



Cumberland professor abducted

Says release result of 'divine intervention'

After he was abducted by fugitive Alton Coleman and two companions Monday night, July 16, and later left abandoned in the trunk of his car in Dayton, Oh., Cumberland College professor Oline Carmichal said that nothing less than "divine intervention could have saved me."

He said Coleman "had no reason to leave me alive" and must have been "touched by some higher source" to do so.

Coleman had been made an addition to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Ten Most Wanted" list with a 10-week, six-state crime spree involving robbery and theft. He was arrested, along with companion and accomplice Debra Brown in Evans-ton, Ill. July 21.



Carmichal

Carmichal, 39, was abducted outside the Continental Inn in Lexington, where he was staying while working on research as part of a postgraduate fellowship program at University of Kentucky. He said two black men and one black woman stopped him as he walked from his car to his room late Monday night.

Carmichal later identified one of the men as Coleman, 28, and the female as Miss Brown, 21, in a photo lineup with the FBI. He identified the third abductor in a physical lineup as Thomas Farrell Harris of Lexington. He was arrested and charged in the kidnapping on July 18.

Fingerprints in Carmichal's car confirmed all three of the identifications.

Carmichal said the three wanted cash and after finding that he had only \$43, drove him to Richmond where they forced him to call his wife, Shirley, and tell her he owed a gambling debt and would be killed if she didn't go to the bank and come to the phone booth with all the morning from their accounts in the morning.

Coleman apparently decided not to stay in Kentucky overnight, Carmichal said, because they then forced him into the trunk and drove away.

"I was convinced they were going to kill me from the time they put me into the trunk until they left me," he remembered. The trio abandoned him in a park in Dayton shortly before 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Carmichal was finally released from the trunk about 7 a.m. after a passerby saw him trying to pry the trunk open.

Carmichal later said he was so surprised as part of the university as part of a postgraduate fellowship program that he wasn't aware

one of his abductors might be Coleman, who will now be charged in connection with homicide cases in Kenosha, Wis.; Gary, Ind.; Toledo, Oh.; and Indianapolis, Ind.

"I had been teaching and preparing for my postdoctoral work all summer," he commented, "and had just been reading headlines, not the details."

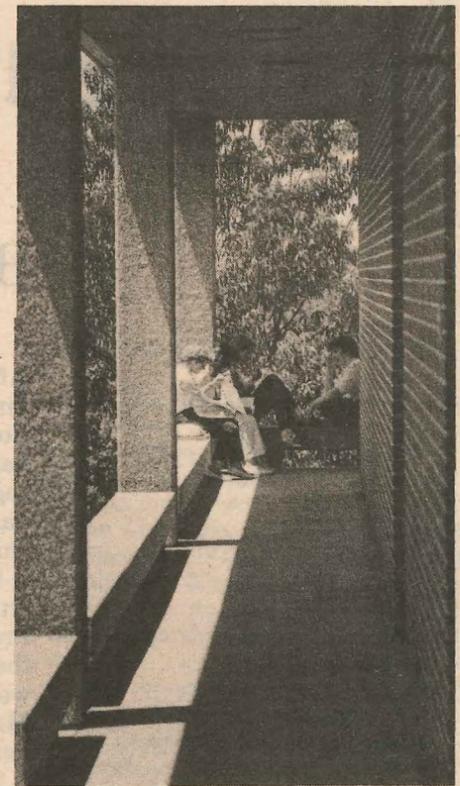
"If I had known, I probably would have been absolutely terrified," he said.

"I was threatened but nobody laid a hand on me," he recalled, though the two men and the woman threatened "to blow my brains out."

"I have no doubt that my survival had to be from God," he said four days after his abduction from his home in Williamsburg. "If anybody on the face of this earth has doubts about the existence of God, they could talk to me for 30 minutes and would have no doubt."

"I think God must have some purpose for keeping me alive," he said, "and I just hope I can carry it out."

Carmichal, a professor of history and political science at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, lost the Republican primary for U. S. Senator to state Rep. Louie Guenther Jr. in 1978. A Harlan County native, he is a 1966 graduate of Cumberland College and holds his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Kentucky. He has taught at Cumberland for 10 years.



"Encountering My Campus" is the 1984 theme for On to College Day to be observed in August in many Southern Baptist churches. Shown here are Columbia [Tenn.] State College students Lori Gibson, Kris Thacker, Sonja McCormick and Kim England who became friends through their involvement in Baptist Student Union. On to College Day is sponsored by national student ministries of the Sunday School Board.

Annual Haworth conference set Oct. 1-2 at Cedarmore Assembly

A program to help pastors and other care-givers update their professional skills in dealing with mid life pressure will highlight the 10th annual Haworth Conference Oct. 1-2, 1984 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and the Minister/Church Support Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Theme of this year's conference is "Mid Life Pressure: Parsonage and Pew." Keynote speakers will include Ernest White, the Gaines S. Dobbins professor of church administration at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary;

Wallace Denton, professor of family studies and director of marriage and family counseling at Purdue University; and Jack D. Sanford, newly elected editor of Western Recorder.

White, a native of Huron, S. D., has degrees from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.; William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kan.; and his PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has also participated in several post doctoral studies. His pastoral experience has been in Missouri and Kentucky. White is active in denominational service, civic activities and has written extensively in the area of the family.

Denton has degrees from Ouachita College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He also completed an internship at Merrill-Palmer Institute of Family Life and Family Development. Denton has been a visiting professor at William Jewell College and in Kansas City he was a premarital counselor for the Planned Parenthood Association and director of counseling for the Midwest Christian Counseling Center. Denton is active in denominational service and is a fre-

quent speaker on themes related to the family for education, business and church groups.

Sanford was recently elected the 14th editor of Western Recorder, weekly newsjournal of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He had been pastor of Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. since 1976. A native of Cincinnati, Oh., Sanford received his BA degree in 1951 from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. and holds three degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Sanford has held pastorates in Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois and is active in denominational work. He taught religion at Bethel College and was on the Boyce Bible School faculty. He is the author of two books and has contributed to numerous other publications.

This year's Haworth Conference program theme was requested in a survey of participants last year. The conference helps care-givers update their professional skills in helping families. It is intended as a continuing education approach to assist pastors in ministering to families.

Not only will the meeting help pastors deal with their own stress, it will

assist them in developing skills to minister to other people in the church who also are in mid life.

There is a program fee of \$15 for one person, \$20 for two or more from the same church and \$10 for students, payable at the conference. Overnight accommodations also are available by writing Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad 40003. Those planning to stay overnight must send \$5 with their reservation request. This latter fee will be applied to room and meals, about \$21 per person.

The sessions will start at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 and close at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2. Topics include "Dynamics of Mid Life"; "The Characteristics and Stresses of Mid Life"; "The Minister and Minister's Family in Mid Life"; and "The Church's Ministry to Mid Life."

A feature of the conclave will be three testimonies to the Minister. Speakers will be Wendell Romans, pastor of Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association; Jackie Roach, wife of the pastor of Maple Grove Baptist Church, Long Run Association; and Guy Futral, minister/church relations consultant of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Also on the program are D. Swan Haworth, teacher and counselor with the Department of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; and C. Vernon Cole, director of family ministries and church administration for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

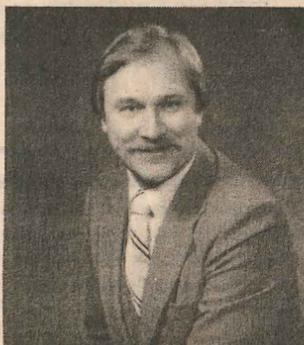
Presiding at the conference will be Eldred M. Taylor, executive director of Rogers for Children, and William H. Rogers, director of the KBC Minister/Church Support Division.

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Beginnings

After nearly 14 years of service in other parts of God's vineyard, I have come home to Kentucky. My introduction to Kentucky Baptists as editor of Western Recorder has been a series of delightful events in the southern region of our state. There, amid the towering mountains and lush forests, I discovered once again the majesty of God's handiwork in our great state.

It started on Friday with a warm, gracious reception on the campus of Cumberland College in Williamsburg. President James Taylor, the faculty, staff and friends of the college spread a bountiful feast and greeted us warmly. It was their way of saying goodbye to Dr. and Mrs. Daley and saying hello to Margaret and me. Never has the changing of the guard been more delightful.

I was amazed at the evidence of God's blessings on Cumberland College. The campus shines with new buildings, the spirit of missionary zeal and commitment to Christ is evident in the life and work of the college family and the goodwill of the pastors and churches of the area was clearly demonstrated as several leading Baptist people, both pastors and lay people, joined the reception. President Taylor has done a superb job as leader of this first rate college. He is open, hopeful for the future and fully committed to God's plan for a great Christian liberal arts college for mountain people. His commitment to Cumberland College is second only to his commitment to our Lord.

Among those who greeted us in Williamsburg was E. C. Masden. Dr. Masden was my first Bible teacher while I was a student at Carson-Newman College, and I had the joy of teaching with him on the faculty of Bethel College in Hopkinsville more years down the road than I care to remember. His faithful commitment to the Bible as God's living Word has been a model for me through the years.

Friday evening we went to Clear Creek Baptist School for dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Leon Simpson and the Clear Creek family. President Simpson has a gracious manner, and his deep surrender to the work of Christian education for mountain people called to ministry is unmatched in all the nation. Again, we felt the presence of God and the goodwill of these brothers and sisters who serve such an important mission in Kentucky Baptist life. Several pastors from nearby churches were present to share the meal and enjoy good Baptist fellowship. Of course, such Baptist giants as H. C. Chiles, Leo Eddleman and Dudley Pomeroy were there to give the evening a special flavor. These Baptist stalwarts, and many others, are what make Clear Creek a great kingdom enterprise worthy of the strong support of every Kentucky Baptist.

Saturday was to be a day of rest so we took a leisurely drive to Oneida to visit President Barkley Moore and the people at Oneida Baptist Institute. Anyone who has ever been to Oneida and run into Barkley Moore is now laughing at the idea of leisure on such a venture. The boundless energy and enthusiasm of this former peace corps veteran is unmatched anywhere in Kentucky. Barkley loves Oneida, loves people, loves the Lord, loves Kentucky Baptists and his work in building up and

strengthening this fine mountain school reflects that love. Before the day was over I was breathless from the vigorous tour of the campus, and humbled to be in the presence of a man whose surrender to Christ has produced miraculous results in the lives of hundreds of mountain young people. Surely Oneida Baptist Institute deserves the very best we can give it in support and prayer.

Sunday I preached at Harlan Baptist Church and had the joy of a visit in the home of Brother and Mrs. Roy Carlton. The Harlan Church is very strong, vigorous and committed to winning the people of this city, once known as "Bloody Harlan," to the Lord. The serious scholarship and deep commitment of Roy are present throughout the church, creating an atmosphere of genuine Christian compassion, as well as a sense of loyalty to Southern Baptist mission effort around the world.

An historic fact should be noted in connection with this visit to Harlan. Twenty-seven years ago the Kentucky Baptist Convention met in the Harlan Church and C. R. Daley began his work as editor of Western Recorder. My first preaching opportunity as editor was in the Harlan Church. I hope that means I will do half as well as Dr. Daley has done in this demanding position.

The journey ended Sunday night as I preached at Loyall Baptist Church. Here Keith Rogers has given strong leadership to one of the truly great mountain churches. Even though flood waters of the Cumberland River attack the church periodically, the people go on serving the Lord, winning the lost and supporting the work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. A moving moment for me was to be introduced to two people in the Loyall Church who are visually handicapped, yet who keep up with Kentucky Baptist work through tapes of Western Recorder sent from Anchorage to more than 40 people in our state who are visually handicapped. One of these visually handicapped people, Dorothy Gaw, sings the call to worship in the Loyall Church each Sunday as part of her offering to the Lord.

The man responsible for this great weekend was Glenn Durham, chairman of Western Recorder directors. Glenn and his wife Jean were our hosts for this trip. They opened their home to us, fed us more than we should have eaten and provided us the best kind of relaxed fellowship available this side of heaven. Glenn Durham is typical of the vast multitude of laymen and women God has placed in our churches. These dear people give of self in service to God without thought of reward. The hours Glenn has given to Western Recorder are difficult to count, yet he stands ready to give even more.

It was a great reintroduction to Kentucky Baptist life, and I thank God I have the honor to serve with and help support the people who give themselves to the Lord through our institutions. There are many good things happening in Kentucky, and our Baptist people are at the forefront in bringing these good things to pass. I pray God will give us the wisdom to see the good and the will to magnify it rather than major on the difficulties which threaten to separate us.



Jack D. Sanford

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

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baptist forum

Resolution leads to 'dangerous ground'

This is with reference to the statement that women should not be ordained because "they brought sin into the world." The resolution invalidates ANY ministry performed by women, including Sunday school teaching, missionary societies, missionaries, children's work, vacation Bible school leadership, music ministry and all other areas where women have contributed to the church. For if women are disqualified for service because "they brought sin into the world" then this position applies whether they are ordained or not. Ponder what the church would be without the ministry of women!

Resolutions such as this should make any committed Southern Baptist Christian outraged for it places both men and women on very dangerous ground! If women cannot serve God in any way he calls because of being "first in the Edenic fall" then this means men are second in line as sinning against God and qualified for service. Then the criteria for servanthood is based on where in line of sinning one stands. This is certainly not Baptist, Christian or biblical teaching. Solid Southern Baptist teaching has always placed emphases on all the teachings of the New Testament including forgiveness, faith, God's grace, reconciliation and the redemption of all by Jesus' death for service in the kingdom of God.

Who is it that presumes to replace God in determining who is sinful, who is forgiven, who is reconciled, who is chosen for work in God's kingdom?

Most real Southern Baptists nurtured in the total teachings of the New Testament will recognize, for all the many prooftexts for one point, the projection of human rules to determine for everyone access and service to God that leaves out Jesus' work on earth and the leading of the Holy Spirit in the freedom of the priesthood of the believer.

Personally, I have served God (in Southern Baptist churches) for 35 years in whatever capacity God sees fit and gives me the strength to act. My service has been based on faith and God's grace.

Martha Hinson
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Compromise will lead to 'decline'

It seems to me that if we cannot stand unequivocally upon the Word of God as inerrant instruction from God Almighty, we will gradually go the way of other compromised denominations (if that is what we want to call Southern Baptists). Need we look any further than the Presbyterians or the Methodists to know what is in store for Southern Baptists if we compromise the holy, precious, inspired Word of God? Most of the gradual decline in other groups has been the slow, insidious insertion of occasional question of the authority and accuracy of God's Word. Before most of the lay people realized what was happening, the leadership had taken them down the road of biblical compromise, throwing doubt on the Word of God, questioning and challenging God's intentions and meaning. God does not lie. God does not make mistakes. Do you think for one moment that God would not be totally free from error in transferring what he wanted to say to us through his chosen vessels? He simply wouldn't take his perfect creation (the Word of God) and turn it into something not quite perfect. God's Word repeatedly speaks to the perfectness of his Word. How can any of us consider it anything but inerrant?

After I became a Christian over some 31 years ago, I cannot recall a single instance up until 10 or 12 years ago where anyone would even question the infallible and inerrant Word of God. If the Word of God was considered anything less, we would have an uncertain and unsure foundation upon which to stand. What would be inerrant and what would be a "fundament" but expressed in error?

When Peter says in 2 Peter that "we have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed," brother, I'm going to take heed. I take it all from Genesis to Revelation as the accurate Word of God from an accurate and perfect and holy writer. If I considered the Word anything less, even in jot or tittle, it would not mean anything. It would simply be something that man determines based on his own biases, prejudices and weaknesses. It is my prayer that Christian men and women all across this land will stand on the perfect Word of God. God help us if we don't.

D. E. Hughes, Anaheim, Cal.

Observations on election of SBC officers

As one of the participating messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., I wish to pose a question: Can you believe it? Can you believe that Southern Baptists have bestowed the highest office upon a man who has not held a position at the associational, state or convention levels? Furthermore, can you believe that the office of president has been bestowed upon one who publicly admits he is or has been actively involved in Moral Majority (a religious-political group whose activities are not in accord with the First Amendment or Baptist history) and Amway (a modern day form of slavery, i.e., where the few benefit from the labor of the many)? Also, can you believe that Southern Baptists have bestowed the office of president upon a man whose congregation allots less than 2.5 percent to the Cooperative Program?

Believe it or not, the fact is that Southern Baptists now have a president to whom all of the above apply. Not only this, but the first vice president's qualifications for holding one of the Convention's highest offices are lacking as well. For he, likewise, has never held a position at the associational, state or convention levels. Indeed, he has admitted he has much to learn concerning the way Southern Baptists do business.

Some observations, therefore, are in order. First, the election of such individuals reflects the fact that some of the messengers at the Kansas City convention were terribly uninformed and manipulated into voting for individuals of whom they knew little about. Second, the election of such individuals does not reflect a serious attitude toward stewardship on the part of Southern Baptists. Third, that such unqualified individuals were nominated to fill the Convention's highest positions reflects the fact that the nominating individuals, not to mention the supporting fundamentalist faction, do not truly have the Southern Baptist Convention's best interests at heart.

In conclusion, it is an extremely sad day in the life, ministry and witness of the Southern Baptist Convention when its most qualified leaders and those who would serve all Southern Baptists, are not elected to fill the Convention's highest and most important positions. This, then, is such a day.

Daniel E. McKay, Hewitt, Tex.

Satan's tactic: "divide and conquer"

"Divide and conquer" is a tactic used by the military for many years.

We hate very much to see weakening signs of division in our Southern Baptist Convention as shown in the report of the convention meeting in Kansas City, especially when such divisionary facets are about such a thing as inerrancy of the scriptures, which, though inspired by God, seem to be unsatisfactory to a certain group who question the correctness of certain teachings—equivalent to questioning the wisdom of the source of inspiration, almighty God himself.

I think we should save such blows for Satan, such as can be delivered by a united front, rather than at one another. I have taught that Satan is the real foe all my life and to quote a modern phrase, "He is alive and well."

To me, there are many other subjects very broadly hinted at in the scripture rather than choosing a subject like inerrancy or inerrancy of the Godly inspired work of our Bible. There are no less than a thousand subjects very broadly hinted at in the Bible which are so much more needed for a lost world.

If those who believe the scriptures contain some minor or insignificant statement could convince others accordingly, what worthy thing would be accomplished for a lost world? It is my belief that this question has become a battle of wits who are bent upon securing the higher seats in the synagogue.

Satan can choose no more destructive divisionary tactic, but we can pray very fervently for those who are being used by Satan, perhaps unconsciously, in such a destructive manner. My old Sunday school teacher used to say, "Satan can plow more corn with one Christian than a dozen lost people."

"Take heed that ye be not consumed one of another (Gal. 5:15b). Satan dances with impish glee when he can arouse division among Christians.

C. A. Gaskin, Somerset

'Alarmist statements' are bothering

All the alarmist statements I read about the recent convention bother me more than the convention.

Resolutions: "A dangerous trend is developing when the convention tells the local church what to do." Bold Missions has been resolved to death along with increasing the percentage to missions through the Cooperative Program but most churches haven't budged a percentage point. What is different about the resolutions this year from other years?

Politics: "The Convention is now so politicized." There are many leaders of the Baptists in my area. We have not been called, written, contacted or even sent a mimeographed agenda. If it is so political, why haven't some of us been contacted?

President: "What a sad day for the SBC when 'they' elect a novice." Sounds like we don't want newcomers in our convention. When a past president of the pastors' conference was allegedly immoral I do not remember a single line written about it. Yet an honorable man is elected president and he's dangerous because his "T" isn't crossed like ours.

Missions: "Stanley's church gives two percent to missions through the Cooperative Program." This bothers me more than all the rest, but we need to guard the autonomy of the person and the church in this matter, don't we? I looked up the record of the

churches of some of our past, revered presidents. All of them were barely decent, or less, in missions giving. Not a word was written about them.

Is God in the new trend? If he isn't, it will die; if he is, men may be fighting God. In the meantime, just to prove we're sincere in our criticism, let's ask our churches to increase their mission percentage by two percent in 1985.

Clay Frazier, Mt. Carmel, Tenn.

Somerset addresses SBC officers

Matt. 28:19-20 holds significant meaning for First Baptist Church of Somerset. This passage is the compass that directs all our local activities and the catalyst for our worldwide vision.

Our congregation feels the Cooperative Program is the most effective way to fulfill the Great Commission. Working in harmony with 36,531 Southern Baptist churches and their 14,184,454 members to accomplish together what none of us could do alone is a privilege and joy. This is why we give 27.9 percent of our budget to the Cooperative Program. Additionally, we heartily support the special convention offerings and give generously to local mission causes.

We would be remiss if we did not relate to you our concern over the lack of enthusiastic support for the Cooperative Program by some of our newly elected officers. It is our desire that the Cooperative Program grow that our Lord's work may continue to advance. Please support us in this desire with your leadership.

Our prayers are with you as you lead our convention this year.

Robert F. Browning, Pastor
Clyde Ping, Moderator

Joe Deaton, Chairman of deacons
Eileen Caylor, Director, WMU

[The above was sent to the newly elected SBC officers, the SBC Executive Committee and Western Recorder. — Editor]

Cadiz holds interracial service

I want to report a meeting we had at Cadiz Baptist Church Sunday night, June 24. Our church invited Lincoln Bingham, a native of our county, and his adult choir from West End Church to lead in a joint worship service with our black Baptist churches in Cadiz.

Not only was the sanctuary filled with people, but there was at the outset of the service an obvious spirit of mutual appreciation for what was happening. Our people, without any coaxing, interspersed themselves throughout the crowd as we sat together. It was a "salt and pepper" scene. Bingham's choir did an excellent job and our people responded with appreciation for both the singing and the good sermon which was preached on Rom. 1:16—"I'm Not Ashamed."

I am confident, although efforts seem not as prevalent to plan such meetings now as in the 60s and 70s, that it is possibly more important now than ever to keep our lines of communication and fellowship active and open in small towns and communities like ours, as well as in the cities. I would like to recommend that such opportunities be explored and developed with other black churches and their leaders assume a major role in such joint services.

Harold Skaggs, Cadiz

Guinea pigs

Small churches have special enrolment needs

by Susanne Darland,
State Correspondent

Two-thirds of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have fewer than 150 enrolled in Sunday school.

Fully one-third have fewer than 100 in Sunday school.

There are more pastors of small churches than there are pastors of large churches.

And more denominational workers come from smaller churches than from large churches.

So it was about time someone offered a Sunday school enrolment campaign for small churches.

Such a campaign was held in four churches in Northern Kentucky Baptist Association the third week in May.

The very first in the state.

And the very first in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Small churches have different needs than larger churches, commented Jack Palmer, associate director of the state convention's Sunday School Department in one of the preliminary sessions.

"In regular campaigns small churches didn't get interested or dropped out."

So his office designed a weekend campaign for small churches, drawing on material used for larger church campaigns and adding resources specifically for small churches.

With the weekend behind them, and comments from the pastors and session leaders tabulated, a mimeographed guide is to be rewritten in time for a fall campaign in Lynn Association in western Kentucky.

"Y'all are guinea pigs in a way," Palmer told a precampaign meeting of pastors and Sunday school directors.

"But we've got to start somewhere."

Part of the idea for the campaign came from Harold Polk, director of

missions for Elkhorn Baptist Association. He's written a paper on the special characteristics of the small church and been director of the Northern Kentucky program.

"We're not seeing growth in the average small church," Polk noted. "And we have a concern that small churches must grow to survive."

Polk said small churches have become isolated from the denomination and local associations. For the churches' part, they don't feel the association is meeting their needs. And all too often the association doesn't think it needs the small church.

But it does. "The small church's potential for reaching people is greater than for larger churches," Palmer maintained. "It's an untapped wealth."

He added, however, that "when you have 40 people in Sunday school it's a different ball game than 340."

For one thing, there are more likely to be different groupings. There probably isn't a singles class with only one or two who fit that classification in the church.

And there's likely to be more of an age range in each class.

That's part of the reason why small churches often have trouble finding Sunday school material they can live with. There's plenty there, Palmer says, but small churches often need help in how to select what's best for them.

The four churches, Amitym, Grace, East Dayton and Licking Valley, were asked to conduct a survey of the houses in their areas about two weeks before the campaign. And even that task tends to be different in a small church.

"In rural areas, about 15 homes (to be visited per team) is tops for a two-hour people search," Palmer explained.

And among the four churches there already were wide divergences: 140-member Grace Baptist Church contacted over 200 families. Licking Valley, which averages 30 in Sunday school, visited all 45 of the houses within a one-mile radius of the church in rural Campbell County.

Churches were encouraged to publicize the campaign well among their church families. At East Dayton Baptist Church the Baptist Women sponsored a week of prayer for their church "just like we do for the state and association," said Iris Burgess, wife of pastor Normand Burgess.

And their offering goal?

"One hundred percent commitment," she replied.

Then each church's director was briefed and sent to lead four sessions for workers.

Palmer led at East Dayton. Houston Lanier, who retired as Mountain Missions director from the Direct Missions Department at the state convention, consulted with Amity Baptist Church, located in a Kenton County subdivision.

Some of the information the directors told their audiences was the same any

church worker would hear. The principles of a growing Sunday school are the same whether that Sunday school is large or small.

But some advice was uniquely for those who work in small churches.

"Our prayers are little; our vision is a little vision; we have a little church and we don't want to be big," Joe Tackett, retired pastor of a Northern Kentucky church and a Lexington church, told a small group at Grace Church.

"You need to get a new vision. You have so many advantages over bigger churches."

Tackett identified 11 reasons why small churches are not growing:

- They are not organized to grow. They're organized to remain on a certain plateau and to survive.

- Small churches are often "layowned and operated" rather than pastor-centered.

- The small membership church tends to be inward-oriented and concerned with institutional survival.

- Older churches tend to grow less, and small churches tend to be older churches.

- Long pastorates are more productive, and small churches tend to have pastors who stay only a short time.

- Small churches tend to isolate themselves from the association and convention and mistrust them.

- Churches cannot survive in isolation from other churches.

- Small churches often have inexperienced student pastors.

- Bivocational pastors of small churches frequently lack training.

- Local churches sometimes have little opportunity for worker training.

- New people in a small congregation tend not to be accepted as easily.

"God intended us to grow," Tackett told the workers at Grace. "But there are people who don't want us to grow."

As part of their task, each church's director was to make specific recommendations for growth. All suggested new Sunday school classes to separate wide age ranges and to facilitate growth in small groups.

East Dayton Baptist Church was challenged to begin a Training Union that would provide teacher as well as church training. H. Bailey Sadler, pastor of First Baptist Church, McDowell, in eastern Kentucky, suggested Licking Valley Church certify its teachers with convention study courses.

And Grace Church was told to divert the monies it will save when it pays off its debt this summer into a renovation program.

Polk thinks the first campaign was a success.

"Even though a small number of churches participated," he began, "the depth of work they've done has been excellent."

Polk added he'd like to form a group of small church leaders to meet regularly to "share and develop a stronger strategy for small churches." He'd also like to see financial programs set up to help small churches and training programs for student and bivocational pas-

tors, to help them learn to minister in small churches.

Licking Valley's pastor Harold Moore said the campaign "really gave our people some zip." A visitation program has been initiated for the first time in the 130-year-old church's recent history.

Moore said the church had considered closing in the early 1960s. He remembers 20 years ago when there were three families who attended regularly—about 15 persons. The church was meeting in the basement of the building that had been torn down 10 years earlier.

A 160-seat auditorium was built in 1973. "Building wise we've done well, but membership wise not as well," indicated Moore, who also teaches at Northern Kentucky University.

He commented that Sadler was "extremely good; he identified with our people."

"Our people were well pleased," he added. "Our church is small. To bring people in of that caliber really meant a lot."

East Dayton Church is on the other end of the spectrum from rural Licking Valley. Located in an urban setting along the Ohio River just south of Cincinnati, its problems are different.

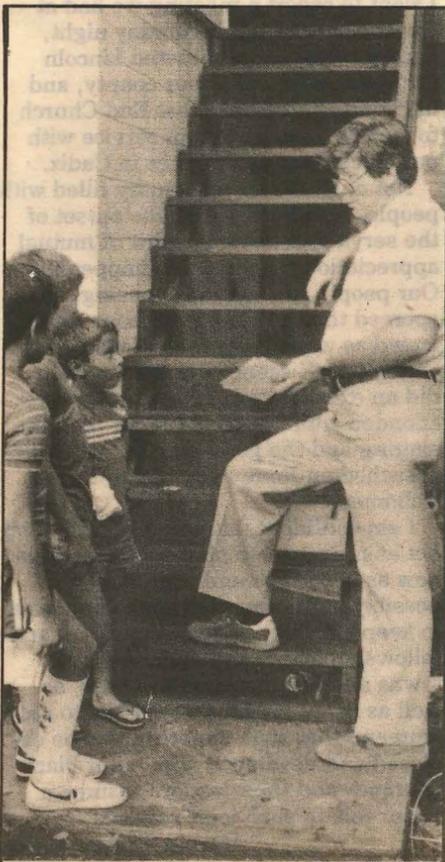
The area is in a state of transition over talk of moving the city floodwall and displacing the church and many residents.

"But we've decided not to worry about the floodwall," said Mrs. Burgess, the pastor's wife. "We'll just reach people."

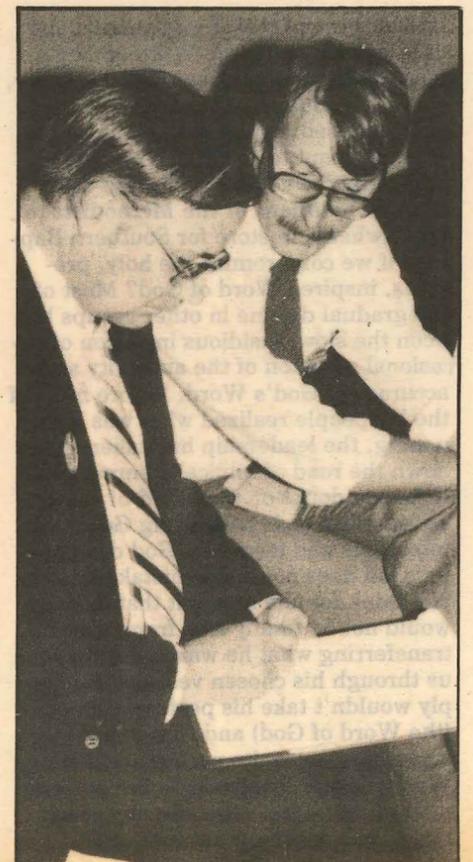
Sunday school director Bill Harris said the campaign, with its emphasis on a preliminary people search, helped members learn "people won't slam the door in their faces."

Most people were waiting for someone from the church to visit, he indicated.

"It (the campaign) made us aware of our shortcomings, but it also helped us to be more free in visiting."



Grace Baptist Church member Donald Schadler [left photo] talks with some boys as he conducts a church survey to uncover prospects. During a follow-up session for church leaders who participated in a small Sunday school enrolment campaign, Grace Baptist Church pastor Charles Darland [right photo] suggests changes to Jack Palmer, associate director of the state convention's Sunday School Department.



Edge and Edgeisms: Still practically the same

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In the 40s and 50s, Findley Edge was offering practical counsel to Southern Baptist Sunday school teachers and officers on doing their work more effectively. It must have been pretty good advice—his publisher is still offering it today, without changing a word.

His nearly 68 years belie Findley Edge. The aging process has been good to him. The wiry frame, tanned, rugged features and authoritative manner suggest a man of younger years.

Yet, Edge, and the practical methods of gospel proclamation he espoused three decades ago, are still around. Neither appears any worse for the wear.

Now in retirement at Winter Park, Fla., Edge devoted 43 years of his life to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

"It (the seminary) was the only thing that could have kept me from going back to Florida," he avowed one hot July day while in town to teach a summer J-term. "All the time I was here I had a great yearning to return to Florida. Yet I realized that here the giants of theological education had sat, and I was awed by this place."

Findley Edge "never dreamed" of spending his career at Southern when, in 1939, as a lanky graduate of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., recently married to Louvenia Littleton of Gainesville, Ga., he entered that school. He had been born in Albany, Ga. but moved to the Sunshine State and, feeling a call to special service, accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Apopka, for two years. His compulsion to be the best trained minister he could be led him to Southern and the rest is well known history.

While he served two student pastorates during those days—at Simpsonville and Campbellsburg, Ky.—it became clearer as time went on that his first love, and his greatest contribution, was in the area of teaching, training, practical matters and general religious education, rather than a strictly preaching ministry.

He became an apprentice instructor in 1945 and two years later was added to the seminary's full time teaching faculty. For three years in the 50s his talents were also put to use as minister of education at Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church, where he was able to translate a good deal of his textbook theology into practical reality.

In 1956 Findley Edge was elected Basil Manly Jr. professor of religious education, a title he carried until retirement in 1982. Upon that milestone he became senior professor, a status allowing him to return to the campus from time to time to teach some of the courses he knows best.

Edge not only holds the BA degree from Stetson but also the DD, awarded in 1958. He received the MA degree from Yale University, New Haven, Conn. From Southern Seminary he holds ThM and ThD degrees.

And he and Louvenia, his wife of 45 years, are parents of two sons—Larry, of Orlando, and Hoyt, of Winter Park. So much for Findley Edge, the man.

Now, about those methods he was advocating 30 years ago... They're just as "practical and useful" today as they were then, Edge believes.

Many of the practical needs he recognized in the educational programs of Southern Baptist churches still exist today, he thinks.

Specifically, he was asked him about a book which Broadman Press published by him in 1956, and this became the major thrust of this interview. Edge confided that he was "amazed" that, nearly three decades after its release, you can still walk into a Baptist Book Store in Louisville or Owensboro or anywhere else and ask for a copy of *Teaching for Results* and get it.

Most of his subsequent texts have "long since been withdrawn" from the shelves, says Edge. But this one keeps right on selling, and it has never been revised (nor had to be) in these years. There's even a Spanish edition of the book currently available, too.

Edge confides that he never would have written the book if he hadn't been pushed into it by friends. The principles in it were his own, which he had been teaching for several years. But he never thought of putting them down on paper for public consumption until others urged him to do it.

In the early pages of the text Edge sets out a theme which he returns to again and again:

Many people have unconsciously developed the attitude that all that is necessary in Sunday school is to attend, sit, and listen. In the class session they discuss the ideals of Jesus and how wonderful they are; they discuss the sins of the world and how terrible they are. But all they do is talk about it. Not very often is any definite action taken.

They enjoy the lesson. . . . But when they leave, they do nothing about what was taught.

Edge attacks that very problem from that page forward. He is committed to a down-to-earth approach in raising the level of teaching, and thus learning, in Southern Baptist Sunday schools.

He cites two theories about teaching commonly held—one, that of teaching Bible knowledge to a pupil ("He will develop Christian character if he knows what the Bible teaches"); the other, developing Christian character by leading individuals to make choices and engage in experiences that are Christian.

Some differences in the two approaches:

The former suggests that the teacher is the source of all wisdom, thus he "tells" the class what members need to

know, with little opportunity for feedback ("You sit still while I instill"); the "lesson" is that which is printed in the quarterly; the physical arrangement, more often than not, has the teacher standing in front of the class lecturing, accentuating the dominance of the teacher and the inferior place of the class members.

The latter approach utilizes the teacher as a guide, with learning taking place as ideas are exchanged between teacher and class members (thus the teacher is also a learner); the pupil is considered a responsible member of the learning group, having something to contribute and to learn; the teacher has an aim or purpose for each teaching period, thus the lesson has been taught only when that objective has been accomplished in the lives of class members, not when material has been covered; and, more often than not, the seating arrangement may be in a circle or semicircle with the teacher taking a place of equality along with other members of the group, encouraging individuals to contribute to the discussion.

Edge believes those principles of the 40s and 50s will work in the 80s just as they did then. He also adds today that, if he were rewriting the book, he would change very little, but would add a chapter on the attitude of the student.

He says the Southern Baptist Sunday school members have placed "almost the whole responsibility" for learning on the shoulders of the teacher. That's important, he infers, but he adds that it is the learner "who must do the learning."

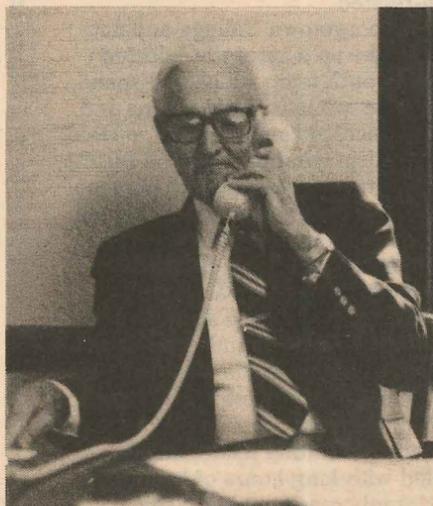
It takes "effort to learn," Edge admonishes.

The learner "must exert some effort," thus he feels it is the learner who is "ultimately responsible" whether he learns or not. If he (the learner) doesn't do anything to try to learn, it's "his fault, not the teacher's," Edge asserts.

He diverts his attention from the textbook topic for a moment to interject his own thoughts about himself.

People have often seen him as "negative, always criticizing," he declares and it may "come across that way—but what I'm really questioning is, 'Why aren't we doing this better?'" He says it has not been his intention to criticize others, but to inquire of better methods of teaching.

Some other 'Edgeisms' from the text:



Findley Edge takes a call in his office during a recent seminary summer term.

Just as telling is not necessarily teaching, so listening is not necessarily learning.

Reciting is not necessarily learning. Memorizing does not necessarily mean learning.

On that subject, he comments, "So much of our teaching dies in the classroom. There is not a bridge that carries over to Monday morning or Sunday afternoon. If we want to carry over we must build bridges in the classroom, and that's where we're falling short."

In 1984 Edge continues to say the place "we are weakest" is in developing lesson aims, and "it's so simple" to do.

Many pages of *Teaching for Results* are devoted to aims, including these qualities of a "good" aim:

It ought to be brief enough to be remembered.

It ought to be clear enough to be written down.

It ought to be specific enough to be achieved.

His three types of aims—knowledge, inspiration and conduct response—are well known by students who have passed through his courses and are now serving on the staffs of Southern Baptist congregations. One purpose to lead in a mastery of specific biblical facts. Another causes a class to have some deeper appreciation for its religious experience. A third leads individual class members to specifically express what they have learned through some action in their lives.

We asked him specifically about two other areas of interest to Sunday school workers, the weekly officers and teacher's meeting and the department assembly period.

He says he's "still married" to the weekly planning meeting. It must be used "meaningfully," he asserted, and "unfortunately, that isn't done" in many places today.

"We teach every week, therefore we need to get together for serious group planning—which is better than individual planning," says Edge.

On the other question, he feels there's a need for adult department periods, but they "should be briefer" than they are in most places. He thinks there's no need for a devotional time here but administrative matters related to the department should be cared for. He won't "balk" if other ways can be found to carry out these matters (other than a department period), and—for those utilizing this period—he thinks it's immaterial whether the period is at the beginning or the end of the Sunday school teaching time.

Finally, in the book, Edge avows, "There is no learning unless change takes place in the life of the individual."

For a man who has dedicated his life to bringing about change in the lives of individuals, if anyone thought Findley Edge could be persuaded to adopt some other approach now, he really doesn't know Findley Edge very well at all.

christian education

Martin resigns presidential post at Virginia Intermont College

James E. Martin Jr., president of Virginia Intermont College since Sept. 1, 1983, has resigned and accepted a position at an undisclosed college.

The resignation, effective July 31, was tendered to a meeting of trustees on Friday, June 22. Martin said board president Hal S. Stubbs of Bristol asked him to "keep it (the resignation) under wraps" until a board meeting on Thursday, June 28, but within hours it was announced on a Bristol radio station.

Martin then issued a quick notice to faculty and staff.

In a telephone interview with the Virginia Religious Herald, Martin cited pressures on his family resulting from conflict between himself and some faculty and students as the immediate reason for the resignation. "It was sort of hasty," he said. "We have a situation where the alternative was to take the family away."

Martin has been at odds with faculty members and students since early in his administration when he came down hard on consumption of alcoholic beverages and curtailed visitation between sexes in college dormitories.

The contest of wills became public early last December when Martin ordered the temporary removal of two charcoal sketches of nudes from an art exhibit, because the art was in an area through which persons would pass on their way to a service of dedication for a renovated theater in the Fine Arts Building.

In protest, students removed all art from the exhibit, and faculty members presented Martin an ultimatum demanding that he promise not to ever again impose "censorship."

Martin refused the faculty demand and told the Herald, "I appreciate art. I

am not an art expert. But I am president of this college. If an action or activity of this college is offensive, I am ultimately responsible to the college, the community and the church with whom we have affiliation."

In the aftermath of the fall events, Martin said the family has endured severe stress. The Martins have three children, ages 11, nine and eight and the president's home is on campus. There have been public demonstrations against the president and other forms of harassment which took their toll on the children.

"It became obvious," said Martin, "that the hostility from faculty and students was going to continue next year."

Martin said, "The potential is great (for Virginia Intermont)," and added, "I loved my job and I love the work, but if we were to be successful we were going to have to pull together."

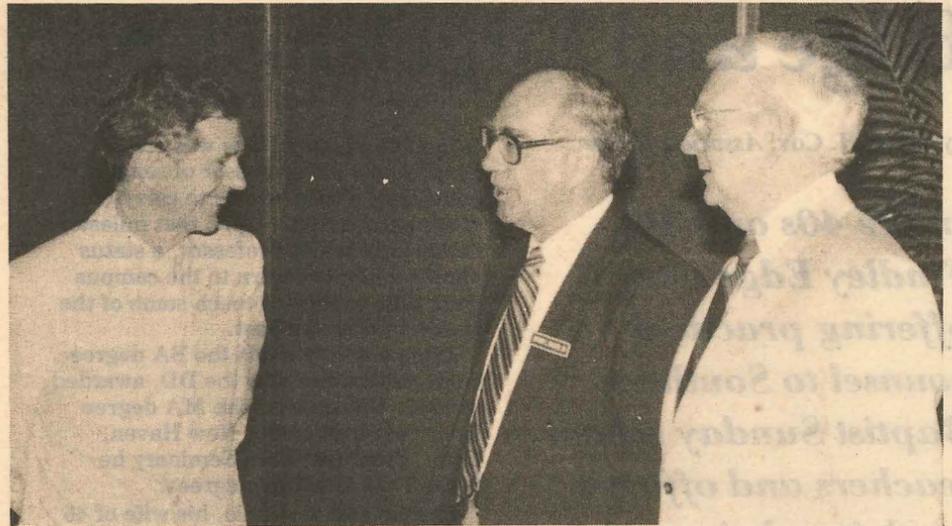
"The formulation is here, and I hope they will rally around the new president," said Martin. "I regret very, very much we are leaving."

Martin reported he has submitted to the board of trustees a balanced budget for 1984-85.

Returning to the subject of conflict, the president said, "I wouldn't have done it any other way. I appreciate the support I have had from people throughout the state and nation. There are far too many (letters) for me to make individual replies."

Martin declined to reveal his destination after July 31, but said, "We will head closer back home to Texas," and acknowledged his new position will be in education.

Martin came to Virginia Intermont from the position of dean of men at Baylor University in Waco, Tex.



William R. Davenport [l], president of Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, is welcomed to the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention by Arthur L. Walker Jr. [c], executive director, and Thomas S. Field, chairman of the Education Commission, 1984-85. The commission recently held its annual meeting in Daytona Beach, Fla. Davenport was elected to the commission during the SBC in Kansas City.

Campbellsville College adds television studio

Kentuckians are going to see a lot more of Campbellsville College soon on television.

Campbellsville College is in the process of establishing a television studio on campus. The studio will be used both as a classroom setting and to produce various types of promotional materials for various media across the state and country.

Equipment is being bought and Bethany House, where the studio is located, is being refurbished.

Ed McQuire, a regional utilization specialist for Kentucky Educational Television, is working with the college in forming the studio. He is among several persons from KET who are working with different colleges in Kentucky.

The college has many hopes for the studio, said Virginia Flanagan, director

of alumni and public relations. Mrs. Flanagan is in charge of the studio.

A video of the Campbellsville College Singers is planned, according to Mrs. Flanagan. The video will be shown at exhibits and used on television services in the Southern Baptist Convention. She said there is a good chance some videos produced at the college will be shown on ACTS (American Christian Television Systems).

Arrangements have been made with Channel 34, the Campbellsville television station, to produce various spots about the college in addition to producing a program tentatively called "Moments for Meditation."

Classes in video production will eventually be scheduled, Mrs. Flanagan said, with a possible major in telecommunication "down the road."

Fifty-three Georgetown students currently on missions assignment

Fifty-three Georgetown College students are spending their 1984 summer on church/missionary assignments across the United States and abroad according to the school's director of church relations, Steve Cook.

"The large number is on appointment by six denominational agencies, the college and 14 churches in Kentucky and Ohio," said Cook.

Twenty-one students were selected by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to lead the list in number of appointments. This group is scattered as far away as California where four are assigned.

Five students are in the state of New York working at city ministries, backyard Bible clubs and evangelism teams.

Kentucky's Baptist Student Union Department picked five Georgetown College students with the division of their appointments taking one to Israel and one to Argentina.

The other three BSU selections are each working stateside on a music team called Son Celebration, a drama group termed Son Share, and a creative ministries team called Son Burst.

Two other student missions volunteers were appointed. One is serving in Israel and the other in Florida.

Baptist assemblies in North Carolina and Kentucky are giving summer-long work and mission service to seven Georgetown students. Four are working at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in western North Carolina and three are helping at Cedarmore Assembly in Bagdad, Ky.

Fourteen Georgetown College students were chosen by local churches for a variety of ministries, most of them youth-related.

Four Georgetown College appointments make up a carefully selected summer youth team which will spend nine weeks ministering in camps and churches across Kentucky and in Ohio.

Cook, displaying pride in the results, took time to express his deep personal thanks for the help from the college's campus minister, Jack Birdwhistell, and his assistant Debby Belew, who just completed a two year term as a student minister intern at Georgetown. She has returned to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville where she will complete graduate studies.

"Her outstanding leadership, coupled with long hours of hard work, were largely responsible for this remarkable record of missionary appointments," said Cook.

Harlan and Bell County students get look at college in Cumberland's six-week Upward Bound program

There are 55 Harlan and Bell County students attending a six week, summer residential program sponsored by the Upward Bound program at Cumberland College.

Upward Bound provides counseling, cultural enrichment and academic development to low-income, potential first generation college students to develop the motivation and academic skills needed to succeed in post-secondary education.

Upward Bound offers classes in basic

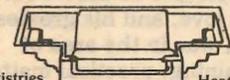
skills and personal enrichment. Students receive instruction in math, science, English and reading, along with personal enrichment classes in computers, art, group counseling and career education.

Exposing the students to Cumberland College allows the Upward Bound program to "demystify" college life for these students. Through this exposure the student's motivation to enter college and persist is enhanced.

The summer Upward Bound program is a joint endeavor between the University of Kentucky Southeast Community College and Cumberland College.

While in the Upward Bound program, students live in college housing and are allowed to make use of Cumberland's recreational facilities.

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Delores and Allen Baugh

Givers and not takers

Some have wondered why Allen Baugh, director of missions for Severns Valley Baptist Association, insists on bringing his wife to every directors of missions conference. Others can't figure out why she leads as many association-wide activities as he does or why a phone call for Allen is as likely to be answered by Delores.

"I think some people just assume that I take the secretarial role a little further than is necessary," she says.

The truth of the matter is that Allen and Delores are the SBC's only husband-wife director of missions team. Neither are ordained and they don't see anything unusual about their dual roles.

Both grew up in Kentucky—she in Louisville, he in West Point. They were high school sweethearts who married after graduation. They settled on a farm in Jefferson County, then in 1956 bought a farm in Hardin County.

Delores was raised in a pastor's family; Allen's family had also been staunch Southern Baptists, so it just

seemed natural that they take active roles in their association. Allen served in area churches as minister of education and Delores as director of activities. Though neither ever earned a college degree, they both have accumulated many hours of course work, especially in preparing for their roles in Baptist work.

From the beginning, they shared responsibilities. "If I was planning a youth retreat, Allen would be right there alongside," says Delores.

"And if I planned a Sunday school conference," says Allen, "Delores did as much of the work as I did."

When in 1974 the association found itself without a director of missions, the nominating committee asked Allen to fill the interim role. A year later, the group asked him to accept the job on a more permanent basis. Allen agreed, but on the condition that Delores serve as his co-director.

"Because of my schedule, it's almost imperative that I work with someone

else," he explains. "Delores is here. I see her more than anyone else. We can plan over breakfast and dinner. If I worked with someone else, I would spend all my time trying to track them down to make plans. This way, we get a lot more done."

The Baughs, in addition to their roles as directors of missions, manage a 1700-acre farm, raising corn, wheat, soybeans and a herd of 250 cows.

Days are packed. "There's really no typical day," says Allen, "but yesterday, I got up before sunrise, went out and worked on the farm, then went into town to meet with an architect who's helping to build a church, then took a new pastor out to eat."

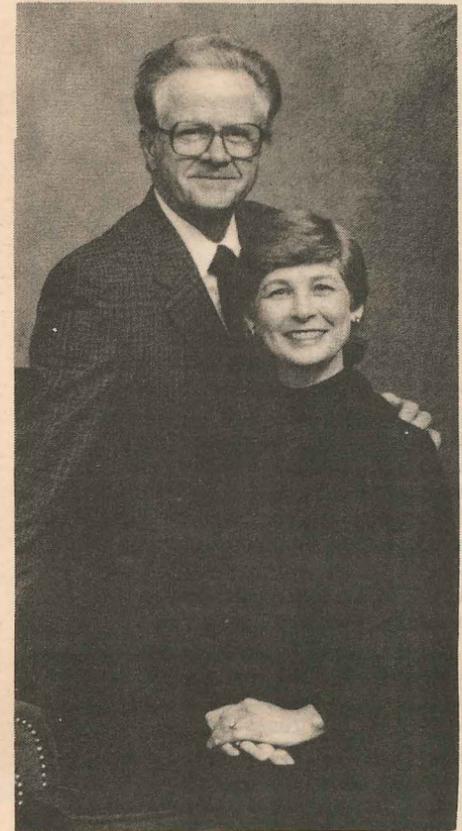
"Today," says Delores, "we have children's Bible drill, a church training directors meeting and nominating committee meeting. Tomorrow, we have missions committee meeting."

Delores spends three days and often more in the association office each week and edits a weekly newsletter. But, she says Kathy Sheldon, the association secretary who takes care of most office work and plays "a vital role in our ministry" as do many volunteers.

The Baughs are out late every night assisting churches with music, Sunday school, youth programs, "just whatever comes along." But neither have any complaints. "I love what I do," says Allen. "I'm not one of those guys who enjoys hunting and fishing, or pushing a little white ball around a golf course, so I guess you could call associational work my recreation. This is what I do for enjoyment."

He admits, sheepishly, that his recreation doesn't allow a lot of time for sleep.

Severns Valley Association consists of 37 churches and three missions in Hardin and LaRue counties. The largest church has 3000 members, the smallest 97. Most of the area is rural; many, like the Baughs, are farmers. Eight of the churches were recognized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention as being in the top 100 churches in the state for baptisms in 1983. Of the 79 associations



Delores and Allen Baugh

in Kentucky, Severns Valley had the largest increase in giving through the Cooperative Program for the first six months of the current budget year.

In addition, the association has a strong Korean church and a thriving Spanish mission. Two missions teams have served overseas: one in Venezuela, the other in Indonesia. This year, the association donated \$4500 to a northwest Ohio association.

The Baughs receive a yearly salary of \$4950 each. The association had a full salaried director of missions before Allen began work in 1974 and Delores was officially approved in 1976, but the Baughs have encouraged that additional monies normally designated for salary be utilized for mission ministries.

"We just thank God we're in a position we don't need the money. We're glad we have the opportunity to serve."

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news in brief

WMU conference dates announced

Dates have been set and plans are underway for WMU Leadership Conferences to be held at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek Baptist Assemblies and Clear Creek Baptist School.

The dates at Cedarmore are Aug. 18-19, 20-21 (overnights), 24 and 25 (drive-ins). The Jonathan Creek drive-ins are Sept. 7 and 8. And the Clear Creek drive-in is Sept. 22.

Registration for the overnights begins at 12:30 p.m. with sessions starting at 1:30 p.m. The conferences end after lunch the following day. Drive-in registration begins at 8 a.m. with sessions starting at 9 a.m. These conferences end at 3 p.m. the same day.

Audrey Shults, missionary to Brazil, will be the speaker at Cedarmore and Clear Creek. Bob Covington, missionary to Spain, Germany and the Netherlands, will speak at Jonathan Creek.

Some added attractions for the overnights are sessions on "teaching with hand-made visuals," led by Louise Barbour, WMU, SBC, and "teaching with video tapes" and a discussion led by Anna Mary Byrdwell about her trip to Kenya and plans for the Kentucky-Kenya partnership.

Registration forms can be found in the current issue of Kentucky Notes.

Valentine praises drinking age law

The Uniform Minimum Drinking Age Act, signed July 17 by President Ronald Reagan, has been welcomed as "an encouraging sign that public concern can affect public policy."

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, said the new law, which establishes a national minimum drinking age of 21, represents "one responsible, intelligent step toward saving both lives and dollars. It is the direct result of public pressure brought by hundreds of thousands of

persons who have been morally outraged by the tragic and disgraceful violence of drunk driving."

Valentine also expressed the hope that Reagan's final signing of the bill, which the President earlier opposed, "indicates some recognition that the issue of alcohol and drug abuse is a national evil that must be confronted on a national scale."

The law, approved overwhelmingly by both houses of Congress, establishes a set of rewards and penalties for states by tying compliance with the new federal statute to eligibility for certain federal highway funds.

The new law also calls for rehabilitation and treatment programs for those arrested and convicted of drunken driving and establishment of research programs for detecting the use of any controlled substance by drivers.

Russell Creek sponsors black/white rally

Russell Creek Association will be sponsoring its second annual rally for black and white Baptists at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Greensburg at 6:30 p.m., July 27.

According to James E. Casey, associational missionary, the 36 Southern Baptist churches in Russell Creek Association will participate in the meeting with members of approximately eight black Baptist churches in the area.

SBBOC founder dies July 15

L. Taylor Daniel, who pioneered the development of retirement plans for Southern Baptist agencies, died July 15, following a long illness.

Daniel, 75, was employed by the Annuity Board 20 years when he retired in 1975 as senior vice president and director of development. Prior to his service with the board, Daniel was the endowment secretary for the Texas Baptist convention. He also spent 15 years in the pastorate of churches in Arkansas, Kentucky and Texas.

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mountains to the mississippi

Kentucky Journeymen return to states

Eight journeymen with Kentucky ties have finished their two-year terms of service and returned to the states.

Kelly Capps, journeyman to Nigeria, completed her term as a secondary teacher in Jos and is back in Kentucky (address: Rte. 1, Box 176, Oakland, KY 42159). She was born in Bowling Green and considers Oakland her home town. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982, she graduated from Campbellsville College.

Becky Colthorp, who worked as a seminary librarian/secretary in Lusaka, Zambia, has returned to Lexington, her home town (address: 3466 Lansdowne Dr., Lexington, KY 40502). Prior to her Foreign Mission Board employment, she graduated from the University of Kentucky.

Susan Craig, journeyman to Korea, finished her work as an elementary teacher in Taejon and is back in the states (address: 18511 Gladville, Homewood, IL 60430). She was born in Richmond, Va., and has lived in Miami, Fla., and considers Homewood, Ill., her home town. Before her appointment as a journeyman, she graduated from Cumberland College.

Janet Duncan, a journeyman to Nigeria who worked as a teacher in Jos, is now in the states (address: 2116 Rosemoor, West Plains, MO 65775). She was born in Ft. Knox, Ky., and considers Springfield, Mo., her home town. Before her Foreign Mission Board employment, she was an elementary teacher in the Willow Springs (Mo.) school system.

Dave Moss spent two years as a coach/youth worker/teacher at Ricks Institute, Monrovia, and has returned to Lexington, his home town (address: 425 Moss Ct., Lexington, KY 40505). Prior to his appointment as a journeyman, he was a child care worker at the Methodist Home of Kentucky, Versailles.

Joanes O'Bryan, journeyman to Korea, has completed her term of service as a student worker in Pusan and is in her home town, Owensboro (address: 2107 Ottawa Dr., Owensboro, KY 42301). A native of Kentucky, she was born in Louisville. Before her Foreign Mission Board employment, she graduated from Transylvania University, Lexington.

Stephen Williams, journeyman to Peru, completed his two-year term of service as a student worker in Cajamarca and has returned to his home town of Louisville (address: 323 Shawnee Dr., Louisville, KY 40212).

Sylvia Retallick, journeyman to Ecuador, spent two years as an elementary English teacher in Quito and has returned to the states (address: RFD, Singers Glen, VA 22850). A native of Virginia, she was born in South Hill and considers Singers Glen her home town. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982, she was a teacher in Berea.

The Journeyman program of the Foreign Mission Board appoints college graduates not more than 28 years of age to travel overseas and work with Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. Terms are each two years long.

personnel

Jim Wilson (see photo) resigned as campus minister at Cumberland College after more than eight years in the position.

Wilson, a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., will be returning to his alma mater to be campus minister.

A native of North Carolina, he is also a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Steve Branch (see photo) accepted the call to be minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association.

A recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Branch is a native of Cumberton, N. C., and received his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was recently ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church, Cumberton.

David Crocker is pastor of Franklin First Baptist.

Terry Freeman resigned as pastor of Auburn Baptist Church, Bethel Association, to become pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association.

Jerry Barker resigned the pastorate of New Friendship Baptist Church, Logan Association, to assume duties as pastor of First Baptist Church, Alamo, Tenn.

Terry Carroll, a student at Cumberland College, was called as minister of youth and music at Salem Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Betty Jo Morgan has been secretary of Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, since 1964. She was honored for her term of service with a reception Sunday night, July 8, at the church.

Richard L. Harvey assumed duties as pastor of North Rolling Fork Baptist Church, South District Association, May 13.

A student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Harvey is a native of Jackson, Miss., and a 1983 graduate of Mississippi College.

Danny Lane resigned as associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Danville, South District Association, effective July 15. He will be entering the University of Louisville School of Law this fall.

Tim Smothers became pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, South District Association, May 27. A second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, he previously served as minister of music at Hedgeville Baptist Church, South District Association.

Ron Kidd resigned as associate pastor of First Baptist Church in London, Laurel River Association, to become minister of education and youth at Trinity Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.

Doug Miller was called as pastor of Camp Ground Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. Formerly the pastor of Sinking Creek Baptist Church in the same association, he will be entering Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, in the fall.

Keith Stillwell is working as minister of youth at Highland Heights First Baptist



Wilson



Branch

Church, Northern Kentucky Association, for the summer. A recent graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, he will enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall.

Paul Pearson was called as pastor of Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Doug Smith accepted the call to pastor Piney Grove Baptist Church, South Union Association.

Terry Browning is the new pastor of Everman Baptist Church, Greenup Association. He was ordained to the ministry May 20.

John Hillard Weaver was called as associate pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Douglas Virgin was called to pastor Lloyd Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Leman Laws resigned as pastor of Ferndale Baptist Mission, Bell Association. Terry Williams became the new pastor.

Paul Couch is the new pastor of Yerkes Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

Phillip Rowan resigned as pastor of Small House Baptist Church, Ohio Association. Bill Phelps was called as the church's new pastor.

Luke Watson resigned as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association, to become pastor of Second Baptist Church, Hartford, Ohio Association.

Paul Drury is the new pastor of New Hebron Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

Wendell Sandefur assumed duties as pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

Tim Adcock is the new pastor of Nelson Creek Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

Donald Cobb accepted the call to pastor Audubon Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Eugene Vaughn assumed duties as pastor of Spottsville Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, July 1.

David Roberson accepted the call to become minister of music and youth at Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Bruce Embry became minister of music at Island Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Jerry Howerton resigned as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Russell Association, to accept the call of a church in Warren, Mich.

Joe Bagwell is now pastor of Burkley Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

David L. Elliott accepted the call to pastor Antioch Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Hubbard Smith is the new pastor of Moscow Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Mitch Whisnant resigned as minister of education and youth at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, to accept a position on the staff of first Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

William "Dub" Henderson is now the first full time pastor of Slate Branch Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Max Hester is the new pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Ron Kidd resigned as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association, to become minister of education and youth at Trinity Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.

Allen K. Lowe assumed duties as pastor of Howards Mill Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, May 27.

A native of West Virginia, Lowe is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is currently enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

His previous ministry includes the pastorate of Sadierville Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association; staff minister at Rosemont Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association; summer missions with Elkhorn Association; and work as chaplain-candidate with the U. S. Army Reserve.

Lowe and his wife, Linda, have three children, Krissie, Allen and Andrea.

Scott Payne resigned as minister of youth at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to become minister of youth and recreation at Ridge-way Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. He spent five years in the position.

He and wife Billie have three children, Jason, Amanda and Allison.

Cindy Egner was called as minister of youth at Antioch Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association. A native of Clinton, Tenn., she is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and is currently enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Junior Carroll was called to pastor Russell Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

ordinations

Danny Nelson was ordained to the ministry at Liberty Baptist Church, East Lynn Association June 30. A. J. Parrish preached the ordination sermon.

Eddie Russell (see photo) was ordained to the ministry at Cadiz Baptist Church, Little River Association, July 8.

Russell is minister of music and youth at Cadiz, where Harold F. Skaggs is pastor.

Robert Blair, Jim Clark, Fred Clem, Jim Cottrell, Raymond Crabtree, Bobby Kerr and Randall Loyall were ordained to the deaconate at Immanuel Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Royce Riggs, Glen Rice, Melvin Thomas and Tom Coffey were ordained

as deacons at Buffalo Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, July 8.

William Brown was ordained to the ministry at Tiny Town Baptist Church, Bethel Association, July 1. He is pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

On July 8, Calvin Jones was ordained as the newest deacon at Tiny Town, where Douglas Downing is pastor.

John Nelson was ordained to the deaconate at Hurstbourne Baptist Church July 8.

Donald Dwayne Lynch and Max H. Cooper were recently ordained to the ministry at Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association.

Lynch, a recent graduate of Cumberland who is now a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., was ordained Apr. 27. Cooper, Central's assistant pastor, was ordained on May 6. He is a graduate of both Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, and Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., and will be enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall.

On June 6, Central licensed three men to the ministry. They included Dennis Borden, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Eugene Hayre, a student enrolled in Seminary Extension courses; and Ricky D. Jones, a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Don Mathis is pastor of Central.



Russell



Humphreys

Janet L. Humphreys (see photo) was ordained to the ministry at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association, June 3. Andrew Lester, Ronald King and Clarence Barton participated in the service.

Miss Humphreys, a native of Herrin, Ill., is a graduate of the University of Illinois and holds both the MDiv and MRE degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is currently employed by St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. as a chaplain and a supervisor-in-training.

congregations

Madisonville's Boy Scout Troop 11 and First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association, as well as Paducah's Troop 6 and First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, were honored with awards from the Association of Baptists for Scouting when the Boy Scout National Council meeting was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 23.

The western Kentucky troops were the only two chosen as outstanding Boy Scout troops among the 6500 in the Southern Baptist Convention. The two churches were honored for their long sponsorship of the troops.

The awards are based on youth recruiting and tenure, quality program,

Eagle Scouts and the God and Country program.

The fact that the two troops and sponsoring churches receiving the national awards are in the same area of Kentucky is highly unusual, one Boy Scout spokesman said.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Shelby Association, will dedicate its new sanctuary and facilities July 29. A full schedule of events is planned for the day, including the dedication service at 11 a.m. with dinner on the grounds following. An appreciation service will begin at 2 p.m.

Dennis McCombs is pastor of Bethlehem.

Springfield Baptist Church, Central Association, celebrated its 100th anniversary with special services June 24.

The congregation was founded on Jan. 29, 1884.

Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, sent a group of 16 of its members to Ocean City, Md., to work in the surrounding area with local missionaries on special projects, June 24-29. The trip was coordinated in cooperation with the Home Mission Board.

Eubank Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, celebrated its 100th anniversary with special services May 6.

Lick Fork Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, had its first service in the congregation's new sanctuary June 17. Howard Partin is Lick Fork pastor.

associations

The churches in Carter County, all of them in Greenup Association, will hold an evangelistic crusade, July 22-29. All county and associational church members are urged to attend.

deaths

Kentucky pastor Isham E. Enlow, 93, died June 20 in Ft. Myers, Fla.

He was buried in Red Hill Cemetery, Hodgenville, beside his wife, Marzella Philips Enlow, who died in 1982.

A native of Hodgenville, Enlow graduated from Georgetown Baptist College in 1916 and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1919.

When he retired at age 92, Enlow had started churches and missions in both Kentucky and Florida, serving a total of 32 years in each of the two states. He pastored churches in both states and was an active evangelist.

Survivors include two sons, Eugene I. Enlow, pastor of Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, and Phillip F. Enlow, Virginia Beach, Va.; one daughter, Charlott McClatskey, Ft. Myers, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Rome Bell, Lexington; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Castlen, missionaries to the Philippines, have returned to the field following reappointment (address: Box 7, Baguio City, Philippines 0201). He was born in Owensboro and lived in El Cerrito, Cal., and Miami, Fla., while growing up. She is the former Shelby Sutherland of Clintwood, Va. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1971, resigned in 1982 and were reappointed in 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Perkins, missionaries to Malawi, may be addressed at Box 39, Mzuzu, Malawi. They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Owen-ton and she is the former Beth Stricker, who was born in Louisville and considers Middletown her home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Rucker, Baptist representatives to Egypt, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: 5116 Bluebird, Alexandria, LA 71301). He was born in Corsicana, Tex., and considers Alexandria, La., his home town. She is the former Linda Stovall of Eddyville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey R. Sharp, missionaries to Hong Kong-Macao, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: 2422 Browning St., Sarasota, FL 33577). Born in Rockville, Centre, Long Island, N. Y., he also lived in Kingston, N. Y., and considers Sarasota, Fla., his home town. The former Constance Booth, she was born in Paintsville, Ky., and also lived in Sarasota, Fla. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Merl Estep, missionaries to Japan, may be addressed at 1-15-1 Momochi, Sawara-ku, Furuoka 814, Japan. He was born in Covington and grew up in several states. She is the former Vivian Heldreth of El Reno, Okla. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Raymond Reynolds, missionaries to Belgium, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: 1626 Reppard Dr., Orlando, FL 32803). He was born in Lexington and grew up in Johnson City, Tenn. She is the former Helen Moses of Orlando, Fla. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972.

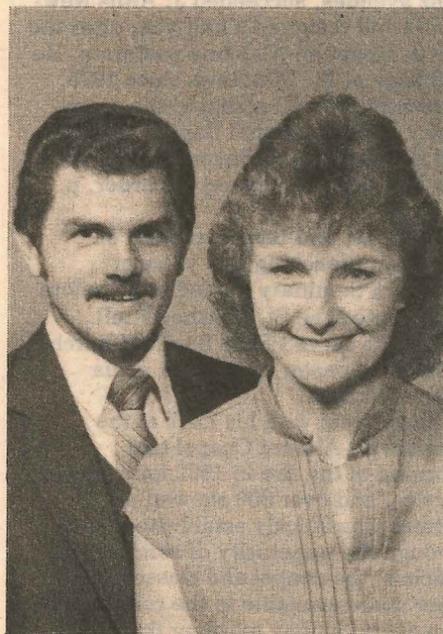
To go to Venezuela

FMB appoints Kentucky couple

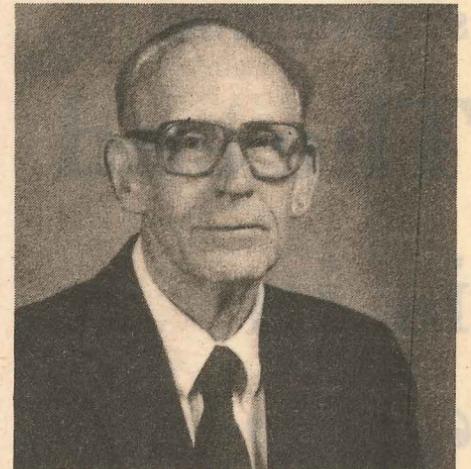
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie L. Adams were among 37 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board July 6 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

The Adamses will work in Venezuela, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. Currently he is pastor of Poplar Spring Baptist Church in Murray.

Born in Cairo, Ill., Adams is the son



Ronnie and Freida Adams



Ross

Ross resigns as Greenup DOM

John Ross, director of missions for Greenup Association for 11½ years, resigned effective June 1.

A native of Missouri, Ross holds the PhD degree in Greek and New Testament from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was pastor of Armour Heights Baptist Church, Kansas City, and a director of missions in Missouri before becoming associate director of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. Filling that position, he supervised work in 12 states from Colorado to New York from his base in St. Louis for 10 years.

Greenup Association, one of the state's largest with 52 churches, has grown in church membership from 15,000 to over 18,000 during Ross' tenure.

Ross, 70, plans to continue missions work and will do supply preaching. He and wife Ora Maye have two sons.

Charles Young, from Charleston, W. Va., is the new director of missions for Greenup Association.

of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Adams of Cunningham. He was raised in Cunningham and considers that city his home town and Bethlehem Baptist Church there his home church.

He received the BA degree from Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, and the MDiv degree in religious education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He also attended Murray State University and Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

He has worked as a mechanic at an automobile company in Paducah and as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Clinton, and Blandville Baptist Church.

The former Frieda Gupton, Mrs. Adams was born in Paducah and is the daughter of Mrs. Lorene Riddle of Cunningham and the late Alfred T. Gupton. She grew up in Cunningham and also considers Bethlehem Baptist her home church.

She received the associate of applied science degree from Paducah Community College and attended Murray State University. She achieved registered nurse standing by examination in Kentucky. Currently she is a nurse at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, Murray.

The Adamses have two children, Christopher Michael, born in 1972, and Lori Rachelle, 1975. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in October for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.

ST. MATTHEWS:

The end is in 'site'

Their spirits undaunted by fire which destroyed their worship center, a Louisville congregation is discovering new forms in a familiar spot

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

It was Thomas Wolfe who said, "You can't go home again."

Probably not.

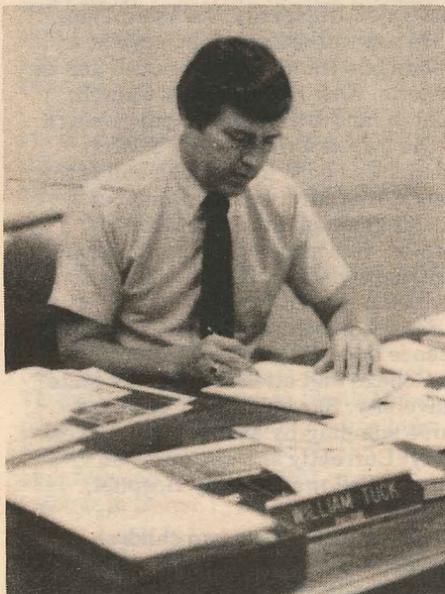
At least, not to the same precise environment, the same conditions in which one left a place. Time, distance and other factors have a way of altering circumstances as we remember them.

So it was that the 800 or so worshippers at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, found things a good deal different Sunday morning July 15 than when they last gathered on their hallowed corner on a Sunday morning. The date was Jan. 3, 1982, exactly one week before vandals set fire to their sanctuary building in an effort to cover up a break-in.

July 15 this year was upbeat by every standard.

Folks had prayed for it, dreamed about it, worked hard to achieve it and endured a great deal during the intervening 2½ years.

Just two days before the return to temporary worship facilities in the church's new fellowship hall, pastor William Powell Tuck, who had served the congregation exactly 12 months that



Pastor William Powell Tuck prepares his first sermon to be delivered in the new fellowship hall at St. Matthews.

weekend, mused over the situation.

He said it had been an "emotional, psychological and physical drain" on the congregation, which had been meeting on Sunday mornings on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Yet he pointed with pride to "a large core group" that had "hung in there" and that did "what had to be done."

He underscored the strategic role the seminary had played in the life of the congregation. "Frankly," Tuck admitted, "I really don't know what we would have done without it."

He allowed that it was remarkable the church hadn't "evaporated" in these years. At the same time, he suggested that the St. Matthews faithful have seen they can "still be a church" even without a place to meet.

The devastation which marked the shift to alternate facilities came on a morning when Louisville temperatures had reached their fourth coldest day recorded in the city's history. The wind chill factor was minus 50 degrees as firefighters answered the three alarm bell at 6:39 that Sunday morning. Despite heroic efforts, the sanctuary offices, fellowship hall and a number of classrooms were lost in the blaze. Much of an educational wing was damaged by flames, smoke and water.

In all, when the ashes died out, St. Matthews members would be woefully in debt. The \$3.1 million insurance settlement they received helped a great deal, but replacing the lost facility and upgrading existing ones would reach \$6.4 million, administrative pastor Ruben Swint declared. He said the church has already raised \$1.2 million in cash and pledges in a "Together We Build" campaign led by the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, Nashville. In addition, the church received a bank loan of \$2.1 million to finish meeting its financial obligations.

Swint said the congregation's original projected budget for 1984 was \$850,000, but that has been adjusted downward to \$730,000, a more "realistic goal," he thinks. The church gave \$64,000 to the Cooperative Program in 1983 but that figure will be reduced somewhat this year because of the pining of the budget.

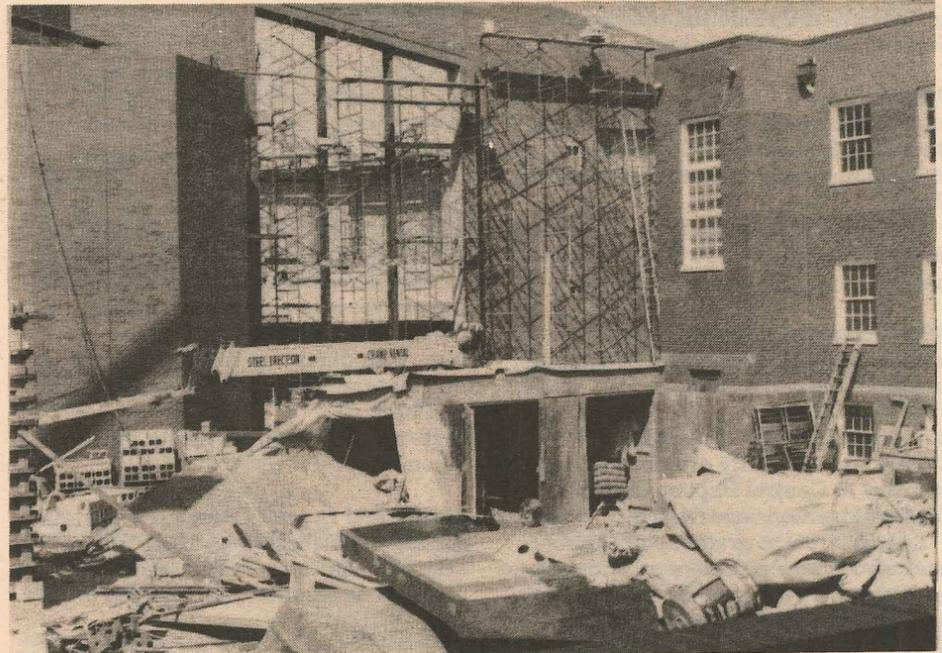
Resident membership is currently about 2100, according to Paul Robinson, minister of education.

The church staff is composed of six full time ministers, several part time ministers and seminary interns, secretarial and custodial staffs.

Tuck, who began his second year as the church's pastor July 15, the day they returned to Grandview, Macon and Nanz avenues, succeeded J. Altus Newell. Newell resigned a half-year after the fire to accept an Alabama pastorate. He had been at St. Matthews since 1975. (Recently, Newell accepted the presidency of International Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland. See last week's Western Recorder, p. 10.)

Tuck, 49, had been professor of Christian preaching five years at Southern Seminary immediately before he accepted the St. Matthews call. Earlie, he served First Baptist Church, Bristol, as pastor nine years in his native Virginia.

Newell met with his flock at the seminary's Alumni Chapel that morning of the fire in 1982 for a prayer service, and over 800 showed up. A pattern was quickly established, and through the generosity of seminary officials, the chapel and classrooms were made available to the congregation every Sunday morning thereafter. In June 1982 they were able to return to



St. Matthews Baptist Church's new 1400-seat auditorium is soon to be completed. An education wing completed in 1954 at right will tie into the new facility across an open courtyard where building materials are now shown.

their own facilities on Sunday and Wednesday evenings—facilities which had not been reached by the fire. But Sunday mornings continued to see children's workers traipse to and fro to seminary classrooms with boxes of books and supplies, youngsters sitting at desks and in chairs that were made for grown-ups, no one had a room to call exclusively his classes' own and even the doughnut and coffee brigade was displaced for awhile.

The new sanctuary isn't yet completed on Grandview, but members hope to be in it by the third anniversary of the fire (Jan. 10, 1985), or earlier.

Meanwhile, now occupied at the fellowship hall, which can seat 900 (and where services are now being held—precisely on the spot of the former sanctuary); a 200-seat chapel above it; a large office suite on the main floor; a new church media center; several new classrooms; renovation of the oldest education building (almost completed); and repainting of rooms in the educational wing constructed in 1979.

There was joy on their faces, laughter in their voices and cards reading "We're Back" attached to their clothing July 15 as St. Matthews members gathered once again to worship at Grandview and Macon. While Tuck thanked Southern Seminary and suggested members drop the seminary president a note of appreciation, Swint praised the volunteers for their help in getting facilities ready for the big moving day. After the congregation sang appropriately "The Church's One Foundation," Tuck delivered his message on the theme "Coming Home Again."



There is a lot of fellowshiping to be done as St. Matthews members find their places for worship on the first Sunday back after fire destroyed their building.

He spoke of the difficulty we all have in waiting for something. Yet, he said, one of the "great virtues" of God is his patience.

Tuck went on to allow that "it is in a certain place that God reveals himself." He said places are "important" to meeting God.

"This place, on this site, is where some of you have met God," he reminded them. "Not in this particular facility, but on this site, you have had special times with God."

Tuck acknowledged that "we're getting closer to the end" (of construction and inconvenience). He encouraged his hearers to be "part of the body of Christ, united together in this place."

You can't go back home and find things "exactly the same," he declared. "Too much water has gone under the bridge. He said it was impossible to contain God's spirit in "old forms, old habits and old ways." But God's spirit calls us to "a new freshness, a new vitality, a new commitment," he offered.

Let's not be "the minority voice" seeking to hold God "to old wine skins," he concluded. Let us allow God to "breathe through us."

The service concluded, the worshippers began to file out of that beautiful glass enclosed, carpeted fellowship hall with its new chairs, hymnals, piano, risers and podium. Yet, some paused for a fleeting moment as something over in one corner caught their eye.

Ironically, a brick fireplace had been installed. As much as anything else, it symbolized the truth of Thomas Wolfe's words.

Infant Resource Project is success story among Louisville agencies

Volunteer staff ministry reaching needy newborn

by Kim Whitehead, Staff Writer

She's 18, unwed and about to have her first child. With no resources of her own and no knowledge of the game of hop scotch one has to play to find aid in the mass of social agencies in the Louisville area, she's nothing more than scared and alone. Where can she go for help?

East Baptist Center's Infant Resource Project, designed specifically to meet the needs of indigent infants and their mothers, is an answer.

But it hasn't always been so.

One year ago the idea of setting up a ministry to help needy mothers and their children in the Louisville area had one seminary student, one home missionary and about \$50 going for it.

Taken from a needs analysis survey done in 1981, the idea had grown in the minds of Jim Holladay and Joel Thrasher. Holladay is the Home Mission Board-appointed director of East Baptist Center, located in the heart of Louisville's medical complex. Thrasher works as an HMB intern at the center and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

But, even though Thrasher had received an enthusiastic response from the director of social services for Humana Hospital University when she was first contacted in July 1983 about the possibility of volunteers visiting mothers in the hospital, hospital administration officials vetoed the plan by summer's end.

Holladay and Thrasher then began considering conducting home visits, but weren't sure how potential volunteers would react to the idea.

Not long after, Holladay met with a WMU group from a local church and found favorable response, while Humana's OBGYN social worker agreed to make referrals to East Baptist.

Meanwhile, Thrasher had moved along with plans, advertising in the Colloquy, Long Run Association's newsletter page in Western Recorder, for supplies and donations.

He also teamed with Wilhemina Jenkins, a graduate of Southern Seminary and a teacher in the Jefferson County school system, to train six volunteers.

But the whole scheme still moved slowly.

Not until Jim Sennett, a social work student at Southern, took over the

program in February did supplies start stacking up and volunteers really begin moving.

The program "turned the corner," according to Sennett, when the Baptist Young Women of St. Matthews Baptist Church held a shower to collect items for donation.

The Louisville Times picked up on the event and the resulting article brought ample publicity.

Sennett laughs now as he remembers the deluge of calls that followed. They led to more donations and numerous referrals from other agencies unable to adequately meet indigent mothers' and their newborns' needs.

"We had many secular people saying to us, 'We never knew this program existed,'" Sennett recalled.

Among them were Catholic Charities, Birthright, Norton Hospital, the local YMCA, the Teenage Parents program and probation and parole officers.

Since that time the ministry's volunteers have worked on 50 cases, visiting, and many times visiting again, needy mothers and their infants.

Today, after a long struggle, the Infant Resource Project of the East Baptist Center boasts a full time volunteer director, a complete staff of volunteers and \$600 for its 1985 budget.

In fact, the demand has become so strong that the IRP has set guidelines. Needy mothers must be referred to the agency for help and the infants must be less than a month old to receive aid.

The program's success is due in large part to the resourcefulness of its volunteers, said Sennett and Thrasher.

The program's current director, Jan Parrish, started as one of the project's first volunteers this spring.

Having previously worked full time with the Teenage Parents program and as a foster mother for children through Baptist Child Care, she was well equipped for the work.

"At the time, I was not committed to anything," she recalls, "so I just called Joel up."

According to Thrasher, having Mrs. Parrish take over leadership of the project is a real plus for the ministry.

"Most pastors would agree that you can't have every project headed by a professional," he said. "Letting Jan take over is a beautiful example of a professional giving over the reins to a layperson."

He said a real problem at the center

is program consistency because seminary students, who by and large fill the staff, leave after three months.

Hospital and other medical personnel in the surrounding complex dislike having to frequently deal with someone new, he added.

"Having a volunteer as director has had a stabilizing effect on the project," he commented.

A member of Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville, Mrs. Parrish is married to a truck driver and still has two of her four children living at home. She puts in at least 10 hours a week working with the Infant Resource Project.

Among her coworkers are other young women from churches in the Louisville area, all of whom "go above and beyond their assigned duty," according to Sennett.

Becky Mitchell was one of the Baptist Young Women officers of St. Matthews Baptist Church who helped arrange the shower that drew so much attention to the project.

"After Jan talked at the shower, I knew I wanted to help," she remembered.

Her first case involved a 15-year-old with a newborn.

"I was scared to call her," she said. "But I did and I told her I was not a social worker but a friend who wanted to help in some way. I went to see her and we became friends."

Now Mrs. Mitchell, herself the mother of a toddler, has visited many young mothers. She keeps a list of those she has dealt with and calls them back periodically to check on their condition.

"Every child is so innocent," she remarked. "He or she didn't ask to be born. I can't help but get involved."

Linda Breland, the mother of two and a member of Farmdale Baptist, was one of the project's original volunteers.

Her first case, she recalled, involved a single mother having her fifth child. She had originally planned to give the baby up for adoption and had given all her baby clothes away.

"That just blew me away," Mrs. Breland said.

"The thing that amazes me most about the program is that, even though these people don't have everything for a nursery, the babies are just as beautiful," she continued.

But the babies haven't gotten all the attention from volunteers like Mrs.

Breland. She made a special trip to the health center for forms for one mother and even cut out a job ad for the husband of one of the young mothers she knew and sent it to him.

Jan Parrish has also carried the ministry beyond meeting the needs of only infants and their mothers.

One family she worked with had an older child who had one pair of pants and one pair of shoes. Mrs. Parrish saw to it that he got some extra ones.

She also sought for and found a baby bed for one infant who slept in a plastic pan for eight weeks. She took one young father to apply for the GED (high school diploma equivalency) test.

"All we need is proof of their needs and they will be met," she commented.

According to Sennett, another factor in the project's success has been the lack of paper work.

"A lot of indigent people are afraid of social workers because they ask so many questions and require so much paper work," he said. "They don't have to jump through a lot of hoops to secure our services."

"Our only motive is love," he added. But, even though the project's success level is so high and originator Thrasher predicts it could become one of the most effective agencies in Jefferson County, continuous funding is needed to keep it going.

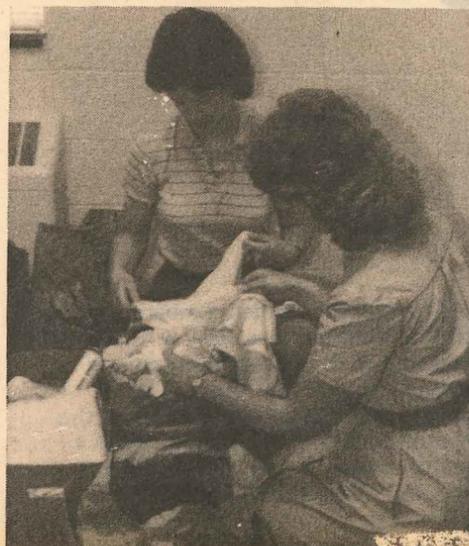
"This could soon be a major ministry in Louisville," remarked Sennett, "but only if church people will support it."

Donations of materials such as baby clothes, diapers and formula as well as money are accepted.

"We're ministering out of true unconditional love and we'll keep going as long as that is maintained," said Sennett.

Becky Mitchell and Linda Breland recently carried a big box of baby things to a Louisville apartment. Eight young mothers and prospective mothers sifted through it, choosing items they could use. The only requirement was for each to write her name and a list of what she had selected on an index card so volunteers would be aware of what further needs she and her child would have.

As Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Breland gathered up the scant remainders and prepared to leave amidst goodbyes, one of the girls said, "You remind me of a couple of angels."



One year ago the Infant Resource Project was only an idea, but today volunteers receive and sort donated baby clothes and supplies on a regular basis. "We can only go as far as the formula and clothes, though," said Jan Parrish, the ministry's director; a steady stream of supplies are needed to keep up with requests for aid. Mrs. Parrish is shown at left with former project director Jim Sennett. At right are volunteers Becky Mitchell and Linda Breland.



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Harrodsburg Baptists: Converting possessions to blessings

Robert DeFoor, pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, shared the following in his weekly newsletter of July 12:

"The church heard the annual report of the Harrodsburg Baptist Foundation last Sunday. Dr. Charles Hatcher reported the growth of the Foundation, now totaling \$923,623.22. Earnings have provided \$43,258.75 for our Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes and a like amount that will be set aside for scholarships for students who are planning to become missionaries or ministers. Our church also received a share of the earnings which totaled \$9,613.05. Unfortunate children and families will be blessed through the ministry of Spring Meadows and Glen Dale Baptist Children's Homes. Forty-

four students will receive \$1000 scholarships through the Foundation. Our church will use its portion to provide scholarships of \$200 each to four students attending Baptist colleges and the balance will be reserved for debt-retirement. The Foundation is a magnificent idea and ministry. Ott Elliot's dream has become something far greater than I believe he ever imagined."

A foundation may not be feasible for or agreeable to every Kentucky Baptist church. However, it is one way of assuring that some of our possessions are translated into blessings while we are here and after death. It's worth thinking about!



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sunday school lessons

International series

War between kingdoms

2 Kings 14:1-3. Following the murder of his father, Joash, at the hands of the members of his court, Amaziah ascended the throne of Judah. He promptly had the assassins of his father

arrested and executed for their crime. Contrary to the prevailing custom, Amaziah declined to have the children of the murderers put to death. Believing that the guilty alone should be punished, he refused to take vengeance upon the children for a crime of which they were not guilty. His unwillingness to punish the children for the crimes of their fathers certainly merited high commendation.

2 Kings 14:8-14. Amaziah recruited an army of 300,000 men for the purpose of delivering a fatal blow against the Edomites. To strengthen his army and to guarantee a victory over them, Amaziah hired a large number of soldiers from Israel. When God's prophet rebuked him for hiring these soldiers to fight, Amaziah dismissed the hired legions and told them to return to their homes. Their sudden loss of gainful employment, along with the loss of the possibility of acquiring the spoils of war, greatly angered these mercenaries. As they journeyed homeward they killed about 3000 people and plundered various towns through which they passed.

Elated and filled with pride after his resounding victory over the Edomites Amaziah concluded he was invincible. Puffed up with conceit and arrogance and thinking he was more than a match for Jehoash, Amaziah challenged him to "come, let us look one another in the face," meaning to face him in battle. Aware of the folly of such an encounter

Jehoash replied in a parable which was designed to humiliate Amaziah. Knowing that in the event they engaged in battle Amaziah would be the loser, Jehoash admonished him to content himself with his previous military laurels and remain at home. Amaziah ignored that good advice and the two armies engaged in battle at Beth-shemish.

Amaziah's army was subjected to an embarrassing defeat, he was taken to Jerusalem as a captive, 600 feet of the wall was broken down as evidence that the city had been subjugated, the city was plundered and the temple and the royal palace were looted of their most valuable treasures. This humiliation and suffering was the result of the pride, arrogance and folly of a headstrong king who had an insatiable desire for conquest.

The mission of the church

Ephesians 3:8-9. It was God's will and purpose that Paul should preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Knowing that the source of his ministry was the gift of God's grace and the working of his supernatural power, Paul expressed his humility of spirit by coupling a comparative with a superlative in referring to himself as "less than the least of all the saints." His words "unsearchable riches" convey the idea of something precious being exceedingly abundant, which is not

usually the case. The intent or purpose of Paul's ministry was to make known the gospel of Christ to those who had not heard it and had not received salvation from him. Paul was very anxious to carry out the Lord's purpose by proclaiming the gospel to unbelievers everywhere **Ephesians 3:10-13.** It has ever been the purpose of God that his "manifold," "variegated," or "many-tinted" wisdom shall be made known by his children in and through his churches. The grace and strength needed for this important service are made available to us through Christ. The only organizations through which God shows his manifold wisdom are his churches. **Ephesians 3:14-21.** Possessed by the love of God, nurtured by the working of the Holy Spirit and yielding himself to the Lordship of Christ, Paul prayed this majestic and meaningful prayer for the Ephesians, revealing God's longings for all his children. Prayer has always been a great factor in the lives of those who have done the most to advance the cause of Christ.

What were the things for which Paul prayed?

1. That believers might have spiritual power (verse 16).
2. That Christ might dwell in the hearts of believers by faith (verse 17).
3. That believers might understand the love of Christ (verses 18-19a).
4. That believers might be filled with the fulness of God (verse 19a).



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campbellsville college today

Baptists, Bible and education

I have just attended a meeting of the SBC Education Commission. I feel honored to have been elected to its membership at the Kansas City convention. I think the purpose of the commission is best summarized in a simple statement by Arthur Walker, its executive director. He puts it, The commission looks at Baptist colleges

and schools from the convention's (SBC) point of view."

Immediately following the commission sessions, the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools holds its annual meeting. Presidents and deans of the SBC educational institutions meet to plan more effective ways to reach our youth with meaningful Christian education. Walker summarizes the association's role as "looking at Baptist education from the college and school point of view."

One of the things striking me most forcefully from these two meetings is the lack of conflict of tension between these two points of view. Occasionally there are some differences and there are some people who will fan the flames if difference can be found. The truth is, as I see it, we have fewer problems or differences than most people assume.

The faculties and administrators of Baptist colleges and schools are human. Most of us have some "bumps and

warts"; we are less than perfect. But Baptist college leaders attempt to shoulder the responsibility of providing Christian education for our students as a serious charge from the Lord.

Jointly, the ASBCS and the Education Commission are planning a great national congress on education in 1986 that will focus on the integration of biblical faith and academic learning. This is wonderful! It will be one of the greatest opportunities of all times to restate our strong position as Baptist on this essential unity of concepts.

The theme of integration of faith, living and learning is the major theme of life at Campbellsville. I am thrilled to be at Campbellsville and to be a Southern Baptist. I am as committed to the authority of God's word for all areas of life, including academic life, as I have ever been.

Thanks for your prayers and your support in keeping this theme alive and strong at Campbellsville.



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clear creek comment

Welcome home

In just a few days (Aug. 6-7) our alumni will be coming home to our annual alumni conference! We are all excited at the prospect of renewing acquaintance, hearing all the news and sharing the fellowship.

Clear Creek is home to all who have ever been here. I have heard many definitions of home. Pliny said, "Home is where the heart is," and Spurgeon said, "East and West, Home is best." I like Robert Frost's definition, "Home is

the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in."

I think the thoughts about home that best express our feelings about the Clear Creek family are found in John Payne's classic song:

Mid pleasure and places though
we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's
no place like home;
A charm from the skies seems
to hallow us there,
Which sought through the world is
ne'er met with elsewhere."

It is certainly true that there is no place on earth like Clear Creek. Our alumni are scattered literally all over the earth. Almost 400 of them serve in Kentucky. Others serve in 43 different states and several foreign countries.

When our alumni return to visit us, it is a joyous reunion. As one rounds the

curve and approaches our 700 acre campus, a beautiful sight bursts into view. From the Aldridge and Correll Buildings to Mahon and Mitchell Apartments and on to majestic, magnificent Kelly Hall, Clear Creek is beautiful in the summer time. The trees are green and beautiful, the grass is thick and luxurious and the creek rushes and bubbles along. The charm of Clear Creek, though "sought through the world is ne'er met with elsewhere."

Our graduates sometimes need the soothing, recreative atmosphere of our campus. Satan is alive and well and he does not appreciate the faithful gospel preaching of Clear Creek men. Many of our graduates are treated harshly by the world when they witness for Jesus.

So, welcome home, dear members of the Clear Creek family. Though you may have wandered over the earth, be it ever so humble, there's no place like your Clear Creek home!



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oneida journal

Catching turtles

"As I sit to write, I remember two years ago when I felt as though I was at rope's end. Through the Lord we were led to Oneida. Your concern for my daughter's welfare caught my emotion immediately! You said 'our first concern is to help Nan. You bring her up here. Then we'll work out the

financial part.' I'll remember forever the day I brought her there. I loved Nan so much. It was breaking my heart to see her throw her life away. There was such a wall being built between us. I remember thinking, 'I love her so much. How can I dislike her so!'

"There seemed to be no other answer but to give Oneida a try. When I drove away from there that night, it tore me apart. I remember thinking what a failure I must be as a parent. I couldn't even handle my own child.

"Of course, our troubles just didn't stop because Nan was at Oneida. Just the roles changed. Now YOU had her with her chip on her shoulder. Slowly I could see a change, a small one, but there was a change coming about. By the time summer arrived we discussed her staying home for the coming school year, but attitudes crept back in and the '83 year found us back at Oneida.

"After a homegoing at Christmas and an unfortunate experience, I decided to keep her home, mainly because I missed her and she was homesick.

"She entered her neighborhood school. Our relationship as mother and daughter, as friends, is a dream come true. I don't mean to sound as though there are no problems. But the wall is gone. I know that the attitude change, the being more responsible, came from the Christian guidance at Oneida. Thank God above for your staff's loving unselfishness and dedication. You gave

me back my little girl.

"Several weeks ago the subject of Oneida started coming up more and more. I realized that Nan is missing Oneida. She said at Oneida she felt like somebody, that there she was not just another kid but somebody special. She wants to go back and graduate from there. But she had goofed off when she was there and wasn't sure if she would be welcome back.

"I have mixed emotions. It would be terribly hard to let her go now. Without the hostility between us, just when I've found her again, she is wanting to leave again. I can only pray for guidance and I feel the Lord has helped me write this letter. I feel Oneida is the place for Nan.

"Yet I know there are lots of people waiting and wanting to come to Oneida. There are many who can afford to pay and help with the expenses of the school. Yet if Nan is accepted back I'd like to donate some time. I could come down every other weekend to cook, to help clean, to help do something!

"I've prayed so about all this. It is so hard to sort it all out. It is so hard to 'just let go and let.' I must let the Lord have his way."

Our 87th academic year will begin Aug. 12. That is about three weeks from now. Every day students and their families are coming for the pre-enrollment tour and interview that normally lasts about three hours for each student. Also each day there are

many phone calls and letters asking for information.

"My name is Johnnie. I am 12 years old. I have two sisters and my mother. My father is dead. I was four years old when he died. I will be in the 6th grade this fall. I like fishing, catching turtles and boating. I would like to come to Oneida to attend school." So writes a young man from central Kentucky.

A mother from one of Kentucky's larger cities writes: "I am interested in sending our son to your school. He is 15 years old and will be a freshman. He has a learning disability, particularly in reading. He has never been happy in this large school system and I am concerned about his attitude. There is pretty widespread drug and alcohol abuse in our school system and I would prefer a Christian atmosphere for him. One of my neighbors told me about your school as her son now attends there."

A boy writes from Colorado. "I am a high school junior who is very interested in attending a school that can give me a secure educational background in the expanding world of today. From the information I have obtained from book and counselors, Oneida Institute is what I am looking for. You have a good athletic program and a wide range of courses available to your students."

Yes, Oneida Baptist Institute is what a lot of boys and girls and their parents are looking for.



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homes for children

Telling the story

In those early days of Christianity the Holy Spirit moved decisively among the Christians at Antioch. As a result of the leadership of the Holy Spirit the church set apart Paul and Barnabas for special missionary work and sent them away. The journey upon which they went is called Paul's first missionary journey. Wherever they went throughout Asia Minor, preaching and teaching, souls were saved and churches were established. Even though they met difficulties and hardships the Holy Spirit prospered their ministry and

protected them.

When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch, Acts 14:27 says, "And when they were come and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the gentiles." From that day to this, Christians have been blessed by reports from those who return from fields of service. Such occasions gave reason to praise God, take heart and keep on keeping on in the work of our Lord.

In Kentucky we have 79 Baptist associations. More than two thousand churches will send messengers to their respective associations as they hold their annual meetings. These meetings begin in July and the last one will meet in late October. As messengers from the churches assemble they will listen as the story of the Lord's work is told. Representatives from various fields of labor will tell what the Lord is doing and how the work is supported through the churches. There will be reports on

mission work, the Cooperative Program, Baptist Homes for Children, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Men, Christian education and what God is doing in the churches of the association. Hearing these reports calls for praise to God and plans to do more to his glory.

Baptist Homes of Children is anxious to tell the story of what God is doing in this ministry that you so faithfully support. Someone from our agency will visit your association. We will fit into the limited time schedule the association can give us. In that time we will share information and give you some literature. If you have questions, look us up and let us provide the information you need.

There are a number of us who are happy to come to churches on Sundays and tell your people about our ministry to children. Call on us and we will share. The Sundays in the fall are filling up. Call on us soon so you won't be missed.

baptist news in brief

Baptists invited to tell of faith in classrooms

Southern Baptist missionaries and Thai Baptist church leaders are being invited into schools in this officially Buddhist nation to tell about Jesus Christ.

Alarmed at rising crime and unemployment among their young people, Thai school officials this year began special social studies classes on comparative religions, which include the study of Christianity.

The state religion is Buddhism, but many people practice Islam and the Hindu faith.

"I have prayed for a long time for opportunities to share the gospel with Thai people, and this is a great answer to my prayer," said Dorothy Dietrich, Southern Baptist missionary from Alabama. Mrs. Dietrich has spoken in several one-hour sessions in a large government school in Rayong Province.

Monta Jeerapon, a young person of the Chacheungsao Baptist Church, was asked to explain her faith in a religion course in the largest high school in Chacheungsao Province. She spoke for two hours, and when time ran out the teacher commented, "We have a real Christian in our class."

The social studies course is being taught this semester to all students in what would be the 12th grade in the United States. In some cases, students are requesting resource information from Christians for writing term papers.

Billy Barber resigns as RTVC vice president

Billy T. Barber has resigned as vice president of development services for the Radio and Television Commission to become a private motivational consultant in Tampa, Fla.

Barber, who went to the commission in April 1983, resigned effective July 15. He will continue to serve as a consultant in the commission's development department, said Jimmy R. Allen, RTVC president.

Allen said the commission has contracted with Cargill Associates of Ft. Worth to supervise the development program until Barber's replacement is named.

Before coming to the RTVC, Barber was director of community relations at the University of Tampa for two years. He previously was pastor of First Baptist Church of Tampa for 14 years.

Bible Way in Zimbabwe shows explosive growth

Bible Way Correspondence School enrolment in the African nation of Zimbabwe has soared from about 40 to more than 21,000 in a little more than two years.

When Gene and Re Milby, Southern Baptist missionaries from Kentucky, took Bible Way responsibilities in May 1983, they already had full responsibilities as church planters in Plumtree, 65 miles from Bulawayo. They juggled their two jobs by pulling a camping trailer to offices in Bulawayo and devoting two days a week to directing the school.

But within three months, enrolment jumped 100 percent. They found themselves working three or more days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The trailer became too much trouble. They left it home and slept on the Bible Way office floor.

They prayed God would direct them in choosing between their two ministries. Their prayer was answered when Zimbabwean Baptists took leadership posts in the Plumtree church. The Milbys moved to Bulawayo in July 1983.

Today, there are 14,155 students enrolled in the English course, 6957 in the Shona course and 533 enrolled in Ndebele. Zimbabwean pastor Brighton Khokha and his wife have joined the staff, and the Milbys have delayed their furlough until early 1985, hoping for a volunteer couple to work with Bible Way during their furlough.

Sullivan calls for revival, commitment in churches

"The crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention is not a theological crisis; it is a crisis of commitment," John Sullivan said during Bible-preaching and church media library conferences.

"It has been my feeling for several years that the great difficulty with which the convention would have to struggle would be a philosophical difficulty, centered in the Cooperative Program," said Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. "I'm praying for revival, spiritually, as well as a renewed commitment to the Cooperative Program. I think it is critical."

"Without commitment of Southern Baptists to the Cooperative Program, one of two things will happen, as I see it. We will go back to a society-like system, for lack of support, or we will continue to trim our expectations to get our commitment," he said.

Sullivan said he doesn't think that churches are failing to increase gifts to the Cooperative Program because of differences within the SBC. Instead, he said, "we've lived so long on inflated dollars, we've had a hard time with budget planning. I do think Southern Baptist churches need to give a higher percentage of their income to the Cooperative Program."

Suggested actions leading to increased commitment, Sullivan told conference participants "we must have a renewal of worship in the services of our churches, encountering Christ in his living presence and not just the ideal of worship. We must have a recovery of the concept of biblical ministry, and we must have a depth of understanding for and appreciation of the church."

"I don't believe the differences in the SBC have destroyed our heartbeat for missions," he concluded. "It has reallocated some energies, but I don't believe it has destroyed our zeal for missions and evangelism."

Biographer says Annie Armstrong "strong-willed"

Southern Baptists who believe Annie Armstrong, one of their missions-minded heroines, was a "sweet little old lady" may be in for a surprise.

According to Bobbie Sorrell, author of *Annie Armstrong: Dreamer in Action*, recently released by Broadman Press, Miss Armstrong was "six feet tall, ramrod straight and didn't take anything off of anybody."

Mrs. Sorrell, associate executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, told participants in the church media library conference she discovered during her research for the book that Annie Armstrong was a woman who seldom hesitated to express her opinions.

As the first WMU executive from 1888 to 1906, Miss Armstrong was "very much a Southern Victorian woman in some ways," Mrs. Sorrell said. "But when it suited her purposes, she could be a strong-willed personality."

A staunch defender of Southern Baptist agencies, Miss Armstrong wrote several times weekly to express her views to the heads of the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board.

"Her letters were very lengthy," Mrs. Sorrell said, and when Miss Armstrong became angry, the messages were "caustic and hostile." After such outbursts, her biographer said, "she would always be sorry. I think she would have given her life for the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board or the Sunday School Board."

RTVC radio programs score in festival contest

"Country Crossroads" and "On Track," nationally syndicated radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commis-

Robbers kill Jamaican guard

Armed robbers beat and shot a guard and broke down the door of a Jamaican villa July 18 to rob a group of Georgia Baptist volunteers who were in Jamaica to help with vacation Bible schools.

The Jamaican guard, Austin Robinson, 48, died later at a hospital, leaving a wife of three months and children from a previous marriage. He recently had become a Christian and had been baptized the week before, said Frank Sledge, the only volunteer injured in the robbery.

Sledge, pastor of Franklin Road Baptist Church, LaGrange, Ga. was bruised by the robbers, who held a gun to his head during the robbery and threatened to cut his fingers off when he had trouble removing his class ring.

Sledge's wife, Nancy, and two other women were threatened but uninjured by the robbers.

The Franklin Road group was among 448 Southern Baptist volunteers from 15 states in Jamaica for a week of vacation Bible schools and evangelistic services sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board.

The robbers entered the Castle Peak Villa on the northern side of the island about 2:30 a.m. and went first to the Sledges' bedroom, ransacking the room and taking their valuables, including Sledge's attache case containing the group's passports and other papers.

Forcing Sledge to go with them, they searched for others in the house, although Sledge told them they were alone. They broke down the door of the bedroom where Cathy Brown and Lucrette Wood had locked themselves into a bathroom. They broke down that door, threatened the women and took their valuables.

Before they reached the room of Lucille Buttram and Ruby Satterfield, a fourth man outside called them and they fled. Sledge said he believes the man had discovered that the guard, whom they had left for dead, was gone and feared he had called the police.

Robinson, although beaten and shot, managed to get to a nearby golf course where two policemen were patrolling. They took him to the hospital and called more police to the villa. "He just literally gave his life for us because he fought them off as much as he could,"

sion (RTVC), have added another jewel to their crown of accomplishments.

"Country Crossroads," hosted by Jerry Clower and Bill Mack, has been awarded the first place gold medal in the prestigious International Radio Festival of New York. "On Track" was a finalist in the same competition, which had 1100 entries from around the world.

The festival is the counterpart of the International Film and TV Festival of New York, one of the top media award programs in the world. The radio festival is in its third year of existence.

"Country Crossroads" gold medal marks the second noteworthy award received this year by the program, which also won the 1984 silver angel from Religion in Media. (RIM).

Currently "Country Crossroads" is heard on approximately 1300 stations nationwide, along with more than 300 stations in 19 foreign countries on the Armed Forces Radio Network.

A finalist in the previous year's festival as well, "On Track" is heard on 550 stations nationwide, Norris said, making the program "the largest contemporary Christian music show in the world."

said Sledge of Robinson.

The gardener next door reported seeing the men leave in two vehicles. One was a Toyota automobile rented by the Foreign Mission Board for the volunteers' use, and the other is believed to be the vehicle the robbers arrived in.

The Jamaican police have inspectors all over the island working on the case, said John Baxley, a volunteer from St. Augustine, Fla., who was in charge of housing for the volunteers. But, as of early July 20, none of the robbers had been apprehended.

The six volunteers and another team of six from LaGrange returned home July 18 as soon as police completed questioning them. Air Jamaica was on strike, but Swinton Futch of Palatka, Fla., travel coordinator for the group, was able to get them on an Eastern Airlines flight, the only flight leaving the island that day.

Four other groups also working on the Brownstown preaching circuit and the rest of the volunteers stayed until July 23 to complete the Bible schools and evangelistic services.

Sledge said he hoped the incident would not hamper the Bible school project, but that he did hope future volunteers would be aware of dangers they might face in traveling overseas.

Southern Baptist volunteers have helped with Bible schools in Jamaica for the past six years, enrolling more than 40,000 children in Bible school during that time, said Baxley. This year, with the largest group of Southern Baptist volunteers ever to work on a single project at one time, he expects vacation Bible school enrolment to total about 20,000.

Baxley noted during the past six years with more than 6000 volunteers going to Jamaica, only one other incident has occurred. On an earlier trip, a burglar entered the villa where he and others were sleeping, but fled when he was discovered.

Southern Baptists from the following states participated in the vacation Bible school project: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.



Lexington native Carol Cole [r] and Lawanna McIver are co-hosts for *Lifestyle*, a daily one-hour magazine program on the American Christian Television System.

Continues broadcasting career

Kentucky native produces and co-hosts ACTS show

The program's name is *Lifestyle* and, according to producer Carol Cole who shares co-host duties with Lawanna McIver, "Our name really says it."

"We try to offer something for everyone's lifestyle -- something positive to help them live their lifestyles more abundantly," said Miss Cole, a native of Lexington, Ky.

"*Lifestyle*" is one of the more visible parts of the ACTS network schedule, airing each weekday at 11 a.m. (EDT).

"*Lifestyle*," Miss Cole said, is "an hour-long magazine-format talk show" in which she shares the host role with Mrs. McIver, a Dallas pastor's wife. Much of *Lifestyle* will be of interest to women, the co-hosts acknowledged. But, Mrs. McIver noted, "We feature, but certainly are not limited to, women's concerns. Anyone from 20 to 60 is going to find something of interest in our programs."

Guests on *Lifestyle* will share their expertise on matters of interest to single people, married couples without children, families with young children or teenagers, people who have found a sense of fulfillment in their careers and still others who are contemplating a career change.

And Miss Cole said *Lifestyle* will feature "successful role models" -- including one woman over 40 who has taken up backpacking and another who

is a partner in an accounting firm. Only one percent of accounting partners are women.

Periodically, well-known personalities will be on the program, such as former pro football star Fran Tarkenton and contemporary Christian musicians Tim Sheppard, Tanya Goodman, Stephanie Boosahda and Gordon Jensen.

Special three minute segments on *Lifestyle* will feature hosts of several ACTS how-to programs--David Wade on cooking, Al Carrell on home improvements and repairs and Dale Groom on gardening.

Other segments will focus on exercise, fashion and consumer tips, McIver said.

For Miss Cole "*Lifestyle*" is yet another credit in an innovative broadcast career. She developed two programs for the Kentucky Educational Television network, the issue-oriented "*Working Woman*" and the entertainment-oriented "*Variety Inn*." Miss Cole said she and Mrs. McIver "complement each other. We are able to look at the same story from two different angles."

Mrs. McIver described herself as "a people-oriented person" on *Lifestyle*. It's her intention, she added, "to bring a freshness to what I do."

Mrs. McIver's husband, Bruce, has been pastor of the Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas for 25 years. Before coming to *Lifestyle*, she was a book reviewer and dramatist.

Former Miss America joins Ely on 'Our World'

A lot of changes have occurred in Shirley Cothran Barret's life since she won the 1975 Miss America title.

In the past nine years, she has moved back to her hometown of Denton, Tex., married Richard Barret, given birth to two children and earned a doctorate in early childhood education from Texas Woman's University.

But now she faces a new and different challenge. Along with veteran newscaster Charles Ely, Mrs. Barret is hosting "*Our World*," a half-hour, twice-weekly video magazine seen on the American Christian Television System (ACTS).

According to "*Our World*" producer Vicki Perkins, the program will focus on "people that have something to say, people sharing with people." It airs on Monday and Friday at 7 p.m. (EDT).

Miss Perkins emphasized the wide variety of subjects treated on the show, from a report on how agricultural specialists are helping Brazilian farmers increase their yields to a look at how former professional football player Scott Appleton discovered there was more to life than success on the playing field.

Mrs. Barret's role on the program is, in her words, "to give it a more upbeat, update look than television has created for women in the last several years."

She is concerned with the role of women in society. "Women today see ourselves having to fit into a mold."

Recalling her days as Miss America, she said, "Everyone has this preconceived notion that all Miss Americas are slim, trim and beautiful. But I don't classify Miss Americas as beautiful. I think some are pretty, some are cute, others are vivacious or striking."

"After I was Miss America, I got braces and was pregnant at the same time. That really blew some people's minds. I see myself as maybe cute and working toward inner beauty."

Ely's background in television news adds another facet to "*Our World*." Originally from Cleveland, Oh., he worked for five years as a reporter and weekend anchorman for KXAS-TV in Ft. Worth, Tex.

He earned additional experience as a reporter for WBNS-TV in Columbus, Oh., and for WAGA-TV in Atlanta, Ga., before moving to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

Ely was introduced to ACTS in 1983 when he reported on the network's development in a story for KXAS-TV. He became so interested in the possibilities offered that when he left KXAS-TV to go into free lance television production, he contacted the network and offered his services.

Ely is the executive producer of the network's hourly newsbreaks as well as the cohost for "*Our World*." The video magazine format appeals to him because it allows him to share what he calls "optimistic news about people who are doing something good."



Our World--Chuck Ely and former Miss America Shirley Cothran Barret are cohosts on this half-hour show seen Monday and Friday on the American Christian Television System.

Oneida Baptist Institute

Learning to work

Boys and girls of the Oneida Baptist Institute (Oneida, KY 40972) have been taught to work as a part of their daily training throughout the 86-year history of the Kentucky Baptist boarding school, serving grades 6-12.

Oneida boys and girls are prepared for the work world as they work on the OBI farm raising beef cattle, hogs, corn, beans, potatoes, baling thousands of bales of hay, etc. Others work in the kitchen and dining room, in the print shop, the auto body shop, the maintenance shop, the water purification shop, the water purification plant, the sewage treatment plant, and the library as well as work as tutors and do mowing, landscaping and all the janitorial work of the many campus buildings.

Students normally work 1½ hours per day and four hours on Saturdays at specific job assignments.

The following are examples of the workers and work done at Oneida:

1. Senior Nancy Causey, Harlan, doing kitchen duty.
2. Sophomore Howard Broyles, Hamilton, Oh.; senior Shawn Klinglesmith, Louisville; and freshman Wayne

Rice, Leslie County, clean their room with a visitor looking on.

3. Eighth grader Russ Guyer, Naples, Fla., and seventh grader Kelly McIntosh, Clay City, stack chairs after a program in Russell Hall.

4. Assistant farm manager Terry Forbes and eighth grader John Spadafore of West Virginia work in the farm shop.

5. Senior Jerry Crump, Georgetown, mixing chemicals in the water purification plant.

6. Yard crew raking leaves near Cardinal Hall.

7. Yard crew doing some campus landscaping with Carnahan Hall in the background.

8. Glenn Helwig, Owensboro, and Phillip Smythe, Louisville, unloading motor oil near the auto body shop where campus vehicles are worked on.

9. Seventh grader Brian Bennett, who came to OBI from Breathitt County, loves to work in the kitchen.

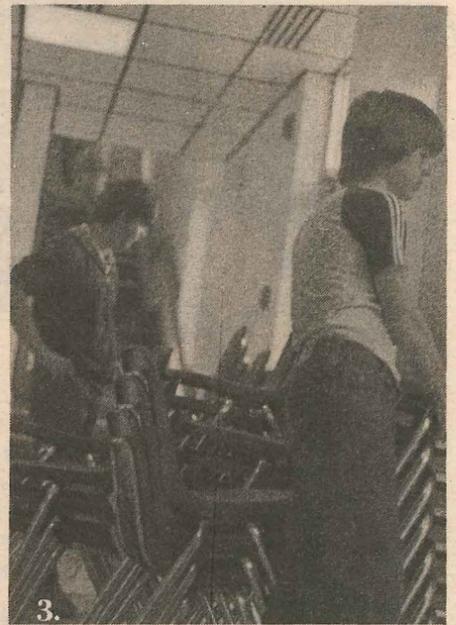
10. Seniors Brenda Jo Davenport, Campbellsville, and Beth Nolin, Pasadena, Tex., mop the dining room floor as junior Julia Davis, Louisville, supervises.



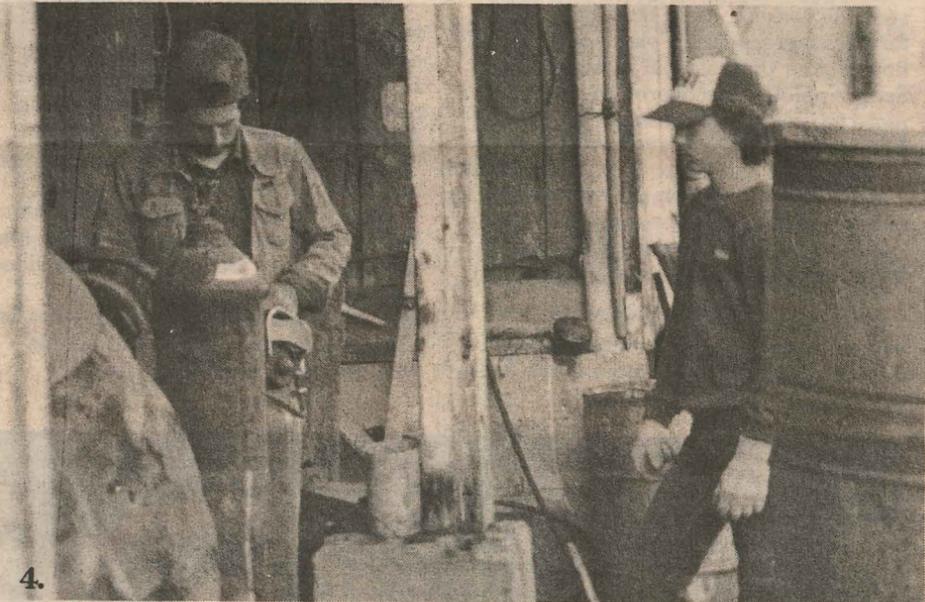
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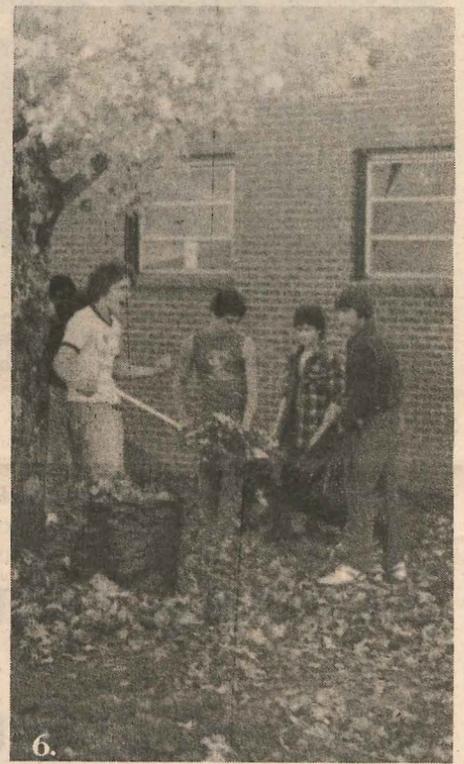
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