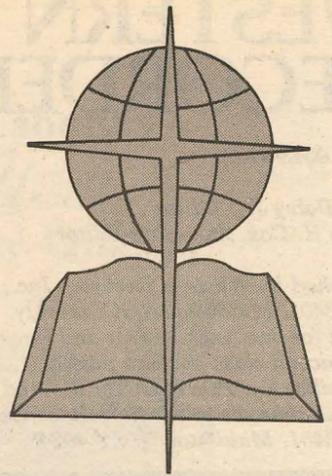


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Conciliatory remarks

Will Draper, moderates' meeting finally result in harmony and unity for Southern Baptists?

by W. C. Fields

Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. spent four hours discussing the need for unity within the denomination with four leaders of a moderate group which had opposed his election to office.

Draper characterized the meeting as "open and positive, a constructive first step" toward reconciling factions in the Baptist body.

The Aug. 23 meeting was initiated by Bill Sherman of Nashville, Cecil Sherman of Asheville, N. C., Edwin F. Perry of Louisville and M. Vernon Davis of Alexandria, Va. as spokesmen for moderates, to find acceptable ways to depoliticize the convention presidency as a means of restoring Southern Baptist harmony.

The moderates see in a group whose watchcry is "inerrancy" of the Bible an attempt to take over SBC agencies and institutions through the appointive powers of the convention president. The "inerrantists" generally supported Draper for convention president while the moderates mostly backed Duke K. McCall of Louisville. Draper was elected at New Orleans in June by a vote of 8331 to 6292.

Those present for the Nashville discussions said their purposes were to find ways to end "the annual political contest for the office of the president," strengthen the office for spiritual rather than political leadership, support

Draper as a healing influence in the convention and channel Southern Baptist energies into more important Christian causes, especially the denomination's program of expansion in missions and evangelism, Bold Mission Thrust.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, who also was present in the meeting, said, "I am grateful this meeting has taken place. It should lead to good results, especially in Bold Mission Thrust."

John Sullivan of Shreveport, La., SBC first vice president, also was a participant in the meeting. He said after the meeting, "We understand each other. We are together in principle. We simply have to work out the strategy,

Eddleman to CCBS

H. Leo Eddleman, 71, 1953-58 president of Georgetown College, has joined the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, as distinguished professor of Old Testament.

From 1972-75 Eddleman was the first full time president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Tex., and has continued to teach there since then. He was pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, for 10 years.

Blind ministry meet slated Oct. 10-11 at Clifton, Louisville

Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, will host a conference for anyone interested in ministry for the blind Oct. 10-11.

The conference will begin Oct. 10 at 10:40 a.m. with Cecil Etheridge, national consultant for blind ministry with the Baptist Home Mission Board, speaking at Clifton's worship service.

Most of the conferences and workshops will be led by leaders from the blind community. They will speak on several topics including: "Living with blindness" and "Let me reach my potential."

Bob Williams, pastor of Clifton, will lead a workshop, "Getting started in the church," and Etheridge will speak on "What is happening with blind ministry among Southern Baptists."

The conference will include tours of Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky Industries and Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and the American Printing House for the Blind.

The conference is free and limited housing is available. For further information write or call Clifton Baptist Church, 1947 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206, (502) 897-1771.

the details of how to achieve harmony in our midst."

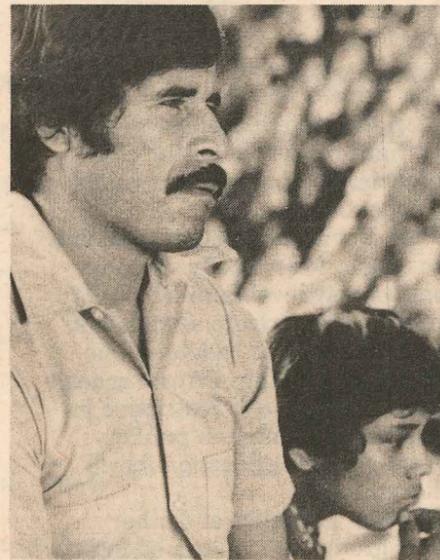
The group, all pastors except Bennett, declined to release details of specific proposals discussed. Draper said he already had been thinking about some of the approaches considered.

Draper plans to study the proposals further, talk with the group again, consult others and said he likely would have a public statement on these matters during his message to the fall meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville Sept. 20-22.

Draper told Baptist Press, "Not any of us want to keep on fighting. There are some positive steps yet to come. I want to pray and think about these matters. In a few weeks I want to sit down with these men again. I feel positive about the time we have had together. Our discussions have been warm and friendly."

Cecil Sherman said, "I take hope from this meeting. Jimmy Draper is living up to what he said he wanted to be and do. If this continues, trust will build. Only the extremes, right and left, who prefer to divide us, will object to this kind of effort. I take heart!"

Davis said following the meeting, "I



The search for work

As Americans pause from their jobs to celebrate Labor Day this year millions of unemployed workers are struggling to survive without a paycheck. From laid off factory workers to migrant farm laborers, the frustration of unemployment takes its toll. In Arkansas, home missionary Ariel Hernandez ministers to migrants like these whose search for jobs often separates them from home and families. [HMB photo by Paul Obregon]

hope president Draper will continue to talk about reconciliation and community with all groups and that people will accept him at his word. I hope his presidency will be a healing one."

Bill Sherman described the meeting as marked by openness, fairness and integrity, qualities necessary for resolving conflict.

Perry said, "I believe a process for peace and vital Christian fellowship has begun here today. We hope and pray it will continue."

Wasn't SBC veep's time to go anywhere

Gene Garrison never got off the ground—a circumstance which possibly saved the life of the pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and second vice president of the 13.8 million member Southern Baptist Convention.

Garrison, 51, had been the guest speaker for both services of the centennial celebration of First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., Aug. 22, but he woke up at 4 a.m. Monday feeling ill. "I just thought I had the flu or some kind of virus so we went ahead to the airport and got ready to go back home," he said in a telephone interview from Sun Towers Medical Center in El Paso.

As the 11 a.m. flight taxied into position to take off Garrison hyperventilated and the pilot turned the plane around and went back to the terminal where an ambulance rushed the pastor to the hospital.

The first EKG indicated a heart attack and Garrison's blood pressure was 190/150.

"I have hypertension anyway and the doctors thought at first I had had a major heart attack," Garrison explained. But his own early morning diagnosis had been accurate—at least to some extent. "The doctor said I had a virus, his words were a 'real mean virus,' that cut off the oxygen to my heart and produced a schematic coronary—something that makes the EKG schematic read like a coronary when there hasn't been one," he explained.

Tests the next two days showed no signs of heart damage and 48 hours after stopping the flight just before takeoff, Garrison and his wife Martha planned to catch another plane for Oklahoma City. He is very aware of what could have happened if he had hyperventilated 20 or 30 minutes later while the plane was flying over the unpopulated stretches of west Texas.

"It could have been a bad scene," he admitted. "I'm glad the Lord was taking care of me."

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



DALEY OBSERVATIONS

C. R. Daley

A conversation offering hope for reconciliation

The recent conversation involving Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Draper, vice president John Sullivan, Southern Baptist Convention executive secretary Harold Bennett and four pastors offers a ray of light in the dark tunnel through which Southern Baptists are now passing. (See news article on page 1 of this issue.) It's a welcome development because since the New Orleans convention last June the outlook for reconciliation and healing of the two factions in the convention has been grim. The prospect was for another square-off next year in Pittsburgh and at every convention in the foreseeable future.

The predicament of Southern Baptists has grieved many hearts. Among these were the pastors who requested a meeting with president Draper for what they considered was a last hope for reconciliation and peace. Without some meeting of minds and hearts they foresaw continuing crippling dissension and

an ultimate split of the convention.

It is to the credit of president Draper that he even agreed to a meeting with these pastors whose positions in the current controversy are well known. He not only listened to what they had to say but his positive response surpassed all expectations of the pastors. There was no final meeting of minds but the outlook for general agreement and cooperation is bright.

The issue of grave concern is the radical politicizing of the office of convention president. The committee appointments of former presidents Adrian Rogers and Bailey Smith have severely polarized the convention.

Details of the conversation were not included in the press release but the chief concern of the pastors was that president Draper follow a method in naming members to the committee on committees and the committee on nominations that would assure balanced and representative committees. In turn the pastors would pledge president Draper their full support in Pittsburgh next year.

This was asking a lot of president Draper. He has the constitutional authority to make these ap-

pointments consulting with no one except the vice presidents of the convention. He doesn't have to have the support of these pastors as demonstrated in New Orleans. He had already gone beyond constitutional requirements in agreeing to announce his appointments well ahead of the convention.

His response, however, was commendable. As he pledged to do upon taking office, he turned this opportunity into a conversation instead of a confrontation. He announced no specific method he would follow in making his appointments but evidently gave hope to these pastors that his appointments would be fair and balanced.

Another meeting of the group is scheduled and it could be even more fruitful.

President Draper gives every indication he is his own man and that he will not be controlled by any individual or group but will listen to all suggestions. More power to him!

Doubtlessly he will receive pressure from those who want to use the office to stack committees in order ultimately to control agencies and institutions of the convention. This will be hard to resist because

some of these claim credit for his election but he has promised to be everyone's president and to serve with integrity.

Under the circumstances no president in the history of the convention has been presented a greater opportunity to rise above unsavory denominational politics and literally save Southern Baptists from worthless wrangling and damaging division. Past experience of Baptists indicates that if those with honorable intentions though differing views respect one another and talk with each other long enough they will talk themselves together. Let us hope this is true in this instance.

If God is as interested in Southern Baptists as we claim, why not believe our prayers are being answered and that the Holy Spirit inspired this conversation between concerned pastors and president Draper? Why not believe they were sent to the kingdom for such a time as this?

The least we should do and the most we can do is to pray toward this end.

Public schools hang in the balance

It's a dangerous situation when the United States president, the national Congress and the American people are confronted with as many pressing issues as they are at this time. The danger comes from special interest groups which would try to slip something through Congress while national attention is on other important matters.

Such could be the case with the current proposal for tuition tax credits to parents sending their children to private and church related elementary and high schools. Under this plan the income tax of parents would be reduced by as much as \$500 for each child they send to private schools.

Ordinarily such a far reaching proposal would be carefully scrutinized and thoroughly debated but with the desperate American economic situation, the Palestinian-Israeli crisis, the 1982-83 federal budget debate, the abortion and prayer in public school constitutional amendments proposals and other pressing issues, the tuition tax credit proposal could be a sleeper.

Its advocates are not asleep,

however, and its opponents had better be awake. If this proposal becomes law, American public schools could be severely injured if not destroyed. In a society where education for all children of all races and all classes at public expense has been considered a birthright, private schools with the aid of tuition tax credits could steal that birthright by becoming the chief beneficiaries of federal tax funds for education.

This is unthinkable but true. It is also tragic. Most needy students from poverty level families would never get into private schools but would still have to look to public schools for training. Private schools can be selective and restrictive in admitting students but public schools provide education for all children.

Blacks, Hispanics and other ethnic groups are welcomed into public schools. So are physically, emotionally and mentally handicapped children. How ironic that under the tuition tax credit proposal less federal funds would eventually be spent to help public schools provide training for such children than would be spent on private schools which turn their backs upon such children and train

children of parents most of whom can already afford private school education.

Tuition tax credit advocates must know their propositions cannot stand public scrutiny and debate. This could be the reason for an apparent strategy which would sidestep usual legislative prowess. Reports now are that Senator Packwood and other supporters of this proposal may try to attach it to the public debt limit bill. Such a strategy would send the proposal directly to a Senate-House conference committee and thus effectively deny the full House of Representatives opportunity for full debate. This is less than an honorable way to approach such a far reaching change in national policy.

A study of the ultimate effects of the tuition tax credit proposal has been made and released by the

Council of Great City Schools and the American Association of School Administrators (see news article on page six of this issue). The study included 65 large school districts in 29 states.

The Jefferson County-Louisville school system was among those studied. The following chart indicates what the picture for this school system would be so far as federal funds for education are concerned from now until 1984-85. These projections consider the anticipated federal allocations to public education and the tuition tax credit proposals.

Study this chart carefully and then express your views to Senators Wendell Ford and Walter Huddleston.

American public schools hang in the balance.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS					
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Direct Federal ED Expenditures	\$9,846,783	\$9,175,663	\$8,945,168	\$7,603,302	\$7,223,223
Enrollment	99,865	96,688	93,837	93,837	93,837
Federal Per Pupil Expenditure	\$98.60	\$94.90	\$95.33	\$81.03	\$76.98
PRIVATE SCHOOLS					
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Direct Federal ED Expenditures	\$810,931	\$616,286	\$694,333	\$694,333	\$694,333
Federal Tax Expenditures (Tuition tax credits)	—	—	\$2,078,043	\$5,333,742	\$8,431,835
Enrollment	29,395	29,186	29,186	29,186	29,186
Federal Per Pupil Expenditure	\$27.59	\$21.12	\$94.99	\$206.54	\$312.57

FOOD ROUND-UP FOR CHILDREN



The Women's Advisory Board of Baptist Homes for Children is sponsoring the annual "Food Round-Up". All during the month of September food will be collected across the state for children being cared for through our ministry to children.*

Baptist groups and individuals gave a tremendous gift of food last year, and we are sure that you will give even more generously this year.

Your gifts made it possible for us to care for our children adequately and also made it possible for us to stay within the amount budgeted for food for the year—in spite of rising costs.

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*The September 8 issue of the *Western Recorder* will carry information about the pick-up points for the entire state.

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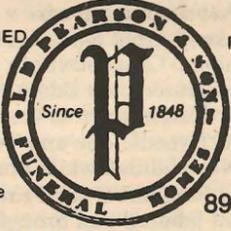
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NOTICE OF BIDS

Sealed bids for sale of two used school buses by Wolfe County Board of Education, Campton, Ky., to be received at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, until 1:00 p.m., September 21, 1982. At that time the sealed bids will be opened and the sale of the vehicles transacted.

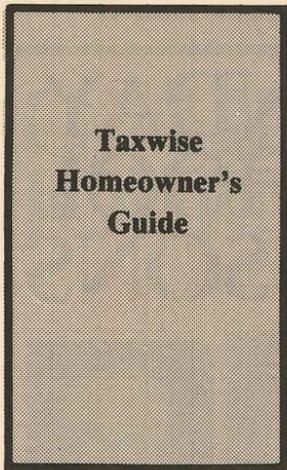
The buses are described as follows:
1974 Ford model, 60-passenger seating capacity, automatic transmission.
1972 International, 60-passenger seating capacity, automatic transmission.

These buses would be ideal for use as farm vehicles, campers, church transportation, or for storage purposes. More information can be secured by contacting the Superintendent of Schools at 606-668-3155.

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Christian Education

Campbellsville adds staff

Campbellsville College has added several members to its faculty and staff this summer to fill positions from professor to dorm director to administrator.

M. Wesley Roberts, a Louisvillian, has joined Campbellsville's music faculty.

Roberts has worked at Southern Seminary as an instructor of piano and church music. At Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., Roberts was assistant professor of piano and church music. He has been a staff accompanist at New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Roberts received a BA degree in

music from the University of South Florida, Tampa, a MCM from New Orleans Seminary and a DMA from Southern Seminary.

A new assistant professor of art, Linda J. Cundiff of Williamsburg, W. Va., will teach art and photography.

Miss Cundiff has been an instructor of art at Parkersburg Community College in West Virginia from 1979-82 and was an instructor at its Children's College.

She holds the BA degree from Campbellsville and MAs from Murry State University and Ohio University in Athens.

Faye Touchstone Pope will assume duties in the fall as instructor of sec-

retarial science, the position she is leaving at Hannibal-LaGrange, Hannibal, Mo.

She will teach elementary and intermediate typing and elementary and advanced shorthand as well as general education counseling.

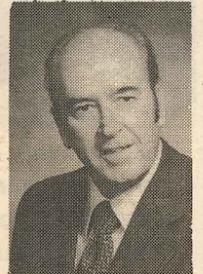
Mrs. Pope holds a BS in business education from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. She received her MA degree in business education from the University of Missouri.

Brenda Simmons, a new admissions counselor from Brandenburg, began work this month. Miss Simmons will work with churches and schools in west Kentucky and Indiana to recruit new students to Campbellsville.

KBC ACTIVITIES

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SEPTEMBER

10-11 WMU Leadership Conferences. Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Jonathan Creek for reservations

12 Single Adult Day. Suggestions for observing are in Family Life 1981-82 Planbook

12-19 State Mission Week of Prayer and Eliza Broadus Offering. Program and promotional materials available from WMU, KBC

18 WMU Area Meeting. Columbia (Ky.) Baptist Church

23-25 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Retreat. Cedarmore. 6 p.m. on 23rd to 1 p.m. on 25th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges

25 WMU Area Meeting. Greenville, First Baptist Church

25 WMU Leadership Conference. Clear Creek Baptist School. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

26-Oct. 3 Sunday School Preparation Week. Materials in Sunday School publications



OCTOBER

4-5 Haworth Conference. Cedarmore. Information from Baptist Homes for Children or Christian Life Relations Department, KBC

7-8 Brotherhood Convention. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church

8-9 State Pioneer Congress. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church

8-10 BSU State Convention. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church

10 World Hunger Day. Information from Christian Life Relations Department, KBC

SMALL SPACE TO SMALL MATTERS

One of the snares that ever waits to plague the Churches and our Convention bodies is the tendency to converse over little issues that are less important than the attention we give them. I don't recall the details just now, but history has recorded that on the day of the great Communist Revolution led by Lenin in Russia, the higher ranking clergy of that nation was disputing over how wide the hem should be on a clerical robe. (Or some such.)

During days of combat in World War II in Europe we had a saying: "don't sweat the small stuff." Memory of that has helped to remind me through the years to keep small matters as low as possible on my worry list. As pastors we should try to keep our churches focused on higher level questions and ideas, avoiding wherever possible unnecessary disputations over things that are relatively trivial. The late, renowned Peter Marshall, as Chaplain of the United States Senate, prayed there one day as they contended over too small a matter somewhat as follows:

(loose quotation) "Lord help us to recognize a triviality when we meet it and to move on to things more worthy of the mind and strength of this great body."

There are two kinds of controversies that surely ought to be avoided whenever possible and kept at minimal heat when they can't be avoided. One is controversy over too small matters and the other is disputation over moot questions whose solutions are impossible and on which agreement can never be reached. There are some questions that come among us from time to time which can't be proved either way. How foolish it is over such questions for the great Church of Jesus Christ to allow itself to become polarized and divided in a battle that no one can win.

Let's keep great bodies focused on great things. Great strength shouldn't be concentrated over tiddle-de-winks, nor long debate given to the difference between Tweedle-dee and Tweedledum. (Nero fiddled while Rome burned.) Remember the Proverb: "The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse."

Life and Work Series

RAHAB—FAITH THAT ACTS

Joshua 2:1, 8-9, 11 Joshua selected two spies and sent them on the difficult and dangerous assignment of exploring the stronghold of Jericho. Not because they lacked morality but in order to avoid attracting attention, they secured lodging at the house of Rahab, a harlot. The presence of these strangers

aroused suspicion and a detachment of soldiers was sent to seize and kill the spies.

Recognizing the spies as the servants of God, Rahab hid them under the stalks of flax she had placed on the flat roof of her house to dry. Soon officers of the king arrived at Rahab's door searching for the spies. She informed them two strange men had stopped there and if pursuit were made immediately the men would be overtaken quickly. The officers rushed away to overtake them but their chase was in vain.

Joshua 6:22, 24a, 25 On the housetop Rahab informed the spies the people were terror-stricken because of the miracles God had wrought for his people and told them she was convinced the God of Israel was the only true God. She assured them of her faith in him.

Hebrews 11:30-31 By means of a rope Rahab skillfully let down from the window in her house on the wall the two spies and they escaped their pursuers. Because of the faith of his people God demolished the walls of Jericho. Due to her genuine faith in God Rahab escaped unharmed. When the Israelites invaded Jericho, Rahab's house was the only one left standing. Her house and the

occupants were spared because the scarlet line was displayed in the window.

God's sovereign grace delivered Rahab from the depths of sin and shame and elevated her to the heights of honor and dignity. His grace brought her into the glorious maternal lineage of the Lord Jesus Christ.

James 2:25-26 James used Rahab to illustrate the fact that faith produces works. In her we see a splendid demonstration of the grace of God. Her faith preceded her works and her works proved the genuineness of her faith. True faith in God always expresses itself in good work. Genuine trust in God calls for the full commitment of one's life to him.

International Series GOD CREATES PERSONS

Genesis 4:9 Man was the climax of God's creation. Made like God, man was a person of great dignity, capable of worshiping and having fellowship with his creator. Having made every provision for the comfort and happiness of Adam, God assigned him the task of keeping the garden in first class condition, thereby making it possible for the ground to produce an increase.

In the midst of the garden God placed "the tree of life" and "the tree of knowledge of good and evil." The fruit of the latter gave insight into matters beyond what God knew to be best for man. As a test of Adam's character God gave him the explicit command not to partake of the fruit of that tree, and in love warned him of the penalty which would be incurred if the divine prohibition were violated.

Genesis 2:18-25 God allowed Adam to observe all the living creatures in existence, but none of them answered to man's nature. Therefore, God made Eve and gave her to him that he might have a companion and that the human family might be propagated.

When husband and wife are united in Christian marriage, their joys are multiplied, their cares are divided, burdens are subtracted and much happiness is added to their lives. If husband and wife are blessed with children, they are obligated to care for their offspring, to train them and to rear them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the institution of marriage and the family. Becoming one flesh involves a complete identification of one personality with the other in interests and pursuits under the direction and supervision of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

SEPT. 5, 1982



H. C. Chiles

Miss Simmons, a Campbellsville graduate, was assistant director of admissions for five years after she graduated.

Dorothy Stowe, widow of Darty Stowe, in the ministry for 36 years and associate executive secretary-treasurer and director of the Baptist Foundation and Annuities of the Ohio Baptist Convention, is a new dorm director at Campbellsville.

Mrs. Stowe worked with people in various capacities helping her husband. She visited congregations, attended conventions and taught Sunday school 20 years.

"By being in constant contact with people, I gained experience in coun-

seling young people in church groups and insight into their failures and successes," she says.

Kentuckians at workshop

Seven admissions personnel from Kentucky Baptist colleges attended the 10th national admissions workshop sponsored recently by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Representing Kentucky institutions were Robert S. Clark, James Coates and B. R. Homes, Campbellsville College; Deena Yates and Margie Dykes, Cumberland College; and Sarah Tate and Joey Perez, Georgetown College.

Chiles is Clear Creek prof

H. C. Chiles, Kentucky pastor and Bible teacher, has joined the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, as distinguished professor of New Testament.

Chiles held the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Barbourville, several years and the First Baptist Church, Murray, pastorate 22 years.

He has been writing comments on the Uniform Series of Sunday school lessons for Western Recorder and various other newspapers for many years. He has also written comments on the Life and Work series since it began in 1966.

After his retirement from the pastorate in 1974 he joined the Boyce Bible School faculty. He has also held several interim pastorates since 1975.

Copley heads Mo. college

Patrick O. Copley has been elected the fourth president of Missouri Baptist College.

Copley, 48, is a native of Seneca, Mo. Since 1967 he has been dean and professor in the school of education and psychology at Southwest Missouri State University. Prior to that he was director of student teaching and assistant dean, school of education, for the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

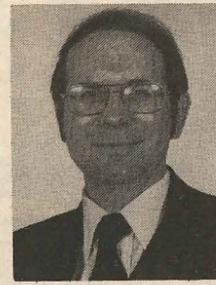
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CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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A WILL TO LIVE

Doctors tell us a person seriously ill or injured has a much better chance to recover if there is a strong will to live. Even when the doctor has done all that human skill and medical science can do, it is not unusual for a person to go on living and even fully recover because of the power of God and the person's will to live. On the other hand, when one loses the will to live, it is not unusual for death to soon come.

Fortunately, there is within each of us a strong will to live. However, in spite of that will to live we are going to die sooner or later. Now I have a question: though you have a will to live, do you have a will to direct the distribution of your possessions after your death?

Actually everybody in Kentucky has a will. The question is: who made your will—you or the state? No one can die in Kentucky without a will because the state already has prepared a will for those who have not made one for themselves. To insure your wishes regarding

your possessions are fulfilled, it is necessary to prepare your will.

Without a personal will, someone else will control and direct your affairs after you are gone. By making your own will you can better provide for your loved ones and also set aside a portion of your estate to be used in the Lord's work. A will provides a Christian an opportunity to bear witness for our Lord beyond our time on earth.

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STARTING LIFE ANEW

These past few days have been exciting ones at Clear Creek. We have been engaged in registering our students and beginning a new semester of study for the ministry of our Lord. Dozens of new students have moved to our campus with their families to begin preparing for full time service. These "strangers" have moved into our midst to start a new life.

All of us at times would like to start life over again.

"I wish there were some wonderful place, called the Land of Beginning Again; Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches, And all of our poor selfish grief Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door, And never put on again."

Louisa Fletcher

How wonderful it is to experience a time of revival, renewal and spiritual

refreshment. I am convinced God does not want his children to live life on a lower plane, unhappy, miserable and wretched. The Lord wants us to get our eyes off ourselves, our sins and our circumstances and begin our lives anew daily with Jesus.

We may feel old, weak, tired, limited, inferior, frustrated, unhappy or handicapped. However, we have a great and sovereign God who is not limited. He brings fresh grace to us daily and has divine help available for our every need. He wants us to experience new life.

So from all of us at Clear Creek to your heart, let us exhort you to avoid looking backward, inward or around. We must look up and go forward. Remember God is not through with you until he is through with you.

Come visit us at Clear Creek and experience new life with us.

CROSSING THE SWINGING BRIDGE

I have walked on swinging bridges all my life. They seem such an ordinary part of life. But the swinging bridges of our area are things of wonder to our many visitors. Thousands have crossed them over the years with squeals of delight or trepidation. When one thinks of it, walking on boards suspended high in the air on cables above the quiet or raging waters of Goose Creek, depending on the season, is quite an experience.

Joy Hawkins, wife of our principal Oliver Hawkins and a secretary in our business office, became acquainted with Oneida and our swinging bridges when she brought girls here for GA camp. She wrote in 1976:

"As the bridge swayed,
Unafraid, the girls crossed over the creek, but—
One held back, afraid to cross.
A helping hand on her shoulder made her brave.
Looking toward the other end—
they crossed together.
So are God's workers at O.B.I.
THE HELPING HANDS
to the girl or boy entering
but afraid to cross life's
bridge, due to being:
a little slower than a classmate,
a little weaker because of temptations yielded to in the past,

a bit abused, perhaps, by family, friends, and circumstances

Then—

A teacher, a worker, a counselor, even the president becomes the hand that points the way to learning to happiness to usefulness

Most important of all, to God thru Jesus,
And then—

WALKS beside the youth, praying each step of the way.

Thus they cross the bridge together, unafraid of the future.

DOING GOD'S WILL.

A fine black student came to us three years ago from Montgomery, Ala. His family had heard of Oneida from a family in New York whose only son is still one of our finest students. Albert had the usual "growing up" pains. At one point we were forced to expel him.

One memorable evening we witnessed his acceptance of Jesus as savior. Our pastor, also a native of Alabama, enveloped him in his arms. Yes, we are one in the spirit, one in his love.

Albert finished his academic work during our summer session. He is planning a military career and I believe he

will go far. His parents recently wrote: "We would like to thank your staff for the wonderful things you have done for our son. Albert has done a lot of growing up and has become a much better person since coming to your school. He has enjoyed it immensely and has made some everlasting friends among your staff. Words cannot express our appreciation for your tolerance and understanding."

Bob Jack Martin was the last teacher to serve at the old Magoffin Baptist Institute. After that school closed in 1961, he remained there a year preaching and doing mission work in that Breathitt County area. Then he came to Oneida where we were co-laborers 20 years ago. I went to Iran and after my return to Oneida he and his wife went to Liberia as Southern Baptist missionaries. He writes: "While we have gone out to another nation to share the message of our savior, you are bringing people from other nations right to Oneida and sharing with them the gospel."

A Baptist leader wrote after staying on our campus for some days on his first visit: "There are few places I have been where people have gone out of their way to take care of guests. I am absolutely amazed at the meals you serve. The quality of the cooking was magnificent. I have never been in an

institutional setting where the meals were consistently of such high quality.

"This has been one of the richest experiences of my life. I stood back amazed, yet deeply grateful, for the work your staff is doing. I suppose 'astonishment' is the best word to describe what is being done. It has been a resurrection experience in body as well as in spirit."

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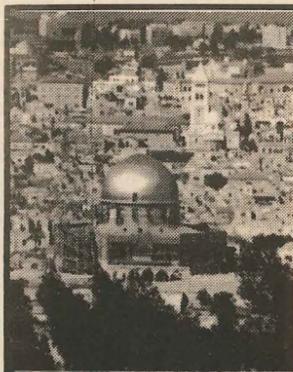
If Reagan's way prevails, public school pupils suffer

Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S. C., has released a study showing if President Reagan's tuition tax credit bill became law private school pupils would receive more than three times the federal aid received by public school pupils by 1984-85.

Hollings said, "This proves tuition tax credits would have a disastrous effect on our nation's public schools. It takes public support away from the public schools and provides it to private schools. That's unconscionable. The

duty of a public government to public schools is to support them; the duty of public government to private schools is to leave them alone."

The study of 65 large school districts in 29 states indicated Reagan administration education policies will reduce on average federal aid to public schools from \$206 per student in the 1980-81 school year to \$105 per student in the 1984-85 school year—a drop of 49 percent in four years. At the same time, federal aid to private schools will climb from an average of \$43 per student in the 1980-81 school year to \$329 per student in the 1984-85 school year—an increase of 565 percent.



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Church-state mix halted

Citing the principle of church-state separation, a federal judge struck down a program in Grand Rapids, Mich. under which public school funds were used to lease space in parochial schools and to hire instructors to teach there.

U. S. Dist. Judge Richard A. Enslin said the programs violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment because they have a "primary effect of advancing religion" and "involve an excessive government entanglement with religion."

The \$3 million "shared time" program involved placement of 470 part

time and full time teachers in Catholic, Lutheran and Christian Reformed parochial schools. The practice was challenged by six local taxpayers and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Correction

The Baptist Forum letter on page nine of last week's (Aug. 25) issue inviting contributions for preserving remains of historic Long Run Baptist Church was written by James Zaring and not by Barry Allen. The project is an idea of Mr. Zaring but, as treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society, Mr. Allen would serve as custodian of any contributions for the project. We regret the error.

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Blind missionary does not lack vision

by Karen Estes

Since Sherilyn Richardson is blind, working with the blind was "the obvious thing to do." But it wasn't obvious to her, she had always insisted.

God changed her attitude though and she spent this summer working with the blind in the Talledega, Ala. area. She was appointed by the Home Mission Board and worked through First Baptist Church, Talladega, to visit in homes and be involved with students at E. H. Gentry Technical School.

There are more blind people in Talladega than in any other area of Alabama, she said. The Alabama Institute for the Blind and Deaf has been located there for over 100 years and students come to school and after graduation stay.

In spite of the high concentration of blind people there is almost no integration between the blind and the rest of the community and "segregation is the accepted thing," she has found. Most churches in the area welcome blind members but don't actively attempt to help them become interested.

"My dream is to have students from the school for the blind involved in church and youth activities and participating just like any other children or youth," she said. "Sunday school and worship services are held at the school but it is better for the kids if they can come here and take part in the church," she explained.

Miss Richardson is seeking prime members of the church for a greater ministry to the blind, aware of churches in other communities that took an inter-



est in ministry to the blind for a few months then dropped the program altogether. "That's worse than never starting," she admitted. She hopes to help First Baptist Church understand her dreams and some of the problems involved with ministry to the blind so many of those problems can be overcome at the beginning.

The Vinings, Ga. native went through the public schools in Cobb County and is a recent graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Ga. She graduated from both

high school and college with honors. "It was a tremendous advantage to grow up with sighted people," she said. The state of the blind won't advance, she continued, "until parents, families and blind children themselves can accept their blindness and go on from there." Churches are going to have to play a major role in this concept, Miss Rich-

ment involved speaking to large groups. "I try to show with my own life that a blind person can be involved in a normal lifestyle." In speaking she tries to "interweave my life and testimony with my work here." This summer she has lived in a backyard apartment with her seeing-eye dog, Skipper. "Skipper is an asset in witnessing," she said,

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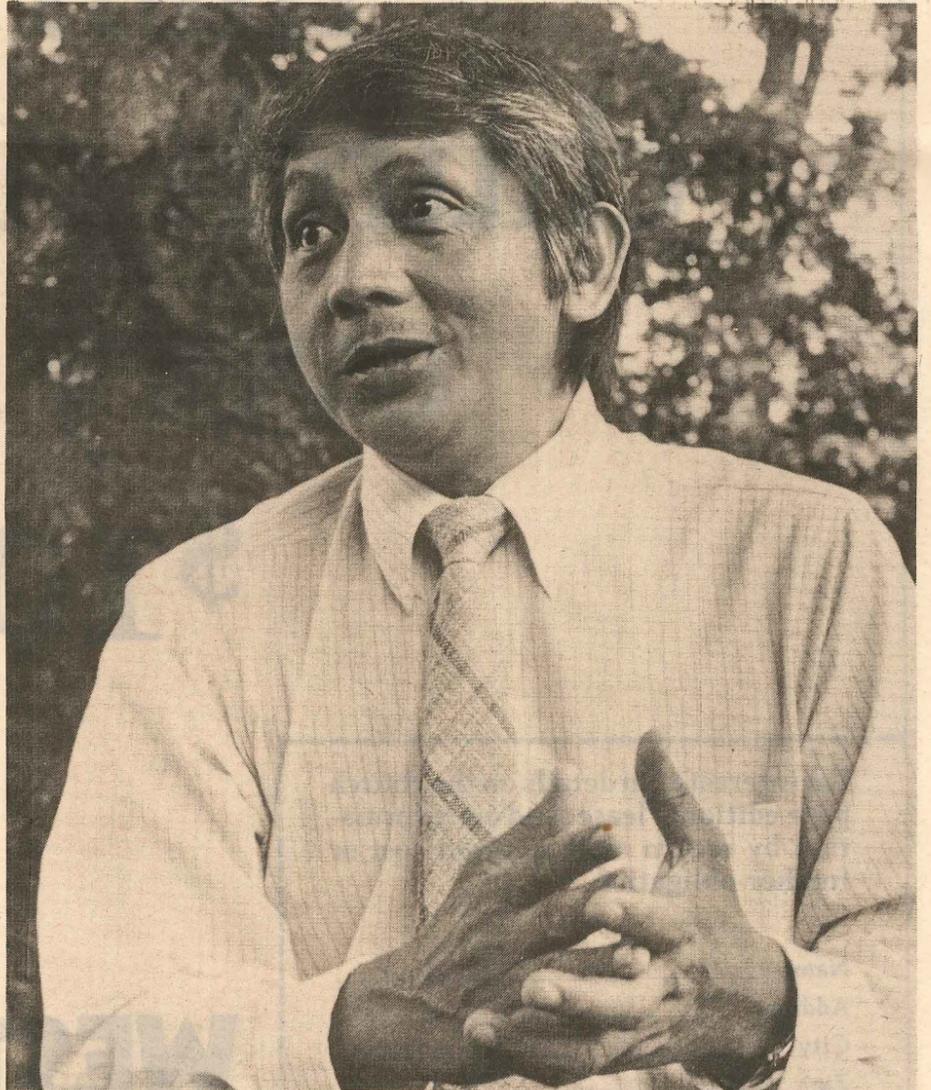
ardson feels, "because schools aren't doing it."

While visiting in homes, she tries to help parents of blind children realize they can develop normally and do anything they want to do. She has a special interest in working with families with blind children—especially young children.

A big part of her summer job assign-

"because people come up to me to see him and it gives me a chance to talk to them."

In college, Miss Richardson majored in music education. "I still think I would love to teach," she said. In March she felt God calling her into mission work so while working for the Lord this summer she is waiting for him to show her what to do next.



MINISTER OF RECONCILIATION—Roger Arienda, who maintains a vigorous schedule of preaching, personal witnessing and radio and television broadcasts in the Philippines, pauses on the grounds of Ridgecrest [N. C.] Baptist Conference Center to talk about his experiences. A radical political agitator until he accepted Christ in prison in 1975, Arienda received a standing ovation from foreign missions conferees after he shared his dramatic testimony. He told the audience that in prison "I learned the habit of praying and the Lord had the habit of answering my prayers; we had good fellowship together." From Ridgecrest Arienda flew to Oceanside, Cal., to spend a few days with his parents, whom he hadn't seen since they left the Philippines seven years ago because of political pressure stemming from their son's antigovernment activities.

Harlan native McNiel performs at World's Fair

Patience. Endurance. Flexibility. Those three words have kept Harlan native Roy McNiel onstage this summer.

McNiel is a member of Baptist Ministries' musical-drama team PowerSource which performs in the Baptist



Bright smiles have made Roy McNiel of Harlan, Diane Pool of Milwaukee, Wis., and their PowerSource team members a popular attraction at the 1982 World's Fair. McNiel is a member of the Baptist pavilion's musical-drama team.

pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair. Daily the 16-member troupe performs Ken Medema's musical "Love, You Spoke a Word" in the pavilion. The group also performs a variety of pop and Broadway tunes in two of the fair's outdoor theaters where they are accompanied by the DuPont Band, the official World's Fair band.

Twenty-one-year-old McNiel was the only Kentuckian selected from a group of 150 auditioning college age people. McNiel, who graduated from a technical school with a welding degree, said, "I felt like the Lord was leading me to sing so I tried out. I wanted the experience of singing every day for six months and the opportunity to share Christ with all kinds of people."

According to McNiel people-watching and people-meeting are what he enjoys most about the fair. He admitted with a grin, however, that the video games in the fair's arcades were a big favorite too.

After nearly 300 performances of the musical McNiel said he wasn't tired of it. "I feel privileged that I'm getting to do it. It (the musical) puts God's messages in simple terms."

In his spare time McNiel can be found playing basketball or cleaning his car. "The (rest of the cast) kid me and say I'm going to wash the paint off," the bass singer laughed.

McNiel said he hoped to continue singing after the fair ends. "I haven't heard anything for sure yet but I have auditioned for other Christian groups."

PowerSource will continue to perform daily in the Baptist pavilion until the fair's end Oct. 31. Free tickets for the 35-minute musical-drama are available at the pavilion's front entrance.

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