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Miss Heltzel



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Mrs. Bridges

Walnut Street will host April meeting of WMU

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Bold Vision... Bold Commitment" is the theme of the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting next month.

Nearly 2000 persons are expected to attend the two-day event at the Walnut Street Baptist Church Apr. 25-26. This schedule is a departure from those of recent years when three-day events were planned.

The first session is at 9:30 a.m. Friday, with subsequent sessions at 2 and 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Final adjournment is set for 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to the five sessions in the auditorium of Walnut Street Church, a number of special interest luncheons and dinners have been slated.

At noon Friday there will be luncheons at the host church for associational WMU directors and directors of missions and their spouses; parents of foreign missionaries, home and furloughing and retired missionaries; and associational Baptist Women directors.

That evening Walnut Street will be the site of a dinner for Kentucky Acteens.

Saturday luncheons are on tap for Baptist Young Women and for the 1986-87 WMU executive board, to be elected at this annual meeting.

Mrs. Bryant Hicks of WMU will preside at this year's annual meeting. Other officers now serving include Mrs. Kay Trisler, Harrodsburg, vice president; Mrs. Ruby Gisler, Danville, secretary; and Mrs. Dolores

Gilliland, Middletown, executive director-treasurer.

The program is comprised of messages, prayer times, special music, panel discussions, theme interpretations, business matters, testimonies, features on WMU age level groups, leadership recognition, a drama and other challenges.

Principal speakers include William D. Jaggars, associate, Direct Missions Department, Middletown; Bill and Kathy Berry, Baptist Sunday School Board staffers, Nashville; Jamie Heltzel, Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Kenya; and Dr. Dorothy Sample, Flint, Mich., president of the national Woman's Missionary Union organization.

Mrs. Linda Bridges, a former Southern Baptist foreign missionary currently enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will offer theme interpretations on "Bold Vision...Bold Commitment" at each session.

Music will be directed by Mrs. Rebecca Russell of the seminary School of Church Music staff.

Singing groups appearing on the program at Walnut Street include the Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute choir, the choir of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Walnut Street trio, and solos by Mrs. Russell and others.

Mrs. Dixie Mylum, of Berea, will give a volunteer's vision of Kenya. She recently returned from three weeks' travel in the east African nation which is currently in partnership with Kentucky Baptists.

Kentucky legislature to oppose convention?

by Susan Shaw, State Correspondent

Former U. S. representative John H. Buchanan Jr. of Alabama, state politicians and representatives of The Kentucky Coalition of Citizens to Protect the Constitution, which includes the Baptist Joint Committee, urged Kentucky legislators to turn back a petition calling for a U. S. constitutional convention.

HCR 65, which deals with a balanced budget amendment, also calls for a constitutional convention. Thirty-two of the necessary 34 states have already voted in favor of a convention. Many people fear a constitutional convention would open up the U. S. constitution to fundamental changes in the democracy and freedoms which it guarantees.

Addressing the media at the capitol in Frankfort Mar. 5 Buchanan, chairman of People for the American Way and a Southern Baptist, warned against "playing Russian roulette with the Bill of Rights." According to Buchanan, Congress would have no control over what a constitutional convention might do.

While Buchanan acknowledged the necessity of "fiscal responsibility in Washington," he maintained that a constitutional convention is not the way to achieve that end. He reminded his audience that Kentucky's own Henry Clay had insisted that the original constitution was framed for posterity.

The issue seems to have drawn together groups as diverse as Eagle Forum and the American Association of University Women. An Eagle Forum representative claimed that Kentucky taxpayers have been consistently misled by those who have said the states can call for a limited convention.

A spokesperson for AAUW cautioned that a convention could open a "Pandora's box." If Kentucky becomes the 33rd state to call for a convention, she asserted, "We will do the nation a disservice." She urged Kentucky to join the 15 other states which have "had the horse sense, which we're supposed to have," to turn back the petition.

Buchanan, a graduate of Samford University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in an interview later discussed the significance of the issue for Kentucky Baptists. His father, the late John Buchanan Sr., was pastor of Buck Creek Church in Shelby County from 1919-20. Buchanan recalled the role Baptists played in the framing of the original constitution. Baptist forbears had fled persecution in England, only to find it in Virginia, where Baptist ministers were beaten while Anglican ministers were paid with tax funds, he said. According to Buchanan, Baptists were a key influence on Thomas Jefferson's participation in writing the Virginia statute on religious liberty, after which the U. S. Constitution's First Amendment was patterned.

Buchanan warned that a constitutional convention could "put at risk that most vital liberty, among others." "There are those who would alter the First Amendment," he contended.

"Many of us Baptists still believe in separation of church and state, which the First Amendment guarantees," he said. He added that he feels both religion and liberty have flourished under its guarantee.

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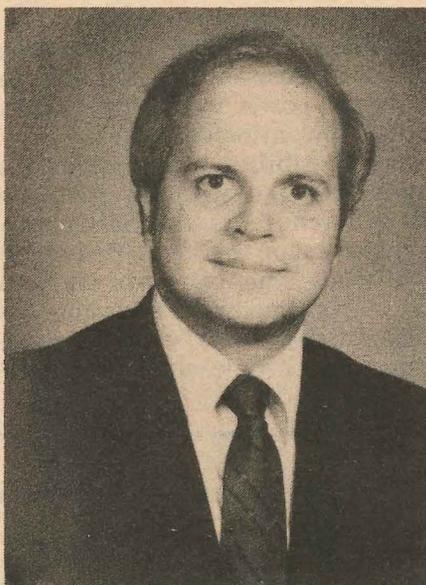
by Jack Sanford, Editor

Jon M. Stubblefield has accepted the call of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, to serve as pastor. He will move to the field April 16, 1986.

Stubblefield has been pastor of Central Baptist Church, Magnolia, Ark., since 1977. Prior to his service in Magnolia, he was pastor of Little Mount Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Ky. (1967-75) and Bethel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark. (1963-67).

Stubblefield is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where he earned both the BA and MA. He earned a MDiv and PhD at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

His wife, the former Jacqueline Virginia Stevens, is also a graduate of the University of Arkansas. She has



Stubblefield

done additional work at Southern Arkansas University and is an artist and homemaker.

1966 and are the parents of two sons: Jon Michael Jr., 17, and Steven Benjamin, 13.

In his college days Stubblefield was a summer missionary to Thailand and state president of the Arkansas Baptist Student Union. He was an instructor of speech at the University of Arkansas and an instructor at Indiana Southeast in New Albany, Ind.

He served two terms as president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, one term as president of the Arkansas Baptist Pastor's Conference and president of the board of directors of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, state paper of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. He also represented Arkansas as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention committee on committees in 1978.

Stubblefield comes to the Walnut Street pulpit as successor to Wayne Dehoney who retired in February 1985 after 18 years as pastor of the inner-city congregation.

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Watch House Bill 676

Billy Hurt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, and chairman of the public affairs committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has called attention to a piece of legislation which challenges a long cherished principle of Baptists. That legislation is House Bill no. 676.

House Bill no. 676 is now before the Kentucky House of Representatives and is a bill which bears careful study by all Kentucky Baptists. This is a bill dealing with exemptions in individual income tax in Kentucky and has a section most Baptists would find offensive.

The offensive section declares an individual may deduct from his gross income "amounts paid for tuition, textbooks and transportation for dependents attending an elementary or secondary school located in Kentucky in fulfillment of the Commonwealth's compulsory attendance laws, when such school is not operated for profit and when such school complies with the civil rights act of 1984."

The proposed law goes on to declare, "The deduction provided for...shall be limited to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each dependent in grades kindergarten through six (6) and seven hundred dollars (\$700) for each dependent in grades seven (7) through twelve (12)."

The Representatives who introduced the bill are Larry Clark (Louisville), Jerry Bronger (Louisville), Ken Harper (Crestview Hills), Carl A. Nett (Louisville) and Jim Rose (Hindman).

If the bill becomes law every parent who has a child or children in private, parochial schools in Kentucky would receive a state income tax deduction to offset the cost of that private education. These funds would come from the general treasury of the state of Kentucky and would constitute a subsidy by all the people of the state to those persons who have chosen to educate their children in other than public schools.

Western Recorder prints this information in order to alert Kentucky Baptists to a possible breach of the constitutional principle of the separation of church and state, a matter of grave concern to most Kentucky Baptists.

Communication with House of Representatives members is the way such legislation is either passed or rejected. The members of the legislature do hear what the voters back home have to say and act accordingly in most instances. You can be sure the men who introduced the bill have already heard from those who would profit by its passage.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and numerous churches in both conventions have repeatedly stated opposition to any form of subsidization for parochial school children. This bill would violate the long established principle of church state separation which Baptists cherish and should be rejected. That is the opinion of Western Recorder and reflects the consensus among Baptists throughout our history in America.

Constitutional convention not right

The proposal now before state legislatures is whether or not to agree to a constitutional convention. The purpose of a constitutional convention would be to amend the U. S. Constitution so as to require a balanced federal budget. (See pg. 1)

The politics of this issue are cloudy at best, but the matter which ought to trigger concern from church people is the possibility the convention to amend the constitution would not address the balanced budget item only, but would include a menu of other items. One of those items could be the matter of prayer in schools, another item could be aid to parochial school parents.

The possibilities for change in a constitutional convention are endless and the call now going out does not have the power to restrict what is considered by convention delegates.

There is the possibility of an onslaught against every provision in the constitution as it now stands.

The voice of the churches and church people has been strangely silent on this issue. Perhaps we are not aware of what is happening or we do not feel we have power to remedy the situation or we are trusting the politicians to do "what is right." In any case, the voice of the people who represent freedom

and responsibility must be heard.

It is now time to convey your ideas to state legislators in clear terms.

A constitutional convention would open a Pandora's box of unnecessary debate, argument and rhetoric which would produce no lasting good for any of us. On the contrary, the outcome of a constitutional convention would pose serious danger to what we consider basic rights now guaranteed by the document which has served as the foundation of American democracy for 200 years.

All 26 amendments to the constitution as we now have it were adopted by congressional method, not the convention method. Legal scholars agree a constitutional convention would be impossible to confine, leaving the door open for any and all changes the caprice of the moment dictated.

It is time to act on this matter by contacting the people who can do something about it--the legislators in Frankfort. A "no" vote on the call for a constitutional convention seems the best action for church people. We urge you to do it now, before Kentucky joins the several other states who have agreed to call for such a convention.

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Shoptalk Facing death and grief

by Robert G. Baker

Christians are familiar with scripture passages which address the subject of death. Some of the well-known verses are Psalm 23:4, John 14:1-3, Romans 8:38-39 and I Corinthians 15:55-56.



Baker

Yet we in ministry do not always spend an adequate time preparing ourselves or our congregations for the dilemma of death.

What can ministers do to help the people face this dilemma? Lead your church to sponsor a seminar on how to face death and grief.

Our church devoted three consecutive Sunday evenings to such a seminar. In each of these sessions a professional person in our community was invited to share a particular perspective on how to deal with death and/or grief.

Our initial session featured a Christian ethicist, Eric Mount, professor of religion and dean of students at Centre College, Danville.

Mount listed nine specific fears individuals have regarding death. These included fear of pain, indignity, being a burden to others, the fate of the body, judgment, the unknown, losing mastery over our bodies, incompleteness of life and separation from loved ones.

Mount suggested specific ways Christians, both individually and as a church, could assist others in alleviating and coping with such fears.

The second seminar was led by the late Bill Bailey, formerly chaplain at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. His explanation of the dynamics

associated with grief—shock, anger, bargaining, despair, reorganization—was helpful to our congregation. From my perspective an adequate understanding of grief is one of the most important steps in equipping a congregation to deal with death.

Session three consisted of a panel of local physicians. As moderator for this discussion, I asked the panel to respond to questions which included: What is your definition of death? When should life be prolonged by artificial means? What is the role of the physician toward the family of a dying patient? What are some ways the church can support the dying patient and his family? To what extent does your faith in Jesus Christ have a bearing on your medical practice? The panel also responded to questions from the congregation.

A panel discussion was used for the fourth session when our focus was on death from the perspective of funeral directors. Two local funeral directors were guests for this session.

Questions to the funeral directors included: What do you do from the time you are notified about a death through the time of the funeral? Why do you feel funerals are important? What are your feelings regarding pre-arrangement of funerals? Should a funeral service be held in a funeral home or a church? What are some healthy ways we can be supportive of those who have lost loved ones?

The fifth session featured Ann Byrom, a registered nurse who is patient care coordinator for Hospice in our community. Besides informing our congregation about the valuable services and support offered by Hospice, Mrs. Byrom shared some "tools" which can be used to help

individuals cope with death. Such tools include: a living will, a personal death history and The Dying Person's Bill of Rights.

The five session format worked well for our congregation. However, the number of sessions, specific topics and particular professionals can be and should be adapted to meet the specific needs of a particular congregation. A resource book I found helpful in planning the seminar was **Facing Grief and Death** by William P. Tuck.

In a seminar on coping with death, pastors are afforded a marvelous opportunity to preach sermons on the topic.

Such a seminar assists people in facing death and grief by acknowledging death is real, identifying Christian professionals in the community trained to assist during times of death and grief, suggesting practical ways Christians can be supportive of those who mourn, demonstrating the church is concerned about ministering to the needs of others and communicating the good news that through the resurrection our savior has overcome death.

Robert G. Baker is pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Ky. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Previous Kentucky pastorates include Midway Baptist Church and Greenup Fork Baptist Church.

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A good missionary

On those rare occasions when I examine and evaluate my life, several questions come to mind: Am I a good person, a good Christian, a good husband, a good father, a good preacher, a good teacher, a good witness, a good administrator, a good leader, a good president, etc.?

However, in light of the Great Commission, the most appropriate question is: Am I a good missionary? At Clear Creek Baptist School we teach that every Christian is a missionary. When Jesus said we are to make disciples, baptize them and teach them, he laid the responsibility squarely on my shoulders...and on yours!

The things that people often value in life—a nice home, a nice car, nice clothes, nice food, lots of money, etc.—will all be as nothing when we stand before the Lord to give an account of our lives. What will count will be what we have given, not what we have gained. The lives we have touched for Christ will loom larger in importance than the riches we have accumulated.

A good missionary makes it his business to make disciples for the Lord. The businessman's reply to the question "What is your business?" was "I am in business for God. This company I work for just makes me a living!"

Clear Creek Baptist School is celebrating its 60th year. For 60 years we have been training and teaching our Lord's disciples how to make other disciples. A God-called preacher with good training will do a better job than one who remains untrained. At Clear Creek we are in the business of preparing God-called men to fulfill the Great Commission.

A good missionary also recognizes that others besides himself are trying to carry out our Lord's commission. We believe we can accomplish more together than we can alone. We believe in honoring others who serve the Lord without jealousy. We believe in the Cooperative Program. More is accomplished cooperatively than competitively.

Our Lord never said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that you compete with one another, or beat one another, or become jealous of one another, or hate one another," but he said that love for one another would be the chief characteristic of a good missionary.

personnel

Anthony D. Hopkins has accepted the pastorate of Shepherdsville Baptist Chapel, Nelson Association. He succeeds the late Bruce V. Hartsell and assumed his duties Feb. 19.

A 1983 graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., with a BA in English, Hopkins is enrolled in the MDiv program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He has been a pastoral intern at Pendleton Street Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., and a youth conference leader for the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

His wife Carol is also a graduate of Furman University with a major in public school music.

Thomas W. Foy, a native of Vicksburg, Miss., began duties as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Louisa, Greenup Association, Feb. 16.

Foy has a BS in Christian education: music and youth ministries from Mid-South Bible College, Memphis, Tenn. Before coming to Louisa, he was youth director at Evansville Baptist Church, Coldwater, Miss., and minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Minilla, Ark.

Gerald Watson of Louisville has been called as minister of education and outreach of Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Watson, a graduate of the University of Louisville, is an MDiv student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. His wife Ruth is secretary at Victory Memorial and they have one son, Jeremy.

Roy Vincent resigned as pastor of Rock Lick Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Thomas M. Meinecke is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Faith, Pike Association. He is from West Maryville Baptist Church, Maryville. He and his wife Katricia have two daughters, Teresa and Stacy.

Bert Breland has resigned the pastorate of Highland Park Baptist Church,

Louisville, and accepted the call of North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss.

Nancy Sledd, a native of Paudcah, has been named manager trainee for the 63-store Baptist Book Store chain. She is presently working at a Baptist Book Store in Birmingham.

She is the daughter of Betty and Maxwell Sledd, Southern Baptist Missionaries in Ogbomoso, Nigeria. She

earned the BS degree at Murray (Ky.) State University and attended New Orleans (La.) Baptist Seminary.

Jeff Fuson of Corbin has been called as children and youth director at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Elkhorn Association. His first Sunday was Jan. 19. Fuson is a student at the University of Kentucky.

Jim Carpenter is pastor of Mt. Pleasant.

James M. Winters, pastor of Kirksville Baptist Church, Richmond, Bates Creek Association, resigned to accept the call to pastor Walnut Hill Baptist Church, Harriman, Tenn.

Winters is a graduate of Clear Creek. He pastored Kirksville 4 1/2 years.

Cindy Lang joined the staff of first Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Greenup Association, as director of music.

Ken Holden is pastor of the Flatwoods church.

Vester Moreland has become pastor of Bell City Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Garry Mitchell accepted the pastorate of Belleview Baptist Church, Burlington, Northern Kentucky Association.

James L. Murphy Jr. resigned as pastor of East Pittsburg Baptist Church,

London, Laurel River Association. He has been called as pastor of Finley Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Ronald Riley has been called as pastor of Hazel Patch Baptist Church, East Bernstadt, Laurel River Association. He will be ordained at Sinking Valley Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Clyde Shackelford resigned as pastor of Long Branch Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association.

Joe Aldrich resigned as associate pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, to become minister of administration at Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. Aldrich is a graduate of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Billy Joe Foster resigned the pastorate of Monroe Baptist Church, Liberty Association, to accept the call of Pink Ridge Missionary Baptist Church, Edmonton, Russell Creek Association.

Darrell Hensley has been called to pastor New Salem Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

congregations

Marrowbone Missionary Baptist Church, Lookout, voted to start a building fund to erect a building and parsonage by March 1987.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, began a class for widows and widowers Mar. 6 from 4-5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the class is to help persons understand the grief process and to offer encouragement in adjusting to the many changes that accompany the death of a spouse.

Persons who have been widowed between three months and five years are encouraged to attend. Reservations for the free class should be made through the church office, 896-8882. The class is

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State family ministry consultants recently attended annual meetings in Nashville at the Baptist Sunday School Board and finalized plans for Parenting by Grace, a new parent enrichment program for Southern Baptists to be launched in October 1986. Family ministry consultants are (l to r) C. Vernon Cole, Kentucky; SuAnne Bottoms, Sunday School Board Family Ministry Department; and Clark Hensley, Mississippi.

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Marion Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, recently honored the Acteens with a recognition service, "Alive to be His Witnesses."

Six Acteens achieved the level of queen. They are Allison Arflach, Kristi Beavers, Krista Blackburn, Dana Brown, Cheri Gregory and Nancy Jessup.

Ray Cummins is pastor. Acteens leaders are Evelyn Beavers and Glenda Blackburn.

Beech Creek Missionary Church, Muhlenberg County Association, reports that in the past seven months they have enrolled 28 new Sunday school members and 18 joined the church, 13 through baptism.

Of those saved, 15 were decisions made during a November 1985 revival by evangelist Clayton Shaw.

On Feb. 9 the church observed Race Relations Sunday. Walter Ellis, pastor of Little Flock Baptist Church, Nebo, brought the message. After the service there was a time of fellowship between the two congregations.

Mark A. Whicker is pastor of Beech Creek.

deaths

Shelby R. Beaty, a minister for 56 years, died Feb. 12 in Paducah. He was a graduate of Southern Seminary.

Beaty was ordained by First Baptist Church, Bluford, Ill., and was pastor of



Beaty

the following Baptist churches: Calvary, Paducah; Lone Oak First, Paducah; Oak Park, East St., Louis, Ill.; Calvary, Tyler, Tex.; and Marion (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Beaty suffered a near fatal cerebral hemorrhage in 1951 and his doctor

recommended an early retirement, but he pastored Marion Baptist Church for 16 years following his illness.

He is survived by his wife Aleha Redden and three sons, Jack of St. Louis, Mo., Robert of Cleburn, Tex. and Ronald of Camden, Ark.; two sisters; 15 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Charles Leo Drake died Jan. 27. Drake had been retired from the ministry since 1977.

Drake graduated from Cumberland Academy (now Cumberland College) in Williamsburg. He attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Drake was ordained at First Baptist Church, Newport, in 1928 and was a Baptist leader in Northern Kentucky all of his ministry. He was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, 16 years. He spent 10 years as administrator of the Baptist Convalescent Center in its formative years. He retired as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.



Flemingsburg Baptist Church, Bracken Association hosted a Pastor-Wife, Deacon-Spouse Conference for its association Feb. 3. Representatives from 12 churches discussed how pastors and deacons might share ministry responsibilities with their spouses. Pictured (l to r) are Rev. and Mrs. Glenn H. Luttrall, Flemingsburg Baptist Church; Rev. and Mrs. William Rogers, Church Support Division, KBC; Rev. and Mrs. Guy Futral, Church Support Division, KBC; and Rev. and Mrs. Ken Foreman, director of missions, Bracken Association.

K. T. Hayden, 82, of Owensboro died Feb. 15. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association; an ordained minister; and a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

In the 1950s and 60s he served in mountain mission work in eastern Kentucky and bivocational ministry in the Owensboro area.

ordinations

George Long and **Bill Tracy** were ordained as deacons at Calvary Hill Baptist Church, Stanford, Feb. 23. Donald White, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Lexington, brought the charge to the candidates and church. Morris Trayner is pastor of Calvary Hill.

Mike Hatfield was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Junction City, South District Association. Hatfield is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association.

David Simpson is pastor of the Junction City church.

Marion King was ordained as a deacon by First Baptist Church, Ludlow, Northern Kentucky Association, Jan. 26.

Arnold Moon is pastor.

Ken Richardson was ordained as a deacon at First Baptist Church, Dayton, Northern Kentucky Association.

Johnnie L. Holloway is pastor.

Hugh D. McLachlan was licensed to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, where Donnie Sutton is pastor. An unusual thing about this ordination is that McLachlan is 88 years old.

A native of Evart, Mich., McLachlan was sent to Kentucky in 1925 by a Bible society to start Sunday schools in remote areas. He later graduated from Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Ken Render, a senior at Georgetown College and a member of the football team, was ordained to the ministry by Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington. Render is now serving as pastor of Long Lick Baptist Church, Stamping Creek, Elkhorn Association.

C. Hoge Hockensmith is pastor of Broadway.

David Duncan was ordained to the ministry by Versailles Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He is minister of youth and activities at the church.

Henry Johns is pastor.

Jerry Lambrich was licensed to the ministry Feb. 12 at Macedonia Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association.

Tim Blevins and **Don Rogers** were ordained as deacons at First Baptist Church, Danville.

Albert J. Gisler is pastor.

David Haynes, **Ralph Smallwood** and **Bill Neal** were ordained as deacons by Frenchburg Baptist Church, Red River Association.

John Ramsey is pastor.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crabb have completed furlough and returned to the field (Gheistrasse 31, 8803 Ruschlikon, Switzerland). He serves as European Baptist Press representative. They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Louisville and she is the former Patricia Maddux of Hopkinsville.

corrections

Owingsville Baptist Church, Bracken Association, was incorrectly identified last week as Irvingsville, Bracken Association, in the "Top 100 churches in baptisms in 1985" in the 13th position of the percentage baptisms category.



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homes for children

The blue dish

A beautiful blue dish sits in the center of the coffee table in our living room. It is a sky blue dish with a glass lace edge almost the color of blue milk glass. The bowl of the dish is translucent aqua blue and it stands on three tiny legs. Wild roses are imprinted on the sides.

The blue dish has been a familiar sight to me all of my life. It was a wedding gift to my parents when they were married in December 1906. It sat on a table in their living room for over 50 years. After my father died, Mother gave the blue dish to my wife and me. Since then it has remained in our living room.

The blue dish has been present through many joys and sorrows in the Taylor home. It was there in the home of my parents where seven of us children were born. It was there when my oldest brother came home wearing his high school graduation cap and gown. I was only five years old and did not recognize him. When he came through the front door and did not say anything, I ran to tell Mother that a burgler had just come in.

A little later my brother brought his bride to our home and the blue vase was there. Through many family visits and discussions it was always there. It was there through the depression and at Christmas when my only Christmas gift was a pair of gum boots. The blue dish was there when word came that a brother had been killed in an automobile/train accident.

When grandchildren came along, Mother left the blue dish in its place. She did not seem disturbed when tiny hands examined or dropped marbles in it.

Families have their joys and sorrows, but it is important that families create more positive experiences than negative ones for children. With all of the sorrows and the hardships of the depression years, my family imprinted upon me many very positive things. Now when I look at the blue dish, many memories flood my mind.

Your Baptist Homes for Children is creating positive experiences for children who have had too many negative things happen to them. Pray that we can create the memories of a blue dish for them.



Barkley Moore
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oneida journal

Starting over

We struggle.

Daily we are under tremendous financial strain. About \$6000 per day is the cost to feed, house, teach and otherwise care for nearly 500 girls and boys.

Many of our parents struggle to provide their children the opportunities of Oneida. We always take students at much less than actual cost. Even then, many parents find it difficult to pay the small amount they have promised.

The following letter is typical of those we receive daily.

"My husband and I are trying as best we can to catch up on our Oneida bill. Please be patient. Enclosed are bills we are also trying to pay. These include hospital bills for a daughter. One of our sons has been sick since September with asthma attacks, pneumonia, flu and an ear infection. Our extra money has been spent on a doctor and medicine.

"I've been babysitting, working in a cafeteria and stripping tobacco. So much for the bad news. The good news is we have Jesus Christ in our hearts and we have each other as a family. By God's grace we'll get through these trying times.

"We love our daughter that is with

you. We had never heard of Oneida until my sister-in-law mentioned it. We talked to our pastor and he praised it very highly. We prayed about her coming and left it in God's hands.

"We thank you for allowing her to come. It's made a huge difference in her life. Though previously she had asked Jesus into her heart, since she has come to Oneida her faith has really been strengthened and her outlook on life has changed. God has used your school as a way to bless others in their lives."

Another mother wrote: "Our son called us a few days ago. He was so proud that he is now out of the special learning and into regular classes. He's set himself a goal of the grades he wants to receive.

"Thank you for the special help, religious training, discipline, caring for my son and allowing him to build confidence."

A fatherless boy came to us eight years ago and stayed to graduate several years later. Recently the first news in a long time came from him:

"I really miss the old days at school. It was great fun and sometimes I wonder how my old friends are doing. I'm married now with several children. I work seven days a week. But really I want to tell you thanks for being a great example for me. I hope Rackley is still preaching at OBI. He's really a good man. I miss both of you very much. As you well know, I didn't have a father. I found two great father figures. I'm glad you had faith in me over the years at Oneida. I know you could have expelled me quite a few times. But you let me stay and for that I say thanks."

Recently a young man who did not return after Christmas wrote our boys' dean with whom he had had several confrontations. "It was my dad's choice that I not come back. I really did like it at Oneida. When you and me had that talk about a man's word is important, it really made me think. So many times in my life I have given my word and then turned around and broke it. The main reason I am writing is to thank you for helping me grow up.

"Oneida is a special blessing. It is a place where you have a chance to start over. Oneida taught me how to be responsible and how important school really is."

Yes, each day is a struggle. Working with nearly 500 girls and boys, ranging in age from 10 to 26, is tremendously difficult. Our job is made even more difficult by the constant shortage of money to provide necessities for these children. Will you help?



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MARCH 16, 1986

Life and Work Series

Hope from the supper

Matthew 26:19-20 Christ sent Peter and John into Jerusalem to make arrangements for the Passover meal. On the evening when Christ and the twelve assembled in the Upper Room to partake of this meal, most likely he reminded them of the meaning of the Passover.

Matthew 26:21-25 Probably toward the end of the Passover meal Christ announced the presence of a traitor. When the Lord told them one of their number would betray him, the apostles were shocked such a dastardly deed would be committed by one of their number and wondered of whom he spoke. They had not suspected Judas of disloyalty, so they began to look at one another, and said, "Is it I?" Christ identified Judas as the betrayer. Knowing that the treachery of Judas was an act of Judas' choice, Christ said, "It had been good for that man if he had not been born."

Matthew 26:26-30 For the everlasting remembrance of his death of violence, torture and agony Christ instituted the Lord's supper. He was not going to die as an example of unselfish devotion or

as a hero, but as an expiation for sin. Although he used the most common elements, they were fraught with meaning. The bread symbolized the Lord's body which was broken for us. The wine symbolized the Lord's blood that was shed for the remission of our sins. The purpose of the supper was that the Lord himself might be remembered. He wanted to leave something with his own that would always be a reminder of what he had done for them.

International Series

A hope worth waiting for

II Peter 3:1-4 Peter wrote his second epistle to Christians who, through the abundant mercy of God, had been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, become the recipients of the divine nature imparted to them in regeneration, come into like-precious faith with the apostles, and been sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Aware of their proneness to forget the doctrines and the duties which had been set forth in the scriptures, Peter reminded his readers of God's message through the Old Testament prophets and the apostles of Christ. He forewarned them that in the last days scoffers would minimize sin, openly indulge in it and glory in doing so.

Peter 3:5-10 When the scoffers sneeringly and cynically asked, "Where is the promise of his coming?" some of the weaker Christians began to wonder if these scoffers might be right in their contention that Christ would not return. Peter pointed these scoffers to the time when God sent the flood upon the earth and reminded them in God's own good time he would send fire upon the earth to burn out the dross and consume that which should be destroyed. He told them not to be impatient or unduly alarmed at any seeming delay in the fulfilment of the prophecies. God's delay in bringing this age to a close is due to his abundant mercy in giving people ample time for repentance and faith in Christ.

II Peter 3:11-14 After reassuring his readers of the certainty and suddenness of the return of Christ, Peter gave some important instructions about the kind of persons Christians ought to be and how they should live. He emphasized that Christians should strive to live to please Christ and as to influence others to receive him as their savior. Any Christian, who is led by the Holy Spirit, possesses a wonderful inward peace regardless of his outward circumstances.



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on mission together

What do executive secretaries do?

"What does your dad do?" a visiting friend asked my daughter, years ago when I was Middle East field representative, living in Cyprus. Sharon answered: "He types and rides airplanes."

She was describing, as she perceived it, of what my job consisted. Actually, she was quite accurate. I spent lots of time traveling to and from 14 countries, and typing my reports and correspondence in between journeys.

Sharon is 23 now, and we are no

longer in Cyprus, of course. However, her "dad" still travels. Because Kentucky Baptist folks occasionally ask me what I do, I thought I'd condense for the reader my schedule for the past two weeks:

*2/23—Preach, Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro.

*2/24-25—State Evangelism Conference.

*2/26—Staff management group meeting; personal conferences.

*2/27—KBC Order of Business Committee.

*2/28—Speak, BSU meeting, University of Louisville.

*3/2—Preach, First Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

*3/3—KBC General Staff Meeting; Pastor Dinner Dialog, Gasper River Association; speak, Associational Training Night, Morgantown.

*3/4—Pastor/Wives Dinner Dialog, Muhlenburg Association.

*3/5—Student Steering Committee, "Good News Georgetown College."

*3/6—Orientation to new telephone

system; KBC Committee on Nominations; Staff management group meeting.

*3/7—Meeting with Mountain Missions director, Winchester; Meeting with director of missions, Greenup Association, Ashland.

Between journeys and meetings, I return phone calls, respond to correspondence, hold personal conferences and probably drink too much coffee.

My "journeys out" help me keep touch with the "front line" of Kentucky Baptist life—the local church.

The more I travel, observe and listen the more obvious our diversity is to me. Before this reality I stand in awe, knowing that in bringing and holding us together as a people, God, indeed, has performed a miracle! And the Southern Baptist Convention is an even larger miracle.

I cannot help but scratch my head and ask: "Lord, with this miracle you worked for us, how is it we can let ourselves get to a place where we're about to undo it?"

It doesn't make sense!

baptist news in brief

Trustees responsible for investments

Trustees of Southern Baptist convention agencies hold full responsibility for the moral soundness of their agencies' investments, the SBC Executive Committee declared Feb. 19.

The Executive Committee reaffirms the responsibility of the trustees of each of the agencies to assure the investment policies of the agencies are in keeping with the moral and spiritual principles of the Southern Baptist Convention, committee members agreed in approving without dissent a recommendation from their business and finance subcommittee.

The recommendation further stated the Executive Committee encourages "each of the agencies of the convention to continue careful evaluation of their investments in companies having business dealings in South Africa."

Last fall the Executive Committee's business and financial plan workgroup asked the Executive Committee staff to contact each SBC agency to gather information on agency policies in regard to divestiture of South African investments.

This study revealed the Southern Baptist Foundation, Sunday School Board and Annuity Board all handle investments within the terms of the "Sullivan Principles," internationally-recognized guidelines developed in 1977 by Leon Sullivan, a Baptist minister and former member of the General Motors board of directors.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board's administrative committee, following consultation with related missionaries and investment managers, noted the difficulty of monitoring companies which do business in South Africa and voted to "reaffirm our present investment policy which prohibits investments related to alcohol, tobacco, gambling or companies headquartered outside the United States...."

The Executive Committee staff report noted, "The other agencies have either not adopted investment policies specifically regarding South Africa or have their funds managed by the Southern Baptist Foundation."

Criswell sets limits on lay leadership

Lay leadership of the church is unbiblical when it weakens the pastor's authority as "ruler" of the church, said W. A. Criswell.

Criswell offered his view in answer to a question about "Shared Ministry" during the closing session of the "School of the Prophets" at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Feb. 20. Criswell is pastor of First Baptist and chancellor of Criswell Bible College, co-sponsors of the annual seminar in church dynamics.

Although Criswell was not familiar immediately with the term Shared Ministry, a current emphasis of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, a pastor in the audience who had attended a Shared Ministry conference said he believed it is an attempt to take away pastoral authority. Criswell expressed his opposition to any such effort.

"A laity-led, layman-led, deacon-led church will be a weak church anywhere on God's earth," Criswell said. "The

pastor is the ruler of the church. There is no other thing than that in the Bible."

Shared Ministry promotes on a biblical basis the development of healthy relationships between pastors, church staff, deacons and church members," said Joe Stacker, director of the church administration department.

"The emphasis affirms the pastor as the overseer/leader of the church who equips the saints for ministry," Stacker said. "This multiplies the ministry of Christ through persons who lead by example as taught in 1 Peter 5:1-4."

SEBTS student group drafts formal apology

Conservative Evangelical Fellowship, a student group at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has issued a "statement of apology" for "the intense level of negativism and mistrust" caused by its meeting with members of a Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee subcommittee.

The two-page CEF statement was distributed Friday, Feb. 21, in response to three weeks of controversy which followed a Feb. 4 meeting between the campus organization and three of the four members of the subcommittee, which made an official visit to seminary officials Feb. 5.

The nine-paragraph CEF statement, entitled "An Apology," is in response to a formal statement by the Southeastern Student Council, issued by student body president Ben Taylor of Macon, Ga., which expressed "great concern and dismay" about the visit between CEF and the subcommittee.

The statement identifies CEF as a "group of...students that agree that the Bible has complete authority and reliability, containing 'truth without any mixture of error'" and says the "purpose of this organization is to provide fellowship for students with conservative views...."

The statement includes "regret if the efforts of the...Peace Committee have been hindered because of misunderstanding between various groups" and regrets that "statements of good faith and intent" by some members of CEF have "for whatever reasons been misunderstood, ill conceived or improperly channeled."

It also "regrets...the purpose of the meeting was misunderstood." It says, "The written statement of intent provided to the subcommittee clearly emphasized that theological balance in the classrooms was the main concern and purpose for the session. There was no desire on our part to attack the integrity or the Christian faith of our professors. We did not and do not wish to have any professor dismissed, but only to promote balanced lectures or the addition of faculty who hold strong conservative biblical views."

The Southeastern Student Council issued a formal statement Feb. 11, which says, "We...feel betrayed in that guidelines were violated, that a hidden agenda was carried out and that no single elected representative of our student body was given the opportunity to present genuine concerns of the entire student population." (BP)

Stanley asks assistance in selecting committees

Southern Baptist Convention president Charles F. Stanley has asked for assistance in selecting nominees for

four 1986 appointive committees.

Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, made his request in an open letter to "all state convention executives, elected persons and all others."

"The very important task of presenting the 1986 committee on committees nominees, as well as those to serve on resolutions committee, credentials committee and tellers committee is underway," he wrote. "We would count it a blessed favor and a great service to our Lord if you would prayerfully assist us in this effort."

As convention president Stanley is charged with the responsibility of appointing members to the four committees in consultation with the SBC's two vice presidents—Winfred Moore of Amarillo, Tex., first vice president and Henry Huff of Louisville, second vice president.

He asked for "names of pastors and lay people from your state convention you feel would serve true to God's word and their assignment," adding, "these persons must be above reproach in their moral life and Christian demeanor."

Information needed for each name submitted includes telephone number and address of both the person's home and church, the church's Cooperative Program giving percentage and the church's baptism figures and resident membership. Stanley also said he needs to know whether or not the proposed persons plan to attend the SBC annual meeting in Atlanta in June and each individual's length of time in his or her church and state.

The information should be sent to Stanley in care of First Baptist Church, 754 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30365. (BP)

Matthews resigns pulpit of South Carolina church

Denominational leader C. David Matthews has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C. for "personal reasons."

Matthews' resignation was received during a special session of the church board of deacons Monday, Feb. 24. Matthews asked that the resignation be effective immediately.

Matthews was not present at the meeting, but a letter he had written was read by Thomas Kirby, chairman of the deacons. Part of that letter stated, "Personal circumstances now beyond my control make it necessary that I submit my resignation immediately."

A Texas native, Matthews had been pastor of the Greenville congregation since 1976. Under his leadership, the church added 500 new members, reaching a total of 2900. The church's budget tripled to \$1.3 million annually and its annual support to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget increased 400 percent. The congregation completed a \$5 million building program about two years ago.

He has been involved in Southern Baptist Convention work on state and national levels. He was president of the general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1982-83. He is a member of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and was that group's chairman from 1982 to 1984.

Matthews also has been on the Southern Baptist Denominational Calendar Committee and was a member of the Commission on Pastoral Leadership of the Baptist World Alliance.

Matthews was a featured speaker at the Southern Baptist Forum, held prior to the SBC annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. in 1984. He is co-chairman of the moderate conservative movement among Southern Baptists in South Carolina.

He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. In addition to the Greenville pastorate, he has been pastor of churches in Texas and Oklahoma.

Professor's challenge: Discover "Baptist-ness"

In regard to their current church-state position, Southern Baptists are like Humphrey, the hump-backed whale who left his natural environment, swam up the Sacramento River and captured the nation's attention for nearly a month before being lured back out to sea last fall, said Bill Tillman, assistant professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary.

Tillman made the analogy during a presentation on church and state at the closing session of the 1986 Texas Christian Life Commission workshop in Ft. Worth Feb. 26.

"For whatever reason, the poor thing acted as if he forgot he was a whale," said Tillman. "...Could it be that many among us have forgotten, or maybe never have known, what it means to be a Baptist?" he asked. "I think so."

"Many who have come to be a part of us are more Reformed in their theology than Baptist," he said.

In Reformed theology, emphasis is placed on the sovereignty of God, virtually to the exclusion of the priesthood of the believer, he explained. On the other hand, while Baptists believe in the sovereignty of God that belief is brought into creative tension with a strong conviction about the priesthood of the believer, he said.

Tillman reminded his listeners Humphrey was rescued from the river and led back to sea by appeals to his "whaleness," specifically echolocation recordings of other humpbacks that led him back to his salt-water home. Tillman said Baptists, similarly, can be rescued from their current church-state confusion by being helped to "be Baptists" through theological education.

Ministers' wives choose fitness as 1986 theme

"Ministers' Wives: Alive, Fit, Serving" will be the theme of the 1986 national Ministers' Wives Conference June 10 in Atlanta, Ga.

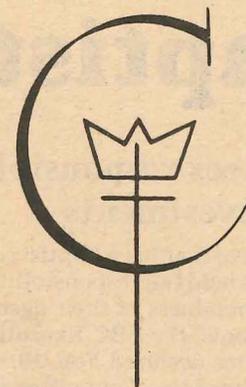
Millie Cooper, called "the First Lady of Aerobics," will be keynote speaker. She is the wife of Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, president and founder of the Aerobics Center in Dallas. Cooper is widely known for her inspirational lectures on the physical, spiritual, and emotional benefits of aerobic conditioning.

Officers are anticipating 1000 ministers' wives at the luncheon, which will be held at the Omni Hotel, just across the street from the SBC meeting site.

Luncheon tickets will be \$15 at the Convention in Atlanta. Advance tickets for \$13.50 may be purchased by writing Joy Rust, 324 Whitefalls Dr., Columbia, SC 29210.

Cumberland College

Serving Kentucky Baptists since 1889



Cumberland adds Political Science Major

A political science major has been added as a major to the curriculum of the History and Political Science Department of Cumberland College.

With this new major, a student may now earn a BA or a BS degree with a major in political science or, by the established method, a student may earn a combination degree in history and political science.

Eric Wake, chairman of the History and Political Science Department, said political science is concerned with the study of politics, government and public policy. Politics involves conflicts among competing interests over who receives the goods and values of society, he added.

"Students will gain both research and analytical skills which will be helpful in their careers."

"Political science is a contemporary discipline, though its historical roots run deep. Current political events are often best understood in the context of the past," Wake explained.

Michael McConachie, assistant professor of history and political science, said, "The college felt having the major was important for students who are interested in careers as attorneys, educators, government servants, legislators, campaign consultants, etc."

McConachie explained that a political science major can better equip students to be good citizens by giving them a knowledge and awareness of how the government works.

The student majoring in political science will receive an increased knowledge of government operation, and appreciation for the role politics plays in society and a familiarity with the workings of politics.

Additionally, students will gain both research and analytical skills which will be helpful in their careers and futures, according to McConachie.

He concluded, "I think the political science major will be worthwhile, and I'm pleased with the support I have received from the department chairman, the academic dean, and the president's office."

For the political science major, 33 semester hours of political science are required and each student must complete the courses Introduction to Political Science, American National Government, State and Local Government and Historical Method. The student must also complete one course in either comparative government or political theory and one additional course in American politics.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning (606) 549-2200 or by writing either the History and Political Science Department or the Admissions Department, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

McConachie teaches Political Science

National campaign scholar joined faculty in fall

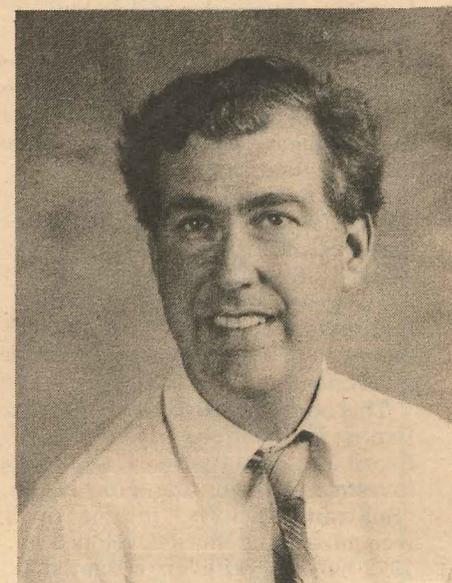
Cumberland College recently added Michael McConachie, assistant professor of history and political science, to its faculty.

McConachie came to Cumberland in the fall of 1985 from Texas A & M University at Galveston where he was a lecturer in political science. At Texas A & M he was named 1985's Most Effective Teacher. He has also taught at the University of Tennessee, Martin, and at Stephens College.

McConachie received the BA degree with honors from the University of Texas, Austin, and the MA and PhD degrees from the University of Missouri, Columbia. His research interests include presidential campaigning, public education reform, and the National Security Council.

McConachie recently presented a paper titled "President Reagan, the Republicans, and the 1986 Congressional Elections," at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association held in Berea. In an effort to speculate on President Reagan's effect on the outcome of the 1986 midterm election the paper analyzes midterm campaign efforts by recent presidents on behalf of their parties' congressional candidates.

In addition to several other papers he has presented, McConachie has also



Michael McConachie

contributed various articles published in **Encyclopedia, U.S.A.** and has written a "Study Guide for Political Science 102."

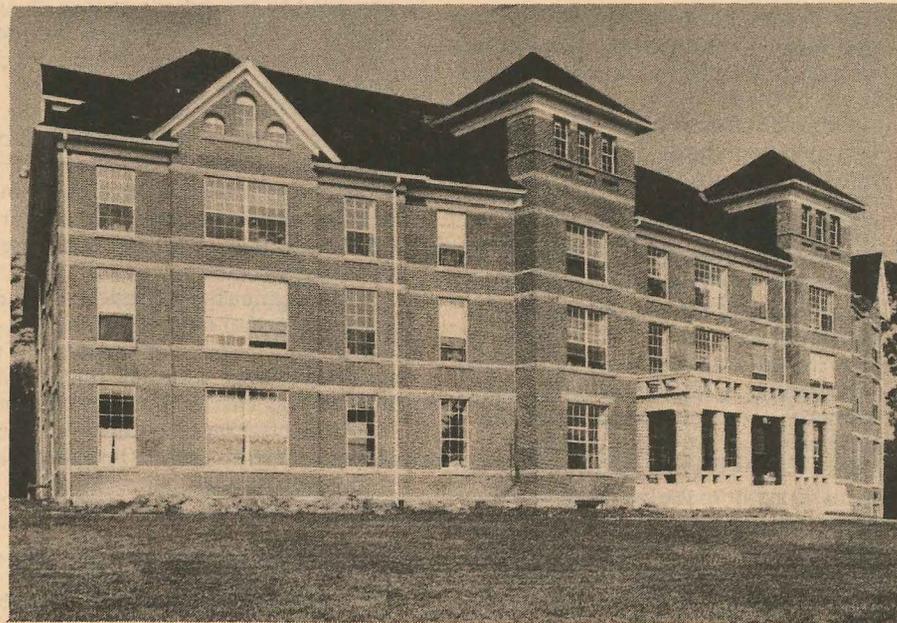
McConachie is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Kentucky Political Science Association, the Center for the Study of the Presidency, the Presidency Research Group, Phi Sigma Alpha and Phi Alpha Theta.

McConachie has served as faculty associate at the Washington Center Convention Workshop, Campaign 84 for the Republican National Convention and as an election night analyst for a radio station in Missouri.

McConachie is faculty sponsor of the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Cumberland College.



Plans are being made to begin the restoration of the Gray Brick Building. The building currently houses the Career Planning and Placement Center, the Writing Lab, Army ROTC, offices and classrooms.



Mahan Hall, constructed in 1905 and named in honor of Edgar C. Mahan, was recently renovated and houses 150 male students.