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Ohio, Kenya program highlights of 147th convention meet Nov. 13-15

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

With the theme "Strengthening Families" Kentucky Baptists will assemble for their 147th annual session Nov. 13-15 at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

In a program largely devoid of SBC luminaries as in past years, the greater emphasis this year will be upon the state's commitment to missions opportunities. Specifically, Kentucky's linkage with Baptists in the state of Ohio and with Baptists in the east African nation of Kenya will be highlighted.

Tal D. Bonham, executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention, Columbus, will address the convention Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, with a mission message. Media presentations on both the Kentucky-Kenya and Kentucky-Ohio partnerships will precede Bonham's address.

The Ohio linkage began three years ago and was to run for three years, but Bonham has requested that Kentucky continue the arrangement another three years. The Kentucky-Kenya partnership, approved a year ago by the convention, begins Jan. 1, 1985 and continues for three years.

Both of these projects are expected to culminate in 1987, the year Kentucky Baptists celebrate their 150th anniversary.

Other major speeches during the convention in Louisville include the president's address, to be given by Willis W. Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah; the convention sermon by J. Howard

Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; and Landrum P. Leavell, president, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; James H. Taylor, president, Cumberland College, Williamsburg; and H. Franklin Paschall, former SBC president, retired pastor of Nashville's First Church and Hazel, Ky. native.

Two agency heads will present their first reports to the convention. Both Mrs. Delores Gilliland, new executive director of the state's Woman's Missionary Union, and Jack D. Sanford, editor of Western Recorder, are scheduled to report early on the convention's agenda. Following the Tuesday evening session at 9 p.m. there will be a reception in honor of both new leaders.

Special music during the convention will be provided by the Kentucky Baptist Brass Ensemble, Kentucky Baptist Chorale, Campbellsville College Singers and the sanctuary choir of the host church.

Principal items of business on the agenda include election of new officers, adoption of a budget, approval to par-

ticipate in a new SBC annuity plan and resolutions.

Interspersed between the addresses, music and business will be reports from all of the 21 executive board departments and divisions and nine agencies and institutions of the convention.

The initial session of the convention gets under way at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, and the convention is expected to end at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15.

Sessions are scheduled morning, afternoon and night in between those times.

Preceding the convention will be meetings of several related groups, Monday, Nov. 12. They include the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Kentucky Baptist Music Association and the pre-convention meeting of the KBC executive board. All of these will complete their agendas by Monday evening.

A list of opportunities in related meetings during the week will appear in a subsequent issue of Western Recorder, before the convention meets.

Walnut Street's Wayne Dehoney sets his retirement for Feb. 1

by Jack D. Sanford, Editor

After 18 years as pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Wayne Dehoney offered his resignation Oct. 14 effective Feb. 1, 1985, the date of his 18th anniversary as pastor.



Dehoney gave these reasons for resignation: (1) his desire to have more time to write, (2) a desire to aid other inner city churches in conferences and learning sessions, (3) a wish to fulfill requests to preach across the convention, (4) a yearning to be involved in mission efforts, principally in other lands where Southern Baptists have a large mission force, (5) the desire to take advantage of teaching opportunities at Southern Seminary and other schools, and (6) the need to spend more time with Lealice, his wife of 40 years.

In his remarks to the congregation, the 66-year-old Dehoney listed the achievements of which he is most proud. Included in that list were: (1) the development of an extensive staff of ministers, working in many areas of the community, (2) leadership in bringing to reality the Neighborhood Develop-

ment Corporation, a group of concerned citizens who have been leaders in re-development of the area around Walnut Street Church, (3) integration of the congregation when others were talking integration, and (4) a complex of buildings and ministries equal to none in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"It is God's time to move on," Dehoney said, "and it is God's time for Walnut Street to seek another man to lead the church into the future. I believe the greatest days of the church are ahead," he declared.

His resignation was accepted with regret, and the deacon body was authorized to study procedures for securing a pastor and all matters related to the retirement of Dehoney.

Dehoney is a native of Colorado. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Southern Seminary. He holds two honorary doctorates, from Union University and from Atlanta Law School. Before coming to Walnut Street, Dehoney was pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, Ky.; Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.; Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn. He has been extensively involved in Southern Baptist Convention activities and is a former president of the SBC, 1964-66.

Lawrenceburg 1st celebrates 150th birthday with cake, concert, reminisces

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

They came—nearly 800 of them—in misty rain and which sometimes fell in torrents, to mark the observance of their church's 150th anniversary Sept. 30.

"They" are members of Lawrenceburg's First Baptist Church, and their celebration was done up in style!

Beginning Saturday night, Sept. 29, the community turned out to rejoice with them at an anniversary concert. Guest artists included Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goodwin, professors of music at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, and the choir of Lawrenceburg's Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church.

Evergreen, formed in 1869 in part by members who came from First Baptist, is one of that congregation's three mission churches. The others are Alton, 1945, and Tyrone, 1965.

At a reception following the concert a 150th anniversary cake was cut by pastor Bob C. Jones, who has served the church since 1966. The three-tiered white cake was so large it had to be carried into the church in two sections by four people.

The following morning—Sunday—Jim McCluskey, the church's pastor from 1956-59, returned from his current pastorate in Knoxville, Tenn. to preach. The Goodwins sang again, and pastor Jones led the congregation in reciting Psalm 100. Following the service, a churchwide luncheon was served at Anderson Middle School.

Finally, at 2:30 p.m., a service planned specifically for reminiscing over the past was held at the church. It included words from several former pastors, staff members and members, music by the sanctuary choir and special recognitions.

Former pastors participating in the day's activities, in addition to McCluskey, included E. N. Perry, 1929-37; W. Levon Moore, 1948-50; George A. Jones, 1950-55; and Carl E. Wright, 1959-66.

In addition to Jones, other ministers presently on the Lawrenceburg First Church staff include Aaron Striegel, minister of youth, and Mark A. Logsdon, minister of music and outreach.

The congregation organized June 23, 1834 with 85 members. Property was purchased on what is now the corner of College and Woodford streets and a small brick meeting house was erected. A 24-page tabloid section in the Sept. 27, 1984 edition of The Anderson News, published in Lawrenceburg, recognized the historical events surrounding this congregation's 150 years. It is thought to be one of the largest newspaper sections ever devoted to one congregation in modern times.

Fifty years from now, a box filled with mementos of the 150th anniversary and placed in the cornerstone, will be opened. A message included there from pastor Jones taken from a hymn will continue to echo throughout the community and the world:

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If the local church is the heart of our organizational structure, and if all we do at every level of our corporate life is planned to assist the local church, then why is it that so few local churches actually have a voice in how the SBC is run?

There is no question about how few of our churches are represented at the annual meeting of the SBC. The facts are startling when seen in a study released by Baptist Press. A survey of the 1984 convention indicates that only one in five SBC churches were represented at the Kansas City meeting. Kentucky had only 19.3 percent of our churches with messengers registered this year.

According to Lee Porter, registration secretary of the SBC, the 1984 figures were "normal." Porter said "convention packing" may have occurred and there might have been a "freeway vote," but "the analysis neither confirms nor denies" them.

Of primary concern to Western Recorder readers are the figures which reflect Kentucky's participation in SBC decision making. Only 430 of our 2228 churches had messengers registered in Kansas City. Even this small number put Kentucky sixth in the number of churches represented.

There were only 11 Kentucky churches which sent a full quota of 10 messengers, and seven of these were from Louisville. When gifts through the Cooperative Program are used to determine the number of messengers a church may send to the SBC, Kentucky has more than 120 churches eligible to send the maximum 10 messengers.

The churches which sent the maximum 10 messengers were: First, Bowling Green; Campbellsville; Severns Valley, Elizabethtown; Calvary, Lexington; and these Louisville churches: Audubon, Broadway, Crescent Hill, Highland, Hurstbourne, St. Matthews, Walnut Street.

Porter's complete analysis of Kentucky's participation is as follows: 37 churches sent one messenger; 200 sent two; 32 sent three; 28 sent four; eight sent five; six sent six; two sent seven; three sent eight; and three sent nine.

It is obvious from these figures that only a small percentage of local churches from Kentucky were at the SBC in Kansas City to have part in decision making. What is true of Kentucky is also true of other states in the convention. The masses are not there and the masses are not making the decisions.



Jack D. Sanford

It is past time for pastors and laypeople to get serious about the obligation to be present and express local opinion and preferences in the annual meeting of the SBC. Our churches are not adequately represented and the voice of the people is not being heard. The management and decisions of the convention are being done by only a handful of those who care enough to make the necessary sacrifice of time and money to be present.

Movements are now under way in several states to correct this sad state of affairs. Typical of what is happening is reported out of Georgia. There is now in place an organization of Georgia Baptists whose expressed purpose is to "spell out the issues and invite Baptists to vote their Baptist conscience. We will do all we can to encourage concerned Baptists to attend our conventions as informed messengers and to participate in the decision-making process." In order to achieve these goals the state is divided into eight regions with a contact person in each area, supposedly there to inform people of the issues and encourage wider representation at the state and national conventions.

Georgia has made this organization a matter of public record. The same kind of organization does in fact exist in other states, though there has not been any public announcement of other organized groups. It is generally known that such a network does exist in Kentucky and that the group is trying to put together a publication to send to all SBC pastors informing them of the issues facing the convention.

The dissatisfaction with current trends in the convention has no doubt prompted statewide organizations which seek to change what is happening. Let us pray the end result will be wider participation by laypeople, not just more politics.

Western Recorder, Long Run Association and several other organizations in Kentucky plan to charter bus service to Dallas next year. Several churches in Kentucky have already put money in the 1985 budget to help send laypeople as messengers to Dallas. Costs for bus trips are relatively low and within the reach of most of our people. If this kind of assistance does not get the people there, then there is not much hope for lay leadership and lay decision making in the years ahead.

If current trends in the convention are to be reversed and if the local church is as important as we claim it to be, then there must be a wider, more representative group to call the shots in Dallas.

We do believe the local church is at the center of all our concern. It is time for the local church to be heard from in no uncertain terms. I predict that when that voice is heard its message will be: Enough fighting. Let's get on with the work of evangelism, missions and education. Let's support our agencies and institutions and elect authentic Southern Baptist leaders.

That is the voice I hear across Kentucky, and I believe it is the message waiting to be heard all across the SBC. It will be heard only when the laypeople are present to speak. Make your plans now to attend the convention before it is too late.

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With a song in my heart

Lena Duvall is an 88-year-old choir veteran who's taught 1st and 2nd graders in Sunday school for 40 years. She also has some advice for senior adults

by Russ Stephens,
State Correspondent

she says. She believes her church has played an important role in keeping the city from having legal liquor sales. She also points out that Beaver Dam Baptist Church has reached "significant people in the community" for Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Duvall, who still drives her own car and makes it a point to get out of the house almost every day, has two words of advice for her fellow senior citizens: First, "Do anything to keep from getting lonesome." She sees loneliness as a major problem with most senior adults. Secondly, "As long as you feel like going, go—it keeps you young."

How do the people of Beaver Dam Baptist Church feel about their 69-year choir veteran?

John Render, vice president of the choir, presented Mrs. Duvall with a card signed by the choir during the recognition service. Knowing of Mrs. Duvall's keen sense of humor, Render also presented her with a humorous gift, then made these comments: "We will miss Mrs. Duvall's wit in our rehearsals. We always kidded around about when she was going to sing her solo—maybe tonight would be a good time."

Jim Howze, president of the choir, presented Mrs. Duvall a plaque which she hung in her living room.

One church member, Pam Walters, may have captured the thoughts of many of the church's number when she presented Mrs. Duvall with a locket with the inscription, "True inspiration."

Glenn Armstrong, Mrs. Duvall's pastor for over 17 years, spoke briefly. In part he said, "When I think of her record of service I think of perseverance, stability, service and faithfulness." In reflecting over his tenure at Beaver Dam he calls Mrs. Duvall "a bright spot in the choir." As Armstrong thinks back on the evening the church lauded Mrs. Duvall, he believes "it was good for the church to celebrate" the occasion.

Mike McCool, Beaver Dam's minister of education, points out another contribution Mrs. Duvall has made to the church's ministry. She teaches in the first and second grade Sunday school department. He says, "Kids love her and she loves kids."

How long has Mrs. Duvall been teaching first and second graders? Can you believe 40 years and still counting!

Do you know anyone who has been singing in the same church choir for 69 years? People at Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Ohio County do—Lona Duvall.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Duvall announced that after 69 years she would be "retiring" from the choir. That is when minister of music John Cashion and others of the church began planning a special recognition service honoring her.

Mrs. Duvall was born in 1896, in Daviess County. Her family included 10 children, her mother and father—all of whom attended Brushy Fork Baptist Church. It was during a Brushy Fork revival that she became a Christian in 1909. Mrs. Duvall recalls that a Bro. Farmer was the evangelist and she knew she "wanted to become a Christian."

As a child she began singing in the Brushy Fork choir and continued until 1915, when she married and moved to Beaver Dam.

The first Sunday in Beaver Dam Mrs. Duvall joined Beaver Dam Baptist Church. The following Sunday she started singing in the choir upon the insistence of then organist Mary Stewart.

Since that Sunday Mrs. Duvall has seen a lot of positive changes within her church and its music program. She has watched the facilities expand through three major building programs, taking shape from a single frame unit to a functional multi building complex.

Mrs. Duvall points out that the music program is better now because of the trained musical leadership down through the years.

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homes for children

Becoming

The Haworth Conference, provided jointly by Baptist Homes for Children and the Minister/Church Support Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has been held annually for 10 years. This conference centers on the family. Each year the program is carefully designed to deal with some facet of family life. The conference proves to be most helpful for pastors, deacons and other Christians who are in the helping ministry. The conference provides personal help as well as instruction in how to help others.

The 10th annual conference, held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Oct. 1-2, dealt with mid-life pressures. I found it most helpful. A highlight of each of these conferences has been the devotionals brought by Swan Haworth. Haworth takes a Bible passage and brings out practical truths that are most enriching.

The other day as Haworth spoke, he quoted the following from the German poet, Goethe:

"If we take people as they are, we make them worse. If we treat them as if they were what they ought to be, we help them become what they are capable of becoming."

That quotation really hit right where I am in our ministry to children. You see, the children who come into our care come out of problem circumstances—circumstances they did not create. Often unable to cope with the situation, these youth need the kind of care we provide. Coming to us as they do, it would be easy just to treat them as if they were sick—as if something is wrong with them. However, to do so would only make them worse. Instead, we seek to instill in each child the fact that he/she is created in the image of God and therefore is a special person of value and worth. As we minister to children, we attempt to treat them as if they were what they ought to be. I truly believe this approach to children goes a long way, toward helping them become what they are capable of becoming.

I agree with Goethe's statement and I believe the scripture that says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

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Porter Routh suggests plan to stifle trouble

by Dan Martin

A retired Southern Baptist Convention executive has suggested current SBC president Charles Stanley name state convention presidents and Woman's Missionary Union leaders to the 1985 committee on committees.

Porter W. Routh, who retired in 1979 as executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, made the suggestion to Stanley in an open letter.

Under the SBC system, the president appoints the committee on committees, which in turn nominates the committee on boards, commissions and standing committees. The committee on boards, which is elected by messengers to the annual meetings, nominates persons to serve as trustees of the 20 national agencies of the convention.

In 1979, a group of inerrantists emerged, announced an effort to capture control of the denomination, which they said was becoming liberal. A key part of the effort was to elect presidents sympathetic to their cause who would appoint like minded persons, thus making the boards increasingly right wing.

Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, was elected on the first ballot during the 1984 annual meeting in Kansas City. He is seen as a staunch conservative, although he maintains he does not owe allegiance to the inerrancy movement.

In his open letter to Stanley, Routh pointed out Stanley had "made a plea for the 'love principle'" to become paramount in the SBC. Routh added Stanley had defined the "love principle" as "the willingness to accept others with whom you might not agree and who might not accept you."

Stanley made the plea during an address to the members of the SBC Executive Committee in their September meeting. The address ended with Stanley calling members of the committee, as well as about 250 other denominational leaders, to their knees in prayer.

Routh said in the letter he had spent a sleepless night after the event: "I kept asking myself what I, as a layman with nearly a half century of experience in Southern Baptist life, could do to help a young president of the Southern Baptist Convention, with limited denominational experience, make this dream of 'the love principle' a reality."

The open letter, he said, is a response to the concern and desire to help.

Routh said Stanley's selection of state convention and state WMU presidents to serve on the committee on committees "would demonstrate that you are really not the tool of a 'political machine' and that your plea . . . was not just a clumsy effort to manipulate a crowd but was a genuine effort to bring about peace and reconciliation."

200 attend men's meet, elect officers for 1985

C. A. Easterling, president of the Kentucky Brotherhood, presided over the opening session at Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville.

Under the theme "Strengthening Families Through Missions," nearly 200 men heard mission centered messages from William L. Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, and currently a member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board; Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, and current president of the

KBC; James Jones, pastor of Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church and a member of the SBC Executive Committee; C. Benton Williams, director, Missions and Church Services Division, KBC; and Nathan Porter, consultant on hunger, Home Mission Board.

Marshall Phillips, director of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly and a former missionary to Kenya, presented a report on Kentucky's partnership venture with Kenya.

Host pastor Dan Powell and members of Green Acres served a bean soup and corn bread dinner. Highlight of the dinner was an offering for world hunger.

Baptist men from Long Run Association, Highview Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association and South Central Association presided over worship periods at each of the four sessions.

Officers for 1985 are C. A. Easterling, Somerset, president; Russell Adkisson, Brandenburg, first vice president; Steve Kinman, Crittenden, second vice president; Randall Rogers, Greensburg, recording secretary.

Two new titles will be used in 1985. Russell Adkisson will be vice president for missions and Bob Simpkins, Hodgenville, vice president for disaster relief.

The 1986 Brotherhood convention will be held at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, and the 1987 meeting will be at Central Baptist, Winchester. Next year the group will meet at Campbellsville, Oct. 3-4.

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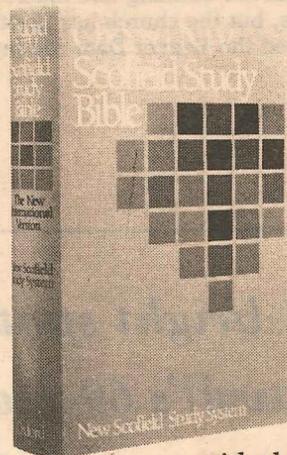
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viewpoint

One man's role

by T. B. Maston

I have been a member of a Southern Baptist church for more than 70 years. I taught in one of our seminaries for more than 40 years. I personally consider the present crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention the most serious that the convention has faced in my lifetime.

While some who are actively involved in the struggle to gain control of our convention may be motivated to some degree by theological differences with convention leadership, this is evidently not true for most of those who are actively involved in the leadership of this effort. For more of these the motivation seems clearly to be primarily political rather than theological. Their primary concern is to gain control of the convention and hence of its boards, agencies and institutions.

Unfortunately, in this "political" struggle some well trained and effective pastors are permitting themselves to be used or manipulated by the relatively few who are in basic control of the movement. This, to me personally, is the most serious disappointment of the whole matter. Some of these pastors are doubtlessly my former students.

The democratic process is being used in this effort to gain control of the SBC. Those leading the effort or movement have done their homework well. They know that if they can pick presidents of

the convention over a long enough period of time who will do what they want they can use their appointive powers to control ultimately the convention and its boards and institutions. In reality, as many of us see it, they will use the democratic process to destroy ultimately democracy itself.

They may claim that their "victories" prove they are a majority but many of us do not believe they are a majority. Control, in recent years, reveals one of the dangers of a democracy. A well regimented minority can control so long as the majority continue to do nothing to meet their challenge.

It seems to me that some of the defenders of our convention and its agencies are tending to magnify theological differences too much. This is my personal conviction because, as previously suggested, theological differences are not the main concern of most of the leaders of the movement to gain control of the SBC.

But there is another reason why the theological should not be emphasized too much. There are some pastors who are strong supporters of the SBC, including some of the pastors of our strongest churches, who agree with what seems to be the theological thrust of those who would take over our convention. One of these pastors said to me on one occasion, "I agree with them theologically, but I disagree with them politically." He is a strong supporter of our total Southern Baptist program.

"Peace! Peace!" That has been the plea of some who are trying to take over the convention after the most recent election of the officers of the convention. What if they had not won that election? The test of their sincerity is whether they would make the same plea if the election had turned out differently.

My judgment is that unless there is a split within the ranks or a change of leadership of the movement to take over the Southern Baptist Convention, the ultimate results of the takeover would be a disaster for and to Southern Baptists. There would be a drastic change if not the actual elimination of some boards and institutions to which

some of us have given our lives.

There are two or three questions that concern some of us very much. Can the defenders of our convention meet the challenge of those who are seeking to control it without adopting some of the political techniques and strategies of those who are seeking to gain control? If the answer to the preceding question is "No," there is an additional perplexing and disturbing question: Can the methods of those who have been using political maneuvering in the effort to take over our convention be used by those who defend it without losing the spirit and concern that has so largely made us what we are?

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Spring at the springs

The mountains never bloom in beauty and majesty more than they do in October in southeastern Kentucky. Each hill is alive with color and blazing glory. Autumn is my favorite time of the year. The air is crisp and clear. The weather is a perfect blend of cool and warm. And then there are the trees.

On the 700-acre Clear Creek campus, we have all kinds of trees. Fir, pine, cedar, maple, beech, hemlock and dozens of others combine to enhance the beauty of our corner of the world.

Trees are important to me as a Christian. The test Adam failed in Eden involved a tree and Revelation tells us that the tree of life will be in the midst of heaven. The ninth chapter of Judges tells of a parable involving trees trying to find a king to rule over them.

Our Lord both told about a fig tree, cursed a fig tree and was crucified on a "tree." Trees are important to me and I can learn from the integral role they play in our lives on this earth.

God makes trees. They are a part of our Lord's provisions for us through nature. Joyce Kilmer penned the immortal lines:

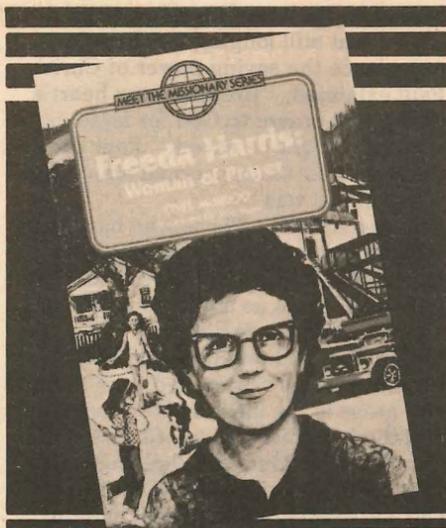
"I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree . . . Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

Trees also provide a contrast to man's attempts to change our earth through "civilization." I am not against outdoor advertising (in fact Clear Creek is promoted on a billboard or two), but I enjoy Ogden Nash's humorous satire:

"I think that I shall never see a billboard lovely as a tree. Indeed, unless the billboards fall I'll never see a tree at all!"

Finally, trees teach us about eternal truth, enduring values and God's providential march through history. The slow and silent growth of a tree parallels God's quiet and unobserved hand at work in our world. All of the most magnificent attempts of man to make an impact on history and change his world are insignificant and unimportant in comparison to God's continuing work in the world.

Thursday, Oct. 18 we begin our fall trustees' meeting at Clear Creek. All that we prayerfully consider and discuss will be looked at in the light of God's will for his world. We want our Lord's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We covet your prayers for this most worthy ministry of Kentucky Baptists. Come visit us at Clear Creek. We'll walk all over our campus, talk and share fellowship . . . and look at TREES!



Freeda Harris: Woman of Prayer is a biography of the life, calling, and work of a dedicated missionary to the coal mining families in the mountain areas of Kentucky. Relates Freeda's life-changing events from riches to rags, from Pikeville to Marrowbone, and her work at the Marrowbone Baptist Center.

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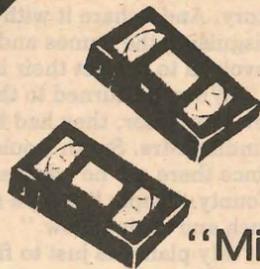
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To see is to believe

September is over and we are well into October. The surrounding hills are a riot of color as the trees change into autumnal beauty. So many came to us this past month with the statewide emphasis on state missions. Large groups visited from Bardstown, Richmond, Lexington, Somerset, Cynthiana, Pikeville, Paducah, Greenup, Frankfort and many other places. Many individuals and couples came.

I was also invited to speak all over the state. I spoke at Ashland, Russell, Lexington, Owensboro, Hawesville, Morehead, in Simpson Association near Franklin, Three Forks Association at Montgomery, Booneville, Middletown and Salvisa.

It is great to hear from people who have visited Oneida. They have seen firsthand how the Lord is working here. This is how the greater part of our support is generated. To see is to believe. People of perception realize upon seeing Oneida the Lord is working in a very special way here.

From Mt. Sterling: "Thank you for the tour last Friday. All the changes and improvements are fantastic. Just spending a short time there is a real blessing. To see young people exposed to real values is truly inspiring."

"A few years back we were privileged to visit Oneida. We were impressed with your knowledge of the facility and your familiarity with the background of your students. We contribute and may God continue to bless." From Louisville.

Another friend writes also from Louisville: "It is more than terrific—what all of you do at Oneida. Our prayer is that God will continue to provide the resources you need. We know you will use them well."

From a coach with over five years of experience who heard of our work and came to see for himself, then wrote from his home in New Orleans:

"Oneida is truly a remarkable place! The tour was fascinating and informa-

tive. I was especially interested in the history of Oneida. There is also a feeling of progress, of vision evident there. Your staff is working to improve what you have to offer. You have a committed and dedicated staff working for you. Everyone I met seemed to have a strong sense of involvement in their work. I was also amazed by the diversity of your student body. As I asked you on Friday, 'How in the world do they all find you?' Enclosed is a small gift (\$50) to be used as the Lord leads. Also, if you have a mailing list of some sort, please include me on it. I'll be interested in hearing what is happening in that unique place!"

From Berea: "These are words that are a long time in coming but still needful. Earlier this year my wife and I had the privilege of attending our first Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida. We received much help, strength, inspiration, fellowship and feeding (physical and spiritual). All of this sent us home refreshed for a very busy summer. Please accept our warm thanks for Oneida's part in the conference."

From Cecilia: "Was very impressed with the great work when I visited your campus recently. We feel led by the Lord to send this gift. We hope to be able to send some each month. God is blessing in a great way there."

"I have visited your home and school with my pastor and his wife a few years ago. We had lunch with you all. I thought what a wonderful home for so many children. The young folks were so nicely behaved and had such good manners. Ever since then I have tried to send a little gift." \$25 came from this dear lady in Franklin, Ky.

A group of Baptist Women recently wrote from Long Run Association: "Thank you so much for your willingness to show us the work going on at Oneida. Our ladies were greatly impressed with the needs and the progress you are making. We thank you for your ministry to our young people."

"A visit to your school is such a blessing to my heart. I'm sure I speak for our group when I tell you the day could not have been more enjoyable than Sept. 6 at Oneida. I'm looking forward to coming again. In fact I would love to volunteer for a couple of weeks at the school. We have our programs concerning this. Why not put some action with the knowledge? You folks at Oneida certainly expect great things from God by doing great things for God." So writes a lady from Bloomfield.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 21, 1984

International Series

The Holy Spirit's temple

1 Corinthians 6:12-18 Corinth was notorious for its atrocious moral conditions. Paul wrote this letter to the church in Corinth to inform the members it was inconceivable that those who knew Christ as savior and Lord would lapse into indulgence in their former immoral practices. Christ had made them free, but they were not at liberty to indulge in sin. He stressed that there was a distinction between liberty and license.

Paul wrote, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient." By "expedient" he meant profitable or helpful to himself or others. Nothing is expedient that will bring Christianity into disrepute, degrade a church or dishonor Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Since the body of the Christian belongs to Christ, he rightfully expects it to be devoted to him and his service. These two verses direct our attention to three things which merit our prayerful consideration and personal application: (1) A realization—"Ye are not your own"; (2) A reason—"For ye are bought with a price"; (3) A responsibility—"Therefore glorify God in your body."
Ephesians 5:15-20 These verses teach that believers in Christ are to walk circumspectly, wisely, thriftily and spiritually. Since the life of the Christian must bear the scrutiny of the world, he is to walk in wisdom rather

than in folly. Every Christian should also be an expert dealer in the commodity of time. He should be on the alert for opportunities to serve the Lord and do good.

God's will for the life of each Christian cannot be ascertained by secular studies, but is revealed through the study of the scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Life and Work Series

We love the lost

Romans 9:1-3 Paul expressed and demonstrated a Christlike concern for those without Christ, whether Jews or Gentiles. Deeply impressed by the gracious manner in which God dealt with the Jews, Paul had a great longing for them to be saved. Despite their unkindnesses to him and persecution of him after he became a Christian, Paul labored, spoke, wrote and prayed for their salvation.

Paul declared his willingness to be separated from God, if it were possible, that his brothers by reason of the natural birth, the Jews, might be saved. Of course that was not possible. Genuine concern for the salvation of others always leads to some form of practical effort to the end. When the Jews rejected his message Paul proceeded to carry the gospel to the Gentiles, knowing God loved them and wanted to save them too, provided they would repent of their sins and believe on Christ as their savior.

Romans 10:1 Deeply grieved because the Jews spurned the wondrous grace of God and rejected Christ as their savior, but still longing for them to experience the saving power of Christ, Paul exclaimed, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Paul knew the Lord was still concerned about the Jews and so was he.

Romans 10:9-13 Those who have salvation know it is not something they have achieved by their works, but they have received it as a gift from the Lord on whom they have believed.

The personal proclamation of the good news that Christ died, was buried and arose is the inestimable privilege and the imperative duty of every Christian. This glorious task challenges the very best that noble Christians possess. Our possession of the gospel and the positive command of Christ to proclaim it place us under an obligation from which there is no evasion or exemption.



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on mission together

Up every hollow

As we lunched together on a feast of home-cooked selections following the morning session of a recent annual, associational meeting, he apologized for missing most of my sermon. He had stopped on the way to help a young woman and her child from her wrecked vehicle, taking them to the nearest hospital. It was obvious he was concerned about them; he had learned she

was not a Christian.

Some days later I received a letter from him with a continuation of this story. And I share it with my readers, disguising the names and places involved to protect their integrity.

"When I returned to the hospital a few days later, they had been released. Finding Mrs. Smith would be a problem since there are no addresses in Hilltop County. People live on a creek, up some such and such hollow."

"My plan was just to find her for I felt she would give me some time to tell her about Jesus. You see, so many will not speak seriously with you until some traumatic moment engulfs them."

"Once I got to Ripple Creek it still took me half an hour to locate her home, a mile or so up a connecting tributary."

"All the while I prayed to God to enable me to give a good witness."

I found her, her baby, her mother, her father and younger brother at

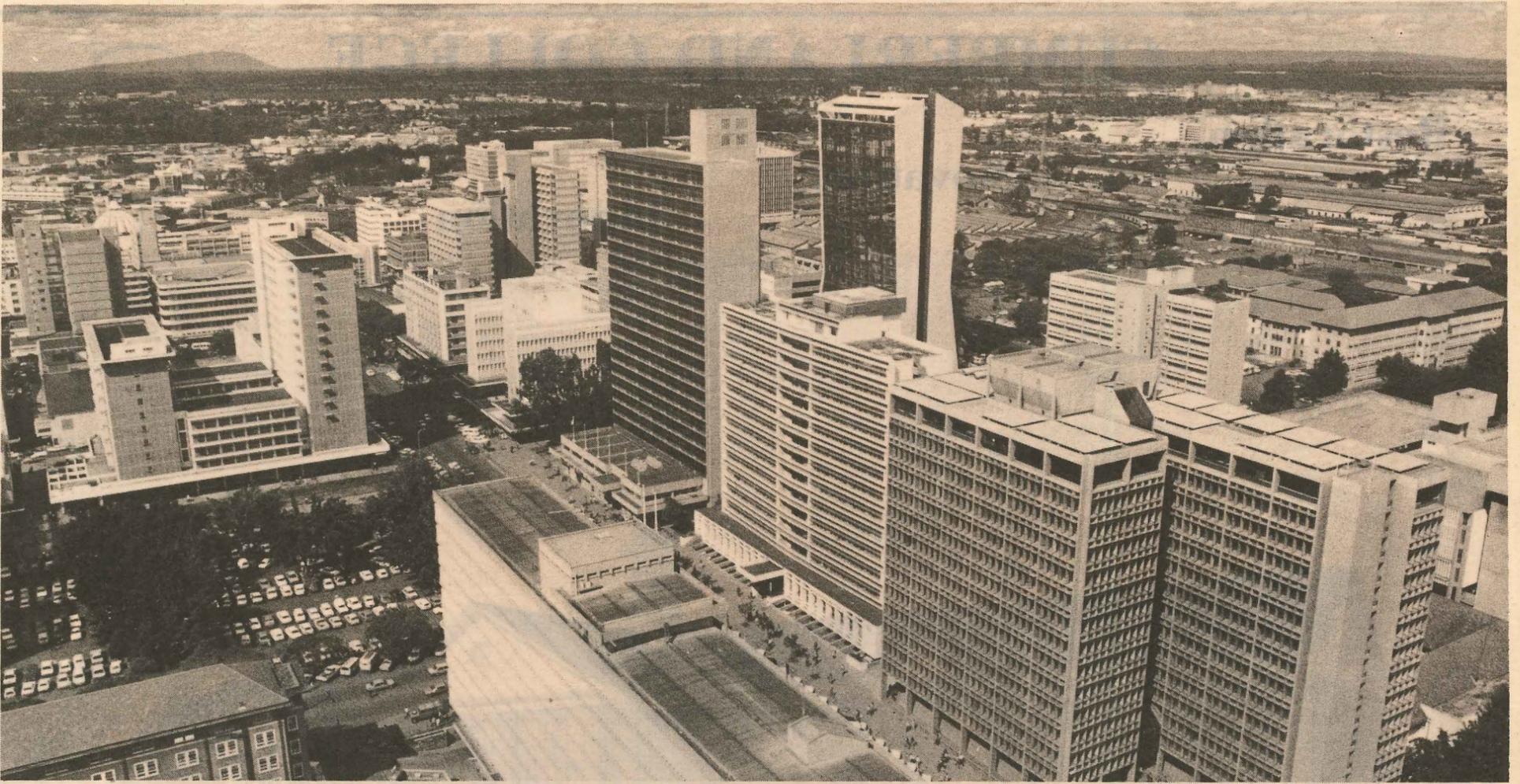
home. She was surprised to see me but thanked me for helping them. She agreed to let me tell her about Jesus and several of the family stayed to listen. Not a one of them had ever been talked to personally about Jesus Christ."

"Before it was over she received the gift of eternal life through Jesus. What a holy and glorious moment!"

"Pray for me as I have made an appointment to visit with her husband this coming Saturday."

I don't know the outcome of this part of the story yet, but his letter further deepened my gratitude for what Kentucky Baptists do together. For you see, the letter writer is one of our missionaries in the mountains in eastern Kentucky, part of whose support is provided through the Cooperative Program.

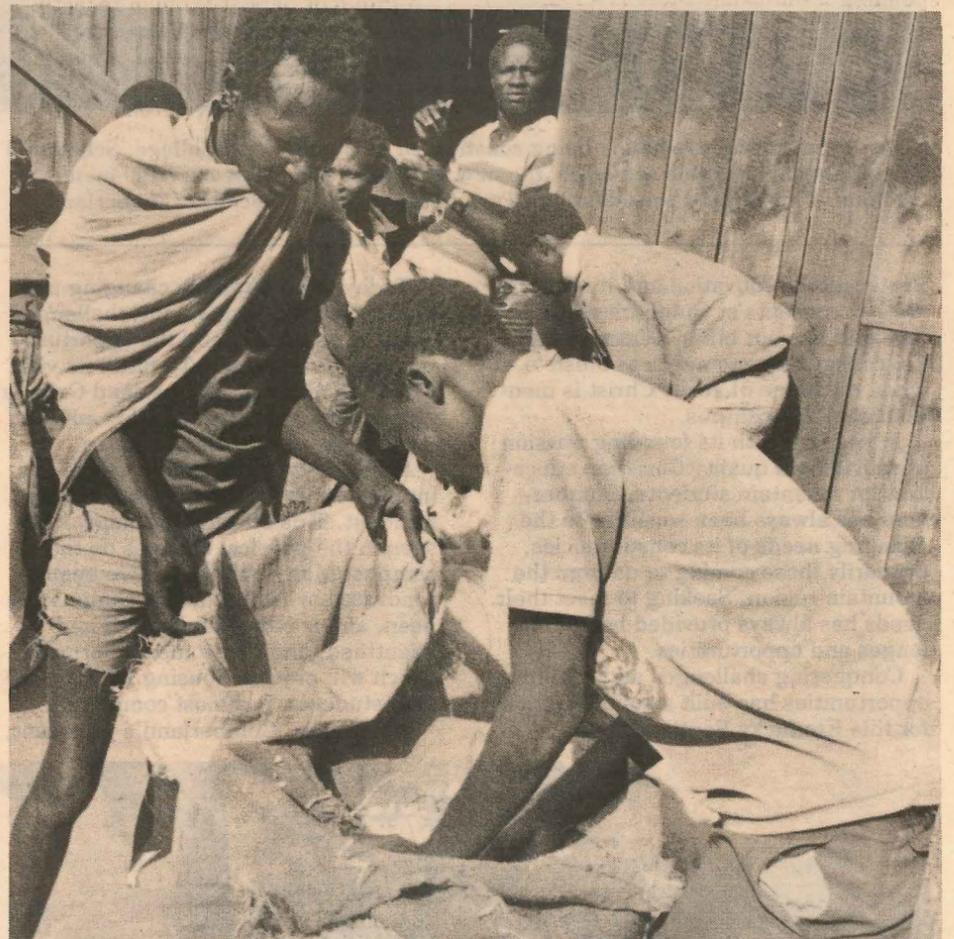
"Thank you Lord for people who are willing to walk the hollows—and for those who support their going."



Kenya: a contrast in lifestyles



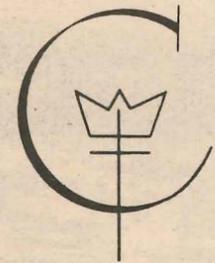
Southern Baptist missionaries must minister in a variety of environments in Kenya. The capital city of Nairobi [top] has gleaming skyscrapers that resemble buildings in the western world. Yet missionaries must also serve in the more primitive cultures of rural Kenya. Kenyan girls [l] carry heavy loads of sticks on their backs which are used for firewood and for building purposes. Food is used as wages by missionaries to pay Kenyans for their labors. A laborer [r] receives his entitlement of beans and corn in exchange for work he performed on a water project. Money for the food is provided by the Foreign Mission Board's hunger relief fund.



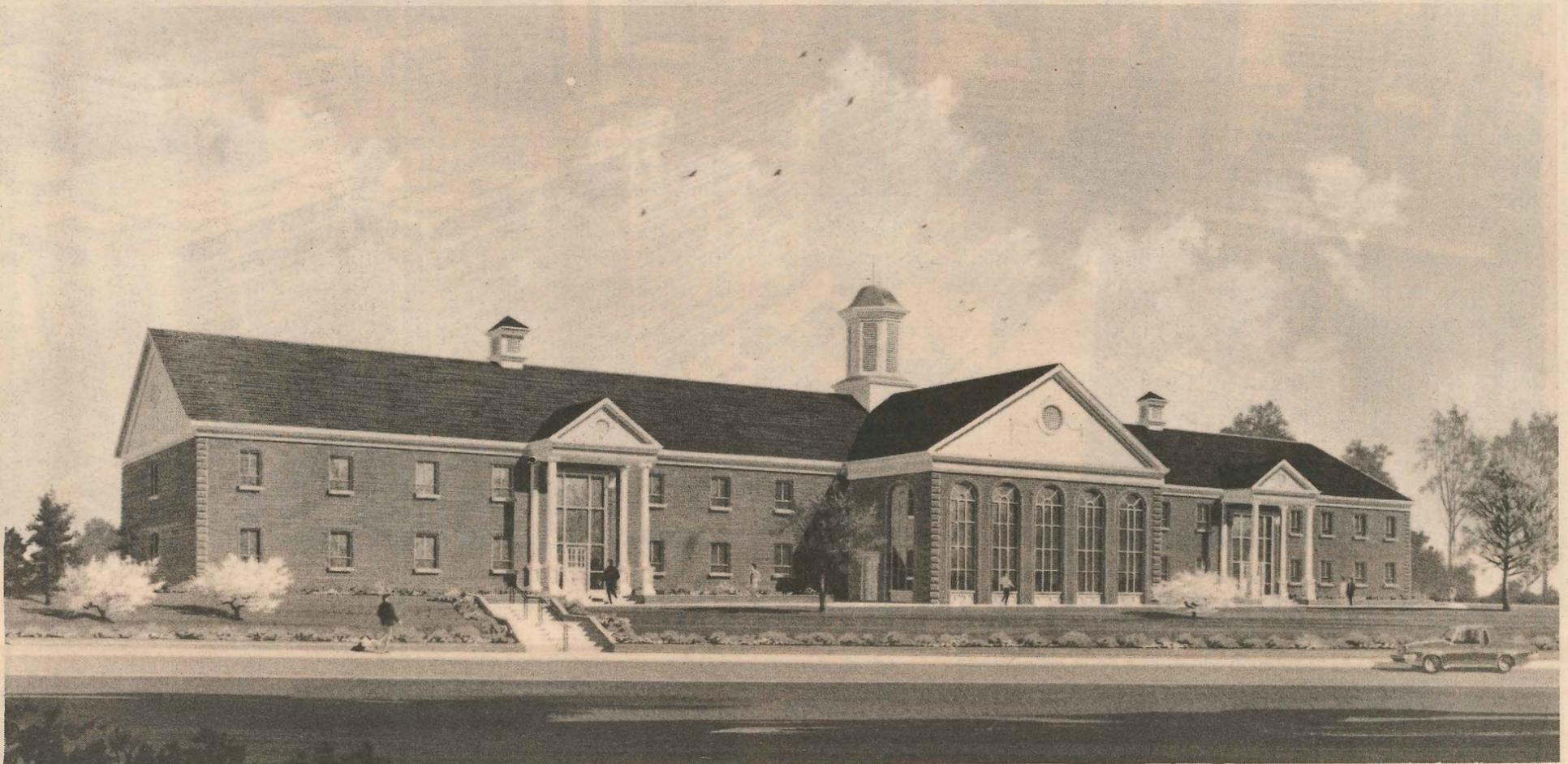
University president Jim Taylor, in Toronto, is not only part of the college's leadership but will also make Campbell's most difficult decisions as it continues providing a quality Christian education for its students.

After and after, Campbell's College recently completed renovation of its former Wilmontville, O.S. building. The photo at left shows the building before renovation. The photo at right shows the building after it was modified to meet the mid-century style of architecture prevalent on the campus. According to

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE



Restoration,
renovation,
innovation



A new men's residence hall is being constructed at Cumberland College. Scheduled for completion later this semester, the new dormitory will house over 100 men students. Cumberland president Jim Taylor emphasizes, "Because Cumberland

College never has and never will accept direct state or federal funds, the financial and spiritual support of Kentucky Baptists, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and other friends has been crucial and is appreciated."

Restoration, renovation and innovation are key concepts at Cumberland College and like our other Kentucky Baptist colleges no one needs to blush when the name of Jesus Christ is mentioned on this campus.

In keeping with its founding mission of providing a quality Christian education for mountain students, Cumberland has always been sensitive to the changing needs of its constituencies, primarily those coming to us from the mountain region. Seeking to meet their needs has always provided both challenges and opportunities.

Conquering challenges and fulfilling opportunities has built a solid tradition for this Kentucky Baptist college.

Today, with a rapidly changing and highly complex society, the challenges come more quickly and the opportunities are even greater. To fulfill its vital Christian mission, Cumberland College must adapt even more quickly and be even more alert to opportunities.

Since 1980 Cumberland College has intensified its efforts to fulfill its commitment. This effort is, perhaps, best seen in the physical changes on the campus. Many buildings have been renovated or restored. The campus has been, and is being landscaped and beautified, and a new men's dormitory which will provide housing for over 100 men students, is almost completed.

Jim Taylor, Cumberland's president,

emphasized, "At Cumberland we want to provide the best possible facilities for our deserving students. However, traditionally we do not begin any building projects until we have the money with which to pay for these projects. Because Cumberland College never has and never will accept direct state or federal funds, the financial and spiritual support of Kentucky Baptists, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and other friends has been crucial and is appreciated. We believe "... to whom much is given, much is required." Consequently, Cumberland College will continue to seek new ways to fulfill its commitment.

"At Cumberland College no one needs to blush when the name of Jesus Christ is mentioned."



Before and after. Cumberland College recently completed renovation of the former Williamsburg City School property. The photo at left shows the building before renovation and the photo at right shows the building after it was modified to blend into the antebellum style of architecture prevalent on the campus. According to



Cumberland president Jim Taylor, the renovation is not only part of the college's beautification plan but will also make Cumberland more efficient and productive as it continues providing a quality Christian education for its deserving students.