown College, has been elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Student Union. The election took place at the state leadership conference Apr. 12 at Campbellsville College.

As president, King will preside at state meetings, work with the BSU summer missions programs and represent Kentucky during student week at Ridgecrest.

King, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don King.

EEOC appeals suit

Southwestern Seminary has been notified that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has appealed a January decision in a two-year-old lawsuit.

The appeal was filed with the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

District Judge Eldon Mahon of Ft. Worth ruled Jan. 25 EEOC did not have jurisdiction over the seminary, thereby denying EEOC the right to seek employe records.

By agreement, the outcome of the suit filed in May 1977 against Southwestern will govern the claim of jurisdiction by EEOC over the other Southern Baptist seminaries.

EEOC had contended the seminary is required to follow federal guidelines because it is an institution of higher learning employing more than 15 persons.

EEOC, in its brief filed with the district court, took the position it has jurisdiction of the church itself with the sole exception the church can require its employes to be of like faith.

No date has been set for hearing the appeal. A record of the Ft. Worth trial will be sent to the appeals court and both EEOC and the seminary will file briefs stating their positions. After these are filed the appeals court will determine if it is to hear oral arguments or make a decision based on the written briefs and trial transcript.

Campus awards 'tymely'

Campbellsville College's student newspaper, The Campus Tymes, won nine awards at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Press Association at Eastern Kentucky University.

Judges grouped award categories into two divisions: Division A for university papers and Division B for college papers.

The Campus Tymes won first place in Division B for overall page layout, the major category of the contest.

Editor Steve Lanham, a senior from Lebanon, was awarded first place for sports photos, second place for editorials and second place for personality features.

Gary Ford, a junior from Sonora, won second place for editorial cartoons.

Dean George, a senior from Nineveh, Ind., won both second and third places for sports columns and third place for sports features.

Mary Jeffries, a junior from Greensburg, received honorable mention in the news feature category.

Judges also commended the Tymes for careful proofreading and copyediting, although there was no separate category for these in the contest.



The Cumberland College student body has elected Student Government Association officers for 1980-81 [l-r]: Beverly Hatmaker, LaFollette, Tenn., president, and Mike Duncan, Harlan, Ky., vice president.

Ward Clear Creek speaker

Clear Creek Baptist School graduation exercises will be held at the Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro, May 16 at 7 p.m. Wayne Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, will be guest speaker.

Chiles guest lecturer

H. C. Chiles will be guest lecturer at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, during the June term of summer school. He will teach Philippians.

Chiles was pastor of Barbourville First Baptist Church and Murray First Baptist Church for 37 years. His commentary to the international Sunday school lesson has a running span of 31 years.

He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

GGBTS eatin' meetin'

Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Association will have its annual meeting in St. Louis June 11.

The luncheon will be held in the Boulevard Room of the Sheraton-St. Louis Hotel at 12:30 p.m. The Sheraton-

St. Louis is adjacent to the Cervantes Convention Center in downtown St. Louis, where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet.

Tickets purchased for the luncheon by June 1 cost \$6.50 per person. After June 1 the price will be \$7.50 per person.

To order tickets, write Alumni Office, Golden Gate Seminary, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

SWBTS prof to M-AS

Larry Walker is a new professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Mid-America Seminary. Walker has been in the Old Testament Department at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 14 years.

He holds the BA degree from Bob Jones University, BD from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and MA from Wheaton College. He earned the PhD from Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning and has done further study at the Linguistic Institute, University of Michigan.

Walker was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind. and is married to Rebecca Elizabeth Brown. The Walkers have five children: David Lee, Daniel William, Craig Allen, Linda Gay and Melissa Elizabeth.

226 earn degrees

Two hundred twenty-six students were awarded degrees May 10 as Georgetown College observed its 151st spring commencement. Exercises were held on the north lawn in front of Giddings Hall.

Commencement weekend began May 9 with a variety of reunions, receptions and recognitions of special guests.

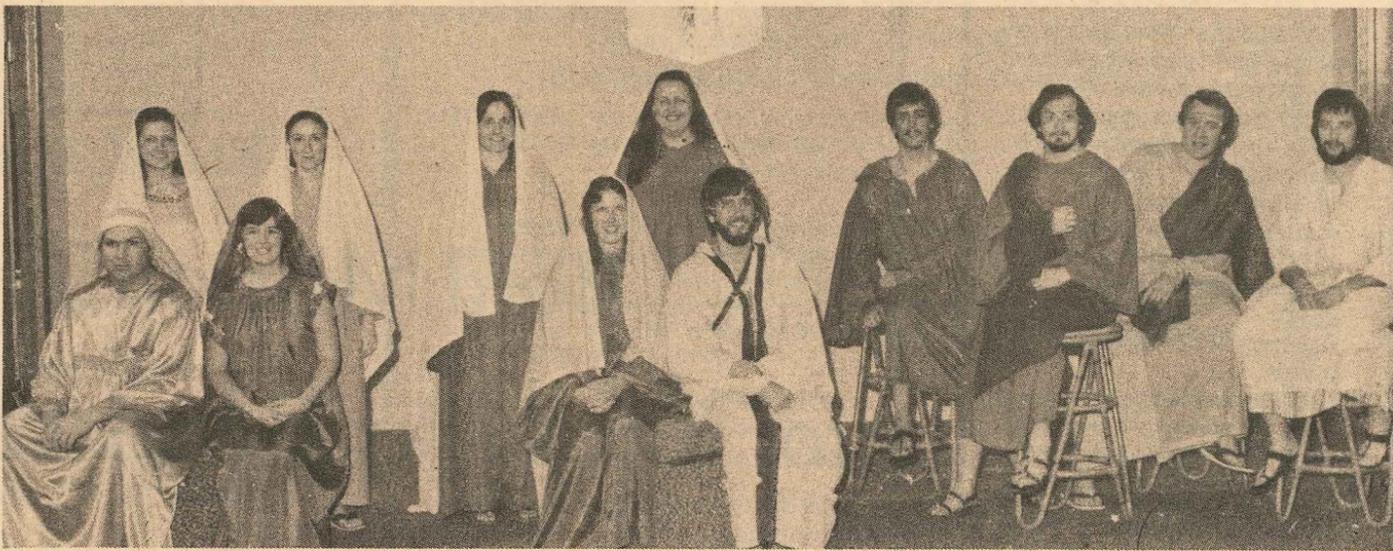
Four honorary degrees were awarded by the college. Homer Coggins, president of Baptist Hospitals Inc.; Jack Lowndes, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York; and William H. McBeath, executive director of the American Public Health Association, were this year's recipients. One honorary degree was presented posthumously to Paul D. McCandless, former senior vice president of South Central Bell Telephone Company in Kentucky. McCandless died Feb. 15.

The baccalaureate sermon was given by James Highland, pastor, Shelbyville First Baptist Church.

Jon Abernathy, a graduating senior, and Austin French, associate professor of mathematics, were commencement speakers.



Golden Gate Seminary trustee O. M. Kington Jr. talks with Stanton H. Nash [l] during an informal reception held by Golden Gate students for members of the seminary's board of trustees who were on campus recently for their annual meeting. Kington is from Madisonville, Ky. Nash is vice president for development at Golden Gate.



The Clear Creek Singers of Clear Creek Baptist School presented concerts in churches in Kentucky and Florida during their annual spring tour. The Singers, under the direction of professor David H. Hale, performed the choral music drama "Acts" by Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney. The musical group is pictured in costume [l-r], standing, Debbie Jones, Sharon

Kirkpatrick, Ella Sue Robbins and Beth Schnitzler as the four witnesses; seated, Gary Robbins as Ananias, Jenny Ditty as Lydia, Brenda Searcy as Helena the jailer's wife, John Ditty as the jailer, Jim Ditty as Silas, Tim Searcy as Paul, Carlos Scott as Simon Peter and Byron Ellington as Luke.

Ministering to the children of the 80's



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Sunday School Lessons

MAY 25, 1980



H. C. Chiles

Gift giving

The giving of gifts is really one of the most beautiful and indeed sacred parts of life. Most of us are who we are as people and persons because of the gifts we have received. I am speaking here of intangible kinds of gifts we receive—kindness, thoughtfulness and being sensitive to another person. Undergirding all of these kinds of gifts is the good gift God gave in the person of Jesus Christ—truly a gift that speaks of life, of a quality of living that is unsurpassed.

Many of us use material things as an expression of ourselves and of sharing. However I keenly feel to equate gift giving with material things is to miss the point of what life is all about. I continue to be impressed and moved with the vast amount and diversity I see expressed across our state. Some gifts are words of encouragement, hope and affirmation for this work. Other gifts come as individuals involving themselves directly in the lives of children. Some are large and some are small—but beneath each of them is that unique bond of Christian love that holds us together.

That spirit of giving resulted this year in the largest Thanksgiving offering ever—\$485,569.00. This kind of gift in these days of economic tightness and change is a dramatic display of the collective voice of hope and support for what this ministry is all about. The interesting thing is that our Thanksgiving offering, large though it was, is made up of small gifts like the one we received last year for \$5, along with this note: "Dear Ones: This small gift is my birthday offering. My 82nd birthday is Apr. 4th and I am thankful to be living. . . . My desire is that the Children's Home is kept in good financial shape." The spirit of this gift giver and the depth of his concern will live long in the lives of the children we serve.

Life really would be empty without this business of gift giving, of sharing who we are and what we have with one another in the good, strong name of Jesus Christ.

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The glory of the new creation

The new creation—Revelation 21:1-7 Here we are given a description of the great happiness which is in store for the children of God in their future abode. As children of God and followers of Christ, we are contemplating and anticipating with joy the arrival of the time when we shall be delivered from the presence of sin and enter upon the future life with God in the coming glory. No longer will we be plagued by the temptations and evil of Satan. All former things, which have caused us so much pain, distress and sorrow, will have passed away.

The new city—Revelation 22:1-5 With the finite mind one cannot grasp all of the wonders of the celestial city, of which John gave us a glimpse in the 21st and 22nd chapters of Revelation, but he is made to rejoice in the wonders of the place to which by God's grace he, as a Christian, is going.

John gave some interesting information about a river of the water of life, the tree of life, a perfect form of government, an ideal lighting system, and the length of the life of the city. He stated that the heavenly city will have a flowing stream "proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." It will supply plenty of pure and clear water, which is a matter of tremendous importance. In this city will stand the tree of life, which will be very unique in that it will bear 12 kinds of fruit and its leaves will be for the healing of the nations. In other words, it will be characterized especially by productivity and healing qualities.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Life is more than work

Exodus 20:8-10a The origin of the Sabbath goes back to creation. Six days were consumed in the setting in order of the universe. After labor should come rest, so God instituted the Sabbath and required man to cease labor on that day and take time to meditate on the things of his creator and build his spiritual life through worship.

Deuteronomy 8:1-3 Centuries earlier God had lovingly and graciously promised Abraham and his descendants he would give them the land of Canaan, and now the Israelites were on the verge of entering and taking possession of it. The varied and trying experiences which were theirs as they had journeyed through the wilderness under God's leadership had taught them some invaluable lessons, which they had sorely needed to learn.

Mark 9:33-37 After telling his disciples about his personal self-abasement and sorrow, it is astonishing they kept thinking about self-advancement. Because of their selfish ambitions they entered into a dispute as to which of them would have the place of preeminence in the kingdom of the Messiah, which they were anticipating his having on earth. When Christ asked them what they had been arguing about, they remained silent. Theirs was the silence of shame.

KBC Activities

MAY

- 19-21 Senior Adult Retreat. Cedarmore. All accommodations have been reserved. Begins with evening meal on 19th; closes with noon meal on 21st. Sessions tend to build on what was done the previous session.

Looking ahead

MAY

- 18 Baptist Radio and Television Sunday.
19-21 Senior Adult Retreat. Cedarmore.
19-25 Associational Emphasis Week.
29-30 "Growing an Evangelistic Church" Seminar. First Baptist, Hopkinsville. Jay Brown, Director of Evangelism Department, KBC, will conduct the conference assisted by Kentucky pastors Bruce Hodge and Richard Harris, and Calvin Cantrell, associate in Evangelism Department, Louisiana. First day sessions begin at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.; second day sessions begin at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

JUNE

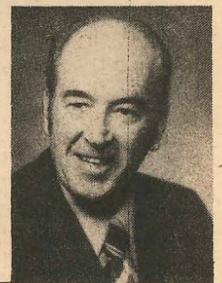
- 1 Religious Liberty Sunday
2-4 WMU Executive Board Meeting. Cedarmore.
5-6 Summer Missionaries' Orientation. Baptist Building, Middletown.
8-12 Southern Baptist Convention with auxiliary meetings. St. Louis, Mo. Detailed program Apr. 9th issue of Western Recorder.

Planning ahead

Available Youth and Children Weeks at Cedarmore. (All weeks begin Monday afternoon and close Friday noon. Reservations made with Cedarmore unless otherwise noted.)

- GA/Acteen Camp at Cedar Crest—7 separate weeks beginning June 16-20.
Mother/Daughter Overnight at Cedar Crest. July 11-12, 18-19.
RA Camp at RABRO—9 separate weeks, beginning June 9-13.
Father/Son in grades 1, 2, 3—overnight. July 11-12, 18-19. All reservations for all RA camps made with Brotherhood.
Music Weeks: Children—July 14-18; July 28-Aug. 1. Youth/Adult—July 21-25.

Frank Owen



Primeval memories

Sunday's newspaper announced the death of Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia. Now we face the forebodings of a power vacuum in an unstable world. His name awakened this World War II soldier's memory of days that now seem only vaguely real from some primordial existence in another world of shadows.

Soldiers in combat zones were obliged to know the daily password and its required response. This normally changed at midnight. Its purpose was to detect disguised enemy infiltration of our lines. When halted one quickly gave the known password and demanded the response word. Each then knew whether he was facing friend or foe.

Somehow my driver and I got lost trying to follow obscure dirt roads through a forest area to one of our remote outposts indicated on my large scale, hand-held map.

"Halt," came the command as we again entered the woods after passing through a small village. Melvin Hoiem slammed the brakes. We looked and listened. Under the thick ground foliage just beyond our jeep's right front wheel, stood the yet unseen soldier, waist deep in a fresh-dug hole. I was in his gun sights, unawares.

"Give the password," said the voice.

"Tito," I replied.

"Sir, I see you are a Chaplain without a gun. What are you doing wandering around out there?"

"We are lost," I said, "but, wait, soldier; you haven't given the response. Who and what are you?"

"Mikhailovitch," he said.

Unsure memory now tells me that he and Tito were contending Balkan guerrilla resistance leaders. Tito was the one who came out on top.

The camouflage began to move, revealing the friendly American face behind the unfriendly gun. I breathed again thankfully.

"Sir, we haven't taken any villages where you have just been. What is the situation?"

I replied that everything seemed unusually quiet, "no soldiers at all; and now I know why the few civilians we saw looked so surprised at our American Jeep."

(Is war brewing again? God forbid!)

Georgetown commissions Marshall, Cravins and Cobb to the ends of the earth

by Maxine Stewart

A deacon turns missionary

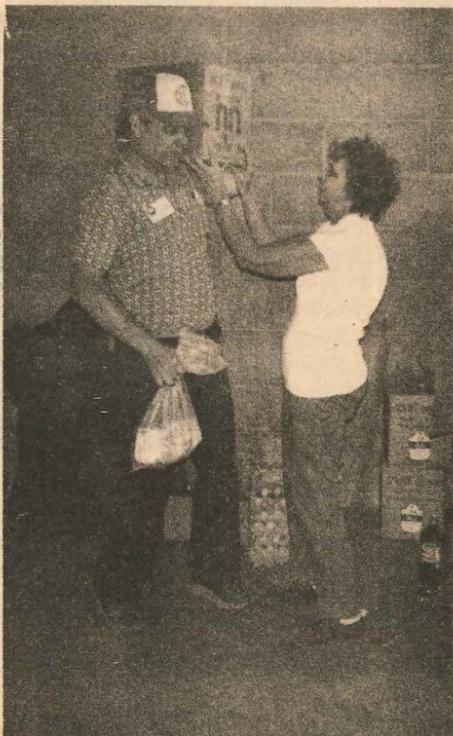
Harold Marshall is one of many Baptists who has become concerned about the Cambodian refugees in light of recent months of publicity. A deacon at Georgetown (Ky.) Baptist Church, he suggested to the deacons their church sponsor a refugee family. There were pros and cons.

The church was preparing to demolish a big brick building they owned to provide more parking space. Marshall became convinced that this would not be right with so many refugees needing a place to go. He suggested the deacons present the matter to the church. A committee was appointed.

As often happens when a committee has been delegated a responsibility, it appeared nothing was being done, but then Marshall said to himself, "If it is the Lord's will, he will do it without my pushing."

Before long this matter was brought before the church. Before the vote was taken the pastor said, "I feel like, as a matter of personal integrity, I have to state my position on the issue of bringing a refugee family here. I have to give it wholehearted support. I think this is something that we ought to do. It is a ministry we can render in the name of Christ. Before the vote is taken I want you to know that I wholeheartedly support this motion." When the vote was taken there was no opposition.

When the news media picked up the needs of the Cambodians, Marshall felt he should do more. He took a leave of absence from IBM and went to Thailand to help with food distribution in one of the refu-



Layman Harold Marshall delivers many cases of oil to the supplementary feeding warehouse where Ann Cravins mixes milk.

gee camps. He worked in Kamput refugee camp in Chanthaburi, Thailand, for four weeks, distributing food and other items by the tons.

A Cravins for missions

Mrs. Ann Cravins is the owner of a jewelry store in Georgetown and has been a long time friend of the Harold Marshall family. "When I heard Harold was going to Thailand," said Mrs. Cravins, "I thought it was very nice, but I wasn't personally interested."

As the television blared and blazed the news of the Cambodians Mrs. Cravins was not moved other than nominally concerned. "However, as I was praying about Harold Marshall going, and praying about the possibility of some others going," she related, "the



Ann Cravins and her team of refugee helpers prepare the milk powder for mixing.

Lord laid it on my heart as never before, for some reason, that I should go!"

She wrote to other long time friends missionaries Daniel and Fannie Cobb and asked if they could use her too. Cobb wrote back and said, "No, there is no place for you at this time. I am sorry, but we just don't need you at this time." She was crushed.

"She answered me with the sweetest letter," said Cobb. "I'm sure it is the Lord's will," she wrote. "I know I was in the Lord's leading. But because I have enough faith to leave it with the Lord I am not going to worry about it. I accept it at this point. I am at peace about it. I was certain I was in the Lord's will in volunteering to go."

She went on to say, "If you feel at any time I can service I'm willing to do anything. I'll do Fannie's kitchen work, wash the dishes, scrub the floors so she can work. I'll do anything you want me to do in the camp. I have had hospital training and have worked in a hospital. I'm willing to work in anything I can do."

She mailed her letter. Two days later she received a letter from Cobb saying the situation had changed and she was needed and to please plan to get there soon. There was no holding her down! She was soaring. She left shortly thereafter with Bruce Cobb and Harold Marshall.

Originally she was needed to help with the special food distribution and with the unaccompanied minors and supplementary feeding. Mrs. Cravins was asked to take over the supplementary feeding warehouse, which involves mixing milk by hand as Kamput has no mixer.

This is a mixture of milk powder, water and oil as fat needs to be added for the refugees. Many of them are malnourished.

Mrs. Cravins was supervisor of the stock piling of 'reward food.' Since it is against policy to pay the refugees who work, extra food rations are given them.

Cobb Thais his witness to missions

Bruce Cobb, son of missionaries Daniel R. and Fannie Cobb, went to Thailand as a volunteer refugee worker. He is being supported primarily by Georgetown (Ky.) Baptist Church where he is a member.

"I told the coordinator of refugee activities for the Thailand Baptist mission, missionary Douglas Ringer," said Cobb, "I am willing to try to do anything you need done."

Ringer stationed him at Mai Rut camp to work with William Peeler in the milk program and food distribution, but primarily as a handy man to take care of some basic things such as wiring, installing lights, plugs, switches, plug for the milk mixing machine so that it will not have to be run off the generator all the time, build benches for the Baptist building, reinforce

the present benches, build rails to form milk receiving lines and put shelves in the storage room.

"In addition to the handy man jobs," said Cobb, "are the Bible studies we have started in the evenings, which we didn't really initiate."

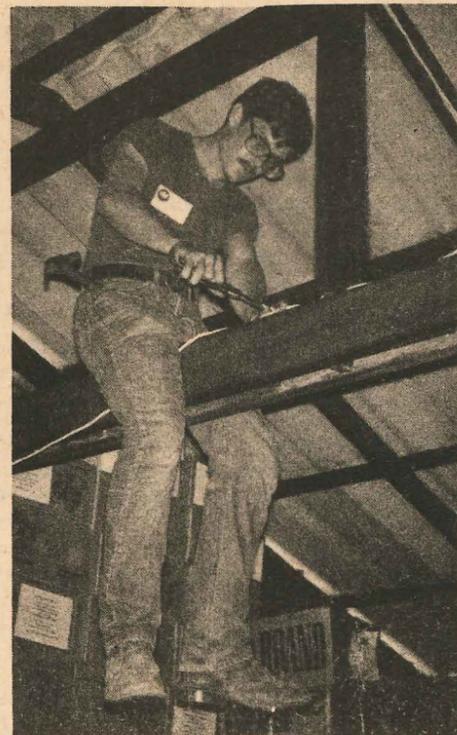
Cobb and Peeler started by teaching about "What is Christianity? Why be a Christian? What a difference being a Christian makes in your life."

After two nights of study, eight people said they believed. From there the two young men began teaching some of the basic principles of Christianity.

Shortly thereafter the Chinese-Cambodians approached them about studying with them, but in separate classes as they wanted it translated into Chinese for the older Chinese people to understand.

"First thing we knew," said Cobb, "we had three studies going every night."

The response has been tremendous. "The crowds have gotten so large," said Cobb, "we can't contain them in the buildings, so we are planning to have a training session with some leaders for each group. This will train them in leadership roles with their own people and language."



Bruce Cobb wiring the Baptist building at Mai Rut refugee camp.